

# THE LYCEUM BANNER

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ONE PENNY.



The above group of children, arranged to form a crescent on the rostrum, made a very pretty picture, while Miss Edith Hindle, the one in the centre, holding the basket of flowers, stepped to the front and recited in steady, clear tones, the WELCOME to the CONFERENCE. The whole was so prettily and innocently rendered that many eyes were dimmed with tears of joy.

We are indebted to Mr. H. Buller, Nelson, for the photo, size 9 by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Any of our readers desirous of obtaining a copy should apply to Mrs. F. Stables, 138, Chapel House Road, Nelson, enclosing 7d., when one will be sent post free, or post card size 4d. each, post free.

## British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.—23rd Annual Conference,

Held in the Spiritual Church, Nelson, on Saturday and Sunday,

May and 12th, 1912.

### CONFERENCE MINUTES: SATURDAY.

Mr. Robert A. Owen in the chair, Mrs. L. Nurse in the vice-chair; Mr. Councillor John Venables, Treasurer; Mr. Alfred Kitson, Secretary; Mr. Wm. Johnson, Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, Mrs. A. E. Bentley, Mr. R. Latham, Mr. J. Tinker, Mr. T. H. Wright, Mr. H. Rau, Executive, on the platform.

The President rang the assembly to attention promptly at 6 p.m., and proceedings commenced with the song "Open the door for the Children." Mrs. Nurse offered the invocation.

The President appointed the following:

*Messenger*: Mr. Ackroyd, Huddersfield.

*Tellers*: Mr. Hamilton, Scotland, and J. W. Nurse, Rochdale.

*Minute Secretary*: Mr. J. Tinker (by Executive).

Mr. Keeling, Liverpool, moved, Mr. Ross, Daulby Hall, seconded, "That the minutes be taken as read."—*Agreed*.

Mr. Keeling asked whether the minutes before the Conference were a correct copy of the minutes handed in last year.

Mr. Kitson said they were.

Mr. Keeling thought that, as minute secretary, he had used a ballot form and given the results of the voting for all the candidates. He would not press the point.

Mr. Knott, auditor, thought the acceptance of the last minute (re finishing business at noon on Sunday), would cripple the wisdom of the Conference, and moved that it be rescinded.

Mr. W. Edwards (auditor), seconded.

Mr. Batten (Bolton), moved, and Mr. Mathieson (Birkenhead), seconded, "That the minutes be accepted as a correct record."—*Agreed*.

Mr. Keeling opposed the rescinding of the minute referred to. He was prepared with a paper on "The Lyceums, their aims, functions, and relations to Spiritualism," for the afternoon.

After discussion the motion was defeated by a large majority, and on a further vote a large majority decided to discuss Mr. Keeling's paper.

On the motion of Messrs. Bentley and Batten the minutes were confirmed.

The President read a telegram from the President of the N.C.U., and a post card from Mr. Underwood, London, sending fraternal greetings, also words of stimulation from Mrs. Law, of Huddersfield, and he reciprocated their good wishes.

Mr. Higham (Padiham), proposed, and Mr. Holland (Blackburn), seconded, "That the General Report be taken as read."—*Agreed.*

#### AINSWORTH TRUST.

Mr. Knott (auditor), inquired for information regarding Trust Deed for the John Ainsworth bequest.

The President read a statement of alternatives.

Mr. W. E. Bentley (Manchester), moved "That this Conference instruct the Executive Council to take steps to form the B.S.L.U. into a legalized corporation without the word 'limited.'"—

Mr. C. E. Lloyd (Pendleton), seconded.

Replying to Mr. Batten, the treasurer said the solicitor estimated the costs of legalization from £50 to £60.

Mr. Johnson asked if it could not be done for half that amount.

Mr. Venables replied that an estimate had been given for £30 or £35, but he gave the solicitor's estimate.

Mr. Ellis (Huddersfield), asked why they should make the gulf wider between their union and the S.N.U.? He favoured the S.N.U. trusteeship.

Mr. Latham (Executive), thought the first important step was to give the Lyceums a chance of deliberating on this matter. The Societies were legalizing by separate trusts and by the S.N.U. For the L.U. to legalize independently would affect not merely that £500 but all other property. They should avoid dispersal of their property among separate bodies. He moved "That we place the question of legalizing the B.S.L.U.—along with the question of taking steps to hand over on trust by deed our property, legacies, etc., to the Spiritualists' National Union, Ltd.,—before the affiliated Lyceums (as a referendum); replies to be in the hands of the Secretary within one month from date; the Executive Council to act in accordance with the majority vote."

Mrs. Pickles (Burnley), seconded.

Mr. Batten spoke in favour of union with S.N.U.

Mr. Venables said the advisability of legalizing the Union to enable it to become a beneficiary had been before the Lyceums the past ten years. No referendum should be needed.

Mr. Johnson, whilst strongly in favour of unity with the S.N.U., had, after careful deliberation, decided in favour of legalizing the Lyceum Union.

Mr. Hargreaves (Nelson), favoured union with the S.N.U.

Mr. Monks (Wigan), did not see how they could control their trusts under the S.N.U. system. (Voices: Five and two.)

Mr. Keeling supported legalization. He had written to A. J. Davis on the point, and received a reply that the amalgamation of the Lyceums with the General movement of Spiritualism would be disastrous to both, and gave reasons. He had information that legacies would be given to the Union if it was a legalized body.

Mr. Marston (Stockport), from experience, supported independence of Lyceums.

Mr. Peel and Mr. Holland supported the amendment.

Mr. Wright, in supporting S.N.U. trusteeship, said the property could be withdrawn on six months' notice. Half the National Executive were Lyceum workers.

Mrs. Nurse, while in full sympathy with the S.N.U., supported the proposition.

Mr. Spittlehouse (Sheffield), said the S.N.U. had sufficient of their own work. Ours was a distinct work, and both organizations were needed.

In replying on the discussion, Mr. Bentley said that if legalized, there was a greater probability of holding the rights of the *Manual* and *Songster*.

For the amendment 43 voted and 78 against.

In favour of the motion for legalization 77 voted and 33 against, and the motion was therefore declared adopted.

The conference agreed to adjourn at 9 p.m.

#### PEACE, &c.

Mr. Kitson, for the Executive, proposed "That this Union affiliate with the National Peace Council."

Mr. Dobby (Lincoln), seconded.

Mr. Johnson moved "That the question be deferred to next Conference."

Mr. Spittlehouse (Wombwell), seconded. The Lyceums were doing peace work every session.

Mr. Venables, Mr. Bentley, and Mr. Harris (Bacup), supported the motion.

Mr. Keeling supported the amendment.

For the amendment, 43; against, 60. For the motion, 71; against, 38. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee reported as present 4 officers, 7 Executive members, 2 auditors, 9 D.V's., 11 District Council representatives, 101 delegates, 1 S.N.U. representative, 1 hon. member and pressman. Total 136. (Another delegate arrived after the report).

Messrs. Musgrove (Blackpool), and Batten (Bolton), moved and seconded the acceptance of the report.—*Agreed.*

Mr. Keeling moved that the Conference extend its sympathy to Mr. Latham on his accident, congratulations on his presence with them, and their hopes for his future.

Mrs. Nurse seconded.

Mr. Latham said that was the only time he had had the chance of expressing himself to such a representative gathering. He had had his medicine, and it had done him good. (Laughter). He felt as well that day as he ever did. He referred to the letters and other tangible evidences of their sympathy, and thanked them one and all.

On par. 5 of Annual Report, Mr. Knott asked what response there had been to invitation for manuscripts for *Manual*.

Mr. Kitson replied that the quantity was small—the quality would be dealt with later.

#### BADGE OR MANUAL.

The President drew attention to the suggestion that a suitable symbolical badge be provided, to be worn by the President on official occasions, and passed on to successors.

Mr. D. H. Greaves (Royton), proposed, and Mr. Spittlehouse seconded "That the suggestion be not entertained."

Mr. W. Brookes (Burnley), moved, and Mr. Taylor (Gateshead), seconded, "That a suitable symbolical badge be purchased."

Mr. A. Ross (Liverpool), moved, and Mr. C. E. Welch (Chesterfield), seconded, "That each President be given a copy of the *Manual* in a special binding, to be used for no other purpose."

Mr. Morse reminded the Conference that he had given them a Presidential *Manual*, with leaves provided for signatures by successive Presidents. Was that in use?

Mr. Kitson replied that it was. Each President signed it at the first Executive meeting after election.

For the amendment *re Manual* there voted 75, and 28 against. For the purchase of a badge 18, and 52 against.

"That we do not entertain the badge question," 70; against 1.

The *Manual* amendment having received the most votes was put as substantive motion. Result, for, 77, against 24.

Mr. A. Ross moved, and Mr. Latham seconded, "That past Presidents be given copies of the President's *Manual*."

For 88, against 11. Carried.

#### OFFICERS' EDITION.

Mr. Kitson, for the Executive, proposed, "That it be an instruction to the incoming Executive to compile and publish an OFFICERS' EDITION of the *Lyceum Manual*." He reminded them that the present *Manual* was published as a *Children's Edition*, and that an Officers' Edition was to follow, but he and Mr. Kersey could not agree on the system of groups and their symbols. The proposed edition could include *Davis's Manual* and other theoretical matter, and their *calisthenic exercises*; but there was a large demand for *naming, marriage, and funeral services*, and it was time they met that demand.

Mr. Shaw (Oldham), seconded.

Miss Hesp (Leeds), supported, for the benefit of new officers.

Mr. Johnson (Executive), was glad the resurrection morning had come at last, after the sleep of twenty years.

Mr. Cartmel (Preston), supported.

Mr. Keeling referred to the demand that the edition should include information to leaders for instruction to groups. That would be adopting a method that had been fatal to Sunday schools. The sources available to the Executive were available to teachers. He objected to a system of referring to definite pages and paragraphs for fixed answers to questions. Teachers should be induced to adopt individual study and self-improvement.

Mr. Batten and Mr. Wright moved that being near nine the vote be taken.

Mr. Knott stated that he had to move an amendment, and the President announced the adjournment.

#### SUNDAY.

The President opened the Conference at 10 a.m. "Open the door for the Children" was again sung, and Mr. Kitson offered prayer. During the song a representative group of six girls and six boys, led by Miss Edith Hindle and elder officers, marched on to the platform and formed an arch. Miss Hindle very eloquently recited an ode of WELCOME, composed by Mr. T. M. Bateman. The children presented red roses to the Executive and a *Manual* to the President.

Miss Edith Hindle recited :—

WELCOME.

All Hail! ye friends of the children,  
We welcome you to day,  
Our warm and hearty greetings  
Before you we would lay;  
We welcome our brave veterans,  
Who have toiled long in the field,  
We trust their hearts are gladdened,  
To see the harvest's yield.  
Long years ago they started  
To sow the tiny seeds,  
Till now they see them choking  
The old-time noxious weeds;  
The truths for which they've striven  
Have taken deepest root.  
The harvest now is coming  
Of rich and golden fruit.

Think not of any failures  
You've had upon the way,  
But celebrate your victories  
Right loyally to day;  
God bless our noble veterans;  
Deep from our hearts we say,  
And may the brightest angels  
Forever with them stay;  
We welcome, too, the busy workers,  
Whose hands are full of toil,  
May nothing damp your ardour,  
Or your bright visions spoil,  
But always true and loyal,  
Ever at duty's call,  
To keep in mind the issue,  
Whether you stand or fall.

For against our noble teaching,  
False bigotry can't stand,  
Backed by the power and guidance  
Of our brave spirit band;  
Oh onward then ye warriors,  
Be loyal, true, and brave,  
And shed that light around you  
Which liberates the slave,  
(The slave to creed and dogma,  
And dark and dismal fear),  
Which heals the sick and sorrowing,  
And dries the mourner's tear;  
Of such a glorious mission,  
You need not be ashamed,  
But persevere with calmness,  
Whether you're praised or blamed.

And keep in mind the founder  
Of our Lyceum band,  
For he is oft amongst us  
To lend a guiding hand;  
He still is interested  
In the children's cause so dear,  
And will use his gracious influence  
It's onward march to steer;  
Oh let us than take courage,  
Go forth with hearts of cheer,  
And make our cause progressive  
Throughout the coming year;  
In conclusion then to all  
A bright welcome we give,  
And trust that these gatherings  
In our memories will live.

May sweet angel whispers  
Amongst us be heard,  
That true aspirations  
In all hearts may be stirred;  
And so may your visit  
To our brisk, thriving town  
Bring our cause in prominence,  
And increase its renown,  
For its purpose is great,  
And most lofty its aim;  
For the spreading of truth  
We can make a just claim.

T. W. BATEMAN.

Mr. Bolton, President of Society, joined in the welcome on behalf of the Societies of the district, and hoped the gulf between Lyceums and Societies would be bridged and unity ever prevail.

