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## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### Report of the Executive Council's Visit to Macclesfield.

The Executive's visit, on October 8 and 9 to the above town, long noted for its silk industry, was memorable in more ways than one.

A number of energetic young men and women were at the station to meet the members and conduct them to the Macclesfield Spiritual Church, a fine brick building capable of seating 500 people, well lighted, and well appointed ante-rooms, etc.

On entering the church the first thing of interest to catch the eye was the certificate of membership, No. 8, with the Lyceum Union, bearing date October 9th, 1890—just 20 years ago. This forcibly reminded one of the early days of stress and struggle, during which the Macclesfield friends, though isolated from other Lyceums—the nearest (Stockport) being fourteen miles away—have remained faithful members and earnest workers.

At the church, the members were greeted and welcomed by a number of the old pioneers. On the walls were portraits of others who had been promoted to the Summerland, who, no doubt, were present in spirit, and helped to infuse joy and gladness into the hearts and minds of the entire company.

General regret at the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Law, and Mr. Kersey owing to sickness, was felt, and good wishes on their behalf were instantly despatched, per "telepathy" quick service.

After refreshments, during which many "pleasantries" were exchanged, the Executive retired to deal with the vital business of the B.S.L.U., which kept them closeted in the ante-room till 10 p.m., during which time the various reports were presented, considered, and adopted.

A suggestion to have the leaflet, "A Lyceum: what it is," electrotyped, by which means orders for 500 copies and upwards can be sold at the advertised prices, with the name of the Lyceum, and its time of session printed on free of extra charge, was accepted.

Also, a suggestion that the offer of the book, "*Some Reminiscences*," by the late Alfred Smedley, be reduced from 50 copies to 25 at 6d. each, carriage paid, in order to give small Lyceums a chance to benefit by the same, was accepted.

Applications for membership were considered, and ordered to be enrolled, from the following Lyceums: Blackburn (Mount Street), Bradford (Chapel Street), Coventry (Bull Street), and West Hartlepool (Barnard Street).

Terms of an American Agency as per recommendation of the Conference, were finally decided upon; as, also, was a recommendation to the Trustees *re* the Deed of Trust of the *Manual* and *Songster*. Both of them were very important items.

## SUNDAY MORNING.

There was a good attendance of Lyceumists and visitors. "Shoulder to shoulder," was sung with true heartiness and fervour, followed by an earnest invocation for guidance and inspiration during the day.

Mr. Albinson, conductor, commented on the presence of the Executive, and how pleased they were at the bright prospects of the occasion. He extended a hearty welcome to them on behalf of the Lyceum and Society.

Five little girls then stepped into the centre of the Lyceum, and sweetly sang a song of "Welcome." Other scholars recited 'welcomes' to the various officers, etc. A little boy and girl presented them with a 'button-hole' flower, in honour of the visit. Then as a climax of love and appreciation, the conductor invited the president (Mrs. Nurse), to conduct the session.

After acknowledging the 'welcomes,' and the various acts and tokens of kindness, amongst which was a beautiful bouquet of flowers, the session was proceeded with to a successful issue. Miss Gladys Duffield sweetly rendered "Angels ever bright and fair," accompanist Mrs. Pimblott, whose rare touch and fine judgment as an accompanist is a treat to hear. The musical reading, chain recitations, and comments thereon, along with a good supply of pearls helped to make the session an intellectual and spiritual feast.

The interest of the afternoon and evening services was greatly enhanced by an orchestra of 25 performers, who ably rendered overtures and other classical musical selections, ably conducted by Mr. Albinson. Whatever may be said of the addresses the musical portion of the services was a real treat.

The President, Mrs. Nurse, in her brief address explained the nature of the visit of the Executive Council as being two fold: first to transact the important business of the Lyceum Union on the Saturday, and second, hold propaganda meetings on the Sunday, by which they hoped to give an impetus to the Lyceum work.

Mr. Latham in his opening remarks commented on the wonderful change that had come over public opinion in regard to Spiritualism during the last 30 years, as evidenced by the presence of such an array of musical talent they had just listened to. Spiritualism had taken away the fear of death, because it had removed the uncertainty that had gathered around that event, which was a great gain. They were desirous of impressing other people with the importance of that gain, because it would bring confidence into their minds, where now was fear and dread. He dwelt at some length on the reformation that could be effected if all sects and parties would meet and work together on the broad principle of the brotherhood of man. Spiritualism had taught him to look upon the sacred duties of parentage, not in a selfish view as to how much monetary benefit he could

derive from the labours of his children, but as to how he could best help them to a full unfoldment of their various talents, so as to equip them for their duties in life when they reached man's estate. He desired to impress the importance of parental duty upon all present, and so help to broaden the views of responsibilities of life and break down the narrow, selfish views that at present surrounded them.

The President commented on the help and benefit of the Lyceum training, not only to herself, but to her son, who had just been called upon to take up a situation away from home, and as a mother, anxious for her son's welfare, during a confidential interview with him on the dangers and temptations that would assail him, she had been delighted at finding how deeply the Lyceum teachings had taken hold of his mind and heart.

Mr. Albert Wilkinson, who at much personal inconvenience had travelled from Nelson that morning, commented on the wonderful power of 'Love,' which is a chain that binds people and nations together more effectively than chains could do. Love appeals to the child's heart, and draws forth its trust and confidence. It is stronger than death. If people could only realise that their fathers, mothers, and relations were near them, although unseen by mortal eyes, they would often hesitate before they did wrong under the impression that no one saw them, no one knew. This fact, if more fully realised, would help to reform the world.

Mr. A. Kitson remarked on the fact that it was nineteen years since his previous visit to Macclesfield, and on the wonderful changes that had been effected in the Lyceum movement during that time. The splendid overture they had just listened to had strangely affected him. It had reminded him of a time when he was a member of a string band playing those fine overtures, and how the claims of the Lyceum had grown until the time had arrived when he had to decide between letting the music go or the children. But although his sense of duty to the children conquered he still retained his love of music, which had not lost its power to thrill his whole being, and he thanked the friends behind him for the rare treat they had given him.

#### EVENING MEETING.

After a brief introduction by the President, Mr. E. A. Keeling delivered himself of a very spirited address, during which he said God demonstrated himself throughout nature and is ever working for goodness. If in reading and studying their Bible they had not been convinced they were immortal beings it had done them no good. He wanted to impress upon them the fact that no sect or party had all the truth, therefore they must show toleration to others, and be desirous of learning any good they had to teach. The truth Spiritualists had to offer them they could not obtain elsewhere. Spiritualists had proved "There is no death in God's wide world." This fact is of vital importance to all who fully realise it, as it had a wonderful bearing on their daily lives when taken in connection with the fact that man is under the law of personal responsibility for all his actions, thoughts and words.

Mr. Councillor J. Venables said they came amongst them to urge them to continue the grand work for the children. It was through death entering his home that brought him into Spiritualism. He had had

communications with his arisen sister and dear mother, and he knew they were not dead, but continued to live and care for all those they had left to fight the battle of life. No other religion could afford the comfort and consolation which Spiritualism could. And it was equally valuable to the children, for it proved that guardian angels were watching over and guiding them through life.

Mr. R. A. Owen commented on the effect of harmony and instanced the combined effect of the various instruments present and the beautiful music or harmony they had rendered. He also instanced the beauties of the district and the variety of flowers. Even the little daisy contributed its share to the grand combination of floral harmony. And so it was in daily life. It was the little things, the little trivialities of daily life faithfully performed that went to make up the grand total of life's harmonies and character which was so essential to all.

Mr. Wilkinson ably addressed an after meeting on "How he became a Spiritualist." His 35 minutes' address was deeply interesting and evoked several questions at the close to elicit more information on the engrossing subject.

#### IN COMMEMORATION OF THE PENDLETON FORD LANE LYCEUM, 21ST ANNIVERSARY.

By Miss A. COLLINS.

Our great anniversary has come round at last,  
Let us stand and take a survey of the past,  
Have we risen or fallen, have we struggled and tried  
To be first in the field and stand firm tho' we died?  
In the good days of old, when knights were bold,  
Who girded on armour of silver and gold,  
To fight for the Lord and his glorious word,  
And kill men in thousands with the sharp sword.  
And the years rolled away, and darkness held sway,  
The earth was surrounded with sin and decay.  
No light came to bless and cheer the oppressed,  
Till angels broke thro' and settled the rest.  
They came to the people and tried to get through,  
And tell to the world the good things they knew;  
But those who received them were burned at the  
stake,  
And so for a time they had to labour and wait.  
But they did not wait long for they knocked at  
Hydesville  
In the night when the children were quiet and still,  
And they talked to the children, though not to  
amuse,  
And they wakened the household to tell them the  
news.  
They stayed there awhile, then went further afield,  
For they knew in the end the foe would yield.  
So they tackled the church with its glorious array,  
And said to the clergy 'we've come here to stay.'  
They then went to the scientists, good men and true,  
To see if with them any good they could do.  
They kept on their knocking until they got in,  
Then said, 'now we're here, we are going to win.'  
Then they started again on another fine track,  
For they found that the children were being kept  
back.  
So they searched all round, and by some means or  
other,  
They found they could use A. J. Davis, our brother.

So the Lyceum was founded, and what has it done?  
 Taken fear from the children and made them feel  
 strong,  
 It will make chaste and pure the young man and  
 maid,  
 And teach them to help the fallen who've strayed.  
 It pictures to children the sweet joys of God's  
 heaven,  
 It tells them of gifts which nature has given,  
 It says that morals are better than gold,  
 For gold cannot buy them, their worth is untold.  
 So we welcome our Lyceum's coming of age,  
 And we'll start right away on another clear page.  
 We'll keep its fair surface all spotless and white,  
 I think we can manage it, don't you? All right.

### THE LYCEUM MOVEMENT IN AMERICA.

Dear Friend Kitson,

The Spiritualists of the United States assembled at the Annual Convention responded to the call of the children. It gives me pleasure to say that in no convention of the N.S.A., during the 17 years I have attended them, has there been any such demonstration of enthusiasm in the interests of Lyceum work as has been manifested in this convention, when from first to last the Lyceum was the key note of the whole convention. I am sure that our beloved founder rejoices to know his labour for the children has at last made a fitting response in the hearts of our American Spiritualists. Surely the day is beginning to dawn when we will be as united as our cousins across the water in the prosecution of this heavenly work. **LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR THE CHILDREN.**

With greetings to all my co-workers across the sea, yours for the children,

M. E. CADWALLADER.

San Francisco, October 11th, 1910.

### PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

#### AN APPEAL.

The fund of the P.S.F. is still before us, and the "card of appeal" has been sent to all Lyceums and previous private subscribers, with the result that the list for October up to the 25th is as follows: Leeds Psycho Lyceum, 5/-; Mr. Geo. Horsefall, 5/-; Mr. J. Venables, £1 1s.; Mr. J. Robertson, £1 1s.; Mrs. Entwisle, 2/-; Mrs. Thompson, 2/6; Bolton (Bradford Street) Lyceum, 5/-; Mr. Davis, 2/6; Mr. Walker, 2/6; Mr. J. Venables, Jun., 2/-; Collyhurst Lyceum, 5/-; and Rawtenstall Lyceum, 5/-. I hope the fund will receive the continued help and support of all friends who have helped in the past, so that the result at the end of 1910 will come up to previous efforts, if not exceed them. May I correct an impression that is abroad, namely, that the P.S.F. was provided for at last Conference, and beg to state that such was not the case, and that the E.C. is depending upon your generous support as in the past.

All donations, great and small, will be gratefully acknowledged by

Yours faithfully,  
 MARY LAW, Sec., pro tem.

### BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above held a meeting at Boynton Street, Bradford, on Sunday, October 16th. We were pleased to have the presence of Mr. Barnes, representing Temperance Hall Lyceum. The report of the E.C. visit to Windhill was submitted, and proved that the visit had done a great deal of good.

