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## The Little Comforter.

By A. K.

Mrs. Nicholson sat with tears coursing down her cheeks as she inwardly grieved over the loss of her darling little Laura, of five summers. Three years previously she had lost her husband, who was killed in a railway accident; this was a severe blow to her, as her married life had been like a dream of bliss, perfect trust and confidence existing between them. When little Laura was born to them it seemed as if nothing more was required to fill up their cup of bliss. Their peace of mind and happiness of heart felt to be too good to last. She had a secret fear of something coming to mar the joy of her life, and peace of their home.

This feeling increased in intensity, until one morning a great dread of impending evil seized her, and do what she would she could not shake it off. She begged Mr. Nicholson to stay away from business, and spend the day at home; but in vain. He had an appointment to keep which was of great importance. So with a parting kiss, he laughingly promised to return to her in good time, when she herself would laugh at her own foolish fears.

In less than two hours she saw him enter the front gate, and her heart gave a great glad throb of joy at his safe return. She ran to meet him, and was greatly surprised when, on opening the door, he could not be found. She felt sure something very serious had happened to him, and waited, in dread suspense, for the sad news which came.

That was a dark, dreary day for her. All the light and joy of her life seemed to have been blotted out. For a time she was prostrate with grief, and longed for death to end her troubles.

The tender pleading cry of little Laura appealed to her heart, and caused her to feel that there was still something to live for, so she had bravely striven to live for her child's sake. But alas! her fair hopes were again blighted. The bright pictures of the future which she had hung in hope's fair gallery were destroyed. The only remaining tie to this world that felt to make life worth living was severed. Her darling child, her fair Laura, the sunshine of her life, was dead. Her little feet no longer pattered through the rooms, her laughter no longer made sweet music for the mother's ears. All was silent and still, the house seemed to be enshrouded in gloom. She could only sit, and grieve, and wonder how long life, under those conditions, could endure.

She had lately heard strange whisperings of 'comforter,' and she wondered what it could mean. Was her reason giving way under the strain of grief and heavy affliction? Was she becoming the victim of strange hallucinations which would cause her to end her days in a mad-house? Oh! horror of horrors,

she preferred death a thousand times to such a sad fate.

The morning on which our story opens she had been awakened by hearing her husband say, 'We will send you a comforter.' What could it all mean? As she pondered the matter over in her mind she heard the garden gate open, and looking through the window she saw a strange sight—a ragged little girl, and, good heavens! was she dreaming or waking, or had she suddenly lost her senses? there was her darling Laura leading the little ragged girl by the hand. Strangely excited and trembling she ran to the door to see what it could mean, only to find a poor girl, cold and shivering, with pinched features and pleading, wistful eyes. The little one instinctively shrank back as she saw Mrs. Nicholson looking at her in wonderment.

"What do you want??" asked Mrs. Nicholson, in as kindly a tone as she could assume.

"Please, mam, does Mrs. Nicholson live here?"

"Yes! I am Mrs. Nicholson."

"Have you a little girl called Laura?" was the next question asked by the little stranger.

"Yes—no, that is. I had once," was the confused reply.

"Please mam, a pretty little girl came to me this morning and said they called her Laura Nicholson, and that her mamma needed me, and would give me plenty of cake and warm clothing if I would come with her, and promised to show me where you lived."

Mrs. Nicholson listened in wonderment to the strange story as it fell from the faltering lips of the child, and a longing desire to learn more of this strange child gradually took possession of her heart. She invited the little stranger in, placed her before the warm kitchen fire, and ordered her servant to serve her with a good breakfast.

This was followed by a warm bath, during which operation she produced some good warm clothing that had lately been worn by her own little Laura. She would dress this strange little child in them. They would be much warmer than her old rags. Besides she wished to learn more concerning her little visitor and her strange story.

When she made her appearance in the kitchen, washed and dressed, Mrs. Nicholson was much struck with the fine delicate features and far-away look in her dark eyes.

Drawing her gently to her, and taking one of the little hands in her own, she said, "Now then, I wish you to tell me about this little girl whom you said brought you here. What was her name? And where did she come from?"

"Please mam, she said they called her Laura Nicholson. I don't know where she came from. She just found me hiding in a shed, and stayed with me all night, 'cause I was afraid, and then we came here. And that is all."

Such was the strange and perplexing story of her strange visitor. What could it, or what did it mean? Time and patience only could tell.

Subsequently she learned that the child's name was Elsie Morgan, and her parents were dead. She had lived with Bill Tinker (that was what the neighbours called him; it was not his proper name; he was a tinker by trade). He was a habitual drunkard, and when in drink was very bad, and knocked her about. She was afraid of him at such times, and had run away and hidden in a shed where Laura had kept her company, and in the morning there was a nice gentleman with her. She was afraid of him at first and thought he had come to take her back to Bill. But he spoke kindly to her and told her to trust herself with Laura, and no one would hurt her. She did not know where the nice man had gone. She lost him just before they reached the gate.

This strange story sorely perplexed Mrs. Nicholson, who wondered who the 'nice man' could be.

She devoted the rest of the day in caring for the little one's comfort. She could not decide what to do with her. Her first impulse was to write the authorities of the Orphanage with a view to her being placed under their care. But it would do some other day. She would keep her a few days in order to try and find out something that would throw a little light on the little one's story.

Mrs. Nicholson forgot her own great sorrow in ministering to the wants of little Elsie. There was music in the child's laughter. It was a pleasure to watch her features as she saw some of the picture books that had amused and pleased her own darling Laura. But Elsie was nearly transported with joy when she was given a beautiful doll with ringlets, and dressed in a pale blue silk dress, that would shut its eyes when laid down and open them as soon as taken up. And most wonderful of all it could say "Mamma!" In this pleasant way several days went by, and still no steps were taken by Mrs. Nicholson to dispose of her strange charge, who was gradually creeping into her affectionate heart, soothing her sorrow, and filling an aching void. The matter had been deferred to a more convenient day again and again. There was no need for hurry.

Ah! what joy and happiness many a childless mother misses by nursing her grief and loss while there are hundreds of little waifs like Elsie, whose young hearts are hungering and pining for a mother's love, care and affection. Their adoption would brighten many a cheerless home, and their guileless laughter would bring joy and happiness, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Elsie's future was settled by the following little incident:—She had been playing with her doll, and on looking up saw her good friend Laura and the "nice gentleman" standing near by.

"I told you mamma would give you food and warm clothing," were the significant words that fell from the spirit-child's lips.

"Oh! yes, and see what a pretty doll I have got, and such nice picture books!" exclaimed Elsie, in rapturous delight.

"Tell mamma she must give you all my pretty toys she has put away with my nice dresses and I will come and play with you," said Laura.

"And also tell her, my little one," said the nice

man, "that papa says you are to stay with Laura's mamma, and be her little comforter."

"And who are you, please?" was the question that naturally arose to Elsie's lips.

"I am Laura's papa," was the answer. "Now run and deliver my message, before the big man comes to take you away."

(To be continued).

## Neptune or Poseidon.

The god of the sea was known to the Greeks as Poseidon, and to the Romans as Neptune. It is by the latter name that he is best known by to-day, and so we adopt it here.

Neptune was the brother of Jupiter, Pluto, and several of the goddesses. After the war with their father, Cronos, the kingdom was divided amongst the three brothers: Jupiter reserved to himself the celestial regions, Pluto was given the underworld, and Neptune the sea. The latter is loved by the sailors to-day, who speak reverently of him as "Old Father Neptune."

It used to be the custom for them to play a little comedy on apprentice sailors when crossing the Equator, when one of the sailors would act the part of Father Neptune, dressed in a fantastic fashion in order to more forcibly impress the novice with the importance of his rule and authority.

Besides exacting a toll from the "land-lubber," as the apprentice was called, he would order his baptism, which generally meant a ducking in the sea, or being drenched by having bucketfuls of sea water thrown over him, to the immense amusement of the crew.

Neptune is usually represented with black hair and blue eyes, clothed in an azure mantle, holding a trident, or three-pointed spear, in his hand, with which he ruled the waves and all the creatures of the sea. He is generally represented as being seated in a chariot made of a great shell, drawn by sea horses, while around him play the sea nymphs and tritons sounding their shell trumpets.

The palace of Neptune was in the depth of the sea, where he kept his horses with brazen hoofs and golden manes. Drawn by these horses he rode in his chariot over the waves, which became calm and smooth as he approached them. Although he generally dwelt in the sea, he also visited the assembly of the gods on Mount Olympus.

On one occasion he engaged in a conspiracy with Juno and Minerva against Jupiter. For this act of treason he was expelled from heaven and fled with Apollo to Laomedon, King of Troy, whom he assisted in building the immense walls of that city. But being dismissed unrewarded, he, in revenge, sent a sea monster to ravage and lay waste the country.

Being the ruler of the sea, he was able to cause the clouds to gather over the sea and call forth storms. At the same time he had it in his power to grant a successful voyage, and save those who were in danger. And so it is in the Odyssey, Neptune appears to be hostile to Ulysses, whom he prevents from returning home in consequence of his having blinded Polyphemus [Pol-e-fé-mus], a son of Neptune.

He was on one occasion engaged in a dispute with the goddess Minerva, respecting the right of giving a name to the capital city of Cecropia [Se-krō-pe-a], and not being able to agree on the matter, they decided to refer the question to the assembly of the gods. The gods decided that whichever of the two presented the most valuable gift to mankind should be allowed the privilege of naming the city. Neptune in order to prove his wonderful powers, struck the earth with his trident and produced a horse, which he called Scyphus [Si-fius]. Then Minerva stamped on the earth with her foot and caused the olive tree to spring up. The gods declared her to be the victor. So she called the capital city Athens, which is her name, as the Greeks called Minerva, Athēna.

Other writers have supposed that the horse here denoted or represented ships, for ships and olive trees were the two things for which the country was specially noted. So it was thought best to win the people from too great a liking for the seafaring life to the cultivation of the land.

No doubt both of these parties are justified in their assumption, for strange to say the root word *hippos* signifies a ship as well as a horse.

Neptune's wife was called Amphitrite [Am-fe-trī-tā, or Am-fe-trē-tē]. He was also believed to have two more wives, one called *Salacia*, from the salt water, and the other *Venilia*, from the ebbing and flowing of the tides.

The most remarkable of his children were Triton, Phorcys, and Proteus. The latter was able to change himself into any shape that suited his purpose to escape detection or capture, such as fishes, fowls, animals, trees, etc., and hence the name has been adopted by modern writers to signify variability of disposition and want of consistency.

The places most celebrated for the worship of Neptune were Tænarus, Corinth and Calabria. The temple on the promontory of Tænarium, was a safe asylum or place of refuge to all who sought protection within its precincts.

The games on the Isthmus of Corinth, and those of the circus of Rome, known by the name of *consuali*, were especially consecrated to Neptune. During their celebration horses and asses were decorated and left at rest.

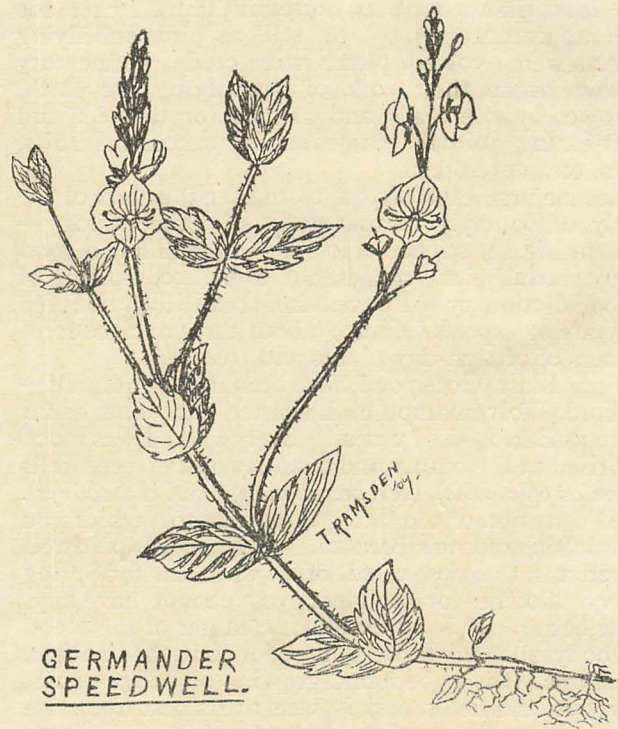
Besides the ordinary sacrifices the horse and the bull were offered to Neptune, when the aruspices or priests offered to him the gall of the victims, which for its bitterness, bore a resemblance to the seawater.

