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## INTUITION.

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CHAPTER XVI (Continued).

We had scarcely finished breakfast, when in came Lizzie. Cutty and her at once flew to each others arms, and much kissing could be heard from them.

I welcomed the dear child and quickly observed she looked very pale; but she said she was quite well only worried she had caused her mother so much trouble. She added, "Father doesn't say a word, he pities me I think, only he doesn't want to quarrel with mother for he loves her very much. You didn't expect to see me home so soon?" "No," I replied; "but if you have returned in good health, I am glad."

"I s'pose you thought I'd stay a year?"

"Yes," I replied.

"What did you think Mrs. Blake, when you knew I had come?" was her next question.

"Oh! I thought you must be sick."

"No, I wasn't," she answered quickly.

She was cornering me rapidly, and to lead the conversation another way I added, "You liked your school very much, your mother told me."

"I did at first. But I did not like it *at all* the last three or four months."

"I am really sorry, Lizzie; for you are at an age when you require good instruction."

"But you see," she added, "they didn't like me very well."

"They must be strange people not to like you, dear."

"Well, they didn't like me *at all*. I was sent home."

It was out at last, and she thought I could but ask her why; but I replied, "They hardly appreciated you dear."

"Yes they did—*too much*. Madame sent me home."

I remained silent, and she looked into my eyes and asked "Don't you want to know what they sent me home for? Don't you want to know what it was all about?"

"My dear Lizzie," I replied. "I do not like to ask you questions, for your mother, I fear, believes you receive wrong impressions here. I feel greatly interested in all your joys and sorrows, but I must not influence you in religious matters contrary to your mother's desires."

"You never influenced me one bit, Mrs. Blake, and I told mother so. I knew it all before ever Cutty came here, only I couldn't explain the feelings till she told me how—that's it, you see. I told mother I was going to tell you all about it, and I am."

Her young heart was sorely wounded, and she

longed to relieve her pent up feelings. She told me her simple story as follows:

"He was so poor and old, Mrs. Blake, and did nothing but saw wood day after day, and didn't know how to read, and every day I taught him a letter, and he had got so he could read a little, and then I told him all I could about God and the angels, and that he wasn't a heathen (that's what they called him), and I carried him roses to give to his sick wife. At first my teachers didn't say anything, but pretty soon Miss Ellen Wood called me to her and gave me an awful scolding, and forbid me to teach him any more. I was dreadfully restless and could hardly do my lessons, though I did, and I never missed but three times all the while I was there. I knew I mustn't disobey so I kept away from the poor old man; but I did something worse—they said it was worse. I played having church and I was the minister, and I walked into the pulpit. I preached all the things I could think of to scare the rich people, and to the poor woman I pretended to have in my congregation I said lots of real good things. I said it was 'easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.' Then I said right on to the end of it, God loved the poor, and in heaven there wasn't any back seats in any of the churches; and when I prayed I prayed for the poor woman the most. I knew all the girls were awfully mad, but I didn't care. I wouldn't do like other ministers, and I told them if they didn't like me they could turn me away; and I knew that would please 'em, because it's fashionable too. I didn't go out shaking hands with all the rich, but I just took the poor woman and made her walk all the way down the steps with me. Oh! how mad they were, and they went and told Madame Arguin about it.

Then Madame Arguin sent for me, and told me she was shocked at my rude conduct, and God would punish me terribly. I told her I wasn't afraid of it. I'd bet He loved me better than He did her. Then she shut me up and kept me without supper, and wrote a long letter to my mother, and sent for the minister to come and see me. I heard her say I was, of all the children she ever met, the most 'totally depraved.' Well, he came the next forenoon. He called me beside him. I s'pose he thought I'd be afraid and hang my head; but I looked right straight into his eyes. He asked me how old I was, and where I lived, and what my father's business was. And what do you think I told him, Mrs. Blake?"

"I cannot guess, Lizzie. I trust you replied well, I answered.

"I told him my father had a big establishment in Boston, where he sold big boxes to hold dust."

"What kind of dust?" he asked.

"Like what you're made of," I said.

"He looked awfully strange at me. Then he asked me:

"Do you love God?"

"I do, very dearly," I replied.

"Are your father and mother church members?"

"Yes, I am sorry to say they are."

"He turned my face up to his and looked right in my eyes, and I looked right straight in his. He said, 'child, what do you mean by such talk?'"

I answered, "Because most all the church members are not good."

"Naughty girl, do you know they are the regenerate children of God?"

"What's that?" I asked.

"They are those who are born anew into the kingdom, who have secured unto themselves an heirship with Christ."

"Then I asked him, 'Don't you believe anybody will go to heaven only Church members?'"

He said, "Perchance a few may, who repent so late in life they have no time for baptism and to become members. There are death-bed repentances."