Re the B.S.L.U. Annual, 1911: The D.C. and Ivy Rooms Lyceum had previously arranged that joint committee be formed to organise details, etc., and, as Ivy Rooms had held meetings without our knowledge it was decided that the Secretary must write to them, telling them that if they are not prepared to form a Committee to work the B.S.L.U. on proper lines, we, the D.C., would not have anything to do with it. Mr. Barnes, Mr. Lightowler, and Mr. Arnold were appointed to frame some rules for the 1911 "Lyceum Examinations." Messrs. Ramsden and Birdsall were elected delegates to U.D.C.

*Resolved* that the following motion be submitted to the U.D.C. for consideration, with a view of amending the Constitution, 1912:—That the D.C. should be able to invite the B.S.L.U. through Lyceums, the responsibility to rest with the D.C. Mr. Rau is again our nominee for the B.S.L.U. E.C.

*Resolved* that we send a deputation to Yeaddon, with a view of re-establishing a Lyceum. Messrs. Arnold, Birdsall, Barnes, Carter and Rau to form the deputation.

*Decided.* That we try to open a Lyceum at Farsley and supply them with conductors for 3 months. *Resolved.* That a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Alderson owing to his sickness. *Resolved.* That a letter conveying our thanks for his services be sent to Mr. T. Houldsworth.

An open session was held in the Afternoon. The following taking part: Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Snarey, Annie Ward, Helena Lodge, Norman Haley, Sam Winders, H. Birdsall, Miss Pollard and Mr. Rau. The services throughout the day were very well attended. A very good day was spent. The presentation of the Banner took place at Cleckheaton on Saturday, October 8th. Mr. Houldsworth performing the ceremony.

H. BIRDSALL, Hon. Sec.

### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, October 22nd, in the Ramsden Street Hall, Huddersfield, before a moderate attendance of delegates. Mr. T. H. Wright presiding. The minutes were passed, also the Treasurer's statement, which showed a financial balance to the good. The returns shew no improvement in regard to new members, and a slight decrease in the average attendance. Someone is not doing their little duty, why not each scholar try to bring a friend, then our Lyceums would soon prosper numerically, and when they once get our teachings engrafted into their minds they rarely desert us. The D.V.'s report spoke fairly well of the five Lyceums visited. Much discussion took place on how to make our Lyceums more efficient and interesting. A very good and substantial tea was provided at 4-30 by our Ramsden Street friends, and was heartily partaken of. In the evening at 6-30 a mass meeting was held, our President, Mr. T. H. Wright, again occupying the chair. Mr. R. H. Yates offered the invocation. Afterwards the meeting was addressed by Mrs. Nurse, Mrs. Law, Mr. A. Kitson, Mr. Lewis Firth, and Mr. R. H. Yates. Each speaker spoke with energy and enthusiasm sufficient to arouse the most slumbering soul into a re-action, and a fixed determination to work harder in future for the cause of the little children. Mrs. Nurse made a special point of saying that we were too taken up with our officers, etc., that we sometimes almost forgot the very object that the Lyceum was first started for, the little children, and it was about time we ceased imitation, and started to understand the children's natures and bring out all that was highest and best within them. Songs and solos were rendered by Mrs. Jagger and F. France; a good recitation was also given by Miss Jessop. Throughout the meeting was most inspiring and enjoyable. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to our speakers of the evening and also to our Ramsden Street friends for so strenuously endeavouring to make the meetings a success, on the motion of Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. France, and carried with great approbation. To which Mr. Kitson most suitably replied.

FRED FRANCE, Hon. Sec.

## LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Armley, on Sunday, September 25th. Mr. S. Lee, sen., presiding. The business of the meeting was carried on in a very businesslike yet friendly way. It was a lamentable fact, however, that four Lyceums were not represented. Will these Lyceums please do their best to send representatives to our next Council meeting, of which due notice will be given. The results of the Competition were declared at the close of the business meeting. Most of the delegates were able to stay to the afternoon session, which was ably conducted by Mr. Lee. Armley Lyceumists rendered suitable solos and duets, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Mr. Lee presided over the evening service, Mr. J. Kitson, Mr. Beety, Miss Marshal, and Miss Hesp taking part. On Saturday, October 15th, a most successful social was held at Armley, during which the merit card (painted by Miss E. Mortimer, of Batley Carr), was presented to Armley as the successful Lyceum in the recent competition. It was resolved that the best thanks of Armley Lyceum be given, through the Council, to Miss Mortimer. The members of the Council wish to add their thanks to those of Armley, this being the only way in which we can show our appreciation of the work given by Miss Mortimer.

MISS A. HEAP, *Secretary*.

## LIVERPOOL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Miner's Hall, Millgate, Wigan, December 3rd, commencing 3-0 p.m. A social will be arranged for during the evening. On Sunday, December 4th, the services will be conducted by the members of the Council.

H. WALKER, *Secretary*.

## NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, September 17th, 1910, at "The Temple," St. Peter Street, Blackburn. Mr. T. Holland, President, occupied the chair and gave the presidential address, throwing out various good suggestions. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were confirmed. The Secretary's, Financial, and D.V.'s reports were duly accepted. Mr. Higham gave the report of the deputation to the Lyceum which is outside of our Council. The report was accepted and the deputation thanked for their efforts. Mr. Latham gave the report of his adjudication of the Lyceums for holding the Silver Shield, which showed that Colne Lyceum had secured the shield by obtaining the highest number of marks. It was recommended to Colne Lyceum to have a fraternal social on the occasion of presentation of shield, which is to take place on Saturday, October 8th. It was resolved that we have three assistant D.V.'s for the coming quarter, and Mr. Redman (Burnley), Miss Jones (Blackburn), and Miss Savage (Preston) were appointed. Mr. Holland and Mr. Latham were elected delegates to the next U.D.C. An invitation from the Central Lyceum, Preston, for holding our next Council meeting in December was accepted. The Secretary then introduced the question of showing some recognition of the services rendered by Mr. Will Edwards at the garden party at Thornton Manor, on the occasion of the visit of B.S.L.U. Conference Delegates, and it was resolved that a request be made to the Executive of the B.S.L.U. for a grant of £5 for that object.

It was resolved that letters of congratulation be sent to Master John Latham, Burnley, and Miss M. E. Johnson, Batley Carr, for the successes they had obtained by winning scholarships.

Votes of thanks to the local friends for their kind invitation and entertainment, and the usual closing ceremonies, brought a pleasant and profitable meeting to a close. The rest of the evening was spent in a social manner.

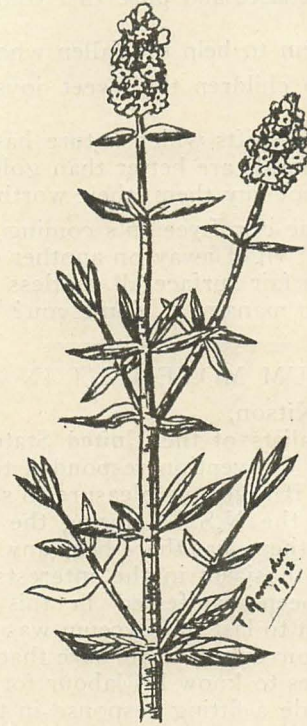
GEO. C. HIGHAM, *Secretary*.

[The above report arrived too late for insertion in the issue for October.—Ed.]

We much regret that the serial story, and several important articles, are unavoidably held over till next month.—Ed. L.B.

## Botany for the Young.

By J. KNIGHT.



HYSSOP.

MY DEAR BANNERITES,

Some of you will be wondering if I am ever going to tell you anything regarding plants that are made up of root, stem, branch and flower. Why, yes, but if we are to understand the history—or the structure and functions of plants—we should first learn something of the existence and make up of the most minute microscopic plant, such as those made up of one, or a few cells. I hope every one of you will learn as much as you can of this very important branch of our subject. This month I purpose giving you the opportunity of trying one or two experiments with seeds, such as peas, or almonds, or beans. If you place a few in a saucer, cover them with water and let them remain there a fortnight, then take a sharp penknife and carefully open one or two, you will find what is termed the embryo (*em-bri-o*) which is the first rudiments of an organized being—plant or animal. This embryo varies greatly in different kinds of seed. In plants having two very small cup-shaped leaves in the seed, which are spoken of as Dicotyledons—the Greek word *Dis* or *di*, means twice, or two, and *kotyle*, a cup. In this class of plants your penknife will reveal the two small leaves and a tiny white root, or radicle. The two leaves are packed full of starchy or oily material, intended to feed the tiny root as it rapidly lengthens outwards and downwards, dividing into a number of strands which travel in various directions, some seeking water whilst others grip hold of stones, clay, or anything that will give anchorage. Between these two tiny leaves you will also find a very little bud or stem called a *plumule*, so called from its somewhat feather-like appearance. Just so soon as the roots become anchored and have found water, this minute

stem-bud begins to draw the starchy, oily, sugary material from the two little cup-like leaves, and as much water as the leaves can supply, and pushes its head through the outer case of the seed or carries it along with it as it ascends through the soil. Soon little branches shoot out from the stem-bud, and from these branches, leaves. In this way a new plant has been born and has commenced its independent career.

To understand more fully these minute unfoldings you require the aid of a good microscope, but what I have mentioned above may be observed by most of you, and will help you to understand a great deal that is important to know.

It is important to know :

1st. That *all* plants *breathe*, and that *every cell* that forms a part in the make up of a plant must breathe to live, no matter where it may reside in the structure of the plant, from its deepest root-endings to its highest branch tips.

2nd. All plants absorb *water*; in the water there must be dissolved a number of materials required for the growth and health of the plant. Amongst these are to be found nitrogen, sulphur and phosphorus, iron and other minerals.

3rd. Plants obtain carbonic acid gas from the atmosphere.

4th. Plants obtain energy from bright sunlight, which enables them to decompose carbonic acid gas, liberating the oxygen and making prisoner the carbon.

5th. Plants require mechanical support, anchorage in the soil, etc.

6th. Plants must be proof against all kinds of weather. They have to make special provision to suit environment and also to successfully battle against their enemies, vegetable and animal.

7th. Plants have to reproduce and multiply. The special work of the leaf is to assimilate carbon, and the supply of energy from sunlight. That of the root is the absorption of water, nitrates and minerals, in solution from the soil. The flower, seed and fruit are intended for reproduction. The stem and anchored roots are for mechanical support, and also for the distribution of water and food to every part of the plant.

#### ROOTS AND SOIL.

It would be almost impossible in the pages of the BANNER to tell you all that can be told about roots and soil. So I shall tell you a few things essential, and promise those who pursue this branch of botany further, a delightful and fascinating study. There is so much that is worth the knowing that I scarcely know where to begin and what to leave unsaid, but if you will work, read, and experiment, you will soon obtain a fair knowledge of the subject.

The surface soils, in which roots find water and food substances, constitute but a very small proportion of the earth's crust. Almost everywhere it is very shallow, often only a few inches in depth. In the Isle-of-Man I have seen very heavy crops of sweets, potatoes, and other root crops produced in soil only from 6 inches to 9 inches in depth. Though I have seen where the roots of trees have penetrated to a depth of more than 20 feet. Although generally speaking the soil is so thinly laid on the rocks, yet the entire vegetable world—and the animal world as well—is supported by this mere film of soil, which is made up of altered and crumbled rock. Generally speaking, the finer the

particles of soil the more easily will it retain water, and permit of water being drawn up from below by the thirsty roots. If the particles be at all coarse or gravelly they permit the water to pass through quite readily, and prevent that capillary drawing by the roots, so easily accomplished in fine soils. The manner in which soil permits water to pass through it, and the depth at which a layer of clay or other impervious substance exists, are very important factors in determining what will, or will not grow in the locality.

Soil may be roughly described as a mixture of stones or gravel, and smaller particles, between which there lies the finer earth, which chiefly consists of clay, (alumina and silica) and fragments of decayed animal and vegetable matter. How clay—especially boulder clay—the subsoils, sandstones, shales, alluvium, etc., have been formed makes a very interesting, historic study which shows that our soils have been subject to progressive evolutionary law—just as plants and animals have been. Some day I must tell you more of this, but my space is full and I have not said anything about our illustration of Hyssop, which is one of the finest and most useful *herbs*, and should be found in every home. Its properties are, and have been from time immemorial, so well known that I need not say anything more about it.