The President expressed pleasure at the welcome, and "Welcome, thrice welcome," was sung.

The President then read his address, touching on the work of the year, and dealing specially with school clinics.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

TO THE DELEGATES ASSEMBLED AT THE B.S.L.U. CONFERENCE  
AT NELSON, MAY, 1912.

FELLOW WORKERS AND FRIENDS,

I bid you a hearty welcome to this, the 23rd Annual Conference.

I would also include a welcome to those arisen workers who have worked with us shoulder to shoulder, and, who I feel confident, are present, fully prepared to take their share of the work as of yore, and help us in our deliberations. Nor would I forget those workers beyond the seas who are conveying our "message" into foreign parts with a courage and determination that is highly commendable. I invite you then to unite with me in extending to the pioneers abroad our fraternal greetings, and fervently wish them "God speed, may success attend your efforts."

The honour you conferred upon me 12 months ago I fully appreciate, and I have endeavoured, as far as possible, to conduct the business of the Union impartially and to the best advantage of all. In reviewing the past year's work, we find that the Union's business still increases, hence the necessity for your E.C. to hold two extra meetings, which has entailed more work upon our esteemed Secretary, Mr. Kitson, who if it be possible, is more conscientious than ever in the execution of his duties.

You will observe that whilst new Lyceums have been opened and others lapsed, our total of affiliated Lyceums is unaltered, viz., 194, and the non-affiliated Lyceums have increased by 3, making a total of 26. I trust the latter will soon see the wisdom of joining and strengthening our ranks.

District Councils have here an opportunity of further proving their utility and worth. I trust the hint will suffice. It is gratifying to observe a growing demand amongst our young men and women for a deeper knowledge of our philosophy and phenomena, and to note that Lyceums and D.C.'s. are meeting the demand in the formation of Advanced Students' Classes, and the like.

For a progressive movement, the fact that we are not increasing the sale of our official organ "The Lyceum Banner," is a matter for regret. What is the cause of this seeming apathy on the part of many Lyceumists? Perhaps an exchange of opinion in the "Banner" might help to solve the problem. If so, I would suggest that District representatives might take this question up and contribute an expression of opinion, which I feel will interest readers and gladden the heart of the Editor.

In scanning the financial statements we are confronted with a deficit in the General Fund of £62, or a nett deficit on the year's work of £26 10s.

An old adage has it, "When money rules a Church, spiritual bankruptcy lies ahead." Although that may be true, that is no reason why we should not conduct our business on such lines that we may at least pay our way. A loss of about £10 on the quarterly E.C. meetings shows an increased loss of £5 compared with the previous year. Our visit to London will explain the difference, but I think that the moral and spiritual stimulus given to the London workers as a result of the first official visit of the B.S.L.U. will in future prove that it was money well spent. It has grown a custom of recent years to anticipate a loss upon our Conference meetings, so a deficit of £11 10s. at Bradford does not disturb us.

Nevertheless, I am optimistic enough to think that in spite of the weakened financial resources consequent and following upon the recent labour upheavals, that Nelson will record the start of a new era, inasmuch that the custom will be broken and a credit balance shewn as a result of our visit.

Comrades, it is up to you to prove my words prophetic, so contribute as liberally as possible to the collections to-day.

A decrease of over £8 in the P.S.F. accounts, for £2 less in the General Fund Receipts, and £6 in the Publishing Fund.

I mention these items because I think by a little more self-sacrifice on the part of the rank and file, our General Fund will readily shew a balance on the other side.

The Agenda before you is a lengthy one, and the motions thereon are of the utmost importance. I trust you will analyse carefully before deciding, remembering that you are building for the future, and even whilst transacting business it is essential that you keep within the range of your vision, the "Welfare of our Children."

It has been my privilege recently to visit many District Centres, and to me, the most conspicuous feature has been the display of whole-hearted enthusiasm of the Lyceum workers.

If there is any truth in the words of Emerson, "That every great and commanding movement in the annals of the world, is the triumph of enthusiasm," then I assert that truly we are a great movement. Your E.C. appointed my esteemed colleague the Vice-President, Mrs. Nurse, and I as your representatives to a demonstration at Blackpool, organised by the N.E.L.L.D.C. A special train load of Lyceumists from various localities assembled at the Blackpool Church, and headed by a brass band marched in procession to the sands—much to the discomfort of the traffic and the wonderment of the visitors en route,—where an exhibition of marching and calisthenics were watched with interest by hundreds of sightseers.

As a first venture it was a success, and I wish to compliment the organisers for their effort. I feel that they have taken a step which will have far-reaching effects, especially by a continuance of such demonstrations. Surely we, above all, should realise the possible psychological effect such gatherings have upon the onlooker. As your representative I also attended the Good Friday celebration of the 64th anniversary of Modern Spiritualism at Manchester. The whole of the proceedings was an unqualified success. Gratitude, enthusiasm, and sincerity of purpose was the keynote struck by all the speakers.

I had been informed that at previous meetings the child had been placed in the background, but on this occasion I am glad to report the child was in the front rank.

It is significant to note that the meetings were presided over by one who has been in active service in the Lyceum movement for many years, viz., Mr. J. Venables, Mayor of Wall.

The outstanding personality in the celebrations was Miss Margaret McMillan, an active reformer, lecturer, and authoress, who in dealing with the labour unrest, treated the audience to a resumé of the social conditions during the 19th and 20th centuries. She heartily concurred with the Spiritualist who practised in all things, and, getting beyond externals, contending that those who strive to understand the unseen are they alone who conquer. She deftly revealed a plan of campaign to combat the evil conditions that prevail, and specially referred to child life and the need for care and education on proper lines. Her lecture upon the Schools of To-Morrow opened with a scathing criticism of the system of cramming prevalent in all kinds of schools, contending that the true meaning of education is to *educere*—to call forth. Miss McMillan in reaching her main point, that of School Clinics, congratulated the Spiritualist Lyceums in so far that they recognised the value of physical education by the demonstration of marching and calisthenics, etc. She then proceeded to tabulate the innumerable methods employed by the Clinics for the education of the child.

Time will not permit me to go deeper into the subject, and I can but recommend for your careful perusal the following books and pamphlets, viz., "The Child and the State," 1/-, published by the Labour Press, Manchester; "Schools of To-Morrow," 6d.; "The School Clinic To-Day," 1d., by Miss McMillan, and "Medical Inspection," by Dr. Ralph Crowley.

As an illustration of the psychological effect of beautiful environment upon a child transferred from a slum to the healthy surroundings of a Clinic, sleeping in the open, the following was impressively cited. A little girl would not say her prayers, but instead sang continually. Her voice was heard early and late as she tripped hither and thither in the glorious vim of youthful health she had never previously experienced. Asked why she sang, her reply was simple but significant, "In the dark room I pray, out here I sing." Truly from the lips of babes and sucklings cometh forth wisdom.

Miss McMillan's lecture was received with thunderous applause, and I feel grateful that as your representative I was able to be present. To me Miss McMillan's effort came at the right moment, because, having endeavoured during my term of office to develop a national perspective, I have been gradually forced to the conclusion that as a National reformatory body we are not taking sufficient interest in national affairs. I am not overlooking the fact that as individuals in our localities we may be doing our utmost to influence municipal life, but I think it will be admitted that simultaneously national action will give a greater impetus to any reform which may attract our attention and sympathy. I took the liberty of approaching Miss McMillan, and my request "How best we, as a movement, might assist in the work dearest to her" evoked a ready response. She writes: "I think you could do a great deal by getting members on or by forming deputations to Education Authorities, on the question of School Clinics and education generally. Also in your Lyceums you might extend your physical drill, start camps, etc., with a view to lifting the standard of life among your young folk, e.g., you could shew that dental care is necessary, daily baths, and so on. I am so grieved when I compare even the decent respectable working class child with the Mayfair child of wealth. It is

not that the latter has rich clothes, for he does not as a matter of fact wear costly clothes or eat rich food. It is however that he is physically cultured and nurtured, is daintily and delicately bred, and yet is no better or finer by nature than the other. That is where real class distinction begins. Ann Macbeth, of the Glasgow School of Art, makes lovely clothes and cheap for all children, or shews how they can be made. If possible get her book "Educational Needlecraft," published by Longmans Green, and set your girls and ladies to work."

In leaving this momentous subject of School Clinics I submit it with all sincerity for your thoughtful consideration. Your E.C. have decided that in future the S.N.U. be invited to send representatives to our Conference. It is with pleasure I record their acceptance, and note the presence of Mrs. Stair, who on your behalf I welcome as a guest in our midst. I trust the E.C.'s action will meet with your approval, and hope that it will be the means of closely cementing the ties of friendship which already exists between our two National bodies.

In view of the S.N.U. attaining its majority in July we might at this juncture offer our hearty congratulations and compliment its E.C. upon the way they have arranged for the prospective influx of foreign delegates to the International Congress at Liverpool.

In an excellent programme of lectures and papers, to my mind, one item of importance has been overlooked, viz., a presentation of the claims of the Lyceum movement for the especial benefit of foreign delegates. Perhaps it is not too late for this to be arranged, and I submit the suggestion with due courtesy to our guest of to-day.

In conclusion, I desire to express my heartfelt gratitude to my colleagues on the E.C., who have assisted me nobly in my work, to the Conductors and Officers at home and abroad for their labours in our cause; to the Angel World for timely advice and guidance; and last but not least to the dear children whose happy smiles and loving welcomes have met me at every turn, and which has been the fountain that has supplied me with inspiration and encouragement to discharge the duties you so confidently allotted to me.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT A. OWEN.

May 12th, 1912.

Mr. Keeling moved, and Mr. Clegg (London), seconded, "That the President's address be accepted with thanks and forwarded to the Spiritualist Press."

#### OFFICERS' EDITION.

Conference resumed discussion on Mr. Knott's amendment, "That the Executive publish, at their discretion, pamphlets suitable to Lyceum officers, leaders, and teachers." The Manual should be for the use of all Lyceumists. If they wanted further information there was room for 57 golden chains and 58 readings.

Mr. Edwards seconded the amendment.

Mr. Kitson pointed out that he proposed a separate book for officers, not an addition to the children's edition for all. It was stated that the S.N.U. were preparing a book with services, but that Union did not supply all Societies.

For the amendment, 51; against, 54. For the motion, 67; against, 45.

On being put again the motion for an officers' edition was carried by 75 to 45 against.

Mr. Latham proposed, "Seeing that the S.N.U. have in hand a chairman's handbook with naming, marriage, and funeral services, that we do not provide those three items in our officers' edition."

Mr. W. E. Bentley seconded.

Mr. Knott proposed, "That the question be put," and the Conference agreed by 46 votes to 42.

As 83 voted for Mr. Latham's motion, the votes against were not counted.

Mr. Keeling moved, and Mr. Harris (Bacup), seconded the adoption of the Annual Report.—*Agreed.*

The Credentials Committee reported present: Officers, 4; E.C., 7; Auditors, 2; D.V's., 10; Council Representatives, 11; Delegates, 104; S.N.U., 1; Hon. member and press, 1; total 140.

On the motion of Messrs. Ross and Batten the report was accepted.

Mr. Rau (E.C.), moved, and Mr. Harris seconded, "That Standing Orders be suspended and that we proceed with motions to elect (7 to 11a).—*Agreed.*

No invitations being given for next Conference Mr. Keeling moved, and Mr. Peel (Huddersfield), seconded, "That arrangements be left to the E.C."—Carried unanimously.

Messrs. Dobby (Lincoln), Jones (Widnes), Moore (Blackburn), and Heaton (Blackpool), were appointed scrutineers.

Mr. Bentley moved, and Mr. Law (Mossley), seconded, "That the Conference be held on the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1913" (Whitsuntide).

Mrs. Greenwood moved, and Mr. Musgrove seconded "That the Conference meet on the first Saturday and Sunday in May."

The amendment was defeated, and the Conference agreed by a large majority to meet at Whitsuntide.

Mr. Latham suggested that a popular seaside resort be selected and that delegates pay their own expenses.

Mrs. Greenwood was re-elected Secretary for P.S.F. on the motion of Messrs. Knott and Edwards.

Hearty thanks were accorded to local workers and other friends for their arrangements and hospitality. Moved by Messrs. Musgrove and Mathieson.

Mr. Hargreaves and Mrs. Stables responded.

At noon Mr. Keeling proposed, and Mr. Harris seconded, that orders remain suspended till conclusion of elections.—*Agreed.*

Mr. Keeling moved, and Mr. Ross seconded, "That all unconsidered motions be considered by the E.C., and that recommendations thereon in concrete form be submitted to next Conference."

Mr. T. Ellis (Huddersfield), moved, "That a referendum of Lyceums be taken on remaining motions on the agenda and that the E.C. act according to the returns."