"I told him I didn't believe in 'em; as I thought they'd go into the next world as they left this, and would have to grow better there."

He looked awfully wild at me, and said, "What Spiritualist has been talking to you?"

"I said None. This in here tells me so; and I should think it would tell you so too."

"He asked me all sorts of questions. I told him I loved God with all my heart, and that God Himself meant love; that I was born again every time I prayed; that I loved the poor, and didn't believe only just what something within me told me was right; and I believed that's what good ministers and Christians thought. I hoped they'd all go to heaven, but I was afraid they wouldn't; that I wasn't afraid when my time came, and thought I'd have lots of beautiful things in heaven. I didn't believe people sang any more there than they do here; that they were happier though; that they didn't walk on any sea of glass (who wants to?); that they didn't swing palm branches no more'n they do here, but that they studied and worked and rested, and sometimes cried over sinners, and sometimes when their folks were real good, they were awfully glad; and that they grew better and better every day, and in time would be good enough to see God."

"Then he got up and called Madame Arguin, and I was sent upstairs. Another great long letter was sent to my mother, and the next thing I knew I was sent home, because I talked to May Dimple about her father who was rich, but one day he got drunk and fell off his horse and got killed, and the minister and all the people said he would never go to heaven. She cried and cried lots about it; I told her, 'I'd bet anything he was in heaven to-day; because he was killed when she was only six years old, and now she's nearly fourteen, and you see he has had such a long time to be growing better, and she says he was a real good man about everything else, everybody said so, and he didn't get drunk only once in a great while.'

"Now, Mrs. Blake, who believes God sent him to hell for ever'n ever? I don't! it isn't natural. Well, I told her so, and she was that pleased she told another girl, and it got amongst all the girls and then to Madame Arguin, and oh! how she talked to me, and sent me home! Do you think I'm an awfully naughty girl, Mrs. Blake? Don't seem's though I was, but perhaps I am. I feel all right in 'here'" placing her hand over her heart.

(To be continued.)

## Stories from the Classics.

[As the legends of Grecian Mythology afford countless subjects for poets, painters, and sculptors, so that we cannot enter a picture-gallery without finding ourselves surrounded with gods, goddesses and Greek Heroes, and as these are often alluded to in our best books and discourses to illustrate a point, or draw a moral, our insertion of selections from the ancient classics needs no apology to the scholarly reader.]

### JASON AND THE GOLDEN FLEECE.

#### CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

After many days of weary toil they sighted a great city, with gardens and temples, and castles, and a spacious harbour filled with numerous ships. And as they rowed into the harbour, some sailors cried out to them:

"What men are you? We want no strangers here, nor pirates. We keep our own business to ourselves."

And Jason answered, and praised their city, and harbour, and ships, and added: "Surely you are the children of Poseidon (Neptune), and masters of the sea; while we are but poor wandering sailors, worn out with thirst and toil. Give us food and water and we will go on our voyage in peace."

Then the sailors laughed and answered: "Stranger, you are no fool; you talk like an honest man, and you shall find us honest too. We are the children of Poseidon, and masters of the sea; but come on shore to us and you shall have the best we can give."

So they limped ashore, all stiff and weary, with long beards and sunburnt cheeks, and garments torn and weather stained, and weapons rusted with the spray. And they led them to the palace of Alcinous [Al-kin-ö-oos], the rich sea-going king.

But the Princess Medeia hung back, and trembled with fear, and whispered in Jason's ear, "We are betrayed, and are going to our ruin, for I see my countrymen among the crowd."

"It is too late to turn back," said Jason.

And outside before the palace they saw a great garden walled round, filled with fruit trees, grey olives and sweet figs, and pomegranates, and pears, and apples, and grapes. And there were beautiful beds of rare flowers, and two fountains sending forth jets of sparkling water.

The king was sitting on his throne, and by his side stood Arete [A-rë-te], his wise and lovely queen.

Then Alcinous rose and welcomed them, and bade them sit and eat, and the servants brought them bread and meat, and wine.

But Medeia sought the protection of the queen, and fell at her feet, and clasped her knees, and cried, weeping as she knelt.

"I am your guest, fair queen, and I entreat you by Father Zeus, from whom prayers come, not to send me back to my father to die a most dreadful death; but let me go my way and bear my burden. Have I not borne enough punishment and shame?"

"Who are you, strange maiden, and what is the meaning of your prayer?" asked the queen.

"I am Medeia, daughter of Aietes, and I saw my countrymen here to-day; and I know they are in search of me."

Then the queen frowned, and said, "Lead this person in, my maidens, and let the king decide, not I."

And when the king saw her he cried, "Speak strangers, who are you? And who is this maiden?"