#### PRIZE ESSAYS.

[The North Lancaster and Cumberland Lyceum District Council have promoted two grades of competition. Grade I. was for those under 17 years of age; subject, "What I know of A. J. Davis, our Founder." Grade II. was open to all over 17 years of age; subject, "Why I am a Spiritualist." The following essays have been judged the best of each grade. The names of the writers were withheld from the four Adjudicators. We now append their names for identification.—EDITOR, L.B.]

#### WHAT I KNOW OF A. J. DAVIS.

All our Lyceumists mourn at the loss of Andrew Jackson Davis, who was the founder of the "Children's Progressive Lyceum."

He was born in America and was the son of a cobbler. He had no education until the age of sixteen. When he became older he was an author, and wrote the following books, viz.:—"The Physician," "The History and Philosophy of Evil," "The Seer," "The Teacher" and "The Reformer."

He was a very remarkable spirit seer, and had visions of the spirit world, where the children are taught. They were arranged in groups, each group being headed with a banner of a given colour; and a leader, who instructed them. Each child belonging to this group wore a badge of the same colour as their banner. He also saw these children doing their lessons and at play. They did their beautiful marches and calisthenics in wide and extensive avenues.

These Lyceums in the spirit world were not like ours. They were surrounded by beautiful gardens.

After Andrew Jackson Davis had seen these children, so joyous and happy, in the spirit world, he

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## 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.

#### "COURAGE!"

There are some people who have yet to be convinced that it is worth while struggling bravely for good causes. It is very hard to wake up enthusiasm for a battle which seems likely to end in defeat, though enthusiasm is just the factor which turns defeat into glorious victory. To-day we cry to all the waverers and frightened souls, "Courage!" not that we may make one last despairing stand against the hosts prevailing against us, not even that we may prepare for one more vain assault on an impregnable position, but just because we are winning and want to make the victory sharp and decisive. We are indeed in sight of a sober and self respecting England.

What a long struggle temperance reformers have had to make to gain the respectful attention of the general public! A hundred years ago drunkenness was regarded as a weakness perhaps, but certainly not as a disgrace, and one of the signs of a gentleman was his capacity for intoxicating liquor. Even ministers of state, and not a few ministers of religion, were intemperate in their habits, and practically only the strictest and most puritanical sects favoured total abstinence, and that more as an ideal virtue than as a practical policy of everyday life.

The early labours of the pioneers had made so little impression forty years ago that we find writers of such popularity and enlightenment as Dickens, if not actually ridiculing the abstainers, at any rate referring in such a flippant manner to drunken excesses as to prove that the public conscience had not then been awakened to the horrible waste of life and wealth entailed in the nation's drink bill. Children were encouraged to drink ale, or wine, or even spirits, a principle now looked upon as revolting, except amongst the most ignorant, who have not yet come under the influence of the newer thought.

The forward march practically began with the advent of free education, and it is one of the grand encouragements which belong to the advocates of total abstinence, that temperance and knowledge and national well-being are three great harmonious chords which will always sound together, and which will always be necessary for one another. The spread of knowledge implies the spread of temperate habits, and the spread of temperance will be one of the finest aids we know to national well-being. During the last thirty years the advance has been steady and unbroken, despite the apparent reverses in and out of Parliament, and despite the formidable organisation of the Trade, which soon awoke to the danger in which it stood and allied itself to the political party least likely to assist in its destruction. The Trade thus brought great power at first to its allies, but that power, in face of a changing popular sentiment, is very likely ere long to become a weakness and a disgrace, and already we may see the first attempts of the Conservative party at "cold-shouldering" the Trade.

We can rejoice that it is our privilege to see the time when drunkenness is regarded by high and low alike as disgusting and disgraceful. In this column I have tried on many occasions to emphasise the fact that alcohol is a dangerous and poisonous drug; it is the medical profession therefore which will eventually be able to educate public opinion to see that it is as immoral to take alcohol as to take cocaine, morphine, strychnine, or any other poison for other than medicinal purposes.

The very places where intoxicants are sold are now regarded as centres of bad influence. Men and women slink into them by back doors and side entrances and patronise the "off-license" house when they can, so that they may seem to be buying something respectable and not intoxicating drink. Children may not carry open jugs containing liquor for fear they are polluted with it, nor may go where it is publicly sold or drunk, so demoralising is the presence of it. And this stringent kind of legislation, which would have been called "grandmotherly" ten years ago and "grotesque" twenty five years ago, is to-day applauded by the large majority of people, and will very soon be accepted by everybody.

In the schools the public sentiment of the future is being steadily and surely trained to the same purpose. The old method of advocating temperance on biblical grounds is giving place to the new method based on the results of scientific experiment; authority is changed for fact which cannot be gainsaid. But mightiest weapon of all is that which has been forged and used by the medical profession. One after another, great physicians and surgeons have turned from the ancient traditions of the profession and have declared to an astonished world their disbelief in alcohol, condemning its use in the strongest terms. They have compelled attention and directed it towards the recent studies and researches into the effects of alcohol on the human subject in workshops and hospitals. Their influence is seen in the action taken by insurance companies and by employers of labour, where preference is now almost invariably given to total abstainers. It is almost impossible to overestimate the value of these circumstances as helps to the sobriety of the nation. They have diverted thousands and perhaps millions of pounds into better channels and are continuing year by year to reduce the volume of the drink traffic. This may be seen in the figures recently published by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, which make it possible to compare 1901 with 1910, during which interval a steady and unmistakable decline has taken place in the consumption both of beer and spirits. Thus in 1901 rather less than 45½ million gallons of spirits were consumed in the British Isles, but this had fallen to 26 millions in 1910 in spite of a great increase in population. Per head of population the beer drunk in 1901 was 31.48 gallons, and in 1910 it is 25.87 gallons, or about 3,660,000 barrels less. Associated with this is a substantial increase in the use of tea, coffee and cocoa, and a considerable drop in the number of breweries. There have been fewer applications for licences by brewers, and fewer granted than in past years, and a comparison with 1910 shows that the number of new licences granted has fallen by nearly 1,600, or about one less in four!

We are making more rapid progress towards sobriety

than any nation in Europe. This should give us a tingle in the blood and fix us enthusiastically upon the "root-and-branch" destruction of Britain's most powerful enemy and hindrance.

I have to acknowledge with deep gratitude a list of names from the Hammerton Street Lyceum, Burnley, and the good news that the friends there anticipated opening a Band of Hope on October 3rd. May I now take the opportunity of wishing them every success and of asking friends in the neighbourhood to lend a hand towards the increase of membership and the spread of Temperance principles. About four years ago a Band of Hope was begun in connection with the Richard Street Lyceum. I trust that was the beginning of a movement which will now blossom out into large and fruitful work.

Below I am also able to publish a list of names from our largest Lyceum, viz. Nelson, and I am particularly pleased to know from Mrs. Stables that she anticipates new members in the near future. Very many thanks, dear friends!

Lancashire has set a fine example this autumn, and I can only plead for the support of other Lyceums in that county and throughout the land, so that we may start the new year with a membership of 1,000.

Miss R. H. Dickinson has kindly called my attention to two errors in last month's list of names from Huns et. No. 785 should have been Mrs. Pers Spencer, and No. 842, Alfred Dickinson. I shall be very grateful for similar timely corrections from Lyceum secretaries in the future; for instance, I would be glad to know whether or not Nos. 87 and 903 below refer to two different Lyceumists.

BURNLEY (HAMMERTON STREET) LYCEUM.

847	William Redman	.....	I	I	I	I
848	Thomas Bridge	.....	I	I	I	I
849	Harry Bannister	.....	I	I	I	I
850	William Coupland	.....	I	I	I	I
851	William T. Metcalfe	.....	I	I	I	I
852	Ernest Wilson	.....	I	I	I	I
853	Edmund Bridge	.....	I	I	I	I
854	James Coupland	.....	I	I	I	I
855	Sharp Barraclough	.....	I	I	I	I
856	Arthur Thornton	.....	I	I	I	I
857	Margaret Ann Coupland	.....	I	I	I	I
858	Alice Wignall	.....	I	I	I	I
859	Jane Longworth	.....	I	I	I	I
860	Emily Parkinson	.....	I	I	I	I
861	Smith Watson	.....	I	—	I	I
862	Ivy Redman	.....	I	I	I	I
863	Ernest Metcalfe	.....	I	—	I	I
864	Ernest Wilkinson	.....	I	I	I	I
865	James Gilbert	.....	I	I	I	I
866	John Parkinson	.....	I	—	I	I
867	Susannah Hoole	.....	I	I	I	I
868	Nellie Metcalfe	.....	I	I	I	I
869	Cissie Crossley	.....	I	I	I	I
870	Robert Wignall	.....	I	I	I	I
871	Frederick Parkinson	.....	I	I	I	I
872	Percy Woodward	.....	I	I	I	I
873	Arthur Coupland	.....	I	I	I	I
874	Horace Bell	.....	I	I	I	I
875	John H. Hargreaves	.....	I	I	I	I
876	Frank Baldwin	.....	I	I	I	I
877	George Bell	.....	I	I	I	I
878	Robert Harrison	.....	I	I	I	I
879	Mary Jane Sawley	.....	I	I	I	I
880	Emily Longworth	.....	I	I	I	I
881	Lily Richards	.....	I	I	I	I
882	Sarah Gilbert	.....	I	I	I	I
883	Margaret A. Ingham	.....	I	I	I	I
884	Arthur Robinson, L.L.C.M.	.....	I	—	I	I
885	Lawrence Lattersall	.....	I	—	I	I
886	Sarah Parkinson	.....	I	I	I	I

NELSON LYCEUM.

887	Sydney Stables	.....	I	I	I	I
888	Richard Walton	.....	I	I	I	I
889	Arthur Eddington	.....	I	I	I	I

890	Thomas Smith	.....	I	I	I	I
891	Hetty Kirby	.....	I	I	I	I
892	Lily Ashworth	.....	I	I	I	I
893	Clarence Greenwood	.....	I	I	I	I
894	Alfred Mellard	.....	I	I	I	I
895	Evelyn Sanderson	.....	I	I	I	I
896	William Eyre	.....	I	I	I	I
897	Elsie Walmsley	.....	I	I	I	I
898	Nellie Wildman	.....	I	I	I	I
899	Benny Hall	.....	I	I	I	I
900	Arthur Walmsley	.....	I	I	I	I
901	William Aspen	.....	I	I	I	I
902	Ena Binns	.....	I	I	I	I
903	Elsie Walmsley	.....	I	I	I	I
904	Lily Sanderson	.....	I	I	I	I
905	Leonard Greenwood	.....	I	—	I	I
906	Percy McAuley	.....	I	I	I	I
907	William Judson	.....	I	I	I	I
908	Thomas E. Walmsley	.....	I	I	I	I
909	Herbert Blackburn	.....	I	I	I	I
910	Ella Stables	.....	I	I	I	I
911	Mr. J. E. Maw	.....	I	I	I	I
912	William Anderson	.....	I	I	I	I
913	Frederick Aspen	.....	I	I	I	I
914	John H. Anderson	.....	I	I	I	I
915	Albert Jackson	.....	I	—	I	I

[All communications for this page should be addressed to Mr. Herbert E. Clarke, 20, Grosvenor Road, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne,—Ed.]

A MESSAGE FROM KIMBERLEY.

TO THE LYCEUMISTS OF ENGLAND.

Dear Mr. Kitson,

I am the bearer of a message from Mr. Inge, of Kimberley, South Africa (a very earnest and energetic worker), to the Lyceumists of England. It is as follows:

Only two days after May Day I had the privilege of visiting some of the diamond mines, together with our good sister, Mrs. Millicent Thompson, to see how diamonds are extracted from the earth, and how the earth is manipulated, washed and sorted, until the beautiful gems are laid out on the table in little heaps of all sizes before our eyes.