Among the names of Neptune was that of *consus*, or the god of council, whose altar was under the sea, and so he was to be worshipped in private.

It has been said that the Egyptians, in order to denote navigation, and the return of the Phœnician fleet, which annually visited their coast, used the figure or image of Osiris, borne on a winged horse, and holding a three-pointed spear or trident, to which they gave the name of *Poseidon*, from *pash*, plenty, or provisions, and *gedeim*, the sea-coast, or the provisions of the maritime country. Admitting this to be the true derivation of the Greek name Poseidon, it is well known the Greeks derived all their knowledge of the arts from the ancient Egyptians, and founded their mythology on what they learned in Egypt.

(To be continued).

## Botany for the Young.



DEAR BANNERITES,—

I have in previous lessons told you just a little about minute plant life and those other forms of life known as borderland life—strictly speaking, neither animal nor plant, but sometimes having the properties and functions of both. Some of these little bodies can go on living when subjected to intense heat, which has given rise to the belief that they have come to the earth from the sun or from some planetary bodies that have been absorbed by the earth, and in this way become forerunners of life manifested on the earth, from whom have evolved all other forms of life that have succeeded them. The earliest known stratified rocks (Laurentian) contain evidences of these minute forms of life which for millions of years were probably the only form of life that was possible on the earth. But as the rocks and the waters cooled, and soils were deposited in suitable places, modifications of existing life-forms took place, and forms of life made up of a number of cells, each cell, or a number of cells adapting themselves to do certain specified work in the commonwealth. In this way plants would evolve and develop roots, stems and leaves. Animals would no longer be all stomach, but head and eyes, etc., would be evolved so as to give greater expression to the Divine intelligence permeating all life. Each of these cells, in whatever department of the plant it is situated, lives its own life, propagates its own species—one or more to take its place—and others for extensions of the same kind of work if need be; at the same time they all unite to produce a big, powerful plant.

The geological history of the world, so far as we at present know it, indicates that the progressive evolution of plants has been exceedingly slow, and for a

very long period, in all probability, only those plants that could exist in water—sea-weeds and other cellular plants—showed the Divine handiwork. Then as we near the age when our coal beds were being formed, dry land plants such as horsetails, ferns, etc., made their appearance. And later still, as birds and flying insects were evolved, plants with crude rudimentary flowers began their work of beautifying the earth, followed by true seeds, and as man, or the seed and fruit-eating animals came along, succulent fruits, trees, &c., developed.

Let me urge each of you to master this part of the study of botany. In the study of palæontology—ancient life, the science of fossils—you will find a good many fearfully hard names, but a little consulting of a good dictionary will reveal how beautifully adapted they are to express so much about these ancient fore-runners of present-day plants and trees.

Since I last wrote you I have been in the Midlands—Stafford, Wolverhampton, Leicester, etc., and as far north as Barrow-in-Furness. Everywhere I was much surprised at the beauty and quantity of the speedwells (*veronica officinalis*), (*ver. beccabunga*), (*ver. chamadrys*). An illustration of the latter I am able to present you with in this month's BANNER. Germander speedwell is, perhaps, the most useful of all veronicas for Spring scurvy, blotches or pimples; you cannot have anything better. It is an excellent cleanser of the blood and body, and may be freely used for gout, rheumatism, or asthma. It is to be found growing on hedge-banks, in woods, and fields, and is seen at its best from late May to July. Here and there it is to be found in dense masses, and grows from one to one-and-a-half feet high; stem somewhat hairy on alternate sides; leaves are in pairs, ovate in shape, growing directly from the stem without a leaf-stalk, spoken of as *sessile*. They are deeply serrated and hairy. Flowers are blue, and grow from angle or axil formed between the leaf and stem in opposite racemes or bunches. The calyx is made up of four sepals, and the corolla is also four cleft, but there are only two stamens, and its seed is two-celled. I should like to describe the others which are to be found in full bloom until the end of September, but space will not permit. Go and find them. The common (*ver. officinalis*) grows in dry pastures, heaths, &c.; its flowers are pale blue or lilac. The leaves have a short stalk; they are sometimes made tea of for diarrhoea, being very astringent, Brooklime (*ver. beccabunga*) grows in ditches, brooks, and other wet places; its flowers are bright blue, leaves somewhat thick and glossy. The stem is succulent—juicy and inclined to lie down at the base. It is often mistaken for watercress. Don't any of you make this mistake nor eat freely of its leaves, as they may make you very ill.

### In Memoria.

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

BURNLEY (North Street).—I have to record the passing to the higher life Mr. Herbert Frances Griffin, aged 22 years. He was one of our best attenders.  
JOHN C. Y. LAYCOCK, Sec.

## 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.

### WANTED - RECRUITS.

Last month I endeavoured to show what were the grounds in sentiment and good feeling which should encourage the young and the old to sign the Pledge. I have also given up much space in this department to the consideration of the effects of alcohol on persons in good health, and I hope that I have carried my readers with me to the conclusion that alcohol is an unnecessary and harmful drug for healthy people to use. In the near future I hope to show that it is equally harmful in the great majority of cases of sick people.

But before we move any further in our studies, I want to make as earnest a plea as I can for sincerity and consistency among Lyceum workers in the matter of Temperance. We are far from having the bright reputation we ought to have as workers and sympathisers in the uphill labour of Total Abstinence. I am always happy in the thought that the young will be ours at any rate; that they are being trained to know that strong drink is the worst blight and most degrading power in our land. Let our Lyceums never fail to impress that fact, and let our children know that Spiritualism is directed against all that is degrading to the spirit of man. You cannot associate revelry and drunkenness with moral and spiritual health.

But it is not pleasing, to say the least, to think that our elders are in such a high proportion favourable to the use of intoxicants, and that we are never free from evil rumours of the behaviour of so many who ought to try to set a decent example.

Let me here say that I write to our grown-ups not from any disrespect to younger Lyceumists, but because I am especially anxious to strike where the blow is most needed and where the future welfare of our young children is most grievously prejudiced.

I ask the moderate drinker who has been generous enough to read my words and opinions in the past, whether or not he is convinced that right is on the side of those who refrain from strong drink? If he thinks not, I shall be only too pleased to know his views and give all others the same privilege by publishing correspondence in this page; if, on the other hand, he is satisfied that he is in the wrong, I would ask him, for the sake of his own conscience and the good of his fellow-men, to join the FOURFOLD PLEDGE as a whole or in part. The man who does wrong unwittingly can be often forgiven, but there is always stern retribution for conscious ill-doing. I therefore plead with our grown-up non-teetotalers to stop supporting this vile Trade. They would every-one look with alarm on the growth of opium dens in their midst; let them therefore not forget that opium does not claim one tithe of the victims claimed by alcohol. Do not play with an evil—fight it!

The remarkable decline in the consumption of alcoholic liquors during the past year was due, as Mr. Lloyd George has shown, to the restriction put on their sale by the increased tax. If we had been allowed

to enjoy the provisions of the Licensing Bill of Mr. Asquith, we should doubtless by this time have witnessed still more encouraging results, because experience in this and other countries has shown that the consumption of alcoholic beverages is proportional to the ease with which those beverages can be procured. But we have not seen that Bill passed into law, and we are compelled to ask men and women to turn voluntarily from the attractions of the public house and walk the road of abstinence. We promise them a greater and truer happiness, a higher and better satisfaction. We plead for the unselfish course; we ask them to consider not their own tastes always, but the well-being of the community at large. It is not good for England that the brewer and distiller should thrive, because the traffic in alcohol is undermining our national foundations and diverting into wasteful channels wealth which should be employed for our growth and development. I have more than once emphasised the fact that it is the moderate drinker who maintains the Trade and not the drunkard; it is to the moderate drinker that I am now addressing a special plea to join us and help us swell the ranks, for the glory and honour of Spiritualism.

*One word in conclusion to the children:—*

Stand firm by your Pledge, and help me to make it big and useful. Talk to your school friends and playmates and ask them to promise never to drink beer or wine or spirits, and to determine that they will not soil their lives with tobacco, betting and evil swearing. I want the Pledge to pass 1,000 members before the end of this year, so see that your Lyceum sends a good long list of names in time for the September number of the BANNER. I feel sure, if you will, that the angels will bless your efforts.

[Letters should be addressed to Mr. Herbert E. Clarke, 20, Grosvenor Road, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne. ED. L. B.]

### 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,

HULL, LIME ST.—Last Sunday morning we took for our Golden Chain Recitation No. 119. In the 3rd response is the word "suspect" which caused considerable discussion among the adults of our Lyceum. Some thought this word was a printer's error, and that it should be "respect," while others thought that it *was* "suspect." I myself think that the *Manual* is right and that it is not a printer's error, but will you please tell me your opinion on the matter?—Yours, sincerely,

LENA SMITH, aged 13½ years

*Answer.*—On reading the response in question the first impression is that "suspect" is an error—that it should be "respect." But when we remember that it is "pride" of the human heart, as typified in "the man whose eye is ever on himself," as if magnifying his own importance that is under consideration, the term in question seems to be right and proper, and implies humbleness of heart from an inner consciousness of many failings and shortcomings which leave no room for vain pride and idle boasting.

### Annual Demonstration of the Rochdale District Lyceums.

Great interest was aroused in the town on Saturday, July 2nd, by an unusual demonstration of the Spiritualist Lyceums in the Rochdale district. It is six years since a similar demonstration took place in Rochdale, and the reason that the demonstrators were invited here on Saturday was to celebrate the election of Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, superintendent of the Rochdale Spiritualist Lyceum, to the presidential chair of the British Spiritualists Lyceum Union on the executive of which she has sat for the past four years. But she was unable to attend, being present at the annual conference of the Spiritualist societies at Leicester.

Rain unfortunately interfered with the affair, but notwithstanding, the demonstration attracted much attention. The various Lyceums assembled on the Square, the members wearing the distinctive colour of their Lyceums. All had colours of some sort; some wore bows, others ribbons, while the leaders had sashes and many also displayed a button picture of Dr. A. J. Davis, the founder of the movement. The children for all ages were represented—lent additional relief to the more sober dresses of their elders, being attired in white and bright coloured material, and carrying bouquets and baskets of flowers.

After the singing of "Open the door for the children," on the Square, the procession was marshalled in order, and, accompanied by the Borough Reed Band and the Subscription Band, left the town about 3-40 for Cronkeyshaw Common.

The following are the Lyceums composing the procession, with their colours and conductors:—Regent Hall, Rochdale (lavender), Mr. E. Seanor; Central, Oldham (white), Mr. J. Lester; Crompton (pale green and white), Miss Shepherd; Shaw (orange and blue), Mr. Leigh; Royton (blue and white), Miss E. Haslam; Bacup (strawberry), Mr. H. Salisbury; Heywood (pink), Mr. Ab. Taylor; Dearnley (amber), Mr. A. Crowther; Elliott Street, Oldham (purple), Mr. W. Shaw; and Bury (violet), Mr. H. Ashworth.

Leaving the Square the processionists proceeded to the common via Yorkshire Street, and Whitworth Road, and by the time they reached their destination the weather seemed more promising, to the delight of the seven hundred demonstrators and the hundreds of interested public who had accompanied the procession. In the centre of the common a lurry had been drawn up, and it was from here that operations were directed. The processionists, after resting their banners against the walls surrounding the grounds of One Ash, formed up in long lines and joined in singing "Shoulder to shoulder." This part seemed simple and quite accountable to the onlookers, but the average individual was nonplussed by what followed. From the platform an official intimated that a quarter of an hour would be allowed for marching, and the band striking up the marchers went through some curious evolutions. Marching for so long a period on a limited space, one might imagine, would become wearisome, but the varied figures formed by the Spiritualists did not by any means lack interest. The sight of nearly a thousand people marching in squares, circles, and in mystical figures, was one to be remembered, and was only less strange than the exhibition of calisthenics

which followed. The performance of gymnastics by youngsters of a few years old, besides men and women in the prime of life, seemed peculiar to a layman, and caused no little amusement among the spectators. After ten minutes of physical exercises, "Seeds of promise" was sung, and this ended the demonstration on the common.

The procession was then reformed, and went by way of Heights Lane and Toad Lane to the Pioneers' Assembly Room; where tea was provided. A meeting was also held here in the evening, Mr. J. Lord, of Heywood, presiding. The speakers included Mrs. Hamer (Crompton), Mr. F. Shaw (Oldham), Mr. G. F. Knott (Rochdale), Mr. J. Lester (Oldham), and Mr. J. Standish (Oldham).

