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## Stories from the Classics

### JASON AND THE GOLDEN FLEECE.

#### CHAPTER III.

#### THE BUILDING OF THE SHIP ARGO.

So the heralds went out, and cried out to all the heroes, "Who dare come to the adventure of the Golden Fleece?" And the goddess Hera (Juno) stirred the hearts of all the princes, and they came from all their valleys. The first to come was Hercules, the mighty, with his lion's skin and club, and with him Hylas who carried his bow and arrows; and Tiphys, the skilful steersman; and Butes, the fairest of all men; and Castor and Pollux, the twins; and Cæneus, the strongest of all men, whom the centaurs tried in vain to kill; and there also came Zetes and Calais, the winged sons of the north wind; and Peleus, the father of Achilles, whose bride was the silver-footed Thetis, the goddess of the sea; and Mopsus, the wise soothsayer, who knew the speech of birds; and Idmon, to whom Phœbus gave the gift of prophecy of things to come; and Ancaions, who could read the stars, and knew all the circles of the heavens; and Argus, the famed shipbuilder; and Æsculapius, the wonderful healer. The total number of the heroes who assembled to help to build the ship, and sail in her to go in search of the Golden Fleece was fifty.

So they came to Iolcas, and all the people came to look at those heroes. Some said, "never was such a gathering of the heroes since the Hellons conquered the land?" But the women sighed over them, and said, "Alas! they are all going to their death!"

They cut down the tall pines of Mount Pelion and shaped them with the axe, and Argus taught them to build the first big ship that ever sailed the sea. They built her for fifty oars—an oar for each hero of the crew, and painted her bows with vermilion; and they named her 'Argo,' after Argus. During the building of 'Argo' the king Pelias feasted them at night, and allowed them to sleep in the porch of his palace.

But Jason was not satisfied with his crew, for it lacked the renowned Orpheus, the prince of musicians. So when the first night came he travelled northward into the land of Thrace, till he found Orpheus in his cave. And he asked him, "will you leave your mountains, Orpheus, my fellow scholar in old times, and cross the Strymon once more with me, to sail with the heroes of Minuai and bring home the Golden Fleece, and charm from us all men and all monsters with your magic harp and song?"

Then Orpheus sighed, and said, "Have I not had enough of toil and weary wandering far and wide, since I lived in Cheiron's cave, above Iolcas by the sea? In vain is the skill and the voice which my goddess mother, Calliope (*fair-voice*) gave me; in vain have I sung and laboured; in vain I went down to the underworld among the departed, and charmed the king of Hades, to win back Eurydice, my bride, who had died from a snake bite. And I won her, my beloved, and lost her again the same day by my looking back, fearing that she was not following me to

the upper world of light and song. And in my great grief at my loss I wandered to Egypt, and the Libyan sands and the isles of all the seas, driven on by my terrible loss, and in my wanderings I charmed the hearts of men, and the savage forest beasts and the trees, with my magic harp and song; giving rest to others but finding none for myself, till at last my goddess mother delivered me and brought me home in peace; and I dwell here in the cave alone, among the savage Cicon tribes, softening their wild hearts with music and the gentle laws of Zeus. And now you ask me to go out again to the ends of all the earth, far away into the misty darkness to the last wave of the Eastern Sea. But what is doomed must be, and a friend's request granted; for prayers are the daughters of Zeus and the man who honours them honours Him."

Then Orpheus rose up sighing, and took his harp and went over Strymon. And he led Jason to Dodona, the town of Zeus, by the side of the sacred lake and the fountain which breathed out fire in the darkness of the ancient oakwood, beneath the mountains of the hundred springs. And he led him to the Holy Oak where the black dove settled in old times and was changed into the priestess of Zeus, and gave oracles to all nations round. And Orpheus commanded Jason to cut down one of the boughs, and after a sacrifice to Hera and Zeus (Juno and Jupiter), they took up the bough and brought it to Iolcas and nailed it to the beak-head of 'Argo,' the ship.

At last when the ship was finished they tried to bring her down to the beach; but she was too heavy for them to move her, and her keel sank deep into the sand. Then the crew looked at each other and blushed for shame at their inability to launch it; and Jason said, "Let us enquire of the magic bough, perhaps it can help us in our need."

And when Jason enquired of the magic bough what they should do to launch the ship 'Argo,' he heard a voice which said, "bid Orpheus play upon his magic harp." And Orpheus took his harp while the heroes stood round holding the pine rollers ready to place under the ship, and Orpheus striking the chords on his harp sang—"How sweet it is to ride on the surges, to leap from wave to wave, while the wind sings cheerful in the cordage, and the oars flash fast among the foam! How sweet it is to roam across the ocean, and see new towns and wondrous lands, and to come home laden with treasures, and to win undying fame!"

And the good ship 'Argo' heard him and longed to be away out at sea till she stirred in every limb, and heaved from stem to stern, and leapt up from the sand upon the rollers and plunged forward like a gallant horse; and the crew fed her path with the pine rollers till she reached the sea.

Then they stored her well with food and water and pulled the ladder up on board, and settled themselves each man to his oar, and kept time to Orpheus' harp while the people lined the cliffs; and the women wept, while the men shouted, at the starting of the gallant crew.

#### CHAPTER IV.

#### THE ARGONAUTS CHOOSE A CAPTAIN.

They sailed across the bay and waited for the south-

west wind, and they decided to chose a captain from their crew. Some wanted Hercules because he was the strongest, but he refused, and called for Jason because he was the wisest of them all. So Jason was chosen captain; and Orpheus built an altar of wood and slew a bull, and offered it to the goddess Hera, and called all the crew to stand round the altar, each man's head crowned with olive. And he filled a golden goblet with the bull's blood, and put into it some wheaten flour, honey and wine, and salt sea-water, and bade each one to taste. So they tasted and passed it round, and pledged a solemn vow to be faithful to Jason their captain in his search of the Golden Fleece.

Then Jason lighted the pile of wood and burnt the carcase of the bull, and they went to their ship and sailed eastward, like men who have a work to do and a mission in life to fill. And as they sailed past the base of Mount Pelion (on which their boyhood days had been spent, trained by good and wise Cheiron), they decided to land and pay their old teacher a visit.

So Tiphys, the helmsman, steered them to the shore under the crags of Pelion, and they went up through the dark pine forest towards the Centaur's cave.

Then Cheiron leapt up and welcomed them with a kiss, and set a feast before them. When the feast was over they called on Orpheus to sing for them, but he declined, giving preference to Cheiron, his teacher.

When Cheiron had sung, Orpheus took the harp and sang of chaos, and the making of the wondrous world, and how all things sprang from Love, who could not live alone in the abyss. And as he sang, his voice rose from the cave, above the crags and penetrated through the tree tops and the glens of oak and pine. And the trees bowed their heads to listen and the forest beasts crept near to listen, and the birds forsook their nests and hovered round the cave, charmed with the marvellous song. And old Cheiron clapt his hands for joy at the wonder of the magic song.

They returned to the ship, and Cheiron came down the mountain with them, and in taking leave of them he kissed them one by one, and promised great renown to their expedition. And the crew wept at leaving him, for he was wise and just, and good. Then he went up the cliff and prayed that they might be spared to return home safe and well; and as they rowed away they could see him standing on the cliff with his hands raised towards heaven, and his white locks waving in the wind; and they strained their eyes to watch him to the last, for they felt they would look on him no more.

So they rowed on over the long swell of the sea, past Olympus, the seat of the Immortal gods and goddesses, and past the wooded bays of Athos, and Samothræa the sacred isle, and past Lemnos to the Hellespont, and through the narrow strait of Abydos and on to Propontis; which we now call Marmora. And there they met Cyzicus [syz-i-kus], who welcomed the heroes, for his father had been one of Cheiron's pupils; so he feasted them, and stored their ship with corn and wine, and cloaks and rugs, and other necessary articles.

But during the night, while they were asleep, there came some terrible men who lived with the bears in the mountains, like giants in size, and fought with young fir and pine trees. But Hercules killed them all with his deadly poisoned arrows; yet owing to the darkness, he accidentally slew their friend Cyzicus, for which they all were sorry.

They got into their ship to sail away, but they had not gone far when a whirlwind came, and spun the ship round and drove it on the shore. Tiphys cried out, "This comes from the gods above." Then Jason went forward and asked counsel of the magic bough.

(To be continued.)

## INTUITION.

By Mrs. FRANCES KINGMAN.

### CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

"My dear brother, every healthy soul is the true judge of its needs."

"I need, Anne, what those two children possess. That little Lizzie has taught me a lesson. Oh! what would I give to exchange places with her! Anne, I have played hypocrite to self. I have lived—I see it so plainly to-night—performing ceremonies, repeating creeds, and all the while with doubts in my soul. When death first stared me in the face, I commenced to search for infallible proof of the great future. I read and re-read my Bible, to find the great link betwixt the present and eternity. I have dissected its pages and cried over its miserable inconsistencies, contradictions, and false teachings of the ancients."

I did not see Lizzie advancing. She had heard Charlie's last remark, and going up to him said, "Just don't worry 'bout that now, I'm sure it's no use. I believe if God would write us a Bible He'd write it so plain and easy that a baby could understand it. This is my Bible." And she placed her hand above her heart.

Cutty added, "please Mr. Dalton, God always gives to everyone what they most need." Then turning her appealing eyes to me she exclaimed, "Oh! tell him, dear mother, all that you have told me."

Cutty fairly stammered her last words quite to the surprise of Miss Holt, who exclaimed, "Oh! who's afraid to talk 'bout such things? I shouldn't think you'd be so scared, Cutty."

This remark caused Cutty to blush with confusion. We sat together a little while, and then separated for the night.

### CHAPTER XII.

Lizzie Holt came over yesterday, and called Cutty out. They sat down upon the lowest step of the side door. It was almost noon, and I stepped to the window overlooking them, to invite Lizzie to stay to dinner. I did not intend to listen, but her face arrested my attention. I saw she had been weeping. I heard Cutty say, "I would not care, Lizzie, I know 'tis hard, but then it will all come right some day." I heard Lizzie reply, "I won't, only I'm afraid they will think I'm a real hypocrite. I told Mrs. Orcut so sure, I'd take her Belle; and I teased mother all the morning to let me do it, and she said if I did she'd never call me her child again."

"Let me tell mother," suggested Cutty. "she'll advise and comfort you Lizzie."

At that instant I saw Mrs. Holt coming. Lizzie saw her also, and, wiping her eyes, tried to look happy. They both walked away among the trees towards the summerhouse, and I invited Mrs. Holt into my sitting-room. I saw she looked troubled. I said: "Lizzie has done well for the fair."

"Lizzie is smart, Mrs. Blake, but utterly ruined. I thought I never would trouble you again with this thing; but I cannot help it. I do not wish to offend you Mrs. Blake, but I think I shall be obliged to forbid any further intimacy between Lizzie and Cutty. I have not known until within two or three days that they talk so much of this false religion. I am quite shocked. Lizzie never tells me anything of what people say, but Mr. James and Miss Duane were over last night and told me they were satisfied

Cutty was ruining Lizzie with this terrible doctrine of making heaven a material place, and of talking of being saved through God's love, denying everlasting punishment, and such things. I think Cutty is a perfect little lady, Mrs. Blake, but children never should be allowed to have their own ideas on spiritual things."

I sat very quietly, listening; but made no reply.

"I hope you are not offended, Mrs. Blake. I dreaded to say this."

"Oh, no; not in the least," I answered softly. "But please, Mrs. Holt, will you tell me if you think Lizzie is a naughty girl?"

"No, not bad in the sense people call bad," she answered, hesitatingly. "But what can be much worse than for a child to have such dreadful ideas of religion? Why, Mrs. Blake, I never slept a wink all night after hearing what Mr. James said."