Mr. Higham seconded.

The President ruled it out of order as unconstitutional.

The motion was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Wright moved that the Banner Report, the P.S.F. Report, and Treasurer's Statement be accepted and adopted.

Mr. Keeling asked why the Peace Brigade and Blue Bell certificates were not included in stock account.

Mr. Kitson replied that they were presented and had not therefore a sale value.

Mr. Knott (auditor), agreed that the certificates had a stock value, which should be stated.

With that alteration, Mr. Wright's motion for adoption of reports was agreed to.

Mr. Knott proposed, and Mr. Grimsditch (Manchester), seconded, that Mr. Kitson and Mrs. Nurse be delegates to the S.N.U. Conference.—*Agreed.*

The auditors reported as to the correctness of accounts, and expressed pleasure at the admirable condition of the books. They suggested that the President should be authorised to pay an official visit to the Union's offices for his full information on the Union's affairs.

Mr. Mathieson moved, and Mr. Lloyd (Manchester), seconded, acceptance of auditor's report.—*Agreed.*

Mr. Wright moved, and Mr. Batten seconded, "That the President pay an official visit to the Union's offices and consult with the Secretary on the affairs of the Union as early as possible in his year of office, and at other times at his discretion; and that his expenses be paid by the Union."—*Carried unanimously.*

Mr. Gawthorne moved, and Mr. Kitson seconded, "a vote of remembrance to arisen workers and Lyceum members, and of condolence to the bereaved."

The President alluded to our losses in the Titanic disaster.

The Conference rose in sympathetic assent to the motion.

The results of elections were declared as follows:—

PRESIDENT.—Mr. R. A. Owen, 43; Mr. J. Tinker, 28; Mr. R. Latham, 50; Mr. T. H. Wright, 9.

VICE-PRESIDENT.—Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, 35; Mr. R. A. Owen, 98.

TREASURER.—Mr. Venables.

EXECUTIVE.—Mr. W. Johnson, 40; Mrs. A. E. Bentley, 36; Mrs. L. Nurse, 82; Miss A. Hesp, 73; Mr. E. Vickers, 31; Mr. W. Barnes, 10; Mr. E. A. Keeling, 84; Mr. C. Lloyd, 8; Mr. G. F. Knott, 30; Mr. W. Brooks, 9; Mrs. Pickles, 14; Mr. H. Hargreaves, 37; Mr. Batten, 19; Mr. W. H. Peel, 16.

ELECTED.—Mr. Keeling, Mrs. Nurse, Miss Hesp, Mr. Johnson.

AUDITOR.—Mr. G. F. Knott.

J. TINKER, Min. Sec.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2-30 prompt.

After the singing of hymn "Trust in God and do the right," and invocation by Mrs. Bentley, Mr. E. A. Keeling gave his paper on "Lyceums, their aims and functions in relation to spiritualism."

After the reading of the paper a number of questions were asked such as "What does the essayist mean by 'conscious Spirit'?" "What does the essayist mean by the 'broadness of Spiritualism'?" "If Spiritualism be single-eyed, what becomes of the other six principles?" And "what does the essayist mean by 'God's children'?"

Mr. Ross (Liverpool), paid a warm tribute of praise to Mr. Keeling, as being the one who welcomed him into the movement. Now he found himself opposed to Mr. Keeling's views, for he objected to the word "finality" as put forth, and proceeded to point out the broader interpretation given by Mrs. Britten.

Mr. Johnson remarked that Mr. Keeling had contended that if we take spirit communion out of Spiritualism there would be nothing but ethics left. He wished to remind him that if they, as Lyceumists, took A. J. Davis' vision out of the Lyceum system there would also be nothing but ethics left.

Mr. Knott said that a man who has no knowledge has no right to express an opinion; and then proceeded to define what he considered what truth is.

Mr. Edwards deplored the lack of the practical demonstration of spirit return in our Lyceums, and said it was one of the reasons why we did not hold our young men and women in the movement.

Mr. Vickers offered some helpful suggestions on the subject of education.

Mr. Roeder (Middlesbrough), recommended Harmsworth Popular Science Series, now being issued in fortnightly parts, as being highly helpful to all who wished to improve themselves in the various branches of Science.

Mr. Keeling briefly reviewed the remarks made, and the objections raised, and wound up with an impassioned appeal for a higher presentation of the claims of the Lyceum movement.

A vote of thanks to the essayist, and a vote of sympathy to Mr. J. J. Bennett, of Walsall, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

#### EVENING MEETING.

There was a good audience to listen to the various speakers. After the hearty singing of "Welcome to All," Mrs. Nurse offered prayer.

The President briefly introduced Miss Hesp, of Leeds, as the newly elected and youngest member of the Executive.

Miss Hesp, labouring under strong emotions, expressed her gratitude for the honour conferred upon her that day, and hoped to prove worthy of the trust and confidence placed in her ability to serve them on the Executive. She pleaded for more support for the children's cause, which needed all the love and help they could bestow upon it. She had noticed during her association with the children that they often expressed sentences full of deep thought which we failed to appreciate.

Mr. Keeling said he had had a year's rest and had come back strengthened for the work before him. He appealed to the Spiritualists to live up to their highest and best every day of the week, and not just on the Sunday, when it needed no effort to be good. He wished them to do their best to alleviate the evils and hardships they saw around them, and so make their Spiritualism a practical religion.

The President feelingly referred to Mrs. Greenwood's protracted illness, and said how pleased they were to have her with them again.

Mrs. Greenwood, during her address referred to the early days of the Lyceum movement, and the hue and cry raised against them on account of the physical exercises and marching. To-day those exercises were being practised in the Sunday Schools, and of course, that was right and proper. The Spiritualists had been the first to teach geology, astronomy, and physiology. They took the lead in the study of those sciences in the early days when the other schools tabooed them. The question was, "Shall we keep the lead?" In order to do so they must practice all they preach. The children were as clay in the potter's hands. The conduct of the father and mother, and the home influence, moulded the child's life. Her advice to all parents was, "watch your home life, your speech, and conduct, for by them were the lives of their children influenced."

The President emphasised the fact that on the 25th January, 1913, the Lyceum movement would reach its Jubilee. He also referred to Mr. Davis' vision of the Lyceums in the Summerland, and the progress the cause has made in England. He also referred to some clairvoyant descriptions given him of three spirits. Two of them were personal friends; the other was their beloved founder, A. J. Davis, who had given the following message: "Often in life I had wished to be with you. To-day I have the opportunity of fulfilling it. My wish is that you keep before your mind's eye the purpose of your meeting together, that being the love of the children."

The induction of the President elect, Mr. R. Latham, was very gracefully performed by the President, who paid a high tribute of praise to Mr. Latham's abilities, not only as a member of the E.C. but also as a past President. All were sorry at the accident he had sustained, depriving him of his left arm, but his abilities to watch over the best interests of the

movement and preside over its Councils were in no way impaired, for which all his friends and colleagues were thankful. (Applause).

Mr. Latham, in a brief speech, referred to the time when, as a lad, he had distributed handbills announcing Spiritualists' meeting in Nelson. And in memory of his dear, arisen father, who had been one of the pioneers of the cause in Nelson, he had laid one of the stones of that Church of which he was proud. Harmony and unity was the secret of the success of the cause in Nelson.

Mr. Johnson in one of his characteristic speeches, said he had enjoyed the afternoon. He loved opposition. If, when he got to the other side, there were no one to argue with, he would want to come back. In referring to a mother's influence he said, "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Spiritualism had done more for the emancipation of woman than any movement had ever done in the history of the world. In conclusion he made an appeal to the mothers to use their influence on the child life in their homes for good and noble aims and purposes. Even if it were little they could do, let the little be good.

The Conference of 1912 was then formally brought to a close.

A. KITSON, *General Secretary*



MR. REUBEN LATHAM.  
President of the B.S.L.U.

Mr. Latham, the subject of this brief note, is a well-known and highly respected Lyceum worker, not only in the district of North-East Lancashire, but in the whole Lyceum movement.

Eight years ago he was elected a member of the Executive Council at the Blackpool Conference. Two years afterwards he was elected President of the Lyceum Union at the Keighley Conference. At the close of his presidential year he was re-elected a member of the Executive Council, and continued to serve thereon up to the Conference just held at Nelson, when he was elected to the Presidential chair for a second time.

On Sunday, June 9th, 1911, Mr. Latham had the misfortune to lose his left arm while returning from Lyceum work at Preston. As the sad facts of the case have already been fully reported, and also the appeal for help, and the sum presented to him, we need not dwell further on the matter.

Mr. Latham is ably supported in the Lyceum work by Mrs. Latham, who also is a regular attendant, along with her family, at the Burnley, North Street Lyceum.

Their eldest son, Mr. John R. Latham, having won a scholarship in open competition, is studying at South Kensington School of Art, where he is making rapid progress, having already shown such

rare abilities as has caused him to be selected for the poser of the live models.

Mr. Latham also takes a deep interest in the affairs of the Spiritualists' National Union, and has served that body on its Executive Council for a number of years. Last year he was elected unopposed, as its Vice-President.

The LYCEUM BANNER wishes Mr. Rueben Latham a long and useful career.

## Bluebell Guild.

OBJECT: To promote Gentleness, Kindness and Good Behaviour. Membership is open to all.

My Dear Bluebells,

As Miss Russell has kindly supplied me with Part II of her holiday in Ireland (Part I appeared in our issue for March), I must be brief in my remarks, as the Lyceum Conference Report, which we all want to read, will take up a lot of space.

### A HOLIDAY IN IRELAND.

#### PART II.

In my last, I told you we spent four grand days in Cork. The harbour and surrounding country are very fine, and the air so soft and yet invigorating. The Church of Shandon with friendly clock face, stands on a hill and is a notable object wherever you bend your steps, but the district is full of poor, ragged children. These, however, have a joy all their own for they seem to live out of doors. At breakfast time, we could generally hear the gentle chime of the bells which sounded far-off and dreamy, though quite near in reality. One evening, we went to the Church to hear them play their most celebrated tunes. We had the sacred ones first, "Abide With Me" and "Lead, Kindly Light," but "The Last Rose of Summer" and "The Bells of Shandon" touched our hearts the most. These two last-mentioned melodies are really identical, with the exception of one note. The Verger is always at the Church to play for visitors, and his little dog keeps him company. When I sometimes sit alone in silence—deep, beautiful silence—I can still hear those soft chimes, and my spirit sees the last rose blooming alone on the stem—yet not alone, nor pining. No, the lovely companions have not really gone. They wake, they do not really sleep, but they watch for those who will join them soon. One evening, a while ago, I became clairaudient while seated with a goodly company of friends, and Moore's old melody thrilled downwards and inwards from a world of subtler matter than this—from that region of harmony which took its being from the creative Word.

Very soon, I said good-bye to my friends at Cork, and went in the boat train to Rosslare for Fishguard and Paddington, London. At Mallow, we heard the boat would not run that day on account of the strike. As we flew on, I prayed, I prayed without words that the Railway Cos. and men would soon settle matters peaceably and fairly among themselves. At Waterford, we were all turned out of the train to wait in patience for whatever might betide. I knew that I should never get home that day, but found it was best to put personal discomfort on one side. I waited for hours in the station and thought of good times that are surely coming—times when those who do the hard, grinding work of the world shall all receive a living wage, and sufficient comforts with some leisure. I prayed for the Golden times that shall be born of the doing of the Golden Rule by all men, rich and poor, "Do unto others as you would be done by." The True Brotherhood, the right rule of life has always been taught in all the old religions. People of many lands are now looking forward to the Coming of a Great World-Teacher. If such a One comes as surely He will, how shall we know the Christ unless we learn to be as He is, truly selfless? Don't you think the word "selfless" means a great deal more than "unselfish"? Let us try to think and do these beautiful things, and we shall be helping forward the True Brotherhood time. It may come sooner than we think.

Well, on the evening of that noted day, I went on board a big steamer, lying near the end of the Quay, for they said it would sail to Fishguard. Presently, we were all turned out again, for orders had come that it would not sail. The next morning, after breakfast at the hotel, I knew not what to do, so again I asked for needed direction. I knew, too, that many poor excursionists, stranded with me, were almost without funds. Something strongly urged me towards the railway bridge, though I did not think that any boat would sail that day. On the bridge, to my astonishment, I suddenly met the two friends from whom I had parted at Cork. Having heard the day before that Rosslare train was held up, they reconsidered plans and had followed me to Waterford. The Superintendent of the Line extended my ticket, and after long, weary tramps all day, we found a "haven of rest" at a quiet house of the Y.W.C.A., with a kind lady at its head. The next morning, we attended a Church Service, and it was announced that the General Strike of Railwaymen would now be settled for the present. Settled! Still the unrest is all around us, it is like the heaving of great, troubled waves. Peace is not yet.