Diamonds are like thoughts in some respects, and I should like to encourage you to think good and kind thoughts, which will spread a good influence around you, like the diamond sparkles and throws out brightness with every ray of light attracted to it. Only one diamond may perhaps be found in a truck load of earth, the rest being washed away as failings or rubbish. Even so, one sweet thought may brighten a few lives mid the most dismal surroundings. A diamond may be tested between one's teeth, if real one cannot bite it, it being so hard it slides away from the teeth. It also may not easily be broken with a hammer. The cultivation of right thinking will form habits of right living, so that when troubles or trials may come they make no impression, because, like the diamond, you throw them off and rise above them with calmness and sincerity of mind.

All good wishes for increasing success in all your Lyceums. May they grow still more useful and multiply exceedingly is the wish of a fellow worker, who, while still loving his dear Homeland, has developed a great love for the home of his adoption, the beautiful land of Good Hope.

MRS. MILLICENT THOMPSON.

P.S.—I may say that during my tour in South Africa I dedicated fourteen children and encouraged the sale of our *Manual* and *Banner*.—M.T.

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### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

It is our sad duty to record the closing of three Lyceums during the past month. Two in Manchester (Salford and Gray Mare Lane), the other at Barnoldswick (Green Street). The latter is owing to complaints of the tenants of the annoyance caused by the marching. Why not continue the sessions and leave out the marching till other premises can be secured? Many Lyceums have adopted this method rather than close. Try it, friends, try it.

"We stand on the place to-day has given,  
To make or to mar our lot;  
We may fill it up to the brim with heaven,  
Or blur it with stain and blot.  
Bravely may toil for the good and true,  
Earnestly strive and pray;  
But the good or the ill we all may do  
Must be done in the span of to-day."

A fine training for girls is being inaugurated by the Dewsbury Technical School Committee, assisted by the West Riding Education Committee. A Home-Training School to accommodate thirty girls is being opened in Stonefield Terrace, Halifax Road, Dewsbury. The following paragraph will give the reader some idea of the nature and scope of the instruction to be given:

"Home-makers must be handy and love manual work, so we teach them how to do manual work properly, and they enjoy it above everything. They spend half of every school day in practical work. They can paper and paint a room, put in a pane of glass, fix a bolt, put on a handle or rail, make a shelf or book case, manufacture a cradle out of a banana crate, choose second-hand furniture, and clean and mend it, clean a father's greasy coat, wash, re-dye and re-trim a mother's bonnet, clean and wash, cook and nurse, sew and trim, dress a wound or mend a book. And they will tell you something about germs, and why dry dusting is not much good, and give a scientific explanation of the economy of good soap. They can keep accounts and have some idea of how wages of 25/- per week ought to be expended. Also, and this I think is also important, they have some good ideas on real politeness, true hospitality, the requirements of social life, honour and justice, and the duties of citizenesses."

The first and second issues of a new American paper, *The Banner of Life*, is to hand. It is neatly printed and is full of interesting articles. We are glad to note it has a Lyceum Department, under the able management of Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, who is an old Lyceum worker. There is also the commencement of a Lyceum Directory. We hope to

see the list of Lyceums grow week by week. *The Banner of Life* is published at 28, School Street, 58 Room, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., price to English subscribers 6/6.

We beg to draw our readers' attention to Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader's letter concerning the Lyceum work in America. The good news, despatched direct from the Convention, will be hailed with delight. Our hearty congratulations are hereby accorded to our good sister. The workers win!

It is gratifying to see the awakened interest in the Temperance Page. If Conductors and Leaders will recommend the Four-fold Pledge to those under their care I feel sure a large number of Lyceumists will be pleased to enrol themselves. Friends, lend a helping hand in this needed reform.

The following lines from the pen of Ralph Waldo Trine are worthy of careful consideration:—

Are you a writer? You can never write more than you yourself are. Would you write more? Then broaden, deepen, enrich the life. Are you a minister? You can never raise men higher than you have raised yourself. Your words will have exactly the sound of the life whence they come. Hollow the life? Hollow-sounding and empty will be the words, weak, ineffective, false. Would you have them go with greater power, and thus be more effective? Live the life, the power will come. Are you an orator? The power and effectiveness of your words in influencing and moving masses of men depends entirely upon the altitude from which they are spoken. Would you have them more effective, each one filled with a living power? Then elevate the life, the power will come. Are you in the walks of private life? Then, wherever you move, there goes from you, even if there be no word spoken, a silent but effective influence of an elevating or a degrading nature. Is the life high, beautiful? Then the influences are inspiring, life-giving. Is it low, devoid of beauty? The influences, then, are disease-laden, death-dealing. The tones of your voice, the attitude of your body, the character of your face, all are determined by the life you live, all in turn influence for better or for worse all who come within your radius.

Lyceumists who have not secured a copy of the Souvenir of the Lyceum Union's 21st Conference should do so at once, 6d. each, by post 8d., or 6 copies, post free 3/-. To be add from the Union's Office.

On October 20th there left Walsall for a month's stay in the Canary Islands, three sons-in-law, one brother-in-law, and son of our esteemed Treasurer, Mr. John Venables, as follows:—John Venables, Junr., John J. Bennett, Ted Aldredge, Bert Preston and Harry Shackleton. All are in search of renewed health, which we hope they will find in great abundance.

### 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.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—I have to record the passing to the higher life, on October 12th, of Herbert Harrison, aged 5 years.—E. Jones, Secretary.

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was so pleased that he made up his mind to found one on earth, so that the children could be taught to be good and faithful subjects.

A number of people volunteered to help him, so he commenced a Lyceum, of which he was Conductor. These people were Leaders also.

He started the first Lyceum on the 25th of January, 1863, in Dodsworth Hall, Broadway, New York, United States of America.

I have not seen A. J. Davis, but judging from his photograph on the badge, he looks a "dear old gentleman."

Once when I wore the badge I was asked if he was my grandfather. I said, "No, but I look upon him as the 'grandfather of the Children's Progressive Lyceum.'"

I often wish that our Lyceums were like those that Andrew Jackson Davis tells us of in his writings.

He passed into the "Higher Life" this year.

EVELYN DOBSON, Barrow, age 13.

#### WHY I AM A SPIRITUALIST.

I was born of Christian parents, and was sent early to the Sunday school belonging to the Nonconformists. I was baptized at the Baptists' chapel, and I have been scholar and teacher and a member of the Bible class. I have written essays and reviews on lessons from the Bible, and as I grew older and more closely studied the Bible, instead of being benefited, I became more dissatisfied. Many times did I ask myself the question, "Can this be truthfully the inspired Book of God?" Then I began to doubt certain views set forth in the New Testament, namely, the Virgin Birth, the Divinity of Jesus, the Atonement, and Hell's everlasting punishment. In these views I could not bring myself to believe, they seemed to be out of harmony and altogether contrary to a wise, a just, and loving Father, God. I now felt a great want of more light and knowledge. At this time I obtained a book, and read it, on "Facts, Faiths, and Frauds of Religion," by Mrs. E. H. Britten. By this book I became enlightened upon how the Bible had been put together. My faith was gone, as to its being the inspired book of God, my adherence to the church and faith of my parents was now less the result of my belief in its teachings than the glamour of a conventional religion, and the ties of family and kindred associations. I was invited by my brother to attend a Spiritualists' meeting. A lady from Leeds was the speaker, and after her address she gave clairvoyant descriptions, and pointing to me, she described a man, and asked me if I recognised him, but being my first attendance, I declined to do so. However, she would not be put off, and again began to describe the place which was over one hundred miles away from where I then sat, and she also said that she had got the spirit form of the man to step into the isle, and that he walked, with a limp in his left leg. So minutely did she describe the person and place that in justice to the medium I was compelled to answer that I knew him well. Now, at this time I knew for a fact that neither my brother nor any of my relations had ever been to this part of England, and much less had any knowledge of the man, who was a person I had lodged with whilst living there. This, then, was my first introduction to Spiritualism. I now began to think seriously of the matter and to investigate into

the claims of modern Spiritualism. I felt that here was an answer to my prayer for more light and knowledge of God's will here and hereafter. Gradually I began to see God, not as a personal God, nor yet as one I could define, but upon an examination of mother nature and the studying of myself and the things around me, the fields and trees, flowers, stars, &c., I could catch glimpses of a great cosmic scheme only possible by the existence of an intelligence far above and transcending myself, a God that could be everywhere, and which I had often thought was impossible for a personal God. Spiritualism taught me the true meaning of the Brotherhood of Man. It has also taught me my responsibilities, that I could not live to myself alone, because I am responsible to my fellow man for my actions. Then came a great blessing to me, the knowledge that Spiritualism not only taught, but demonstrated the fact, that their is no death, only a change called by that name. Then I learnt that I shall live beyond the grave. But my living in the hereafter will be in accordance with how I have lived here. This is fair and just. How different to the old faith and belief, in which I could live as I liked up to the last hour, then by accepting Christ as my Saviour and my Redeemer I could put all my wrongs on his back while I went free. On the other hand, if I did not accept Christ, then I was to go to everlasting punishment. But thanks to God and the angel world, Spiritualism has taught me that as I sow, so also shall I reap. And oh! what an inducement to lead a good and noble life has Spiritualism offered to me. It teaches no doctrine of total depravity. If by my environments I have not had the opportunity to live up to the standard, I shall receive that opportunity in the next life. Here is a consolation that none will be lost, none forgotten or forsaken, but all will be gathered together at last. And in the meantime Spiritualism has proved to me that I can, if I will, receive help from the spirit world by communications from that spirit father and mother, brother and sister, and dear friends who are ever ready to help me on in this life, and whom I shall know and recognise in the life hereafter. Spiritualism has taught me that I am as much a spirit now as I shall be hereafter. It has taught me, and justly so, that I myself am responsible for all my actions in words or deeds, and so must myself work out my own salvation, and instead of praying, "Lead me not into temptation," it has taught me that God has ever answered that prayer before it was uttered, by implanting within myself that divine spark of Himself, and if I will but be led by the directions of my own conscience I shall not be led into temptation. Again, Spiritualism has given me a light and knowledge that should ever keep me from wrong doing, knowing that by my side, though unseen, yet surely there are some spirit friends. Oh! if people could only realize this, how many crimes and evil doings would be avoided. What more encouragement could you desire to lead an honest, temperate and truthful life than the knowledge that you are always in the company of your departed friends, who witness your every action, be they good or evil. And, again, Spiritualism is to me a direct answer to the prayer for more light and knowledge of God's will both on earth and in the hereafter, because it has opened out a channel from whence that light and knowledge can be gained. It is a new revelation to man, a fountain from which more astounding light and knowledge will yet come, that which we know not to-day.

to-morrow will be made known. It hath not entered into the mind of man all things that God has prepared for him, and so I believe that as we sow so shall we reap, and as we seek so shall we find. If we search for truth we shall find it, and in its train will come love and justice to all. Having embraced the teachings of Spiritualism it has taught me not to be selfish, but as I have received, so give unto others. And who better fitted to be taught than the children? Spiritualism has made me a teacher and leader in our Lyceum. And thus these views that I have set forth is why I am a Spiritualist.

WM. BLEASDALE, Lancaster.

### British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

#### DISTRICT VISITORS' QUARTERLY REPORTS.

**BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.**—There are 12 Societies in this district; 4 of them have no Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Handsworth* (Villa Cross): I was surprised to find on my last visit that this Lyceum, for the second time, was closed, and that there is not much prospect of a reopening at present, there has been such a strained relationship existing between Lyceum leaders and the leaders of the Society. Expenses 1/6. *Birmingham* (Camden Street): This Lyceum is making steady and satisfactory progress; very orderly; read well, have good officers and teachers, and are responsive to any new suggestion. I would like them to be more punctual in opening the sessions. *Birmingham* (Smethwick): This Lyceum has added to their numbers since my previous visit. I gave them a few words of encouragement. On the whole the Lyceum is bright, attentive and alert. The scholars respond very readily with songs, recitations, and pearls. I am pleased to see the Society members take an interest in their Lyceum. *Walsall*: Owing to some of the Leaders retiring, and removals of old members, some of them having gone abroad, the Lyceum has looked rather thin. Then Mr. J. Venables, Jun., has been seriously ill, and on that account unable to put as much vigour into the Lyceum work. We wish him a speedy recovery, and that the Lyceum will attain its old standard. *Wolverhampton* (Temple Street): The day of my visit was very wet, which led to a poor attendance. I hope to visit them again soon. *Coventry* (Foleshill): There was a good attendance of scholars, who were being carefully trained in singing for the harvest festival. Good discipline and harmony prevailed.