Mr. A. Hudson and Mr. J. J. Farrow, assistant marshals; Mr. Jas. Nurse, tea arrangements; and Mr. G. F. Knott, secretary, formed the local committee for the arranging of the demonstration.

Mr. J. Lord was the Chief-Marshal.

### Balance Sheet for the 8th Annual Demonstration

Held at ROCHDALE, on Saturday, July 2nd, 1910.

		INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Lyceum Guarantees Home Lyceum	...	...	1	0	0			
„	Lyceum Guarantees Visiting Lyceums	...	...	5	10	0			
„	Tea Tickets :—						6	10	0
	Rochdale	...	...	1	16	8			
	Bacup	...	...	1	0	0			
	Bury	...	...	1	10	4			
	Crompton	...	...	1	3	8			
	Dearnley	...	...	1	0	0			
	Heywood	...	...	1	5	10			
	Shaw	...	...	1	11	4			
	Royton	...	...	1	7	0			
	Oldham (Central)	...	...	1	4	6			
	Oldham (Elliott Street)	...	...	0	17	0			
	Sold at door	...	...	0	10	8			
							13	7	0
„	Collections :—								
	Demonstration	...	...	0	16	6			
	Mass Meeting	...	...	0	13	1½			
							1	9	7½
							21	6	7½
	Loss	...	...				1	12	5
							£22	19	0½

		EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By	Printing :—								
	Dawson's, Window Bills	...	...	0	2	9			
	Wadsworth's, Tickets, Bills, and Programmes	...	...	0	17	9			
							1	0	6
„	Bands :—								
	Rochdale Boro' Reed Band	...	...	3	10	0			
	Rochdale Subscription Band	...	...	3	0	0			
							6	10	0
„	Teas :—								
	Pioneers Co-operative Society	...	...	15	0	0			
„	Postage	...	...	0	5	8½			
„	Advts.	...	...	0	2	0			
„	Sundries	...	...	0	0	10			
							£22	19	0½

J. LEIGH, *Treasurer.*  
 J. FROST, *Secretary.*  
 G. F. KNOTT, *Local Secretary.*

## Our Boys' Special.

MY DEAR MEDIUMISTIC MUSERS,—

I have been much pleased and deeply impressed of late with the quickened interest displayed in a number of Lyceums upon the important subject of Mediumship.

With a view to encouraging the study and exercise of the faculty, I purpose contributing a series of Articles upon this topic in the hope of assisting in the development of the subtle avenues of "sense," on which we are dependent in our communion with super-mundane intelligences.

In this connection it is desirable that students should consider well the Golden Chain Recitations, Nos. 140 and 141, in the Lyceum Manual. The memorising of these two useful compilations will prove serviceable to the experimenter in psychic demonstrations.

Mediumship, we learn, is based upon sensitiveness, or sense-perception, the extent of the faculty being determined by the "constitution" or development of the Medium. Mediumship necessitates the employment of an active operating influence, and a negative or receptive faculty. Thus the term "Medium" may be justly employed in all things which impinge upon our senses. In a general way we readily acknowledge our dependence upon organic media for all knowledge pertaining to our physical conditions of being.

Take, for example, the ear. Vibrations on the air, producing sound, strike the sensitive tympanum of the ear, and that organ, through its delicate construction and accuracy of adjustment, is able to furnish the aural nerve with a faithful reproduction of the vibrations. In its turn, by a wonderful process, the aural nerve rapidly communicates the series of vibrations to its relative brain cells, and the consciousness, quick to respond to the harmonies of natural order, seizes upon and interprets the message. This is just a physical example proving the medial powers of all who are constituted according to the order of physical nature, as expressed in normal man.

But there is a multitude of manifest occurrences taking place amongst us to which the term "Mediumship" is specifically applied. I mean that occult possession of human kind, and of other forms of organic life which is sometimes awakened by influences and powers generally scheduled as extraneous to our commonly known senses.

Cognition of this sensitiveness depends upon the acuteness of discrimination on the part of the the medium and the intensity of the operating force.

Through demonstrations which have appealed to our method of reasoning, we have been led to the conviction that the conscious entity we call "Man" survives the change called death.

The sensitive channel of mediumship, through which this knowledge comes to us, is not apparently normal in all human organisms. Proof of this is found in the fact that the faculty we call mediumship is more often induced or developed, than spontaneous or self-evident.

It is often necessary to assist the development of the faculty by surrounding the medium with certain CONDITIONS which aid the manifestations produced.

But such procedure is neither unnatural nor in any sense contrary to common usage. How certain are we of the presence of living, objective organisms in the air we breathe, in the water we drink? Yet the far-reaching power of the lens and retina of the human eye, and the extreme sensitiveness of the optic nerve fail to be impressed with the multitude of objective forms until the aid of the microscope is called into requisition, when a wonderful revelation of organic life impinges upon our consciousness.

Thus, by artificial means, justifiable and warrantable, we are conscious of a world of wonders which previously, to us, had no existence.

The *basis* of mediumship is entirely dependent upon nerve constitution, and is very strongly influenced by general physical conditions. It cannot be bartered in exchange as a marketable commodity, neither does it depend—AS A FACULTY—upon any given degree of moral development or spiritual holiness. I do not want to be misunderstood here. I have distinctly stated that—AS A FACULTY—mediumship does not depend upon any degree of spiritual fitness.

In a later article, however, I shall endeavour to show the advantages to be gained by the medium in the cultivation of moral strength and spiritual aspiration: yet, for the present, it is enough to know that Mediumship is based upon the possession of such nerve construction and adjustment as will enable the subject to receive and register upon the consciousness such impingements as are not experienced by those less acute of nerve or delicacy of SENSE.

Therefore, the faculty of mediumship is quite a natural—if uncommon—possession, and mankind is as strongly justified in the development and exercise of mediumship as in the exercise and development of muscle: for while the action of the latter is warranted by the call made upon man in the combat which is the outcome of our human conditions of physical life, so the former is warranted by the rarified phisic conditions and environment of man which influence, for good or evil, his moral and spiritual constitution.

That mankind is subject to the impulses of some power independent of physical action, a generally understood by tangible impact, is abundantly proven in the experience of all. Therefore, just so far as this extraneous vibration impinges on our finer sense, and produces a consciousness of the occurrence, just so far may we be said to be mediumistic.

But even though each man apparently possess the qualifications for mediumship by this rule, it is obvious that all do not in a like manner or degree respond as directly or precipitately to the vibrations of occult influences in operation.

This is why *those who do* most directly and completely respond to the operating powers so effectually as to convey conviction to other minds concerning facts, incidents, or circumstances known to the enquirer, and not brought into the possession of the sensitive by the common avenues of knowledge—we call mediums. I trust I have made myself clear, regarding my claim for the *justification* of the exercise of mediumship, and also as to my claim concerning the *basis* of the faculty.

In my next article I shall endeavour to deal with various avenues of psychic manifestations, pointing

out the sympathetic, mental and physiological correspondences we observe in becoming acquainted with the facts of life.—Yours lovingly,

FRANK HEPWORTH.

### The Executive Council at Lancaster.

The cause at Lancaster has suffered many drawbacks to its onward march, but it continues not only to hold its own, but to gain adherents.

For a number of years the Society met in the Athenæum. The hall was small, and the surroundings not conducive to spirituality, but being the only place available, it was a case of "Hobson's choice."

Owing to a fire they were forced to seek accommodation elsewhere. A large, well-lighted hall was ultimately secured in Gage Street. Here their services and Lyceum Sessions were regularly held till the end of June, when their tenancy expired, and again they were compelled to seek a new home.

After preliminary negotiations, Phoenix Rooms were secured, which are situated close to the Midland Railway Station. The main hall is lofty, light, and well appointed, capable of seating 500 people. It was here that the members of the Executive were greeted by the local friends, and entertained on Saturday, July 9th.

Among the visitors were Mr. G. F. Knott, Rochdale, member of the sub-committee on the *Manual* and *Songster*; Mr. J. J. Morse, Manchester, one of the *Manual* and *Songster* Trustees; Miss Winifred Mather, Ulverston, D.V.; Mrs. Reuben Latham, Burnley; Mr. and Mrs. Haworth, Burnley; and several other friends, whose names did not transpire. All the members of the Executive were present with the exception of Mrs. Greenwood, who is still confined to her bed.

After greetings had been exchanged, and refreshments partaken of, the business meeting was promptly assembled. The newly-elected President, Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, was duly inducted, and signed the Presidential Roll.

Mr. Morse presented a verbal report on the *Manual* and *Songster* enquiry, which was duly accepted.

The minutes of the previous meeting were duly presented, and confirmed; as also were the Secretary's General and LYCEUM BANNER Reports, the Treasurer's and P.S.F. Reports.

The financial aspect of the Lyceum Conference held at Birkenhead, was discussed at some length. In order to prevent a repetition, the General Secretary was duly instructed to publish and enforce the following conditions, which are to govern all future Conferences:—

- (a) That the Lyceum Union take all receipts and pay all expenses.
- (b) That all arrangements for halls, printing, posting, hymn sheets, etc., teas and dinners, must be submitted to the Union's Executive, or any other committee they may appoint, through the Union's Secretary, before they are put in hand.
- (c) That local friends provide free accommodation for the Officers, Executive, Delegates, and other representatives.

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### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader returned to America on Tuesday, July 12th, having spent over two months in England studying our Lyceum methods. She carries many pleasant memories back with her of the happy times spent amongst the Liverpool, London, and North-East Lancashire Lyceums. Time would not allow her to visit the Yorkshire Lyceums.

The *Lyceum Banner* begs to congratulate Mr. Albert Wilkinson, Nelson, and Mr. Reuben Latham, Burnley, on their election on July 2nd, at Leicester, to the office of President and Vice-President of the Spiritualist National Union. Both gentlemen are past Presidents of the B.S.L.U., and are members of the Lyceum Union's Executive Council. *The Two Worlds* of July 15th had a portrait of the President.

The S.N.U. Conference at Leicester, held on July 2nd and 3rd, was a memorable event, and roused much local interest. The Lyceum Union's representatives were invited to a seat on the rostrum at the Sunday evening's mass meeting, along with the representatives of other Unions and sectional representatives.

Our present issue offers much food for thought. The study of *Botany for the Young* will well repay the attention of those of mature years.

*Our Boys' Special* is assuming a new role—the study of the laws governing mediumship. Our young men and women, who are anxious to develop and use their spiritual gifts wisely and well, will do well to study the promised articles on mediumship as they appear month by month.

The conductor of the *Temperance Page* is inviting his readers to a friendly discussion. We hope his appeal will not pass unheeded. Perhaps Mr. Clarke would like to have monthly reports from all Band of Hope secretaries of meetings held in connection with Lyceums. If all members of Lyceum Bands of Hope will sign the *fourfold pledge* we feel sure a membership of 1,000 will be reached before the end of the year.

Mr. G. F. Knott supplies all Leaders or Teachers of Liberty groups with a good list of suitable topics or subjects. His promised assistance is a further inducement for their consideration.

The London Lyceum District Council has had presented to it, by Miss R. A. Cole, a silk banner of blue and gold, bearing the motto "Onward." As the banner is to be competed for by the Lyceums connected with their District Council it may be the means of a great improvement in their general programme.

The Teeside Lyceum District Council is doing a good work by rousing more active interest in the Lyceum cause. Each Lyceum in their District Council has presented six copies of the Lyceum Manual, full cloth binding, to the District Council, to enable it to loan sufficient Lyceum Manuals to any Society that promises to start a Lyceum. The first Society to be thus assisted is West Hartlepool, who have lately opened a Lyceum which is making splendid headway. They are holding sessions on the Wednesday evenings "until they get into the way of doing things right." They had an increase of 23 on July 24th.

In the early days of the movement there were active Societies at Bishop Auckland, Ferry Hill, and Hetton-le-Hole, which had a Lyceum. If the Teeside District Council can effect a revival in these mining centres it will have done splendid work for the children.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Office of the Lyceum Union will be closed from Aug. 5th to Aug. 19th inclusive, by order of the Executive Council. Will Lyceum secretaries and correspondents please note?

### MARRIAGE.

WALTON-SMITH.—On July 16th, at the Spiritualist Temple, St. Peter Street, Blackburn, in the presence of a large number of friends, Mr. Thomas Walton and Miss Clara Smith were joined in marriage. Both are Lyceum Scholars. Mr. Frank Hepworth officiated, and the service was a very beautiful and impressive one. The organist (Mr. Robinson) played the Wedding March. It presented a very pretty scene, as there were two small bridesmaids dressed in white, each carrying a bouquet of marguerites and smilax. Afterwards about 100 guests were entertained to tea and social, and a very happy time was spent. During the afternoon Mr. Hepworth presented an acrostic to the newly-married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Walton.