"What did he say?" I asked. "He said, he trembled to think a child coming of Christian parents should believe she would go to heaven if she should die, without being born again. He told her so, and she said, 'I have been born again. I'm born anew every morning and every night when I pray to God.' You know, Mrs. Blake, I told you Lizzie always had her original ideas of religion; but she has grown out of all decency since she and Cutty have talked so much. Did Lizzie tell you of her last caper?"

"She has said nothing particularly new," I replied.

"Well, Mrs. Blake, such things as these are what it all leads to. Last Sunday I sent her to the Sabbath School as usual; well, she meets Norton's two children—those poor miserable creatures—and she asks them if they want to go to Sunday School. Of course they wanted to go, and what does she do but march them into the broad aisle holding one by either hand, saying, 'I've brought you two new scholars.' Miss Duane said that was her first warning of the new acquisition."

"Were the two children tidy, Mrs. Holt?"

Yes—, that is, as tidy as one can expect. They were clean enough, but barefooted. Their clothes were neatly patched, and their hands and faces nicely washed, and their hair combed. But such things won't do. Why Jemie and Alice Merton went straight into the next class, refusing to remain a moment; and Mary Stetson pulled her new dress all up around her and commenced to cry. Miss Duane sent the Nortons home. Then Lizzie was so offended she stood up and said, 'Miss Duane, did you know Jesus was born in a stable and cradled in a manger? Did you know that his father was a poor carpenter? So is Mr. Norton.' Well, you can see plain enough how these things work. Mr. James said he should turn Lizzie out of the Sunday School only for our sakes. I do a great deal for the church, and always give liberally when our minister has his annual donation."

Mrs. Holt ceased her speaking, sighing heavily, then asked, "Did Lizzie tell you I had forbidden her to speak to Belle Orcut?"

"No, Mrs. Holt, Lizzie is very discreet,"

"Well, I thought she would, for she is much grieved. You know Belle Orcut is a great girl and has been dreadfully talked about. Why, she is sixteen. They say she is trying to reform, and wants to go to Sabbath School. Lizzie promised Mrs. Orcut to take Belle and ask Mr. James to give her a place in her class. Belle feels ashamed of her

ignorance, she is so big, and thinks the world of Lizzie, so I suppose feels that to go with her would be quite a protection. I have forbidden the plan. I'll never have my daughter seen with Hiram Orcut's poor, miserable child."

Just then Cutty and Lizzie made their appearance with their arms full of flowers. I advised them to take them into the other room to arrange.

As soon as we were alone I said, "My dear Mrs. Holt, do not check your angel-like daughter in her impulses of true Christianity; do not, I beg you, transform her into a cold creature of the cold world we make it. I shall not strive to argue points of theology with you; something tells me time will heal your unbelief. Lizzie and Cutty are very happy together. I would not separate them."

"I do not wish to do, I assure you; for Cutty has changed Lizzie beyond expression—softened her rude manners, taught her politeness and gentleness—though Lizzie will be herself as long as she lives."

"Do you ever fear she may become an angel early in life?" "No! I am sure I do not, with such nonsense as fills her head!"

Mrs. Holt left me, and I went to see what Cutty and Lizzie were doing.

While Cutty and I were sitting sewing in the afternoon she told me of dear Lizzie's trouble.

"She is so good," said Cutty; "she said she must have her mother's permission to all she did, else she would not 'honour her father and mother;' but she makes me laugh so: she says she'll bet the angels will fix it up all right after awhile."

A few days have passed and I have hardly seen Lizzie. I fear Mrs. Holt has forbidden her to see Cutty. Cutty is quite unhappy, visiting their familiar haunts and walks, and feels so lonely, and says it seems as though Lizzie was dead.

#### CHAPTER XIII.

I pass over a space of time. I need not dwell on the incidents of interest it contains, except to say that my brother Charles has returned home to die, greatly relieved in mind and heart, feeling with me, that death is but the gateway to eternal life, flower-strewn, radiant with immortal glory.

Mrs. Holt decided to take Lizzie away "for recreation as she told me. I understood, and was prompted to tell her she might save herself the sacrifice, as I would keep Cutty's so called *false* doctrines in check; but upon second thought I decided to obey silence. I pity dear Lizzie, and when she came in to bid us adieu, it was difficult to be calm. Of course we laughed heartily; it would not be like meeting her unless we did. As she was leaving us she said: "What'll you bet, Mrs. Blake, this wont turn out *figurative*?"

(To be continued.)

## Bluebell Guild.

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

My Dear Bluebells,—

I am pleased to greet you this month, for although I have not received any list of new member of our Guild I have received two letters approving the suggestion of a Bluebell Badge specially designed for members. I am very glad to have those approvals,

and hope all other interested Lyceums will send me word how many badges they are prepared to purchase if the suggestion is carried out.

The following little story illustrates the sad lot of many little boys and girls who are left without father and mother to care for them.

#### LITTLE ALICE BROWN.

The day was chill and gloomy. At a newly opened grave stood a little girl. She was the only mourner at the sad funeral. Friendless and homeless, she had cried at the loss of her dear mother till she had no more tears to shed; and now she stood, with her poor scanty clothing fluttering in the wind, pressing her numb hands over her aching heart.

"It's no use yer fretting," said the Sexton. "Fretting won't bring yer mother to life. It's a pity ye haven't got relations to take care o' yer. It's a rough world for such as you, I can tell yer. I don't see how yer going to weather it. I think I'll take yer to Mrs. Wilkins, and see if she can do with you as a help. If you stay here you will die of hunger and cold, so come along, young 'un."

So saying he took her by the hand and led her to the lady referred to, and kindly explained matters, hoping to win her sympathy.

Mrs. Wilkins was a selfish, unsympathetic woman, who could see no fault in her own children and many faults in other people's.

Little Alice, who was willing to be of whatever service she could, was received very coldly and made to feel her dependency. The day following, Alice was shocked to see Master Harry, a boy of six, trying to take an apple from his sister Mabel, aged four, and not being able to get it he began to beat her with his whip until she let it fall, and then he ran off with it.

Alice, pale with terror at such selfishness and yelling, tried to quieten the baby, who had taken a fancy to pulling her hair.

"Quieten the child, can't you?" shouted Mrs. Wilkins. Then added, "I don't wonder the darling is cross to see such a solemn face as you've got. There, I do declare, you are going to blind him with those long curls dangling in his face. Come here, I must cut them off."

Alice's lips quivered as she said, "Please, ma'am, don't cut them off, mother used to be so fond of them and loved to brush them every morning, saying they reminded her of little Willie's, who died when I was a baby."

"But I tell you I shall cut them off," was the unfeeling remark, and seizing a pair of scissors the offending curls were soon lying on the floor. Alice cried as if her little heart would break to see her lovely hair spoiled. When the last lock was cut her Mistress cried, "There, you can go and get your breakfast, and be quick about it. There's some scraps in the pantry the children left, if you're hungry you'll eat 'em; if not, you can go without."

But Alice's heart was too full of grief to think of eating, her little shoulders heaved with her restrained sobbing.

"Hello, whats' to do, Mrs. Wilkins," exclaimed the farmer, as he set down his cans with a rattle at the sight that met his gaze.

"Why, the long and short of it is, I've taken this little pauper girl to keep, out of charity, and she's crying at her good luck, that's all," was the answer. "That's the way one's kindness is rewarded. She's nothing to do but mind the baby, amuse the children,

answer the door, wash the dishes, dust the furniture, tidy the kitchen, and run a few errands, and there she sits crying, the ungrateful little beggar."

The kindly hearted milkman did not fail to see the curls on the floor, and the closely shorn head, and so was able to divine the truth. And he was filled with pity and at once decided to rescue her from her cruel lot. So he said, "It appears to me, Mrs. Wilkins, the girl's going to have a fever, she's all the symptoms of it; and your children may catch it and die you know. You'd better let me take her before she's too bad to move. Perhaps a change of air may do her good. Anyhow, she'll be off your hands."

Mrs. Wilkins was frightened at the suggestion that her children might catch the fever and die, and agreed to let Alice go, feeling glad to get her out of the way.

Alice was soon safely placed in the milkcart and wrapped up in his great big coat, and forgot her tears as her kind friend chatted to her of the cows, birds, and flowers that surrounded the farm, and the jolly times she would have when they were making the hay.

She was warmly received by the farmer's wife, and her grown up family, who soon learned to love and make a favourite of her. The farmer related to his wife and family the condition in which he found the little orphan. Several of them had tears in their eyes as they listened to her sad lot.

Little Alice fell asleep that night with a sweet smile on her face. Her fears were gone. She felt she was with good, kind people who would love her, and she longed to grow big and strong so that she could help them and so show her gratitude.

And who shall say but that her spirit father and mother breathed a prayer on the heads of the kind friends who had provided a home for their homeless child!

Miss M. Leach, of Leicester, writes:

"Dear Flora Belle,

When reading in the "Lyceum Banner" about a badge from our brother, Mr. Sixsmith, I thought I would write and say the suggestion is a very good one. The same idea has passed through my mind many times, and I sincerely hope it will be taken up. How nice it will be when away from home to meet anyone wearing the Badge. It will be an introduction to each other. Also it will remind us what our Guild stands for, and whenever an opportunity presents itself to do good. The little badge (if we have one), will be the means of putting good, pure, and noble thoughts into the minds of all members of the Bluebell Guild. Best wishes for its success, and hearty greetings to yourself and all members of the Guild, from the Leicester, Silver Street, members of the Guild.

Yours fraternally,

M. LEACH.

My other correspondent writes as follows:—

"Dear Flora Belle,

"Just a line to thank you for your prompt despatch of Bluebell Guild cards. Their distribution caused great satisfaction to the recipients. I took a vote of the Lyceum last Sunday (Sept 15th), *re* the proposed badges, and over thirty voted for them on condition that they should not cost over 2d. each. They could be a small Bluebell worn over the Lyceum Badge, or as a tie pin. We have formed a concert party in our Lyceum called the "Flora

Belle Troupe." This is one way in which a Lyceum can help the Parent Society. I will report result of our first concert next month.

Yours fraternally,

WM. WOODALL.

South Shields, King Street Lyceum.

I thank Mr. Woodall for his kind letter. I do hope their newly formed Troupe will be a big success. I shall look forward with pleasure for the promised report.

Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

## For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

There are moments when we all feel there is no need for the things we are doing. This idea often comes to us in school. We cannot see any sense in much that we learn when young because we are unable to grasp the real use for which our study is fitting us in after-life. Many men have expressed their regret when they have forgotten things which were learnt as boys at school. Many boys cannot see the object of reading, writing, and arithmetic. They learn just as much as they are forced, and when school life is over their education in the new surroundings of the workshop overwhelms any desire for further study. These are the boys who never really become men with the advance of years. Others are allowed to think for them to shape their lives. No boy who is a true Lyceumist can remain in this indolent condition. I have heard boys, when leaving home to go to school, speak enviously of a cat or a dog snugly curled up on the rug before a nice fire and wish they were allowed to spend their time like the animals. My dear boys, nature intended your life to be spent in a more useful way than the animals are able to spend theirs. You have powers which animals do not possess, and school life is necessary to us all if we want to know about ourselves and the world in which we live. We cannot learn of anything unless we know how to speak and read. We cannot read unless we know the alphabet. By this means we write to one another as I am writing to you now. By this means we learn from our teachers the many clever things the animals can do. I will tell you of a few of them and their doings.

