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CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

Morning dawned, and my brother rose early. Oh! what a change disease of the lungs had wrought in him. I saw he wore that same stern determination to combat to the last with suffering. He coughed and winced with pain, but no murmur escaped his lips. He regarded Cutty with much interest, and spoke frequently of Cecil's absence. On the second day he went with me to Cecil's grave. He seated himself upon the soft grass while I arranged the flowers. He held a rosebud, smelling its sweet perfume; then suddenly he dropped it and rose to his feet, and clenching his hands he broke forth: "Annie, I cannot die. 'Tis unnatural, perhaps; but oh, how I struggle in the fetters which bind me a prisoner—how I hate death! Annie, everything is so indefinite. I have no clear conception of the future. I believe after a time I might be resigned if I could only gain some satisfying ideas of the coming life."

I took him by the hand and said, "Charles, death is an archway crowned with hidden flowers." He tore away his hand from my grasp. He rose to his feet and stood before me, and said:

"Oh! Death, you fiend incarnate. You gluttonous epicure. You insatiate monster. Eat, gorge your infernal stomach with the daintiest morsels of humanity! Eat, eat, until your vile carcass bursts for its gluttony."

"My brother, you curse God," I mildly remonstrated.

"No, I curse death. Can you stand here, Annie, by the side of Cecil, and know that his golden-brown hair is infested with mould, his lips you loved to kiss, so warm and fresh and red, are now grey with the hue of corruption?"

"Charles, you are mistaken," I said, and sweet calmness possessing me, "his lips are warm and fresh; his forehead as white, his hair as golden-brown as ever. *He* is not down there in the grave; *he* is risen; it is the external form, the earthly manifestation of his real self we buried. Cecil is with me now, as truly as he was the day you kissed him 'good-bye.'"

"Oh! God!" he exclaimed, "that I might believe it!"

"I will help you, my dearest brother. You are mature enough to understand the soul of things; do this and you will have no fear of death."

"Yes, sister; but my faith is not strong enough—in fact where shall I place my faith? What reliance can I place upon the Bible? King James' Bible was published in 1611; in 1711 it was corrected by Bishops Tennyson and Lloyd of its almost innumer-

able errors. In 1769 Dr. Blayney corrected new errors, reforming the text in some places, and since that time the British and Foreign Bible Society, after having circulated millions of copies of it, have declared that a faithful examination of it gives rise to serious doubts whether it can be truthfully called the Word of God. In 1847, the American Bible Society appointed a committee of its members to prepare a standard edition of King James' version. They prepared such an edition, correcting, as he stated, twenty-four thousand errors; but alarmed at the attacks made upon it, it was withdrawn. Such is the Bible held up for our guide."

"Charles, will you allow this to distress you?"

"Well, Annie, I find such inconsistencies. I must have some proof before I go. Oh, death, that master over us, and we so helpless."

"Oh, my brother! what have all these inconsistencies to do with fundamental principles? God created man before books were known. Must the past settle the doctrine of immortality? Must we abide by the belief of those in the lost ages? Did the ancients hold all the truth in their hands? Reason and Philosophy came to the rescue; but *intuition* is superior. Henry Ward Beecher said, 'Intuition when at white heat teaches a man in a single moment more than logic ever teaches him. Logic constructs the walls of thought, throws ramparts and lays out highways; but it never *discovers*. Logic merely builds, fortifies, demarks. The discovering power is *intuition*?'"

"I must have some proof, Annie. Help me, oh, please help me."

I shall never forget the agonised expression of my dear brother's face, as those words fell from his lips. I rose and laid his head upon my shoulder, as it had lain in our childhood. I caressed his slightly silvered hair, and whispered: "Charles, if I could, I would give you my peace, which has come to me through such struggles as you must have, and I would do battle for your unbelief. My brother, turn back memory's pages and see what improvement has been made in the teachings on the soul—and, my brother, can you not feel within you that something which promises a recompense for each unsatisfied desire here? Each spiritual longing is an index of the satisfaction awaiting us. Can we not prove to ourselves that we were created in every essential manner for fullest enjoyment? In nature everything is destined to reach a state of perfection; are we of less importance. The Infinite Father is so good He will satisfy all our worthy longings. But, Charles, you are very weary. We must not talk more now."

"Oh, satisfy me with something, Annie, before I return home," was his plaintive appeal.

"Heaven helping me, I will help you to realise the spiritual principle within you, that which lived before Abraham was, that which is eternal."

CHAPTER X.

Cutty had gone away to execute a few errands for me, leaving little Lizzie Holt for my entertainment.

She ran for a footstool and sat at my feet; she loves to do this, resting her pretty chin upon her dimpling hand, the elbow upon the knee. Caressing her flaxen curls, I asked, "And what is my little girl thinking of now?"

To be continued.

Bluebell Guild.

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

[We much regret this article was crowded out last month.—ED.]

My Dear Bluebells,

I am pleased to greet you once more, I sincerely hope you all have had pleasant and enjoyable Wintertime holidays, and that none of your pleasures have given pain to either boy or girl, bird or animal.

MR. SIXSMITH, the energetic conductor of the Warrington Lyceum, has favoured me with a nice appreciative letter, and as it also contains a suggestion, which concerns all members of the BLUEBELL GUILD, I wish you to read it, and tell me what you think about it. The letter reads as follows:—

"DEAR FLORA BELLE,

On Sunday, June 2nd, we had the distribution of the second batch of the Guild Cards, which proved equally as interesting as the first one did. So allow me to thank you on their behalf.

"Several of our members have asked me if there is any badge belonging to the Guild. I have had to reply there is none. May I suggest to you to make an effort to secure a badge in the shape of a *Bluebell*? I dare say you could get one made of tin, enamelled over, with a pin at the back. It would be a means of recognition for our members whenever they go away from home. Let me also add, it would have to be made on a cheap scale, I should say about two-pence each, as most of our members are children. Let me, in conclusion, wish you every success; also that the suggestion will have your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

G. SIXSMITH.

The following story shows how children may long and pine for a few kind words of love and sympathy; and also how the quiet, gentle child, possessing some gift, may be misunderstood and treated as a "stupid," so it is not always right to judge by outward appearance, or a forward tongue.

FLORA BELLE.

"ETTY."

She might have had some other name. but that was the only name I ever heard. Every one in the household seemed to "peck" at her. It was "get out of the way, Etty." "Don't come here; what a fright you are Etty!" If anything was broken or lost it was charged to her. till the poor sensitive child felt she had no one to love or care for. She had brothers and sisters, but they were bright, saucy, and bold, so were considered to be "smart." When they wished to get their own way in the home they would throw their arms about their father's or mother's neck, and flatter some weak side of their

nature, and so coax them into getting their wish granted, and then laugh at their cunning and smartness, and so they had spending money, and permission to do things that were denied to little Etty. She laid this difference of treatment up in her little heart, and it grieved her very much, for she saw that cunning and duplicity were better rewarded than sincerity. All her sweet childish impulses of love and affection were checked and crushed; where the sweet flowers of love and confidence should have sprung up, the weeds of distrust and suspicion took deep root.

She took no part in the conversation of the home, for they said she was stupid; and she had heard it so often till she came to think it was true. Sometimes some friendly visitor would talk of wonderful things, and Etty would sit in her corner and listen till her eyes would be filled with joy and wonderment. But there was one spot which none disputed Etty's right to occupy, and that was a little lonely room at the top of the house, which she had fitted up in her own simple way, and there she was free from reproof or intrusion.

You should have seen her there, with her little yearning heart half broken by neglect,—doubtful of her own power, and weeping such passionate tears at the thought that she was "so stupid, and ugly, and disagreeable," that nobody could ever love her. And so she made friends of the fleecy clouds, the rainbow, the moon beams and twinkling stars. There in that little room the fetters fell off, the soul was free, and her face seemed to be lit up with the joy she experienced.

One day a lady visitor said to the father of Etty, "That young daughter of yours seems different from the rest of your family."

"Yes, yes," said the father, "she's a strange girl—likes her own company better than anybody else's. Sometimes I think she belongs to another family,—got changed in the cradle or something."

"How does she spend her time?" asked the friend.

"I'm sure I don't know," replied the father. "Wife says she has a little den at the top of the house where she sits star-gazing. She's a queer child, and as plain as a pike-staff." Miss Lee was puzzled. she had a warm heart for an old maid, and resolving to know more of Etty, obtained permission to visit her in the little room.

Shortly after, Etty was startled on hearing a "rat tat" on the door. She hoped they were not going to deprive her of her room, and so with frightened look she opened the door, Miss Lee entered. "Are you vexed with me for coming here Etty! You don't look pleased to see me," were the candid comments of her visitor.

"No, no!" said Etty, as she pushed back her dark hair; but it's so odd you should want to come. Nobody ever wanted to visit me before."

"And why not, Etty!"

"Well, I don't know, unless it's because I'm stupid, and ugly, and disagreeable," was the answer.

"Who told you that, Etty?"

"All of those downstairs," she said; "and I don't care about it, only—only"—and then the tears ran down her cheeks,—"it is so dreadful to feel that nobody can love me!"

"Etty," said Miss Lee, "come here. Do you ever look in the glass?"

"No; not for a long time, now."

"Come here, and look in this little mirror. Do you see those large, dark, bright eyes of yours? Do you see that wealth of raven black hair, which a skilful hand might render a beauty, instead of that tangled mass? Do you see those little supple limbs, which a little care and training might render graceful as the swaying willow? There is intellect marked on your brow, soul in your eyes; and your voice has a sweet thrilling tone in its cadence. Etty you are a gem in the rough:—you cannot be ugly; but listen to me. It is every woman's duty to be lovely and attractive. You have underrated and neglected yourself, my poor child. Nature has been no niggard towards you. I do not say this to make you vain, but to inspire you with a proper confidence in yourself. But—what have we here?" she asked as she picked up some manuscript. "Oh, Miss Lee, please don't look at it. It's only a little scribbling I do when I feel wretched."

"Yes, but I shall. It is what I want to see most;" and she went on reading sheet after sheet, while Etty stood like a culprit. When she had finished she said, "Etty, did you know that you were a genius?" "A what, please?"

"A genius, you delicious little bit of simplicity—a genius, and to think I should be the first to find it out!" and she caught the astonished Etty in her arms, and kissed her, till Etty thought a genius must be the most delightful thing the world, to bring her so much love with it.

"Look here, Etty," she said, holding up the manuscript, does anybody know about this?"

Etty shook her head.

"So much the better. And to think they call you stupid, ugly, and disagreeable. But I'll see they change their tune. I am going to make arrangements to take you home to live with me, and give you a chance to unfold your talents, you have been starved too long."

A new life opened up to Etty. In five year's time she had grown into a fine, tall, graceful, young woman. Her step was light, her face, not beautiful, but varied with her emotions. No one cared to analyse its charm. She was magnetic. And Miss Lee was fully satisfied: "she knew it would be just so."

They had almost forgotten her at home and when they did chance to think of her it was to wonder "if Miss Lee had grown tired of her." Miss Lee thought she would let them see. They were amazed when they saw her, and said, "it was strange that Etty should be almost pretty." Still there was the same want of love towards her, and her kind benefactress determined to bide her time.

"By the way, Miss Lee," said Etty's father, "can you enlighten me as to the author of that charming volume of poems, which has set all the literary world astir? It isn't often I get upon stilts, but I'd give something to see the woman who wrote it."

Miss Lee's time had come. Her eyes twinkled with delight. She handed him a volume, saying, "Well, here is a book I was commissioned to give to you by the authoress herself."

Mr. Hutton rubbed his glasses, set them astride his nose, and read the following on the fly-leaf:

"To my dear father, James Hutton; from his affectionate daughter, the Author."

Mr. Hutton sprang from his chair, and, seizing

her by both hands, ejaculated, "Etty, I'm proud of you!" Tears gathered slowly in her large eyes, as she said, "Oh, not that! Dear father, fold me once to your heart, and say, 'Etty, I love you.'"

Her head rested on his shoulder. The father read his daughter's heart at last; he saw it all—the cause of all her childish unhappiness, and, as he kissed her cheeks and lips, said in a choking voice, "Forgive your old father, Etty."

She placed her hand upon his lips, while smiles and tears chased over her face like sunshine and shadow over an April sky.