H. ROBINSON, *Sec.*

Have Hope—though clouds environ round  
And Gladness hides her face in scorn,  
Put thou the shadow from thy brow,  
No night but has its morn. *Schiller.*

[We much regret that Mr. Knott's letter and other important matters is crowded out.—Ed.]

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The account for the souvenirs, in the item *re* the blocks, gave rise to a long discussion. Ultimately it was decided that it be paid.

It was decided that the published price of the *Lyceum Manual* and *Spiritual Songster* be printed on each style of binding, so that the public may not mistake the listed prices for the published prices.

A letter was read from the Manchester Lyceum District Council drawing attention to the advanced prices of the *Lyceum Manual*, Nos. 5 and 6; and also suggesting the advisability of issuing another Lyceum Badge. It was pointed out that, in as much as the Lyceum Conference had endorsed the revised price list, the Executive had no authority to interfere.

The Secretary was instructed to circularise all the Lyceums, offering to them 50 copies of the late Mr. Alfred Smedley's "*Some Reminiscences*," published at 2/- each, carriage free for 25/-. This will enable Lyceums to sell them at half-price and make a good profit for the Lyceum fund.

Attention was drawn to several reports from Lyceum District Councils taking up valuable space with matter that had no interest for the general reader.

The question of supplying the American Lyceums with the *Lyceum Manual* and *Spiritual Songster*, as per Conference resolution, was considered. Messrs. Keeling, Owen, and the General Secretary were elected a sub-committee to fully consider the matter and report to the next quarterly meeting.

A letter was read from Mr. H. A. Kersey offering to the B.S.L.U. ten fully paid-up shares in the *Two Worlds* Publishing Company, with a view to giving the Lyceum Union a better standing with that paper *re* Lyceum matters. The generous offer was accepted, with thanks.

Applications for membership from the following Lyceums were considered and ordered to be placed on the Roll:—London (Walthamstow and Kings-ton), and South Liverpool.

An invitation from London, Brixton, for the Executive to hold its April 1911 meeting there, was deferred till further particulars were to hand.

The Secretary was instructed to convey the sincere thanks of the Executive to Mr. Will Edwards, of Accrington, for his brave act in so promptly going to the rescue of the boating party when their boat capsized at Thornton Manor on May 16th.

The Executive also recorded its deep appreciation of the election of two of its members, namely, Mr. Albert Wilkinson and Mr. Reuben Latham, to the important offices of President and Vice-President respectively, of the S. N. U.

A vote of sympathy with Mrs. Jessie Greenwood in her protracted illness was passed unanimously.

SUNDAY.

The Open Session was well attended. It was the opening day in their new home.

The opening exercises were hearty and fervent. Mr. Wm. Bleasdale conducted, and commented on the presence of the Executive on such an auspicious occasion. Some time ago they had had a fire which forced them to seek more suitable premises; and now like the fabled bird Phoenix, which when it grew old was consumed in the fire, and then arose to new life from its own ashes, so they may be said to have

arisen to new life and vigour from the fire of their old hall.

Master Norman Hargreaves then stepped into the middle of the hall and recited a hearty welcome to the Executive. The President suitably responded.

The chain recitations were pointedly commented upon by the conductor. His remarks were closely followed by the children. Mr. Keeling delivered a racy speech, which the children greatly enjoyed.

There was a moderate audience in the afternoon, which manifested a deep interest in the bright and brief addresses of Messrs. Keeling, Johnson, and G. F. Knott, whose speeches were full of thought-inspiring and heart-cheering remarks, winning the applause of the audience.

The evening meeting was well patronised, the hall being nearly full. Mrs. Nurse again presided. She briefly stated the nature and object of the presence of the Executive, and expressed her pleasure at being present on the occasion of the opening of that hall for spiritual services.

Mr. Venables spoke on the value of spirit communion when death has entered the home and robbed it of the presence of some loved one. Then it is they appeal in vain to the minister for consolation; he has none to give. He can only admonish them to believe and have faith that all is well with the beloved one. But the heart cries out for evidence. And it is in Spiritualism only that it can be obtained.

Mr. Owen, the Vice-President, spoke on the value of life and the importance of faithfully filling the duties of our daily lives, ending his speech with a recitation that called forth loud applause.

Mr. Albert Wilkinson was introduced to the audience as the President of the S.N.U., which was an evidence of how the two large Unions worked together for the common good of mankind. Mr. Wilkinson pleaded earnestly with the parents to attend the Lyceum along with their children whenever they could do so, and they would then realise how the Lyceum could make them feel young again, and forget the cares and anxieties of daily life.

Mrs. Bentley pleaded for the children, and reminded the Spiritualists present of the work the early pioneers had done for them; how they had sacrificed time, money and comfort in order to bring the glad tidings to them. She hoped they would show their appreciation by doing similar for the children. And if they did she prophesied that the hall would become too small for their requirements.

Mr. Kersey contrasted the teachings of the church with the teachings of Spiritualism, and pointed out that while the former had become old and obsolete, the latter were full of life, and appealed to the aspirations of a progressive humanity.

Mrs. Law spoke with loving tenderness on man's inner and diviner nature and spiritual awakening that was taking place in all sections of society, and how the higher powers were bending earth-ward with outstretched hands to lead onward all those who aspired for the higher and grander life. To one and all they said "come."

Mr. Johnson's speech was reminiscent of the old times when to declare a belief in spirit communion caused their friends to wonder if they were losing their senses. They had had to fight many hard battles in the past in order to win the liberties they

were enjoying that night. Too long had humanity been taught how to die. They were reversing the order, and teaching them how to live, which would ultimately produce a healthier, happier, and more lovable humanity than the old system of teaching had done.

Mr. Kitson briefly summarised their teachings, which were based on the testimony of their relations and friends who had departed from this life in the full assurance of their particular faith getting them to heaven. Their disappointment had been great. They had realised it was not faith, but works; not words, but actions that determined whether they were happy or otherwise. On these testimonies their teaching of the young were based, and the angels appealed unto all present to come and help in the grand work.

The President returned thanks for the kindly welcome extended to the Executive.

Mr. W. Bleasdale, in responding, delivered a most inspiring and appreciative address, which the audience endorsed by loud applause.

### The Halifax and Huddersfield District Council.

The quarterly meeting of the above council was held at Brighouse, on Sunday, July 10th, 1910. All Lyceums except Hebden Bridge being represented by delegates over whom Mr. T. H. Wright presided. The minutes of the last meeting were passed as a correct record. The returns were accepted, which shewed a very slight increase. Three Lyceums gaining twelve scholars, one the same as before, and two losing ten, making the small gain of two. The average attendance is on the increase in all Lyceums. The D.V.'s report was accepted and passed. A very brilliant and extensive report of the B.S.L.U.'s conference was sent by our late secretary Mr. H. Peel, who was unable to be present. And perhaps little realises how much he was missed. It was decided to hold teachers' classes at Elland Lyceum third Saturdays in months October to March 1911 inclusive. Papers will be given by some of our good local workers. It was also decided to hold a large propaganda meeting at Ramsden St., Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 22nd, 1910. The meeting to commence at 6-30, and to be addressed by prominent workers in our Lyceum movement.

Our president and secretary were elected delegates to the U.D.C. meeting in November. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to our Brighouse friends for their kind hospitality. An open session was held in the afternoon in which all delegates took an active part. In the evening Mr. Wright presided over a fairly good audience, and was supported by the delegates. Mr. Coleman, of Sowerby Bridge, and Miss Hirst, of Halifax, each rendered solos. The meetings were most pleasant and successful. On Saturday, July 16th, the delegates and friends of the D.C. had a ramble on Greetland Moors. The weather was fine, and although the party was not a very large one, a most enjoyable time was spent. The gathering was a most harmonious one and each seemed to strive to make others happy. The bracing air no doubt stimulated us all with new life and vigour. The hymns "Our Lyceum 'tis of Thee," "Hand in hand with Angels,"

"Seeds of promise," and "Blest be the tie that binds," were heartily sung for our hostess Mrs. Hayes, who supplied us with an excellent tea at a very small charge, and who also received three ringing cheers for her splendid catering for the inner man. After which Mr. Wright, Mr. Ackroyd and Mr. Burrows spoke cheering words which were well received. The day was certainly most profitably spent.

FRED FRANCE, Hon. Sec.

### District Visitors' Quarterly Reports.

ENDING JUNE 26TH, 1910.

**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**—There are 15 Societies in this district; all but 2 have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Otley Road*: I am pleased to report an improvement here. The readings and responses were very good. One thing to be desired is better attendance by the elders for group lessons. Expenses, 4d. *Bradford Lane*: 28 present, mostly little ones. Their efforts were very pleasing. By the influence of love and harmony it will become a stronghold of our teachings. Expenses, nil. *Little Horton*: Owing to a severe thunderstorm the attendance was small, but a very interesting session. I could like to see more adults take part to help the cause along. Expenses, 2d. *West Bowling*: This Lyceum continues to maintain its great interest in the children's welfare, and its efforts are blessed with success. Expenses, nil. *Shipley*: A small number present, but a very instructive session. Expenses, 5½d. *Ivy Rooms*: I found a great improvement here. Reading, singing, etc., very good. *Cleckheaton* (Old Robin Street): This is becoming one of the best Lyceums in the district. Everything is done in an excellent manner. It has doubled its membership. Expenses, 8½d. HENRY RAW, D.V.

**BOLTON DISTRICT.**—There are seven Societies in this district; all but one have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Horwich*: This being my last visit, I was glad to note a number of the old members present. Many expressions of regret at the impending parting. A very enjoyable session. Marching and calisthenics smartly done. Expenses, 1/-. *Daisy Hill*: Although small in number there is an earnestness and honesty of purpose displayed, which reflects great credit on the faithful few. The room is too small, but efforts are being made to secure a larger one. Expenses, 9d. *Hindley*: This Lyceum continues to make steady progress. Recitations and pearls were plentiful. General order good. A very instructive session. Expenses, 1/-. *Bolton* (Bradford Street): This Lyceum keeps up to the standard. Interesting and instructive subjects being dealt with in all subjects. As I am now leaving for Canada, I wish to thank all friends for their kindnesses and courtesies extended to me in the faithful discharge of my duties as D.V. R. BILLSBOROUGH, D.V.

**LEEDS DISTRICT.**—There are 18 Societies in this district; all but two have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—On May 8th I visited *Armley*. A moderate attendance. Conduct good. Instead of group lessons, the time was devoted to the practice of the Whitsuntide hymns. Expenses, 1/5. On June 26th I visited *Church Street* and found a splendid Lyceum. They are making great progress here. The afternoon and evening was their flower service. There was such deep interest manifested in the afternoon session that the service was dispensed with. I had the pleasure of presenting a badge to a little girl for reciting. Expenses, 1/5. JAMES KITSON, D.V.

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

General remarks.—April 3rd, *Chester*, 10-30 a.m.: 25 present 25 minutes late start. Sorry to find the Lyceum in a weak condition, but the faithful few struggle on to keep the flag flying. Expenses, 3/-. May 29th, South *Liverpool*, 11 a.m.: 21 present. Pleased to report the opening of this Lyceum. There is every prospect of a good Lyceum evolving with local perseverance and assistance from neighbouring Lyceums. A pleasing session was held, conducted by the D.V. Expenses, 4d. June 12th, *Runcorn*, 10-30 a.m.: 29 present. Reading disconnected. Responses to questions and physical exercises excellent. Still improving. Expenses, 1/3. *Widnes*, 1-45 p.m.: An intelligent Lyceum, although numerically weak. Progressing creditably. Expenses, 1/3. June 19th, *Crewe*: 38 present. Many Lyceumists arrived late. A good all round session. Questions and answers good. Discipline as it should be. Expenses, 4/6. Postage, 2d. ROBERT A. OWEN, D.V.

LONDON DISTRICT.—There are 28 Societies in this district; 10 of which have Lyceums.