R. H. MORGAN, D.V.

**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**—There are 16 Societies in this district; 2 of them have no Lyceum. One interview has been held. Result satisfactory.

General remarks.—*Temperance Hall* (Chapel Street): I am pleased to report the reopening of a Lyceum here, which is making satisfactory progress. I hope to be able to report further progress next quarter. *Little Horton*: Though small in number, yet they had a good session. The children were very attentive and earnest in their efforts. Expenses 4d. *Windhill*: I am sorry to say this Lyceum is not so strong as it used to be. I trust their trials and difficulties will soon be overcome and the way cleared for more good work. *Dudley Hill* (Tong Street): This

Lyceum maintains its usual standard. Much interest is being manifested in the study of phrenology. *Laisterdyke* (Bradford Lane): There was a small attendance, yet much earnestness was shown by the officers in their efforts to train the children under their care. *Farsley* (High Street): I had an interview with the secretary re the opening of a Lyceum. I hope soon to report the opening of a Lyceum there. Expenses 4d.

HENRY RAW, D.V.

**BOLTON DISTRICT.**—There are 10 Societies in this district; 3 of them have no Lyceum. Two interviews have been held. Result: Promises of further consideration of the matter.

General remarks.—July 3rd. I visited *Chorley*. They promised to open a Lyceum as soon as possible. As an inducement I promised to find them a Conductor for the first three months. Expenses 3½d. *Daisy Hill*, July 17th: This Lyceum is making steady progress. Good instructive sessions are being held. I hope that before long they will be able to get a larger hall. Expenses 3½d. *Hindley*, July 24th: A healthy tone pervades this Lyceum. Yet I would like to see more of the individual effort put forth by the members. We cannot benefit others without reaping an advantage ourselves. Expenses 3½d. *Bolton* (Bradford Street): Punctual opening. Chain recitations, singing, pearls, and exercises, etc., were well rendered. Very interesting group lessons. The intelligence displayed by the Lyceumists was most marked, the only drawback being the late arrival of one half of the scholars. Expenses 3½d. *Leigh* (Brown Street), Aug. 28th: There is a spirit of earnestness and harmony pervading this Lyceum which keeps the sessions at a high standard of excellence. In the afternoon they had an open session, which was well attended and harmonious. I was glad to see friends from *Daisy Hill* present. Expenses 6½d. *Horwich* (Beatrice Street): There were 66 present. The responses to the chain recitations, the marching, etc., were good. The adults have formed a developing class, which I hope will have good results. *Bolton* (Commission Street), Sept. 4th: This Lyceum is only recently reopened. Those present were mostly adults. We look for good results from them in the near future. Expenses 3½d.

EDWARD WALSH, D.V.

**DERBY DISTRICT.**—There are only 4 Societies in this district, each of which have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Burton-on-Trent*: Started half an hour late. All the scholars are very young, but enthusiastic. The marching, etc., was good. Expenses 1/9. *Belper*: This Lyceum is well managed, singing especially good. *Derby* (Charnwood Street): This Lyceum is not what it used to be, through removals and other causes. I hope to report more success next time.

A. HARDY, D.V.

**HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT** (*June Report received Oct. 17th.*—A. Kitson).—There are 10 Societies in this district; all but two have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Sowerby Bridge*, May: The conduct of this Lyceum can be improved by paying more attention to the conductor. Several leaders of the groups were absent. I hope to see a great improvement when I again visit this Lyceum. *Hebden Bridge*, June: Conduct, responses, marching, etc., very good. I would like this Lyceum to pay more

attention to the times of starting as stated in the LYCEUM BANNER. Expenses 1/3. *Halifax* (Raven Street): This is a large Lyceum and generally very good. Discipline might be improved. Postage 2d.

*September Quarter's Report.*

*Elland*, July: This Lyceum is very weak; only 10 scholars present. We had a very nice session. I visited them again in August. They were practicing for a service of song they were going to give. *Hebden Bridge*: Very good. This Lyceum reaches a high standard of tuition during the responses and explanations by scholars and the conductor. Expenses 1/3. *Brighouse*, Sept.: Conduct good; marching and calisthenics moderate. More attention to the little ones would effect an improvement. The Liberty Group have a good discussion class. Expenses 5½d. *Halifax* (Alma Street): This is a good Lyceum, with the exception of classes, which are weak. A very good session. Expenses 2d. I have visited *Huddersfield* (St. Peter Street) with a view to induce them to reopen the Lyceum. I hope to ultimately succeed. Expenses 1/5. There is a need for more teachers in this district, and a little more preparation of the lessons given would be a great advantage. Postage 4½d. GEORGE E. BAKER, D.V.

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

General remarks.—*Castleford*: I visited this Lyceum on July 3rd, and found a good Lyceum. Deep interest was manifested throughout the session. The room is too small for them. Expenses 2/1. *Normanton*: I visited here on July 24th and found a good attendance considering they have only recently reopened. They are making good progress. Expenses 1/6. *Heckmondwike*: I visited here on August 14th and found a poor attendance, but deep interest was taken in the proceedings by the few present. Expenses 5d. JAMES KITSON, D.V.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.—There are 17 Societies in this district, 3 of which have no Lyceum. An interview has been held, but report of the same is not yet ready.

General remarks.—*Liverpool* (Daulby Street), July 24th, 10-30: 8 minutes late in starting, 36 present. Although attendance was small the session was of a high standard, the calisthenics are persevered with, and were executed very creditably. *Birkenhead*, 11 a.m.: 88 present. I regret to find this Lyceum not up to its usual standard. Steps to obtain better discipline are necessary. Expenses 7d. *Liverpool*, South, 11 a.m.: 20 present. Pleased to say that progress, although slow, is sure in this the latest addition to our district. Expenses 4d. *Liverpool* (2, Romer Road), 3 p.m.: 22 present. Sorry to say this Lyceum is suffering from lack of support by the adults. I hope to find an improvement when I pay my next visit. Expenses 4d. *Earlestown* (Co-op. Buildings), 1-45 p.m.: At 2-10 p.m. 5 children arrived and were ultimately sent home at 2-30, no session being held. Both Society and Lyceum seem to be in a low condition, but there is hope of a revival in the near future. May it be so. Expenses 2/8. *Wigan*, 10 a.m.: 40 present. This Lyceum has regained its one time brilliancy, which I trust will be upheld. Expenses 3/2. *Warrington*, 10-30 a.m.: Fresh interest in the Lyceum work seems to be taken here, and with a little more assistance from the elders will do well. Expenses 2/8. *Chester*, 10-30: 35 present. A wonder-

ful improvement has taken place here. The session was most instructive and speaks well for those who have charge of the Lyceum. Expenses 2/10.—R. A. OWEN, D.V.

LONDON DISTRICT.—There are 28 Societies in this district, 18 of them have no Lyceum. Six interviews have been sought, and three have been held, with the following result: *Hackney* officers and members promised to form a Lyceum as soon as possible. *Camberwell* (Masonic Hall). The friends here cannot see their way to open one at present. *Croydon* friends have just got into a church of their own, and are considering the question of opening a Lyceum.

General Remarks: *Manor Park* Lyceum I visited on July 3rd, there was a poor attendance of both officers and scholars. The session lacked energy. Expenses 2d. *Plaistow* I visited in the afternoon. This Lyceum is improving. We are looking forward to a good Lyceum here. *The Workers Win*. Expenses 4d. *Peckham*, July 17th. There was only a poor attendance. Liberty group formed, and the interesting subject of mediumship was discussed. Good. Expenses 11d. *Kensington-on-Thames*, July 31st. There was a poor attendance, but I was pleased to see they are making an effort to win success. *Battersea*, Aug. 7th. A good gathering of children but a shortage of officers, and those in attendance are new to the work. Mrs. Clegg and self rendered assistance, and promised to send them further help. Expenses 9d. *Manor Park*, August 14th. Glad to find a marked improvement here. Fare 2d. *Plaistow*: I visited this Lyceum in the afternoon and was glad to find an improvement in all departments of the session. Fare 4d. *Fulham*, August 21st: This Lyceum is improving in its general tone. Recitations and singing were good. Fare 1/-. *Battersea*: Mrs. Clegg and self paid them another visit on September 11th to see if we could render them further help, as it is the oldest Lyceum in London. We hope the members of the Church will not see it languish and die. Fare 11d. *Kensington-on-Thames*, September 18th: I was pleased to find all officers and children in earnest. A marked improvement in the session. Fare 1/7. *Dresden* (Major Road), September 25th: The doors were locked on arrival. After waiting 40 minutes the children had to return home. I am sorry to see such neglect. Fare 9d.—M. CLEGG, D.V.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.—There are six Societies in this district, all but one (*Morecambe*) have a Lyceum.

General remarks: *Millom*: I paid a surprise visit to this Lyceum on August 21st. No session was held. Miss Lawton, of Barrow, being the speaker. I was invited to preside over the afternoon service, during which I pleaded for more interest on behalf of the children. I trust good will result therefrom. Fare 3/-.—MISS WINIFRED MATHER, D.V.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—There are eight societies in this district, two of which have no Lyceum, no interviews have been sought with them.

General remarks: *Mechanics' Hall*: Good order, harmony and discipline prevailed as on my previous visit. A profitable 15 minutes was spent in the Liberty group. *Gladstone*

*Hall*: A cheerful spirit prevailed and order was good. There is a slight increase in membership. A few more leaders are required, and would be heartily welcomed. Expenses nil.—J. J. ASHWORTH, D.V.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.**—There are 17 societies in this district, four of which have no Lyceum. *Doncaster* (Temperance Hall), has been interviewed with a view to induce them to reopen their Lyceum.

General remarks: *Attercliffe*: They are still on the up grade, their numbers are increasing. They have commenced to have groups. Good. Fare 6d. *Heeley*: Attendance not quite up to their old standard, but everything else all that could be desired. Mr. Oaten opened a discussion in the Liberty group on Immortality. Very interesting and in instructive. Fare 8d. *Stanley Street*: In the absence of the conductor I carried the session through myself and enjoyed it very much. Fare 6d. *Sherde Road*: I found it was their anniversary and the platform was full of bright happy faces. It was a treat to hear the children sing. Their numbers are increasing. Fare 8d. *Rotherham*: My heart rejoices at the progress made all along the line. It is equal to its old standard of excellency. *Darnall*: The many difficulties they have had to contend with are nearly overcome. More helpers, more enthusiasm, and conduct good. Ready responses to questions and equally to ask questions is a sure sign of expanding intelligence. Fare 6d. *Barnsley*: I found them all working for the general good, and the session very harmonious. Bro. Spittlehouse, of Wombwell, was present, and judging from his able comments on the G.C.R. he is one of the coming speakers. Fare 2/3, and also fare to Doncaster, Temperance Hall, 2/1.—WILLIAM MARKLEW, D.V.

**STOCKPORT DISTRICT.**—There are 12 societies in this district, all but one have a Lyceum.

General remarks: *Ashton-under-Lyne*: This Lyceum retains its usual state of excellence, being wisely officered. The singing, reading, etc., very good indeed. The session was conducted very nicely. Fare 1/-. *Hadfield*: This Lyceum is only a small one, but is favoured with good officers, consequently the lessons are very efficiently gone through. Fare 1/-. *Dukinfield*: When I visited this Lyceum a year ago it was in a healthy condition, but now, through lack of workers, it has gone down considerably. I hope to visit them again soon and try to infuse a little life and hope into them. Fare 1/3.

**TEESIDE DISTRICT.**—There are eight societies in this district, 3 of which have no Lyceum.

General remarks: *Darlington*: I found a decrease in the attendance owing to holidays. The session was full of life and interest. *Middlesbrough*: A splendid session which must have made a good impression on the members of the District Council present. *Stockton-on-Tees*: This Lyceum is increasing in numbers. There are 111 names on the register. We are again without an organist, which has its effect on the sessions. *Shildon*: I was glad to find a great improvement in this Lyceum. They have now a good hall to meet in, and ought to become a power for good in the district. *West Hartlepool*: 31 present. Late start, but officers very earnest. When they are better organised they should make rapid progress. No expenses.—CHARLES HARRISON, 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 October 28th.