The beavers of North America live together in Colonies in the rivers and obtain food by damming the rivers. They use their sharp teeth and gnaw away at the base of the trunk of a large tree on the river bank, until, with a crash and a fall the tree topples across the water to the opposite bank, mud is brought and the tree is banked up to make it secure. If you creep stealthily up and watch them at their work you will find every beaver quite busy, even the old ones having their work. There they sit on the flat root of some fallen tree, and when danger is near the old beaver will give one sharp loud flap with his trowel-shaped tail. Every beaver dives suddenly out of sight, quickly followed by the old beaver, who is lost to sight beneath the surface of the water. By and bye the watcher will bob his head above the water, then his body, and if the danger is passed will resume his place of watching, again flapping his tail on the tree stump, when all the beavers

repeat their labours with the building of the dam.

Another little animal, or perhaps I should say an insect, which is very industrious, is the ant. The ant is not quite half an inch in length and burrows in the earth, raising by this method small mounds, reaching two or three feet high. These hillocks are very numerous in South Africa, being about forty yards apart, and covering hundreds of miles.

There is also a big spider in that country which does not weave a web in corners as the English spider does. This giant field spider makes a hole in the ground about ten inches deep and an inch in diameter. The whole of the nest is lined with a fine web, which the spider clings to when climbing out of or descending into the nest. If you could go to the plains where these spiders live and examine the ground closely after it has been raining, you will notice here and there small hollows in the ground. By inserting the blade of a sharp pocket knife in the edge of the hollow and using it as a lever you can raise the lid of the nest of this trap-door spider. The lid is about half an inch thick, and will be found to be made of a very large number of layers of the spider's web. Having raised the lid, obtain a straight twig and fasten a bit of cotton thread round and round one end. Now drop the end slowly down the hole, and if the spider is at home whoever holds the stick will feel the spider grip the cotton, and it may be pulled slowly up to the surface and placed on the ground so that you may examine his structure. Watch his movements, and he will after a time return to his hole and commence to weave a fresh lid to replace the one you have destroyed.

Domestic animals have lost many of their native powers through human beings making pets of them, and so we feed them, and expect in return the dog shall tend the sheep and watch the house. The cat is expected to keep us clear of mice and rats. Dogs and cats have masters. Boys should learn to be masters of themselves because they have higher powers than animals. Animals work by instinct. Boys use judgment, comparison, and method, using reason as a guide for all they do. The hive-bee always makes the honeycomb the same shape in the same way. The throstle always builds its nest alike. The rabbit always makes a warren to protect itself from other animals by the use of its teeth and claws. The cuckoo will always steal another bird's nest before he will make his own, if he can possibly do so. I want you to notice that animals only repeat what other animals of the same kind have done before. Men, who are only grown-up boys, have greater powers than animals, and build their homes in many kinds of ways to suit their convenience, and are constantly making improvements in their dwellings. In England we can build a brick or stone house any reasonable shape we like. The Japanese do not build their houses like us. If they did the houses would always be tumbling down. Earthquakes occur very often in Japan, and movements under the surface of the ground are always happening. The houses there are built of bamboo and paper set upon a square slab. If the house was made of stone it would fall when the earth was shaking. The bamboo house just shakes about when the earthquake is happening and settles down when the tremors have gone.

I have wandered about the world to give my readers the idea that a general education is best

and fittest for a boy to face life with. The people who think for themselves and prepare for opportunities are very wise. I like to walk and talk with the boys who can find a bird's nest in the hedge and visit and re-visit the nest without disturbing the eggs. A boy I know found a nest in the process of making. He visited the spot many times, watching the bird making the framework of twigs and an inner layer of hay. By and bye an egg was laid; two more eggs came afterwards, and then the hen bird commenced to sit. Many times did the boy go and watch the young birds in the nest, feeding them with moist bread when the mother was away. The time came when the young ones commenced to jump about and afterwards to fly. The weather grew colder, until one day the boy visited the nest to find the birds had all migrated to a warmer clime. When the boy told me such a long story of his journeys and visits to the nest I felt quite proud of him. I thought how some boys would have taken the eggs and finally broken them, and missed the opportunity of the pleasure this boy had felt when he did not disturb the nest. What is true of the bird is just as interesting with animal and plant life. I hope you will someday get many teachers who will look at life and teach you from this aspect.

I knew a man once who came into the Lyceum and wanted to teach, but he could never collect his thoughts until one day, when he was walking on the moors and thinking of the Lyceum and his desire, he saw a shepherd walking before him with a dog at his side. In the distance, scattered over the moor, was a flock of sheep. Just as the man caught up to the shepherd he heard the shepherd say to his dog, "Round them up, Laddie." The dog ran off, far away over the moor, and was sometimes lost to sight in the hollows, reappearing on the crest of the hills with the sheep in front of him. Round and round the dog went until the sheep were in a small circle. The flock was then brought by the dog to the feet of his master, who patted his dog on the head, saying, "Well done, Laddie." The dog wagged his tail and resumed his place at the heel of his master.

The Lyceumist had watched the performance, and a happy light shone on his face. He had obtained a lesson, and saw a way out of his difficulty with his teaching. This was what had come to his mind: The moor was a note book, the sheep his scattered thoughts, his dog was a pencil and his mind was the shepherd. From that day he commenced to "round up" his thoughts and became a very useful teacher. If you should ever meet him you can tell who he is by his pencil and his note book, and the interesting things he relates to his class of boys in the Lyceum.

#### LYCEUM JUBILEE.

On Sunday, January 26th, 1913, it will be 50 years since Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis described his visions of children in the Summer-land, and inaugurated the first Children's Progressive Lyceum. Now, it is fitting that we celebrate this 50th Anniversary, and make it an International Jubilee. That is, all the Lyceums in existence in the world—English, Scotch, Welsh, American, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, and South African join in one grand celebration. Towards this desirable object we invite Lyceumists everywhere to favour us with suggestions of a suitable programme that all Lyceums may observe on January 26th, 1913.

## The Peace Brigade.

Conducted by C.W.M.

My dear comrades,

I had fully intended having a talk with you this month about one or two matters bearing seriously on us all, on Lyceumists in particular, and on so-called Lyceum enthusiasts and workers especially; but I have decided to defer that until a later time, for I wish to give you some valuable extracts from a speech made at the Eighth National Peace Congress, Westminster, 1912, by J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., and space is too limited to do both. The subject of the discourse was "Labour and Peace;" but the extracts I give you are to show what care is needed by all to prevent our being duped by the Press on important national questions. Those who would like the fuller speech need only write to me and I will put them in touch with the source from which I got it. To those readers who care "to reap truth from fields of fiction," I should strongly recommend (as showing how the people of countries are made into puppets in the hands of ministers and officials, and how the Press helps on this), the book of Marie Corelli's entitled *Temporal Power*. This is unlike her usual type of theme and story, but is valuable in helping to disclose much to the blinded masses.

Surely some of our members and readers will have questions to ask, or suggestions to offer, or remarks to make, about all these topics, which would be of general interest and value to all. Then do not hesitate at writing about any point that appeals to, or puzzles you.

Here are the extracts from the discourse on "Labour and Peace":

"The sentiment of Labour all over the world is in favour of Peace. There is no jingoism amongst the working classes when the working classes are in their normal frames of mind, and when they are sane. The working classes, however, sometimes become insane like other people, and then, without thought, and without due consideration, they are impelled by their emotions either to support, in a negative sort of way, a war, or, occasionally, as a matter of fact, to call for it. Therefore, the great problem that is before us, seeing that democracy is beginning to rule the world, is to devise a means by which, when wars become possible, and when they are being worked up, the working classes will continue to remain in their normal frames of mind. If we could once solve that problem then we have solved the problem of peace. But the trouble always is that the newspapers, which our constituents read, tell them cock-and-bull stories. It is all humbug. There never was a word of truth in it; but when it is told you in a newspaper, however often you may be warned that these newspapers are absolutely incorrect, and are far more famous for their imagination than for their facts, nevertheless you see it in black and white in front of you, and, although you do say, "This has to be taken with a grain of salt," nevertheless you also come to the conclusion that there *may* be something in it.

"You remember, when the iniquitous war in South Africa was being manufactured in certain newspaper offices, how you were told one morning that the Boers had lashed English women with thongs, and how you said, 'Well, however much we may be in favour of Peace, this has gone just a little too far, and something has got to be done,' and it took us three or four

months to be convinced that there was not a single word of truth in the story that made us morally in favour of war. And when it was all over, one of the scoundrels who was responsible for the war, coolly confessed that he and his friends knew perfectly well that you would not get the English democracy to favour a war unless you aroused its moral indignation, and they adopted that method of arousing your moral indignation. That is the point; that is the trouble; and until we have got a Press which is believed in and trusted by the great mass of the people in this country, and other countries, until then the conditions of Peace can never be secured."

#### THE ADVENTURES OF PRIVATE WILLIAMS.

I want to tell you a story this month which, if it does not interest you as a story, may yet help you to perceive some of the various traits exhibited in the lives and characters of men. I must also impress upon your minds that this is not a fable, written for the purpose of whiling away an idle hour, but it is the truth:—only names are altered, not facts.

Private Kellet was one of the most promising men we had in the Company, and, if rumour was worth anything, was next for promotion. He always kept clear of the canteen and card table, and took a pride in his "buttons, boots, and buff," and, as the boys used to say, he always looked as though he was going "on furlough," for he was always so spic and span in every detail. All seemed to be going quite smoothly until one Sunday morning the bugle had just sounded the quarter-of-an-hour dress call. This means that everybody must be in their places for church parade when the "Fall-in" is sounded. Everybody was looking quite gay in their clean khaki suits and white helmets, and there was an occasional laugh, mingled with our curses, at being forced to turn out on Sundays and listen to the "sky pilot" for an hour and a half when we might have been writing home, etc. Somehow, I don't just know how, young Kellet's white helmet suddenly fell off the rack on to the floor. I know that that does not sound much, but when I tell you that it takes half a day to clean one well, you may understand what it meant to him to have it dirtied only five minutes before parade time. The result was that he did not turn out, and so was reported for being absent from church parade. On Monday morning he was brought up to the Orderly Room, being marched in along with other prisoners for like paltry offences, and he was charged with being absent from parade. The punishment meted out to him was seven days' pack-drill; which means to undergo three or four hours' drill every day with all one's belongings strapped to one's back; to be prepared to do any fatigues or dirty work that may turn up; and to have a black mark placed against one's character on leaving the Service. After that, Private Kellet took the down grade. Being drunk, fighting, being absent from parade, and refusing to obey orders were only a few of his crimes for which he served pack-drill and imprisonment. He did rise above it all a long time after, as you will see.

There were a few of us in the Company who would do anything to get him out of a scrape, and one time a real chance came. He was undergoing a term of three months for striking a non-commissioned officer; and on special occasions we were able to see him. It was Christmas Day, and the Commanding Officer gave orders that all prisoners were to be given their letters from home. Imagine the joy, if you can, of that

poor lad receiving news from home. I had the pleasure of giving him his letter, and was permitted to read it after he had done so. It was from his dear old mother, and as I glanced up from the pages I could see the scalding tears streaming down his cheeks because the letter asked for the help which he could not give. Well, I won't say much about it, but I told the boys in the Company, with the result that we sent his mother a good sum of money every week whilst he was in prison. When his term was up, we all shook hands with him, and in the end we got him to go straight once more. But the best stroke of all was when he pinned his mother's letter of thanks over his bed. It made us feel like men, and Kellet also.

#### York Study Group.

A Study Group has been formed at York. We have secured a comfortable room, capable of seating 60 persons, adjoining the Co-operative Hall, Railway Street. The opening night was Thursday, September 5th, when Mr. F. Hynes, Leeds, kindly gave us a paper, "Spiritualism, *not* Spiritism." This was followed by a lively discussion, the room being full. These meetings will be held every Thursday night, and it is hoped thereby to educate ourselves and to show the people of York what our movement stands for. Many members have already been enrolled, and it is felt this has at last supplied a long-felt want in York. We welcome all Lyceumists and Spiritualists. On September 5th many of the officers of the Lyceum and Church of the Cromwell Road were present, High Ousegate being also represented, but the officials of St. Saviourgate were conspicuous by their absence. It is passing strange that this (the parent society), will not encourage anything which will tend to lift the cause out of its lethargic state in York. Their Liberty Group came to an untimely end through lack of official support.