Oh, what is fame to a woman if there be no love attached to it? From the depths of her unsatisfied heart cometh ever a voice that will not be hushed, "Take all back, only give me love!"

For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

MY DEAR CHUMS,—

Once upon a time there was a young man who had been brought up in the Lyceum. He first visited the Lyceum because his parents wished him to. Then he attended regularly because he liked the recitations and responses; the marching and calisthenics felt to do him good. The roll of years led to the Liberty Group, where he was interested in the essays and discussions. One day there was a meeting: unani- mously he was appointed Conductor. The young man had realised his ambition! Things went smoothly for some time. Everything happened as it used to happen. Yet he felt there was something wrong. He sought the Conductors of other Lyceums and talked with them. They, too, had their sorrows. They, too, felt as he felt. Could the matter be remedied? Yes! there was a remedy, but they could only beg and plead. What was happening to give them sorrow? Only this: every Lyceum gained new members but every Lyceum lost the old ones. Every Lyceum had a register, but many were absentees. Lyceums are full of undeveloped talents.

Now boys! are you dropping away? Don't be an absentee. The Lyceum Cause is a great one, but its success depends on you and me, and if we neglect our parts in sustaining it, it will be the poorer by our neglect, come, we are not in it for mere pleasure, but to learn what it has to teach us, and then lend a hand in teaching others, I will now continue my story of:—

A WET HOLIDAY.

CHAPTER II.

When Mr. Brown arrived at the station, a few Lyceumists had gathered there, sheltering beneath the glass roof of the platform entrance. Their gloomy faces changed to a smile as they saw the leader of the trip approaching. Mr. Brown had made this self-same journey to Matlock on many previous occasions, in all sorts of weather, alone and with friends. Nature study was one of his many hobbies, and he had come prepared to make the journey to-day to show some little of his love of geology to others if they cared to brave the weather and forego the more exciting pleasure which Mat-

lock gives to the average holiday-maker.

By ones and twos the trippers came and when Mr. Brown saw the time for the train to start drawing near, about half the number expected had turned up. Calling them together he suggested his plans, but the majority were out for pleasure and only the younger portion, who were attached to Mr. Brown as their teacher and knew him best, decided to go with him, trusting to former experiences of his novel ways for an interesting day.

With an inward smile at the appreciative regard his scholars held for him, the leader gave a searching glance at his hand-bag, stepped a few strides to the public telephone and sent a short message. Returning to the small group, he found himself the leader of a party of eight, three of whom were girls. With a wave of hands and many a shout the train steamed out of the station.

It takes more than rain to keep down for long the spirits of eight young Lyceumists, especially at holiday time. One girl, Amy Knowles, a four-fold pledger, sat next the window watching the rain running down a passing hillside. She commenced singing: "Merrv. laughing, sparkling water;" everybody joined in the song. That song started another, and so they sang along until Mr. Brown drew their attention to a streamlet running in a zig-zag manner down the sloping hill-side. He asked them all to look keenly at the water-course, as it would be soon lost to view, from the rapidly moving train. All the little band cast their gaze eagerly on the streamlet, following its course until the rumbling of the train announced the fact that they were travelling over a bridge which took the gazers in another direction from the broadening stream.

"Now then!" Said Mr. Brown, "I am going to ask each of you what you noticed in the few minutes we had to watch our little river in its formation?"

The leader was very pleased with the answers, when, at the end of half-an-hour, each one had contributed some share in a description of the way the rain had fallen upon the hill, wetting the ground and flowing around the stones, making little channels towards the streamlet, discernable a little way down the hill, twisting here and there around large rocks to form a small waterfall at one place, and a little pot-hole (a circular hollow cut in a soft stone by the constant action of grit and stones carried by previous rainfalls) at another, working its way deeper and wider, taking on other streamlets in its course onward to eventually flow into the river Derwent, wherein the anglers of the district love to fish for trout.

Mr. Brown took a seat in the middle of the carriage where all his little attentive band could each be as near to him as possible. He explained to them that all the rain which fell did not find its way to the river. Taking a blank post-card from his pocket, the teacher drew three lines across it, and made some short marks above the top line to represent grass; above the next line he wrote the word soil; above the last line, he wrote limestone.

Now then! said Mr. Brown, some of the rain which falls drops on the grass, soaks through the soil and melts the limestone underneath in the same manner as water dropping from a water-tap in our homes, upon a piece of salt placed in a sieve on the top of a glass-jar will dissolve the salt. By this action of rain-water melting the limestone, great

holes and big caverns are made in the earth. It is one of these caverns we are going to see this rainy day.

"Matlock Bridge!" shouted a porter. The carriage is full of bustle. Mr. Brown opens the door and steps onto the platform, the children eagerly jumping after him, carrying a little bundle of eatables to keep them through the day.

(To be continued.)

THE PEACE BRIGADE.

CONDUCTED BY G.W.M.

Dear Comrades,

There being no members to enrol this month we are in a position to continue

THE ADVENTURES OF PRIVATE WILLIAMS.

You never knew Phil Spencer, did you? I did, and a queer fellow he was. I met him in the receiving room and we were both in the same company, so it's no wonder we became chummy. He used to say he was unfortunate enough to possess a love for nature.

Phil was a country-bred youth with a height and breadth that put to shame some of us who had been reared in the towns and cities.

They said he was simple and childish for a man. But the size of his muscles and the sharp look he gave you at times made the other fellows think before teasing him.

It was his simplicity that made him a man, I used to think. He used to draw with crayons in our spare moments—just rough, crude chalk sketches, created out of his own fancy. But I would much rather see some of Phil's chalk sketches than many so called "first class paintings" by famous artists. You see," he would say, "the artists paint for public applause and the wealth that it brings them. I only draw when the desire is within me. I see every picture in fancy before I start to draw, and never try to improve on what imagination has shown me."

I remember one picture he had over the fire place in his room—he was an officer's servant and had a bunk to himself.—"Flowers," he called it. It was the picture of a little girl whom you might take to be four or five years of age, with light brown hair, big blue eyes, and a smile on her face that reminded me of sunbeams, as I try to bring it all back to mind. She was holding a big red rose in one hand, and seemed to be tugging at the strings of her cotton bonnet with the other. Her clothing needs no description, save that it spoke of slumland. She was sitting by the side of a big oak tree that dipped its lowermost branches in the stream that mirrored back the reflection of everything within its range. To the left and beyond the oak there was a long row of hedges—the type you see in most country lanes—and to complete the drawing was a circle of mountain-ash leaves which added to the uncultivated beauty of the scenery.

As I stood gazing at it, and wondering why he called it "Flowers," I could feel that he was watching me.

"Well, what do you think of it?" he asked.

"I think it is splendid, old chap," was my fervent reply, 'but what on earth made you call it Flowers?' there is only one in the whole picture."

"What?" he almost screamed, "Only one flower! Are you as blind as the rest of them? Is not this child the flower of God Almighty? Is she

not worthy of a passing thought? Look at the thing she holds in her hand—a beautiful rose, true, beautiful after it has had the care and attention of thousands of men for scores of years. And is not the cultivation of the human flower of far more importance and value to the world than a rose? Think of the wonderful change that could be effected in humanity if the same care and thought were bestowed on their foreparents and surroundings as has been given to the cultivation of the rose. Look at that child. Is she not beautiful? Only a child of a commoner whose parents would love it if it were possible for them to shut out the spectre of want and poverty that comes like a nightmare across their thoughts! They have no time for love, and she is only a child out of a thousand!"

"But," I interposed, "most folks do love their children."

"Well," he replied, with deep significance, "I suppose some would call it love. To me it is only a kind of sympathy: we are forgetting how to love. Why the Captain's bitch will look after her whelps with more affection than some parents look after their children. No, my comrade, society will have to be re-modelled, and you and I must help, and we'll learn to love in the doing of it."

"Spencer, Spencer," called the Captain, "come and help me on with my tunic."

"Good-night, Williams, I shall have to go and dress the Captain for dinner."

With that he left me to my reflections on the inner and deeper meaning of his picture called "Flowers."
(To be continued).

A Few Thoughts on "Life."

BY MISS CARTMAN.

Read before the Liberty group of the Princess Hall Lyceum, Manchester.

"Life is but a fleeting dream,
Only strangers here we roam.
Life is but a changeable scene,
Yonder is the Christian's home."

As viewed from to-day life is one great upheaval of unrest, full of hopes and fears, of pleasure and pain—of hopes for what may be, regret for what has been. But when we come to carefully consider the matter, we find that it is this very unrest which constitutes life, without hopes for what may be, without longing and striving for what he hopes to be man would lose the incentive to live, all that is good and noble within him would die from a lack of interest in his fellow beings: he would become a mechanical being, for it is force of natural law that makes man like to feel that someone is dependant in some way upon him. You will find it most noticeable in children playing with toys, they like to think and feel that they belong entirely to them.

We begin life's battle as helpless beings, and life closes in the same way. Human existence is but a rise and fall of natural law.

We roam hither and thither, tossed and buffeted by our thoughts and desires, thinking what we could do, how much better we would live, how differently we would act, if only we could have the time to live over again. "But the mill never grinds with the water that is past." Yesterday with all its pleasures and pain is beyond recall, it belongs to the past, all that we can claim is to-day. Therefore, if we see the mistakes of yesterday, why not begin from to-day to redeem them, taking the past as our lesson?

In the fall of last year I passed through a public garden in this city, the month was October, and at that time of the year nature has changed her beautiful summer dress of green and yellow for the deep and vivid tints of autumn. Standing by a small bed of earth were two men, both advanced in years, in deep and earnest conversation. As I drew near I overheard this remark, "If I had a garden to-day I would take the shine out of all the world!" Simple words, and to many would have passed unnoticed, but to me they carried a deep and solemn meaning, they sank into my mind to remain, I think, for all time. I glanced at the speaker, and the thought flashed through my mind that he had cherished that same wish all his life without putting it into practice, and in ten years hence will probably be wishing for what might have been. Looking at the bed of earth I saw that the edges had been carefully trimmed, and the bed carefully raked, and to all appearances had been made ready for the seed that in the spring time would make that small bed of earth a thing of beauty, to gladden the hearts of many who, after the toil of the day, would pass through the park and be refreshed by the sight and reproduction of God's handiwork, and I thought what have I done with the garden of my life? What have each of us done in the garden of our lives? God has given each of us a beautiful garden of mind or thought-force, how have we tended it? Is it bringing forth wheat or tares? It may be carefully trimmed and raked by those who love us, but we must sow the seeds, and what they bring forth must be our own production. Our life here is very brief, we may not all meet again under the same conditions, for the tide of human joy and sorrow is always ebbing and flowing, but think what a glorious thing it would be, if instead of waiting until the autumn or winter of our lives, we begin from to-day to treasure the flowers in God's Garden. What are the flowers? You may ask. I will tell you briefly in a few words what I saw in a paper. We must grow wise and tender enough to teach others the lessons we ourselves have learned, we must grow so loving and swift of sympathy that service for God and man is a delight; we must find a never ceasing joy in the beauty of the world about us; in the pleasure of friendships; in the common blessings of the common day, and in the widening hopes that stretched beyond our earthly horizon.

It is only by so doing that we can live the life that will prepare us to meet our God.

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.

BRADFORD, OTLEY ROAD.—In affectionate remembrance of Mrs. Hale, who passed to the higher life on June 25th, in her 43rd year. Interred at Yeadon cemetery on June 28th. Mr. John Jackson officiating.

Tho' she may lay beneath the ground

The form of mother dear,

I know her spirit hovers round

And mingles with us here;

Her home may be in heav'n above,

Yet oft to us below,

She will return to breathe her love;

The Angels told me so.

H. Birdsall.

Types of Mediumship.

[The following essay has been awarded the first of six prizes offered by several friends to the members of the London, Stockwell Park Road, Lyceum. We insert it in the hope that it will be helpful to our readers.—EDITOR.]

People with mediumistic natures are, as a rule, sensitive to all things round and about them, as the spiritual nature is more highly developed, doing away with the more animal propensities that has held the reins of our being too long and which brings with it that selfishness of spirit, and the lack of charity to a certain degree is rather latent.

