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## Stories from the Classics.

### JASON AND THE GOLDEN FLEECE.

#### CHAPTER I.

##### THE INFANCY OF JASON.

I have told you of Perseus and the rescue of Andromeda, etc., and have now to tell you of Jason and the Golden Fleece. But first I must tell you about his infancy, as by so doing you will better understand his adventures.

Æson, King of Iolcos, in Thessaly, having been driven from his throne by his half-brother Pēlias, committed his son Jason to the care of the Centaur Chiron [Kī-ron] (half-man and half-horse), for he said, "I must hide the child in the mountains, or Pēlias will surely kill him, because he is the heir to the throne.

So he went up from the sea across the valley, through the vineyards and olive groves, and crossed the river Anauros towards mount Pelian, where Chiron, the centaur, lived, the wisest of all creatures beneath the sky.

Little Jason grew tired and footsore with his long tramp, so his father carried him till they came to the cave in which Chiron and his young pupils lived. As they drew near they heard the sound of the harp, accompanied with a man's voice singing.

Then Æson said to his son, "Fear not, but go in, and lay thy hands upon his knees, and say, 'In the name of Zeus, the Father of Gods and men, I am your guest from this day forth.'"

The Centaur was singing of the birth of Time, and of the heaven and the dancing stars, of the ocean and the ether, of the fire, and the shaping of the wondrous earth. He sang of the treasures of the hills, and the hidden jewels of the mine, and the veins of fire and metals, and the virtues of all healing herbs; and of the speech of birds; and of prophecy, and of hidden things to come; and as he sang little Jason listened wide-eyed in wonderment, and forgot his errand in the song.

When the song was ended Chiron called him by name and told him to go call his father, saying, "I know him and all that has befallen him, and I saw you both afar off in the valley, even before you left the town."

Then Æson said to Chiron, "Now, I entreat you by Father Zeus to let my son be your pupil till better times come, and train him to be brave and fearless."

Then Chiron smiled and said to Jason, "Are you afraid of my horse's hoofs, or will you be my pupil from this day?"

And Jason answered, "I would gladly have horse's hoofs like you if I could sing such songs as yours!"

Then Chiron beckoned the boy to his side, and turning to his father said, "Go back in peace, and bend before the storm like a prudent man. This boy shall not cross the Anauros again, till he has become a glory to you and to thy house."

And Æson wept over his little son and went away, and left him to be trained by the wise centaur. Jason had for his fellow students Æneas, who lived to be the king of Calydon, Hercules, who lived to perform the twelve great labours; and Esculapius, the great and wonderful healer, who, when young, was called "the wise child." The first time Jason saw him he had his arms full of herbs and flowers, and a spotted snake wound round his wrist. He told his teacher, Chiron, how he had watched a snake cast its old skin, and grow young again before his eyes; and also, how he had gone into a village and cured a dying man with a herb he had seen a sick goat eat.

Thus surrounded with wise and brave playfellows, and carefully instructed and trained by the wise centaur Jason grew up to be a handsome and brave young man.

Now Pelias, having usurped the throne of Æson, was afraid, and consulted the oracle about his safety, and was told to beware of a man wearing *one sandal*. As years went by and no one appeared in his kingdom wearing only one sandal, the king began to feel secure.

#### CHAPTER II.

##### JASON RETURNS HOME.

In course of time Jason grew to be a fine young man. Some of his fellow students had departed to begin their life's career. Esculapius had gone to the Pelopounese to work his wonderful cures of man; some say he used to raise the dead to life. Hercules had gone to Thebes to perform his famous labours. Æneas had gone home to Troy, which is renowned in history for its long seige. And so it happened one day that Jason stood on the mountain, with Chiron by his side watching him, for he knew that the time was come for Jason too to leave him and take his place in the world.

As Jason looked and saw the plains of Thessaly he sighed, and asked, "Is it true what my friends tell me—that I am the heir to that fair land?"

"And what good would it be to you, Jason," asked Chiron, "if you were heir to that fair land?"

"I would take it and keep it," he answered. "A strong man has taken it and kept it long. Are you stronger than Pelias the terrible?" said Chiron. "I can try my strength with his," replied Jason; but Chiron sighed and said:—

"You have many a danger to go through before you rule in Iolcos by the sea; many a danger and many a woe; and strange troubles in strange lands, such as man never saw before."

"The happier I," said Jason, "to see what man never saw before."

Then Chiron sighed again, and said, "The eaglet must leave the nest when it is fledged. But promise me two things before you go. First, SPEAK HARSHLY TO NO ONE WHOM YOU MEET. SECOND, STAND BY THE WORD WHICH YOU SHALL SPEAK."

Jason wondered why Chiron should ask him to

make those two promises, but he knew that the centaur was a prophet, and saw things long before they came to pass. So he promised, and took his leave of his beloved instructor, and made his way back to his father's home which he left when a little boy.

When he came to the river Anauros he saw sat on the bank a woman, all wrinkled, grey and old; her head and hands shook as with old age, and when she saw Jason, she spoke in a whining voice, "Who will carry me across the flooded river?"

Jason was bold and hasty, and was just going to jump into the river as it came roaring and tumbling along, bringing large pieces of rock in its strong current, when the helpless old woman whined, "I am weak and old, fair youth. For Hera's sake, carry me over the torrent."

Jason was about to answer her scornfully, when he remembered his promise to Chiron.

So he said, "For Hera's (Juno) sake, the Queen of the Immortals on Olympus, I will carry you over the torrent, unless we both are drowned in its waters."

Then the old dame leaped upon his back as nimbly as a goat, and Jason stepped into the torrent, wondering at her nimbleness.

The first step the water was up to his knees, and at the second step it was up to his waist; the stones rolled about his feet and caused him to slip; and as he staggered under his burden the old woman cried out:

"Fool, you have wet my mantle! Do you make game of poor old souls like me?"

Jason was half inclined to drop her, and let her get through the torrent by herself; but he remembered his promise to Chiron, so he said, "Patience, mother; the best horse may stumble some day."

At last he reached the shore and sat down upon the bank.

After resting awhile he got up to continue his journey, and in doing so he looked at the old woman, for he thought, "She should thank me once at least."

And as he looked, lo! she grew fairer than any woman, and taller than any man; and her garments shone like the summer sea, and her jewels like the stars of heaven; and over her forehead was a veil, as if woven of the golden clouds of sunset, and through it she looked down upon him with great mild eyes and awful in their power, which seemed to fill the glen with light.

Jason at once fell upon his knees and hid his face between his hands.

She spoke to him and said, "I am the Queen of Olympus, Hera the wife of Zeus. As thou hast done to me, so will I do to thee. Call on me in thy hour of need, and try if the Immortals can forget."

As Jason looked up she rose from off the earth, like a pillar of tall white cloud, and floated away across the mountain peaks towards Olympus, the holy hill.

(To be continued).

There is nothing that is evil except because a man has not mastery over it; and there is no good thing that is not evil if it has mastery over a man.

## INTUITION.

By Mrs. FRANCES KINGMAN.

"Are you more afraid of them than you are of God?" I asked her.

"No, of course not," she said, "but you see God loves us so much and pities us so much, and knows just how we feel, and what hard times we have trying to do right, and the angels can't tell so well."

"Lizzie's faith in God's goodness would put to shame many Christians, Mrs. Holt," I said, "but hush, here she comes."

In bounded the rosy-cheeked, romping girl, full of life and love, which she drank at the fount of intuition—the source of true religion. "Her panacea will be effectual in all her future mental pains, Mrs. Holt; her medicine will be for redemptive ends; her soul will fill other souls; her influx of heaven will waft itself to minds filled with dark mysticisms. She will live by principle, law, liberty—and "God" will be the motto written upon her banner. It is beautiful to become an angel on earth."

"How can you speak like that of her, Mrs. Blake? It is all contrary to the Bible. But I have not told you the half."

We strolled out upon the verandah, where she continued her complaint. "You see her Sabbath-school lesson was about Samson. She asked Mr. James if he believed that Samson slew a thousand men with the jaw-bone of an ass. When he answered her that he did, she said, 'I thought you'd say 'twas figurative.' Mr. James told her how naughty she was, and that unless she repented she would be lost. She looked at him and said, 'Now, Mr. James, what is repentance?' He answered, 'To feel so terribly over your sins as to walk the floor and groan, and cry all day, and go without sleep all night, and go without eating.' She said, 'I don't repent that way. I just try all the while to be as good as I can; and when I feel like being naughty I shut my eyes quick and whisper, 'Please, God, send a good angel soon's you can to help me be good,' then the angel comes and helps me, and I feel better.'"

I wanted to clasp the little darling in my arms, as I listened to the story, and tell her to heed the voice speaking from within. Mrs. Holt sighed heavily, and calling Lizzie to her side returned home.

When Cutty and I were alone she reminded me of my promised replies to her questions.

"First," she said softly, "tell me if you think we grow old in the spirit world."

"It is only when the spiritual youth ceases that we commence to grow old; if we add knowledge each day of our earthly lives we grow young instead of old, because there cometh in the great future a new birth of each and every acquisition made here. Through eternity, life will be but the re-sowing of the seed, the re-reaping. The true normal condition of all created things is perpetual progression. Do you understand dear?"

"Yes, dear mother, I understand it all, but does renewal mean progression?"

## CHAPTER IX.

"Certainly, Cutty. The wisest man may be wiser to-day than he was yesterday, and to-morrow than he is to-day."

"Do they love us as well as they did here, and can they help us? I know they can, else—but please tell me what you think, dear mother."

(How sweet that word "mother" sounded! I shall be glad when she becomes accustomed to its use, and forgets her humility because she was a pauper child.)

"I believe that each one of us is accompanied by a guardian angel. Jesus said, 'See to it, that ye under value not one of these little ones, for I say unto you, that their angels in the heavens do always behold the face of my Father in the heavens.' What does this mean but that angels watch over little children—and also over us all, as far as possible? They themselves having passed through the discipline of this life, know how to pity and aid us. 'Do they love us?' I believe they watch over our daily lives. If we progress in goodness, and strive to do our humble duties, they are happy. If we neglect these, and follow selfish pleasures they grieve at our indifference."

"Can they be happy, to behold our suffering?"

"Cutty, I do not believe those who loved us so well here can be perfectly happy there engaged in self-enjoyment. Activity is a God-like attribute. They will sympathise us in our sorrows. They have passed through similar trials and sorrows, and know how bitter they were; they know also that our trials contain valuable lessons for us. Oh! if the people of earth would only remember that their guardian angels rejoice when we conquer our evil habits, and are saddened when they conquer us, this earth would speedily answer the prayer, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.' And they will help us if we only put ourselves in a receptive state. We have been educated in a cold, materialistic school, and held dismal doubts of the existence of our departed ones, because there has been no real link between the present and the future. It is our own fault when the door of heaven has been thrown ajar if we will not peep in and behold for ourselves the truth. Ignorance and bigotry is the trouble. When people will search for the golden thread which shall lead them up to angels and God, they will rise to a perception of the relation of the inner life to the outer, and *vice versa*, then they will have entered the pathway which shall lead to the mountain top of glory."