The following Thursday I sailed back to England, and shall not soon forget the Little Holiday in Ireland, with all its wonders, its surprises, and its sadness. Yet, at the back of the turmoil, lies a great ocean of PERFECT PEACE.

MAUD MARY RUSSELL.

I have a nice letter from Leicester reporting the great success of the first Bluebell tea party, all the tables being decked with bluebells.

I congratulate my Leicester friends on their success.

Mr. G. Sixsmith, of Warrington, writes to say how pleased the children were to receive their Bluebell Membership Cards at the hands of Mrs. Brown, of Toronto, Canada, who was paying their Lyceum visit. The ceremony must have been an interesting and pleasing affair.

I wish to thank Mr. Sixsmith for the second list of names he sends me. I trust the cards give their recipients as much joy as the others did.

Hoping other Lyceums will send me their lists of members to be enrolled next month.

I remain, your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

WARRINGTON (Second List).

|      |                  |      |                   |
|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 3345 | Marion Simcock.  | 3350 | Alice Griffiths.  |
| 3346 | Lillian Simcock. | 3351 | Leonard Tanner.   |
| 3347 | Mary Haugh.      | 3352 | William E. Stout. |
| 3348 | Alice Randles.   | 3353 | Ruth Catterall.   |
| 3349 | Edward Randles.  | 3354 | John Catterall.   |

MY SOUL'S SHADOW.

Faded and gone that vision rare,  
That dream beyond believing,  
But memory sweet and mingled prayer  
Yet stays my spirit's grieving.

We saw the moonbeams kiss the sea,  
Heard the nightingale singing,  
She made me then her prisoner,  
While round me she was clinging.

I buried then my lips in hers;  
Take my heart, I said, it pains me,  
Oh! press me to thy bosom close,  
Until I know it claims me.

Embrace with iron bands of love,  
Ah! thy glowing cheek is burning;  
'Tis the radiant bloom of youth,  
Of eternal hope returning.

I fondly gazed in her dear eyes,  
Her crescent lashes pearled with tears,  
A lingering sigh, a fond caress,  
Then kissed away her trembling fears.

WM. HARDWICK, Grange Valley.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held in the Church St. Rooms, Leeds, on Saturday June 22nd, at 3-30 p.m.

Final arrangements will then be made for the Field Day at York, on the 29th, and it is urgently desired that all Lyceums will be represented.

FIELD DAY AND DEMONSTRATION AT YORK.

Under the auspices of the Leeds Lyceum District Council, a united Lyceum Field Day and Demonstration of marching and calisthenics will be held at York on June 29th. An invitation is most heartily given to all Lyceumists and friends to rally round us; and help us in our efforts towards a grand success.

The various Lyceums will meet at York Station at 2-45 p.m.; form into procession, and headed by the York Silver Band will leave the Station at 3 p.m. for the Clifton Homestead.

Tea will be provided in the Homestead grounds and Pavilion at 4 p.m. Adults 6d. Children 3d.

To include all places in the district, a special excursion will be run as follows:—L. & Y., Lowmoor, 1-5 p.m.; Cleckheaton, 1-10 p.m.; Liversedge, 1-15 p.m.; Heckmondwike, 1-20 p.m.; Ravensthorpe, 1-24 p.m.; Thornhill, 1-28 p.m.; Dewsbury, 1-35 p.m.; Horbury Jun., 1-50 p.m.; Wakefield, 1-55 p.m.; to arrive at York, at 2-46 p.m.

Arrangements are being made for a special train from Leeds, for further particulars apply:—

Dewsbury District—MR. J. COLBECK, 26, Hartley Street, Dewsbury.

Leeds District—A. HESP, 15, Cross Flatts Place, Beeston.

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.

MOSSLEY.—Passed to the higher life, George Cockrane, aged 22, and was interred at the Micklehurst Cemetery, Mr. Vernon officiating. Over 100 persons attended.—Alfred Law.

LONDON DISTRICT COUNCIL.

We held our Annual Social and Dance on Saturday, April 27th, at Food Reform Hall, Furnival Street, Holborn, which, I am pleased to say, was a success, although I should have been more pleased to see many old friends who were missing on this occasion. Our artistes for the evening, including Mr. Wellsbourne, Mrs. and Master Beaurepaire, Miss Woodrow and the Peckham Friends Glee Party, considerably helped us to carry out our programme, and Miss Lister, with two recitations, "Woman and Law" and "Stage Struck," was exceptionally good, also Mr. Harris, who was the M.C. of the evening, and the Cleere Bros., were very good, and altogether we had a very enjoyable evening.

We wish to thank our many helpers and friends for helping us on this particular occasion, and will look forward to their help again a little later on.

ALEX. BROOKING.

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LYCEUM MOTTO FOR 1912.

"THE GREATEST GOOD OF THE GREATEST NUMBER."

## Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Our issue this month is of unusual importance to Lyceumists as it contains a full report of the Lyceum Conference proceedings.

All our readers will be pleased to have a picture of the twelve girls and boys who welcomed the delegates to Nelson. They form a very pretty group.

We are also pleased to present our readers with a picture of our newly elected President. THE LYCEUM BANNER wishes him a most successful Presidential year.

We desire to draw attention to the announcement of the Collyhurst celebration of their quarter century, on June 23rd. We trust it will be a big success.

Several Lyceumists are shortly leaving England to improve their lot in distant lands. Mr. and Mrs. R. Rostron, members of the Bolton, Bradford Street Lyceum are shortly leaving for Canada. Mr. John H. Wilson and two other members of the Openshaw Lyceum are going to Australia in August. Several have just gone there from Leeds, Easy Road Lyceum, to join their friends who went last September.

Mr. Fred Shepherd, late of Leeds, sends a long letter telling of his work among the Lyceums in Australia and the transformation that is gradually being affected by the introduction of the English Lyceum methods. He sends greetings to his old colleagues on the Leeds Lyceum District Council.

The officers of the Perth Lyceum, West Australia, write to say they are willing to render all the advice possible to Lyceumists going out there if they will write them through their Lyceum Secretaries so that the information may be retained in their Lyceums for references. Address all letters to Mr. Albert Carter, Perth Post Office, West Australia.

Mr. Billsborough, late of Bolton, writes from Coal Creek, B.C. Canada, to say that although he is 1,000 miles from the nearest Lyceum he is as ardent a lover as ever, and looks eagerly forward to each issue of the

LYCEUM BANNER as to the visits of an old friend, telling of the friends in the old country.

And last, but not least, our esteemed Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, who is doing so much for the Lyceum Cause in America writes,—“I look forward to the coming of the LYCEUM BANNER, as a treat each month. It grows better each issue, and to me, it seems like having a chat with friends, all its writers being so familiar to me. Best wishes for success.

Mr. Thomas H. Wright, of Sowerby Bridge, has been elected a co-opted member of Sowerby Bridge Education and Technical Committee. THE LYCEUM BANNER begs to congratulate Mr. Wright on his election on to such an important committee. It will be remembered that Mr. Wright is also a member of the Lyceum Union's Executive Council.

The Lyceum Union's Executive Council has the following dates open which it begs to offer to Lyceums who are desirous of inviting it to visit them. October 12th and 13th, January (1913,) 11th and 12th, and April 12th and 13th. Terms may be obtained on applying to the Lyceum Union's General Secretary, Mr. Alfred Kitson.

Mr. Albert Jones writes to correct an error in his letter on the “Divine Order” in our last issue where in line 26 the word “qualety” should be “duality.”

Will Lyceum Secretaries please note that the dates and instructions given in the Four Rules to be found each month at the head of our LYCEUM REPORTS, are for their guidance to save their disappointment. Every month we receive items of news that are out of order on account of their being so old that they could have been sent for the previous issue. And on the other hand reports arrive AFTER the BANNER is printed and being made up into parcels for the post. This can be avoided by following the advice contained in the Four Rules referred to above.

## SPECIAL REPORTS.

Under this heading Lyceums, whose reports exceed 120 words may have them inserted in full by enclosing 6d. for every extra nine words.

CHESTERFIELD.

On the 28th and 29th of April, we held our 4th anniversary, Mrs. Bentley taking the services. Morning service was gone through as open session, recitations, etc., being given. At the afternoon service prizes were awarded with an encouraging message from Mrs. Bentley, after which recitations were again given. In the evening we had a splendid address, the service being considerably brightened by a violin solo, recitation, and singing of special hymns by the Lyceumists. We had a crowded hall. Continuing Monday evening, recitations, songs, violin solos, and pianoforte solos being given by the Lyceumists; the service being brought to a close by remarks and clairvoyance from Mrs. Bentley. Reciters: Evelyn Philpott, Edith Herrott, Flora Bramwell, Florrie Philpott, Edith Wale, Doris MacDonald, Hilda Welch, Winnie Slater, Janie Price, Doris Briggs, Ethel Briggs, Edna Robinson, and violin solos by Annie Wale, Gertie MacDonald, and Ernest Hobster. Pianoforte solo, Horace Cartledge.

E. WIDDOWSON, Secretary.

## Girls' Own Corner.

By  
Mrs. JESSY  
GREENWOOD



Last month I promised to write about the dignity of motherhood. As the subject kept repeating itself, like the sweet refrain of a beautiful song persists to hum itself long after the song and singer have gone. I felt its attraction, and after that, its very great importance. I hope all my girl readers will experience the same result after they have read the 'Corner' this month. Many young people determine that no babies shall come into their home. Various causes no doubt may be enumerated, most of them pure selfishness. A young wife sees ahead loss of pleasures, that is, company, theatre going, being obliged to stay at home, the vista of sleepless nights and squalling babies is too much for her—until the inevitable happens, etc.—but the one question, how to become a mother, and the upholding of the dignity of that office, is seldom entertained, until, as I have hinted, the inevitable has happened.

There is no tie so real or binding between husband and wife as a beautiful child, and in spite of all former resolutions it is watched and tended with all the care and love possible, and its development is an all absorbing topic. Every tooth is a new wonder, and every little croon to an articulate word such as dad! dad! or ma!, mam, welcomed, and as each tumble bespeaks the coming sturdy toddler, everybody's attention is drawn to the little one. Happy parents! these are among your brightest days, the days when you are doing the real work of God if you only knew it. What is that work but the introducing of another angel here, the rearing of a child who may become a full orb'd man or woman, radiant with vigour, health, spiritual strength and glorious power. If your minds can travel so far ahead as you perhaps wearily hush the little tired one to sleep, croon your sweetest lullaby to baby ears, guide the unsteady feet, prompt the little tongue to utter words, help to mould and frame the mind with your own good influence—which should be as Tennyson says, "pure in heart and sound in head"—you will bear all the inconveniences the baby brought with strong heart and true. This week end a young mother and her first baby paid me a visit, and from coming to going it was an almost perpetual howling. Oh, the patience needed, oh, the love expended, and oh, the little temper that needed controlling by the mother's stronger personality, and I was proud to see it all expended by

the mother. Mothers, do you remember those early days when you had your babies around you? Does it not make you long to hug and caress the little morsel of sweetness? *I know.* I have come across a lovely little extract from "The Baby's World" for August, 1911, which is too good to be kept entirely in that paper, and which the writer, Mary Bell, will I am sure be pleased to know will be read by a circle of readers unknown to that paper. It is full of suggestions, and covers a whole world of ideas, breathing dignity and sweetness over the most trying part of a woman's life. I commend it to your thoughtful perusal.

"Motherhood is the most trying time in a woman's life; it requires all one's powers, mental and physical, to come out of the ordeal in a satisfactory manner.

One of the first lessons we must learn is perfect self-control; do not let us be upset by the daily trials that come to all; let us think what vast possibilities lie within our power—the making or marring of a tiny soul, and when we think that that soul will live for ever can we call anything a sacrifice?

Another very simple matter that needs careful thought, is the study of one's clothes. How to look pleasant to the eye requires a deal of consideration in the long days before our little ones are born. Gowns that fall from the shoulders are best, with loose draperies.

Let us be determined to make motherhood as beautiful as possible; let us think bright happy thoughts, and read only books that elevate the mind, and if there is any unpleasant sight, let us turn away from it immediately.

God made man in His image, and if we let this thought dwell with us continually, it would have a marvellous influence over our offspring.

It is a good thing to take all the legitimate pleasures we can during this period—music, needlework, and literature can all be enjoyed. Mendelssohn's *Songs Without Words* have a wonderfully calming effect on one's nerves; I have proved again and again.

Social life, too, need not be neglected; visits from friends, and when possible, visits to friends make the time pass quickly and help us to take an interest in other people's affairs, so that our minds are not always self-absorbed.

Now let us look at some of the outside difficulties that come to us. It seems to me there are more at this period of our lives than any other. Sometimes pecuniary troubles come, illness, and perhaps death of dear ones, to say nothing of the very great scarcity of reliable help either in the house or with the children. A new arrival often means a change of servants, as most of them dislike babies. At any rate, it often means a change in the household, for the baby *must* have first care.