The different types of mediumship are many and various, of which I give a few herewith as follows:— 1. Trance. 2. Semi-Consciousness. 3. Inspirational. 4. Clairvoyance. 5. Clairaudience. 6. Psychometry, which are all the gifts of the spirit which is lying latent with too many of us nowadays. Let me define these gifts above mentioned as best and as brief as I can.

NO. 1. TRANCE.

This is when the person has lost full consciousness of their being for the time being, and another person is using the instrumentality of the medium which, if used aright, is one of the most valuable gifts we have, but I am sorry to say it is not appreciated to its fullest extent yet, and also this class of mediumship needs the sympathy of all present, so that the greatest good can accrue therefrom.

NO. 2. SEMI-CONSCIOUSNESS.

This is a very valuable gift, as the one who possesses it has a very delicate and far from pleasant mission on this side of life. To define this gift is when the spirit people utilizes the brother or sister possessing it so as to give a message to another brother or sister, and it behoves each one of us to help the possessor of this gift as they are very sensitive to the sceptical mind, that without care, this brother or sister may gradually be lost to the cause of spiritualism, thereby losing one of the many potent factors to our everyday needs.

3. INSPIRATION.

There has been more good wrought in this world by this gift than any I know of, many of our books, much of our literature, and much platform speaking and so on, which has come through this gift of inspiration, and the greatest good yet done I candidly say, has been done by inspiration.

4. CLAIRVOYANCE.

Or the discerning of spirits, which is otherwise known by either the second sight, or the sixth sense, the judicious use of which is adding great numbers to our cause, as this phenomena is one of the most useful psychical powers we have. There has been enough seen, said, and read about this gift, that there is no need for me to describe this, or Clairaudience thoroughly, but I should like to add that the possessor of this gift ought to hold the sacred trust of our father God and His angels for the furtherance of the grand truths of Spiritualism.

5. CLAIRAUDIENCE.

Which is hearing the voices of the spirit people, although the possessor of this gift does not always recognise what is the voice of the spirit, and what is his own intuitive powers. The best thing for me to say here is: that the message he receives which he did *not* know before, *cannot* be his own intuitive

powers, and therefore must be the mind of another working in conjunction with the mind of clairaudient.

6. PSYCHOMETRY.

Or the second sense of feeling. This is one of the greatest phenomenal gifts we have at the present time, as the condition of either articles or people can be sensed or felt, and described according to the development of the possessor of this gift. Its object is to help us each one in many and various ways. I will just give a few as illustrations:—By the sensing of articles of those present; of articles of friends we are anxious about; of articles of those we want to know more about as to health, &c.; of the conditions of those present, and so on; of how to improve ourselves and to make ourselves more healthy; how to make us clearer and better thinkers either on theoretical or practical lines; to teach us of those truths that are round and about us which we did not know of before.

So now as I am obliged to draw this paper to a close, I have to say how necessary it is for each one of us to develop these gifts which are lying latent, and so spread the truths that are round and about us. And lastly let us worship God, in spirit and in truth, letting all misunderstandings be put on one side, and working more in unity with one another.

With these brief remarks, I draw this paper to a close.

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, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

To the Editor LYCEUM BANNER.

QUESTION.—Why have the recitations in the *Lyceum Manual* been termed *silver* and *golden*?—H. C. Dobby, Lincoln.

ANSWER.—The term *Silver Chain Recitation* was first used by A. J. Davis in his original *Lyceum Manual* and was applied to all selections of a poetic nature, as in our *Lyceum Manual*. In another section he has "Questions and Answers," such as "The Three Rules." As we have prose selections that could not be called "questions and answers," it was decided to bring them under one general term, and, as we had not the *Silver*, or more correctly the *Silvern Chain Recitations* it was decided to designate all the prose chain recitations the "*Golden*" Chain Recitations.

ULVERSTONE.—Passed to the higher life on the 13th July, John Barton, age 12 years, one of the first members of the Ulverston Lyceum.—J. E. Coward, Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—Passed to the spirit life on July 11th, Hilda E. Houlston, aged 14, and interred in the Cross Lane Chapel cemetery, July 15th, Mrs. Greenwood officiating.

LYCEUM WEDDING.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Monday, July 1st, Mr. E. Widdowson (Lyceum Secretary), was married to Miss E. Hobsten (Lyceum Conductor), at the Spiritual Church, Attercliffe, Mr. Oaten officiating. The happy couple left in the evening for New Brighton.—E. Cowell.

Girls' Own Corner.

By
Mrs. JESSY
GREENWOOD



AUGUST, 1912.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	Mus. Reading.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
AUG. 4	351	533	213	135	401
„ 11	395	400	240	11	398
„ 18	391	358	241	113	390
„ 25	381	38	225	111	392

- AUG. 4.—The world is all gates, all opportunities.
 AUG. 11.—Our dead are never dead to us unless we have forgotten them.
 AUG. 18.—A kind word will go further and strike harder than a cannon ball.
 AUG. 25.—It is in the surprises of life that we reap the reward of character.

Moments with Mothers.

Sometimes I think girls do not understand their mothers, and that is the real cause of what often seems like neglect, thoughtlessness and unkindness. Some day they will, when experience has opened wide her wonderful book, when motherhood has given its inestimable blessing in the shape of that bundle of love called a baby; and when the babies add to their number, each growing and thriving under the fostering father-mother interest, how can a girl help thinking of days long past, and how mother managed with her little crowd.

Her time has come to think, and quietly in her heart she wishes she had helped mother more and with better grace.

One of the supreme moments in a mother's life is when a daughter lies unconsciously slipping away to the spirit world. *All* care, *all* love is given, regardless of food, sleep, rest, or the work of the home for the time being, and on that loved one is bestowed everything a human being is capable of.

I have seen this exemplified just lately, and my pity and sympathy was loosened. I cried with the mother, as did others. Why? Because I had been in her place, seen the eyes of my child closed for ever, and in everything acted as she was acting.

This is one of the pictures experience gives in her picture gallery, and its perspective is truly fixed, its colour, form and detail indelibly delineated in the mind of the mother. Often in solitude the quiet tear

will well up and blur the picture in its misty way, as the mother thinks of those sacredly solemn moments of deepest sorrow. Girls, when you notice the bowed head and bent form, the grey hair and furrowed face of mother, remember *you* have had something to do with each little indication of old age, and now is *your* chance to smooth the way.

J. Russell Lowell sings a message to mothers which they must understand because of the chastening influences of sorrow and pain. He says:—

“ 'Tis sorrow builds the shining ladder up,
 Whose golden rounds are our calamities,
 Whereon our firm feet planting, nearer God
 The spirit climbs, and hath its eyes unsealed.
 Then it is that Death's face seems stern and cold
 When he is sent to summon those we love,
 But all God's Angels come to us disguised;
 Sorrow and sickness; poverty and death,
 One after other lift their frowning masks,
 And we behold the seraph's face beneath,
 All radiant with the glory and the calm
 Of having looked upon the front of God.”

Our Book Table.

THE COMPOSITION OF MATTER AND THE EVOLUTION OF MIND. By Duncan Taylor. 3/6. The Walter Scott Publishing Co., London and Felling-on-Tyne.

The book before us is not, as may be supposed from its title, devoted to the science of chemistry, but the author makes splendid use of the latest researches in chemical science which has resolved matter into electrons, etc. It is to a close study of the latent forces of matter that the work is mainly devoted. Concerning matter, the author postulates (a) That nothing can come from anything that was not in it; (b) nothing can be in anything that was not in the source; (c) effects cannot be greater than the cause. From these premises the author seeks to trace the evolution of mind and intelligence from matter. He recognises various grades of matter—physical, mental and psychical. In a footnote to page 51 he says “the soul is the name of the positive centre of the spiritual body, and its radiations are intuitional or spiritual perceptions. Mind is the positively charged centre of the physical body, and thought or reason is the impact of sense impression and spiritual perception.” The author's position may be summarised as follows:—As the force to evolve and build up the future apple tree, with its loads of luscious fruits, lies latent in an apple pippin, so all forms of life, motion, being, that manifests itself in all the kingdoms of nature, and in the spirit realm, are lying latent in matter; and that matter was fully charged with latent life force when it was projected from its source—God.

There is evidently a slip of the pen on page 21, where we read of “the undiscovered planet beyond Neptune and *Jupiter*.” And a little further on the age of the *earth* is estimated at 230,000,000 years, and that of the *sun* as only 115,000,000.”

The book evidences deep thought on the problems of life and being, and will well repay the spiritual student who wishes to probe the mystery and significance of life. The book is well printed in clear type on thick paper, and bound in full cloth.

THE ANIMAL'S FRIEND is full of matter of deep interest to all who love animals and birds.

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LYCEUM MOTTO FOR 1912.

"THE GREATEST GOOD OF THE GREATEST NUMBER."

Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the Lyceum lately meeting at Holme Street, Bradford, has only been suspended till more suitable rooms can be obtained. We wish them speedy success in their search, and an early re-opening.

We are informed, on good authority, that the lapsed Lyceum at Waterhead, Oldham, has been re-opened through the efforts of Mr. H. Buckley, of Royton. The re-opening was greatly assisted by the presence of friends from the following Lyceums: Coronation Street, Elliott Street, Union Street, and Chadderton. We trust the present effort will be blessed with enduring success.

The Lyceum Union's Executive Council has the following dates open: January (1913) 11th and 12th, and April 12th and 13th. Lyceums desirous of inviting the Executive for either of the above dates should apply for terms to the Union's General Secretary, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

Mr. John R. Latham draws attention to an error in the age of Monsieur Frederic Plassy, which should have read "on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday," and not "nineteenth." See report on page 102. In the same report Baroness von Suttner's (3rd) aspect should have read, "As a war which they must fight." We much regret that these errors were not detected in reading the proofs.

There was a splendid gathering at the open session held at the Bolton, Bradford Street Lyceum, on July 21st. We were glad to meet friends from the Commission Street Lyceum, and also representations from Leigh and Radcliffe, who were invited to a seat on the platform. The time of the session went too rapidly to get all the good things provided crowded into it.

During the past month three events of special interest have taken place, namely, the Lyceum Demonstrations at York and Southport, and the

Executive Council's visit to Blackburn. See the reports for full accounts.

We learn that on August 5th the Lyceums in the Tyneside district have arranged for a Demonstration to be held at Jesmond Dene, Newcastle. We hope the event will be a big success, and that the cause in the district will be greatly benefited thereby.

While we are always pleased to hear from Lyceums who do not read the LYCEUM BANNER—because we earnestly desire the success of all, whether they are members of the Lyceum Union or not—we are unable to make use of their reports in the LYCEUM BANNER, as the Executive is of the opinion that Lyceums sending on reports should show a little practical interest in sustaining the LYCEUM BANNER, which is exclusively devoted to the Lyceum Movement.

Perhaps a few words of explanation of the dates given monthly in Rules 2 and 4, which head Lyceum Reports, may be of help to our readers who desire to report what their Lyceums are doing. Briefly stated the case is as follows:—Owing to the Editor of THE LYCEUM BANNER having to make up all Lyceum Reports on the *Wednesday before the last Sunday of each month* he finds it impossible to insert Lyceum reports dealing with events occurring on the last Saturday and Sunday. So in order that all such reports may not be excluded from THE LYCEUM BANNER, the Executive has kindly given the Editor permission to insert them the month following. To illustrate: any special event taking place between July 26th and 31st is too late for the August BANNER, so it will be in order to insert it in the September issue. The dates given in Rule 2 have special reference to the above kind of reports. The dates given in Rule 4 refers to all earlier Lyceum events, which if not reported by the date specified are out of order and cannot be inserted. Rule 3 is so plain and definite that all may understand it. Yet month after month we receive reports that are twice the length allowed, and so have to be cut down. One closely written page of note paper will hold an ordinary report of 120 words.

In conclusion, let it be observed, that the Editor is held responsible for the strict observance of the rules laid down governing ALL kinds of reports. He can have no favourites. The Lyceum ordering one dozen copies per month must be treated as fairly as the Lyceum ordering six or seven dozens of copies per month. "Do right because it is right," is the golden rule governing the management of THE LYCEUM BANNER.

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?

[Owing to the extra demand on our very limited space by the Quarterly Reports, we are only able to give a small instalment of INTUITION; and much regret that JASON AND THE GOLDEN FLEECE is crowded out.—ED.]