"We are the heroes of the Mennai," said Jason; and this maiden has spoken the truth. We are the men who took the Golden Fleece, the men whose fame has run from shore to shore. We came here out of the ocean, after trials and sorrows such as man never saw before. We went out many, and came back few, for many a noble comrade have we lost. So let us go, as you should let your guests go, in peace, that the world may say, 'Alcinous' is a just king."

But Alcinous frowned and said, 'Had not the deed been done which is done, I should have said, 'It is an honour to Alcinous, and to his children after him, that the far-famed Argonauts are his guests! But these Colchians are also my guests, and for a month have they waited here with their fleet, for they have hunted all the seas of Hellas, and could not find you, and dared not return home. But this matter may stand over till to-morrow. To-night we will feast our guests, and hear the story of all their wanderings, and how they came hither.'

So saying Alcinous bade the servants lead the heroes to the baths, and give them fresh clothes. And they were glad when they saw the warm water, for it was a long time since they had bathed. And they washed off the sea-salt from their limbs, and anointed themselves from head to foot with oil, and combed out their long golden hair. Then they came back again into the hall. And each man who saw them said, "No wonder that these men have won fame. How well they look, like Titans, or Immortals come down from Olympus. What must they have been when they sailed from Iolcos, in bloom of their youth long ago?"

After the feast a harper played and sang, while the dancers danced strange figures; and after that the tumblers showed their tricks, till the heroes laughed with mirth.

Then Alcinous said, "Tell me, heroes, you who have sailed round the ocean, and seen the manners of all nations, have you seen such dancers as ours, or heard such music and singing? We hold ours to be the best on earth."

"Such dancing we have never seen," said Orpheus; and your singer is a happy man, for Phœbus himself must have taught him, or else he is the son of a Muse, as I am also, and have sung once or twice, though not so well as he."

"Sing to us noble stranger," said the king, and we will give you precious gifts."

So Orpheus took his magic harp, and sang to them a stirring song of their voyage from Iolcos, and their dangers, and how they won the Golden Fleece; and of Medea's love, and how she helped them in their hour of need, and how she had shared their dangers of monsters, storms and rocks, till the heart of the queen was softened towards her, and all the women wept who heard the story. And all the people shouted, "Hail to the noble Argonauts who sailed the unknown sea."

Then Orpheus told of their journey over the sluggish northern main, and through the shoreless outer ocean, to the fairy land of the west; and of the Sirens, and Scylla, and Charylidis, and all the wonders they had seen. And when his song was ended, the people withdrew, and the heroes lay down to rest on the rugs and carpets the queen had strewn for them, in the sweet summer night.

(To be continued).

## After Death What?

[Under this head will appear a series of spirit-communications describing some of the experiences of people on their entrance into spirit-life, which the reader may find both interesting and helpful.—Ed.]

### THE SPIRIT CIRCLE.

Perhaps a further surprise will await them when they visit the spirit circle to receive their first lesson in spirit control. Many people—Spiritualists—have the mistaken idea that it is an easy matter controlling a medium, and so are led to make their friends promises of sure and wonderful tests they will give them of their presence when they pass over. They have no idea of the fine forces of electro-magnetism they will have to manipulate, the subduing of the medium's personality, and projecting the characteristic traits of their own personality through another's organism. Perhaps not one in a thousand of those who make those promises of special tests have ever tried to put another into a mesmeric trance-sleep and then make them do as they wish. So we would caution all against making rash promises of special tests they will give. The promise should always be with the reservation, "I will give you such and such a test, if I can."

And so the spirit anxious to communicate, must attend circles to be taught how to control the finer force of the medium's organism, and even when they have done so, they are often assisted by the guides or guardians of the mediums who are well practised in the art of spirit control; similarly to a child being taught how to control the muscles of its little legs and body in balancing itself, and at the same time make forward steps, the mother or nurse will hold its hand to give it confidence that if it fails in its effort it has hold of its mother's hand to save it from harm.

But what a medley of people may be gathered at the circle. Some met with earnest, prayerful minds, seeking only the highest, purest, and best; others are there out of pure curiosity, prepared for anything that will amuse them; some, bigotted, and fully persuaded that it is the work of the Devil; and perhaps others whose minds are full of suspicion, that the whole thing is trickery, and the mediums are frauds.

Now bearing in mind what we have told you about the unspoken thoughts of earth-people being heard and fully understood by spirit people, and also taking into consideration that the minds of earth people act like magnets to draw around them similarly disposed spirit people, you will see what a mixed company of spirit people there meets the astonished gaze of the spirit visitant who is anxious to communicate. Can anyone wonder at the misleading messages that are given considering the number of spirits that hover near, whose sole desire is to have a little fun to break the monotony of their darkened lives. It is also a fact that their is a great number of spirit people who are filled with hatred towards Spiritualism, as they look upon it as a rival religious power to the one they held dear while in earth life. to uphold which lying and misrepresentation was not counted as a sin, "The end justifies the means" being the clerical dictum. The promiscuous after-circle is a source of grave danger to the movement of modern Spiritualism, and we would strongly advise its discontinuance for the above reasons. Circles composed of the members of the Societies, if well conducted, may do much good. But we

prefer the home circle of five or seven members all known to, and in full sympathy with, each other. The best advice we can give to safeguard the sitters from being imposed upon, is to trust to their own common sense, and not believe all they get from the spirit world.