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

**RULE 4.**—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, November 23rd, to ensure insertion in the December issue.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE** (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, we held our monthly open session, when readings were given by the following Lyceumists:—Misses Jane Yates, Emma Worthington, S. J. Dransfield, and Messrs. J. O. Wrigley, H. Beech, J. Yates and J. H. Mortin. Several pearls were also given, and a pleasant session was concluded by singing "Angels lead my footsteps." On Sunday, Oct. 9th, we had our Lyceum quarter day, when the services for the day are under the auspices of the Lyceum. There was the usual morning session at 10-30. In the afternoon Miss Maggie Hibbert and Mr. H. Beech gave the phenomenal aspect of Spiritualism, and in the evening there was an open session of the Lyceum, which included an address by Mr. J. O. Wrigley, and Miss Hibbert again demonstrated the phenomena.—W. Dransfield, Secretary.

**BARROW** (Dalkeith Street).—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, the above Lyceum held a competitive open session, when the following competitions were entered into:—Morning, 10 a.m., Calisthenics in three classes, which were arranged in groups of eight; judge, Miss Mather, D.V., Ulverston. Afternoon, 2-0, Piano-forte Solo; judge, Mr. S. Archer. Singing competition; judge, Mr. Jones. Reciting competition; judge, Mr. Griffiths. Both sessions were poorly attended by adults. On the following Sunday, Oct. 9th, the prizes were presented to the winners by Mr. W. W. Oldfield, President of the Church. The competition was arranged by our kind brother, Mr. Procter, who also gave all the prizes and paid all expenses.—J. Kendall, Secretary.

**BLACKBURN** (Mount Street).—I am glad to be able to report excellent progress in our newly-formed Lyceum. On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, we held our first open session, the date being open, the Society kindly gave it over to the children, and it proved a great success. In the afternoon there was an attendance of 110, including scholars and friends, 66 taking part in the marching. Recitations were nicely rendered by the following:—Doris Payne, Alice Swarbrick, Ivy Rose, and Eva Martin. Solos by Doris Pidgeon, Bertha Arkwright, Miss Quinn (a blind vocalist), Mrs. Derbyshire and Mrs. Gregson. Our great progress is chiefly due to the united efforts of the young ladies of our Liberty Group.—Nathan Derbyshire, Secretary.

**BLACKBURN** (St. Peter Street).—On Sundays, the 6th and 16th, we held our election of officers for 1911, which resulted as follows:—Conductor, Mr. Moorey; Assistant, Miss Phoebe Whitton; Secretary, Mr. T. Edwards; Financial Secretary, Mr. J. B. Battersby; Treasurer, Mr. J. Hindle; Guardian, Mr. J. Ainsworth; Captain of Guards, Mr. T. Holland, senior; Guards, Mr. A. Simpson and Mr. T. Place; Librarians, Tom Holland, junior, and Alfred Simpson; Musical Directors, Mr. Harry Robinson, Mr. T. Edwards and Miss Susy Eddlestone; Calisthenic Conductors, Maud Holland and Clara Ferdinhand; Committee, Messrs. Errington, W. Ainsworth, H. Robinson, E. Holding, Harry Robinson, A. Ferdinhand, Crowther, Misses Jones, E. Allen, M. A. Smith, L. Gornall and Mrs. Smith. With the above officers we should have a very successful year.—H. Robinson, Secretary.

[Will the new Secretary please favour us with his full address?

**BOLTON** (Bradford Street).—On Sunday, October 16th, we held our harvest festival. Mr. Walter Howell was our speaker for the day. In the morning Mr. Howell gave an address to the Lyceum, full of instruction and humour. We had large audiences in the afternoon and evening, when our speaker excelled himself. The room was tastefully decorated with fruit and flowers. In the afternoon two babies were named. Our fruit banquet on Monday night was a great success.—Monro Waddilove, Secretary.

**BRADFORD** (Boynton Street).—We held our open session

on October 2nd, when there was a good attendance. Recitations were given by Miss F. Winder, Master N. Haley, and Master A. Ramsden; also reading by Miss Gath. Solos were sung by Misses Edith McIntosh and F. Winder, and Miss E. McIntosh, Masters S. Winder, and H. Wrigley sang 394 out of the Manual. In the afternoon Miss A. Ward recited "Do your best," and Master N. Haley recited "Bedtime;" Misses Ada and Annie Carter, assisted by their father, sang "A Little Child shall lead them." On October 16th we had a visit from the B.L.D.C., and a very enjoyable time was spent. The President spoke of the rise and progress of modern Spiritualism.—A. E. Carter.

BRADFORD, DUDLEY HILL (Shirley Road).—On Sunday, October 2nd, we held our open session before a very good audience, when the prizes were given to the children for good attendance during the year. Mrs. Johnson gave special prizes for those who had never missed a session. Also Mrs. Tolson gave a special prize for the best effort at open sessions during the year. This was won by our musical conductor. Something like 24 prizes were distributed. The following took part in the open session: S. Kitchingman, A. Dennison, Louisa Rau, Ida Fearnley, Flyde Taylor, J. W. Garrod and Mr. F. Bilsborough. Mr. Jackson gave a short address. It was a happy time for us all.—H. Rau, Secretary.

BRADFORD, LAISTERDYKE (Bradford Lane).—On Oct. 2nd we had a splendid open session, about 52 members being present. Mr. Morrell conducted, the following Lyceumists taking part: Recitations by Frank Morrell, "The Autumn," Miss A. Eddington, "Little Benney," Ernest Morrell, "The Butterfly;" Miss E. Tordoff, "The Cripple Boy," also Martha Gernal. Readings by Albert Carver, "The good that we can do;" Elsie Fallon, "Onward." We are working hard this month preparing for our first concert, which takes place on Saturday, November 12th. I am pleased to report satisfactory progress in the Lyceum.—James Babbs, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—Sorry to have to report only a small gathering at our open session on Sunday, October 2nd, but nevertheless it was a beautiful session. I can only repeat what I have reported on previous occasions, viz: "that although few in numbers a most harmonious feeling prevailed." Solos by Mr. Hale, "Waiting for us there," and Miss May Flatt, "Swiftly time is bearing us away." Duets by H. and W. Hale, "Children's day," H. Hale and H. Birdsall "Holy Ministers," and Miss Flatt and May Flatt "Oh! Come."—(Miss) E. Flatt, Hon. Secretary.

BRIERFIELD (Clitheroe Road).—On Sunday, October 9th, we held our harvest festival. We had open session in the morning. After the chain recitations and marching we had some very good recitations from the Lyceum scholars and friends from Nelson. And our juvenile choir rendered "Roses of Life," under the conductorship of Miss Hudson. Afterwards Mrs. Binns and Mr. Hargreaves, of Nelson, both spoke well to the Lyceum scholars.—Mrs. McNally, Secretary.

BRIGHTON (Manchester Street).—October 9th, session well attended. Songs and recitations by Gwenie Leach, Z. Brigden, W. Lowther, C. Rhodes, and F. Curry. October 16th address by Mr. Evans on "The Boy's Duty and the Girl's Sacrifice," and October 23rd we were again favoured by Mr. Evans when he spoke on "Altruism." Recitations by F. Jacobs, N. Funnell and L. Cager.—Geo. H. Curry, Assistant Secretary.

BURNLEY (Hammerton Street).—On Sunday, October 9th, we had our harvest festival, when the room was tastefully decorated with fruit, vegetables, and flowers. We had an open session in the morning when the following Lyceumists took part. Recitations by Ivy Redman and Martha Longworth, solos were nicely rendered by Winnie Thompson, Mrs. Bridge, and Mr. W. Metcalfe. Short readings were given by Mrs. Metcalfe, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. C. Forrest. Pianoforte duet by Miss Hoole and Miss Redman. Mr. Morse, who was the speaker for the day, gave a short address. There was a record attendance of scholars and parents. Mr. Thornton was the conductor.—Mrs. S. A. Riley, Secretary.

BURY (off Paradise Street).—On Sunday, September 25th, we held our election of officers, when the following were elected. Conductor, Miss Emma Rostron; Assistant Conductor, Miss Ada Ellis; Conductor of Marching and Calisthenics, Mr. Stanley Howarth; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Burns; Secretary, Mr. Joseph Wood; Leaders of Marching, Miss Ivy Kaye and Mr. Samuel Rockliffe; Librarian, Mr. John Nutter; Guardian, Mr. John Howarth; Leaders of Groups: Fountain Group, Misses Ivy Kaye and Florrie Nutter; River Group, Misses E.

E. Mills and Edith Kaye; Sea Group, Mrs. Cotterill and Miss M. A. Dixon; Excelsior Group, Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Ellis; Liberty Group, Mr. Harry Ashworth; Executive Committee, Miss Dixon, Mr. Sydney Cotterill and Mr. J. Nutter.—Joseph Wood, Secretary.

CREWE.—On October 2nd we held an open session. Recitations were given by Lizzie Jones, Florrie Wood, Fred Horner, and J. Jones. Song by Jack Jones and duet by Elsie Henshall and Lizzie Williams. The open session is a means of valuable training to Lyceumists, they develop self-command, the ability to express themselves clearly, and clothe their thoughts with words; all these are of inestimable value, especially during the strain of business life.—H. Walker, Secretary.

GLASGOW (316, Paisley Road).—This Lyceum still maintains a very satisfactory position. The attendance, though not great, is steady, and the interest among workers and members is unabated. We held our open session on Sunday morning, 2nd October. The new president of the Association, Mr. Duncan, appropriately addressed the children. The chief feature of the morning was the large contribution of songs and recitations from the children. The following taking part: Chrissie Watson, Tina Smith, Mary Hopkins, Nellie McConnell, Kate Smith, Mattie McLean, Wm. Griffiths, Alex. McVicar, Francis McVicar, May McLean, Bella McConnell, Isaac Hopkins, and Janet McLean, and special mention of a new member whose name I missed. Throughout, the work in general is being performed fairly satisfactory.—H. A. Kerr, Secretary.

GLASGOW (141, Waterloo Street).—We held our open session on Sunday, 16th October. The speaker for the occasion was Mr. A. Burnett, of Johnstone. His subject on 'Reform' was dealt with in a very interesting and instructive manner. The President of the Parent Association, Mr. Geo. P. Young, made some forcible remarks on the subject "Deeds, not words." A splendid variety of pearls of thought and recitations were well rendered by the scholars, and also a solo from one of the girls. The session proved to be a very pleasant one. The position of conductor of our Lyceum has been vacated by Mr. K. C. Low. Mr. John M. Stewart has been appointed to this office.—Wm. G. McPherson, Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our open session on Sunday, October 2nd. We started with Hymn 391. The silver chain, 40, was led by Mrs. Ainsworth. The musical reading, No. 212, led by Richard Leaver, Nora Wrigley, Elizabeth Hannah Hindle and Maud Cross. The golden chain, No. 117, was led by Mr. Harry Waterhouse, then we went through the march. Recitations were rendered by Annie Owen, Nora Wrigley, Alfred Ainsworth, Matilda Crooks. Misses Almond and Green sang "Angel Care," Miss E. Waring sang "Haste to the field of labour." Taking all into consideration we had a very good session.—M. Crooks.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—The Lyceum anniversary services were held on October 1st and 2nd. The Saturday's effort was a tea and concert, most of the provisions being given by the church members. About 140 persons sat down to tea, Lyceumists taking charge of the tables. A good company assembled for the concert, which was presided over by Mr. J. Lightowler, of Bradford. Action songs, recitations, songs and dialogues were given entirely by Lyceum scholars. On Sunday morning we had a very good open session, Mr. J. Kay being the conductor. Songs were given by the children. Recitations, solos, and short speeches were given by the members of liberty group, which proved a very interesting feature.—M. L. Stair, Secretary.

[Please note Rule 3.—Ed.]