Correspondence.

"THE DIVINE ORDER."

To the Editor LYCEUM BANNER.

Sir,—When I wrote the letter which appeared in the May issue, I stated I would submit a few thoughts on the discussion. Very well, I did so, and the thoughts expressed were the results of my reading and thinking, and the logical sequence I summed up was "To me it is all conclusive whatever is, is right." But the thoughts were my own personal opinions and I do not intend to foist them on anyone. I wrote because Mr. Lightowler asked for some expression of opinion. But Mr. Ronaldson doesn't help, he puts one or two questions which my article completely answers, and in reality I have nothing to add to what I have said. If our friend can give me any hypothesis which is better, I should be glad to know of it. I am always willing to receive and gratefully acknowledge any little crumbs of knowledge which come my way. There are many people who hold similar views, and I would urge our friend to study Blatchford's "Not Guilty," Fitzgerald's "Omar Khayyam," A. J. Davis's "The Philosopher," "Seer and Physician, &c.," that will be enough to go on with, though if he should require more I will find him some.

Now let us get to the points. Help is needed, and it is right that it should be accorded. If not it would neither be desired or required. It is not so much a case of helping, but your inner self feels a sense of disharmony without, and you strive to bring harmony into being.

With the development of consciousness we feel more, we are more sensitive to pain, and mentally we may feel a keen anguish through disharmony. Ignorance exists on many planes, and it is just as necessary to help to remove inharmonious conditions as it is right that we realise their existence.

In helping others we are helping ourselves, and so we grow. The idea seems to be that all outside of us is for the development of our being. If taken in that sense, can we quarrel with the Power that made it so? Are any of the laws of God wrong? Are we not subject to His laws, now and all the time? Can we think of any time when we can be outside of them? If the laws are good (and they affect the whole universe) *then they are Right*, and whatever is *is Right*. But it is very evident that you have not read my article clearly. Try it again, good friend. As for my presumption to improve on the work of the Creator, it makes me smile. How can I presume on that to which I am subject and of which I (like yourself) am so insignificant a part?

As regards the absurd question of making white, whiter, perhaps a bleacher might be able to answer our friend. And if he but dimly perceives that a thing is right, but later with clearer understanding he sees the whole truth, then right becomes righter!

In reference to the perfect world. Is not the world evolving; has evolution done its work? Is it not right for the world to go on from stage to stage? What is wrong with that idea?

Now for personal responsibility. What *do you* mean by it, my friend? Suppose you contribute an essay on the subject, giving your views, and then I will know what I have to answer.

As for alienating my friends, well, you just couldn't do it. I have many acquaintances, but very

few friends. Of the former I take little account, and of the latter they *know* me.

But if you had such a perverted view of life as to act in the way you suggest, well, I suppose you would act in that way because you could not do any other. We can only act as we are inclined, and unless you were inclined that particular way, well, it would be going against yourself, and strictly speaking you could *not* do that.

A. C. JONES,

Conductor, Maskell Street, Manchester.

ALL'S FOR THE BEST.

All's for the best, be sanguine, be cheerful,
Trouble and sorrow are friends in disguise;
Nothing but folly goes faithless and fearful,
Courage for ever is happy and wise.

All's for the best if man would but know it,
Providence wishes us all to be blest;
There is no dream of the prophet or poet,
Heaven is gracious and all's for the best.

All's for the best, set this on your standard,
Soldier of sadness and pilgrim of love.
Who to the shores of despair may have wandered
A way wearied swallow, or heart stricken dove.

All's for the best, be a man, but confiding
Providence tenderly governs the rest.
And the frail barque of his creature is guiding
Wisely and warily. All's for the best.

All's for the best! then fling away terrors,
Meet all your fears and foes in the van;
And in the midst of your dangers and errors
Trust like a child, while you strive like a man.

All's for the best, unbiassed, unbounded,
Providence reigns from the east to the west,
And by both wisdom and mercy surrounded,
Hope and be happy, that all's for the best.

All's for the best, if we only did know it,
Sorrow and suffering, anguish and loss,
Tenderly, kindly, God's hand doth bestow it
Binding with love the deep chasm across.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The Executive Council at Blackburn.

The Executive Council held its quarterly meeting at the Blackburn, St. Peter Street Spiritual Temple on July 13th. There being a long list of important business, it was decided to call the meeting for 3 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.; an arrangement which proved highly satisfactory.

All the members were present. Mr. R. A. Owen the late President, cordially welcomed his successor to the Presidential Chair and congratulated him on his election. A cordial welcome was also extended to the new members: Miss Hesp and Mr. Keeling. Minutes of the previous meeting were considered and passed, as also were the General, the LYCEUM BANNER, and the Treasurer's reports.

The instructions of the Lyceum Conference were next considered.

The following were elected as a sub-committee to deal with the Officers' Edition of the *Lyceum Manual*:—Mr. J. Tinker, Mr. E. A. Keeling and Miss Hesp.

The following were elected a sub-committee to deal with the question of Legalizing the Lyceum Session:—Mr. J. Tinker, Mr. E. A. Keeling, Mr. R. A. Owen, Mrs. Jessy Greenwood and the President.

The General Secretary was instructed to write to the various Lyceum District Councils to ascertain if any Lyceum connected with them was prepared to invite the next Lyceum Conference (1913).

The General Secretary was also instructed to notify the Secretary of the U.L.D.C. that the Executive endorsed the motion, No. 17, on the agenda of the Lyceum Conference.

Credentials were solicited for Mr. E. E. Hunt, of Widnes, and Mr. A. Taylor, of Heywood, who are shortly leaving England for

Canada, or the United States of America. The applications were granted.

Messrs. E. A. Keeling and R. A. Owen were elected representatives to the U.L.D. Councils' Meetings.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the last Sunday of January next (January 26th, 1913), will be the jubilee of the Lyceum movement, and it was decided to solicit suggestions from Lyceums as to its suitable celebration.

Application for membership from the following Lyceums were considered and enrolled: Platt Bridge, Chorley, and Johannesburg (47, Hemwoods Arcade).

A joint invitation from the Dewsbury and Batley Carr Lyceums for the Executive to hold its October meeting at Dewsbury was considered and accepted.

A concert and dance was held on the Saturday evening in honour of the occasion, during which the choir rendered a number of selections which won loud applause. A happy evening was spent.

SUNDAY MORNING.

There was a nice gathering of Lyceumists and friends in anticipation of a happy time, nor were they disappointed. Time did not suffice to give full effect to all the good things that had been provided. After the opening hymn and invocation Mr. Moorey, the Conductor, extended on behalf of the Lyceum officers and Lyceumists in general a hearty welcome to the Executive, and hoped its presence would infuse new energy and courage into the hearts and minds of all present.

Mr. R. Latham, the President, suitably replied on behalf of the Executive.

Mr. R. A. Owen was invited to lead the S.C.R., "The Golden Side." His questions and comments of the same made it very interesting to all.

Miss Hesp led the M.R., "Ministering Spirits," and ably dealt with a number of questions asked concerning certain statements in it.

Songs were rendered by Mr. J. Ainsworth and the Misses May and Maggie Slater. The marching and calisthenics were well executed at both sessions, some pretty evolutions being splendidly performed.

AFTERNOON OPEN SESSION.

After the opening exercises Miss Clara Ferdinand recited an "Ode o' Welcome." A little later in the session the same young lady presented each member of the Executive with a button-hole flower as a memento of the visit.

The Conductor, Mr. Moorey, called upon Mr. J. T. Ward, President of the Society, to extend its welcome. Mr. Ward pleaded for unity of forces, Lyceum and Society, and said that for thirty years the Society had regularly advertised their services in the local press. They paid something like £10 per year in advertisements, as they were determined to keep their cause well before the public.

Mr. Latham suitably responded to the welcome extended.

Mr. Henry Rau, Bradford, was invited to lead the Silver Chain Recitation, entitled, "There must be something wrong," and commented on the same, replying to several questions.

The M. R. was led by Mr. T. H. Wright entitled, "Rest for the Weary," Miss Maud Holland sang the hymn while the audience joined in the chorus, giving a pleasing and elevating effect. The same young lady most ably led the calisthenics both morning and afternoon.

Mr. J. Venables ably led the Golden Chain Recitation entitled, "Wisdom," and in his comments related some striking incidents that had taken place during his office as Mayor of Walsall. "No night there," was suitably rendered as a quartette by Miss L. Callan, Miss Eddleston, Mr. J. Ainsworth and Mr. J. Battersley.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The Evening was fine and very warm, inviting the people to the parks and beautiful surrounding country scenery which offered a strong counter attraction to the evening service, this fact was more or less commented upon by the several speakers.

Mrs. Nurse gave the invocation. The President said that the present meeting was the concluding service of the present visit. He referred to the old days and the old pioneers who had recognised the importance of presenting the philosophy of Spiritualism and of suffering, if needs be, for its sake. He could well remember the time when, as a lad, his father was persecuted for adhering to Spiritualism. As a lad he was surprised why his father should bear the persecution when there was nothing to be gained, but much to be lost, from a financial point of view, by his so doing. But since he had come to understand the value of the religion and philosophy of Spiritualism he could understand and admire the attitude of his father, and he fully realised that the value of the teachings of Spiritualism was greater than any monetary loss that may be sustained on account of them. For that reason he was glad to be with them on that occasion and bear his testimony to the blessings of Spiritualism.

Mr. Johnson (Hyde) based his remarks on the affirmation, "There must be something wrong," and added, that it is through

the young that these wrongs can be remedied. He could point to a number of young men who had made their mark in life on account of their Lyceum training. They had the grandest philosophy that the world had ever known. They had got the finest religion in the world. It is a rational religion because it gives to each one the fruits of his own labours.

Mr. J. Tinker, of Manchester, delivered a very thoughtful address. He commenced by saying that previons to becoming a Spiritualist he had grown very pessimistic, but when he became a Spiritualist he felt he had got something that other people needed. The young needed it equally as much as the adults. He had been working steadily in both Lyceum and Society to make the two interesting. In that way, the adults caring for, and working with the young, and the young being led to take an interest in the welfare of the Society would be the solution to the question of, "How are we to make the two a success," be found. The other day he passed a woman carrying a child. On looking into the child's face and eyes he was struck at the cheerless expression he saw. He smiled at the little one, and instantly its little features lost their dull-grey expression and were lit up with a smile, and it made an effort, as if it would have come to him. Its heart was hungering for some of the sunshine of human life. The majority of humanity were in the condition of the child. They were hungering for the bread of life—the bread of joy and gladness—and it was their duty to furnish it whenever and wherever the opportunity was given them.

The Choir ably rendered the anthem "Magnify, glorify."

Mr. Keeling, Liverpool, referred to the quiet reception of the speakers, and solicited that a little enthusiasm be shown by the audience to the various speakers. Why those empty benches? There was a reason. Did they ever enquire as to the cause? They were told the Churches were emptying on account of the unsatisfactory teachings and preachings the people received, but could they say that also applied to the Temple they were assembled in? If not, there was some other cause, and he strongly urged them to ascertain what it was, and then take steps to remove it, and so have their Temple once more filled with a large and deeply interested audience.

Mr. John Venables, Mayor of Walsall, and Treasurer to the Lyceum Union, referred to the last verse of the hymn that had just been sweetly rendered by the choir, "Thy will be done," and how it had brought to his mind the memory of his dear mother, as it was her favourite hymn. At the first when he began to investigate into Spiritualism, his mother had strongly counselled him to leave it alone. But he was pleased to say that in time she too came to realise the precious truths it taught her of a new life, and threw light about the pathway leading to the end of the journey of earthly life. He was pleased to say that his mother died a Spiritualist, and could truly sing on her death-bed "Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee." And if Spiritualism was of any benefit it should show itself in their homes, their factories, workshops and offices. If it failed to do this, it had lost its influence over their daily lives.

The choir then rendered the anthem, "Oh, Gladsome Light."

Mr. R. A. Owen (Liverpool), referred to the sweet harmony produced by the choir; how the various voices, and the parts they filled from the treble down to the bass, when guided by a master hand, and following certain rules combined to produce such a soothing and uplifting effect. Then the beautiful Temple they were met in bespoke and evidenced the united efforts of another kind of unity and harmony. They ought to be delighted to have such a Temple to assemble in, with such a well trained choir to sing for them. The Temple evidenced devotion to a worthy object. It was the testimony of loving hands and hearts that had laboured for their welfare and comfort.