General remarks.—April 10th, opened a Lyceum at *Walhamstow*. With careful attention we shall have a good Lyceum here. Fare, 6d. In the afternoon I went to *Tottenham*. Recitations, pearls and general conduct very good. Fare, 9d. April 17th, I paid another visit to *Walhamstow* to help them to establish their Lyceum. Fare, 6d. In the afternoon I went to *Fulham* Lyceum. Good instructions were given. The calisthenics and conduct were good. Fare, 1/- . April 24th, I visited *Manor Park*, and found them progressing very well. Fare, 2d. On May 1st I visited the friends at *Clapham* to discuss the advisability of starting a Lyceum. Not possible at present. Fare, 10d. Afternoon and evening I visited *Fulham* Lyceum anniversary. All credit is due to both officers and children for the care bestowed on their Lyceum. May 8th I again visited *Walhamstow*, and found them progressing very nicely. Fare, 6d. In the afternoon I visited *Brixton* Lyceum. I am glad to report they are keeping up their standard of merit. Fare, 10d. In the evening I visited *Kentish Town* and addressed a meeting of the officers and members on the advisability of starting a Lyceum. I hope to hear from them soon. May 22nd I visited *Walhamstow* to assist them in their good work. I found very hopeful signs. Fare, 6d. May 29th. We visited the friends at *Shepherd's Bush* to urge them to form a Lyceum. One is under consideration. Fare, 6d. In the afternoon I visited *Battersea*, and I was pleased to see their Lyceum re-organised, and new officers appointed. Fare, 10d. June 5th, I visited *Kingston-on-Thames*, to speak on Lyceum work, and had the pleasure of assisting in the election of officers to start a Lyceum. June 12th, morning, I paid another visit to *Walhamstow*. They will now be able to go on in the good work. Fare, 6d. In the afternoon I visited *Plaistow*. Had lapsed. They elected new officers, and I hope they will devote themselves to their several duties. "*The Workers Win*." Fare, 4d. June 10th, I visited *Tottenham*, and was sorry to see a poor attendance. It was their last session in that hall, as it is required for other purposes. Fare, 9d. The *Hackney* Society has offered me two dates on which to address them on the Lyceum work. M. CLEGG, D.V.

MANCHESTER.—No information as to the number of Societies and Lyceums in this district supplied.

General remarks.—*Higher Broughton*: Punctual start; rather improved attendance. Conduct throughout good. Cost, 4d. *William Street*: Attendance not quite up to the average. Session very interesting from the good answers received by Conductor to questions asked. Marching and calisthenics good. Cost, 2d. *Collyhurst*: Session very much as usual. Interesting Liberty Group. Marching not quite up to average. Cost, 4d. *Cheetham Hill*: Very interesting and musical morning. Pearls very good. Explanations on all the subjects raised made a very pleasant time. Cost, 5d. *Pendleton* is one of the largest Lyceums in the district. There was a really good and early attendance of children. The session was both entertaining and instructive. Cost, 5d. Postage, 6d.

MRS. ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.—There are 20 Societies in this district; all of which have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—I have visited 14 Lyceums during the quarter, more in the capacity of adjudicator in the Lyceum Silver Shield Competition than as D.V., therefore I must confine my impressions of the Lyceums in detail work until some future report. I find through the whole district, except in a few instances, that the tone of efficiency in Lyceums generally is very much below the standard that the district has hitherto attained to. I trust during my round as D.V. that I shall be able to remedy many defects, and report a return of activity, unity and progress in full detail of the various Lyceums under my charge. Expenses, nil. REUBEN LATHAM, D.V.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.—There are six Societies in this district; all but one have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—April 10th, *Lancaster*: Not so many present as on my previous visit. There was an improvement in the singing. Reading good. Comments on the chain recitations appropriate. Calisthenics well done. Very nice session. Fare, 2/6. June 19th, *Barrow* (Dalkeith Street): Morning I was invited to conduct the session. Opening exercises good. Marching too monotonous. Comments on chain recitations good. In the afternoon a united Lyceum Session was held for the benefit of the D.C. I should like to have seen more parents and friends present. The recitations and solos were well rendered. Miss Dobson presented the prizes to the successful competitors in the Essay Competition in connection with the D.C. Fare, 10d.

*Ulverston*: I am pleased to report a much better tone pervades this Lyceum, and a substantial increase in membership during the past few months. Rambles have been arranged for the study of flowers. Mr. Proctor has very kindly promised to give the lectures. WINIFRED MATHER, D.V.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.—There are 17 Societies in this district; all but two have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Middleton*: This Lyceum is in a splendid condition. There were 50 present. The readings were good. There is room for improvement in the singing and recitations. Marching and calisthenics good. Liberty group had a splendid lesson on hygiene, which was very instructive. This Lyceum should make great headway. *Royton* (Cotton Street): This Lyceum is not in the B.S.L.U. and it is in a very poor condition. The surroundings are against them. There were 10 present. I advised them to join the *Union Street* Lyceum. I pointed out the benefits of so doing. If they agree to this course it will strengthen the Lyceum Cause in Royton. Expenses, 1/2. FRANK SHAW, D.V.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district; four of them are without a Lyceum.

General remarks.—The Lyceum at Edinburgh has lapsed for the present, but it is hoped it may commence again by the Autumn. *Motherwell*: The sessions here are carried on with their usual interest and vigour. A special feature was a number of essays given by members. They are contributed at intervals on what is known as "Essay Day." Other parts of the session are well carried through. Expenses, 1/- . *Glasgow* (Waterloo Street): The sessions here continue to be bright and interesting. The Liberty group has been of special interest. During the season it has been addressed by several speakers visiting the Society. The Lyceum in *Paisley Road* continues its usual strength. There is an experienced staff of officers who keep the meetings up to a good standard of efficiency. A. COWIE, D.V.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.—There are 17 Societies in this district; five of them have no Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Darnall*: This Lyceum is making wonderful progress. I have never seen such a large attendance as on my last visit. Conduct good. Responses read clear and distinct. Recitations well rendered. Officers, though young, are to be congratulated on the success achieved. Expenses, 6d. *Mexborough*: Attendance not quite up to the old standard. It was very warm; that, I think, was the reason. Expenses, 10d. *Sherde Road*: Here again a great surprise in numbers; they have more than doubled their membership since my last visit. The children readily answered the questions put to them, and took a keen interest in what I said. A pleasant session. Expenses, 8d. *Doncaster* has still a few who think about the children. I found them determined to keep the Lyceum going at Wood Street. A few of the late Temperance Hall scholars have joined them. I urged them to try and get them all. A very enjoyable session. Expenses, nil. *Chesterfield*: Punctuality is a special feature of the session, which commences on the stroke of time. The interest was unabated all through to the end. The marching and calisthenics were a treat to see. I am glad to say they have now started an afternoon session, time 2-45. The session is merged into the afternoon service. The speaker has the last half hour, closing at 4 p.m. Expenses, 2/8. WM. MARKLEW, D.V.

TEESIDE DISTRICT.—There are eight Societies in this district, only four of which have a Lyceum. West Hartlepool Society has been interviewed and a Lyceum is to be opened on July 17th.

General remarks.—*Middlesbrough*: On my first visit there were 140 present. On my second visit there were 80. This Lyceum made splendid progress, and bids fair to take the first place in this district. *Stockton* has lost a few points of merit owing to being without an organist. This office being now filled, I hope to report progress in my next. *Darlington*: This Lyceum still maintains the high standard last reported. I hope to visit *Shildon* soon. No expenses. CHARLES HARRISON, D.V.

STOCKPORT.—There are 11 Societies in this district; all but one have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Hyde*: One of the best sessions I have seen here. They acquitted themselves right well through the whole session. *Heaton Norris*: Well conducted. Discipline good. Pleasant session. A marked improvement in the marching. *Stockport* (Lower Hillgate): This Lyceum is doing very well. The Conductor and Guardian were absent, but two good substitutes filled their places. The session was orderly and everything passed off well. Expenses, nil.

JOHN MARSTON, D.V.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

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

**RULE 2.**—Record only the events occurring since July 29th.

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

**RULE 4.**—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, the 24th of August, to ensure insertion in the September issue.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE** (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, July 3rd, we held our monthly open session. Recitations and readings were given by Master John Hobson, Misses Maggie Martin, Emma Worthington and S. J. Dransfield. On July 10th we held our Lyceum Quarter Day. We had the usual session in the morning, and in the afternoon we had the phenomenal aspect of our cause demonstrated by Misses Emma Worthington, Maggie Hibbert and Mr. Harrington Beech, three members of our Lyceum, whom we trust will be of useful assistance to the Lyceum in future by the gifts they are developing. In the evening we had an open session of the Lyceum, including clairvoyance by the aforementioned Lyceumists. A goodly number of visitors were present.—W. Dransfield, Secretary.

**BARROW-IN-FURNESS** (Dalkeith Street).—On Sunday, July 3rd, the above Lyceum held its usual open session, when prizes for the past year were presented to the scholars for regular attendance. Mrs. M. E. Kellett, the past conductor, presented the prizes and made many encouraging remarks to the children as they received them. After all the prizes had been distributed, our drill instructor, Mr. James Kellett, conducted the Lyceum in their marching and calisthenics, thus bringing an enjoyable afternoon to a close.—J. Kendall, Sec.

**BLACKBURN** (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, June 26th, we had Mrs. Cadwallader, of America, with us, at morning and afternoon sessions, and we had a right enjoyable time, as she related the difficulties under which Lyceums labour in America. It made us feel we ought to make better use of the privileges we have here, as she told us if they wish to visit another Lyceum they oftentimes have to travel eight or nine hours to do so. She is full of enthusiasm, interesting, and at the same time she can make her stories very amusing, both to the young and old. We hope to have the pleasure of hearing her again. On Sunday, July 3rd, we held our Annual Flower Service. Mr. Law, of Huddersfield was the speaker.—H. Robinson, Sec.

[Please note Rule 3.—Ed.]

**BOLTON** (Bradford Street).—On Sunday, July 17th, we held our open session, Mr. Kitson being the speaker, and good results attended our open session. We also received a post card from our late Conductor, Mr. Billsborough, who sailed for British Columbia in June, to say that he had arrived at his destination safe, after a very rough passage. We all hope he will be successful in his new sphere of labour, and will be able to push the Lyceum movement further ahead in British Columbia. We are holding a Social on August 6th, so that we may be able to give our young Lyceumists another treat in the country.—Robt. Wilson, Secretary.

**BOLTON** (Commission Street).—The Society formerly meeting at Wood Street opened their newly-acquired church in Commission Street on Saturday with a tea and mass meeting, when prominent members of the National and Mediums' Union addressed the meeting. Mr. Hepworth, of Blackburn, President of both the above Unions; Mr. Morse, Editor of *The Two Worlds*; Mrs. Holden, Accrington; Mrs. Croper, and Mrs. Bentley, past President of the Lyceum Union, and others addressed the meeting. The opening of the Lyceum Sunday School and the services of the day were ably conducted by Mrs. Bentley, who gave her audience much food for thought.

**BRADFORD** (Boynton Street).—We held our open session on July 3rd, when recitations were given by Master N. Haley and Miss H. Croft, and Master S. Winder. At the morning session the first series of calisthenics were gone through by Mr. L. Wetherall and Mr. Cartle, for the benefit of the children, and during the whole session the display of physical phenomena was very much in evidence. The chairs and table on the rostrum were all moving at one time to the full view of all present. Miss A. Ward recited. In the afternoon Miss H. McIntosh sang 392 out of the Manual. Mrs. Haley sang "Home, sweet

home." Master N. Haley also sang "Father, we thank thee." Miss Chambers and Mrs. Nicholson also sang.—A. E. Carter.

**BRADFORD, LAISTERDYKE** (Bradford Lane).—The above Lyceum held its open session on Sunday, July 3rd, in the presence of a good number of scholars and friends. Mr. Hargreaves conducted. After the marching and calisthenics the following took part with recitations and songs:—F. Morrell, R. Webb, E. Morrell, Martha Garnall, Miss Eddington, Vernon Webb, Annie Thornton. Also our speaker for the day, Mrs. Preston, spoke a few words to the Lyceum, which were very uplifting and inspiring to all. July 10th, morning session, Mr. Rau, District Visitor, paid us his official visit, and spoke to the Lyceumists on the good they could do to others. Also in the afternoon and evening we held our Flower Service.—James Babbs, Secretary.

**BRADFORD** (Otley Road).—Our Lyceum held its usual monthly open session on Sunday, July 3rd. The attendance was not up to its best, but nevertheless the spiritual influence which prevailed throughout the whole of the session was most beautiful, and gave us to realise that, although some were absent in the physical, there were those present with us in the spirit to occupy the vacancy. Our election of officers resulted as follows:—Conductor, Mr. Hale; Assistant Conductors, Mr. Arnold and Miss Jones; Secretary, Miss E. Flatt; Treasurer, H. Birdsall; Guardian, Mr. A. Holt; Librarians, R. Foster and W. Hale; Leaders, H. Hale, A. Holt, M. Flatt and M. Hale.—(Miss) E. Flatt, Secretary.