#### In Memoria.

**Ordinary intimations will be inserted as follows:—**  
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WALSALL.—It is with deep regret that I record the passing to spirit life on August 29th, of Mr. John J. Bennett, aged 36, brother of Mrs. J. Venables, Mayoress of Walsall, and also of Mrs. Sarah Brown. He was a past member of the Executive Council of the Lyceum Union, and an ardent worker in the Lyceum, of which he was the conductor. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn his loss. The interment took place on September 2nd, in the little Aston Churchyard, Streetly. On Sunday, September 1st, a memorial service was conducted by Mr. W. J. Leeder, at the Central Hall, Walsall.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—I regret to announce the sudden passing on to the spirit life, on September 3rd, of Mr. Jonah Clarke. He was a past President of the Lyceum Union, in which he was deeply interested. The interment took place on September 5th at St. Andrew's Cemetery, the services being conducted by the Rev. A. Hall, M.A., Unitarian Minister.

BRADFORD (Boynnton Street).—In loving memory of Miss Florrie Winder, who passed to the higher life, August 25th, 1912, aged 12 years.

M. RAMSDEN.

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"THE GREATEST GOOD OF THE GREATEST NUMBER."

## Lyceum Notes and Comments.

This month we have the sad duty of recording the passing on of Mr. Jonah Clarke, past President of the Lyceum Union. Mr. Clarke was taken suddenly ill on Sunday, September 1st, and the medical attendant advised an immediate operation for appendicitis. It appears that after the operation, complications set in, and Mr. Clarke got gradually weaker, and passed quietly away at 1 a.m. on September 3rd. And so the Lyceum cause lost an able worker on this plane of existence. Our sincere sympathies go out to his wife, son, and daughter.

Another ardent worker, Mr. John J. Bennett, Walsall, had even a more sudden end. While having a quiet stroll on the evening of August 29th, a sudden fit of coughing brought on hæmorrhage of the lungs, and, gasping "It is all over," he fell into the arms of his friend, and was gone to the spirit side of life. Mr. Bennett was a devoted Lyceum worker, and no less ardent one for the Society. Both alike will miss his genial presence. Mr. Bennett was elected a member of the Lyceum Union's Executive Council at the Manchester Conference in 1907, but did not seek re-election on account of his health. He was one of the Lyceum Union's auditors for a number of years, along with Mr. Frank Chiswell, and while so serving the Union took an active part in drafting a special set of Account Books to meet the special requirements of the Lyceum Union. Our sympathies are extended to Mrs. Bennett and son; and also to Mr. Bennett's sisters, Mrs. Venables, the Mayoress of Walsall, and Mrs. Brown of the same place.

Our thanks are due to Mr. H. Watthey, the energetic Secretary of the Plumstead and Woolwich Lyceum for a photo of their officers and scholars.

We are also indebted to our esteemed co-worker, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, the energetic Editor and Manager of the *Progressive Thinker*, Chicago, for two photos taken of the Lyceum members at the Lily Dale Camp. The first one shows the children grouped in front of and on the rostrum, and the second shows them comfortably seated having lunch; with the

genial presence of Mrs. Cadwallader quietly superintending the proceedings. Her devotion to the Lyceum cause in America may be judged from the fact that she willingly undertakes a 500 miles' railway journey to be present at those gatherings.

Lyceums have been opened at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Burton-on-Trent, and Oswaldtwistle. Will friends please send information to this office as to where the above are located, and times of sessions, so they may be inserted in the LYCEUM BANNER Lists?

## 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.

SIR.—The Committee of the Pendleton Lyceum have asked me write to you asking if you could explain to us in your next issue of BANNER why there are two very interesting articles missing from our LYCEUM BANNER. They are two that have been very popular with not only our Lyceumists, but with very many. The first one is that good friend and worker Mr. Frank Hepworth's the Boys' Special. I am sure every boy is interested in his article. Then we come to our friend Mr. Knight, which I am sure could not be overlooked by anyone—Botany, I am sure was one of the very best articles we had. With these few short remarks I hope you will be able to let us know the reason they are out of our BANNER in print at your next issue so every reader may see it. Yours Truly,

C. LLOYD.

ANSWER.—Each contributor to the LYCEUM BANNER is a free agent, and can cease to contribute when he so wishes.

Now, seeing that our Pendleton friends found the articles of Mr. Hepworth and Mr. Knight of such absorbing interest, will they please explain why their orders for the LYCEUM BANNER have dropped, since May, 1910, from 48 copies to 12, during which time those articles were appearing?—EDITOR.

QUESTION.—Dear sir,—During our morning session we took for our Silver Chain, No. 87, "Wisdom orders all things well." We noticed that the SEVENTH and NINTH editions of the Lyceum Manual differ in the fourth line of the second verse, the seventh edition using the word "fall" and the and the ninth "fail." Will you please answer me through next month's BANNER stating which you think is the more correct and why?

J. W. Woodhead,  
 Leeds, Bethel Street, Lyceum.

ANSWER.—Our opinion is that the correct term is "fall," evidently the "i" in "fail" has been mistaken for "l" and no doubt will be corrected in future editions.

EDITOR.

## MARRIAGE.

Miss Grace Earith, late member of Leaf Square Lyceum, Pendleton, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earith, to Mr. Samuel Humphreys, at Hamilton, Ont., Canada, August 28th, 1912.

Girls' Own Corner.

By Mrs. JESSY GREENWOOD



persons who are grossly uncivil to one another is not seldom one of deep and true affection. If anyone else were to speak of either of them as they do to one another they would resent it exceedingly. The explanation is simply that they have got into the habit of feeling that they can say anything they like to one another without exercising any self-restraint. But it is a mistake, and particularly is it a mistake before onlookers. They do not see the most of the game, only a small portion of it, and are apt to judge the rest accordingly. They see a man rude to his wife, and knowing nothing of the real underlying affection, take it for granted that they are on bad terms. Besides, one must think of the children. They are naturally little mimics, and if they hear father and mother speaking unpleasantly to one another they speedily copy them. It therefore behoves us all to take heed to our ways. Good manners in the family circle is the oil that makes the domestic machine run smoothly.

Correspondence.

THE LYCEUM AND PLATFORM.

In a certain Lyceum on Sunday last (September 1st), a gentleman had to rise and say that what we required for our platforms was more conviction and less quotation. Brave man! This brought to my mind a circumstance over which I have often pondered, and on many occasions argued with several well known mediums, one in Accrington in particular. During the last few years I have on several occasions been asked by students of various spheres if I could recommend to them a suitable book for the study of Spiritualism. In each case I have had to express my regret for the fact that I know of no book which sensibly and definitely deals with the subject. I have, however, suggested certain books by Dr. Peebles and A. R. Wallace, sorrowfully admitting within myself at the time that I could not recommend a work by one of our own accepted body. The works of A. J. Davis, A. Smedley J. Lobb, and various others, being so very vague, void of tangible proof, and generally speaking of so much nonsense in the eyes of the sceptic. To read of green fields and beautiful flowers in what is termed "Summerland" is of no use whatever without scientific explanation.

I must continue to ask myself the question, "Why should we as a Spiritualists' National Union and Lyceum Union have to continually make resource to outside agencies for proof of what we ourselves expostulate?"

It is truly a sad state of affairs. One might say though, that these men of science who prove our statements for us are Spiritualists just as we are; if so, why are they not amongst us? Simply because we, as a body, are not prepared for them. We are too content to sit and listen to this sentimental phenomena which is delivered to us Sunday after Sunday in our churches. Yes! I am openly and decidedly raging war against the army of inefficient mediums who at the present time crowd our platforms. They are alright for us that from experience understand them and take them with a pinch of salt as the saying goes, and alright to those who simple-mindedly take it all in; but what with respect to the sceptic? One must admit that if we desire to enlarge ourselves as a body and make Spiritualism grow, we must first have sound exponents of our religion on our platforms.

Here I ask myself, "To what effect the Lyceum training?" Are our Lyceums providing us with able minded speakers and clairvoyants, as one might suggest they should? The substance of my letter might seem that I suggest a systematical education in the Lyceum of those intending to occupy our platforms; a strict personal examination for certificates of efficiency; a few authorised publications; and above all, a realisation in the minds of all that personal proof of spirit manifestation is of no use whatever to anyone else inasmuch as their belief is concerned.

J. R. LATHAM,

31, Waterbarn Street, Burnley.

THE DIVINE ORDER.

Sir,—In his letter, which appears in the August issue, Mr. Jones makes the statement that the answers to my questions are contained in his previous letter. To me they are not apparent. With regard to his statement, "Yet it would seem as if our lives are mapped out for us and only in that way can we go,"

LESSON PROGRAMME, SEPT., 1912.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	Mus. Reading.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
Oct. 6	25	27	226	131	334
Oct. 13	14	12	205	146	406
Oct. 20	39I	94	212	125	54
Oct. 27	4I	39	230	131	38

PEARLS.

- OCT. 6th.—"The greatest thing a human soul ever does is to see something, and tell what it saw in a plain way."
- OCT. 13th.—"Trust him little who praises all, him less who censures all, and him least who is indifferent to all."—*Lavater*.
- OCT. 20th.—"True goodness is like the glow-worm in this, that it shines most when no eyes, except those of heaven are upon it."
- OCT. 27th.—Our passions are the painters to whom we trust our portraits; and we are beautiful or unlovely according to their interpretations.

THOUGHTS FOR MOTHERS.

THE IDEAL HOME.

To one person the very sound of the word means rest from a busy world, whilst to another it is merely a place where meals can be snatched. Smiles and loving hearts stand for home to you. Home is the one place where character and not reputation rules, and the spirit which prevails there is essentially human. It is there where the father-love protects, the mother-love sustains, the brother-love is indispensable, and the sister-love most encouraging. Home has an influence which is stronger than death and binds all its members with a spell which neither time nor change can break. And coming home should be made so truly home that the weary, tempted heart could turn towards it anywhere on the dusty highway of life and receive light and strength. In itself home represents everything that one could desire, all that one dreams of, all that one waits for without ceasing, all that one hopes for without end. The ideal home is that in which happiness reigns.

CIVILITY BEGINS AT HOME.

Why is the code of civility so often disregarded between husband and wife? The feeling between

I asked him this question, "If this is so, what becomes of the Principle of Personal Responsibility?" I see no answer to this in his first communication, and in his second he professes to be unable to understand what I mean. Very well, I will endeavour to explain. If every person living has his or her life mapped out and can only go according to that map, it is evident that there can be no choice in the matter. Our friend is, no doubt, aware that one of the Principles of Spiritualism is "Personal Responsibility." Now I put the question to you, sir, can you hold a man personally responsible for his actions if he has no choice in the matter? Before you can blame a man for doing wrong you must give him the option of refusing to do wrong. Responsibility implies choice. To deny man the power to choose is to reduce him to a nonentity, to place him on a lower level than the dog which pleases himself whether he barks or remains silent.