Another source of being imposed upon, arises from those mediums who are too full of self-importance to allow an ordinary inhabitant of the spirit world to control them. Their aspirations are to be the mouth-piece of historical personages, and those of high degree. Such mediums lay themselves open to those who in earth life were ready to impose upon people by passing themselves off as people of importance.

We do not say that historical personages do not communicate, but we do say that the tendency of bright spirits is to withhold their names and direct the sitters' attention to the quality of their messages as being spiritually uplifting, and heart-comforting, rather than to the message bearer.

Some investigators who receive a few good tests pose as full-fledged spiritualists without taking the trouble to qualify themselves by a course of reading and studying the works of its able exponents, and so their ill digested ideas and conceptions give a grossly distorted idea of its grand and glorious mission, and so is a source of much ridicule and harm. They naturally think that because the messages do not come from devils, they must come from angels, and so are infallible and worthy of being implicitly believed in, so they sit open-mouthed and accept as true, all that falls from the lips of the entranced medium. This overcredulous attitude is a serious mistake and should be corrected or it may lead to much pain and regret.

*(To be continued.)*

## For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

*My Dear Chums,*

You will remember Mrs. Fish was taking Catherine to her home in Rochester when our space was full for last month's BANNER. Mrs. Fish was separating the two sisters to stop the strange noises. She took the girl in her charge and went on board a canal boat, (then a common way of travelling), but had only proceeded a few miles when suddenly the same Hydesville rapping was heard on the floor of the cabin very loud and distinctly. Mrs. Fish was startled and greatly annoyed. The raps were heard at intervals all the way to the city. On reaching her home the raps were repeated. She spoke crossly to the sounds, and learned the "spirits," as the invisible intelligences affirmed they were, did not intend to cease their knockings.

Mrs. Fish was greatly perplexed, and called together a few friends for consultation. A man named George Bush and his wife had been to Hydesville and heard the sounds. They were among the number whose counsel was sought. Tyman Granger, a prominent

citizen, called at Mrs. Fish's home and he was also consulted. The few persons to whom the case was made known decided to hold some meetings quietly, to see what they could find out. Very soon Isaac and Amy Post heard that some of their friends were interested in what had come to be called "spirit rappings." Mr. and Mrs. Post thought their friends were losing their good senses. One of the investigators called at Mrs. Post's with Catherine Fox. The rappings were heard, questioned, and so interested Mr. and Mrs. Post that they too joined the meetings. The Rev. A. H. Jervis also became an investigator, and he and Tyman Granger both stated that they had had spiritual manifestations at their own homes early in 1849, without the presence of the Fox family.

It was suggested that Franklin and Swedenborg were some of the controlling spirits, and these two asked for a public demonstration. The Fox family and their friends strongly objected to this suggestion. The "spirits" replied "they could not always strive with them, and unless the meeting consented they would withdraw until a wiser generation and more willing agents would listen to and heed their advice." One evening after repeated requests and refusals, the intelligences announced they were about to depart, and in twenty minutes they would leave. At the expiration of the time these words were spelled out, "We now bid you all farewell." The raps ceased, and the family said, "we are glad to be rid of you."

For days not a sound or a rap was heard. The change was so great that Mrs. Fish and others said they began to feel that instead of a good riddance they had met with a loss. Some had had messages from what purported to be their deceased relatives and friends. They longed for a return of the invisible powers. Many called and asked for a token of the raps. There was no response. "The spirits have left us," was the daily answer of Mrs. Fish to those who called. On the twelfth day of the silence E. W. Capron, of Auburn, and George Willetts, of Rochester, called and suggested that the "spirits" may rap for them if not for the Fox family. A circle was formed, and after the question "Will you rap for us" had been repeated many times, they were greeted by a perfect storm of the familiar sounds. The very people who had prayed that the invisibles would depart from them, now gladly welcomed their return and besought the spirits "never to leave or forsake them again."

Immediately the communicators urged the importance of a public exhibition of their powers. Mrs. Fish and others upon whom the matter was pressed said, "The cross would be too great to bear." "The greater will be your triumph," spelled out the rappers. At this time the girls had changed places. Catherine had gone to Auburn and Margaretta had gone to Rochester. The sounds were equally strong in the presence of either of the young girls.