After Mr. Kitson, the General Secretary, had addressed the meeting, the services of the day were brought to a close by the President expressing his thanks to the conductor, officers, choir, and entertainers for their united efforts to make their visit a success.

BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above District Council held its first annual trip to Skipton on Saturday, July 20th. The party, which was a very jolly one, numbered about 100. In the afternoon races, etc., were held in the Recreation Ground, some of the events causing much amusement. Two walking races, for ladies only, were well enjoyed, as was also the married men's race. One certain gentleman about to breast the tape and claim the prize had the misfortune to fall at the critical moment. When the sports were over we had tea in the Spiritual Church, after which the party were photographed. We were then conducted through the woods by Mr. V. Laycock, of Skipton. These woods figure among the most picturesque in the North or England. When we reached the top of the woods a halt was called in order to sing a few hymns. A solo was sung by Master Cook, of Keighley. The party returned to the church at 8 p.m., and went through the marchings and calisthenics, Mr.

Summers, of Keighley, conducting. A vote of sympathy was passed on behalf of Harry Hale (Otley Road, Bradford) on account of him having been taken to the hospital during the week. Miss Mary Walker recited "The Drunkard Mother," and Misses Smith and Hughill sang a beautiful duet. Cheers were given to our Skipton friends for the splendid way in which they catered for us.

H. BIRDSALL.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Commercial Street, Brighouse Lyceum, on Sunday, July 21st. Mr. W. Burrows presided over a good attendance of delegates, officers and associates. The minutes, and various reports, were passed. A vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Jagger, of Huddersfield, whose husband has passed to the fuller life; and also to Ramsden Street Lyceum, where he was a strenuous worker. It was resolved "That the Halifax and Huddersfield District Council recommend the addition of naming, marriage and burial services to the officers' edition." It was expressed that such services could be made suitable for Lyceumists, whereas the S.N.U.'s. would be more for adults. Mr. Burrows and Mr. Ellis were elected delegates to the U.D.C.

In the afternoon an open session was held, in which the delegates took part. The evening meeting was conducted by the delegates, Mr. Burrows presiding. Misses Hirst and Allured sang a duet, "The river of life." Mr. Dransfield gave clairvoyant delineations. All the meetings were very successful.

FRED FRANCE, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On June 29th the Leeds Lyceum District Council held their field day and demonstration at York. Lyceumists and friends to the number of 1500 met at York Station, three special trains being organised from the various districts for the purpose. Lyceumists formed up into procession in a quadrangle just outside the station. The colour badges answered their purpose well, and also formed a pretty and pleasing relief. Banners and bannerettes were well in evidence.

The procession which was approximated a mile and a quarter in length, was headed by the York Silver Band, while about half way along the line music was supplied by the York Excelsior Band.

1500 Spiritualists marched through the streets of York, somewhat astonishing the inhabitants but awakening them to a realisation of the fact that Spiritualism was by no means dead.

Mr. G. Rowntree kindly allowed the use of the Homestead Grounds, Clifton, and thither the procession wended its way.

When all were assembled the United Lyceums sang "We meet with hearts expanding," and although a heavy shower did its best to dampen their ardour, their voices rang out, showing how fully they realised the truth of what they sang, for had they not met to make that Children's Field Day the brightest day in June?

After tea there was a noble rally of Lyceumists assembled for their Demonstration of Marching and Calisthenics, and a brave display was watched with interest by the visitors. "Our Lyceum Band" was then sung with much enthusiasm.

Thanks were tendered to all who had in any way helped to bring the "Field Day" to a successful conclusion, while rousing cheers from the throats of all present brought the effort to an enthusiastic termination.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15th in the Pond Street Lyceum, Dewsbury. Will all the Lyceums in the district please note and if possible be represented; a good rally is anticipated, as business of great importance is on the agenda.

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North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

MONSTRE DEMONSTRATION AT SOUTHPORT.

The Annual Excursion and Demonstration organised by the above Council took place on Saturday, July 20th, at Southport. Over 500 Lyceumists and friends journeyed from the district in a special train, and, arriving at Southport, formed in procession in London Street and marched to the sands by way of London Street, Nevill Street and the Marine Drive, headed by the Railway Employees' Brass Band. The officials for the occasion were as follows:—Chief Marshal, Mr. H. Hargreaves; Assistant Marshalls, Messrs. Hollinshead, Thornton, Clark, Fisher, Martin, Crooks, Butterworth, Lonsdale, Brooks, and Fish, and Mrs. Ormerod; Marching Conductor, Mr. H. Buller, assisted by Messrs. Richards, Driver, Butterworth, and Higham; Calisthenics Conductor, Miss A. J. Howsin; Musical Conductor, Mr. P. Handforth. After the opening hymn, "Life is Onward," the President, Mr. H. Hargreaves, said it was one of the happiest times in his life to see such a vast number of spiritualists and others present. That afternoon they

had to demonstrate the methods of teaching in their Lyceums. There were certain functions in the Lyceums which were worth their consideration because they were of vital importance to the relation of their life to all lives; they believed, as spiritualists, that they were capable of demonstrating, not only that there was a life here, but a life hereafter, and everyone who had studied this great question would know they had brought the world a new message—the gospel of truth. He would also take this opportunity of thanking the Corporation of Southport for their kindness in allowing them to demonstrate on the sands. A display of marching and calisthenics were then gone through. After singing "Our Lyceum" Mrs. Nurse, of Rochdale, addressed the gathering and said they were not there that day for mere enjoyment and pleasure, but to show what they knew and what they did, in the hope that it might induce some who were non-spiritualists to go to them and investigate and see and analyse for themselves. Then they could judge rightly, and come to the conclusion that there was something far more uplifting and more noble in Spiritualism than they had ever thought before. Spiritualism removed the fear of death because it proved there was no death. They knew this life was preparatory to the life that was to be—the immortal life. It was absolutely necessary that they taught their children here and now—how to live—not how to die.

Mr. R. A. Owen, of Liverpool, also addressed the gathering, and said he hoped that would be the forerunner of many similar demonstrations. He asked the elders to take a more practical interest in the work of the children. They had four phases of teaching:—The first was the *physical*, the second the *mental*, the third the *moral*, and the fourth the *spiritual*. They believed the child was the repository of infinite possibilities. The assembly then sang, "Lead spirits bright," and dispersed for tea. The remainder of the day was spent in sight seeing, rowing on the lake, etc.

GEO. C. HIGHAM, Secretary.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

DISTRICT VISITORS' QUARTERLY REPORTS.

ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1912.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.—There are 12 Societies in this district, six of which have no Lyceum. One interview has been sought and held with the Handsworth, John Street Society. The matter of starting a Lyceum is to be brought before the Committee at an early date.

Birmingham (Crabtree Road): The Lyceum was having its special service on the occasion of my visit, and right well did the boys and girls acquit themselves in singing, reading, etc. The Conductor and Leaders are to be congratulated on the good results. Fare 1/-. *Walsall*: Special services were held here on the occasion of my visit. The morning session was conducted by the Mayor of Walsall. Two ladies gave very interesting papers, which were listened to with marked attention. The usual chain recitations being nicely rendered. Mr. H. F. Lawton conducted the evening session, when two ladies gave papers. The audience was very attentive during the proceedings, and delighted at the way the Lyceumists sang and recited. *Birmingham* (Crawford Street): On my arrival here I found the session had been changed from afternoon to morning, so am unable to report on it. Fares 1/3. Postages for quarter 6d.

A. O. THOMAS, D.V.

BOLTON DISTRICT.—There are 11 Societies in this district; all but two have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Bolton* (Commission Street): April 7th, Open Session (Anniversary), a good number present, along with many visitors. Session throughout very good. Fares 1/-. *Hindley*: April 14th. I am very pleased to report an improvement in this Lyceum, and also an increase in numbers. *Bolton* (Bradford Street): April 21st. I am pleased to report a splendid Open Session, visitors being present from many places, the room being full. Session very instructive and pleasing. Fares 1/-. *Platt Bridge* (Gas Street): April 28th and May 1st. This is a newly opened Lyceum and doing very nicely. Average attendance 12. Patience and perseverance will bring them success. Fare 4d. *Chorley*: May 10th. This is a new Lyceum, opened on the day of my visit. There were 22 present, mostly adults. A very nice morning was spent, considering the Lyceum method was new to them. Fares 1/6. *Daisy Hill*: May 26th. I am pleased to report this Lyceum is doing well, the average attendance being about 50.

J. RUDD, D.V.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.—There are 21 Societies in this district, 12 of them having no Lyceum. One interview has been sought.

General remarks.—*Bradford* (Boynnton Street): This Lyceum is going strong. Enjoyable session. Marching and calisthenics good. The chain recitations were briefly explained by Mrs.

Ramsden. If the present conditions continue they will shortly require a larger room. *Bradford* (Holme Street): A fair Lyceum, marching a little too quick, calisthenics fair. Sorry they are closing until they can find a more suitable room to meet in. Fares 1/6. *Keighley*: This Lyceum continues to make headway, marching being taken alternately by the children and leaders. Calisthenics extra good. *Shipley*: Chain recitations fair, marching good, calisthenics not so good. A very good Lyceum on the whole. Fare 1/-. I have tried to obtain an interview with Skipton. I hope to succeed soon.

ERNEST SHACKLETON, D.V....

HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.—There are 12 Societies in this district; all but two have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Hatifax* (Alma Street): There was an attendance of 48 members. The officers are alive to the importance of order and discipline. The doorkeeper admits no one when such admission would disturb attention of the Lyceum when instruction is being given on chain recitations. Fares 1/5. *Hebden Bridge*: May 20th. I found 22 members present. The calisthenics most excellent. This Lyceum has suffered by removals. May I suggest a house to house visitation to fill up the vacancies? Fares 2/4. *Brighouse* (Martin Street): May 19th. There were 16 members present. They formed into three groups. A very interesting lesson was given in Liberty Group. Fares 10d. *Brighouse* (Commercial Street): June 2nd. Present 32 in the morning and 47 in the afternoon. Marching good, calisthenics excellent. The lesson in Liberty Group was on "Personal responsibility." Fares 5d. *Elland*: This Lyceum is about to be reorganised. I hope it will have the desired effect, and bring about a more prosperous state of things.

SETH ACKROYD, D.V.

LEEDS DISTRICT.—There are 19 Societies in this district who have a Lyceum. The number without a Lyceum is not known.

General remarks.—*Leeds* (Psycho): The Lyceum is poorly attended, and is in need of a rousing revival among the members of the Society. *York* (Cromwell Road): There were about 33 present. A little more discipline among the youths would effect an improvement. It is a fairly good Lyceum. I hope they will have groups shortly. In the afternoon I visited the *High Ousegate* Lyceum. Punctual start, 33 present. Reading, singing and conduct good; marching and calisthenics very good. Nearly every scholar gave a pearl of thought. Fares 2/8. *Hunslet* (Church Street): June 16th. Morning session 30 present. Reading and pearls good; singing fair; marching good. No groups. Afternoon 40 present. Marching, etc., as in the morning. Altogether a well conducted Lyceum. Fares 4d.

SAM LEE, D.V.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.—There are 13 Societies in this district; five of them have no Lyceum. Two interviews have been sought and held. No result at present.

General remarks.—*Chester*: With the exception of being a little late I found this Lyceum on the up grade. Fares 1/7. *Birkenhead*: This Lyceum, which is composed of very small children, was up to its usual standard on the day of visit. The two visitors from Daulby Street Lyceum were heartily received. *Seacombe*: Although not quite up to its average attendance, the session was good. *Daulby Street*: A very interesting session. The interest taken in the groups is noticeable. Marching, calisthenics, pearls, etc., were all good. Fares 4d. *Southport*: A marked improvement here. Although not large in numbers, they made up for it in quality. Fares 2/6. *Runcorn*: This Lyceum has taken a new lease of life. In watching the excellent session no one could realise that only a short time ago it was about to lapse. Fares 2/6. In conclusion, I would like to impress upon all Societies the importance of trying to furnish more assistance and leaders to their Lyceums. In a good many cases the work falls on one or two. GEORGE MATHISON, D.V.