Mr. Jones asks, "Are any of the laws of God wrong?" Will he, in the first place, tell me who, or what God is? Can he tell me how many laws of God there are and what they are? And further, can he honestly and truthfully say that he believes in his heart that social conditions to-day are governed by the laws of God? Is it a law of God which compels a man to sit for days racking his brains in the attempt to invent some means of plundering his fellowmen? Does the law of God compel a man to throw a train off the railway line and kill a hundred people in order that he may be revenged on one person who has done him an injury? Mr. Jones, wake up and see that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy. I agree with you that help is needed and that it is right it should be accorded. But why is it needed? Simply to put right those things which are not right. Now Mr. Jones, let me point out to you a fault in your reasoning, which I will endeavour to illustrate in a homely way. In your letter in the August "BANNER" I see the following: "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." I submit that this is not so. It makes no difference to the truth whether the man sees it or not, but it does make a difference to the man when he sees it. Let me illustrate. I have before me a chess problem, the solution of which I have not yet found. By patient investigation I will find the solution. But that will not make any difference to the problem. It remains the same as it was. The difference is in me. I have increased my knowledge. Another illustration, two men are walking along a lane in which stands a post. One of the men is blind; the other can see. The fact that one man cannot see it makes no difference to the post. Truth is truth whether you perceive it or not, and it remains the same truth after you have perceived it. Mr. Jones recommends several books for me to read. Let me return his kindness by asking him to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest that poem in the Lyceum Manual entitled, "There must be something wrong." When he has fully considered it in all its bearings I think he will hesitate before he again asserts that, "Whatever is, is right."—Yours fraternally,

J. RONALDSON.

175, Warton Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

#### LYCEUM DISTRICT VISITORS.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see that the Conductor of Maskell Street Lyceum is *at last* taking a greater interest in Lyceum work generally. It is quite evident up to the date of his appointment as Conductor the work had not secured much of his attention, or he would have been fully aware that in the early part of the present year the D.V. had the full sympathy of the Manchester Council of Lyceums in trying to fulfil her duties whilst in a very depleted condition of health. He deplores the fact of a belated report, which I too regret under the above named circumstances. He further states a visit was paid on March 10th to allow us to nominate her as our Delegate for B.S.L.U. Council. Mr. Jones pleads for correctness of statement. I too, demand and attempt to supply that qualification. I therefore state I have *never*, at *anytime*, been a *delegate* for Maskell Street Lyceum. I was present on March 10th, when a spontaneous request was given by the Conductor, Miss Cheetwood, for the elders to remain behind to discuss a little business matter. I was then personally requested to stay with them, but did not enter into the business discussion until my name had been proposed and seconded as a Nominee for B.S.L.U. President. I then begged this should not be, for I firmly believed in all honours being shared to those worthy of them for services rendered. This disposes of the allegation that I attended for personal reasons. Referring to the alleged visit on March 24th, accuracy on the part of the writer is

not a feature. On March 24th I was speaking at Lancaster, so it must have been my astral self which was left in Manchester. With regard to the subject under discussion, "Astrology," I will not quibble, only to say that at the Session I attended the lecture included physiology, Physiognomy, and even palmistry was mentioned. This was on March 10th. Note LYCEUM BANNER report for April 7th. With regard to the writer's plea for correctness, THE LYCEUM BANNER reports will answer this. My final statement is this: Miss Cheetwood *was* the Conductor on March 10th when my official visit was paid, and for two or three weeks afterwards. It was at the request of the Conductor, Miss Cheetwood, that I addressed the Lyceum. Mr. James Jackson *was* the secretary and *not* Miss Cheetwood. He also took the minutes of the business meeting which followed the session. If there has been any ridiculous blundering, it must appear in the eagerness of the writer to rush into print upon matters which, at least for detail, he is ill informed. I cannot say what "object" Mr. Jones had in publishing the letter in Correspondence in the September issue, but no doubt now that he has appeared IN PRINT as the Conductor of Maskell Street Lyceum his ends will be served.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT VISITOR.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Will you kindly allow me space in the BANNER to protest against the uncalled for and narrow minded letter of A. E. Jones, re District Visitor's Report. During my 19 years as a Lyceumist I have never come across anything calculated to damage a person's reputation more than his letter. In the first instance, the proposition to write to you, was made by a gentleman whom I don't think has put in more than six attendances this year. Secondly, this lecture *should* have been on Astrology, but during discussion it included palmistry, phrenology, and physiology. Thirdly, Miss Cheetwood was then Conductor, so that it is easy to see how that error occurred. Fourthly, A. E. Jones' time would be better occupied in keeping control of the Lyceumists than in wasting good time and talent on such a paltry letter. I wonder if he knows that some of the boys were throwing snuff about during the Session on September 1st, one boy going home with his eyes full of it. Thanking you in anticipation of publishing this protest, I remain a disgusted Lyceumist of 12 years with Maskell Street.—Yours fraternally,

H. TURNER.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to correct Mr. Jones' statement *re* the above report. Our Lyceum (Maskell Street, Manchester) did *not* elect Mrs. Bentley as their delegate on March 10th, 1912, but we nominated her name to be put on the nomination paper to serve on the Council of the B.S.L.U. The district visitor was not present on March 24th, 1912, as stated by Mr. Jones, and at the time of her visit to our Lyceum Miss Cheetwood was the Conductor and I was the Secretary.

JAMES M. JACKSON.

#### THE NORTH MAIL AND MR. KITSON.

Sir,—My Sympathies went out to you when I read in your September issue of your treatment at the hands of the Editor of the "North Mail." But it was no surprise to me, the same meed has been my own many a time from the same quarter.

He absolutely declines to allow a fair field. Printing all the jumbled up ideas, and all the misstatements from outside sources, he caps all by giving them the Editorial blessings, on top of this "inspired representative's" personally gleaned information, but not a line of refutation, explanation, or facts escapes his eagle vision. To still further limits is he prepared to go, as is evidenced by his representative almost entreating myself to contribute a column, with the unqualified assurance of publicity. But ah, when I complied, supplying data which would have made his readers stare, and wonder how far any item in the pages of the "Mail" was reliable, after his garbled assertions regarding Spiritualism, he retained my M.S. five days, returning it without the slightest word of apology. Sir, you did well to put your rejected contribution before your readers. Its temperateness, lucidity, brevity, and general tone will have assured them that the Cause has not suffered at your pen, nor that a busy Editor was asked to publish a long irrelevant communication. Several times of late years the same paper has played precisely the same game, particularly last year, when it reported, at great length, a sermon by a Rev. Stanley Parker, now of York (note for defenders), but time after time cut out of my letters the very parts necessary. After many attempts, public lectures, private letters to one

clergyman and an interview with another, I gave up, and wrote the series of articles for the "Two Worlds," which Mr. Morse re-issued as a pamphlet, and which, in a few weeks was sold out. Now, Sir, it is surely evident that other methods must be adopted, and towards that end I have suggested a "League of Defence," to which I have received the assent of many of our leaders, including your own. Mr. Wallis, Mr. Morse, Mr. Evans, Mr. Oldfield, among a host of others, are ready to assist in their several ways, and to have the Editors of our three Spiritualist organs interested is no mean factor surely.

Details will come under consideration very soon, and before another year dawns I am hopeful of seeing a band of enthusiastic and competent defenders girt round our island, and beyond it if need arises, with liberty to deal, in the name of uncalled for interference. Letters to those papers honest enough to publish them, public lectures, debates, pamphlets, leaflets, etc., will most probably be some of the features of the "League."

I meet Spiritualists who candidly say that they disapprove of such an organisation, using the same time-destroyed argument that, "the life lived is the best answer."

But that—and I write with due deference to those noble way clearers of ours in the past—has been too long a mistaken policy. Passivity, and quaker-like forbearance may be carried too far, so far, that those not with us imagine that we have no real case, no uplifting message, no response to the base charges. During the years of the near future we must demonstrate that besides being able to live a clean life, that we are able, and determined to don martial accoutrements in defence of the principles we hold dear, and which some of us endeavour to instil into those really anxious to know concerning the so-called secrets.

Your introduction of the fact of opposition to yourself, a brother Editor, will have a great influence amongst those out to lift spiritually and intellectually our great movement. This I know to be the case, as, during the past three weeks I have heard numerous expressions of approval and sympathy with you.

In closing, I must thank you for granting this part of your valuable space, whereon to indite my own humble tribute to your zeal and courage, and for the opportunity to refer to the coming "League."

I am, yours fraternally,

Newcastle-on-Tyne, September 21st, 1912. JAMES LAWRENCE.

#### OUR ANNIVERSARY.

- 1 I am pleased to convey a glad welcome to all  
Who have met us to-day in South Manchester Hall;  
Our Lyceum's birthday to celebrate,  
We're eleven years old to-day I may state:  
Our cheerful beginning, I venture to say  
Augurs well for a happy, inspiring day;  
May the richest effect of our "Golden Rule"  
Be ever apparent in our Sunday School.
- 2 I would welcome the officers, true, good and kind,  
Who have helped to enlighten and strengthen the  
mind,  
Their long, noble service is placed above price,  
And has often demanded much sacrifice.  
Yet glad in the knowledge they serve us in need;  
And with loved ones to prompt them and bid them  
"God Speed,"  
They still hold aloft our grand banner on high,  
Which bears the sweet message that man does not  
die.
- 3 In this land of fair promise where freedom we claim,  
We are striving for justice and honour's fair fame:  
We seek not by bloodshed our Cause to maintain,  
But by reason and evidence converts to gain.  
We have builded our fortress with hands that are  
strong,  
And we trust to the future to righten the wrong:  
Our well expressed motto all storms hath withstood,  
"Prove all things and hold fast to that which is  
good."

4 In our efforts for freedom we bodily invite  
All lovers of truth to step into the light,  
We've a message for all, in humanity's name,  
"Death is vanquished for ever," the angels pro-  
claim.

Rally round us, ye workers, and give us your aid,  
Support the good effort already displayed,  
Rest not on your laurels, but do all you can  
For Brotherhood, Right, and the Freedom of Man.

#### BOLTON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting was held on September 7th, at the Spiritualist Hall, Mabel St., Daisy Hill. Eighteen delegates were present, representing all Lyceums in the district excepting Horwich. Mr. Knight occupied the chair, and Mr. Rudd was secretary *pro. tem.*, as both President and Secretary were having their holidays. The delegates' report to the U.D.C., and the D.V's. report, were duly confirmed. Radcliffe delegates were welcomed into the Council. RESOLVED: That all delegates take back to their Lyceums the question of inviting the B.D.C. for their next quarterly meeting to be held on any of the following dates, viz., Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, or 14th, and also to notify the Secretary in respect to the same.

Suggestions for competitions by the various Lyceums, and in what way they may take place relative to prizes, were brought up for discussion. Finally it was resolved to consult our Lyceums, and to notify all the delegates not present to bring it before their Lyceums. The best thanks of the Council were tendered to Daisy Hill friends for their kind invitation and entertainment.

ED. WALSH, Secretary.

#### BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above District Council held a "Children's Treat" on Saturday September 7th, at Dudley Hill. The party which numbered nearly 200, had a most enjoyable time in a field close to the church, where races were held, the children being allowed to enter them free. Tea was provided in Tong St. Church, and all children under 16 were given their tea free.

After tea, novelty races were held for the adults, viz: Ladies' walking match; Gent's, thread and needle race; Ladies' coat buttoning race, etc.

The party then retired to the Church, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

#### SILVER SHIELD PRESENTATION.

The Silver Shield will be presented to the Shipley Lyceum on Saturday October 19th, by Mr. Alfred Kitson. A coffee supper and Social will be held, to commence at 7 p.m. Prices 4d. and 2d.

H. BIRDSALL, Secretary.

#### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held on Sunday, October 13th, 1912, at Ramsden St. Huddersfield Lyceum. Business meeting at 10-45 a.m. prompt. Ordinary and extraordinary business will be dealt with. Afternoon, Lyceum open Session. Evening at 6-30, service conducted by the delegates. Will Lyceums in Council endeavour to be represented and thereby add to success of the meetings?