LEEDS, ARMLEY (Theaker Street).—Saturday, September 24th, records a pleasing event, when at a social evening Mr. Deightam, a past conductor of our Lyceum, was presented with a token of appreciation for his kindness shown to this Lyceum on its visit to Huddersfield. Sunday, September 25th, we had a visit from the Leeds District Council. Business meeting in the morning. Open session in the afternoon, when the result of the Merit Competition was announced, and singular to mention Armley were the winners. In the evening the Council took the meeting, but the audience was very meagre. Excepting the evening meeting we had a successful week-end.—John Warrington, Secretary.

LEEDS, EAST.—Saturday and Sunday, October 22nd and 23rd anniversary of our Lyceum. We had a tea and concert on the Saturday and had a good gathering, all went off well.

On Sunday we had open session at which we had close on 100. As we could not have our Gen. Secretary, A. Kitson, the Lyceum members conducted the service. We thank all who helped to make our anniversary a success. We are able to hand over to the Parent Society, the Church, the sum of £3.—J. Ingle, Secretary.

LEEDS, HUNSLLET (Church Street).—On October 16th a service of song was given in the evening by our Lyceum scholars, entitled, "Faithful and True," conducted by Mr. Beckwith. A duet was given by Doris Swainson and Charles Frost, entitled, "Over the river." Solos by Miss R. Hilda Dickinson and Minnie Illingworth. The room was full, and also in the after meeting a solo was given by Minnie Illingworth, entitled, "The Better Land."—Rose Hilda Dickinson, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).—Sunday, October 2nd, we held our open session, at which were a number of interested friends. The following scholars rendered solos: Misses W. Harvey, D. Wayne, F. Smith, G. Wayne, W. Ayriiss, and Master A. Gregory. Miss M. York recited and Master W. Richards gave a reading. We had a joyful afternoon's session. October 9th, Mr. Frank Hepworth, of Blackburn, was with us, who led the chain recitations. He then addressed a few words to the leaders and scholars and then gave the order for group lessons. October 16th we had the pleasing ceremony of naming the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, by Mrs. Litt. Solos were also rendered, which I am unable to record for lack of space.—A. Hurst, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASTER.—Excellent sessions, full of vigour. Recitations and songs from the following were much appreciated: Ethel and Elsie Hennerdy, Janie, Lizzie, and John Kirk. An interesting anecdote was read by our conductor. A most gratifying incident was the presenting of prize books for meritorious essays on "What I know of Andrew Jackson Davis." The donors were Miss Ford, Mr. Stephenson, and Mr. William Bleasdale. The recipients being Reta Newsham, William Morris, and John Kirk. Our conductor had shewn the way by winning the first prize given by our Lyceum District Council for essay "Why I am a Spiritualist." Papers by Mr. George and Abram Bleasdale, entitled respectively, "The Religion of Health," and "A Bunch of Keys," were alive with interest.—J. Sayle.

LITTLETON.—We had our election of officers on October 23rd, when Miss Groves was elected conductor, Miss Hurst, assistant conductor, A. Hill, secretary, Miss Groves, treasurer, Walker Hill, guardian, Miss Groves, leader in calisthenics, W. Hill and A. Hill leaders for marching.—A. Hill, Secretary.

LONDON, BRIXTON.—We are pleased to report progress, and also that we are being helped in our task before us. On September 25th Doris Richmond gave a recitation, "The Children's Home," and Ivy Draxler a recitation "The Rabbit." On October 2nd Nellie Underwood gave a recitation, "Dolly's Disguise," and Carl Rennox "Poor dog's worse." October 9th Ivy Draxler recitation, "The Lily." Mrs. Hutchins a solo, which was applauded, and Minnie Nuthall a solo, "The Roses of Life." October 16th, Ivy Draxler recitation, "The Moon." Miss Dryden gave a beautiful first attempt. I was at Tottenham on this day and was pleased. We keep to our motto, "The Workers Win."—Alex. Brooking.

LONDON, FULHAM (Fernhurst Road).—Considerable progress has been made during the past month, both in calisthenics and general Lyceum work. Under the guidance of Mr. Smythe our singing is steadily improving. On October 2nd a quartette entitled "Over the river of light" was effectively rendered by Eva and Edgar Ashley, Alice Rogers and Dolly Drew. We have had recitations from Doris Spiller, Olive Dix and Doris Reid, and a pianoforte solo from Frances Smith. On October 16th Miss Cole presided, and we were pleased to welcome friends from Burnley. On October 23rd we were delighted with a visit from Miss Morris, who spoke words of encouragement to the Lyceum and conducted the Liberty Group.—Ivy Clarke.

LONDON, PLAISTOWE.—This Lyceum is gradually regaining its old strength, and will soon be as strong in numbers as formerly. It has been hard work for the officers, but the children have responded nobly to the call and success has crowned their efforts. On the 14th October we held a tea and social, and a very successful evening was the result. The Lyceumists and various members of the adult society provided a splendid musical programme. Mr. Clegg, the district visiting officer, who was present, gave some very hearty words of encouragement, and spoke very highly of the singing and

recitations, and called upon the children to work hard and gain top place in the banner competition.—E.W.C.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, October 9th, we had a very fair attendance. Recitations were given by K. Jones, D. Steel, D. Stevens, and E. Barnes. Reading by J. Lightfoot. Pearls were also well rendered. We held on Sunday, October 16th, an open session, which was very well attended. Recitations were given by K. Jones, B. Lewis, and D. Steel. Solo by E. Barnes. As it was also the quarterly meeting of the London District Council, delegates from Fulham and Brixton Lyceums were present, and after going through our calisthenics and marching we had short encouraging addresses from them. Sunday, October 23rd, we had a fair attendance. Readings by F. Lightfoot and K. Jones. Some clairvoyance was also given by our conductor.—Harold H. Jones, Secretary.

MACCLESFIELD.—The visit of the B.S.L.U. Executive on October 8th and 9th was one of the grandest meetings ever held in the annals of our Church. The Lyceum session in the morning was well attended, the President, Mrs. Nurse, being invited to take the position of conductor, when the various silver and golden chain recitations were gone through in an excellent manner. Pearls were given in abundance. The marching and calisthenics were gone through in a most satisfactory manner; the members of the E.C. joining in, which made this part of the session very enjoyable. The afternoon and evening addresses given by the various speakers proved to be an intellectual feast.—Wm. Albinson, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, ARDWICK (Maskell Street).—On September 24th we held a tea party and concert. The concert was given by the children, under the tuition of Mrs. Bentley and Mrs. Turner, which passed off very successfully. On Sunday, September 26th, we celebrated our 22nd anniversary. In the afternoon Mrs. Porter, of Canada (late of Manchester), gave a very interesting address on "Life in Canada," especially referring to the Canadian Lyceums. In the evening she spoke on "Spiritualism a Science." October 2nd our half yearly meeting was held, when an efficient staff of officers were elected. October 16th we had with us Mrs. Praed, of Melbourne, Australia, who gave a very interesting address, and also the good wishes of the Australian and New Zealand Lyceums.—Aif. Sims, Secretary.

[Please note Rule 3.—Ed.]

MANCHESTER, HARPURHEY.—On Saturday, October 15th, we had a tea party and social, attended by very good success, thanks to the efforts of Mr. and Miss Norris and others who kindly assisted. Also gramophone selections by Mr. Arlus helped to make a very pleasant evening. On Sunday, October 16th, our Anniversary Services were held, with an average attendance of 80 children and leaders at both sessions, conducted by Mr. R. P. Wightman. In the evening Mr. Austin Hepton, of South Manchester, gave a most interesting address, entitled, "Strengthening the chain," to a large audience. Owing to the increasing enthusiasm of our officers and leaders our Lyceum is showing a decided improvement. There being an average attendance of 70 every Sunday morning.—Walter Robins, Secretary.

MANCHESTER (Princess Road).—On October 2nd, and also continued on the 16th, the Liberty group held a discussion on Can a Spiritualist be a Socialist? and Can a Socialist be a Spiritualist? [Report of session held on September 11th out of order. See rule 2.—Ed.]

MIDDLETON (Gilmour Street).—The Lyceum is having a prosperous time (which we hope will continue), helping in a very good way to clear the debt off the hall. Mr. Barrington gave a paper on Sunday, 16th, entitled, "Why I am a Spiritualist," which was very good, so good that it is open for discussions till 23rd, service of song by the Lyceumists "Rest at last," which was also very good, before a good audience. Solos were sung by Mrs. J. Liddle, Misses Horrock and Woodcock.—John Liddle, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE, HEATON AND BYKER.—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, we held our open session, when Mr. Ronaldson, leader of Shamrock Group gave "Polonius's advice to Seartes." Recitations were rendered by Beatrice Eke, Alice Eke, Cora Gay, Mamie Blair, Annie Shadforth, Ellen Waite, Lily Gray, Ralph Eke, John Ronaldson, and Robert Fenwick. Solos were given by Mr. B. Westgarth, Miss Gray and Master W. Montgomery. We also had two duets which were very ably rendered by Mr. G. H. Westgarth and Florrie Fenwick, and Misses Jennie Hughes and Florrie Fenwick. A quartette was given by

Misses F. Westgarth, Lawrence, Mr. G. W. Westgarth and Mr. A. N. Gay, which were much appreciated. Altogether a delightful afternoon was spent.—S. J. Hunter, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (Rutherford Street).—A good influence prevailed throughout our open session, which was held on October 2nd. We were pleased to see so many adult members and visitors present with us. The following solos were given: Miss E. Curtis, "Cherish faith in one another;" Miss Sweedie, "Trust in God and do the right;" Miss Harlow, "There's rest for thee at home;" Mr. G. S. Dawson, "The Homeland;" and Miss Adams "The spirit sailor boy." Recitations: Miss Eda Elnor, "God's Work;" Master Frank Finley, "Be Strong;" and Master James Adams, "Trust in God." The marching and calisthenics were done satisfactorily, and the singing of "Catch the Sunshine," brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.—Annie Drysdale Adams, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics Hall).—The following interesting papers have been read at the Liberty Group. September 25th, Mr. A. Coles, "Humanity in Spiritualism." October 2nd, Miss K. Callender, "The Mind." October 9th, Miss Y. Rayner, "Sub-Conscious Self." October 16th, Mr. Peel, "Joan of Arc" (continued). October 23rd, Mr. L. Cooke, "Is there a slump in Spiritualism."—L. Cooke, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliot Street).—Last Saturday, October 15th, we had a picnic to Belle Vue, which was the last and best of the season. We are now having Lyceum sessions on Sunday afternoons, and so far have been satisfactory in every way. We are aiming at the standard of perfection for our quarterly open sessions, solos, recitations, pearls, etc. Solos have been rendered by Miss Gladys Booth, Mr. Arnold Horseman, Mr. Slater, and a duet by Miss Alice Diggle and Mrs. Booth, accompanied by C. E. Waterhouse, pianist. Recitations by Miss E. Ashworth, Master Sam Clayton, and Mrs. J. W. Slater, which were highly appreciated.—R. W. Johnstone, Secretary.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On October 8th and 9th we held our 21st Anniversary. On Saturday we held a tea party. A large attendance (200) partook of a good tea, after which songs, dancing, etc., were indulged in. At 1.45 we had a procession round the district, headed by the 8th Batt. Boys Brigade Brass Band, about 200 taking part. At 3.0 a meeting was held, the hall being crowded. Recitations by Misses Collins, A. Owen, and Clara Royle. Silver and golden chains and musical readings were given. Evening meeting crowded. Short addresses during the day by Mr. John Jackson (Chairman), Mrs. Ellen Green, Messrs. Donnelly, Moulding, Jas. Jackson (all present 21 years ago), F. Johnson, Churchill, Kenyon, Starbuck, Tinker.

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—We held our open session on Sunday, October 2nd, about 50 scholars being present. The silver and golden chain recitations, which were led by Miss Gertrude Cartmell, were well responded to. Recitations were given by Annie Beetham, Mary Alice Margison, Will Beetham and John Cartmell. Songs were rendered by Elizabeth Higginbottom and Amy Coupe. We had a pleasing sight before us as the room was decorated with flowers and fruit for the harvest festival. Mr. Hepworth, who was the speaker for the day, gave a short address to the children.—Mrs. E. A. Margison, Secretary.