It has been said, in spite of all this, that each victory we mothers have over ourselves, is one for our unborn child. Instead of bemoaning our fate, let us be brave and shut out the thoughts that so often come and try to make us feel sorry for ourselves; let us be determined to fear nothing, but look on the bright side, and when the last days come, if we think of the flowers in their tiny buds so carefully protected from all harm, shall we need fear, who are of so much more value than they?"

MARY BELL, in *The Baby's World* for August.

## Lesson Plan for June, 1912.

| Date.   | Opening Hymn. | S.C.R. | Mus. Reading. | G.C.R. | Closing Hymn. |
|---------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| June 2. | 412           | *396   | 238           | 135    | 392           |
| June 9  | 378           | 84     | 226           | 134    | 99            |
| June 16 | 372           | 357    | †370          | §225   | 356           |
| June 23 | 368           | 344    | 239           | 131    | 337           |
| June 30 | 359           | 323    | 229           | 123    | 330           |
| July 7  | 320           | 322    | 211           | 120    | 314           |

\*Recite three lines alternately.

†Impromptu Readings.

§Tune 573 or 574, Bristol Tune Book.

*Pearls* for each Sunday (to be committed to memory by the Lyceum).

JUNE 2.—It is difficult to esteem a man as highly as he would wish.—*Vauvenargues*.

JUNE 9.—“Pride is as loud a beggar as want, and a great deal more saucy.”—*Savieles*.

JUNE 16.—“It is not what a woman does, but what she is, that a man loves and finds lovable.”—*Norma Lorimer*.

JUNE 23.—“It is certain that either wise bearing or ignorant carriage is caught, as men take diseases, one of another; therefore, let men take need of their company.”—*Shakespeare*.

JUNE 30.—A little thing comforts us because a little thing afflicts us.—*Pascal*.

## The Study Group.

CHINA STREET, ACCRINGTON.

The above group, conducted by Mr. Will Edwards, held a convivial meeting, during which supper was served, on Thursday, May 9th. During the evening Mr. Edwards addressed the meeting concerning the educational work of the session, during which £1 14s. had been paid in attendance fees. It gave him great pleasure to hand that sum over to the Society as a gift from the members of the Study Group.

The President, on behalf of the Society, thanked Mr. Edwards and friends. He also pointed out to the members of the Study Group how very fortunate they were in having such a worthy and able exponent of Spiritualism to be their instructor. He also added his own personal testimony of their value as one of the students. He trusted Mr. Edwards would be spared a long time to expound the philosophy of the grandest religion ever known.

In conclusion, he said it gave him great pleasure to present to Mr. Edwards, on behalf of the students, as a slight token of their esteem and affection, a silver mounted walking stick.

Mr. Edwards, under deep emotion, as the presentation had been kept a secret from him, suitably acknowledged the present. He also made a warm appeal to the members to continue their studies so as to better equip themselves to present the facts, philosophy, and religion of Spiritualism.

Several of the students added their testimony to the value of the instruction given. The meeting closed at 11 p.m.

Our next session of the Students' Group commences in the second week in September, when we hope to have many new members.

## THE PEACE BRIGADE.

Conducted by C.W.M.

Dear friends,

Our Editor reminds us that this month's BANNER is the first issue after the B.S.L.U. Annual Conference, and that, consequently, most of its space must of necessity be devoted to Conference Reports, etc. Therefore our chat must be very brief, and as there is the story to insert, and as we wish to publish an encouraging and interesting report from our Glasgow Branch, we do not propose saying more to you this month, but will give these two articles, which will prove entertaining and instructive, and will reserve our own matter until a later issue.

To C.W.M. Conductor of the Peace Brigade.

Being a member of the Peace Brigade Branch No. 4, and seeing your appeal for news of branches, I will let you know how we conduct our Branch on Tuesdays. The first part of the evening our honoured and able conductor, Mr. John Stewart, conducted a dramatic class, after which we had a paper dealing with the Peace Movement. Mr. D. Hamilton, D.V., very ably conducted an Esperanto class. There was also an ambulance class in charge of Mr. W. Proudfoot, which was much appreciated, especially the practical side of the work. The ladies usually bring their work with them. Altogether we spent a very pleasant and instructive time. We closed our indoor meetings with a social presided over by Mr. J. Stewart, when Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Proudfoot were presented with a small token each in acknowledgment of their services. We continue to meet every Tuesday at the public baths, Mr. Hamilton having volunteered to instruct the boys in swimming, and the ladies doing their best to help each other. We have had 19 attending each evening, and expect a greater number next time.

Yours fraternally,

A Lyceumist and member of the Glasgow Branch.

## THE ADVENTURES OF PRIVATE WILLIAMS (Continued).

After I had been sworn in by the Magistrate, the sergeant gave me a ticket for the town where I was stationed, and also instructions as to what I must do on reaching the same, and went with me to the station and bade me good-bye. I cannot tell you all of the thoughts that crossed my mind during the journey, except that I felt very lonely and sad at heart, almost as though I had sold my rights as a free man; and as I gazed out of the carriage window and saw the crowds of people passing to and from their places of business, I felt as though I was cut off from them. They were the workers of the world, the real producers of wealth, and I, one of the parasites that was to be a burden on their backs, consuming and not producing.

I reached my place of destination all in order and proceeded to the barracks and reported myself at the guard room, whereupon I was shown into the receiving room, where I was to spend my first week, along with about a score of other fellows waiting to pass the doctor, and also for our characters coming from our last employers.

They were a motley crowd—these chaps in the receiving room—one gentleman ranker, who had just left prison, three more who talked of nothing

but turnips and ploughs and the rest of them just the ordinary type who need no description, except for one, who said he had been in more "spikes and stees" than any man in the country, and was very proud of it all.

The tea bugle had just sounded, so we all made off for the dry canteen to have tea there, which could not be described as a banquet. After tea was over, and we had performed one or two odd jobs, we settled down for an hour's chat before bed-time. "What made you enlist?" was the general question put to each of us in turn, and as I was the last comer I was to tell my story first. I gave them my story as I give it to you, and above half of them told a similar story. Absolute starvation had forced them to enlist. "What made you enlist, Matey?" "Oh, I was single, and I like war," was the answer of one; whilst his friend said he was married and liked peace.

Arthur Travis sat next to me, a poor white faced lad of seventeen, with big brown eyes that seemed to speak to you, and a mouth more delicate and refined than plenty of ladies possess. You could see he wasn't cut out for a soldier. "What made you enlist, sonny?" we asked him, and as tears began to steal down his cheeks he told us his story, saying: "You see there was only Mother and I, and she had been ill for a long time. I worked in the factory in the day time and looked after mother when I came home. I didn't earn very much, and when the landlord had been there wasn't much left for food or fire. The doctor said she wanted good support, but we could not get it, and she died. I went to live with the people I worked with and they were unkind to me so I came here."

Just fancy what kindness meant to him. Oh, if we only knew the power of a smile, a cheery good morning, aye, even a nod of recognition would make things less gloomy.

As young Travis finished his story the Corporal in charge of the room came in and told us it would be things out soon and we must go to bed.

(To be continued).

NEW MEMBERS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT LYCEUM.

Branch No. 5.

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| 175 | Mr. W. Harvey.     | 183 | Master R. Brownhall. |
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| 178 | Mr. T. Bench.      | 186 | „ M. Patrick.        |
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**INTUITION.**

By Mrs. FRANCES KINGMAN.

"She said, 'Oh! don't child, 'tis a hopeless grave,' then she wrung her hands and added, 'She was my own precious Mina—so beautiful, but proud because she was so; and she never was baptised, never was a church-member, and did not like to go to Sunday school—did not love Jesus. Oh! what shall I do? what shall I do? Where has she gone?'"

"Dear Mrs. Blake, do not think I was over bold,

for I could not help it. I kissed her, and said, 'Mina has gone to God—that blessed God who loved her so, and who loves you and me. Jesus never died to curse and condemn souls to ruin, but to save them?' I told her all the beautiful things you had taught me. I told her how wicked I was once because I believed the dead couldn't grow any better, and how I now thought that mother, and father and Johnny are growing better and better every day, and I knew I should meet and greet them again; and oh! we talked a long, very long time; and when I came away she took me in her arms so tight and kissed me; and that is what I stole over to the cemetery so softly for yesterday. I found her there again, and she told me as true as she lived she believed me; for when she thought it all over and over, her reason told her it was the truth. She asked me where I thought heaven was; and if I thought the people there ever grew old? I told her I'd ask you, and come in a few days and tell her all about it. Where do you think they are, Mrs. Blake?"

"Cutty dear, I believe we are very near our loved ones. The spirit world must be where our inner natures are, for they belong to it. It is everywhere. The kingdom of heaven is within us, that is, our inner natures condition us to enter into it. The spirit land is real, and substantial, I believe. 'In my father's house are many mansions.' I believe, dear Cutty, it contains trees, flowers, lakes, rivers, beautiful temples, and homes with pictures, such beauty and perfection as we aspired to here, but never received; each soul shall find its ultimate gratification; our undeveloped souls cannot clasp the real, the true, but when this crude form shall have left us, or we have left it, we shall unfold into our true selves. It seems hard for me to disconnect heaven or the spirit world and substantial scenery. All creation, all that we know of has form; we are organised spiritual beings there and, therefore, we require surroundings of substance—some sort of location."

"Oh! exclaimed Cutty, "how do you think we feel when we die? I do not mean the suffering of the body, but how does the freed spirit feel—what does it think when it first goes away from the body?"

"I believe, my dear, that to a true, peaceful soul, the change is a beautiful change from the darkness of disease to the illumined mansions prepared above. I think it scarcely loses its consciousness; and while we look upon the throes and spasms with sympathising tears, the soul, all aflame with joy, is rising to its gain, which is our loss, listening to our wails of woe; pitying our anguish, but calmly conscious of its own glorious change. I think sorrow in the presence of the dying should be restrained as far as possible. We stand around the casket, scattering blossoms upon the pulseless heart; we kiss the cold lips convulsively; we drop tears upon the marble brow; we wring our hands in great anguish, calling upon the inanimate form for response, and lo! close by our side, the freed spirit beholds our grief, our ignorance, and whispers to those who are gathered round to greet it on its entrance into the spirit world, 'Oh! could they but believe and feel the truth of their own teachings; they would not fret thus at my glorious gain!' Oh! Cutty, I did not know when I buried the mortal form of my angel Cecil, what I feel and know now, and he must have been grieved. If I had known and felt as I now do I never would have shed those bitter, sealding tears.

Death is the door of life. Let us realise it, and we shall feel that the body is only the external husk—that the spirit is freeing itself from its thralldom, the inner eyes are opened, and the soul revels in the delights of the new life. Angels hold the door of the upper realms ajar that we may peep in, and we turn away, accepting the stone in place of the bread. Let us grasp the light of reform, and walk up the path of progress. Let us remember, with the mind fixed on things eternal, that we may inhale purity, peace, and drink of the fountain of true preparation."

I rose to prepare for Cutty's retiring, feeling I had expounded quite sufficient for her young mind to grasp and assimilate, but she interposed—

"Unless you are too tired, dear Mrs. Blake."

"Dear, what?" I exclaimed.

"Dear mother," she corrected, timidly. Then she whispered, "I was only a pauper-house child."

"A little queen, in all those attributes which elevate," I answered.

"But, I have changed a great deal."

"Yes, darling, you hardly would give me that answer you gave me then, when you said, 'Cut up anything I can get a chance to.' That has always been a wonder to me, dear. You are so shy in everything else."

"Well, mother, I revolted so at everything there, and hated those coarse people, although I pitied them. I was getting discouraged; and when you called me 'dear' it was so strange to my ears that I truly thought you were mocking my misery."

"Well, it is all over now, let's forget it."

She made an effort to do so, and said, "Please, one more question to-night?"

"No, dear; to-morrow, perhaps. It is time for you to retire now."

"You have excited my curiosity. I wish we might talk a little more."

The longing of her heart to be at rest concerning those deep problems of life urged her to ask for more, but discretion bade me hold fast to my decision; so I kissed her the loving "good-night," making a promise that I would, with God's help, answer her question on the morrow.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

I found Cutty weeping this morning. It appears that Lizzie Holt had innocently asked how she came to be in the workhouse. Grief-stricken, she hid her head on my bosom and sobbed. "I was so ashamed, oh, so ashamed! and my mother—"

"Cutty," I said, "your poor mother, I have been told upon good authority, was the victim of false education; reared by an unwise indulgent parent, who had never fitted her to be the true helpmeet of the man she had vowed to love and obey. She had not been taught to be self-reliant and self-sustaining, but flew to conventional forms, servants, ease; the luxury she had been accustomed to in her father's house she must duplicate within her own home. She did not stop to count the cost; she had never been taught so to do. Her heart was right, my darling; I have heard she was very affectionate. And when trouble came she had no refuge; she had never been taught womanly heroism, she was easily discouraged, and—"

"I forgive her; my poor, dear mother," whispered Cutty, with the warmth of love for mother

coming into her face, "and there she is learning better, perhaps."