Cutty had listened in rapt attention to my remarks, and as soon as I ceased, she exclaimed, "Oh, mother! dear, dear mother, I am so happy to have such a precious teacher."

"No, darling," I answered, "be most thankful to the good Father that He has given you such marvellous intuition and powers of understanding. You comprehend my meaning so easily."

She answered, "I feel it; and oh! when will others enjoy this beautiful rest of mind and joy of soul? Death is our greatest gift. I am grateful for the way left open, that we may enter into the other state."

Yes, darling, a better day is dawning. All truth has a hard time, is often rejected and crucified between Ignorance and Selfishness, but ultimately it rises triumphant from the grave of oblivion in which bigotry would bury it for ever out of sight."

Mr. Mackenzie, with Miss Wilberforce, called upon me last evening.

"Going to Europe," he remarked.

"Soon?" I asked.

"The first of next month."

"On a bridal tour?"

His eyes twinkled, and he answered by an appeal to Hope: "Shall it be?"

She blushed, and whispered to me, "Only for papa and his religion."

While we were chatting the door bell was rung. Jennie responded. I thought I heard a familiar voice and hastened in the hall. I felt myself clasped in my brother's arms; and I enquired after his health.

"Sick," he replied; "I had a severe lung fever last winter, and have not been well since."

A strange, vague feeling possessed me. He was very weary, so I insisted upon his reclining on the sofa. I knew death had marked Charles for his own. Mr. Mackenzie approached Cutty, and said:

"Well, my dear, how do you progress in your study of the catechism?"

"Please, sir," she answered, "we don't use it. I am learning such beautiful things about life and the hereafter," and my darling commenced to tell him of the peace which had come into her daily life. I observed that my brother listened with intense interest, and once raised his head to ask:

"How do you know there is a God. I have questioned it recently. What proof have you?"

I remembered he and I had joined the church upon the same sabbath. I had always regarded him as the most devoted of Christians; but I needed not to ask what had changed him. The intrusion of Death into my home had changed me—and his fear of Death had changed him.

Mr. Mackenzie replied: "Proof, sir? Man is the crowning glory of creation. He embodies the refined and sublimated principles of all other orders. Man, the height of the creation, thinks—thinks and reasons with powers coming of Infinitude."

"Will not organised matter create thought?" questioned my brother.

Mr. Mackenzie said: "My friend, our very commencement is a demonstration of a something called soul, which remains brilliant while the body may languish to death's door. Can we prove the negative? Who can prove there is no ever-living soul? Who will say we go to our graves worse than the beasts go to theirs? The existence of our mind is positive to us, and who shall set limits to our knowledge? Man is unable to do this: the weak, sick, failing material body can never do it."

My brother became so interested that he rose from the sofa and began to walk across the floor with a deep flush upon his cheeks. Miss Hope was so interested that she was unconsciously picking the beautiful fringe of her shawl to pieces, and her pleasant face betrayed an inner awakening.

"What is religion, Mr. Mackenzie?" Charles asked.

"Self-denial; good deeds; never to forget the golden rule, to love God with all our soul; to develop the gift of spirit to our utmost, so that we may be well on our way when we enter the gate of the real life."

My brother hastened in his walk, and I saw his eyes flash, as he remarked: "Curse this real life! curse it, say I!"

"My brother!" I said; and, taking his hand, I led him to a seat, prohibiting further conversation upon the topic.

Mr. Mackenzie rose, begging pardon for tarrying so long, and soon I was left alone with Charles.

"Sis," he said, turning to me, "this has been a strange meeting; but I wanted those people to stay. I knew when they were gone I must be a child."

"Tell me, dear brother, of Agnes. I have only asked of her general health."

"Oh, no, Annie," he sobbed, "I cannot talk of her, my wife, or of my darling Gertrude."

I understood, and checked the theme by speaking of Mr. Mackenzie and Hope. A strange way to meet after so long a time, but the phantom Death beckoning over his shoulders prevented our conversing on family matters.

When he bade me "good-night," he said, with quivering lip, "Annie, to-morrow we must have a good long talk, for I have come this long journey purposely to bid you 'good-bye.'"

*(To be continued.)*

## For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

*My Dear Chums,*

I have been longing to write to you for a long time. I have talked to quite a large number of you in your various Lyceums, but there are many which I cannot visit, so I take this opportunity of reaching you all, with the kind permission of the *Editor*, through this portion of our monthly paper.

Now! boys, between you and I, I think our parents and teachers don't always understand us. We mean to be good and do what is right, but things get so mixed up somehow, and we get so many "don'ts," that we sometimes don't know, amongst all the "don'ts," what we really should do. I am sure there are many things we would like to do in the Lyceum and the home if our teachers and parents would only believe we could do them. Many a lad has been spoiled in his youth through lack of appreciation and encouragement. The boys who are liked best are those who are orderly and respectful. Those who hang their cap and coat in the proper place and say "thank you" when a book is handed to them in the Lyceum by the teacher, and it encourages the elders to take a closer interest in the pleasant natures we adopt.

I am sure most of us are mischeivous and noisy because we have nothing better to do, and not so much for want of thought. If we could get our parents to let us have some little pet or hobby, perhaps we should not be so much in the way. A box of paints or a fret-work outfit for wet days or winter nights, providing our parents have the money to spare, would make a nice birthday present, wouldn't it? The boys at our Lyceum once met at the school every week and made such a lot of fretwork articles. The elders bought them and are still using the letter racks and other things we made. The money we got was given to the Society, and other things were

found for the boys to do. These lads are now young men and have retained their interest in the Lyceum because they feel they are needed, and perform little offices for the Society, and have, also, become a blessing to their parents.

I have a little story for you which will run through the holiday months. I hope you will all like it. It is entitled:

### A WET HOLIDAY.

Johnny Brown woke up; rubbed his eyes, jumped out of bed; ran to the window, and quickly drawing the blind, looked out. It was raining. If he had been a girl he would have cried; as it was, a lump came in his throat. Slowly dressing himself he went to the bed-side of his younger sister and shook her, saying, "Mary it's raining." The girl sat up and looked at Johnny, who repeated "It's raining, isn't it sick'ning." Mary looked sad and felt the tears coming, but managed to prevent them.

Johnny and Mary Brown attended the Birkton Lyceum, along with their father. As the day was a holiday, a trip had been arranged to Matlock, some 40 miles from Birkton. Mr. Brown, who was a leader in the Lyceum, had promised to be in charge of the party. He was already up and about, greeting his children with a pleasant 'good morning' as they came slowly and sadly down the stairs. "Shall we go, father?" asked Johnny, looking with a frown at the drizzling rain.

"Well!" said Mr. Brown, "I must go to the station where we arranged to meet and see how many turn up. I have been talking with your mother and she thinks you may come with me, but I think it is going to rain all day and your pleasure may be spoiled."

"It's sick'ning," said Johnny, using his favourite grumble, when anything didn't just suit him. "There'll be no shows, no boating, no drives, no bands, no nothing."

After breakfast. Mr. Brown and his two children, prepared to face the weather, made their way to the station. "How is it, it always rains at holidays, father?" inquired Johnny.

"It didn't rain at the last one," said Mary, "for I had my frock on then for the first time, it was Whit-Sunday."

"I know when we wanted to go to Burnham Woods, it was raining. It's sick'ning!" asserted Johnny.

Mr. Brown looked at his son somewhat anxiously. "Now Johnny," said he, "what had you to your breakfast this morning?"

"An egg, some bread and butter, and some tea," quickly replied the boy.

"Now I will ask you a further question," said the father. "We get the tea from the grocer, your mother makes the bread from flour and yeast, and you require something in which to boil the egg. Can you tell me what is wanting to make your breakfast complete?"

"Butter!" say Mary.

"Butter contains it too," replies the parent.

"I know!" shouts Johnny, "water."

"That's right," says the father, "all the water we get in Birkton comes in the form of rain and fills our big reservoirs, and comes through pipes to our homes for our use to make bread, brew tea and find your mother the water which is necessary to clean the house."

"I'm thankful for the rain exclaimed Mary, "but I wish it would have waited till next week, when we have no holiday."

Although I would have liked it to be fine," added Mr. Brown, "I don't think it's sick'ning as Johnny keeps saying. Johnny, feeling the rebuke is just promising to try not to grumble, when the station is reached.

(To be continued),

WHY I LOVE THE LYCEUM.

BY ALFRED LAW, MOSSLEY.

In the first place it is a school that trains my mind and helps me to think carefully on spiritual return. Secondly the marching helps to make me erect, and the calisthenics build up my physical body. Thirdly, I love to see the children have their feet placed in the path of progress while in this life, and will be able to bear testimony to it when they return from the spirit life to communicate to those they have left behind. I have tried many religions in my time, but I find the religion taught in the Lyceum brings me more happiness, more joy, and more peaceful contentment of heart than all the others. In the Lyceum we learn to develop and use the gifts God has given unto us, and so become our true selves. So I mean to do all I can to help the Lyceum cause.

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28	47	23	220	123	†33

\*Impromptu readings by selected members.

†Tune St. Oswald, 204, Bristol Tune Book.

"GIRLS' OWN CORNER."

"Distinctly do I remember when a tusselling lad of some five or six years, my sainted grandmother taking me upon her knee and saying: 'If you ever see the new moon for the first time over the left shoulder it is a bad sign. Well, though along up in my 89th year, and literally loathing superstitions, signs, and churchanic creeds, still I had rather see the new moon at first over my right shoulder. Such is the persistent potency of an early impression.'" So wrote Dr. J. M. Peebles to the 1910 conference of the B.S.L.U., and whose words are full of meaning to the mothers and fathers, and all whose work it is to train and educate the young. He also said "Children are the gifts of God, and should be early taught obedience to their parents and reverence for their superiors. It should be vigorously impressed upon their tender minds that they are the royal sons and daughters of God—that they are innately good, and that, as over the mouldering piles of India the mosses are green, and around the marble ruins of Greece and Rome lovely vines are climbing sunward; so nestling under the roughest human exterior there is an embryo angel struggling for emancipation for growth and the glories of a fadeless immortality."

The foundation or basis on which the mother shall build was given in the 'Corner' of the June issue of the BANNER by Mary Bell, and shows absolutely how the pure sweet-thought-atmosphere of motherhood bequeaths a legacy of richness in mental, moral, and physical qualities, which are in themselves the groundwork for a future noble generation. Thinking rightly is surely the one necessary condition for a hoped-for fulfilment.

"You fulfil a flower when you give it the soil and sun and moisture necessary to fill its stalks with glorious blooms. You fulfil a child if you give that child's body and mind and soul every beautiful and needful help to allow it to grow into its God-ordained completeness." another extract from the *Girls' Own Paper* and *Women's Magazine* shows that one topic is interesting. A writer, probably the Editress, Flora Flickman, under the heading of 'The Mother and the World,' says: "When a mother says she has not the heart to correct the child; that a child's care-free years are so few that she would rather overlook the little faults, and let the child have a "free unhampered life," sounds plausible and human. But one hard, unavoidable truth remains that she cannot change. Some day that child will be punished for what the mother now chooses to overlook. 'If the mother, who might exact obedience and discipline lovingly and willingly, when the faults are small, will not, but instead leaves her child to imagine or infer that there is no law for him, she leaves the discipline to a cold and heartless world. But come it will without fail. And there will be no tenderness in it; no sympathy in it.' 'We must all obey the law of nature if we will have health; the law of conscience if we will have peace. But obey something or somebody we must.' There is strong common sense in these words, presenting in another way the words of our own Manual "The first task of the Reformer is within himself; out of his own character he manifests his mission to the world."