LONDON DISTRICT.—There are 26 Societies in this district; 14 of them have no Lyceum. Four interviews have been sought.

General remarks.—I am pleased to report the re-opening of *Peckham* Lyceum. They have decided to join the Lyceum Union at an early date. Fares 1/-. The Society at *Seven Kings* have got a new hall and are going to start a Lyceum as soon as arrangements can be made. Fares 4d. I have seen the President of the *Croydon* Society, and he has promised to write me as soon as they are ready to form a Lyceum. Fares 8d. I, along with Mrs. Clegg, went to see the officers of the *London, Oxford Road* (Princess Street). They are having a new hall built, and have decided to have a Lyceum as soon as possible when the hall is ready. Fares 10d. *Tottenham*: A small attendance. Conductor ill, so I officiated for him. Pearls, songs and recitations good. Fares 1/-. *Brixton* (Mayall Road): This Lyceum is progressing both in quantity and quality. The singing, recitations, etc., were good. Fares 10d. *Little Ilford*:

The Conductor is in need and worthy of more help from the Church members. It would repay the movement to render all the help they can. *Fulham*: This Lyceum has improved since my last visit. Pearls, recitations, answering questions, marching and calisthenics were all good. *Plaistow*: On my last visit I found an improvement. The pearls and recitations were good. *Manor Park*: Recitations, pearls and reading good. *Kingston-on-Thames*: Marching and calisthenics good; reading, pearls and recitations very good. I would like to invite the elders of the church to come forward and render help. Fares 2/3. *Plumstead*: This Lyceum has improved since my last visit. The pearls given were nicely commented on as to their meaning. Recitations, marching and calisthenics good. *Battersea*: Present, three officers, 22 scholars and five visitors. The friends here have a very hard task to maintain the Society and Lyceum. Fares 10d. Postages 1/2. MYERS CLEGG, D.V.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.—There are 11 Societies having a Lyceum; the number who have no Lyceum is not stated.

General remarks.—*Moss Side* (Princes Road): Open Session was held, everything passed off very harmoniously. (Maskell Street): This Lyceum had a very interesting lecture on Physiology. This Lyceum is losing its Conductor, Miss Cheetwood, who, along with her parents, sails for Canada on July 4th. Miss Cheetwood has been in the Lyceum all her life. *Higher Broughton*: There were only 24 present. The meaning of Whitsuntide was nicely explained by Mr. Tinker. Fares 4d. (Chell Street): Nothing near the number present that is usually to be found there. A good response to recitations and a very interesting session. Fare 2d.; postage 3d.

ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.—There are 21 Societies in this district, none without a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Accrington* (China Street): There is a great improvement in this Lyceum. Singing fair; readings well rendered; comments thereon of a high standard. Marching and calisthenics lack precision. A very good session on the whole. Fares 1/2. *Brierfield*: A great improvement here, much credit being due to the Conductor, Miss Hudson. The efforts put forth were pleasing and harmonising. This will become a really good Lyceum with care and attention. Fares 2d. *Barnoldswick*: A late start owing to absence of Conductor and Musical Director. This has now been remedied. There is a need for leaders to rally round this Lyceum. *Earby*: Open Session. A nice gathering of children, but a shortage of leaders. The session was pleasant. Combined fares 1/8.

REUBEN LATHAM, D.V.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—There are 11 Societies in this district; eight of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—The quarter has been notable for fraternal visits made by the Lyceums in Nottingham town to one another, each having held its anniversary, which have been well attended and successful, as reported in the LYCEUM BANNER.

J. J. ASHWORTH, D.V.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.—There are 20 Lyceums in this district; all but two have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Bacup*: April 21st. Scholars present, 11 males, nine females; two late. Singing too slow; marching moderate; calisthenics good. I hope to find an improvement on my next visit. Fares 2/-. *Oldham* (Coronation Street): April 28th. Present 20, on the register 25. Reading, singing, marching, calisthenics, and general discipline good. Many pearls and solos given. This Lyceum is making good headway. Fares 1/1. *Luzley Brook*: June 14th. This Lyceum is at a great disadvantage owing to having no music. They are willing workers and would do with a little assistance. The singing was good; marching and calisthenics moderate. Many pearls and solos were given. Fares 11d.

ABRAHAM TAYLOR, D.V.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.—There are 14 Societies in this district; 10 of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Darnall*: A good Lyceum session; many children present. I should like to see more adults taking part in the Lyceum work. Fares 2d. *Balaclava Road*: I am pleased to report has now a Conductor and is sure to make progress. Fares 4d. *Attercliffe*: They were practising hymns for anniversary, and so had to dispense with ordinary session. I asked them a few questions bearing on the Lyceum Union's Executive visit, which were readily answered. Fares 4d.; postage 2d.

ERNEST VICKERS, D.V.

STOCKPORT DISTRICT.—There are 14 Societies in this district; 10 of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Heaton Norris*: Although this Lyceum is well conducted, very little increase of members is made. The session was a pleasant one. *Mossley*: This Lyceum has made great progress. A good attendance. Well conducted. Good session throughout. Fares 1/8. *Hyde*: A great improvement in

this Lyceum since my last visit. A good session, well conducted. "The workers win." Fares 8d. *Hadfield*: Although this is a small Lyceum the officers are very efficient, and everything was up to the mark. Fares 1/3. JOHN MARSTON, D.V.

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

General remarks.—*Darlington*: April 14th. Going strong, great enthusiasm in their work, both old and young. Fares 1/8. *Middlesbrough*: April 28th. Moderate attendance, but very earnest in session work. *Gurney Valley*: May 19th. Attendance moderate; conduct good; responses, etc., exceptionally good for a new Lyceum. Session ably conducted by Miss Harris, only a girl herself. *Shildon*: Punctual start; moderate attendance. Singing excellent. Groups, etc., all that could be desired. Fares 2/10. *Stockton*: Improvement since last report. Responses good. Session well conducted. *West Hartlepool* maintain their ground and are making steady progress. Praise is due to those who have stuck to their post through a very trying time. RICHELIEU BROWN, D.V.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.—There are 20 Societies in this district; 14 of them have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Newcastle* (Royal Arcade): This Lyceum is declining in numbers, but those that remain are doing their best. Harmony and good order is their motto. Fares 3d. *Wallsend*: Is still making progress and would flourish more if they had more room. A good session. Fares 1/1. *Cullercoats*: This is a new Lyceum and in need of help to make their effort a success. Fares 1/2. *Hirst*: Recitation, pearls, marching, etc., good. They have made good progress and are now in need of a bigger room. Fares 2/6. W. J. TAYLOR, D.V.

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 July 26th.

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, Aug 21st, to ensure insertion in the Sept. issue.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, July 14th, the visitors to our Society and Lyceum were the Executive of the B.S.L.U., which I can truly say was an enjoyable affair. On the Saturday the choir gave a very good entertainment. Dancing was indulged in. On the Sunday we held an Open Session, when the members of the Executive made some very interesting remarks. Mr. Moorey conducted, assisted by Mrs. Wilkinson and Miss Allan. In the evening the choir ably rendered two anthems, under our able organist, Mr. H. Robinson. I hope our scholars will be encouraged to attend more regularly, and so make our Lyceum a bigger success.—J. Ainsworth, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—We held a splendid session on Sunday, July 7th, full of interest, inspiration and spirituality. Several good pearls were given. The following took part:—Miss M. Flatt, Miss Jones, Miss Wadman, Mr. Horn and H. Birdsall. In the evening our scholars attended a memorial service for the late Mr. Hale, who had been a very hard worker both for the Lyceum and Society. The room was crowded, several being turned away. Mr. John Jackson gave a very impressive address, dealing chiefly with the beauties of the "Life beyond the grave," and concluding with emphasising the good work Mrs. Hale did for Spiritualism while in the body.—H. Birdsall.

BURY (66, King Street).—We are very pleased to report that we have secured another and far more suitable hall, and think, with a good rally round, we must surely succeed. On Saturday, July 20th, the Rambling Club visited Prestwick Clough. The rambles prove very beneficial and interesting. A cordial invitation is extended to all fellow Lyceumists and friends.—Mrs. Cotterell, Secretary.

CHADDERTON (off Brook Street).—We held our Lyceum open session on Sunday, June 30th. In the afternoon we had marching and calisthenics, readings, solos, recitations and a good response of pearls. In the evening a musical service. Mrs. Hilton, A.C., occupied the chair, and Mrs. Roberts gave the invocation. Mrs. Oldfield gave a reading, and Mr. Broome gave clairvoyance. Saturday, July 20th, a Farewell Party and Social on behalf of Miss J. Andrew, a Lyceumist, who is leaving us for Auckland. 50 Lyceumists and friends partook of tea. During the evening, Mrs. Oldfield made the presentation to our sister, of a *Lyceum Manual* in roan gilt. We sincerely hope our sister will continue in this noble work.—Mrs. M. Oldfield, Secretary.

CHESTERFIELD, OLD ASSEMBLY ROOMS.—On Wednesday, July 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Widdowson held a reception in connection with their wedding. Everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves. During the evening our assistant Conductor, on behalf of the Lyceum, presented Mr. and Mrs. Widdowson with a silver tea set, both feelingly replying. A grand time closed with our two friends receiving many congratulations and good wishes from those present. Sunday, July 14th, we held our Open Session, the following contributing: Dora Hand and Horace Cartledge, pianoforte solo; Ernest Hobster, violin solo; William Hand, banjo selection; and F. Elliot, F. Philpott, P. MacDonald, G. Roberts and G. Winwood, recitations.—E. Cowell, Assistant Secretary.

COVENTRY.—On Saturday, June 29th, we held our Annual Summer outing by brake to Brandon, when about 90 sat down to a splendid tea. Games and racing followed, and prizes distributed to anxious recipients. Returning home about 9 p.m., which brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.—H. Rice, Secretary.

DERBY (Charnwood street).—On Sunday and Monday, July 14th and 15th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary and Flower Service. Lyceum Open session in the morning, speakers, Mesdames Pinder and Forshaw. In the afternoon and evening the Lyceumists gave solo, dialogues, and recitations, etc. In the evening Mrs. Forshaw gave an address on the "Bearers of Light." On Monday a Public Tea was much enjoyed by a goodly company, followed by a continuation of the Childrens' Efforts, everything was entirely successful. Soloists, Mrs. D. Allen, Miss F. Blood, and Miss Bertha Smedley. Speakers: Mr. Flat and Mr. Riley.—H. Wead.

EARBY.—Our usual Open Session was held on Sunday, July 14th, but only a modern attendance on account of our people returning from their holidays. We have got a number of Lyceumists formed into a Morris Dancing Troup, and their first engagement is on July 27th. Their conductor, Mr. G. C. Bradley, is the instructor. So we are both trying to educate and cultivate them into healthy children.—J. W. Clark, Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD.—On Sunday, June 30th, we had our election of officers, when the following were elected: Conductor, Mr. Crooks; Assistant, Harry Waterhouse; Secretary, Mr. Baxter; Leaders of Marching, Mrs. Holt and Frank Howarth; Calisthenic Conductors, Patience Birtwistle and Nora Wrigley; Guardian, Alice Anderton. On Sunday, July 7th, we held our open session. The silver chain was led by Mr. Crooks, the musical reading by Harry Waterhouse, Louie Holt, and John Taylor. The golden chain was led by Amy Bullin. Recitations were rendered by Nora Wrigley, Alice Taylor, Annie Leach, and Amy Bullin. A duet by Louie Holt. Mr. Baxter brought a pleasant session to a close.—M. R. Baxter, Secretary.

HADFIELD.—On Sunday, July 21st, we held our anniversary. The speaker was Mrs. Bentley, of Manchester. In the morning we had an open session, and were congratulated on the style in which we conducted the Lyceum. In the afternoon Mrs. Bentley gave a splendid address and a few clairvoyant delineations, and Master Fred Ridgway gave a solo. In the evening we heard another grand address from the speaker, and Miss M. E. Hinchcliffe gave a solo. We had a very good attendance throughout.—W. Chorley, Secretary.