FRED FRANCE, Hon. Sec.

## LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Advanced Students' Classes, held in the Clarion Institute, Gascoigne St., Boar Lane, Leeds, Thursday evenings 7-45. All lectures are free to the public. Everybody welcome. The object of the group is:—To search for Truth in every department of Being.

SYLLABUS, SESSION I. 1912,—September 19th, "Spiritualism not Spiritism," Mr. F. Hynes, Leeds. September 26th, "Materialism and Spiritualism from a Christian's point of view," Rev. H. D. Longbottom, Farnley. October 3rd, "Jeane D'Arc and the voices," Mr. W. T. Paine, Burley. October 10th, "The way of Spiritualism, and its offers to the world," Mr. Hoyland, Armley. October 17th, "Hereditry and environment," Mr. Smithson, Leeds. October 24th, "Faces we meet, and how to read them," Mr. Turley, Leeds. October 31st, Mr. H. G. Hey, Halifax. November 7th, Open discussion. November 14th, "Martin Luther, his life and times," Mr. A. T. Bell, Leeds. November 21st, "Fossils and fossilization," Mr. E. Vickers, Sheffield. November 28th, "Life," Mr. Pawson. December 5th, Rev. J. J. Forsyth. December 12th, "Spiritual alchemy," Miss E. Mortimer. December 19th, "The materiality of the spirit world," Mr. Gush, Huddersfield. December 26th, Social evening.—Secretary, MISS ALICE HESP, 10, Cross Flatts Drive, Beeston, Leeds.

## LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

We held our quarterly meeting at Tottenham on Sunday, September 15th, when we had very good pearls, recitations, solos, marching, and calisthenics. Also Mr. Butleigh, of Royton Lyceum, was present, and considerably helped us. Mr. Barrington ably conducted the session, and Mr. Forsyth, gave a nice solo. Our President gave a few encouraging words, which ended a beautiful afternoon meeting.

In the evening our speakers were Miss Morris, Mr. Butleigh, Mr. Clegg, Mr. Smyth and A. Brooking. Also we had a recitation from one of the Lyceumists. I feel sure that our work in Tottenham is making headway. Mr. S. Williams and Miss Glennie were present both afternoon and evening, and what with the help of Mr. Forsyth in the afternoon and Mr. Butleigh, who also played the organ for us, we had a most enjoyable day. We hope our Tottenham friends will take heart of courage and make this one of the finest Lyceums in London.

ALEX BROOKING, Secretary.

## NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, September 21st, 1912, in Clark's Yard Lyceum, Preston. Mr. H. Hargreaves, President, occupied the chair, and in his address pointed out various items of interest. The minutes of previous meeting, and the correspondence, were duly accepted. The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, D.V. and assistant D.V's. were accepted as satisfactory. The Secretary, supported by the President, gave the report of the special U. D. C. meeting, held at Burnley, *re* the legislation of the B.S.L.U., and it was considered that the report was satisfactory and that some good had been accomplished. Mr. Elliott gave the report of the Education Committee, which suggested that they had a

new hymn paper in preparation. It was resolved that the Secretary and President go through the Southport Demonstration accounts and prepare a balance sheet for same, and that the same be sent to each Lyceum. The notice of motion *re* the transferring of the Camp Scheme Fund, was considered, and it was decided that the matter should be referred back to the Lyceums for their sanction. It was resolved that we recommend to the various Lyceums the necessity of forming Visiting Committees. The Credential Committee reported that there were present 4 members of the E.C., 25 delegates, and 5 Associates, total 34.

Mr. G. Howarth, Rishton; Mr. Ashworth, Accrington; and Miss Berry, Darwen, were appointed assistant D.V's., for three months. The President and Secretary were elected Delegates to next U.D.C. Meeting at Rochdale. An invitation from Nelson for next Quarterly Meeting was accepted. Votes of thanks were tendered to our Preston friends for their kind invitation and entertainment. The remainder of the evening was spent in a sociable manner. The following Lyceums were represented. Lancaster Road (Preston); Hammerton Street (Burnley); Rawtenstall; Salford, Blackburn, Clark's Yard, (Preston); Blackpool; China Street, (Accrington); Colne; Darwen; Nelson; St. Peter Street, (Blackburn); North Street (Burnley); Northgate (Blackburn); and Rishton—14 Lyceums.

GEO. C. HIGHAM, Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET FOR SOUTHPORT DEMONSTRATION, JULY 20TH, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash for Tickets sold .....	58	16	1½
Collection at Southport .....	1	5	6½
Lyceums' Contributions for Band .....	1	0	1½
Sale of Souvenirs .....	1	9	8
Loss on Demonstration .....	0	17	8½

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## PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Messrs. Altham's for Tickets .....	56	2	9
Band Expenses .....	3	4	2
Hire of Wagon .....	0	6	0
Printing Souvenirs .....	1	10	0
Advertising .....	1	7	6
E. C. Expenses .....	0	18	9

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G. C. HIGHAM,  
Secretary.

Audited and found correct,

H. HARGREAVES,  
President.

## ROCHDALE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the above was held at Royton on Saturday, September 14th, Mr. G. F. Knott, Rochdale, presiding. Important Business was transacted, which will be dealt with at the U.D.C. meeting held at Rochdale in November. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months:—President, Mr. G. F. Knott, Rochdale; Secretary, Amos Harris, Bacup; Treasurer, Mr. J. Lord, Heywood; District Visitor, Mr. Chisnall, Royton; Auditors, Messrs Liddle, Middleton, and Cockroft, Royton. Next Council meeting to be held at Bacup on Saturday, December 14th, when suggestions for the ultimate benefit of the Lyceums in this Council, will be entertained and discussed. Also, will Lyceums desiring the Annual Demonstration for 1913, make their applications for same at this meeting. Business at 4 p.m. sharp. It was decided to present a small token of the Council's esteem to

the late District Visitor, who is emigrating to Australia in October. Acting in conjunction with Heywood Lyceum, this event took place on Saturday, September 21st, when the President, Mr. Knott, officiated for the Council, and presented Mr. A. Taylor with the token and with our deep and abiding wishes for his future welfare.

AMOS HARRIS, Secretary.

#### SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held its quarterly meeting in the Heeley Rooms on September the 22nd, Mr. Widdowson in the chair. Mr. Saxelby was elected Secretary *pro tem.* D.V. and U.D.C. reports were accepted, and a vote of thanks was returned to Mr. Vickers. Also a report of Mr. Vicker's Education Scheme was received with a feeling which points to success. *Re* education scheme, will Lyceums in the district kindly note that the session commences October 4th, and expires with examination in April next? Special Council Meeting to be held in October. Particulars later. The Council attended the Lyceum Session in the afternoon, and had a very happy time with the Heeley children. The evening service was conducted by the Council. Mr. Vickers, Mr. Bowmer and Mr. Saxelby delivered brief addresses, trying to make the children's cause more widely known. Mr. Magness occupied the chair. Any information required concerning the above Education scheme will be readily given by Mr. G. Magness, 120, Duchess Rd. Heeley, Sheffield.

C. H. SAXELBY, Sec. Pro. Tem.

#### UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the U.D.C. was held at Hammerton Street, Burnley, on Saturday, August 31st, to deal with the following motions:—

"(a) That we, the N. E. Lanc. D. C. would urge upon the B.S.L.U. E.C. the desirability of not proceeding with the legalisation of the B.S.L.U. as a separate body."

(b) That we, the N. E. Lancashire D. C., would ask the B.S.L.U. E.C. if it would not be possible to legalise through or with the S.N.U. as an auxiliary part of that body, at the same time to retain all the legislative powers that we now possess. The following D.C's were represented: Bradford, Bolton, Halifax, Huddersfield, Leeds, N. E. Lancashire, Rochdale, Sheffield and Manchester; also B.S.L.U., Mr. Keeling. Mr. G. F. Knott was unanimously elected to the chair. A very lengthy discussion ensued, in which all delegates, and Mr. Latham, and Mr. Keeling, partook.

It was unanimously resolved,

"That we, the United District Council, would urge upon the B.S.L.U. E.C. not to do anything binding regarding the legislation of the B.S.L.U. before the next conference."

Votes of thanks were accorded to our Chairman, also to our Burnley comrades for their catering for delegates' welfare. Splendid sessions were held on the Sunday in which the following delegates who stayed overnight took part. Miss Hesp, Messrs Batten, Birdsall, Ellis, Higham, Rudd, Vickers, Knott, and France. Excellent singing was given by Lyceumists. Our visit was a most successful one.

Next U.D.C. meeting, Regents Hall, Rochdale, November 16th, and 17th. Full agenda next month. D.C's. elect your delegates.

FRED FRANCE, Hon. Sec.

#### IN MEMORIA.

GURNEY VALLEY.—In affectionate remembrance of Ovile Hardwick, who passed to the higher life age one year.

### 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 September 27th.

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, Oct. 23rd, to ensure insertion in the Nov. issue.

BARNOLDSWICK, WEST END.—Our usual Open Session was held on Sunday, September 1st. The following items were suitably rendered: "Roses of Life," Ellen N. Eastwood; recitation, Minnie Eastwood; solo, "Catch the Sunshine," Dorise Eastwood; recitation, "Boadicea," Elsy Watford; recitation, "Daffodils," Lucy Watford; recitation, Miss Bolton; recitation, "Child's evening prayer," George Slater; recitation, "Cherries," Richard Shackleton. Our Conductor, Mr. Smith, gave an excellent exposition of the silver and golden recitations.—Richard Ashley, Secretary.

BIRMINGHAM (Crawford Street).—On Sunday, August 25th, Miss H. Knowles, a stranger to Spiritualism and Lyceum work, gave a paper to the Liberty Group, entitled "The facts of Christianity," the paper being both interesting and instructive, and providing much food for thought. On Sunday, Sept. 8th, Mr. W. Page treated the Liberty Group with a subject, "True Religion," which was greatly enjoyed, Mr. W. H. Shergold and Miss E. Phipps having the care of the children. On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, the judging took place of several plants, Mr. E. Laxton offering a prize for the best, the cuttings of which Mr. Laxton gave previously. There being so little to choose between the plants Mr. Laxton promised to give more than one prize.—W. H. Shergold, Assistant Secretary.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, we held our Open Session in the morning, when we had a visit from Mr. A. Eaton, A.D.V., Blackpool, who gave us one or two little items to think about. In the afternoon, we had another session, when we had a good number of Lyceum scholars present. After the usual routine, songs were rendered by Miss L. Callon, L. Errington, and Mrs. Derbyshire. The whole session was in the hands of our Conductor, Mr. Moorey. In the evening the choir rendered "Daughter of Moab," the principals being members of Lyceum, Miss M. Slater, M. Holland, Polly Critchley, John Ainsworth, H. Robinson, choirmaster, J. E. Robinson officiating at the organ.—John Ainsworth, Sec.

BRADFORD, LITTLE HORTON (Gate Street).—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, we had our Opening Day, when we had two very good sessions. In the morning we had the Liberty Group, and a good discussion on "Our rights," Mr. Gush, Mrs. Snarey, Mr. Walmsley and Mr. Lightowler each taking part. In the afternoon we had visitors from Boynton Street, who wished us every success in our new home. Mr. L. M. Yeadon and others spoke encouragingly, and a real good day was enjoyed by all. The district being a thickly populated one, it is felt that we shall win a number of enquirers into our midst, which is our aim.—J. Lightowler.

BRIERFIELD (Colne Road).—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, we held our Open Session. The interest shown by all was evident proof that the time was not wasted. The responses to the chain recitations were greatly improved. The questions arising therefrom were freely discussed under the leadership of Miss Hudson (our able Conductor) and Miss A. Broadley, of Padham. Miss Hudson has also begun two classes, subjects, Ambulance Work and Calisthenics, which should show an example to larger Lyceums. We are making excellent progress all round.—Clement Bannister, Secretary.