"Yes, dear, she is learning the lessons of life," I answered.

"I want to go back to my duties in the kitchen, I am afraid I shan't learn to be self-reliant. Oh, I want to be a true woman," asserted Cutty with fervour.

"It is not necessary for you to become a drudge, Cutty. You are far better able to keep house now than many who are much older than you," I remarked. We must attend to the cultivation of judgment, discretion, honour, and the many good virtues which make up the perfect woman."

In the afternoon, Mrs. Holt came over to have a talk about Lizzie. She sighed deeply and said:

"Mrs. Blake, what shall I do with Lizzie? she will be *herself*, and I never shall make anything of her in this world; she does things no other child would ever think of. What do you suppose she did yesterday?"

I smilingly answered I could not guess.

"Well, I was making some cake," commenced Mrs. Holt, "and had it all ready to put into the pans, when I decided to make some scallops, rounds and hearts, but I could not find my tins anywhere, and my cake was spoiling, for it was beaten as light as a feather. Finally Lizzie came in, and I asked her if she had seen them."

"O, yes," she answered, "I put them on Mary Lewis's grave full of flowers."

"The whole dozen," I asked.

"Yes, mother; some of them I put on old Simon Tuderly's grave."

"What do you think of such work," Mrs. Blake?"

Cutty was laughing and I had no time to reply, for Mrs. Holt continued, "I asked her what possessed her to do such a thing. She simply said: 'Oh, 'cause I thought little Marty hadn't anybody to do it, and she was a good girl if she was poor, and she knew Marty would look down and be so glad. And old Simon used to make me whistles, and I wanted to put a few wild roses on his grave, because he used to like them.'"

I said to her, "Lizzie, what makes you behave so, lately?" She answered, "I have not done a single thing for ever so long that's wicked, 'cause since I thought it all over I believe the angels see me all the time. I believe Aunt Lucia, Uncle Matthew, and little Georgie are angels, and see all I do; and I am ashamed to have all the people in heaven see all my naughty actions."

(To be continued.)

### CELEBRATION.

#### Collyhurst Progressive Lyceum.

COLLYHURST STREET, OLDHAM ROAD,  
MANCHESTER.

President: Mr. T. LAWRENCE.

Conductor: Mr. J. H. HORROCKS.

Secretary: Mr. M. JESSOP.

DEAD SIR (OR MADAM),

May, 1912.

It is with great pleasure that we draw your attention to the fact that it is now Twenty-five years since the Collyhurst Lyceum first opened, as you will see by the following extract from the *Medium and Day-break*, April, 1887:—

"Miles Platting, April 25th. Lyceum opened with nineteen members. Conducted by Mr. Crutchley. Miss Coghlan opened with invocation. Mr. Emmott assisted in the calisthenics. We had three recitations. We will gladly accept the help of any friends who desire to come amongst us."—E. Ashworth.

We propose to celebrate this very eventful occasion, viz.: Twenty-five years continuous running of the Collyhurst Lyceum, on SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1912, when Open Session will be held in the Morning at 10-0, Afternoon at 2-30, and in the Evening at 6-30. Mr. G. F. KNOTT (of Rochdale) will be the speaker, and Mr. WILLIAM CRUTCHLEY will preside. There will be Special Music and Singing by the Children, and at the Afternoon Session there will be a presentation to, and appreciation of, the long and faithful services of our esteemed Conductor, Mr. J. H. HORROCKS.

Our Twenty-first Anniversary Services four years ago was a great success, and will live long in the memory of all who took part in them. We solicit and appeal for your presence and support on this our Twenty-fifth Anniversary, and that there will be a Great Gathering of old and present Scholars and Friends, which will at least equal, if not excel, anything we have had in the past, is the earnest desire of

Yours fraternally,  
THE COMMITTEE.

7, Nasmyth Street,  
Smedley Road, Cheetham,  
Manchester.

N.B.—For the convenience of friends coming a distance there will be Tea provided after the Afternoon Session at a nominal charge.

#### NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council will be held on Saturday, June 15th, to commence at 3 o'clock. As business of a very important character will be introduced, a full attendance of Delegates and Associates is requested.

GEO. C. HIGHAM, Secretary.

### LYCEUM REPORTS.

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 after May 24th.

RULE 3.—Ordinary reports must not exceed 120 words. Special reports will be inserted as follows: The first 120 words free of charge. All above that number will be inserted at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. Payment must accompany all special reports or they will be cut down and inserted as ordinary reports.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, June 26th, to ensure insertion in the July issue.

ACCRRINGTON (Carter Street).—One of the most successful Open Sessions we have ever had was held on Sunday, April 28th. The occasion was the visit of representatives of the various Lyceums in North-East Lancashire, when sixteen

Lyceums were represented, along with Mr. Hargreaves, President, and Mr. Higham, Secretary of the District Council. Mr. Hubert Thompson conducted the session. Miss Bertha Mason led the silver chain; Mrs. Scott, Mr. Musgrove, and Mrs. Poppleton took part in the musical reading; Miss Mills led the golden chain, and Mr. Moorey commented upon it. The marching and calisthenics were nicely gone through. Altogether a very pleasant and profitable session was held. The delegates afterwards held a meeting to make arrangements for the Southport Demonstration.—G.C.H.

BARROW (Dalkeith Street).—On Sunday, May 5th, the above Lyceum held their 23rd anniversary, when Miss Mather, our District Visitor, assisted by Miss Lawton, very ably conducted the whole of the services. A most enjoyable day was spent. Misses Mather and Lawton spoke some very encouraging words to the children and parents, which I hope they will all try to carry out. All songs and recitations were very nicely rendered. Will parents please make a note of our Open Sessions, which are held the first Sunday in each month. This would encourage our officers and Lyceumists and enable them to go forward with the Lyceum work. Please come.—Mrs. Wallace.

BIRMINGHAM, BLOOMSBURY.—We have decided to have groups again. Miss Phipps has the care of the juniors, whose instructive lessons are much enjoyed. Mr. Shergold has given an instructive paper on "The evils of cheap trade." In the paper he pointed out the evils that were done either to the workman, to produce them, or the master who sold at a loss, or the buyer who got trash. Mr. Attwood dealt with Our Lives in an able manner. Mr. Thompson's paper on Spirit had to be left uncompleted for want of time.—J.J.T.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On May 19th the choir held its anniversary. In the evening a special anthem was rendered. Mr. R. Latham gave an address. Clairvoyance by Mrs. Eastbourne and Miss Garner. Misses M. Holland and L. Errington rendered solos. In the afternoon the Lyceum held its Open Session, joined in by the Northgate Lyceum. Mr. Latham complimented the Lyceumists. Mr. Moorey gave a short address. Miss Alice Jones, under control, very prettily named two babies, Stanley Smith Lightowler and Gilbert Frances. The session was a very enjoyable one.—J. Ainsworth, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Boynton Street).—Our Open Session was held on Sunday, May 5th, when there was an excellent attendance. The morning session was conducted by Miss Leckie. Recitations were given by the following:—Miss A. Ward, Masters N. Haley and A. Holt. In the afternoon Master N. Haley recited, also Miss A. Ward, Hilda Thornton and Miss M. Tempest. Pianoforte solos were given by Miss Elsie Birstow and Mr. Thomas Hill.—A. E. Carter.

BRADFORD, IVY ROOMS (Carlisle Road).—A grand Open Session was held on Sunday, May 19th, when the following Lyceumists took part: Miss Linda Nixon rendered very efficiently the "Children's Day;" Master G. A. Houlbrook, Master Willie Simpson, Worsley and Harold Alderson sung and played an accompaniment. Miss Ingham and friend, and others took a prominent part. We had a very pleasant time, each realising that the Lyceum was a school of learning, the true way of eternal progression.—J. P. Simpson.

BRADFORD, LITTLE HORTON (Holmes Street).—Open Sessions on Sunday, May 5th, when a little more interest was displayed and appreciated. In the Morning recitations were given by Master's H. Robinson, and G. H. Robinson. Victor Snarey sung to us, "Nearer My God to Thee," in such a sweet voice, that our minds were taken back to the sad calamity of the Titanic at sea, with the loss of so many physical lives, and as if in reply to our thoughts, Miss Chambers sung to us, "By the beautiful gate." Mr. Gush afterwards spoke to us on the same, and read some correspondence from the Society of Friends in Bradford, on war, suggesting to us the probability of our Spirit Friends.—J. Lightowler.

BURNLEY (Hammerton Street).—On Sunday, May 5th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary services, Mrs. Crompton, of Bolton, being our speaker. We held an Open Session in the morning, when the following programme was gone through. Recitations by Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Crossley and Dorothy Lansdown. Duets by Master A. Hoole and F. Parkinson; Miss Hoole and Miss R. Margerison. We were also favoured with a song by Winnie Thompson. In the afternoon the Lyceum took its ordinary course with a short address by Mrs. Crompton. The evening service was very well attended and a very instructive address was given.—Mrs. Riley, Sec.

BRIERFIELD.—On Saturday, May 4th, our Lyceum scholars, along with the Conductor, Miss Hudson; Guardian,

Mr. Stephenson; Lyceum Secretary, Mr. Blake; also Society Secretary, Mr. Calvert; had a ramble in the country by way of Fence, then on to Highham, where tea was partaken of. While we were resting we sung "Open the doors for the Children." After tea we made our way back to Brierfield, having spent a most enjoyable afternoon.—Joseph Blake, Sec.

**BURY** (off Paradise Street).—On Sunday, May 5th, we held our Open Sessions. Readings were given by Messrs. Fletcher, Duckworth, and Miss Florrie and Master Willie Kaye. Songs by Misses E. Rostron, N. Stalker, and J. Kaye. Duets, Mr. H. Metcalfe and Miss Stalker, and Masters Kaye and Gibbons, which were much appreciated. In the afternoon we had a short address from Mr. Lester, of Oldham, and Mr. T. Barnes, of Bury, Master Morris Hepworth recited, and Mr. Grimshaw made a few remarks on our Lyceum Movement. Mr. Lester also addressed us in the evening. The sessions were fairly well attended.—Mrs. Cotterell, Sec.

**CHADDERTON** (off Brook Street).—On May 5th, we held our Lyceum Open Session, about 40 Lyceumists present. In the afternoon the session was fairly good. Recitations were given by Emma Poyner, Grace Rogers, Elsie Cartwright, Eva Ogden, May Ratcliffe, Willie Dixon, and Harold Oldfield. Solos: Emma Poyner, Florrie Evans, Sarah Hilton, and Mr. Frank Shaw. Good responses to pearls. Evening, we went through the marching, calisthenics, readings and solos. In the evening our Conductor occupied the chair, Mr. Oldfield conducting the marching. The audience was not so large as in the afternoon. Calisthenics conductors, Master Peter Ingham and Leonard Hamer. Musical conductor, Mrs. Oldfield, who also conducted a good after Circle. A very enjoyable day.—Mrs. Oldfield, Secretary.

**CREWE** (Mill Street).—On May 4th, we held our annual distribution of prizes. Mr. Walker, of Buxton, kindly consenting to distribute them, and I am sure all who received them were fully satisfied. The following contributed to the success of the evening:—Recitations, Ethel Reay, Albert Reay, and Gladys Mottram. Songs by Mrs. Harrison, and pianoforte solos by Fred Homer. Selections from the Shakespearian play "As you like it," and the dialogue "The Merry Muddle," were most successfully gone through. We held our monthly Open Session on May 5th, when the following took part:—Recitations, Florrie Hope, Albert Reay, Gladys Mottram, Leslie Harrison, and Rose Smart. Songs, Kate Owen and Annie Smith. A duet by Ada Buxton and Gwenie Bagguley.—F. Homer, Secretary.

**DERBY** (Charnwood Street).—On the 5th of May, we held our usual Open Session, when scholars of the Lyceum gave recitations, etc. We are glad to report that our Lyceum is on the increase, and we hope it will continue so. The children of the Lyceum gave a Fairy Play entitled "Sleeping Beauty," which was very much appreciated.—H. Wade, Secretary.

**GREAT HARWOOD** (off Westwell Street).—On Sunday, May 5th, we held our monthly Open Session. Marching and rod exercises were gone through. Readings were afterwards gone through by various Lyceum scholars. Pearls and recitations were given in the afternoon by Annie Owen, and Walter Taylor. The session was evident proof that the time spent was not wasted.—Miss Alice Anderton, Sec.