One evening in the fall of 1849, a circle was formed at the house of Isaac and Amy Post. Amy, being occupied, did not at first join the sitters. The public meeting was spoken of, and the rappers called with five distinct raps, which was now known to mean the alphabet was to be used. The words "call Amy" was rapped out. Mrs. Post came into the room.

The following dialogue then took place: "Amy," said the rapper, "invite sixteen persons to your house on Thursday evening next to hear the rapping." Amy asked, "whom shall I invite?" The names of sixteen prominent gentlemen of the city were rapped. Mrs. Post still sought advice and said, "How shall I invite them?" The raps answered letter by letter, "Through the post-office." "What shall I say to them," queried Amy again. The invitation was as follows:—

"Mr.———, you are invited by the spirits to call at the house of Amy and Isaac Post, next Thursday evening at eight o'clock, to hear spirit rapping." Mrs. Post sent the invitations precisely as directed to each of the gentlemen named, all of whom responded except one prominent physician.

When the company assembled on the evening named, the rappings commenced. Some of the party went into the cellar and the sounds were above them; those in the parlour said the sounds seemed to proceed from the cellar. Two more meetings were held in another house with similar results, and the same gentlemen. The spirits wanted these prominent persons to witness what took place to prepare the girls for the public meeting, which they wanted to be held in Corinthian Hall, on November 14th, 1849. E. W. Capron was appointed to give the audience the history of the rappings and ask for a committee of citizens to make an investigation. Six persons were appointed to go on the platform with Margretta Fox. Consternation came on the faces as each name was spelled out. They did not like facing an incredulous public as believers in what had been described as "a vile and wicked deception." At last the Rev. A. H. Jarvis arose and said, "I will go, I am not afraid to face a frowning world." The others then agreed to follow their assigned duty.

The programme was followed and a committee of five independent persons were chosen to investigate and report to the meeting the following night. The report was, that "distinct rappings were heard, but they had failed to discover the means by which the raps were made." The meeting had expected a different statement and chose a fresh committee, adjourning again until the next evening. The knocks were heard on the floor, wall, door, tables and chairs. Towards the close of the proceedings, Chancellor Whittlesey, in whose office they were, was standing near the door, when loud raps were heard upon the door. He flung open the door but saw no one. "Judge Haskell," he said to one of the committee, "will you step outside the door and see that no one touches it." Immediately the raps were heard and the door shook. When the judge said no one had touched the door and yet the noise was heard, the astonished Chancellor took his hat, went out, and did not return to the committee.

A third committee could not find the cause of the knocks, and though the girl and Mrs. Fish were stood on pillows and privately examined by women, the raps were still heard.

When the report was made to the public meeting, the people were averse to accept the truth of the power shown by the "spirits," and would have mobbed Mrs. Fish and Margaretta but for the timely intervention of the police who took them to a place of safety.

That finishes my real ghost story to the boys, and I want to tell you that from the beginnings at Hydes-

ville, other people all over the world have found that they possess similar powers to the Fox girls, and Spiritualism has come amongst the people to show us that death is not the end of life.

There is an error I made in last month's Banner I want to correct. "City of Rochester," on the top line of the second column of page 22, should read "hamlet of Hydesville."

## Bluebell Guild.

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

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

Last month I promised to tell you the story of Baba Abdalla. Most of you will have learned from the *Lyceum Manual* that Ignorance and Selfishness are the sources of evil. You will notice in this story how Selfishness led to the downfall and ruin of

BABA ABDALLA,

who was born at Bagdad. His father and mother died while he was a youth, and he inherited a large fortune. Although so young, he did all he could to increase his wealth, and soon became rich enough to buy eighty camels, which he lent out on hire to merchants, at high prices, on which to carry their merchandise from one country to another.

One day while he was returning with his unloaded camels from Bussorah, where he had carried some bales that were to be embarked for the Indies, he met a dervish (a Mohammedan monk), who was walking to Bussorah. After exchanging greetings they produced their provisions and ate together.

During the meal, the dervish told Baba Abdalla of a spot not far from where they sat, in which immense riches were collected, and so great were they that if all the 80 camels were loaded with the gold and jewels, there would remain so much that the eighty camel loads would not be missed. Baba Abdalla was overjoyed at the prospect of so much wealth, and begged of the dervish to show him where it was.

This he promised to do on condition that when the eighty camels were loaded the dervish should be allowed to have 40 of the camels with their loads of treasures, and Baba the other 40.

After travelling some distance they came to a pass, which was so narrow that two camels could not walk abreast. The two mountains which bounded this valley were so high and steep that there was no fear of their being seen by anybody.

When they had got right into the valley the dervish bade Baba stop the camels. Then he proceeded to gather some sticks and light a fire; he then cast some incense into it, uttering certain words of power, which Baba did not understand, but presently he saw a thick cloud arise. This soon disappeared, when, lo, the rock forming the side of the valley opened, and exposed to view a most magnificent palace in the hollow of the mountain.