Girls' Own Corner.

By Mrs. JESSY GREENWOOD



PEARLS (To be committed to memory by the Lyceum).

JULY 7th.—Sincerity is to speak as we think, to do as we intend and profess, to perform and make good what we promise, and really to be what we would appear to be."

JULY 14th.—Truth is the bond of union and the basis of human happiness. Without this virtue there is no reliance upon language, no confidence in friendship, no security in promises and oaths.

JULY 21st.—The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

JULY 28th.—The wise and active conquer difficulties by daring to attempt them.

SESSION PROGRAMME, JULY 1912.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	Mus. Reading.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
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## THE PEACE BRIGADE.

CONDUCTED BY C.W.M.

Dear Friends,

We have important matter for our article this month; and, as we feel it should be given in some detail, we are obliged to defer the next instalment of "The Adventures of Private Williams," until next month.

Early in June, at London, was held the annual public meeting of the International Arbitration and Peace Association, at which was present our special representative in the person of Mr. John R. Latham, the son of our esteemed President. He has kindly forwarded to the "Banner" Office a report of the proceedings, which our editor has handed to us, as of the greatest interest to our movement. We intend to give to you this report, and beg to be therefore excused from giving the usual matter in this month's issue.

### Report of the Annual Meeting of the International Arbitration and Peace Association.

The President, Mr. Felix Moscheles, opened the proceedings by asking the Secretary to read out names of those from whom letters of regret had been received.

The list included the American Ambassador, Mr. Reed, Sir Wilfred Lawson, Phillip Morrel, Lord Weardale, Bishop of Lincoln, Dean of Durham, Signor Benson, and Fridiric Passy, who could not attend on account of illness.

The following motion with respect to him was passed unanimously:

"This Meeting sends its affectionate greetings to Monsieur Fridiric Passy, Honorary President of the 'Société Française pour l'Arbitrage entre Nations,' and an Hon. Vice-President of the I.A.P.A., on the occasion of his nineteenth birthday. It seizes the occasion to assure M. Passy of the love and devotion with which he is regarded throughout the civilised world by his fellow workers in the Peace movement of which he is the acknowledge leader, and trusts that he may live to see further triumphs of the cause which he has served with such disinterested zeal and inspiring eloquence."

The President in his speech, referred to the dark and dismal past of war and strife. He pointed out the influence of those who believed and practised the theory of the survival of the fittest. The clashings of swords, and the roar of cannon could never give right its true place in the laws of man.

With regard to military matters, he said that it was not so much the fact of being soldiers as the feeling of eagerness for war which is incited in the man.

In speaking of the Society's struggle for appreciation, he said that whilst they held meetings of peace, children were taught to recognise Empire Day, to assemble in Hyde Park, to have military feelings drilled into their young minds, not for their moral progression, but for the abuse of all that was good in a child.

The President called on the Secretary to read a resolution upon which the several speakers on the platform were to enlarge:—

"RESOLUTION: This meeting of members and supporters of the I.A.P.A. once more affirms that

international relations should and could be ruled by the principles of morality.

"As regards actualities, this meeting urges all friends of peace to concentrate their efforts on bringing about a cessation of the war now unfortunately being waged between Turkey and Italy, and on dissipating the ill-will artificially created and unscrupulously fostered both in Germany and England, and to work for the establishment of cordial relations between these countries.

"This meeting further appeals to all men and women of all classes and all conditions to join the Peace party, and to give it their active support, thus helping in co-operation with fellow workers in other countries to form a vast circle of all those who have the welfare of their fellow creatures at heart."

Mr. Silas K. Hocking, speaking of the *forces against peace* mentioned in particular, the military caste, the pomp and uniforms—every one seemed to love a uniform, the wide spread innate love of vanity being conspicuous. He spoke of war as presenting a chance of promotion, of distinction; the battlefield presenting itself as a field of glory was woven into every sphere of literary, poetical, and even artistic expression. He asked what was glorious in a wholesale slaughter such as war? War, he said, is the letting loose of the worst passions of which a wicked heart can conceive.

He also spoke of the mischief of newspaper articles designed to stir up international hatred and strife.

With respect to the followers of the "Prince of Peace," he said he had not yet heard a single sermon on the horrors of war. The churches, he said, have yet to realise the real sin of life. They are too apathetic, a feeling which must be dispelled before they help onwards universal peace.

Dealing with the Government Army and Navy bills he said, "the way to make war is to prepare for war."

Mr. Percy Alden, M.P., in seconding the resolution pointed out the fact that war is not to the advantage of the working classes, and that they must be made to realise this.

He also drew attention to the fact that military and naval implements of war were blessed by the church in special service, and that torn banners from the battle fields are received and hung in church, new ones at the same time being blessed and given out in return.

The Baroness von Suttner, spoke of the Peace cause in its three aspects, (1st.) As a *religion*, which they must believe. (2nd.) As a *science* which they must teach, and (3rd.) As a *war* which they must oppose. She said they must teach the young to have faith in right instead of might, they must teach the idea of brotherhood, teach it to all the world. Goodwill, she said, was a stronger protection than armies and navies. Teach youth to be an army, not of "Scouts," but of Peace. (She is the author of "Lay down your arms.")

Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., speaking as the representative of labour, said that Saints Days and Empire Days, Royal Birth Days, etc., all tended to blind public opinion to the horrors of war, children were being taught flags and war. Military parades were held on a Sunday in order to forward the deadly purpose of fostering the war spirit. He said there was a basis of humanity which links all together, and which is making for International Peace.

Lady Barlow endorsed the remarks about churches blessing banners of war, and referred to a special hymn, which she had often heard being sung specially for the occasion.

The usual votes of thanks to speakers and chairman brought the meeting to a close.

## The Value of Lyceum Teachings.

BY DR. J. M. PEBBLES.

Nothing is more sweet and beautiful than tender infants and sportive children. They are the household poems of mortal life. And how natural that Jesus should take them in his arms and say, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Proud may be those mothers who gave birth to and lovingly nurtured these immortal beings.

Childhood is the dreamland of early, coming years, while youth is the golden-time for the forming of habits and the moulding of characters that, with few exceptions, persist all through life. How infinitely important then, is early training and kind, yet stern moral culture.

Whatever things, good and true or moral and religious, learned in the Lyceum, do not, sometimes through painful struggles, have to be unlearned in the mature years of life.

This leads us directly to the consideration of orthodox Sunday Schools and Children's Progressive Lyceums. The Methodists who have just held their annual church convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, report that they have five millions of children enrolled in their Sunday Schools to take the places of the adults (using the words of the report) "in our families, our churches and our pulpits." Is not this a lesson—a serious soul-stirring lesson to even the most indifferent amongst us, touching the vital importance of zealously, enthusiastically encouraging our Lyceum work?

What the religious errors inculcated by orthodox sectarists, their zeal is highly commendable, putting to shame that dull, dead indifference, characterising so many Spiritualists who have drunk from the fountain of spirit ministries and enriched their souls with the blessed knowledge of a summerland home; when called upon by stern nature to lay down their worldly belongings at death's grim doorway—a summerland with diversities of spheres and conditions, ranging from poor, wandering, earth-bound spirits up to the ecstasies and unspeakable glories of those blessed angels whose forms make radiant the celestial heavens—the voice of conscience will unfailingly prompt them to atone for works left undone.

It was while we were lecturing in Brooklyn, a city adjoining New York, upon the phenomena of Spiritualism and the horrors of our then "uncivil" war, that Andrew Jackson Davis, gifted with seership, organised on January 25th, 1863, the Children's Progressive Lyceum, the original of which he had previously seen in the heavens.

His personal description of this summerland scene, neither tongue nor pen could adequately describe. The memory of this description as it fell from his lips, lingers like a shimmering sunbeam upon a sapphire sea of the orient. He was highly inspired; his eyes sparkling with an ineffable glory; never can I forget it.

Think of it. Thousands upon thousands of bright, happy children, arrayed in colours corresponding to their developments, wearing badges, marching, waving banners and singing and chanting melodiously enough to attract hosts of overshadowing angels robed in spotless garments of white.

This magnificent summerland exhibition for the unfoldment of children and youth, transferred to and actualized on earth, we call to-day, the Children's Progressive Lyceum.

Can it be that there is a Spiritualist with a soul so dead to the good and the true and the right, that he does not vigorously aid and do all that he possibly can for the extension of this heaven begotten-movement, connecting it with our Societies—a principle just as rational as the connecting of youth with manhood

It is with shame that I must state that there are reported, prosperous Spiritual Societies in America that have no Lyceum. The children of these parents on Sundays, go tramping, fishing, hunting or attending orthodox Sunday Schools to be there taught dogmas that in our opinion are not only irrational, but immoral. To express my full thought upon this matter, of this recklessness and parental indifference, would require a furnace flame and a pen of fire. Sincerely do I hope that no such experience occurs in Great Britain, our Mother-Country, whose name we ever mention with pride.

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NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE

Spiritualists' Lyceum District Council

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AND

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Of the combined Lyceums of North-East Lancashire

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Lyceumists from any district to take part.

107, Burnley Road,  
Padiham.

GEO. C. HIGHAM,  
Secretary.

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[We much regret the Bluebell article, and other  
important items are crowded out—E.D.]

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## Lyceum Notes and Comments.

JULY, 1912.

THE LYCEUM BANNER extends its congratulations to Mr. Herbert E. Clarke, the conductor of the Temperance Page, who is shortly to leave England for New York on business. We wish him every success in his new sphere of labour. We also beg to tender to him our best thanks for the splendid scholarly articles he has contributed to the Temperance Page for a long number of years.

We beg to draw our readers' attention to the notice *re* the closing of the Lyceum Union's Office for Bank Holiday, and would suggest that all orders for goods be sent as early in July as possible so as to ensure fulfilment.

The Postmaster-General draws our attention to the fact that many of our correspondents send their letters insufficiently addressed, thereby causing delay and confusion in the delivery, as there are THREE persons bearing the name of A. Kitson in Bromley Road and Bromley Street. Therefore it is important that the number of the Office, No. 17, appear on all letters for the Secretary of the Lyceum Union.

We are requested to make an appeal to any Tyne-side Lyceums who, having spare copies of the *Lyceum Manual*, kindly to forward same to Mr. D. R. Davies, 105, West View, Elswick, Newcastle; or to Mrs. Reckley, 9, St. Oswald's Avenue, Cullercoats, for the use of the Lyceum newly started at Cullercoats, who are without *Manuals* and funds.