**BOLTON (Bradford Street).**—On Saturday, September 14th, we held a social, under the auspices of the Bluebell Guild, when the following artistes gave songs and violin solos:—Miss Talbot, Miss Little, Mr. Fred Yeoman, Mr. W. Leach. Potatoe pie and cakes were served at the interval. Dancing then followed till the close. It was a financial success, the sum of £3 being raised. This amount was divided equally between the Society, Lyceum and the Bluebell Guild. The Lyceum decided to take advantage of the gift by ordering two dozen *Manuals*.—Harry Speakman, Secretary.

**BRADFORD (Boynnton Street).**—We held our Open Session on Sunday, Sept. 1st, when a good attendance was present. Recitations were given by the Misses A. Ward, Eleanor Lodge, and Hilda Thornton. Master N. Haley recited at both the morning and afternoon sessions, and was well received on both occasions, as there was an object lesson in both recitations for both old and young to take hold of. Miss M. Tempest also recited. I regret to announce the passing to the higher life of our young Lyceumist, Miss Florrie Winder, at the age of 12 years, after a short illness. At the hands of our General Secretary she has received prizes from being about three years old, which renders great credit to her.—A. E. Carter.

**CHESTERFIELD.**—Sunday, Sept. 8th, we held our usual Open Session, and although we had only few items, they were well rendered by the following:—Recitations, Edith Herrott, Selina Elliott, and Francis Elliott. Violin solo, Ernest Hobster; pianoforte solo, Horace Cartledge. I am sorry to report lack of interest in our Open Session, contributors being the same each month. If this part of our session was omitted the first grumble would come from those who are always ready to listen, but not to help. Now, Lyceumists, it is no good teaching progression if we are going to stand still. It is the duty of each to do their best and so make the Open Session interesting and instructive to all.—Edwin H. Widdowson, Sec.

**CREWE (Mill Street).**—On Sept. 1st we held our monthly Open Session. Although we had not a great many scholars present, we had a very interesting session. The pearls, I am pleased to note, are improving. The marching and calisthenics were satisfactorily gone through. Recitations were given by Gladys Mottram and Nellie Greenwood. Gwennie Bagguley and Edith Bebbington sang "Sweet Golden Age" very creditably, but I think we should get on much better if the adults would attend as regularly as our youngsters.—F. Homer, Sec.

**GRANGE VALLEY.**—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, we had our election of officers as follows:—Conductor, Mr. Henry Foster; Assistant Conductor, Miss Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Travers; Secretary, Mr. William Hardwick. I am sorry to say one of our Lyceumists (Miss Harris) is going away, but I hope she will not give up the Lyceum work. I am very pleased to add our Lyceum is making good progress.—Wm. Hardwick.

**GLASGOW (Berkeley Street).**—On the 5th inst. a social was held to mark the occasion of the marriage of two former Lyceumists, Mr. Ken. Sclater and Miss Alice Sudall, when they were presented with a set of silver tea spoons. Mr. Sclater went out to India in 1907 for a five years' engagement, and later Miss Sudall left with her parents for New York. The intervening years but served to strengthen their friendship, which culminated in their marriage at Peckskill, New York, last month. The young couple leave on the 30th inst. for India and carry with them our warmest wishes for their future happiness. On the 22nd inst. a very successful Open Session was held.—J. M. Stewart, Conductor.

**GREAT HARWOOD.**—We held our Open Session on Sunday, Sept. 1st. The silver chain recitation was led by Mr. Crooks, the musical reading by Amy Bullin; the golden chain was led by Mr. Baxter. We had our marching and calisthenics, and also a recitation by Amy Bullin, and solos by Annie Owen, Florrie Owen, Nora Wrigley, and Mr. Baxter; and a duet by Elsie and Lizzie Waring. I hope our scholars will be encouraged to attend more regularly and so make our Lyceum a bigger success.—Mr. R. Baxter, Secretary.

**HEYWOOD.**—Sunday, Sept. 15th, we held our Open Session in the evening, before a large gathering. It was a great success. There was a large number of pearls said, also readings, and our Conductor, Mr. Lord, explained some of them. Solos were given by Elsie and Lizzie James Shipley, Sisters Pickles, Archie Barley, and our visitors from Middleton. Mr. Little gave us a solo. It is the first time we have held it at night, and we were pleased with our success. We are well on the road of progression.—A. Barley, Secretary.

**KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).**—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, we held our usual Open Session. Miss Fossey conducted in a very able manner. Mr. Holdsworth read the Conductor's part of silver chain No. 4. Misses Smith and Hughill sweetly sang the duet, "Over the River of Light." Master W. Summer took the Conductor's part in the golden chain. Musical reading, "Catch the sunshine," the connective reading being given by Mr. E.

Shackleton. The leaders for the marching were Miss A. Cowling, and Master F. Hughill, Mr. Summers taking his usual place as captain. A very enjoyable session.—E. Shackleton, Secretary.

**LANCASTER, COLLEGIAN ROOMS (Gage Street).**—Our Open Sessions show signs of surpassing all bygone days. Mr. Jones and Mr. Clarkson sang a duet, then the same party, with Mrs. Preston and Miss Sharples, gave another turn, which aroused the children to do their best. John Kirk, Edith Hall, Jane Kirk, Alma Verdon, Hilda Verdon, and May Dodd, brought the singing to a close, to the enjoyment of all. Recitations by Lina Finch, Ena Thompson, Lilian Coupland and W. Bleasdale. Many of the children have been singing at the evening services, and our intention was to try and bring together better attendances at the Rooms, and with a little encouragement we hope to succeed.—Mr. J. Kirk.

**LEEDS, ARMLEY.**—On October 5th a Lyceum Social will be held. Price, adults 3d, children 2d. Oct. 6th is Lyceum Sunday. Speakers, Mr. Sam Lee, Mr. Wilfred Lunn, Miss Hesp, and Mrs. Thornes. Tea will be provided at the small charge of 4d. each. On Oct. 12th, 13th and 14th, Married Ladies' Effort. Ham Tea. Adults 9d., children 6d.—Mrs. Whitaker.

**LEIGH (Brown Street).**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, we held our quarterly Open Session. About 60 of our Lyceum scholars took part. Recitations were given by the following:—Misses Woodward, Blackshaw, Guest, Masters Seddon and Gill. Pearls were very numerous, which caused much interest to be taken in them. We are pleased to report that the Lyceum is making steady progress. Our evening service was conducted by Lyceumists only, our Assistant Conductor, Miss Massey, presiding. Each of the following spoke a few words:—Miss Mossey, Mr. Blackshaw, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Shaw. Mr. Whalley and Mrs. Woodward conducted the after circle.—J. Hurdus, Secretary.

**LEICESTER (Queen Street).**—We held our Open Sessions on Sept. 1st. Solos and recitations by the Lyceumists. We also took the services in the afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the following Lyceumists gave solos Misses Baldwin, Foster, Heath and Goldsmith. Recitations by Mr. Robinson, Miss F. Chater, Miss E. Wicks, Master H. Wicks, and a short reading by our good brother, Mr. Wright. In the evening the Lyceumists gave service of song entitled, "Rest at last." Reader, Miss Clark.—John Wicks, Secretary.

**LEICESTER (Silver Street).**—On August 31st we held our Annual Outing, when 60 Lyceumists and friends made the journey to a field kindly lent by a gentleman, but unfortunately we were unable to use it owing to the recent heavy rains. So we sought the use of a school room in which all did justice to a splendid tea. After tea, games and sports were indulged in in the playground, where races were run, and prizes given. After a most pleasant and enjoyable time had been spent, the homeward journey was made. I trust the treat will inspire our Lyceumists to increased efforts.—J. C. Butler, Secretary.

**LONDON, BRIXTON (84, Stockwell Park Road).**—After the holidays are over many absent ones return to the Lyceum. We have various efforts each Sunday, little Douglas Fall and Nella Underwood ever willing each Sunday to help with a recitation. Our youngest Lyceumist, Violet Underwood, three years, nine months, gives a little recitation each Sunday. We have some fine pearls from our elder Lyceumists. On Sunday, the 22nd, our harvest festival was very successful in every way; gifts of flowers and fruit all helped to make it bright. Our little members each gave a special recitation, also Misses Violet and Mabel Parmiter sang a duet. While we were all singing "Swiftly time is bearing us away," that grand leader, Andrew Jackson Davis, was clairvoyantly seen.—Nellie Underwood, Secretary.

**LONDON, PARKHURST HALL, HOLLOWAY.**—During the month our sessions have been well attended to. The recitations have been well rendered, and the pearls have been well thought out. The solos have also been very bright and beautiful. Our sessions on the whole have been bright and uplifting. On the 15th of September our assistant conductor, Miss Hall, very ably conducted our session in the absence of Mr. Forsyth, our conductor.—Bert Kent, Secretary.

**LONDON, TOTTENHAM.**—On September 1st we had our election of officers. Conductor, Mr. A. E. Flowerday; Treasurer, Bella Lightfoot; Secretary and Guardian, Kathleen Jones; Musical Director, Miss Firth; Assistant, Miss Barnes; Librarian and Captain of the Guard, Dorothy Steel. We were very sorry to receive the resignation of Mr. C. Barrington, who has been conductor for so long. September 15th, the District Council paid us their annual visit; there was a fair attendance, and pearls rendered were excellent. Recitations were given by Ivy and William

Darkin, Dorothy Steel, and Kathleen Jones. Solos by Mr. Forsyth, of Holloway Lyceum, and Bella Lightfoot. Piano-forte solo by Miss Firth. A full meeting was held in the evening.—Kathleen H. Jones.

LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—We had a fine outing to Bostal Woods on August 31st, and a most enjoyable outing it proved to be. Capital photos were taken by the scholars. The following Saturday we were invited by the "United Temperance Demonstration Committee" to take part in the procession and tea at the Co-operative Woods, of which we gladly availed ourselves. It was particularly pleasing to us to know that we had been recognised in the district, which I think is a distinct victory for us and will urge us on to greater recognition. We had also a small banner presented to us by one of our members, which we carried in the procession.—H. Watthey, Hon. Secretary.

MANCHESTER, COLLYHURST.—The quarterly open session was held on Sunday, September 22nd, in the afternoon consisting of marching, calisthenics and recitations by Arthur Wild and G. Ashton; musical selection by Miss E. Rhodes and friends. Short addresses by Mr. Laurence and Mr. Giblin. A good attendance of visitors. Evening at 6-30 addresses were given by Mr. Sharples and Mr. Woodcock to a good audience. Mrs. Sharples conducted the after circle at 8-15 p.m.—M. Jessop, Secretary.

MANCHESTER (Maskell Street).—Our Lyceum held its 24th anniversary on Sunday, September 22nd. In the morning we had marching and recitations, also a song by Annie Sharp. In the evening recitations were given by James Hern, Miss Dean, and Annie Sharp, who also sang for us very sweetly. The Conductor gave an address and made an appeal for more help and sympathy from the parents. Altogether an enjoyable time was passed.—Albert E. Jones, Conductor and Secretary.