**BRADFORD, DUDLEY HILL** (Shirley Road).—On Sunday, July 3rd we held our open session, with a very fair attendance of Lyceumists present. Mr. Fearnley, our Conductor, presided. The following items were given:—S. Kitchingman, a piano-forte solo, entitled "Spinlied"; also sung a solo, "The lost chord," with much power and feeling. A very sweetly sung solo by Miss Ida Fearnley, "That beautiful land," after which short addresses were given by Mrs. Gommerall, Mrs. Tolson, Mrs. Rau, and Mr. Garrod. Mr. Fearnley next sang "The sunset gate." Master J. W. Garrod sang "Take thou my hand." Both very well rendered. This concluded a very useful and helpful session.—H. Rau, Secretary.

**BRIGHOUSE.**—The above Lyceum held its half-yearly election of officers on Sunday, July 17th, when the following were elected:—Conductor, Mr. F. France; Assistant, Miss A. Brook; Secretary, Mr. J. Crossley; Treasurer, Mrs. Curly; Conductor for marching and calisthenics, Mr. J. Sykes; Musical Conductor, Mr. T. Flintiff; Guardian, Miss L. Flintiff; Librarian, Norris Allen. The following teachers for the children's classes are:—Mr. T. Flintiff, Miss V. Sheard, Miss L. Flintiff. The Liberty Group is forming a discussion class without any fixed teacher. Our Lyceum has shown steady progress during the past six months. Our register shows a greater number of scholars, while our average attendance is much higher.—James Crossley, Secretary.

[Please note Rule No. 1.—Ed. L.B.]

**BRIGHTON** (Manchester Street).—Progress satisfactory. Our band still continues to brighten the session by its playing, for which much credit is due to its members. Also the following have ably assisted in our social programme:—Lily Maskell, Joe Brigden, Winnie and Marie West, Jimmy and Charlie Rhodes, Annie Scoggins and Fred Curry.—G. H. Curry, Assistant Secretary.

**BURNLEY** (Hammerton Street).—On Sunday, July 3rd, we held our open session, when we had a very good attendance of scholars and friends. Recitations were given by Miss M. Roberts, Ivy Redman, and Martha Longworth. Solos were rendered by Misses Budge, Anforth, Singleton, Mr. Metcalfe and Mr. Potter. Pianoforte solo by Miss Redman. A reading was given by Mrs. Metcalfe. A short address by our esteemed friend, Mrs. Forrest, who is leaving us for Canada on July 22nd, and our hopes are that she will attain the height of her ambition. We were pleased to see so many friends from other Lyceums.—Mrs. Riley, Secretary.

**CHESTER.**—We held our Anniversary on 26th June, when Mrs. Linger, of Rochdale, was the speaker, and took appropriate subjects for her addresses. The following Lyceumists also took part in the services:—Recitations, "Smile and be contented" and "Life is what you make it," Rene Youll; trios, "Angels lead my footsteps" and "No night there," Norman Priddey, Egerton Snelson and Fred Peacock; recitations, "Jessie's trouble" and "Shortening the baby," Dorothy Price; dialogue, "The presence of angels," Emily Price and Tom Morrison; musical readings—readings taken by Dorothy Price, Emily Price, Rene Youll, Fred Peacock, Norman

Priddey, Jim Morrison and Wm. Meredith. The collections were on behalf of our annual trip, which is fixed to take place on August Bank Holiday to Caergwre.

CHESTERFIELD, OLD ASSEMBLY ROOMS (Low Pavement).—Sunday, the 10th, was open session day. There was a good attendance, and all enjoyed the efforts of the following:—F. Phillpott, C. Fisher, E. Herrot, G. Udall, W. Slater, D. Briggs, G. McDonald, E. Phillpott, gave recitations; E. Bradshaw a vocal solo, and H. Cartledge a pianoforte solo. A poem, which had its origin on the spirit side and was composed in memoriam to King Edward VII., was given by Mr. Johnson, a reading by Mr. Welch ended a good programme.—Brewin, Secretary.

CREWE.—Saturday, July 23rd, was a real sun-day. About 45 turned out for a field ramble, under the leadership of Mr. G. Elkin, of Horwich. We thoroughly searched the hedgerows and sides of ponds, finding nature's jewels on every hand. Being Lyceumists, we were not afraid of asking questions or seeking information. After nearly five hours ramble on a glorious afternoon we returned to the Hall to partake of a tea, kindly provided by the ladies of the Lyceum. Though we had rambled far we were not tired when feeding. Mr. Elkin, after tea, went through the gathered treasures, explaining names and uses of the herbs and flowers. We are all grateful for a truly enjoyable and instructive day.—H. Walker.

CROMPTON.—We opened our monthly session last Sunday, July 24th, which, as usual, was a great success. Solos were rendered by Miss Shepherd, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Standloft, and Miss Burness Fielding gave us a recitation. The marching and calisthenics were gone through and enjoyed very much.—Charles Smith, Secretary.

DERBY (Charnwood Street).—On Sunday, July 3rd, we held our monthly open session, when there was a fairly good attendance of scholars. Various children of the Lyceum gave recitations, songs, etc. Mr. Hardy, Conductor, read an essay from Mr. G. Shepherd, an old Lyceumist, who is in Canada. I am pleased to say that our afternoon Lyceum service is well attended. Members of the Society come and give interesting lessons, which the Lyceumists and the elders appreciate very much.—G. H. Wade, Secretary.

FOLESHILL (Broad Street).—On Sunday, July 17th, we held our annual Flower Service, when Councillor W. H. Grant, of Coventry, was the speaker, who made a splendid appeal for Lyceum work and the training of children. In the morning the Coventry Lyceum paid us a visit, and we held a combined session, which was very much enjoyed by all. The hall was decorated with garden and wild flowers, brought by the Lyceumists. The special hymns were nicely rendered by the children. At the close of the services the flowers were taken to the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital. We are now looking forward to our annual outing to Brandon Park on August 20th.—J. Gibbs, Secretary.

FORDSBURG.—On Sunday morning we held our open session. The singing was very good, also the pearls. There were three very good papers written on the Life of Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten, by George Jose, Harry Jose, and Irene Hammersley. Our Conductor and Mr. Humphreys tell us all about these great men and women, and then they ask us to write papers on them.—Irene Hammersley, age 10 years.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Annual Picnic on Saturday, July 2nd, the drive to Greendale View and tea on arrival being much enjoyed. After tea we had sports, nothing being spared to make the children happy. On Sunday, July 3rd, we held our open session. The silver chain was led by Mr. Thornley. Musical reading was led by Maud Cross, Matilda Crooks and Arthur Holt. The golden chain recitation was led by Mr. Thornley. Recitations were rendered by Nora Wrigley, Arthur Holt and Alfred Ainsworth. A solo was rendered by Edith Birtwistle. Taking all into consideration we had a good session.—Miss Matilda Crooks, Secretary.

GRIMSBY (Strand Street).—The above Lyceum held its anniversary on Sunday, July 3rd, which was well attended. Recitations were rendered in very able manner by Miss Shearsmith, Miss Dolly Stoneman, Misses Gladys, Lui and Nelly Dunn, Miss Dolly Wrightham and Miss Gladys Powell. A dialogue between Miss Shearsmith and Miss Gladys Dunn. A solo, "Let the sunshine in," was very sweetly sung by Miss Hilda Dunn. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. Dunn at all services. Mr. Snellson, to whom we render our very sincere thanks, kindly presided at the organ. Collection £1 8s. 4d.; best yet taken.—Daisy Scott, Secretary.

GLASGOW (Waterloo Street).—On Sunday, 3rd July, we held our open session, Mr. Stoddart, of Falkirk, being the speaker. His address was much appreciated. Mr. D. Wright, Vice-Presi-

dent of the Glasgow Association, gave some interesting remarks on the silver chain recitation. A dialogue, duet, solo, and readings were well rendered by the Lyceumists, while pearls of thought proved very interesting. The marching and calisthenics continue to be a pleasing feature of the Lyceum, and our thanks are due to Miss Jeanie Macaulay and Master James McKillop for their untiring service as pianists for marching. The session proved to be a very pleasant one.—Wm. G. McPherson, Secretary.

HALIFAX (Raven Street).—On Sunday, July 10th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. Mr. Hepworth, of Blackburn, was the speaker for the day. In the morning recitations were given by Misses M. Moorhouse, D. Marvel, A. Ellam, F. Dawson, B. Laycock and G. Helliwell, and a solo by Miss Wagstaff. Mr. Hepworth gave a short address. Mr. Hepworth gave an address in the afternoon on Lyceum work. The evening's subject was Reflections and Anticipations. Bass solos were given by Mr. Shaw, "O thou who rul'st the wind and waves," and by Mr. Firth, "Arm, arm, ye brave," from Judas Maccabæus. Special hymns and anthems were well rendered by the choir. Mr. Marvel occupied the chair. The collections realized £11.—L. Blackburn.

HOLLINWOOD (Byron Street).—On Sunday, July 17th, we held our open sessions. In the afternoon we had our usual routine of Lyceum teaching, with special items. Recitations by Ada Mycock, Nellie Anderson, Alice Hornby, Sarah A. Bradbury, Sarah A. Brownlow, and Eric Brownlow. Solo by Frank Bradbury. Duet by Sarah A. Bradbury and Nellie Anderson. Numerous pearls were given by Lyceumists and friends. In the evening a service of song, entitled "Signal lights," was read by Mr. Carter, of Fails-worth. The musical portion was very well rendered by the choir; also a special anthem, "Lord, I my vows to thee renew." Both sessions were well attended, and the manner in which the Lyceumists did their duties speaks well of their training.—F. Snape, Secretary.

HORWICH.—On July 10th the Anniversary Services of the above were held in the Co-operative Society's Rooms, which were engaged for the occasion, Mr. Mansfield, of Rawtenstall, being the speaker. In the afternoon we held an open session, singing, reading, marching and calisthenics being gone through in a creditable manner, after which Mr. Mansfield spoke a few words. In the evening Mr. Mansfield spoke to a good meeting from the words "Lead us not into temptation." There was a procession of Lyceumists and friends, about 120 walking. We thank the friends from Daisy Hill, Wigan, Bolton and Accrington. On Saturday, July 16th, we held our annual picnic to Blackpool, the day being well spent.

JOHANNESBURG, S.A.—On Sunday evening, 26th June, the Lyceum Anniversary Services were held, along with the Adult Society. We had quite a large audience and went through our regular service under Mr. Foley, conductor. The President of the Society spoke on "Education and Spiritualism." Then we had a social hour. Although it was an enjoyable meeting, we Lyceumists felt sad, as we said farewell to our Musical Director, Miss Gott, who was married the next day. Mr. Doyle, Hon. Treasurer, on behalf of the Society and Lyceum, made her a handsome present; while Solveig Mortensen wished her well for the Lyceum Scholars.—Dorothy Gott, scholar.

LANCASTER.—There has been quite an epoch in the history of our Lyceum. We have just had our annual picnic. Met the Lyceums from the Furness districts at Arnside. Enjoyment and good fellowship was the order, and we all faithfully obeyed. And now we have got a beautiful new room to meet together with our loved ones here and from the Summer-land. And last, but not the least, our new Home was triumphantly opened by the Lyceum Executive Council, and a right royal welcome we tried to give them to shew our appreciation of the noble men and women who had for a lifetime bravely fought the cause of the children. To work! was their command. What shall our answer be?—James Sayle.

LEEDS (Church Street).—We held our Flower Service on June 26th, when Mr. Kitson, D.V., presented a brooch to Elsie Dickenson for reciting. In the afternoon we had an open session, which proved successful. In the evening our Lyceum children rendered a service of song, entitled "Wild Flowers," our late conductor, Sam Crabtree, being the reader. A trio was rendered by three sisters, entitled "Flowers of the garden." Solos were also sung by other scholars. The church was full to hear the children. Afterwards the flowers were given to the inmates of Rothwell Workhouse Hospital. This brought our day's enjoyment to a close.—Albert Harrison, Assistant Conductor.

**LEEDS, EAST (Easy Road).**—On Sunday, June 27th, we held our half-yearly election of officers. Miss Warburton was elected Conductor, with Mr. F. Shepherd and Mr. F. Warburton assistants. Mr. J. Croll was re-elected Secretary, and Miss S. Warburton, Treasurer. The Leaders are Mr. Harrison and Miss A. Noble. The Guards elected were Miss N. Walton, Miss G. Duncanson, Mr. G. Ingle, and Master H. Warburton, with Miss N. Ingle as Captain of Guards. Mrs. Armitage, Guardian; Mrs. Wilson, Visitor. The Lyceum is progressing favourably, but we are hampered for more marching room.—J. Croll, Sec.