We learn that Lyceums are being started in the Newhall District, Sheffield; Accommodation Road, Leeds; Rochdale; and Morley. The latter is to be held in Church Street, where Mr. B. H. Bradbury and family worked so zealously for a long number of years.

We learn with regret that the Bradford, Little Horton, Lyceum has had to close for lack of support. We trust they will soon be able to re-open under brighter prospects.

It is probably not well known that in the Code of Regulations for Public Elementary Schools now in force the following recommendations are to be found:

Moral instruction should form an important part of every elementary school curriculum. Such instruction may either (1) be incidental, occasional, and given as fitting opportunity arises in the ordinary routine of lessons, or (2) be given systematically and as a course of graduated instruction.

The subject of this instruction, whether given by the methods indicated in (1) or in (2) above, should be on such points as courage; truthfulness; cleanliness of mind, body, and speech; the love of fair play; gentleness to the weaker; humanity to animals; temperance; self-denial; and respect for beauty in nature and art.

In their syllabus we are told that the teacher should extol the good and show its reasonableness and its beauty, rather than warn against evil and insist on its hatefulness.

The aim of moral instruction is to form the character of the child. With this object in view the scholar's intellect should be regarded mainly as the channel through which to influence his feelings, purposes, and acts. The teacher must constantly bear this in mind, since knowledge about morality has missed its aim when no moral response is awakened in the child. A moral instruction lesson ought to appeal to the scholar's feelings and also to affect his habits and his will.

It is very gratifying to learn that more attention is being drawn to moral instruction in our day schools, as it is what we have long pleaded for.

Much credit is due to the Moral Education League (6, York Buildings, Adelphi), for pressing this matter. We are grateful to any organisation which will help to push our claims for moral education. It is of far greater importance to teach a child to be honest, truthful, love fair play, self-respect, temperance, etc., than to cram its sensitive mind with the Catechism and Collects.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Office of the Lyceum Union will be closed from Aug. 4th to Aug. 18th inclusive, by order of the Executive Council. Will Lyceum secretaries and correspondents please note?

## Our Cities.

What grimy, dreary wastes our cities are:  
House to house, street to street they reach afar,  
Hiding the once green fields with stone and brick,  
Removing the farmhouse and fragrant rick.

Like gigantic octopods they expand  
Their ugly tentacles on every hand:  
Heedless of crystal stream and garden fair;  
Regardless of balmy, health-giving air.

What pleasant places our cities might be;  
With the scent of flowers and buzz of bee,  
The leafage that shades and the bird that sings,  
And many more delightful rural things.

The factory grim, with the chimney tall,  
The house in a row with the backyard small,  
Have served their purpose, and must now give way  
To the health demands of a wiser day.

The men of Letchworth, Sunlight, and Bournville,  
In building both the dwelling and the mill,  
Have designed in beauty, regarded health,  
And surrounded their works with rural wealth.

Men of the great cities awake, and learn  
That the dirt that meets you at every turn  
Can be swept away, for town and country  
May mingle and grow in one joint beauty.

KEUBEN ALEXANDER WEBB.

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## THE LYCEUM.

BY MISS M. POLLARD, KEIGHLEY.

Dear Fellow Workers,

The subject I have chosen for my brief essay is one all of you are familiar with. No doubt you have heard it spoken of in its various aspects, so perhaps if I consider the various letters composing the word "Lyceum" you may get some new ideas or thoughts. Let us see. The first letter is L. This stands for life, love, liberty, learning, etc. Life and love go hand in hand. All birds and animals, even the most ferocious, love their offspring, and will face death in order to protect them from harm. The timid hen will face a cat or dog when it approaches the chickens. How much more so then should human beings manifest love towards one another, at school, or play, at home, or abroad, and in our Lyceum. In our Lyceum we have "liberty" to think and reason for ourselves, and ask questions on things that puzzle us, and by this means we "learn" some of the wonderful things that surround us, and if we apply, or use what we learn we shall grow in wisdom.

The next letter is Y, which stands for "young," "youth," etc. "What can the young do?" asks some aged man or woman, who appear to have forgotten they were once young, full of life, vigour, and perhaps boisterous and restless. What a pity they have forgotten their infancy when life looked bright and rosy, with many promises of the good times and things the future had in store for them. Let us pity them, and mind we do not get rusty and cranky and forget our childhood days when we grow old in years. What can the young do? Why, they can do many things. It is written, "A little child shall lead them." And it was the ready wit of little Katie Fox that discovered that the invisible "knocker" could "see as well as hear," on which fact modern Spiritualism is founded. And so a little child led the world from dark materialism to a recognition of life beyond the grave, which has brought so much peace and comfort to the mourner. And now we can sing, "There is no death in God's wide world."

The letter "C" stands for "confidence," "courage," "cheerfulness," etc. We gain confidence in our Lyceum by being allowed to sing, recite, take part in the chain recitations, and so by easy stages to express our opinions. We also learn to cultivate cheerfulness by looking on the bright side of life and its duties. So we learn, "There is never a storm but the tainted air needs it. Never a storm but the sunshine succeeds it. Each has a lesson, and he alone reads it Rightly who takes it and makes it his guide."

The next letter is "E," which stands for "energy," "effectiveness," "elocution," "evolution," etc. We need energy to enable us to perform the duties of our daily lives. However simple and insignificant they may appear, let us do our very best, so that no one could do them better. This is "effectiveness." By this we shall "evolve" our latent powers and abilities to undertake bigger tasks and responsibilities. We should study to give effect to our recitations and readings by the proper use of emphasis and inflection of voice and gesture, and so bring out their inner meanings and hidden charms.

The next letter is "U," which stands for "unity." The old adage says, "United we stand, divided we fall." Perhaps no better lesson on the value of "unity" can be given than the wise father, who tying a bundle of sticks together, invited his sons, one by one, to break it across his knee. All tried in vain. Then loosening the strings he bade them try again. And picking up the sticks one by one they easily broke them in two. So it is, in "unity" there is strength. We want "unity" in our homes between brothers and sisters; "unity" in our Lyceums among all the officers and among all the scholars. Then we need all our Lyceums to unite in District Councils, and these to unite in one great Union, in which the needs and requirements of the whole movement can be provided and cared for. The guiding principle for homes, Lyceums, Councils, and the central Union should be, "The greatest good of the greatest number."

I now come to the last letter "M." This stands principally for "Mother," and "Manliness." What a wealth of meaning is centred in the word "mother," whose love in sickness and adversity is limitless. She is the centre of home and all it holds dear to the heart. "Manliness" does not mean foppishness. The manly young man must have "courage," "energy," and all that makes for true dignity, such as sincerity, truthfulness, and courtesy. On the other hand women should try to be womanly, purity of thought, carefulness of speech, modesty in conduct, and reverence to truth, characterise the womanly woman.

If we try to live up to the truths and principles contained in the letters L Y C E U M we shall indeed try to be brothers and sisters of one great family, and recognise God as our Father.

## 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.

NORTH LONDON LYCEUM. Parkhurst Hall, Holloway—On Sunday, June 16th, we held our first Anniversary which proved a success. A good number of the church members were present to witness the Sessions, on the platform with Conductor was R. Farrant, Esq. the popular president of our church, and Mr. C. Barrington the Tottenham Lyceum conductor. A warm welcome was extended to many friends, letters of congratulation were read from Mr. A. Kitson, Mrs. Mary Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, Mr. Alex Brooking; the sentiments expressed will encourage us to redouble our efforts during the coming year. The Welcome poem as said at Nelson was given by 5 Lyceumists and beautifully rendered: Lily Eyles, Charlie Rand, Kate Rand, Cecil Forsyth

and Irene May. Recitations were given by Gladys Blackmore and Irene Kent, and one of G. K. Sims poems, "On the road to Heaven" was sweetly given by Violet Brenan and received with merited applause. Prizes were distributed by R. Farrant, Esq., for Recitations, Regular Attendance and proficiency in Calisthenics to, Violet Brenan, Ida Kent, Irene Kent, Gladys Blackmore, Lily Eyles, Gladys Forsth, Kate Rand, Cecil Forsyth, Charlie Rand, Bert Kent. After a few well chosen words to all from our President, Mr. Barrington, the Conductor brought an interesting and instructive session to a close,

J. FORSYTH, CONDUCTOR.

## Correspondence.

"THE DIVINE ORDER."

Dear Sir.—I would like to have a word or two in regard to the letter of Mr. A. E. Jones, which appears in the issue of May. In the first place he states, "Yet to me it is all conclusive, and I cannot get away from the fact that, 'whatever is, is right.'"

Then writing of the evils (?) around us he says, "They show us how our help is needed to bring about a better condition of things." I would like to ask him one question: "'If whatever is is right,' how can he by helping in any way bring about a better condition of things?" He presumes to improve on the handiwork of the Creator, at the same time admitting that it is right. Can he, by helping, make white whiter or right righter. (Excuse the grammar). Further on he states, "This world of ours is not a perfect world." How then can it be right? Again he states, "Yet it would seem as if our lives are mapped out for us, and only in that way can we go." If that is so, what becomes of the principle of "Personal Responsibility?" If I alienate the friends of Mr. Jones from him by circulating untruths concerning him, who is responsible? If Mr. Jones found himself with all his prospects in life blasted from such a cause, would he say 'Whatever is, is right'?

J. RONALDSON.

## Questions and Answers.

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

To the Editor LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the Widnes Lyceum to ask if you will kindly explain what is meant by "The deformed spirit," as quoted in Golden Chain Recitation No. 114

GEO. A. MACK, Assistant Conductor.

Answer.—This recitation, the "True and the False" deals with the spiritual values of our daily lives; that which is true—helpful, and that which is false—harmful.

We know that to indulge in cruel practices, harbouring spiteful thoughts and envious feelings towards others make their mark on the face. If "Evil thoughts and feelings" can do this to the face of flesh, how much

more fully can they do it to the face of the spirit, which mirrors the innermost thoughts and feelings!

It is said that when spirit people visit us they do not judge by outward appearance, such as dress and smiles or frowns, but by our spiritual worth, our characters being clearly shown in our spirit bodies, bright or dark, beautiful or deformed, according to the life we are living. If this be so, "a deformed spirit" may be defined as a spirit that is marred by the effects of its own evil thoughts and actions.

## Our Book Table.

DID JESUS THE CHRIST LIVE?

By Dr. J. M. Peebles and Dr. D. W. Hull. (Two articles refused by the muzzled press.) Price 15 cents. From D. W. Hull, Olympia, Washington, or Peebles Publishing Co., 519, Fayette Street, Los Angeles, Cal., U.S.A.

The two articles contained in the pamphlet before us are most ably written. The two veterans and pioneers deal with the question in their characteristic styles. That of Dr. Peebles is like a well trained battery of heavy artillery on an enemy's fortifications, discharging an array of historical facts and quotations in support of Jesus having lived and taught, and suffered as a reformer.