RAWFENSTALL (Back Ormerod Street).—On Sunday, October 2nd, we held our 22nd Lyceum Anniversary. The children's friend, Mr. Alfred Kitson, delivered three splendid addresses. Mr. Mansfield presided in a very able manner. In the morning at 10.45 Mr. Kitson gave an address to parents and children. In the afternoon at 2.30 the subject was "The attainment of truth." In the evening at 6.0 he gave a very good address on "The rise and progress of the Lyceum movement," introducing many interesting incidents connected with his Lyceum work. The addresses were well appreciated by the audiences, there being many old scholars present. At the close of the evening service Mr. Mansfield conducted a circle. Altogether we spent a very enjoyable day.—Amy Kilsby, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—On Sunday, October 9th, we held our usual open session, Mr. Gartry conducting. The following programme was gone through. Recitations were given by the following Lyceumists: Elsie Park, Elsie Hossel, Annie Ridley, Nancy and Phoebe Wilkinson, Dorothy Smith and Mrs. Jones. We also enjoyed a solo by Dorothy Smith. I am very glad to say that the attendance has increased since the last report, and I hope that we shall keep progressing. It was also the harvest festival, when several Lyceumists took part at the evening service before a good audience.—C. Dalton, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—On Sunday, October 2nd, we held our ninth anniversary services in the Meersbrook Vestry Hall. Mrs. Bentley, of Manchester, was the speaker. Morning session, brief addresses by Mrs. Bentley and Mr. J. Knight. Afternoon, interesting upon session and prize distribution. Evening, 6.30, splendid address by Mrs. Bentley, soloists, Miss May Needham and Richard Vernon. On Sunday, October 9th, the following officers were elected: Conductor, Mr. T. Oliver; Secretary, Mr. B. C. Swinden; Assistant Secretary, Miss Kate Wood; Treasurer, Mr. Deakin; Guardian, Mr. Richard Vernon; Musical Director, Mr. Ernest Vickers; Assistants, Mrs. Whitaker, Miss Edith Cockayne and Miss Bodsworth; Captain of Guards, Miss Susan Wilson; Guards, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Truelove, Mr. S. Beedham; Sick and Absentee Visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Clive.

SHILDON.—On Sunday, October 9th, we held an open session, being the Society's harvest festival. There was a splendid display, including coal, from which Mr. Robinson gave an interesting address, explaining the character of its various kinds and colours. A good number of visitors were present, who were delighted with the marching and calisthenics, which was led by Mr. T. Brown. Musical reading by Miss Copping. Recitations were given by James Chappell, William Smith, S. A. Smith, Clara B. Mason, Elsie Chappell, and Mary J. Harris. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Chappell and Miss F. Christopher, and a duet by Miss A. Gregory and Elsie Chappell. The session was much appreciated. Collection in aid of Church fund.—Miss E. Peat, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkhead Street).—We have marked out for ourselves a high standard of excellency, which we are striving strenuously to attain, so we can confidently report progress. Our sessions have been varied and interesting, having been conducted by Mrs. Isherwood, Mrs. Newton, Mr. Smithies and Mr. Beaty. A very pleasing element has been the visitors who favour us ever and anon. They are as follows, Mrs. Fleteroft (Wilmslow), Mr. Will Edwards (Accrington), Mr. Parry and Mr. Pearson (Birkenhead). The former we look upon in the light of a benefactor. The children have responded eagerly to the appeal for questions and pearls. This combined effort of one and all has resulted in an educational and harmonious time having been spent.—(Miss) Edith Beaumont, Secretary.

STOCKPORT (Central).—On October 1st, the first social of the season was held, which was well attended. Miss Ada Halsall kindly officiated at the piano. On October 2nd, the quarterly open session was held, our Lyceumists attended in full force; Hillgate Lyceum was also well represented. Pearls were a special feature of the session, being very instructive and highly intellectual. The audience seemed to follow the session throughout with interest. During the past month present and past Lyceumists have been defending and stating our principles in the local press. Much good has been done, many enquirers attending the Society meetings. We propose to produce Dickens' "Christmas Carol" during the Christmas season, in aid of the parent body. Mr. Halsall has promised to assist.—J. H. Marston, Secretary.

ULVERSTON.—On October 9th and 10th we celebrated our 3rd anniversary, our hall being profusely decorated with flowers. Miss Lawton, Barrow, was the speaker. Selections of chain recitations, etc., were well rendered. In the evening the conductor briefly explained the Lyceum work. Miss Lawton spoke on "Child Life in the Spirit World." We also held an open session on the Monday evening, when again the chain recitations and exercises were gone through. The conductor gave a short address on the "Aims and objects of the Lyceum." A long programme of songs, solos and recitations were ably rendered by the Lyceumists, which were well appreciated by the audience. Our efforts were a decided success and has led to several new scholars being enrolled.—W. Mather, Secretary.

WIDNES (St. Paul's Chambers).—Harvest services in connection with the Lyceum and Society were conducted on Oct. 9th, 10th, and 11th, by Mr. Walmsley of Accrington. On the Sunday afternoon Mr. Monks, of Wigan, adjudicated in the Shield Competition, the session being conducted by Mr. W. Crewe, conductor. In the evening, our President, Mr. J. Wesley Jones, also delivered a short address. Mr. Prichard was chairman at all the services. On Sunday, October 23rd, the services were given over to the Lyceum. An open session was conducted in the afternoon by Mr. Walker, of Crewe, who also delivered an address in the evening. The chair at both meetings was taken by Mr. E. E. Hunt, assistant conductor. John Matthews rendered two solos.—Alice L. Crewe, Hon. Secretary.

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

- Accrington**, Carter-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss E. A. Whittle, 58, Paxton-street
- Accrington**, China-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Leach, 26, China-street
- 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. A. Embrey, 81, Todmorden Road
- 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. Miss Bellerby, 2, School-street, Oulton.
- 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. F. G. Heath, 128, Oxtou-road
- Birmingham**, 52, Crawford-street, Sallley, 3-0. Mr. H. Reeves, 115, Rocky-lane. Nechells
- Birmingham**, Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road, Smethwick
- Blackburn**, Mount-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. N. Derbyshire, 88, Skiddow-street
- Blackburn**, Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. W. Hastings, 20, Charlotte-treet
- 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. Monro Waddilove, 100, Deane-road
- Bolton**, Commission-street, 10 a.m. Miss E. Rostron, 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, 103, Priestman-street, Manningham
- Bradford**, Temperance Hall, Chapel Street, Leeds Road, 10 and 2 p.m. Mr. A. Shackleton, 20, Waverley Avenue, Great Horton
- 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. Mrs. McNally, 11, Cross-street, nr. Burnley
- Brighouse**, Martin-street, 10 and 2. Mr. James Crossley, 14, Bryan street, Rastrick
- Brighton**, Manchester-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Frank G. Clarke, Bagshot Villa, 16, Bondary-road, West Howe
- 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-wharfe, 10 and 2-45. Mr. H. Brownhall, 18, Derby-road
- Bury**, off Paradise-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Joseph Wood, 23, Lima-street, Huntley Brook.
- Cardiff**, 58, Queen-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Wm. E. Jones, 2, Eclipse-street, Roath
- Castleford**, Joseph-street, 10-15 and 1-30. Mr. Joseph Field 75, Ambler-street
- Chadderton**, off Brook-street, 10 a.m. Mrs. Oldfield, 74, Bamford-street, near Oldham
- Chester**, Commonhall-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Richardson, 48, Catherine street.
- Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30. Mr. Trevor Brewin, 6 North Terrace Hasland
- Clayton-le-Moors**, Victor-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Simpson, 80, Pickup Street, near Accrington.
- Cleckheaton**, Old-Robin-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. George Bryan, 16, Stone street, Westgate
- Colne**, Cloth-hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Nicholson Jobling, 13, Lords Street
- Coventry**, Bull-street (off Hertford-street), 10-30 a.m. Mrs. A. A. Key, 64, Oliver-street
- Crewe**, Mill-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Henry Walker, 26, Stamford-avenue
- Crompton**, Rochdale-rd., 10 and 2. Mr. Charles Smith, 15, Oak-street, Shaw, near Oldham.
- Daisy Hill**, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Walter Shepherd, 147, Hindley Road, near Bolton
- Darlington**, Bondgate, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. W. S. Jubb, 27, Mowden Terrace
- 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, Kildgeway-street
- Doncaster**, Temperance Hall, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Crowcroft, 18, Carr Houve-road
- 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, 82, Ward-road
- Dundee**, Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss Ina Fleming, 14, Arthurbone Terrace
- Earlstown**, Earle-street, Co-operative Hall, 1-45 p.m. Mr. Walter Duncan, 18, Chandos-street, near Newton-le-Willows
- Edinburgh**, Society of Arts Hall, 117, George Street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. David Niven, 43, Morrison-street
- Elland**, James-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Marsden, 82, Langdale Street.
- Foleshill**, Broad Street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Gibbs, 42, Argyle street, Coventry
- Fordsburg**, Main-street, 11 a.m. Mr. A. Stewart, P.O. Box 23, South Africa
- Gateshead**, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr. William Hall, 34, Balfour-street
- Glasgow**, Govan, Paisley-road, 4 p.m. Mr. H. A. Kerr, 471, Sauchiehall-street
- 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
- Grimby**, 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, Mytholmwood, 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. John E. Parker, 11, Weir-street, Oldham-road, Failssworth, Manchester
- Horwich**, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. Mr. E. Fernihough, 52, Richmond street, near Bolton
- Hucknall**, Watnall-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Mary A. Cox, 28, Watnall-road, Hucknall, Torkard
- Huddersfield**, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Tom Ellis, 74, Firth-street
- Huddersfield**, St. Peter-street, 10-15 a.m. Miss Nellie Crowe, 16, Grove-street.
- Hull**, Lime street, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. C. Headley, 18, Ellisterrace, Holderness-road
- Hull**, Wright-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm. Geo. Allen, 11, Claremont-avenue, Nicholson-street
- Hyde**, Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss G. Bottomley, 64, Clarendon street
- Jarrow**, Market-square, 2 p.m. Mrs. Ada Poole, 18, Howe-street, Hebburn-on-Tyne
- Johannesburg**, 11 a.m. Mr. R. T. Foley, 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. James Kirk, 69, Grasmere-road, Freehold
- Leeds**, Bethel-street, 10 a.m. Miss F. Woodhead, 22, Purton street, Dewsbury road
- Leeds**, Church-street, Hunslet, 10 and 2. Miss Rose H. Dickinson, 35, Tel-erd-street, Hunslet Carr
- Leeds**, EAST, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2. Mr. G. Ingle, 26, Devon-street, East Leeds
- Leeds**, Grove-house-lane (Psycho). Miss Pawson, 27, Prosperity-street, Camp-road
- Leeds**, Joseph-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Frances Innocent, 133, Grape-street, Hun-let
- 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 Hill, Coultham street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. Harv C. Dobby, 50, Park street
- Littletown**, Well-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss Florence Brook, 4, Ramsden-street, Litt etown, nr. Liversge ge.
- 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. Cretnie, 21, Chantry-street, Edge Hill
- Liverpool**, South, 83a, Win sor 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. Welbolve, 109, Bonner Hill-r ad, Norbiton, Surrey
- London**, E., Manor Park Shrewsbury-road, 11 a.m. Miss Emily Glennie, 48, Kusehm Ave., Manor Park
- London**, E., Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Ernest W. Cant, 29, Braemar-road, Barking-road, Plaistow, E.
- London**, Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Mr Harold H. Jones, 77a, St. Anne's-road, Stamford Hill, N.
- London**, Walthamstow, St. John's-road, 11 a.m. Mr. S. R. Gent, 22, Carter-lane, E.C.
- Longton**, Stone-road, 10 and 2. Mr. Hugh McCartney, Meir Heath, near Blythe Bridge, North Staff.
- Macclesfield**, Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. William Albinson, 5, Bond-street
- Manchester**, Ardwick, 58, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Alfred A. Sims, 96, Cranworth-street, C.-on-M.