HALIFAX (Raven Street).—Lyceum anniversary services were held on Sunday, July 14th. Mr. Ingham took for his subjects a brief outline of the Lyceum work, and Spiritualism, is it true or false. He did every justice to both subjects. Mr. Tom Tyrell (Blackburn), clairvoyant, gave some striking delineations of spirit forms. We had a very good time. At the morning session Mr. Marvel, the chairman, spoke well of our Lyceum. The choir rendered good service with special hymns and the anthems, "Harken unto me, O my people," and "Clasp your hands together." They were conducted by Mr. J. W. Firth in an able manner. Mr. J. W. Thorpe gave good service at the organ. The collections amounted to £16.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—The Lyceum anniversary services were held on Sunday, July 14th, Mr. E. Spencer, of Nantwich,

being the speaker. Morning and evening services were fairly well attended, the speaker taking for his subject, "The Legend Beautiful," and "Life Lights," both of which received admirable treatment by the speaker, who is a gifted elocutionist. Many little gems of poetry were interspersed. The session in the afternoon passed a vote of condolence to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Houston on the death of Hilda. Every one felt the effect of the sorrowful event. The great heat no doubt affected the attendance, and the collection suffered accordingly; the sum collected was £3 8s. 11d.

HYDE.—Sunday, July 21st, was our Lyceum day. Our open session was held in the afternoon, when we had a goodly number of friends present. Recitations were given by the Misses Blackshaw and Wright. Messrs. Firth and Brannell gave four prizes for good attendance and behaviour. They were presented to the winners during the evening service by Mr. Firth, of Strines. Winners: Misses I. Wright and R. Blackshaw, and Masters R. Davies and J. W. Brannell. We had for our speaker, our friend and brother Lyceumist, Mr. W. Poulton, of Manchester, who gave a very nice address. Special hymns by the Lyceumists, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Sidebottom. Mrs. Mattocks officiated at the organ. A good time all round.—A. S. Wright, Secretary.

MIDDLETON (Gilmour Street).—Sunday, July 7th, we held our open session in the afternoon, and was largely attended by Lyceumists and friends, which, I think, encourages the workers. Solos, recitations and pearls very good. In the evening a service of song, "Ministering Angels," was well rendered, the room being full. Solos by Mrs. Dooley, Mrs. Liddle, Bertha Heywood, M. A. Whitehead, F. Horrocks, E. Horrocks, A. Wilkinson, E. Simpson, and Mr. Liddle. Everything passed off very well, and was a good success. The reader was Mrs. Dooley. Conductor Miss Davies; Assistant Conductor, Mr. H. Barrington, Senior; Musical Conductor, Mr. J. K. Evans. I hope it will lead to still further progress of the cause.—John Liddle, Secretary.

LANCASTER (Collegian Rooms).—Home again. Our Lyceum has grown much stronger as regards children, in their absence from this room, but there is a falling off of leaders, which we hope to bring up to full strength again when the rush for Canada is over. Open session greeted our re-opening, and the response made us think of days gone by. Recitations, E. Kirk, J. Potter, Elsie and Ethel Henney, Eva Thompson, E. Coupland, John Thompson. Our summer trip is close at hand, and all are looking forward to a happy time. The leaders are still conducting Lyceum sessions in turn, and our conductor gives us credit for the promise we show, and holds high hopes for the future benefits of the Lyceum.—Mr. J. Kirk.

LEEDS, ARMLEY.—At our half-yearly meeting held on July 2nd, the following officers were elected: Conductor, Mr. Hayland; Assistant, Master J. Warrington; Treasurer, Mrs. Smith; Guardian, Miss Oddy; Registrar, Master A. Connor; Librarian, Mrs. Oddy; Delegate, Master J. Warrington; Musical Directors, Master H. Hayland and Miss May Suman; Sick Visitors, Mrs. Oddy, Mrs. Hayland; Captain of Guards, Mr. Jim Joy; Guards, Masters J. Warrington and J. Lister.—Mrs. Whitaker, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—We held our annual flower services and distribution of prizes on July 7th, when our esteemed brother, Mr. Wright, distributed the prizes, and spoke very encouraging words to each recipient. Afterwards we had solos and recitations by the scholars. In the afternoon, as well as in the evening, we gave a service of song entitled "Unseen Hands," Miss Clark being the reader. Afterwards there was a presentation to Miss Clark on behalf of the leaders of the Lyceum. The efforts were a very big success, as we had large audiences all day. We are making members fast.—John Wicks, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).—On Sunday, June 26th, we held our anniversary services, Mrs. Bentley (Manchester), was the speaker. There were good attendances at each session. Throughout the day recitations, songs, solos, also an Ode of Welcome and a presentation of a bouquet of flowers to the speaker, were rendered by the Lyceumists and were appreciated by the friends. The afternoon session took the form of a short address. Songs, etc., also the prizes, were presented by the speaker to the successful recipients, also the "ode of welcome" rendered by seven of the children, of whom each recited a verse holding a decorated letter, which formed the "welcome." Although not so effective as the previous one. It was nevertheless a success.—J. C. Butler, Secretary.

LINCOLN.—Sunday, July 7th, being open session, several recitations were rendered, but I would urge upon our members to make more variety, such as solos, etc. A good amount of

work has been done in this Lyceum during the last six months, thanks to much encouragement from one of our earnest workers, and a much brighter future seems to be before us, and we anticipate even a greater success than has ever attended our efforts up to the present. May each officer have a more enterprising spirit to push forward the cause of truth, and may our motto be "The Workers Win."—H. C. Dobby, Hon. Secretary.

LONDON KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—We have been invited, by our friends Mr. and Mrs. Bowskill, to hold a session at their house, Hampton Hill. After the session a nice tea was provided and permission given to pick as much fruit as we wished. We thanked our kind friends, and after a fine romp in the hay, each one received a nice bunch of flowers to take home. July 7th, open session. Mrs. T. Brown gave an interesting talk from the "Young lives in the Bible." Marching and calisthenics were good. We were very pleased to enrol and receive a new member, Ivy Chambers, amongst us.—Connie Brown, Guardian.

LONDON, NORTH HOLLOWAY.—Our sessions during the month have been well attended and very instructive. Pearls said, have been well thought out, and our Lyceumists are giving their attention to beautiful lines. The recitations have been excellently rendered and special mention must be made of the beautiful poems said by one of our youngest members, Violet Brennan. Sunday, July 7th, Miss Hall, ably conducted, our conductor being in Liverpool. Sunday, July 14th, 22 Lyceumists journeyed to the Tottenham Lyceum for an open session; we trust our visit has made them more energetic in carrying on the work for the children; it was a delightful time. Sunday, July 21st, the officers had tea together to discuss our outing to Epping Forest on the 25th, when we hope to have a good time.—Bert Kent, Secretary.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—Sunday, July 14th, Holloway Lyceum visited us for a united session. Pearls and responses very good. Recitations by Irena Kent, Kathleen Jones, Irena May, Bessie Lewis, Ivy Lewis, and J. Darkin. Solos by Mrs. Forsyth, Miss Firth, Elsie Barnes, Miss Whorlow, all being splendid. Mr. Forsyth conducted the marching and calisthenics in an able manner. We had with us Mr. Smyth and Mr. and Mrs. Clegg of the District Council. Our platform being beautifully decorated with flowers looked very nice. We were addressed by Mr. Smyth and Clegg, each expressing themselves at this, our first united service, being a great success. I think Lyceums should visit each other, to make us more enthusiastic.—C. Barrington, Conductor.

LONDON, WOOLWICH.—This Lyceum still continues merrily on its way, although one would like to see more fresh faces. The scholars are taking quite an interest in writing short essays on various subjects. And some of our scholars who cannot attend sessions now, owing to business, send along their efforts, which are heartily welcomed. Pearls and recitations, too, are well said and explained. We would like to see any Lyceumist of the district who would like to call on us, they will be heartily welcomed.—H. Wathey, Conductor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, BENWELL (Co-op. Hall).—On June 27th, we united with Rutherford Street for our summer trip, which was held at Righton. All went well until tea time when it began to rain, but not to be daunted we went to the Benwell Hall and there finished a very enjoyable day. On Sunday, July 7th, we held our open session, we invited the elders to give recitations, etc. Mr. Hamilton recited "Peggy and the Bear," Mr. Currie recited and sung; Mrs. Salkald gave a solo; Mrs. Dodgson and Mr. Stock a duet. Recitations were given by the children. Mr. Taylor, the District Visitor who was present, addressed the children.—William Stock, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, HEATON.—On Sunday, July 7th, we held our open session, which was presided over by Mr. Ronaldson, in the absence (on duty) of Mr. Hunter, conductor. Recitations were given by Misses Cora Gay, Lily Eke, Alice Eke, Beatrice Eke, and Lily Scorar, Masters Ralph Blair, Ralph Eke, Fred Eke, Mr. Tweedy and Mr. Ronaldson. Songs were rendered by Miss Mabel Blair, "The Coming of Angels"; Miss Gray, "Sweet Golden Age"; Miss Guy, "Waiting on the other side"; and Misses Mamie Blair and Lily Scorar, "Be kind to others." Mr. Fenwick presided at the organ. It was very pleasing to welcome Mr. Fenwick and family back to the Lyceum after an absence from the district of twelve months.—J. Ronaldson, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM, HYSON GREEN SPIRITUAL ALLIANCE.—On Sunday, July 21st, we held our first flower service. Afternoon a musical dialogue was well rendered by thirteen children, entitled "Emblems of God," specially written by Miss Victoria Rayner. Each child represented a flower, and recited a piece about that particular flower. Two tiny tots,

Maggie Sanderson and Freddie Stowe sang a duet very effectively. In the evening we again had the children to the fore, R. A. Young gave an inspiring address concerning flowers, which was highly appreciated. Quartets were rendered by the amalgamated quartet parties. Solos by Miss E. Swadden. The flowers were afterwards presented to the old people in the Alm Houses.—A. H. Coles, Secretary.

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NOTTINGHAM (Parliament Street).—On July 7th, we held our Lyceum Flower service. We had a good quantity of beautiful flowers, and as it was also "Temperance Sunday," Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Marsters kindly paid us a visit, and he addressed the children, which is always interesting. Misses Alice Huntbach and Edith Hickling rendered good solos, and Violet Hannah and Miss Rose Harris gave recitations. Mr. Jarvis recited "The Women of Mumbles Head." It was splendid all through the morning, in fact we had a very enjoyable time.—C. H. Newham, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—On Sunday, June 30th, our annual election of officers took place, which was very satisfactory. On July 7th we held our open session, the speaker for the day being Mr. Hilditch, of Oldham, who named the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Shaw, two of our Lyceumists. The marching and calisthenics were well executed. The recitations were very attentively listened to, being given by Miss A. Kenworthy, Mr. F. Shaw, C. Diggle, H. Sharpe, and S. Clayton. Miss A. Diggle sang, "Lead Kindly Light," and Miss L. Booth sang "Hymns of the old church choir," both being very sweetly rendered. A very enjoyable afternoon well spent by all.—H. Shaw, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—Sunday, June 30th, was our half-yearly meeting and election of officers. We intend working harmoniously together, so that we may have a successful Lyceum, which will be a credit to our movement and to our founder, A. J. Davis. Spiritualistic pictorial text cards are given every Sunday by Mr. H. Buckley to all Lyceumists who recite or sing. It is the means of helping to bring out their best talents. We are always pleased to have with us every Sunday morning Mrs. Simpson, one of our old pioneers in Oldham. She is always willing to do whatever she can to help the Lyceum. We send our fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists throughout the world.—Miss N. Hoyle, Secretary.

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PARKGATE.—We had our Anniversary Services on Sunday, June 30th, afternoon and evening, when special hymns were sung by the Lyceumists, trained and conducted by Mr. E. Chivers. Mr. S. Featherstone was the speaker and delivered two splendid addresses relative to Lyceum work. On Monday night the hymns were again repeated, and the following also recited:—Master Wm. Ed. Roebuck, and Misses Annie Wrigley, Grace Roebuck and Lillie Featherstone. Afterwards the scholars went through their marching, calisthenics and exercises, being conducted by Miss Florrie Storey. The audience was highly delighted, as they did not expect such a treat. The calisthenics were a sight to behold, and great praise is due to the children for the way they went through them.—J. Gothard.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On Sunday, July 21st, we held our Open Sessions. We had the pleasure of having Mr. R. A. Owen, Vice-President of the B.S.L.U. The afternoon session passed all expectations. Recitations were given by Miss A. Jones, Jennie Littler, Willie Boyd, and Dorris Massey and Mr. J. Green. We had a letter of congratulation from one of our Lyceumists, Mr. John Massey, who has been in Belfast for two years. Mr. Libbott ably conducted. In the evening Mr. Owen pleaded well for the children's cause, explaining the mode of tuition in our Lyceum. He has left behind plenty of good suggestions for us to work to make our Lyceum better and brighter.—C. A. Lloyd, Secretary.