The treatise by Mr. Hull, is touched with the spirit of sweet reasonableness, "Come let us reason together" is his attitude. He even assumes an explanation why the rejected M.S.S. were not returned by the press. Having done this, Mr. Hull proceeds logically to consider all the cases of the various objectors against Jesus having lived, which may be summarised thus: (1) Jesus the Christ, was none other than the Apolonius of Tyana. (2) Jesus the Christ was Jesus Ben Pandera who lived about B.C. 100. (3) He was Zees Crishnu of the Hindus, made over to suit priestcraft. (4) There never was a man Jesus Christ. It was an invention of the priests to fit a society already in existence; and (5) There were sixteen crucified Saviours. He cites, not only historical evidence of Jesus having lived, but internal evidence from the Gospels and Paul's epistles, evidence that is generally overlooked by the casual critic. It would well repay public speakers, teachers of Lyceum Groups, and all Study Groups carefully to study this pamphlet, which contains more solid information than many pretentious books of 500 pages. Its low price, 7½d., places it within the reach of all our readers.

## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The officers and members of the Executive Council will hold the next quarterly meeting at the Spiritual Church, St. Peter Street, Blackburn, on Saturday, July 13th. A social and dance, with refreshments, will be held in the Lyceum, to commence at 7-30 p.m., price 6d.

An Open Session will be held on the Sunday at 9-30 a.m. At 2-0 and 6-30 p.m. the members of the Executive will deliver brief and bright addresses relative to Spiritualism, and its message to the young and rising generations.

All are cordially invited to attend.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

## 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.

GURNEY VALLEY.—Passed to the higher life, Mr. John Rowell, age 73, and was interred at the Bishop Auckland Cemetery, Mr. Mansfield officiating.

WILLIAM HARDWICK, *Sec.*

Huddersfield (Ramsden St.)—It is with deep regret I record the passing away to the higher life of Mr. Albert Ernest Jagger, aged 29.

TOM ELLIS, *Sec.*

## District Council Reports.

### BOLTON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting was held June 22nd at the Spiritualist Church, Brown Street, Leigh. 18 delegates were present, representing all Lyceums in the district excepting Radcliffe. Mr. Batten, President, occupied the chair. The minutes having been adopted, the Secretary gave his report and read the correspondence and D.V.'s reports were duly confirmed. Chorley, Union Street, and Gas Street, Platt Bridge Lyceum, were welcomed into the Council. Messrs. Yates, Hope, Heyward, Gough, Walsh, and Rudd were delegated by the Council to visit and try to create new interest in one of our Lyceums in need of help.

*Resolved*: That all delegates take back to their Lyceums for full consideration, to adopt the system of comparing open session for 1913, and forward the dates on as early as possible to the Secretary of the District Council, so that we should not clash with other Lyceums. The next meeting is to be held at Daisy Hill Lyceum in September.

Votes of thanks to the local friends for their kind invitation and entertainment, and the usual closing ceremonies brought a pleasant and profitable meeting to a close. The rest of the evening was spent in a social manner. A most enjoyable open session was conducted on the Sunday afternoon by Mr. Woodward, of Leigh. Messrs. Batten, Rudd, Walsh, and Woodward gave short addresses at the evening services.

E. A. WALSH.

### THE BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Keighley on Sunday, June 27th. Our first lady President, Miss Pollard, Keighley, occupied the chair. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Kitson, asking him to outline the Bradford District, as we were of opinion that Barnoldswick and Earby were in our district.

It was decided to ask all Lyceums in the district their opinions of a study group, each delegate to report at the next meeting.

A request was made for the Council to have a half-day trip to some convenient place, Morecambe and Skipton being suggested. The idea being to bring each other together more. This was left in the Secretary's hands to try and arrange.

An invitation to hold our half-yearly meeting in their church came from Boynton Street, Bradford, for Sunday, September 29th. This was accepted. The Secretary was instructed to try and arrange a meeting at Tong Street in July or August.

The Open Session was well attended in the afternoon. Miss Pollard conducted. A very good session was held. The following took part: Miss S. Kay, Miss Olive Teale, Miss M. Walker, and Miss Doris Huggill. The evening service was not so well attended. Miss Stair, Miss Pollard, and Messrs. Barnes, Birdsall, and Haley took part.

H. BIRDSALL, *Hon. Sec.*

### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held on Sunday, July 21st, at Brighthouse Spiritual Alliance, Commercial Street rooms. 10-30 a.m. business meeting. 2-30 p.m. Lyceum Open Session. 6 p.m., meeting addressed by the delegates. Important business will be transacted. A large attendance of delegates will be greatly conducive to successful deliberations.

FRED FRANCE, *Hon. Sec.*

### LIVERPOOL LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Southport, Hawkshead Hall, 8th June. Present: 4 officers, 8 delegates, representing 5 Lyceums and 2 Associates.

During the discussion on the report of the B.S.L.U. Conference, the following questions arose: Should delegates exceed instructions given to them? How many delegates had instructions to vote and give the E.C. the power to legalise the B.S.L.U.? It would be interesting to know if any delegate had this authority. It also shows the power of the Conference and the necessity of a form of Referendum.

A scheme of intervisitation of Lyceums was adopted.

The Lyceums were urged to support the N.E.L.L.D.C. Demonstration at Southport, on 20th July.

A vote of thanks to the Southport friends was unanimously carried.

Mr. F. E. Monks tendered his resignation as President; this was accepted with regret; the remarks passed showed the good will and esteem we held towards him.

Mr. R. A. Owen was elected President, and Mr. G. A. Mack, Treasurer.

The services and Lyceum session on Sunday, 9th June, were conducted by Messrs. Adamson, Mathison, Monks, and Owen.

H. WALKER, *Secretary.*

### INTER-VISITATION SCHEME.

For some months the Liverpool, Daulby Hall Lyceum, have had a system of visitation, a few of their members guarantee one penny per week, and two members of the Lyceum are sent about once a month to visit a Lyceum in the District. This means an interchange of ideas and methods.

The District Council have now started a scheme whereby ultimately each Lyceum in the District will send a visitor to the other Lyceums in turn—for commencement, however, a few of the Lyceums will send a visitor, but all the Lyceums will be visited. Reports of the visits will be sent to the D.C. Secretary on a specially provided form, these will be discussed at the quarterly meetings; thus all Lyceums in the District should develop a high standard of efficiency and freedom of thought.

It will be interesting to have the views of other District Councils and Lyceums on this subject, perhaps a scheme could be organised to work a system of visitation between Districts.

It should be borne in mind that this will not in anyway clash with the appointed District Visitor's duties.

H. WALKER, *Secretary.*

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

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, June 15th, at China Street Lyceum, Accrington. Mr. H. Hargreaves, President of the Council, presided, and gave a short address, which was very much appreciated. The minutes of the previous meeting, and the correspondence, were read and accepted. The Secretary's report, Financial report, D.V.'s report, and assistant D.V.'s reports were all accepted. A discussion ensued on the report of the B.S.L.U. Conference, special reference being made to the Officer's Edition of Manual, and the legislation of the B.S.L.U., and the following resolution was passed unanimously, viz: "That we, the N.E.L.L.D.C. request the Secretary of the U.D.C. to call a special meeting of that body at the very earliest convenience to consider the question of the legislation of the B.S.L.U." The following notices of motion were passed to be sent to the U.D.C.:

- (1) That the N.E.L.L.D.C. would urge upon the E.C. the desirability of not proceeding with the legislation of the B.S.L.U. as a separate body.
- (2) That we, the N.E.L.L.D.C. would ask the E.C. if it would not be possible to legalise through, or with the S.N.U., as an auxiliary part of that body, at the same time to retain all the legislative powers that we now possess?

In the event of a U.D.C. meeting being held, Messrs. Higham and Hargreaves were elected delegates.

Mr. Elliott gave report of Education Committee, and it was accepted with thanks. A discussion ensued on the Southport Demonstration, and it was decided that further details be left to the Demonstration Committee, such committee to hold their meeting at North Street, Burnley, on Sunday, June 23rd.

The Credential Committee reported as follows: 4 E.C. members, 26 delegates, 21 associates, total present 51.

Mr. Eaton, Blackpool, Mr. Pickles, Burnley, and Mr.

Hopper, Blackburn, were elected assistant D.V.'s. for three months. The invitation from Clarke's Yard, Preston, for our next Council meeting was accepted. It was resolved that we support the agitation re the "White Slave Movement," and that a letter be sent to the Government on the question. The best thanks of the Council were tendered to China Street friends for their kind invitation and entertainment. The following Lyceums were represented, viz: Rishton, Rawtenstall, Darwen, Carter Street (Accrington), Clarke's Yard (Preston), Salford Street (Blackburn), Earby, Hammerton Street (Burnley), Colne, Blackpool, Clayton-le-Moors, North Street (Burnley), Great Harwood, St. Peter Street (Blackburn), Nelson, China Street (Accrington), and Northgate (Blackburn). 17 Lyceums represented out of 21.

GEO. C. HIGHAM, Secretary.

#### ROCHDALE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Chadderton on Saturday, June 15th. Mr. G. F. Knott, President, presiding over a moderate attendance of delegates. After the minutes of the previous meetings had been confirmed, the D.V.'s and Delegate's report of the Conference were accepted.

It was decided to hold the November meeting of the U.D.C. at the Regent Hall Lyceum, Rochdale. Mr. Knott and Mr. Lord being elected Delegates to same. It was also decided to hold a joint picnic on Saturday, July 20th, at the Larkhill Pleasure Grounds, Rochdale.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed unanimously to our Chadderton friends for the hospitable way they provided for us. The next meeting will be at the Royton Lyceum on Saturday, September 14th, 1912.

ERNEST DEAN, Secretary.

#### THE TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the invitation of the Hirst Lyceum, who held their quarterly meeting on June 15th and 16th. Eight Lyceums were well represented and a good number of associate members took the journey. Mr. J. Sutton ably responded to a hearty welcome extended to him as representing our near neighbours, the Teeside D.C. It is pleasing to see the note of sympathy expressing itself between the Northern D.C.'s. Our agenda was lengthy, and the deliberations arising were discussed in a most harmonious manner. Further arrangements were made in connection with the August Demonstration; also the Shield Competition, which we hope to have soon underway. The evening service was well attended, which was conducted by the president and officers of the D.C., including Mr. Sutton, of the Teeside D.C., Mr. Crooks moved acceptance of the vote of thanks extended from the D.C. I sincerely trust the work done will prove fruitful in days to come.—D. R. Davies, Sec.

#### TEESIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at West Hartlepool on June 2nd. All our Lyceums were represented, also the Tyneside by their Secretary, Mr. Davies. Business done: Appointing Judges for the Shield Competition. Peace Brigade question. Mr. Smith, our President welcomed Mr. Davies, and from now onwards we are hoping to be represented at one another's Council Meetings, when train services will permit. Mr. Sutton will go from our Council to Tyneside, next meeting at Islington, and one August Bank Holiday, at Jesmond Dene, Newcastle, we meet together. At the Sunday meeting Mr. Sutton and Mr. Brown were the speakers.—W. Cowell-Pugh, Sec.

#### UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the above will be held as early as possibly convenient (time and place to be announced later), for the sole discussion of the following motions from N.E. Lancashire Lyceum District Council:

(a) "That we, the N.E. Lancashire District Council, would urge upon the B.S.L.U. Executive Council the desirability of not proceeding with the legislation of the B.S.L.U. as a separate body."