So eager was Baba to seize the treasures displayed to his view that, like an eagle seizing its prey, he fell upon the first heap of golden coin that was near him. His sacks were large ones, and he would have filled

them all to their mouths but they would have been too heavy for his camels, so he had to be content with only putting as much in as each camel could carry. He noticed that the dervish paid more attention to the jewels than to the gold, because they were of more value. Then Baba emptied his sacks and commenced to fill them with jewels. When they had loaded all their camels with sacks filled with jewels, the dervish used the same words of power to shut up the great treasures they were unable to take away. But Baba had seen the dervish, before performing this final act, take a small vessel out of a cave and put it inside his cloak, but before so doing he showed it to Abdalla, who saw it contained a sort of ointment.

Then they divided their camels. Abdalla put himself at the head of his forty camels and the dervish at the head of his party. They came out of the valley and travelled together till they reached the great road, where they were to part; the dervish to go to Bussorah and Abdalla to Bagdad. But before parting Abdalla thanked the dervish in most flattering terms of gratitude for the preference he had given him before all other men in letting him have a share of such great riches. After embracing each other in the eastern way they went on their different ways.

Abdalla had not gone far before the feeling of ingratitude and envy took possession of his heart. "The dervish," he said to himself, "has no need for all his loaded wealth, since he is master of the treasure we have left in the mountain, and may have as much as he pleases;" so he determined to take the camels with their loads from him.

So he stopped his own camels and ran after the dervish, and called to him as loud as he could to stop, which he did.

When he came up to him he said, "Brother, I had no sooner parted from you but a thought came into my head, which neither of us had reflected on before. You are a recluse dervish, used to living in tranquility, disengaged from all the cares of the world, and intent only upon serving God. You know not what trouble you have taken upon yourself to take care of so many camels. If you would take my advice you would keep but thirty; you will find them sufficiently troublesome to manage. Take my word, I have had experience."

"I believe you are right," replied the dervish; "choose which ten you please and take them, and go on in God's keeping."

After he had selected ten of the camels and driven them off he repeated the self-same begging tactics till he had got the dervish to give up the whole of his forty camels loaded with precious jewels.

He next tried to beg the vessel of ointment. And when the dervish gave it to him he said, "Since you are so good, I am sure you will not refuse to tell me the use of this ointment."

"The use is very surprising and wonderful," replied the dervish. "If you apply a little of it upon the lid of the left eye you will see all the treasures contained in the bosom of the earth; but if you apply it to the right eyelid, it will make you blind."

"Take the box, said Abdalla to the dervish, "and apply some to my left eyelid; you understand how to do it better than I." The dervish had no sooner applied the ointment than Abdalla saw immense treasures and such great riches that it is impossible to

describe; but as he was obliged to keep the right eye shut with the hand, he desired the dervish to apply some of the ointment to that eye, thinking he would see double the amount of treasure he could with one eye.

"I am ready to do it," said the obliging dervish, "but you must remember what I told you, that if you put any of it upon your right eye you would immediately be blind, such is the virtue of the ointment."

Far from being persuaded of the truth of what the dervish said, Abdalla thought there was some new mystery which the dervish meant to hide from him, so he said, "Brother, I see plainly you wish to mislead me; it is not natural that this ointment should have two such contrary effects."

"The matter is as I tell you," replied the dervish. "You ought to believe me, for I cannot disguise the truth."

The dervish made all the resistance possible; but seeing that Abdalla would take no refusal he took a little of the ointment and applied it to the right eyelid, when, alas, he at once lost the sight of both eyes.

"Ah, dervish," exclaimed Abdalla in agony, "what you warned me of has proved true. I am now sensible what a misfortune I have brought upon myself by my fatal greed of riches; but you, dear brother, who are so charitable and good, among the many wonderful secrets you are acquainted with, have you not one to restore to me my sight again?"

"Miserable man," answered the dervish, "you might have avoided this misfortune, but you have your reward. The blindness of your mind was the cause of the loss of your precious eyesight. I have no power to restore it to you. Pray to God, for it is He alone who can restore it to you. He gave you riches, of which you were unworthy, and now by your selfishness you have lost them."

And so, Baba Abdalla had to go blind for the remainder of his days, and gain his living by begging. And as a penance for his selfishness he demanded off each one who served him, a box on the ear.

I wonder if any of my dear young readers would have asked to have the ointment applied to both eyes?

Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

## THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE.

All notices of Motion to come before the Lyceum Conference, to be held at Hull, must reach the Union's General Secretary not later than March 23rd, the same to be published in the "Lyceum Banner" for April, as per Article X., page 5, of the Union's Constitution.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.,  
17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

### ERRATUM.

We regret that two printer's errors crept into the article by Mr. Jones, "Observation and its Uses," in the February issue of the BANNER:

Page 26, line 30, for "line of great resistance," read "line of least resistance."