MOSSLEY.—On August 31st a social and dance was held. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Law, Lyceum workers, were presented with a beautiful timepiece and a brides cake in honour of their wedding. Mr. Howarth, of Stockport, in making the presentation, addressed a few words of advice to the recipients. There was a splendid attendance. The event was a success.—A. Law, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, BENWELL (Co-op. Hall).—On Sunday, September 15th, the District Council held their quarterly conference at our Lyceum. Business meeting in the morning. In the afternoon we held our open session. The silver and golden chain recitations, etc., were gone through, and questions asked, but the answers were not so bright as they usually are. Mr Aaron Wilkinson and Mr. Bogue were invited to say a few words to the Lyceum. Mrs. Macdonald and Mr. Lawrence also responded. In the evening the conference was addressed by Mr. Davies, Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Brinkloe, who pleaded the children's cause in a very able manner. Mr. Rodgers presided. Solos and recitations were rendered at intervals.—Wm. Stock, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Rutherford Street).—On September 1st we held our anniversary services. In the afternoon the service was conducted by Miss Macdonald, who gave a very pleasing address on behalf of the children. Solos were rendered by Miss E. Elnor and Blanche McFadden. Recitations were given by Maggie Taylor, Polly Wardle, Winnie Wardle, Katie Hall, Dorothy Brinklow, Dorothy Craig, L. Oliver, Edith Chambers, and Master Willie Brinklow. Special hymns were given by the Lyceumists who had been carefully trained by Mr. Craig, organist. In the evening Mr. Lawrence presided. On this occasion we were very pleased to have a visit from Mr. Clare, who gave a short address. A very lengthy programme was gone through, and altogether a most enjoyable day was spent by all.—E. Taylor, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Heaton).—On Sunday, September 1st, we held our open session. Recitations were given by Lily, Beatrice, Alice, Fred and Ralph Eke, Cora Gay, Annie Shadforth, and John W. Ronaldson. On the 8th September, we had a surprise visit by Mrs. Bentley. She addressed the Lyceum and made feeling reference to the transition of Mr. J. Clarke, Newcastle, Treasurer of the Northern Counties Union, and Mr. J. J. Bennett, of Walsall. She pointed out the necessity of others being ready, able, and willing to take up the duties laid down by those who passed to higher spheres. She also urged the children to thoroughly study the philosophy of Spiritualism while young, as they would find it of the greatest benefit in life.—J. Ronaldson, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, September 22nd, a mass meeting of the five Lyceums was held in the King's Theatre, Mrs. A. E. Bentley being the speaker. The chairmen were,

morning, Mr. W. J. Leeder; afternoon, Councillor R. A. Young; and evening Councillor G. Berry. There was an excellent programme, on which each Lyceum was represented. Mrs. Bentley gave her usual enthusiastic addresses. The choruses, etc., were assisted by an Orchestral Band conducted by Mr. J. W. Raynor. In the afternoon an open air service was held in the Forset, where marching and calisthenics were gone through, which attracted a good deal of attention. In the evening the theatre was full to overflowing. Accompanist on the piano, Miss E. Armstrong.—Louis Cooke, Sec.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On Sunday, September 15th, we held our Harvest Festival. The speaker for the day Mr. Aronavitch. Afternoon session was well attended. Mr. H. Lilliott and Mr. J. Green ably read the silver chain recitations. Pearls were very good, each Lyceumist explaining the Pearls they gave. Mr. Lilliott conductor. A real good session ended with good remarks by Mr. Aronavitch. Evening service was also well patronised. Mr. Richards was in the chair, and we heard a very good lecture from Mr. Aronavitch. Monday, a fruit banquet and social was held, which was a high success.—G. Lloyd, Secretary.

ROYTON (Union Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, September 1st. A good day was well spent together. Solos were rendered by May Greaves and May Roebotton. Duet by Sarah E. Haslam and Frank Jones. May Roebotton recited. Mr. Chisnall and Mr. Greaves gave readings. Election of Officers resulted as follows: Conductor, Mr. Greaves; Assistant, Mr. Chisnall; Leader of Calisthenics, Miss Annie Haslam; Secretary, Miss Bertha Clarke; Treasurer, Miss Goodwin; Guardians, Miss Sarah H. Haslam, and Frank Jones; Musical Conductor, Mr. A. Cockcroft; Delegates Mr. Chisnall and Mr. Cockcroft.—Miss Bertha Clarke, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, DARNALL.—September 8th was our Lyceum Anniversary, when Mr. Fred Smith was our speaker. The children sang collectively, and the following took individual part: Amy Gallimore, Lucy Johnson, Willie Bowmer, Mabel and Clara Hawkins, and John W. East. Recitations were rendered by the following: Jessie Watson, Dorothy and Ethel Cottam, Lily Brightmore, Willie Bowmer. Miss Harley, Mr. Reginald Bowmer, Miss E. Robinson gave the solo, "Sweet Golden age." Mr. Wm. Quantrell, co-conductor of the Lyceum and President of the Society, made an admirable chairman. We are indebted to friends from Sheffield Centre, and Balaclava Road for help. Miss V. Stoakes officiated at the organ. Attendance only fair.—Mr. George Sharman, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, HEELEY.—On Thursday, September 19th, we held a grand concert, all items being provided by our Dramatic Club; the Hall being crowded. Humorous songs were given by Harry Whitehead. Sketches were also given. We brought the concert to a close with a burlesque from "Midsummer Night's Dream," entitled, "Pyramus and Thisby," the audience being very much amused. Sunday, September 22nd, was Lyceum Council Day—only a very poor attendance of Delegates. The session was conducted by Mr. G. Magness. In the evening the delegates conducted the service, Mr. G. Magness in the chair. Addresses were given by Mr. Bowmer, Darnall; Mr. Saxilby, Attercliffe, and Mr. Vicker, Heeley.—G. H. Magness, Sec.

STOCKPORT.—I am pleased to report we are progressing very favourably in our new Hall, and have received substantial help from Macclesfield Lyceum, and also from local and other mediums to whom our very best thanks are given. The elder male Lyceumists have been very busy laying a new wooden floor this week, and, ably lead by our Conductor (Mr. Marston) have set to work with a will and accomplished their task. 'Twas a glorious sight to see them all, each evening, hammer, &c. in hand working for the comfort of the children and the members. Our Harvest Festival takes place on the 29th of September, the speaker being Mr. R. A. Owen, of Liverpool.—J. Bell, Sec.

TODMORDEN SPIRITUAL LYCEUM.—On September 1st, we held our Open Session, when the following programme was rendered: Conductor's remarks, No. 96 *Manual*, by Mr. Sam Wilson; Reading by Mr. Frank Pratt; Recitation, "Bruce and the Spider," by Miss Uttley; Song, "Sweet Summerland," Miss Uttley; Song, No. 75 *Manual*, by Mr. A. Scholfield; Song, No. 346 *Manual*, by Mrs. Wilson; Recitation, "Old Madge," by Ruth Sutcliffe; Recitation, No. 402 *Manual*, by Lyceum; Recitation, No. 56 *Manual*, by Mr. A. Marshall; Recitation, No. 10 *Manual*, by Miss Uttley; Recitation, No. 92 *Manual*, by Master H. Firth; Song, No. 338 *Manual*, by Misses Uttley and Fielder. You will see by this that the Lyceum is keeping its reputation for good Open Sessions. We have won the First Prize in the Todmorden Demonstration.—Frank Pratt, Sec.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

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Hon. Secretary—Mr. Fred France, 35, Elland Road, Brighouse.

## 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. Pincoat, 47, 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. Richard Ashley, 24, Valley Road, nr. Colne.  
**Barnsley,** George-yard, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. Arthur Lockwood, 10, Darby-terrace, Stocks Lane.  
**Barrow-in-Furness,** Dalkeith-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Robert Dobson, 28, Argyle-street.  
**Barrow-in-Furness,** Dalkeith-street, 10 and 2. Mrs. Wallace, 191, Marsh-street.  
**Batley Carr,** Carr street, 10 and 2. Mr. Walter Hartley, 51, Albert Street, Batley Carr, Batley.  
**Belper,** Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins Brookside  
**Birkenhead,** 46, Bridge-street, 11 a.m. Mr. George Robb, 56, Thompson-street, Hr. Tranmere.  
**Birmingham,** Crabtree-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. R. Clarke, 17, Hooseley-road, Handsworth  
**Birmingham,** 52, Crawford-street, Salford, 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, 10 and 1-45. Mr. A. H. Caville, 2, Meadow-street.  
**Blackburn,** Northgate, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. Walmley, 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, 19, Young-street, Girlington  
**Bradford,** Little Horton Gate street, 10-30 and 2. Mrs. Snarey, 820, Manchester road.  
**Bradford,** Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Walter Hale, 8, 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. Clement Bannister, 8, Garden-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. Mr. A. Bannister, 22, Lutner-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,** 66, King-street, Rochdale-road, 10 and 1-45. Mrs. E. Cotterell, 17, Hardman-street.  
**Burwood,** N.S.W. School of Art, 11 a.m. Mr. Leslie Jones, "Hildaville," No. 1, Sloane street, Newtown, Sydney, N.S.W.  
**Chadderton,** off Brook-street, 10 & 2-30 p.m. Mrs. M. Oldfield, 18, Brook-street, near Oldham  
**Chester,** Commonhall-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Rainford, 1, Bishop Lloyd Palace Yard  
**Chesterfield,** Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30. Mr. Edwin H. Widdowson, William-st., Stonegravel  
**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 Litsey, 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, 13, Hill-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, Hoptown  
**Darwen,** Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 60, Redearth Rd.  
**Darnley,** 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, Marldge  
**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, Locke-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,** Wargrave Road, 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.  
**Grimby,** Strand-street, 2 p.m. Miss Daisy Scott, 75 Blundell Avenue, New Cleethorpes  
**Gurney Valley,** 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm. Hardwick, 4, West Row, Coudon Grange, nr. Bishop Auckland  
**Hadfield,** Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Chorley, 5, Marlow-street, near Manchester.  
**Halifax,** Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Fred Townsend, 4, Green Terrace Square, Savile Park.  
**Halifax,** Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. F. Baldwin, 14, Clay-street, Hanson Lane  
**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. Archie Barley, 12, Fox-street.  
**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, 58 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., Mr. F. H. Reece, 157, Roman-road, Failsworth, Manchester.  
**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, Saner's 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, 20, Calland Avenue, Godley, Cheshire  
**Jarrow,** Market-square, 2 p.m. Mrs. Ada Poole, 21, Birch-street  
**Johannesburg,** 11 a.m. 47, Henwoods Arcade, Mr. R. J. Thomas, 0/0 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, Khandalla 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), Mr. H. Osborne, 20 Willow Terrace Road  
**Leeds,** Hunslet, Black Bull St. 10-30 and 2. Mr. Fred Rooney, 93, Hunslet Road Hunslet.  
**Leeds,** Joseph-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Thomas Corvill, 35, Cross Flatts Parade, Bees ton  
**Leicester,** Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 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. Madge Parker, 2, Spofforth road, Edge Hill.  
**London,** Brixton, 84, Stockwell Park Road, 3 p.m. Mr. Alex. Brooking, 17, Geneva-road, Brixton. S.W.  
**London,** Fulham, S.W., 25, Fernhurst-street, 3 p.m. Mr. Joseph Dix, 9, Bloom Park-road, Fulham  
**London,** Holloway, N., Parkhurst Hall, 32, Parkhurst-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Bert Kent, 4, Devonshire-road Holloway, N.  
**London,** Kingston-on-Tames, Assembly-rooms, Park Road, Hampton Wick, 3 p.m. Miss M. Welbe ove 109, Bonner Hill-road, Norbiton, Surrey  
**London, E.,** Manor Park Shrewsbury-road, 3 p.m. Miss Harrison, 35, Woodstock Road, Forest Gate. E.  
**London, E.,** Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Robert J. Robottom, 2, Braemar-road, Barking-road, Plaistow, E.  
**London,** Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Miss K. H. Jones, 77A, St Ann's-road, Stamford Hill, N.  
**London,** Woolwich and Plumstead, Villas-road, 3-15 p.m. Mr. A. Watthey, 40, Frederick-place, Plumstead.  
**London,** 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, Maseill-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Jones, 41, Old Elm-street, Stockport-road,