PONTYPRIDD (Crossbrook Street).—On Sunday, July 7th, we held our Anniversary. In the afternoon the chair was taken by our Conductor, Mr. Rostron; in the evening by Mr. Carr. There were no addresses, the services being taken by the children. A good selection of solos and recitations were given, interspersed by songs by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Williams. On July 13th the Lyceum went for their Annual Outing to Aberavon. Among other things calculated to make the day a red-letter one, the children were taken for a row on the lake. Altogether a very enjoyable day was spent.—L. Sweetman.

PRESTON (Lancaster Road).—On July 7th we held our Open Session, when Joe and Kitty Cusack gave three recitations each, and May Pullan gave one. A good time was spent.—Maude Clarke, Secretary.

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—On Sunday, July 7th, we held our Open Session. We had a very good attendance. Recitations by Nellie Spencer, Alice Spencer, Mabel Cartmell, Annie Collis, Rena Collis, Annie Beetham, Mary Alice Margison, Will Beetham and Willie Holt. Songs by Mrs. Margison, Mr. R. Cartmell. Duet by Hanna Barnacle and Amelia Roskell. Officers have been elected for the half-year, and I hope all will work hand in hand for the benefit of the children, ever remembering that "The Workers Win."—C. Fisher, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—On July 14th we held our Open Session and Anniversary Services, the children taking an active part in rendering of special hymns and recitations, also pearls, which were very good and gave the older members food for thought. Recitations by E. Vernon, O. Metcalfe, Ivy Brooks, and Arthur Bruce. In the evening the children again occupied the platform and helped with the service. Mr. R. Papworth kindly conducted the services for the day. In the evening we had a short address by Mrs. Roddis, who was the planned speaker for the day, and we quite enjoyed the few encouraging remarks from our sister, and the singing of the children, interspersed with recitations, brought a pleasant day to a close.—E.H.M., Secretary.

SHILDON.—On Saturday, June 29th, a wedding took place between two of our Lyceum members in the Spiritualists' Church, the parties being Miss Mary Elizabeth Copping and Mr. John Wilson. Mr. Smith, President of the Church, officiated. In the evening a reception was held, when presents of great value were given to the married couple. A number of Lyceumists from Darlington took part in making a pleasant evening. Songs were sung by Shildon and Darlington Lyceumists; also other friends obliged. On Sunday, July 7th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. Afternoon, at 2 p.m., Open Session. In the evening, at 6 o'clock, a service, consisting of songs and recitations by children. Mr. J. Smith conducted. Singing conducted by Mr. Christopher. Miss Christopher presided at the organ.—T. W. Brown, Secretary.

TODMORDEN.—We had a delightful Open Session on Sunday, July 7th, when the following items were suitably rendered:—Opening remarks from Mr. Clarke; reading, "The Smugglers' Leap," Mr. T. Wild; song, "Into Thy hands," Master Leslie Clarke; recitation, "Two little kittens," Gertrude Howorth; song, 392 *Manual*, Mr. Geo. Johnson; recitation, "Grandpa's birthday," Gertrude Howorth; reading from LYCEUM BANNER, "The Lyceum," Mr. F. Pratt; silver chain recitation 54, Mr. T. Wild; recitation, "The Teddy Bear," Ruth Sutcliffe; recitation, "Man and Nature," Leslie Clarke. I regret having omitted to mention, re our Anniversary Services, solo by Miss B. A. Crossley and quartette by Messrs. S. Wilson and H. Fitton, Mrs. Clarke and Miss B. A. Crossley. Frank Pratt, Secretary.

ULVERSTON.—On Sunday, the 14th inst., we held our Quarterly Open Session. It proved a most enjoyable one. Recitations were very nicely given by Edith and Walker Martindale, Jessie Brown, Poppie and Beatie Tyer, May Miller, May Coward and Willie Hoggett. Songs were very sweetly sung by Miss May Pennington, Doris Coward and Gladys Hoggett. The children went through their marching in fine style. The Conductor made feeling and appropriate reference to the first loss the Lyceum had sustained through transition, John Barton, one of the earliest members, being called to the higher life the day before.—J. E. Coward, Secretary.

WAIHI (New Zealand).—Our Open Session had to be held a week later than was intended on account of sickness and heavy rain. A number of recitations and select readings were nicely rendered. Also a piano solo by Miss B. Grange.—Miss W. M. Morton, Secretary.

WARRINGTON.—On June 28th we had our Annual Trip, when about seventy Lyceumists and friends journeyed to Southport, starting from here by the 9-30 train. The children enjoyed themselves amongst the various attractions upon the sands, the elder portion by drives and walks to places of interest. We had a real good day, everyone enjoying themselves until tired out. We arrived home about 9-30 p.m. Mrs. Evans, Neville Street, catered for dinner and tea. I strongly recommend all Lyceumists visiting Southport to give this lady a trial.—G. Sixsmith, Conductor.

WINNIPEG.—The Logan Avenue Lyceum met at 2 p.m. to-day, and after the invocation we decided to make a surprise visit to the Lipton Street Lyceum, which has just re-opened. We had a good gathering and filled their room. Mr. Manton, the Conductor of the Lipton Street Lyceum, stated that he would like the two Lyceums to get closer together, and some day we will see them giving us a visit. The marching and exercises were conducted by Charles Birch.—Richard Roberts, Secretary.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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

- Accrington,** Carter-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Nellie Ormerod, 27, Spring Street
Accrington, China-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. W. Pincott, 41, Leyland-street.
Ashington, 6th Row, 2 p.m. Mr. William Smith, No. 37, 6th Row, via Morpeth.
Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Dransfield, 13, Russell street, Hurst
Bacup, Market-street, 10 a.m. Mr. William Nixon, 22, Gladstone-street
Barnoldswick, West End Spiritual Temple, 10 and 1-30. Mr. J. Parkinson, 9, Colinsstreet, 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, 54, Albert Street, Batley Carr, Batley.
Belper, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins Brookside
Birkenhead, 46, Bridge-street, 11 a.m. Mr. George Robb, 56, Thompson-street, Hr. Tramere.
Birmingham, Crabtree-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. R. Clarke, 17, Hooseley-road, Handsworth
Birmingham, 52, Crawford-street, Saltley, 10-30. Miss Vera Marshall, 39, Aston Road, North Aston.
Birmingham, Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road, Smethwick
Blackburn, Salford-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. A. H. Caville, 2, Meadow-street.
Blackburn, Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. Walmsley, 25, Coronation Terrace, Windam-street
Blackburn, St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. John Ainsworth, 25, Culvert street.
Blackpool, Albert-road, 9-30 a.m. Mr. Arthur E. Eaton, 11, Cookson street.
Bolton, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Harry Speakman, 86, Stewart-street.
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, Oung-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, 66, King-street, Rochdale-road.
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
Chorley, 11a, Union-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Roscoe, 20, Springfield-road.
Clayton-le-Moors, Victor-st., 10-30 a.m. and 2 Mr. James Livesey, 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, 42, Cartmell Terrace, Hopetown
Darwen, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 60, Redearth Rd.
Dearley, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mrs. John Crowther, 2, Clough Head, Calderbrook, Littleborough.
Derby, Charnwood-street, 9-45 and 2 p.m. Mr. H. Wade, 2, Cockpit-hill, Marledge
Dewsbury, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Joseph Colbeck, 26, Hartley-street
Dukinfield, Railway-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. Thomas Hadfield, 5, Ten Houses, off Wharf-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. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr. William Hall, 115, Brighton-road.
Glasgow, Birkley street, 4 p.m., Mr. Wm. Guild, jr., 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. Mr. R. Baxter, 25, Oak-street, near Blackburn.
Grimsby, Strand-street, 2 p.m. Miss Daisy Scott, 75 Blundell Avenue, New Cleethorpes
Gurney Valley, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm. Hardwick, 4, West Row, Coundon Grange, nr. Bishop Auckland
Hadfield, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Chorley, 5, Marlow-street, near Manchester.
Halifax, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Townsend, 4, Green Terrace Square, Savile Park.
Halifax, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. Levi Blackburn, 16, Luton-street, Queen's-road
Hanley, Percy-street, 2-30 p.m. Miss S. Freakley, 86, Wellesley-street, Shelton, Staffs.
Heaton Norris, Baker-street, 10 and 2. Mrs. J. Williams, 60, Lancaster Hill, Stockport.
Hebden Bridge, Victoria Hall, Cheetham Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. W. E. Worsley, 5, Nutclough
Heckmondwike, Tower Street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. W. R. Lunn, Co-op. Buildings, Huddersfield-road, Liversedge
Heywood, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. James Barlow, 17, Mary-street, Longfield.
Higher Broughton, 357A, Bury New Road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. F. Starbuck, 69, Milton Road, Bury Old Road, Prestwich, Manchester
Hindley, Bridge-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Alfred Hayward, 182, Sandy Lane, near Wigan.
Hirst, 27, 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.; Miss Ethel Watson, Sanass Buildings, Hessle road.
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. 47, Hemwoods Arcade, Mr. R. J. Thomas, c/o Mrs. Jose, 12, Avenue, Mayfair, S.A.
Keighley, Heber-street, 10 and 2. Mr. E. Shackleton, 18 Tennyson-street
Lancaster, Collegian Rooms, Gage-street. 10-30 a.m. Mr. James Kirk, 3, Hope-street.
Leeds, Armley, Theaker-lane, 10 a.m. and 2-15 Miss Emma Whitaker, 2, Colton road, armley.
Leeds, Bethel-street, 10 a.m. Miss F. Woodhead, 5, Khandella Place, Beeston Hill
Leeds, Church-street, Hunslet, 10-30 and 2. Mr. Albert Harrison, 7, Teale street, Stourton.
Leeds, EAST, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2. Mr. H. Shepherd, 9, Copperfield Grove, Cross Green lane.
Leeds, Grove-house-lane (Psycho). Miss Todd, 19, Sutherland-terrace, Harehills-lane
Leeds, Hunslet, Black Bull St. 10-30 and 2. Mr. Fred Rooney, 93, Hunslet Road Hunslet.
Leeds, Joseph-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Thomas Covill, 35, Cross Flatts Parade, Bees ton
Leicester, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 170, Curzon-street.
Leicester, Silver-street, Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Butler, 18, Lytton road
Leigh, Brown-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Hurdus, 43 Clifford-street
Lincoln, Progressive Hall, Coultham street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. H. C. Dobby, 14, Westbourne Grove, Carlholme-road.
Littleton, Well-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss A. Hirst, Well-street, Littleton, nr. Liversedge.
Liverpool, Daulby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. J. Adamson, 37, Mulberry street.
Liverpool, 2, Romer-road, Kensington, 2-45 p.m. Mrs. Midge Parker, 2, Spofforth road, Edge Hill.
London, Brixton, 84, Stockwell Park Road, 3 p.m. Mr. Alex. Brooking, 17, Geneva-road, Brixton. S.W.
London, Fulham, S.W., 25, Fernhurst-street, 3 p.m. Mr. Joseph Dix, 9, Bloom Park-road, Fulham
London, Holloway, N., Parkhurst Hall, 32, Parkhurst-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Bert Kent, 4, Devonshire-road Holloway, N.
London, Kingston-on-Tames, Assembly-rooms, Park-road, Hampton Wick, 3 p.m. Miss M. Welbe ove 109, Bonner Hill-road, Norbiton, Surrey
London, E., Manor Park Shrewsbury-road, 3 p.m. Miss Harrison, 35, Woodstock Road, Forest Gate, E.
London, E., Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Robert J. 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. A. 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 Albinson, 5, Bond-street
Manchester Ardwick, 58, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Jones, 41, Old Elm-street, Stockport-road.