**HULL** (Holborn Street).—The members of the E.C. visited the Lyceum on Sunday morning, there was a splendid attendance. Mrs. Leng ably conducting. Mr. Taylor Gwin offered the invocation. Short addresses by Messrs. Webster and J. C. MacDonald. Silver Chain led by Mr. J. J. Morse. Musical reading by Mr. Johnson. Mr. T. H. Wright spoke and led pearls. The boys and girls gave splendid pearls, and spoke very effectively on the same. Recitations by Misses Ina Hogg, Hilda Morson, Queeni Wilson, and Master Robert Headley. Song, Master Donald Atkinson. Duet, Misses Rose Rothenbury and Queeni Wilson. The marching and singing was splendidly rendered. A most excellent session. We as an E.C. were proud to be present.—Thos. H. Wright.

**HYDE**.—On April 28, we had our Lyceum Open Session. In the Afternoon we had a very good attendance of scholars and friends. Recitations were given by the Misses Wright and Beck. In the evening we had the service of song entitled, "Unseen hands," it was very much appreciated. Our Conductor, Mr. Dean, presided. Mr. Hudson gave the connective reading, and Mrs. A. Wright sung a solo. A good time all round. We are now very busy rehearsing our hymns for Whit-Friday.—A. S. Wright, Sec.

**LANCASTER** (Phoenix Rooms).—Our Open Session was conducted by Mrs. Preston in the presence of Mr. Knight, of Bolton. It has been the wish of our Conductor, Mr. Dawes, to find new substitutes for this particular office, and the talent

of each Leader has been improved with the opening out of this scheme, as Conductor, etc. Recitations, by Mr. Dawes, Thompson, Hennedy, Thompson, Finch, Kirk, Duet, E. Kirk, and E. Hennedy. We had visitors from Manchester and Preston, who spoke of the great interest the little children took in their lessons, and of their good behaviour generally. After exchange of kindly greetings to each Lyceum, and a few needy words of advice from Mr. Knight, Mrs. Isherwood closed with Prayer.—J. Kirk.

**LEEDS**, (East).—We held Open Sessions morning and afternoon as farewell services for our sister, Miss M. Warburton, who was about to sail for Australia. She has been Conductor for 4 years, and we are pleased to state that she is to carry the good work on in the new country. A collection was made amongst the Lyceum and Church members, the proceeds of which bought her a fine cabin-trunk, which was presented in the afternoon by Mrs. F. Shepherd, who will also be leaving us early in June for the same destination. We had a large gathering in the morning when a few of the L.D.C. attended, and altogether we had a very pleasant day.—H. Shepherd, Sec.

**LEICESTER** (Queen Street).—May 5th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary services. In the morning we had Open Session, when the following scholars gave solos, Misses Heath, Baldwin, and Smith. Recitations by Misses Waterton, Holt and Master Very. In the afternoon and evening Mrs. Bentley gave short addresses and clairvoyances. I trust after the good advice our sister gave in her address it will be the means of building our Lyceum up again. In the evening we were favoured by a piano solo from our blind brother, Mr. Snowden, which was much appreciated. We had crowded audiences.—John Wicks.

**LEICESTER** (Silver Street).—Since our last report (April Banner) we have held two Sessions. They both were of a bright character, good attendance of friends. Pleased to report increase in numbers, also some good ardent workers amongst them, whom we gladly welcome. Our Anniversary is drawing nigh (June 20th) when Mrs. Bentley will be with us again, and we anticipate as pleasant and enjoyable celebration as we heretofore have had. Our Guild is making steady progress. May 4th, we held a Tea and Social, there being a good attendance both at the tea and social. Everything went off splendidly and turned out a complete success. We hope through the medium of the Guild to strengthen and elevate our Lyceum.—J. C. Butler, Sec.

**LONDON, BRIXTON** (84, Stockwell Park Road).—We have had quite a revival in feeling and in numbers, one of our member's little baby was named by our Conductor's spirit guide, the spirit name was "Charity," the service was very impressive, Mr. Olman Tood, a late Lyceum conductor was on the platform, also our fellow Lyceumists Mr. and Mrs. Symons. Little Violet and Nellie Underwood, also Douglas Fall, are always ready and willing with their individual efforts. Our Lyceumists are busy writing essays, Nurse Sketchley, Mr. Olman Tood, and Mr. Underwood are kindly giving prizes. Mr. Symons and Mr. Olman Todd are the judges. The prize winners will be reported next month.—N. Underwood, Sec.

**LONDON, FULHAM**.—On Sunday, May 5th, we held our Fifth Anniversary, when we welcomed several friends including Mr. Jubb, of Darlington. A duet was rendered by Winnie Clarke and Dolly Drew, after which Eva Ashley sang, "Hymns of the Old Church Choir." Pearls were very good. After the calisthenics we elected our officers, Mr. Ashley again being Conductor. We continued on Monday by giving a concert which was well appreciated. A farce entitled, "Domestic Economy," received an encore. A Nigger Troup brought the evening to a close. Sunday, May 12th, we had an interesting discussion in the Liberty Group under the leadership of our newly elected Guardian, Mr. S. Wood, on "Body, Soul, and Spirit."—Eva Ashley.

**LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES**.—Work goes on steadily here, but we find great difficulty in keeping old faces. We are not very strong in numbers, but I feel no matter how small, our efforts will not be in vain, and good will result from them. I have to report a slight increase in membership, and also the resignation of our Conductor and one Officer. I was very pleased to enroll Edgar Meadwell, of Salfley Lyceum, Birmingham, who is staying about 14 miles away. The cry for an adult attendance meets with no response. In spite of difficulties I shall strive to keep the Lyceum together, remembering "The Workers Win."—J. W. Humphreys, Conductor.

**LONDON, TOTTENHAM**.—On May 5th we had a very good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. We were pleased to have recitations by Dorothy Steel and Kathlene Jones, and solos by B. Lightfoot and Kathlene Jones, and Dorothy Steel. Then we

had a paper from Mr. Barrington, which was very interesting. On May 19th we had another good attendance. Pearls were good, and Kathlene Jones, Dorothy Steel and Bessie Lewis recited; Miss Firth and Elsie Barnes each sang a solo.—Harvey Stroud, Secretary.

LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—May 5th was our Lyceum Day, and a right good day we had. Mrs. Petz was the speaker afternoon and evening. The scholars were very earnest in their work. The afternoon was the usual Open Session. In the evening the Lyceum contributed recitations, singing and a piece entitled "Feed my Lambs." Mrs. Dupè sang a solo, "Lift thy heart." Mrs. Petz then addressed the meeting on "The Makers of Men," followed by a trance address by Mr. Huxley's guides. Mrs. Craft and Mr. Watthey also spoke. Another feature was the presentation of a spirit painting to the Lyceum by Mrs. Petz, whose guides has painted it.—H. Watthey, Hon. Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Wednesday, May 8th, a social was held to celebrate the coming of age of our organist (Miss G. Scragg), when fully 100 Lyceumists and friends were present. The Church was tastefully decorated. Songs were rendered by the following ladies:—Misses Dooley and Pourrall, and a trio by the Misses Duffield and Lampard, interspersed by dancing. Accompanists, Miss Scragg and Mrs. W. Pimblott. Mr. Challinor, on behalf of the Church members, presented Miss Scragg with a music stool, followed by a bouquet of flowers and ladies' hand-bag, presented from the Lyceum. Miss Scragg, responding with a neat little speech, expressed her appreciation of the presents. Refreshments were afterwards served, ample justice being done to the good things provided.—Wm. Albinson, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, ARDWICK (Maskell Street).—I am very pleased to report that the above Lyceum is making very steady progress. On April 28th we had a very interesting lesson on "Astrology" from Mr. Sharples. Recitations during the past month have been well rendered by Ivy Turner, Annie Sharp, Phyllis Mac, Master Hector Jones, James Herne, and Mr. R. Gilbert in a very able manner.—Annie Cheetwood, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL (Co-op. Hall).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, May 5th. One of our elders, Mr. Mattieson, of Benwell, who was paying his farewell visit, gave a very instructive address. There has been a great improvement in recitations during the past month, and on Sunday they were excellent. Pearls were also good. A hymn was also sung and a prayer offered in sympathy with those in connection with the "Titanic Disaster." "A farewell tribute" was paid to our brother who is leaving this country, bound for Canada.—William Stock, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Rutherford Street).—On May 5th we held our Open Session. Marching and calisthenics were gone through, a great improvement being shown in the former. A recitation was given by Miss Dorothy Brinklow. Solos were also ably rendered by Misses E. Elnor, Blanche and Beatrice McFadden, Mr. Brinklow and Master E. Curtis. Our worthy guardian, Miss Sheppard, very kindly presented Master E. Curtis with a beautiful book of poems, and Misses D. Brinklow and Edith Chambers with a Lyceum Manual for their good work.—N. Taylor, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM, HYSON GREEN.—I am very pleased to report that the dark cloud which has hung over this Lyceum for a considerable time has practically cleared away. We have got our old strength back again, and we hope to still go onward and make our Lyceum one of the best in the district. We are busy practicing for our anniversary, which takes place in June. We have had very good sessions during the past month. We have had a competition for the best papers on: "Why I should not be cruel to dumb animals." Nurse S. Scatchley has promised three prizes. The essays have gone to her to be judged, results not to hand as yet.—C. E. Sharp, Secretary.

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OLDHAM (Union Street).—Our Lyceum is still on the up grade. We had our Open Session, which proved a success. In the afternoon the children were in good form, songs, recitations and pearls being given in abundance, it being their service. As to marching and exercises, well, we did our best, as we are crippled for room. In the evening short addresses were given by Messrs. Bowers, Chisnall and Robt. Cheetham, interspersed with songs and solos by the Lyceumists. Clairvoyance was given by Miss Thwate, and thus ended a pleasant Sunday's service.—Wm. Chisnall, Secretary.

PARKGATE.—Our Open Session, to which members of the Society were kindly invited. I regret to say only one attended, which felt disappointing to the officers and children, who like to see their parents present when they have anything special. We had a good programme. Recitations were given by Walter

Harrison, Albert Stokes, Cecil Hobson and Cissie Hobson. A solo by Ivy Hobson. Duets by Cissie Hobson and Elsie Stokes, Hilda Ferrinton and Gladys Hall. Golden and silver chain recitations were also nicely rendered. The marching and calisthenics were well gone through. It is a pity the Society takes so little interest in the Lyceum, as there is the possibility of building up a good Lyceum here.—J. H. Gothard, Secretary.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—We held our annual picnic on Good Friday. We went across the Swan River to the Zoo, where we spent the day with sports for the children, and every Lyceumist under the age of fourteen were given the day's outing free, and each child was also given a prize. We took lunch with us and we had a very enjoyable time. Every one expressed their satisfaction, returning home tired but happy.—A. Carter, Secretary.

PRESTON (Lancaster Road).—We held our monthly Open Session on May 5th. Marching and calisthenics were gone through. We also went through a new march which Mr. Hollinshead, of Blackburn, showed us two weeks before. Recitations were given by Misses Ivy and May Pullan, Ethel Hoods, Nelly Culling, Sissy and Joe Cusack. A duet was sung by Sissy and Joe Cusack.—A. Hodgson, Secretary.

SHAW (Lyon Street).—We held our Lyceum Anniversary and Prize Day on May 5th. The speaker for the day was Miss F. Davies, the Middleton (Gilmore Street) Lyceum Conductor. In the evening she named the baby of our Financial Secretary. Earthly name, Wilfred; spirit name, Hope. She afterwards presented 27 prizes to the Lyceumists, followed by some splendid remarks on the Lyceum, which brought a pleasant day to a close. Collections very good.—James Savory, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, HEELEY.—On Sunday, May 5th, we held our Open Session, the following taking part:—Jessie Arnold, Cyril Truelove, Evelyn Hempstock, May Evans and Nellie Beardoe. A very enjoyable day was spent. On Thursday, May 2nd, we held our leaders' class examination, several members of Liberty Group sitting for experience. A very good examination paper was drawn up by our worthy member and D.V., Mr. E. Vickers. Two of our lady members came out top in the results, Miss Alice Alton winning the first prize and Miss Annie Evans winning the second prize. The prizes to be given at our anniversary. We hope that our humble effort will grow all through the B.S.L.U. Lyceums.—G. H. Magness, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkeshead Street).—On the 5th and 12th insts our Sessions were conducted by Messrs. Hayward (Hindley) and G. Mack ((Widnes) respectively. On the latter date the Misses Cocking (Daulby Hall) and Robb (Birkenhead) participated in the proceedings. The last mentioned conducted the calisthenics. On the 19th we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services conducted by Mrs. Lingard, of Rochdale. A full report in connection therewith appears in the *Southport Visitor and Guardian* of the 21st and 22nd insts. respectively.—Maud M. L. Riding, Secretary.