**LINCOLN (Coultham Street).**—Sunday, June 26th, was our election of officers, the following being elected for the ensuing six months:—Conductors, Mr. Fred Nicholson and Miss D. Roberts; Musical Conductor, H. C. Dobby; Guardians, Master T. Claydon and Miss A. Bush; Secretary, H. C. Dobby; Treasurer, Master T. Claydon. Liberty Group, Mr. Fred Nicholson. Other groups as follows:—Miss A. Hopewell, Miss A. Bush, Master Walter Albans, Miss D. Roberts, Miss G. Hopewell, Master T. Claydon. Sunday, July 3rd, open session. Recitations, etc., were ably rendered by various members of the Lyceum. Saturday, August 20th, we hope to visit Cleethorpes for our annual outing, when a good time is anticipated. Progress is very slow at present in the movement here.—H. C. Dobby, Secretary.

**LONDON, FULHAM.**—On Saturday, July 16th, the above Lyceum, with many visitors, spent a most enjoyable afternoon at Wimbledon Common. It was a glorious day; both young and old joined in the many games with heart and vigour. Tea was provided in the open, after which parties separated, some for a roam in the woods, others staying to take part in cricket, rounders and other games. At 8-30 we started for home, having enjoyed ourselves immensely. On the following Sunday we had a pleasant session, with Mr. Smythe and Miss Cole, for we all enjoy a few words from our Chiswick Conductors. Throughout the month recitations have been heartily given by Doris and "Bobbie" Spiller, Edie Rogers, Sophie Johns and many others.—Sophie Johns.

**MACCLESFIELD.**—On Sunday, July 10th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services, Mr. Will Phillips being the speaker. In the morning there was a well attended Lyceum, and good audiences in the afternoon and evening. Special music was rendered by an orchestra of 25 performers, conducted by Mr. T. Albinson. The collections for the day realized about £10. On Saturday, July 23rd, the annual field treat was held, when about 60 Lyceumists and friends indulged in the various amusements provided for the occasion, the party breaking up about 8-30, having spent a very enjoyable time together. We are indebted to our good friends, Mrs. Challiner, Mrs. Rushton and Mrs. Hirst for their valuable assistance in catering for our physical necessities.—Wm. Albinson.

**MANCHESTER (Collyhurst).**—On Sunday, June 26th, we celebrated our 23rd anniversary. We were favoured by the presence of Mr. Kitson as speaker for the day. Morning session well attended. Mr. Kitson addressed the scholars. His remarks on "Temper and how to control it" were greatly appreciated by the children. Miss Annie Anyon sang "Swiftly time is bearing us away." Afternoon we had a grand meeting. We beg to thank the many visitors from Lyceums in the district for their support and presence. Mr. Kitson again addressed the scholars and parents. His remarks were well selected. Recitations by Lavinia Pearce and Lizzie Prince. Solos by Misses Rhodes, Carr and Anyon, and Mr. Hume. At the evening service Mr. Kitson reviewed Spiritualism and Lyceum work.—J. Parkinson, Secretary.

[Please note Rule No. 3.—Ed. L.B.]

**MANCHESTER (Princess Road).**—On July 3rd we held our election of officers for the ensuing six months:—Conductor, Mr. Garner; Assistant, Mr. Evans; Treasurer, Mr. Hepton; Trustees, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Cridland; Musical Directors, Mr. John Garner, Miss Garner; Auditors, Mr. Garner, Mr. Dempster; Guardian, Miss Cecilia Jenkins; Marching Conductor, Mr. Cridland; Assistant, Mr. Lister; Calisthenic Conductor, Miss Jenkins; Absentee and Sick Visitor, Miss Hardcastle; Delegates (Council), Mr. Hepton, Mr. Lister; Card Marker, Miss Hardcastle; "Lotus Group" teacher, Miss Hardcastle; "Snowdrop Group" teacher, Miss Henley. On July 10th the following recitations were nicely rendered:—Miss Jenkins, "The children's hour"; Mabel Jenkins, "Sweet little doll"; Elsie Jackson, "The daffodil"; Cyril Potter, "Only an apple."—Norman Lister, Secretary.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**—On July 12th the Band of Hope members gave a grand concert in aid of the Church Funds. The cantata, "White Garland" was very prettily and effectively presented by thirteen girls and three boys. Miss Minnie Bessant

made an ideal Queen. But far more pretty were the spirit children, seen clairvoyantly, mingling among the performers. They were too beautiful to describe. The Fowler's mandoline party and comedian items were well appreciated. The rustic farce, "Wild oats," caused much laughter. Mr. C. H. Roeder presided. The Rev. Geo. Coles moved a vote of thanks. Mrs. Naylor, the late D.V., in seconding, expressed her great pleasure with the way the children had acquitted themselves.—Mrs. M. H. Naylor.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, HEATON AND BYKER.**—On July 3rd we held our open session, at which we had solos, recitations and a duet by the children, after which our Conductor presented 42 books as prizes to the children who had taken part at the anniversary which was held on June 6th. We were pleased to see so many adults present, and I think every one spent a pleasant afternoon.—Mrs. Hunter, Secretary.

**NEWCASTLE (Rutherford Street).**—On Sunday, July 3rd, we held our open session, when an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The following solos and duets were ably rendered:—"We are trying to follow the angels," by Miss Tweedie; "Oh, scatter seeds of loving deeds," by Mr. Brinklow, and a duet, "Bringing in the sheaves," by Misses Harlow and Adams. Also we were given a recitation, "Living in love," by Master James Adams, all of which were well appreciated. Our Conductor, Secretary and Treasurer all resigned their positions, when the following were elected in their places. Mr. Brinklow, Conductor; Miss A. D. Adams, Secretary; and Mrs. A. Cowling, Treasurer.—Miss A. D. Adams, Secretary.

**NEW SHILDON.**—On Sundays July 3rd and 10th, we held our Anniversary Services, being the first we have held in our New Church in Newlands Avenue, New Shildon. The services for the first Sunday were presided over by Mr. Brown, of Stockton. The second Sunday services were conducted by Miss James, our Lyceum Conductor. The following programme was well rendered:—Recitations by Miss Copping, Florence Christopher, Emily Harris, Maggie Gardiner, Mary J. Harris, Clara B. Mason, Alice Gregory, Bertha Dickinson, Annie Chappell, Olive Bell, Sarah A. Smith, Elsie Chappell and E. Peat, Percy Johnstone, Ralph Storey, Jon. Kirkbride, Alec Kirkbride, and James Chappell. Solos were given by Annie Chappell and Florence Christopher, and a duet by Misses M. Copping and E. Peat.—E. Peat, Secretary.

**NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics' Hall).**—June 26th Lyceum Anniversary was held at 10-30 and 6-30. We had good audiences at both services. The following items were gone through: Recitations by Ivy Brown, Louisa Farnath, Edith Farnath and Cecil Coles. Solos by Mrs. P. Farnath and Miss A. Dexter. A duet was also sung by these two. A musical dialogue, entitled "Emblems of God," written by Miss V. Rayner, and music adapted to the songs by Mr. Rayner, was given by V. Rayner and 9 children. July 16th, the annual party of Lyceum and Society combined was held at Bulwell Hall. We had over 100 sitting down to tea. The usual sports and games were indulged in. The weather was fine, but rather cold.—Lewis Cooke, Secretary.

**OLDHAM (Elliott Street).**—We are doing our level best to keep this Lyceum interesting and instructive. We are having socials and rambles on Saturdays that are binding us together. Mr. Horsman, our Conductor, is taking active interest, and our sessions are enthusiastic and bright. We have many splendid singers, but one thing we are lacking is a choir. Our Church is now up-to-date, many improvements having taken place, the principal being a new floor. We had an open session and service of song, entitled "Rest at last." The reading was well rendered by Miss Ada Stott. Our attendance is fair and we are hoping for many of the old Lyceumists to take their places again in the Lyceum.—R. W. Johnstone, Secretary.

**OLDHAM (Union Street).**—On Sunday, June 26th, we held our annual meeting for the election of officers for the next twelve months, when the following appointments were made:—Conductor, Mr. Lester; Assistants, Mr. I. Leonard and Miss F. Baguley; Treasurer, Mr. Standish; Secretary, Mr. Chisnall; Calisthenics Conductors, Mr. Brierley and Miss Warburton; Assistants, Mr. W. Lester and Miss A. Baguley; Guardians, Kelsey Stott, John Wood, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss H. Baguley; Musical Conductor, Mr. Baguley. In the afternoon we had a splendid session. Solos, recitations, pearls were given freely by the members. After marching and calisthenics we formed into groups. Children's group led by Mrs. Greenwood and Miss Baguley; junior group, Mr. Lester and Mr. Brierley; liberty group, Mr. Standish.—Mr. Chisnall, Secretary.

**PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).**—We held our open session on Sunday, July 10th, with about 70 scholars and visitors present. The golden and silver chains were well responded to. Recita-

tions were given by Nellie Spencer, Mary Alice Margison, Fanny Tattersall, Mabel Cartmell, Beatrice Pask, Annie Beetham, Bessie Coupe and Amy Coupe. Song by Elizabeth Higginbottom. Miss M. I. Airey, who has been our musical director since the opening of the Lyceum, paid us a farewell visit, prior to going to Canada. The Lyceum, through the Conductor, Mr. Margison, presented her with a beautiful biscuit barrel and half a dozen silver tea spoons. He also wished her good luck. The Lyceum showed their appreciation in the usual way.—Mrs. E. A. Margison, Secretary.

RISHTON (Eachill Road).—We held our open session on July 3rd, conducted by Mr. Howorth. The marching and calisthenics were gone through. Ernest Holden led silver chain recitation, "Nature's Revelation." Several Lyceumists took part in musical reading, "Angel Care." Eva Green sang "The hill of progress," and the following recitations were well recited:—Willie Plant, "My native land"; Lizzie Cunliffe, "Lord Ullin's daughter"; Harriet A. Holden, "Character"; "How to dress," by Willie Hindle, a Nelson Lyceumist. A number of pearls brought the session to a close. A library has been formed in connection with our Lyceum.—Meta H. Cunliffe, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Regent Street).—On July 3rd we held our open session, when a good number of Lyceumists were present. Mr. Seanor conducted. Also we had Mr. Lester, Mr. Lord and Mr. Shaw to speak to us. They spoke chiefly on the Lyceum Manual and the teachings that could be learned from it. Afterwards we had pearls and recitations. Also a solo was sung by Mr. R. Eastwood, which brought the session to a close. There was a record attendance, many members of Society and friends being present.—W. Briggs.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—On Sunday, July 3rd, we held our usual open session, Mr. Gartay conducting. There was a fair attendance considering the very unsettled weather. Recitations were given by the following Lyceumists:—Elsie Vernon, Elsie Hossel, Annie Bidley, Edith and Ethel Metcalfe, and Mrs. Jones. There was also a good number of pearls. Marching and calisthenics very good, Mr. Smith conducting.—C. Dalton, Secretary.