(b) "That we, the N.E. Lancashire District Council, would ask the B.S.L.U. Executive Council if it would not be possible to legalise through or with the S.N.U. as an auxiliary part of that body, at the same time to retain all the legislative powers that we now possess."

I trust District Council secretaries will attend immediately to the matter, and arrange for delegates, that a successful gathering may be held for the discussion of a matter so vital to the progress of our movement.

FRED FRANCE, Secretary.

#### UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The special meeting of the above Council will be held at Hammerton Street, Burnley Lyceum, on Saturday, August 31st. Tea provided at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 1st, delegates will assist Lyceums in the morning. Afternoon, Lyceum Open Session, all delegates will be present. Evening mass meeting addressed by the delegates. Will District Council Secretaries bring motions to be found in my other announcement before Lyceums in the Council that we may know the feeling of Lyceums in the matter.

FRED FRANCE, 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 June 28th.

**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, July 24th, to ensure insertion in the August issue.

**BARROW (Dalkeith Street).**—On June 9th we held our usual open session, when we had with us Mr. Robertson, of Glasgow. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Wallace, Miss J. Kendall, and Miss M. Hopson; a reading by Mr. Kellett, and a recitation by Herbert Harris. Only one recitation from about 30 boys and girls. I am beginning to feel quite ashamed of our boys and girls. Mr. Robertson brought our open session to a close by speaking a few encouraging words to the officers and children. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Parents, please come and help.—Mrs. Wallace.

**BIRMINGHAM, BLOOMSBURY.**—This Lyceum is progressing favourably. On Sunday, June 2nd, Mr. W. Page gave an interesting address on the "Life of Joan of Arc," to the senior group, while Miss A. Thompson had the care of the juniors. June 16th Mr. J. Thompson concluded his paper on "Spirit" to the elders. Miss Vera Marshall being in charge of the children. On Sunday, June 23rd, we recommenced our session at 10-30 a.m. instead of afternoon, morning sessions being tried last summer with great success, as it enabled the members to enjoy nature's revelations with much greater freedom.—W. H. Shergold, Assist. Secretary.

**BIRMINGHAM, SMETHWICK.**—At our anniversary services, Mr. Morgan, of Walsall, gave instructive addresses, which were much appreciated. In the morning the chair was taken by our assistant conductor, Mr. Eardley, evening, by our President, Mr. Evans. Morning we had a duet by Mrs. Eardley and Miss E. Butler. In the afternoon we held an open session. Many friends and parents being present, also our speaker, Mr. Morgan. Evening, we had a duet by the Misses B. Burrows and E. Butler. Solo by Miss Cameron. There were special songs by the children morning and evening. We had an excellent attendance, also good collection at each service. We wish to express our thanks to all those who helped to make our anniversary a success.—F.W.E.

**BLACKBURN (Northgate).**—On June 16th we held our Lyceum Flower Service, the church being beautifully decorated. Open session was held in the afternoon. Mr. Moorey (conductor, St. Peter Street), Mr. Martin (representing Salford Street), Mr. Spencer (late conductor North Street, Burnley, the speaker for the day), addressed the Lyceum. A most enjoyable session, although marching and calisthenics had to be discarded owing to the crowding in of Lyceumists from St. Peter Street and Salford Street. This was a most gratifying feature of the session, and it is pleasant to report the feeling of Brotherhood existing between the Lyceums of

the town. Mr. McKeivitt (our conductor), ably conducted the sessions. May there be many such, as they will tend to bind us closer together.—T.E.H., Assistant Conductor.

**BOLTON** (Bradford Street).—On Saturday, June 1st, a social was held in the above place, and the opportunity was taken during the interval to present Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rostron, who are leaving us for Canada, with a writing case, suitably inscribed, as a token of esteem by the Lyceumists, Miss Metcalfe, our conductor, making the presentation in a well chosen speech. Mr. Rostron returned thanks for the same, amidst loud applause. Other speeches followed by members of the Lyceum. Songs were given by Mr. J. Dowling and Mr. Partington, and Miss Cowell. On Sunday, June 2nd, we had the election of officers: Conductor, Ernest Pilkington; Assistant Conductors, John Flanagan and Miss May Walkden; Guardian, John Speakman; Secretary, Harry Speakman.—Harry Speakman, Secretary.

**BRADFORD, IVY ROOMS** (Carlisle Road).—A grand open session held on Sunday morning, June 2nd, there was a very good attendance. The morning session was conducted by Miss Preston. The following Lyceumists took part: Recitations by William Simpson, Worsley Simpson, and G. A. Houlbrook. Pianoforte solo, Miss Gladys Gray. Songs, Miss P. Thurlow, Miss Linda Nixon. Mr. S. Lister gave a short address on "Duty," also Mr. Simpson a silver chain recitation "Pass it on." It was a very pleasant time. A much greater interest is being manifested in our groups and classes, and many questions are asked respecting golden chain recitations. We are progressing, truth is spreading, and all is well.—J. P. Simpson.

**BRADFORD** (Otley Road).—We held our open session on Sunday, June 2nd, 1912, when a fair number of scholars were present. We had Mr. Marlow, late of Wakefield, present with us, who recited "Billy's Rose." Mr. Hale ably rendered "Never give up the right way," the Lyceumists joining in the chorus. A trio was then sung by Mr. H. Hale, Miss N. Jones, and Mav Flatt. A quartette was very well sung by H. W. and J. Hale, and J. Crabtree, "Shoulder to Shoulder." Mr. Hale gave a select reading from the *Manual*, "Smile and be contented." He also gave a short address from it. In the absence of our musical director, who was on Council duty, Miss Elsie Ripley kindly officiated on the organ.—W. Hale, Secretary.

**BRADFORD, WEST BOWLING** (Boynton Street).—We held our open session on Sunday, June 2nd, when recitations were given by Misses A. Ward, Edith McIntosh, Flora McIntosh, Eleanor Lodge, and Masters N. Hale and Alfred Ramsden. At the afternoon session Miss Alice and Thomas Hill gave a duet, which was well received. Another splendid day was well enjoyed by all.—A. E. Carter, Secretary.

**BURY** (off Paradise Street).—On Sunday, June 16th, we held our annual flower service. Mr. Hamer, of Oldham, was the speaker. The afternoon was given over to the children, who had been training for some time under Miss Dixon and Mr. Howarth. Mr. Hamer tried to impress upon the children the uses of some of the flowers they knew most about, wild flowers in particular. In the evening songs and solos were rendered by an augmented choir, and Mr. Hamer again discoursed on the uses of flowers and herbs. On Saturday, June 22nd, we had a Field Day. The day being warm and fine we had an enjoyable outing.—Mrs. Cotterell, Secretary.

**BURWOOD, SYDNEY, N.S.W.**—At our annual meeting the Secretary's report and balance sheets were presented and accepted. The following were elected: Conductor, Mr. F. T. Tanner; Assistants Mrs. Blair and Mr. G. Wright; Treasurer, Miss H. A. Basford; Secretary, Mr. L. Jones; Guardian, Mr. H. Wright; Librarian, Mr. C. Tanner; Musical Conductors, Misses J. Blair, H. Basford, and A. Wright; Auditors, Messrs. Dodirad and Vovšev; Assistant Secretary, Mr. T. Pvbis.—Leslie Jones, Secretary.

**CHESTER.**—The Chester Commonhall Street Lyceum held their Anniversary services on Sunday, June 23rd. There was a splendid session in the morning, the children giving some beautiful recitations and pearls. The afternoon session was watched by the adult visitors with deep interest. Miss Sidley, of Runcorn gave clairvoyance to the children. This occasion was taken to present one of our small scholars with a prize, for the beautiful recitations she has given during the past year. Three of our scholars recited at the evening service, and one of our boys sang a solo. The choir sang a hymn, taken from the *Manual* during the collection. The proceeds from this Sunday will be placed into the Lyceum trip fund.—F. Rainford, Secretary.

**CHESTERFIELD.**—On Sunday, June 9th, we held our usual open session, when the following items were much appreciated, many friends also being with us. Reciters being Francis Elliott, Janie Price, Ethel Wale, Edith Herrot, Lena Elliott, Doris MacDonald, and George Roberts. Violin solo by Ernest Hobster, and pianoforte solo by Horace Cartledge, bringing a very enjoyable session to a close.—Edwin H. Widdows, Secretary.

**CREWE** (Mill Street).—It is with regret that I report the passing to the higher life of Mr. Stubbs, one of our eldest and most esteemed Lyceumists. On Sunday, June 2nd, we held our usual open session, when the following took part. Recitations: Albert Reav, "The Boy Decides"; Ethel Reay, "The Little Shroud"; Florence Hope, "The Loss of the Titanic." Duet by Ada Buxton and Gwenie Baguley, "Go Forward." Solo by Kate Owen, "The Children's Day." On June 16th, the Lyceum took the services for the Society. In the afternoon recitations were rendered by Albert Reay, Gladys Mott-ram, Ethel Reay, and Walter Chadwick. Solos by Annie Smith, Kate Owen, Florence Wood, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Shearsmith, and Mr. P. Gawthorne took the evening services.—Fred Homer, Secretary.

**DEARNLEY.**—On Sunday, the 23rd of June, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, Mr. R. Owen, of Liverpool, was the speaker. In the afternoon we had an open session, when pearls and recitations were given by the scholars. Mr. Owen explained the golden chain recitation 136. Also we had a quartette by four of the little ones, entitled, "Clap your hands for joy." In the evening Mr. Owen spoke to a good audience on "the Lyceum and its teaching," also special hymns were sung.—I. Crowther, Secretary.

**EARBY.**—On Sunday afternoon, June 2nd, our Lyceumists held their usual open session before a good number of friends and parents. Miss L. Foulds gave a short address on silver chain recitation No. 01, "The Sowers." Misses L. Woofe, M. Wilkinson, A. Brotherton, also gave recitations and readings. We had a very happy hour.—J. W. Clark.

**GLASGOW** (Berkley Street).—Since our last report a gent's swimming class in connection with the Peace Brigade has been formed and owing to its success a ladies' class has also been formed, which too is making good headway. The Rambling Club, a most pleasing feature in our Lyceum, is well supported, a good number turning out to each ramble. Our Liberty Group still continues to be an outstanding part in the Lyceum, interesting and instructive subjects being dealt with by our Lyceumists. Other groups are still making good progress. Marching, calisthenics, and other branches of the Lyceum are making good headway.—Wm. Guild, Jun., Secretary.

**GLASGOW, KINGSTON** (60, St. James Street).—Since the last issue of the BANNER we have changed residence, though not so good a hall as last especially for marching and calisthenics, still we manage fairly well. The worst feature I have to report is a slight falling off in attendance, which I hope will be only temporary. We had our annual picnic on Saturday, June 16th, and the good angels must have been at work in guiding us to select that particular day. The place chosen was White Craigs, a pretty little spot in the midst of rustic beauty, half an hour's train ride from the city. Thanks to an enthusiastic committee the catering, prizes, and other arrangements were splendid.—P. T. W. McLaughlin, Secretary pro tem.