STOCKPORT.—I am very pleased to say we have opened our room at 24, Wellington Road South. We had a tea, which was generously contributed to by members and friends, and which exceeded anticipation, and there was a still greater assembly at the entertainment. Our efforts were rewarded by over £4 profit. Truly a great send off. On the Sunday following we had an Open Session in the afternoon which was largely attended, and in the evening our old friend, Mr. Poulton, of Levenshulme, who was our speaker for the day, gave a spiritual address, and also made touching reference to the foundering of the "Titanic." I am glad to report that all our meetings are being a great success.—J. Bell, Secretary.

STOCKTON.—We had an Open Session on May 12th, which was satisfactorily and well conducted throughout. Only two reciters came forward, Lily Williams and Eliza Rodam. I am very pleased to say that we enrolled five scholars on the above date.—H. W. Westbrook, Secretary.

TORONTO, CANADA.—The Society of Progress having found it necessary to cancel its charter, the Lyceum had to reorganise, as its executive were directors of the Society and did its legal business. Officers were elected as follows:—Mrs. Hobson, Conductor; Assistant, Mr. W. Brett; Sidney Brown, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. Brett, Financial Secretary; Edgar Morris, Guardian; Mr. Morris, Captain of Guards; Herbert Brett, Librarian; Fred Brooks, Leader of Exercises; Mr. W. Brett, Leader of Liberty Group; Mr. Morris, Leader of Intermediate Group; Miss Streeter, Leader Junior Group; Miss Morris, Assistant Leader of Exercises; E. Morris and Mr. J. Brett, Auditors; Mrs. J. Brett, Mrs. Ingle and Mr. Morris, sick visitors; Arthur Ingle, Edward Shrieve, Guards.—S. Brown, Secretary.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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

- Accrington,** Carter-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Nellie Ormerod, 27, Spring Street  
**Accrington,** China-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. W. Pincott, 41, Leyland-street.  
**Ashington,** 6th Row, 2 p.m. Mr. William Smith, No. 37, 6th Row, via Morpeth.  
**Ashton-under-Lyne,** Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Dransfield, 13, Russell street Hurst  
**Bacup,** Market-street, 10 a.m. Mr. William Nixon, 22, Gladstone-street  
**Barnoldswick,** West End-Spiritual Temple, 10 and 1-30. Mr. J. Parkinson, 9, Colins street, near Colne.  
**Barnsley,** George-yard, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. Arthur Lockwood, 10, Darby-terrace, Stocks Lane.  
**Barrow-in-Furness,** Abbey-street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. Robert Dobson, 28, Argyle-street.  
**Barrow-in-Furness,** Dalkeith-street, 10 and 2. Mrs. Wallace, 191, Marsh-street.  
**Batley Carr,** Carr street, 10 and 2. Mr. Walter Hartley, 54, Albert Street, Batley Carr, Batley.  
**Belper,** Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins Brookside  
**Birkenhead,** 161, Grange-road, 11 a.m. Mr. George Robb, 56, Chompson-street, Hr. Trammere.  
**Birmingham,** Crabtree-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. R. Clarke, 17, Hoesley-road, Handsworth  
**Birmingham,** 52, Crawford-street, Saltley, 3-0. Miss Vera Marshall, 39, Aston Road, North Aston.  
**Birmingham,** Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road, Smethwick  
**Blackburn,** Salford-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. N. Derbyshire, 88, Skiddow-street  
**Blackburn,** Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. Wamsley, 25, Cormation Terrace, Windam-street  
**Blackburn,** St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. John Ainsworth, 25, Culvert street.  
**Blackpool,** Albert-road, 9-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur E. Eaton, 11, Cookson street.  
**Bolton,** Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Joseph Shaw, 5, Bowen-street, Chorley Old road, Smithills  
**Bolton,** Commission-street, 10 a.m. Mr. J. Hibbert, 44, Bullock-street  
**Bradford,** Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10 a.m. Mr. J. P. Simpson, 29, Young-street, Gillington  
**Bradford,** Little Horton, Holme street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. J. Lightowler, 38, North Road, Wibsey  
**Bradford,** Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Walter Hale, 80, Cartwright terrace.  
**Bradford,** Shirley-road (Dudley Hill), 10 and 1-45. Mr. R. Platts, 1, Dawson Mount, Dawson Lane, Dudley Hill  
**Bradford,** West Bowling, Boynton-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. E. Carter, 59, Park Terrace, Bowling Hall Road.  
**Brierfield,** Colne-road, 10 a.m. Mr. Joseph Blake, 35, Albert-street, nr. Burnley  
**Brighouse,** Commercial-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. James Crossley, 1, Bryan-street, Rastrick  
**Brighouse,** Martin-street, 10 and 2. Mr. H. Crowther, 18, Rogerson-square, Waring Green  
**Brighton,** Manchester-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Roy Banks, 29, Waterloo-street.  
**Brownhills,** High-street, 9-30 and 2 to 3. Mrs. C. Adams, 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,** Central Hall, 10 and 2-45. Mr. R. S. Knight, 18, H. W. Kins Lane  
**Bury,** off Paradise-street, 10 and 1-45. Mrs. Cotterell, 17, Hardman street, Hornby street.  
**Burwood,** N.S.W. School of Art, 11 a.m. Mr. Leslie Jones, "Hildaville," No. 1, Sloane street, Newtown, Sydney, N.S.W.  
**Chadderton,** off Brook-street, 10 & 2-30 p.m. Mrs. M. Oldfield, 18, Brook-street, near Oldham  
**Chester,** Commonhall-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Rainford, 1, Bishop Lloyd Palace Yard  
**Chesterfield,** Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30. Mr. Edwin H. Widdowson, William-st., Stonegravels  
**Clayton-le-Moors,** Victor-st., 10-30 a.m. and 2 Mr. James Livesey, 5, Chapel street, near Accrington.  
**Cleckheaton,** Old-Kobin-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Wm. Harrison, Halifax-road, Hightown, Liversedge  
**Colne,** Cloth-hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Fred Driver, 27, Bright street  
**Coventry,** Bull-street (off Hertford-street), 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Rice, 43, Kingsway  
**Crewe,** Mill-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Fred Homer, 7, Ernest street.  
**Crompton,** Rochdale-rd., 10 and 2. Mr. John Thomas Clegg, 4, Horton street, near Oldham.  
**Daisy Hill,** Mabel-street, 10-0 a.m. Mr. Daniel Hope, 146, Lower Leigh Road, near Bolton  
**Darlington,** Bondgate, 10-30 a.m. Mr. G. A. Park, 42, Cartmill Terrace, Hopetown  
**Darwen,** Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 60, Redearth Rd.  
**Dearnley,** Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mrs. John Crowther, 2, Clough Head, Calderbrook, 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. Joseph Colbeck, 26, Hartley-street  
**Dukinfield,** Railway-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. Wm Ed. Oldham, junr., 157, Dunkinfield-Road, Hyde.  
**Dundee,** Barrack-street, 12-45 a.m. Mr. David Coulter, 15, Lockee-road  
**Dundee,** Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss May Henderson, Harbour Chambers, Dock St.  
**Earby,** Aspen lane, 10 and 1-30. Mr. J. W. Clark, 32, Albion street, near Colne.  
**Earlestown,** Assembly Rooms, Hotel Street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. C. Dramer, 13, Sheffield Road, Vulcan, nr. Newton-le-Willows.  
**Elland,** James-street, 10 a.m. Miss Mary A. Marsden, 82, Langdale Street.  
**Farsley,** Beckbottom, 1-45 p.m. Miss Mabel Allerton, 26, Prospect place, High Bank, near Leeds  
**Gateshead,** Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr. William Hall, 51, Balfour-street  
**Glasgow,** Birkley street, 4 p.m., Mr. Wm. Guild, jr., 4, Kildonan Terrace, Ibrox.  
**Glasgow,** Kingston, 316, Paisley road, 3 p.m. Tuesday, 7-30 p.m. Mr. W. M. Griffiths, 482 Paisley Road.  
**Great Harwood,** West Well-street, 10-0 a.m. and 1-45. Miss Alice Anderton, 11, Princess-street, near Blackburn  
**Grimsby,** Strand-street, 2 p.m. Miss Daisy Scott, 75 Blundell Avenue, New Cleethorpes  
**Gurney Valley,** 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm. Hardwick, 4, West Row, Coundon Grange, Nr. Bishop Auckland  
**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  
**Hanley,** Percy-street, 2-30 p.m. Miss S. Freakley, 86, Wellesley-street, Shelton, Staffs.  
**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. W. E. Worsley, 5, Nutclough  
**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. James Barlow, 17, Mary-street, Longfield.  
**Higher Broughton,** 357A, Bury New Road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. F. Starbuck, 99, Milton Road, Bury Old Road, Prestwich, Manchester  
**Hindley,** Bridge-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Alfred Hayward, Spiritual Temple, Bridge-street  
**Hirst,** 27, Mortimer street, 2 p.m., Miss Sarah Elke, 52, Rosalind street, Hirst, Ashington, via Morpeth.  
**Hollinwood,** Byrom-street, 10 a.m. Mr. W. Anderson, 38, Carnarvon-street, Hollins-road near Oldham.  
**Hollinwood,** Hudson-street, 10 a.m., Wm. Hy. Dawson, 29, Brunlees-street, nr. Oldham  
**Horwich,** Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. Mr. R. Frost, 9, Wright street, near Bolton  
**Hucknall,** Watnall-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Mary A. Cox, 28, Watnall-road, Hucknall, Torkard  
**Huddersfield,** Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Tom Ellis, 74, Firth-street  
**Hull,** Anlaby road, Day street, 2 p.m.; Mr. Wm. Geo. Allon, 11, Claremont avenue, Nicholson street, Steyne lane.  
**Hull,** Holborn Hall, Holborn street, Witham, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. C. Headley, 18, Ellis terrace, Holderness road  
**Hyde,** Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. S. Wright, 49, Lunn-street  
**Jarrow,** Market-square, 2 p.m. Mrs. Ada Poole, 21, Birch-street  
**Johannesburg,** 11 a.m. Mr. R. T. Foley, P.O. Box 4, Keighley, Heber-street, 10 and 2. Mr. E. Shackleton, 18 Tennyson-street  
**Lancaster,** the Phoenix Rooms, of Parliament-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Kirk, 3, Hope-street.  
**Leeds,** Armlay, Theaker-lane, 10 a.m. and 2-15 Miss Emma Whitaker, 2, Colton road, Armlay.  
**Leeds,** Bethel-street, 10 a.m. Miss F. Woodhead, 5, Khandella Place, Beeston Hill  
**Leeds,** Church-street, Hunslet, 10-30 and 2. Mr. Albert Harrison, 7, Teale street, Stourton  
**Leeds,** EAST, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2. Mr. H. Shepherd, 9, Copperfield Grove, Cross Green lane.  
**Leeds,** Grove-house-lane (Psycho), Miss Todd, 19, Sutherland-terrace, Harehills-lane  
**Leeds,** Hunslet, Black Bull St. 10-30 and 2. Mr. Fred Rooney, 93, Hunslet Road Hunslet.  
**Leeds,** Joseph-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Thomas Covill, 35, Cross Flatts Parade, Beeston  
**Leicester,** Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 170, Curzon-street.  
**Leicester,** Silver-street, Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Butler, 18, Lytton road  
**Leigh,** Brown-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Hurdus, 43 Clifford-street  
**Lincoln,** Progressive Hall, Coultham street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. Wm. Sutherland, 29, Newland street West  
**Littleton,** Well-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss A. Hirst, Well-street, Littleton, nr. Liversedge.  
**Liverpool,** Daulby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. J. Adamson, 37, Mulberry street.  
**Liverpool,** 2, Romer-road, Kensington, 2-45 p.m. Mrs. Madge Parker, 2, Spofforth road, Edge Hill.  
**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,** Holloway, N., Parkhurst Hall, 32, Parkhurst-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Bert Kent, 4, Devonshire-road Holloway, N.  
**London,** Kingston-on-Tames, Assembly-rooms, Park-Road, Hampton Wick, 3 p.m. Miss M. Welbe ove 109, Bonner Hill-road, Norbiton, Surrey  
**London, E.,** Manor Park Shrewsbury-road, 3 p.m. Miss Harrison, 35, Woodstock Road, Forest Gate E.  
**London, E.,** Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Robert J. Robotom, 2, Braemar-road, Barking-road, Plaistow, E.  
**London,** Tottenham, 684, High road, 3 p.m. Mr. A. Harvey Stroud, Jur. 72, Birkbeck-road, Tottenham, N.  
**London,** Woolwich and Plumstead, Villas-road, 3-15 p.m. Mr. H. Watthey, 40, Frederic-place, Plumstead.  
**Longton,** Stone-road, 10 and 2. Mr. Hugh McCarty, 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. Miss Annie Cheetwood, 12, Royds St. C. on M.