Page 27, line 12, for "mutual activities" read "mental activities."

## Girls' Own Corner.

By  
Mrs. JESSY  
GREENWOOD



### SESSION PROGRAMME.

MARCH, 1913.

| Date.   | Opening Hymn. | S.C.R. | Mus. Reading. | G.C.R. | Closing Hymn. |
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| MARCH 2 | 334           | 34     | 231           | 134    | 33            |
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| " 16    | 406           | 409    | 212           | 126    | 308           |
| " 23    | 307           | 57     | 220           | 124    | 310           |
| " 30    | 330           | 317    | 240           | 123    | 320           |

### PEARLS.

- MAR. 2.—"Show is not substance; realities govern wise men."  
 ,, 9.—"Happiness really ends when you have all you wish for."  
 ,, 16.—"The best way to have your opinions respected is to keep them to yourself."  
 ,, 23.—"The greatest blessing in the world is work—and some of us get paid for it too."  
 ,, 30.—"Do not have evil doers for friends—take as your friends the best of men."

—Buddha.

My chat must be short this month. Like life, it is subject to circumstances, so that when the Editor wants all the space he can get, his contributors must comply. Time's changes are indicated everywhere, and just as we cannot help growing up, or getting stout, or growing grey, or getting wrinkled, so do the times show evidences of startling differences between the days when we were young and now. The song has it,

"Things are not as they used to be  
 When I was a girl of twenty-three;  
 I still maintain, and I'm not far wrong,  
 T'was a different world when I was young."

Women are doing extraordinary things—for women—even to spending time in prison because of their policy in trying to get the vote. Such women as Mrs. Despard, whom we all remember when speaking to the Conference at Newcastle, must surely have a great and abiding conviction that their cause is a just one. I guess many of us would shake about the knees if we knew a policeman was waiting to do his duty. There have been martyrs in all causes; people misunderstood by even their own friends, and called mad when they did not conform to the usual conventions of the period. But, after all the struggling and fighting, when people have appropriated the blessing without a single thought of the pioneer, comes the great victory of

accomplished reform. Much can be said for and against the tactics of militant suffragists, but the keynote of time's changes is sounding its strong monotone, definite and clear, challenging the past and pointing to the future with an optimism, gallant in its sturdiness.

Let us help the women by our prayers and sympathy, whilst they do what we in the seclusion of homes dare not do. Listen to James Russell Lowell. Assuredly he foreshadowed our own times in the following lines:—

"New times demand new measures and new men;  
 The world advances and in time outgrows  
 The laws that in our fathers' days were best;  
 And, doubtless, after us some purer scheme  
 Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,  
 Made wiser by the steady growth of truth.  
 The time is ripe, and rotten ripe, for change;  
 Then let it come; I have no dread of what  
 Is called for by the instinct of mankind,  
 Nor think I that God's world would fall apart  
 Because we tear a parchment more or less.  
 Truth is eternal, but her effluence,  
 With endless change, is fitted to the hour;  
 Her mirror is turned forward, to reflect  
 The promise of the future, not the past."

### PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

Subscriptions continued for 1912:—Mr. Wheeldon 2/6, Mr. T. T. Smedley 2/6, Mr. White 2/6, Mr. and Mrs. Gull 2/6, Mrs. Bodell 2/-, Mr. Holland 1/-, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins 2/-, Belper Lyceum 5/-, Hebden Bridge Lyceum 5/-.

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The thanks of the E.C. is given to all who have given donations to the Fund and continuance of their support is confidently expected.

JESSY GREENWOOD, Hon. Sec.

Ash Leigh, Hebden Bridge.

### THE LYCEUM CONFERENCE.

The date of the Lyceum Conference is May 10th and 11th (Whit-Saturday and Sunday). Forms for nominations and Delegates' Credentials are being sent to all Lyceums whose subscriptions for 1913 are paid. Will the following Lyceums please put themselves in order by forwarding their contributions at once:—Barnoldswick; Birmingham (Crabtree Road, Crawford Street, Saltley and Smethwick); Brighouse (Commercial Street); Brighton; Browhills; Chorley; Crompton; Dearnley; Dukinfield; Dundee (Barrack Street); Earlestown; Elland; Farsley; Glasgow; (Kingston); Grimsby; Hanley; Higher Broughton; Hollinwood (Byrom Street and Hudson Street); Huddersfield (St. Peter Street); Leeds (Armley); Lincoln; Liverpool (Roman Road); London (Tottenham); Manchester (Maskell Street, Collyhurst and Harpurhey); Millom; Nottingham (Bentick Road); Oldham (Elliot Street); Ossett; Parkgate, Platt Bridge; Radcliffe; Reddish; Runcorn; Seacombe; Sheffield (Darnall—two years); Southend on Sea; Todmorden; Wakefield; Winnipeg; Wombwell; York (Cromwell Road, High Ousegate, and St. Saviours-gate).