**GREAT HARWOOD** (off Westwell Street).—On Sunday, June 2nd, we held our usual open session. The silver chain recitation was led by Mr. Baxter. The musical reading by H. Waterhouse, Mrs. Holt and John Waterhouse. We afterwards had a few recitations by the following: Miss Annie Owen, Alfred Owen, and Walter Taylor. Marching and rod exercises were afterwards gone through. The session was cut short owing to an elders meetings at the close.—Miss A. Anderson.

**HVDE.**—On Sunday, May 26th, we had our annual distribution of prizes. The prizes are kindly given by our musical conductor, Mrs. Mattocks, in remembrance of the late Mr. Mattocks, who took a great interest in our children's cause. The prizes were presented to the winners by our old friend and co-worker, Mrs. Batman. On Friday, May 21st, we had a procession round the town, when about 150 Lyceumists and friends took part: we sang at various places on the route including the Market Place. Our children looked fine and we have had nothing but praise from everyone—our procession was one of the best in Hvde. The Lyceumists are now busy distributing leaflets on "A Lyceum—What it is."—A. S. Wright, Secretary.

HULL (Holborn Hall).—On Sunday, June 9th, we held our Anniversary Services. Very successful open sessions morning and afternoon, at which the Day Street Lyceumists assisted. In the evening we had recitations, solos, and duets, concluding with a tableau written by Mr. F. Hepworth, entitled, "Come and join our Lyceum," which was greatly appreciated. On the Monday evening following, the Lyceumists provided an entertainment, consisting of action songs, mouth organ solo, recitation, solos, pianoforte and vocal, concluding with an amusing sketch, entitled, "The trials of a patient husband," the leading parts being taken by Lena Smith and Fred Barker. The proceeds of the above will be devoted to the annual outing.—C. Headle—Secretary.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—We held our open session on Sunday, June 9th, when we had a good session under the conductorship of Miss Tasse. Recitations were given by Misses Moss and C. Smith, duet by Misses Smith and Ackroyd, and a solo by Mrs. Huggill. The marching and calisthenics were conducted by Mr. E. Summers, and were well gone through.—E. Shackleton.

LANCASTER (Phoenix Rooms).—Our open session opened with many away on holiday. Recitations, Evelyn Coupland, Thompson, Potter, Kirk, Sunday, June 9th, was arranged for wild flower show, 1st prize, Alma Verdon, 2nd, William Kirk. We had Mr. Simpson, of Blackburn, and Miss Mather, of Ulverstone. Also news of Mr. G. Bleasdael's intention of leaving England for Canada. Many expressions of sympathy were tendered to an ever willing worker. The Leaders presented him with a best Manual. Mrs. Isherwood provided supper, and a good programme was gone through. On retiring, each wrote their name in the *Manual* as a "remembrance," and we only hope the true friendship he takes from us will meet its equal in all parts of Canada.—J. Kirk.

LEEDS (Easy Road).—On Whit-Monday we had our annual trip to Collingham Bridge. The weather was fine until six o'clock. We were well catered for, and with games, races, etc., the time passed only too quickly. Our cricket team started a game with a scratch team from Church Street Lyceum, but through lack of time they had to abandon the match. When it started raining we went through the marching and calisthenics in a pavilion set apart for our use. When it was time to come back we were well packed in the waggons and so kept each other dry, and although late when we arrived home everyone was well satisfied and happy.—H. Shepherd, Secretary.

LEIGH (Brown Street).—On Sunday, June 23rd, we held our Open Session, about 60 Lyceumists taking part, I am very pleased to state that it was very satisfactory and well conducted throughout. The following gave recitations: Misses Woodward, Blackburn, Wrigley, and Master Willie Siddon. The marching and calisthenics were splendidly gone through. Pearls were also very good. Mr. Batten, of Bolton, spoke a few encouraging words to the children at the close of the session. I am very pleased to report one of our Lyceumists, Willie Siddon, aged 12, has been successful in winning a County Scholarship, tenable for four years. We wish every success in his new studies.—J. Hurdus, Sec.

LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—We held our Open Session, 2nd June. Mr. Clegg, D.V. was present. Pearls were said by most of the members; we also had a recitation from Gladys Beresford. Solos were also sung by Connie Brown and our Conductor. The attention given to Mr. Clegg during the time he told of us of his visit North, and his advice was good. We are always pleased to receive visitors, and are always grateful for suggestions and advice providing it is of the right sort. Clifford Brown received a surprise, a badge being presented to him, 9th June, for his readiness in answering questions, and thinking for himself. We want lifters not leaners as Lyceumists. Average attendance, 23.—J.W.H.

LONDON, MANOR PARK.—On Sunday, June 16th, a representative delegate attended the Plumstead Lyceum; and on June 23rd, we gladly welcomed a delegate from them. June 22nd, we really had a 'treat of treats,' the Lyceum went for their Annual Outing to the Hainault Forest in the morning by brake. Many members of the Church following by train in the early afternoon. A good tea was provided, to which all did justice. Everybody concerned worked assiduously for the pleasure and enjoyment of each other. Prizes were distributed to the children; every Lyceumist and non-Lyceumist received a present and sweets.—C. Harrison.

LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—On June 16th, we received a visit from the London District Council, both afternoon and evening, and a splendid time was spent.

We had good attendances and the Lyceum scholars excelled themselves. The following gave short addresses in the afternoon session: Mr. Clegg, Mr. Craft, Mr. Drury, and Miss Trimmer, and greetings were exchanged with Brixton, Manor Park and Smethwick (Birmingham). The evening was also a fine service in which the following took part, addresses by: Messrs. Brooking, Craft, Smythe, Clegg and Mrs. Clegg, and Miss Peverill sang a solo, "My Rosary." Tea was served between the two services, and altogether we had a most enjoyable time, and our thanks are due to the Council. H. Wattle, Conductor.

MANCHESTER, (Maskell Street).—We held our Open Session on June 23. Recitations by Ivy Turner, Phyllis Macmaster, Annie Sharpe, Hector Jones, and James Hearne, Miss Gladys Entwistle sang a solo. Marching and calisthenics good, and session thoroughly enjoyed. At the evening Session, Mrs. Ada Jones gave her services, her inspirers taking for their subject: "A little child shall lead them," made a powerful appeal for the Lyceum's work and teaching, which was instructive and stimulating. At the close the Conductor on behalf of the Lyceum made a presentation of a Morocco leather writing case to Miss Annie Cheetwood (our late secretary who is leaving with her parents for Canada). Our best wishes for their future welfare go with them to their new home.—Albert E. Jones, Conductor and Secretary.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL (Co-operative Hall).—We held our Open Session on June 2nd. Mr. Gibson, of Benwell, addressed the children, his subject was "Gifts." Mr. Hamilton, of Benwell, favoured us with a recitation entitled "The Fireman's Wedding." There were also recitations from a good number of children. I am pleased to report that our Lyceum is still making steady progress, we have enrolled a few new members during the last month.—William Stock, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, WALLSEND (43, North Road).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, June 9th, when there was a good attendance of scholars and friends, and we had another of our bright and happy days. The following took part in the session, recitations by Misses A. Jackson, E. Lynch, P. Lynch, E. Finlay, I. Innes, M. Carling; Messrs. A. Wright and R. Frampton. Solos by Misses K. Carling, and A. Lawrance, and Messrs. Robson and Campbell. Duet by Alice Jackson and Albert Wright, which drew our open session to a close.—Hugh Campbell, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, (Gladstone Hall).—On Sunday, June 2nd, the Lyceum anniversary services were held. Solos were capitally rendered by Nancie McCaig, Violet Hather, Edith Hickling, and Clarice Knight. Recitations by Hilda Hickling, and Kitty Hopkin were well received, also a duet by Alice and Harold Huntbach. The speaker, Mrs. Lee (Lincoln), paid her first visit to Nottingham, and was well received by large audiences. The anniversary was a success in every way. The Annual Outing will take place at Plumtree, on July 4th, and we hope will equally successful.—A. Shipley, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, HYSOON GREEN (Hawarden Mission).—Good sessions during the month; things are going on very nicely, and scholars are taking a deep interest in their Lyceum. On 16th June, we had our anniversary, which was a great success financially, and otherwise. The children gained great applause for their singing and reciting. We had visits from the various Lyceums in the district. On 23rd June, our Lyceum paid a return visit to another Lyceum on their anniversary, which was much enjoyed by our children.—C. E. Sharp, Sec.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—Our Lyceum is making great progress, through the efforts of Mr. H. Buckley, one of our energetic workers. On Whit-Friday, we had an outing to Oldham Park, the afternoon was devoted to games and racing, being brought to a close by the children having a sail on the electric launch. We afterwards wended our way to the school to a tea and social. On the Sunday we held our Open Session and Musical Service. It is our intention to work together harmoniously for the children's cause. We realise that if we want workers to keep the banner of Spiritualism waving, we shall have to train them in our Lyceums.—Mrs. Simpson, Sec.

OLDHAM (Union Street).—On June 23rd we elected officers for the ensuing term, which I hope will be a successful one. In the evening we had a musical service, which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. The choir rendered "Waiting for the angels," and "Only waiting till the shadows" very sweetly. Miss Bessie James sang: "Gardens of God," the choir joining in the chorus. Miss Alice Cornall sang: "A dream of paradise," and the "Lost chord," in a very able manner. Accompanist, Mr. Bagley. Mrs. Leonard gave a few clairvoyant

descriptions in an able manner. She will be pleased to learn her efforts were not in vain.—Handel Dearnley, Sec.

[Please note rule 3. Your report is 200 words too long.—Ed. L.B.]

**PENDLETON (Ford Lane).**—I am pleased to report that our Lyceum is going on grand, under our new Conductor, Mr. Lilliot. The children have taken a great interest in him, and are very smart and enthusiastic. All other officers are willing workers, and everything points to success, considering the loss we have sustained by our late three faithful workers going abroad to better their position in life.—C. Lloyd, Sec.

**PERTH, WEST AUSTRALIA.**—Our Lyceum Conductor, Mr. Newly, and Miss Olive Carter, from Oldham, were married on May 18th, at the Presbyterian Church, Perth. The bride was dressed in white silk embroidery. The ceremony was witnessed by nearly all our Lyceumists. A splendid tea was provided at the home of one of our Lyceumists. The children made a suitable presentation to the bride. A happy evening was spent.—A. Carter, Sec.

**PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).**—On Whit-Monday, May 27th, we had our Picnic, when about 50 scholars and friends journeyed by train to Lytham, where a very enjoyable day was spent. On Sunday, June 2nd, we had our Open Session. Recitations by Alice Spencer, Nellie Spencer, Annie Collis, Rena Collis, Mabel Cartmell, Esther Cartmell, Beatrice Pack, Will Beetham, Willie Holt, John Cartmell. Song by Mrs. Margison. Duet by Hannah Barnacle and Amelia Roskell. On the whole, we had a very good Session.—C. Fisher, Sec.