ROYTON (Union Street).—On Saturday, July 16th, our Lyceumists had a pleasant ramble to Doghill Pleasure Grounds, Shaw. On the following Sunday we held our open session. The following programme was gone through:—Hymn, "Life is onward"; Invocation by Miss Heywood; hymn, "Clap your hands," after which the Lyceumists responded to the following silver chain, musical reading and golden chain recitation. Solos were sung by May Haslam, "Little words of kindness" (tune composed by H. Buckley, our organist), and Frank Jones, "There's rest for thee." Recitations were given by May Garside and Leslie Holmes. The Lyceumists went through their marching and calisthenics in a pleasing manner. We thank all friends who came from other Lyceums to help us.—E. Haslam, Conductor.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—On June 26th, at the afternoon session, H. J. Webster, the president, presented a copy of the *Spiritual Songster* to W. H. Bowmer for collecting 17/-, the highest amount towards the Whitsuntide trip. On June 30th the Unitarian friends of Attercliffe gave us a dramatic entertainment, and was much appreciated by a good audience. Our thanks are due to all the friends who so generously assisted in this noble effort, and we hope to be able to reciprocate this good action at an early date. On July 24th we held our quarterly open session, conducted by J. K. Jones. The marching and calisthenics were well rendered. The evening session was conducted by officers, with short and inspiring addresses, and recitations by the Lyceumists.—H. Bowmer, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Darnall and District).—On Sunday and Monday, July 3rd and 4th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. Recitations were ably rendered by the following Lyceumists:—Florence Dalby, Evelyn Goody, Jenny Standage, Bertha Raynor, Florence Hancox, Dorothy Smith, Albert Ford, Walter Standage, and our blind Lyceumist, Wm. Hy. Gregory, who also read a chapter from his Braille type Gospel. Mr. Drew Thornley, speaker, kindly responded to all hymns and recitations, and entire satisfaction was expressed with his address. In closing Monday's service Mr. J. Hughes proposed a vote of thanks to all who helped in making the anniversary a success, and Mr. Reg. Bowmer, seconding, asked for more help and interest from adults of the Society.—Mr. W. Lee, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—Sunday, July 3rd, open session conducted by B. Swinden. Good attendance. Solos by Miss Brooks and Richard Vernon. Recitations: Evelyn Hempstock, Nellie Atkins, Doris Horton, Florence Vernon, Jessie Arnold,

Bernard Swinden, Alfred Beardoe, Jack Richards, J. Beardoe, H. J. Truelove; and reading by Thomas Ibbotson. Closing hymn, "Shoulder to shoulder," brought a most pleasant and orderly session to a close. Sunday, July 10th, conductor, Mr. Brooks. In the afternoon Mr. Walter Howell, of Birmingham, answered questions offered by members of Liberty Group in a most satisfactory manner.—G. Stevenson, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—On Sunday, July 17th, Mr. Rook, of Manchester, spoke to the Liberty Group, and was greatly appreciated. On Sunday, July 24th, Mrs. Gilbert, of Manchester, spoke to the Liberty Group. Although we have only had two sessions since the formation of groups we are making great improvement, and much interest and enthusiasm is being displayed by all. Through the kindness of some of our mediums we are arranging a series of subjects for the Liberty Group which will be interesting and instructive. We have had visitors from the following Lyceums during this month:—Burnley, Brighouse, Darwen and Keighley. Mr. Beardsworth, President of the parent society, takes a great interest in our Lyceum, which is, of course, very encouraging. We hope by this time next year to rank with some of our leading Lyceums.—Miss V. M. Saunders, Secretary.

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SOWERBY BRIDGE (Hollins Lane).—On Sunday, June 26th, a most pleasing ceremony was performed by Mr. R. W. Wilson; that of naming the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barraclough, giving it the name of Hugh Booth. It was the first baby Mr. Wilson had named, and we were all delighted with the charming manner he carried out his duty. On Sunday morning, July 24th, Mr. T. H. Wright presented to Miss Florence Booth a beautiful dressing case as a token of love and esteem from the members of the Lyceum. We are all very sorry to lose Florence, who is going to reside at Bradford, and we hope that our friends there will find her as useful as she has been at Sowerby Bridge.—Joe Steel, Secretary.

TODMORDEN, RIVERSIDE (Patmos).—On Sunday, July 3rd, we held our Lyceum open session. The following programme was gone through:—Recitation, Miss Bertha Lee; song, Miss Nellie Jones; a reading, Mr. Edw. Clapham; duet, Masters Harold Firth and Ben Pellowe; duet, Misses Betsy A. Crossley and Edith Skerret; trio, Misses Bertha Lee, Lavinia Sutcliffe and Sarah A. Stephenson; duet, Miss Florrie Fielden and Mrs. Wilson; song, Miss Maggie Greenwood; duet, Masters Robert Ogden and William Sutcliffe; dialogue, Misses Bertha Lee and Sarah A. Stephenson; quartette, Misses Betsy A. Crossley, Edith Skerret, Florrie Fielden and Mrs. Wilson; recitation, Miss Ruth Sutcliffe; recitation, Master Robert Ogden. We also held our annual field day on Saturday, July 23rd. We had an enjoyable time.—Leonard Sutcliffe, Secretary.

ULVERSTON.—On Sunday, July 10th, we had a very enjoyable open session, "The Hall of Progress" making a good opening hymn. The chain recitations, musical readings, marching and calisthenics were very well rendered. A capital programme of songs and recitations was given by the children. Those taking part were:—Recitations, Miss Pennington, Sarah Pennington, Harry Taylor, Selina and May Miller, Poppie and Beatie Tyre, Annie Miller, May Coward, Ernest Casson, Doris Taylor, and golden chain by Alice and Elsie Rooke. Songs, May Pennington, Daisy and Nellie Hoggett. Collections good. Capital address by Mr. J. Owen, of Barrow.—W. Mather, Con.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—The members of the above Society opened their Lyceum on Sunday, July 17th. Mr. C. Harrison, Stockton, the District Visitor for the district, was conductor for the opening session. There were present Mr. Brown, of Stockton, and Mr. Cowell-Pugh, of Middlesbrough, the Secretary for the District Council. The Session was very well attended, there being between 40 and 50 adults and children present. Everybody expressed delight at the work which the children did, and the visitors congratulated the members, and added that they thought they must have been practicing beforehand.—B. Blackburn, Secretary.

WEST PELTON.—On Sundays, June 26th and July 3rd, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, which was well addressed by Mr. Robinson, of West Stanley, and Mr. Gransbury, Conductor of our Lyceum. We had bright and enjoyable services. The programme consisted of special hymns, dialogues, recitations, and solos, children's song; golden chain recitation, "The religion of life"; musical reading, "The voyage of life," and the silver chain recitation, "The beautiful shore." Musical conductor, Mr. Frank James. Proceeds in aid of Lyceum funds. Also on July 23rd we held our Lyceum treat to South Shields in brakes. The weather was not over bright, yet we had an enjoyable day. There were 45 children and friends, who rendered many beautiful hymns on our way.—Mrs. Hick, Sec.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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

**Accrington**, Carter-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss E. A. Whittle, 58, Paxton-street  
**Accrington**, China-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Leach, 26, China-street  
**Altrincham**, 15, Kingsway (late Stamford-street), 2-30 p.m., Miss Harris, 27, Place-road.  
**Armley**, Theaker-lane, 10 a.m. and 2-15 Mr. John Warrington, jr., 23, Thornville Crescent, Brudenell-road, Leeds.  
**Ashington**, 2 p.m. Miss Kate Wilson, 23, Fifth Row, Ashington, via Morpeth  
**Ashton-under-Lyne**, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Dransfield, 13, Russell street, Hurst  
**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**, Car-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Walter Hartley, 7, Mount terrace, Batley  
**Belper**, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside  
**Birkenhead**, Co-op. Hall, Catherine street 11 a.m. Mr. John Parry, 66, Town-road, Hr. Tranmere.  
**Birmingham**, 52, Crawford-street, Saltley, 3-0. Mr. H. Reeves, 115, Rocky-lane, Nechells  
**Birmingham**, Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road, Smethwick  
**Blackburn**, Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. W. Hastings, 20, Charlotte street  
**Blackburn**, St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. Herbert Robinson, 97, Ingham-street.  
**Blackpool**, Albert-road, 9-30 a.m. Mr. G. W. Garlick, 91, Whitegate Drive  
**Bolton**, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Robert Wilson, 42, Lever Street  
**Bolton**, Commission-street, 10 a.m. Miss E. Roston, 65, High street  
**Bradford**, Laisterdyke, Bradford-lane, 10 and 1-30. Mr. James Babbs, 4, Walnut-st., Leeds-road  
**Bradford**, Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10 a.m. Miss F. Beanland, 193, Priestman-street, Manningham  
**Bradford**, Little Horton, Star-street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. W. Robinson, 9, Spicer-street, Little Horton  
**Bradford**, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Edith Flatt, 75, 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 Appley, 4, Chapel-street, nr. Burnley.  
**Brighouse**, Martin-street, 10 and 2. Mr. James Crossley, 14, Bryan s'treet, Rastrick  
**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. John Laycock, 16, Renshaw street  
**Burton-on-Trent**, Hurlinglow-wharf, 10 and 2-45. Mr. H. Brownhall, 18, Derby-road  
**Bury**, off Paradise-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Joseph Wood, 23, Lima-street, Huntley Brook.  
**Cardiff**, 58, Queen-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Wm. E. Jones, 2, Eclipse-street, Roath  
**Castleford**, Joseph-street, 10-15 and 1-30. Mr. Joseph Field 75, Amblar-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 treet.  
**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. George Bryan, 16, Stone street, Westgate  
**Colne**, Cloth-hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Nicholson Jobling, 13, Lords treet  
**Crewe**, Mill-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Henry Walker, 26, Stamford-avenue  
**Crompton**, Rochdale-rd., 10 and 2. Mr. Charles Smith, 15, Oak-street, Shaw, near Oldham.  
**Daisy Hill**, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Walter Shepherd, 147, Hindley Road, near Bolton  
**Darlington**, Bondgate, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. W. S. Jubb, 92, Northgate.  
**Darwen**, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 10, Pine Street  
**Dearnley**, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mr. Ernest Dean, 84, William-street, Featherstall, Littleborough.  
**Derby**, Charnwood-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-street, Elmfield.  
**Doncaster**, Wood-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. Smith, 89, Albany-road  
**Dukinfield**, Railway-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm Gartside, 20, West Street  
**Dundee**, Barrack-street, 12-30 a.m. Mr. John Miller, 80, Ward-road  
**Dundee**, Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss Ina Fleming, 14, Arthursone Terrace  
**Earlston**, Earle-street, Co-operative Hall, 1-45 p.m. Mr. Walter Duncan, 18, Chandos-street, near Newton le-Willows  
**Edinburgh**, Society of Arts Hall, 117, George Street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. David Niven, 43, Morrison-street  
**Elland**, James-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Marsden, 82, Langdale Street  
**Foleshill**, Broad Street, 10-30 a.m., Mr. James Gibbs, 42, Argyle street, Coventry  
**Fordsburg**, Main-street, 11 a.m. Mr. R. J. Thomas, 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 Matilda Crooks, 3, Back Church st., nr Blackburn  
**Grimbsy**, Strand-street, 2 p.m. Miss Daisy Scott, 75 Blundell Avenue, New Cleethorpes  
**Hadfield**, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Chorley, 5, Marlow-street, near Manchester.  
**Halifax**, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Townsend, 4, Green Terrace Square, Savile Park.  
**Halifax**, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. Levi Blackburn, 16, Luton street, Queen's road  
**Heaton Norris**, Baker-street, 10 and 2. Mrs. J. Williams, 60, Lancaster Hill, Stockport.  
**Hebden Bridge**, Victoria Hall, Cheetham Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. G. Uttley, Dale View, Mytholm-royd, S.O. Yorks.  
**Heckmondwike**, Tower Street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. W. R. Lunn, Co-op. Buildings, Huddersfield-road, Liversedge  
**Heywood**, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. John G. Watkinson, 26, York street  
**Higher Broughton**, Hilton-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. G. F. James, 69, Hilton-street, Manchester.  
**Hindley**, Bridge-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. R. Barrington, 209, Sandy Lane, near Wigan.  
**Hollinwood**, Byrom-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Fred Snape, 91, Chapel road, near Oldham  
**Hollinwood**, Hudson-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Percy Lee<sup>9</sup> 320, Ashton-road, East, Failsworth, Manchester  
**Horwich**, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. Mr. E. Fernihough, 52, Richmond streer, 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, Claremont-avenue, Nicholson-street  
**Hyde**, Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss G. Bottomley, 64, Clarendon street  
**Jarrow**, Market-square, 2 p.m. Miss Alice Greaves, 31 Beech street  
**Johannesburg**, 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, Freshold  
**Leeds**, Bethel-street, 10 a.m. Miss F. Woodhead, 22, Furton street, Dewsbury road  
**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 Hes<sup>9</sup>, 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**, Progressive Hall, Coultham street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. Harry C. Dobby, 50, Park street  
**Littletown**, Well-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss Florence Brook, 4, Ramsden-street, Littletown, nr. Liversedge.  
**Liverpool**, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Rodgers, 45, Tunstall-street, Smithdown-road.  
**Liverpool**, 2, Romer-road, Kensington, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Wm. Cretnev, 21, Chantry-street, Edge Hill  
**Liverpool**, South, 83a, Windsor street. Mr. Richard M. Kirvig, 18, Swiss street, High Park street  
**London**, Battersea, Henley-street, 3 p.m. Miss Goodwing, 119, Trevelyan road, Tooting  
**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. Miss Emily Glennie, 48, Rusheim Ave., Manor Park  
**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, Neir 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, 223, Radnor-street, Hulme.