**ROCHDALE (Penn Street).**—On Sunday, June 23rd, we held our 2nd Lyceum Open Session, conducted by Mr. Seanor. The following Lyceumists took part in helping to make it a success. Recitations by Miss Annie Brown, Annie Farby, Elsie Quarmby, Emily Holt; and Master's Ernest Barry, and Joe Brown. Solos were nicely rendered by Miss Jane Ogden, Elsie Stewart, Annie Brown, and Elsie Quarmby. "There is something for Children to do" was pleasingly rendered by Miss May Bromily, Emily Holt, Elsie Quarmby, Annie Brown, and Master Joe Brown. Great credit is due to all the Lyceumists whose efforts were well appreciated and supported.—Farnk W. Wood.

**ROYTON (Union Street).**—On Sunday, June 9th, we held our Open Session, which was well attended. Solos were given by Messrs. F. Jones and Greaves, and Mr. Liddle, of Middleton. Duet by Misses Greaves and Roebottom. A good number of Pearls, a silver chain recitation, a golden chain recitation, and marching and calisthenics were also gone through. The session was a grand success.—Miss B. Clarke, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.**—On Whit-Monday we had our annual Lyceum treat, when we took our Lyceumists, accompanied by a large number of parents and friends, to Cordwell valley, a lovely spot about seven miles out of Sheffield. We had a big field at our disposal in which we romped about all day, thoroughly enjoying ourselves. The weather was glorious. We got back home about 9-30, everyone tired and happy, after a real good day in the country. On Sunday and Monday, June 16th and 17th, we held our Anniversary Services, the speakers being—Sunday, afternoon, Mrs. Johnson; night, Mr. J. K. Jones; Monday night, Mr. A. Green. Solos and recitations were well rendered at each service.—F. Whiteley, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD, DARNALL.**—On Whit-Monday, the Lyceumists enjoyed their annual trip, this year to Glen-Lowe, journeying by waggonette. Mr. Reg. Bowmer offered a badge as prize to best essay on "How I spent Whit-Monday." Amy Galleymore was the winner. On Sunday, June 2nd, we commenced taking groups, dividing the Lyceum into three. The two younger groups under Miss Harley and Miss V. Stoakes respectively, "Stream" and "Fountain" groups, and "Star" group, Messrs. William Quantrell and Reginald Bowmer alternately. The Sheffield Lyceum District Council having decided to publish a book containing "further explorations in the scientific and philosophic world to explain our Manual and educate our group-leaders," we are looking forward to a knowledge feast.—Geo. Sharman, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD, HEELEY.**—On Sunday, June 16th, we held a *re* election of officers, owing to several resigning. The following were elected—Conductor, Mr. Stevenson, Assistant Conductors, Miss May Thickett, Messrs. G. and T. Magness; Sick Visitors, Misses Annie Evans and Mable Gibbons. On Thursday, June 20th, we held a social to bid farewell to our Assistant Conductor, Mr. C. Baines, who has left the town for Wolverhampton, a good number of Lyceumists and society

people were present. Mr. Stevenson presented Mr. Baines with a writing case on behalf of the Lyceum, and Mr. E. Vichers and Mr. G. Magness wished him success in his new home. Mr. Newton, president, and Mr. Hempstock, secretary of the society, also wished Mr. Baines success.—G. H. Magness, Sec.

**SHILDON.**—On Sunday, June 9th, we held our usual Open Session, when questions were asked and answered by the Conductor; also pearls rendered and a solo by Annie Chappell. "Clap your hands for joy" The interest was much increased by two Lyceum babies being named, one belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Coates, and the other Mr. and Mrs. Chappell. The ceremony was performed by our Conductor, Mr. J. Smith. A Lyceum Badge was presented to each baby, this being the first naming at our Lyceum session.—T. W. Brown, Sec.

**SOWERBY BRIDGE (Hollins Lane).**—On Sunday, June 2nd, we held our Anniversary Services. In the morning we had a splendid session conducted by Miss Ivy Rushworth. The "Welcome" was given by Albert Clegg, to the speaker, Mr. Walker, of Buxton, and to visiting friends. The marching and calisthenics were very smart, conducted by Selwyn Stansfield. Recitations were given by Lewis Steel and Doris Warburton, and May Copley gave a beautiful rendering of the solo, "Nearer my God to Thee." Edith Wright accompanied the singing, and Florence Booth the marching and calisthenics. In the afternoon and evening Mr. Walker gave fine addresses. Our choir, conducted by Mr. H. Thorpe, sang suitable hymns and anthems. Miss F. Booth at the organ. Collections, £12 12s.—Joe Steel, Sec.

**Waihi, N.Z.**—At our Lyceum's recent election the following were duly elected: Conductor, Mrs. F. M. Whitehouse, Assistant, Mr. R. R. Lewis; Treasurer, Mr. J. Whitehouse; Librarian, Miss Blanche Grange; Musical Conductor, Miss Chambers; Guardian of Groups, Miss Lizzie Lewis; Secretary, Miss Winnie Morton. On May 5th, we held an enjoyable Open Session, and distribution of prizes.—Winnie Morton, Sec.

**WARRINGTON (Spiritual Hall).**—On Sunday, May 26th, we held our Open Session, when we had a record attendance. Mr. Stout made very interesting remarks upon our G.C.R. 144. The following recited: Misses M. Randles, Eva Fox, Elsie Mellor, Dolly Randles, Bessie Woolley, Master Eric Davies, H. Mellor, Miss A. Houghton rendered a solo "Nearer my God to Thee." The marching and calisthenics were very good. The session altogether was very interesting and instructive. Our Lyceumist took the Society's meeting in the evening with a service of song "For ever true," which was most beautifully rendered. Miss Fox presented a bouquet to the reader, Mrs. Sherburn. Miss Maggie Randles also recited, "There is no Death," altogether we had a very pleasant day.—G. Sixsmith, Conductor.

**WINNIPEG, CANADA.**—At our half-yearly meetings the following officers were elected: Conductor, Mr. Stevenson; Guardian, Mrs. Stevenson; Musical Director, Mr. W. Vernon; Captain of Guards, E. Vernon; Guards, R. Cartman and Miss Brown; Secretary, R. Roberts. The place for our annual trip on July 1st was discussed, and Winnipeg beach was decided on. Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Stevenson, and Miss Highly were appointed to make the arrangements. It was also decided that we pay a visit at an early date to the Lipton St. Lyceum. The Conductor to arrange for same.—J.W.R.

**YORK (Cromwell Road).**—We are glad to report our Lyceum is still going ahead, and great improvements are being made, though we have sustained great losses by some of our Lyceumists going abroad. It is encouraging when we receive news from them, and learn they still have our Lyceum at heart, as in the case of Nellie and Maggie Pearson, who have sent us two dollars for our new Banner. This proves they still retain the loving thoughts and kind acts which they were taught while amongst us. May we all try and keep that love and true friendship up.—J. B. Dawson, Sec.

**TODMORDEN.**—On June 16th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services. In the morning we had an Open Session, when the following items were rendered:—Opening hymn and Invocation, "Children's Hymn," remarks on Anniversary by our Conductor, Mr. A. Scholfield. Recitations "Baby in Church" by Master Harold Firth; Miss B. Lee, "Pit Disaster." Song, Mr. Wilson, 314 Manual. Recitation, Master Harold Firth, the "Ode of Welcome," recited at Nelson Conference. Marching and calisthenics. In the afternoon and evening, Mrs. Holden, of Accrington, was the speaker. Mr. A. J. Scholfield in the chair, when very pleasant services were held. We had special hymns by the children, and good addresses by the speaker. The collections were £5, being an increase of 30/- on last year.—Frank Pratt, Sec.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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

- Accrington,** Carter-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss 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, Collins street, near Colne.  
**Barnsley,** George-yard, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. Arthur Lockwood, 10, Darby-terrace, Stocks Lane.  
**Barrow-in-Furness,** Abbey-road, 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, 51, 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, Ohompson-street, Hr. Tramere.  
**Birmingham,** Crabtree-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. R. Clarke, 17, Hoosey-road, Handsworth  
**Birmingham,** 52, Crawford-street, Sattle, 10-30. Miss Vera Marshall, 39, Aston Road, North Aston.  
**Birmingham,** Snettwhick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Russell, 97, Cheshire-road, Smetwhick  
**Blackburn,** Salford-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. A. H. Caville, 2, Meadow-street.  
**Blackburn,** Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. Walsmsley, 25, Coronation Terrace, Widam-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. Harry Speakman, 86, Stewart-treet.  
**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, Hawkins 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., Stonegravel  
**Clayton-le-Moors,** Victor-st., 10-30 a.m. and 2. Mr. James Livsey, 5, Chapel street, near Accrington.  
**Cleckheaton,** Old-Robin-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, 12, Cartmell Terrace, Hopetown  
**Darwen,** Churchbank-street, 0-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 60, Redearth Rd.  
**Dearnley,** Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mrs. John Crowther, 2, Clough Head, Calderbrook, Littleborough.  
**Derby,** Charwood-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  
**Dultinfield,** Railway-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. Thomas Hadfield, 5, Ten Houses, off Waarf-street.  
**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. Brammer, 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. Cutbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr. William Hall, 115, Brighton-road.  
**Glasgow,** Birkley street, 4 p.m., Mr. Wm. Guild, 125, 4, Kildonan Terrace, Ibrox.  
**Glasgow,** Kingston, 60, St. James-street, 3 p.m. Tuesdays, 7-30 p.m. Mr. T. P. McLaughlin, 365, Eglinton-street, S.S.  
**Great Harwood,** West Well-street, 10-0 a.m. and 1-45. Miss Alice Anderton, 11, Princess-street, near Blackburn  
**Grimby,** 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, Coudon 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-freak  
**Hanley,** Percy-street, 2-30 p.m. Miss S. Freackley, 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  
**Hockmondwike,** 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, 69, Milton Road, Bury Old Road, Prestwich, Manchester  
**Hindley,** Bridge-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Alfred Hayward, 182, Sandy Lane, near Wigan.  
**Hirst,** 17, Mortimer street, 2 p.m., Miss Sarah Eke, 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  
**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, Stepany 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, off Parliament-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Kirk, 3, Hope-street.  
**Leeds,** Armlay, Theakston-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, Souton.  
**Leeds,** EAST, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2. Mr. H. Shepherd, 9, Copperfield Grove, Cross Green lane.  
**Leeds,** Grove-house-lane (Psychol), 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 Corvill, 35, Cross Flatts Parade, Bees ton  
**Leicester,** Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 179, 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  
**Littleton,** Well-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss A. Hirst, Well-street, Littleton, nr. Liversedge.  
**Liverpool,** Dauby-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, Haughton 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  
**London, E.,** Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Robert J. Robottom, 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, Frederick-place, Plumstead.  
**Longton,** Stone-road, 10 and 2. Mr. Hugh McCartney, Meir Heath, near Blythe Bridge, North Staff.  
**Macclesfield,** Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. William Albinston, 5, Bond-street  
**Manchester** Ardwick 58, Maskell street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Jones, 41, Old Elm street, Stockport-road.