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LYCEUM MOTTO FOR 1913.

"All religion has relation to life, and the life of religion is to do good."

### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

It will be noticed, from the Lyceum Reports, that the Lyceum Jubilee Sunday was well observed. We feel quite sure that many more Lyceums, who have not rendered any report, also made a special feature of the occasion, carrying out the Lyceum Banner programme kindly compiled by Mrs. Jessy Greenwood.

The following Lyceums, also, passed resolutions of Greetings to Mr. Davis, to be forwarded by the General Secretary of the Lyceum Union:—Blackburn (St. Peter Street), Bury, Chester, Heaton (Newcastle), Hebden Bridge, Hull (Holborn Street), Reddish, Sheffield (Heeley), Shildon, Slaithwaite, and Stockport.

We were pleased to observe in *The Progressive Thinker* (Chicago), in its issue for January 25th, a portrait of Mr. A. J. Davis, and a reprint of his inaugural address. It is sure to do much good by arresting the attention of its readers, and making known to them the heavenly origin of the Children's Progressive Lyceum.

The friends of Mr. Charles E. Sibson, late of Leicester, now of Christ Church, New Zealand, and also of Mr. P. N. Humphreys, late of Manchester, now of Brisbane, Australia, will be pleased to hear that they are busily working in the Lyceum Cause on the other side of the globe, and send their greetings to their many friends in England.

In a letter just to hand from Mr. E. Wright, Hull, concerning the Lyceum Conference, he says:—"It is proposed to hold the Saturday's gathering in the Holborn Hall, and the Sunday gatherings in the Assembly Rooms, Lecture Hall, Kingston Square," and adds, "We are looking forward to having a glorious time." Lyceums, prepare to be represented!

Mrs. Z. Adams Willard, better known to English Lyceumists as Miss Lizzie Doten, who was born on April 1st, 1827, passed to the spirit world on February 3rd, in her 86th year. Her fine poems have helped to enrich and spiritualise the world's literature.

Copies of syllabuses for Liberty Groups of the Glasgow (Berkley Street) and Nelson (Vernon Street) Lyceums have been received. The subjects for consideration are of high merit, that of Glasgow exceptionally so. Study Groups would do well to procure copies from each of the above-mentioned Lyceums, for they would find them helpful.

The Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER is very grateful to those Lyceum Secretaries who read and heeded the advice given in his Notes and Comments last month. Suffering from an illness of more than ordinary severity, he finds it very difficult preparing this month's issue of the BANNER, and deeply appreciates the care many secretaries have bestowed upon their reports. May he venture to ask a few more of the secretaries to read and observe the advice in his Notes for last month?

### SPECIAL OFFER FOR THREE MONTHS.

For three months, commencing with April, we will present to all Lyceums who increase their orders for the LYCEUM BANNER, a similar quantity free for three months. Thus, those who order six copies will receive twelve for the price of six; and those who order twelve will receive twenty-four for the price of twelve and so on, whatever the increase may be. They will receive double quantity for the three months, April, May and June. Don't miss this splendid offer. Send in your orders at once and secure the extras for the three months.

### In Memoria.

Ordinary intimations will be inserted as follows:—Not exceeding twenty-four words, Free. 6d. will be charged for every additional nine words. Poetry 6d. per line. Payment must accompany all intimations of more than 24 words, or they cannot be inserted.

LEEDS, ARMLEY.—I am sorry to announce the demise, on January 26th, of Mrs. James, née Miss Horley, aged 34, an old worker.—S. Lee.

LEEDS, ARMLEY.—I am sorry to announce the demise, on January 27th, of Mrs. Duffy, née Miss Horley, aged 30, an old worker.—S. Lee.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—I regret to announce that Herbert Ernest Hobson passed away on January 20th, 1913, after a short illness, in his 19th year. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his parents at their physical loss.—W. Hale, Secretary.

Passed to the higher life, Olga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Spennymoor, January 17th, aged two years and eight months. Mrs. Bell officiated. BANNER.

WALSALL.—Mr. W. H. Brecknell passed to the higher life on January 9th. For a number of years he was organist for our Society and a Lyceum worker.—Miss G. Ware, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—It is with the deepest regret we have to announce the transition into spirit of our esteemed Conductor, Mr. Seanor, which occurred on February 3rd. He was interred at Rochdale Cemetery on the 6th, the interment being conducted by Mrs. Lingard and Mrs. Abbotts, both of Rochdale, and friends of our departed brother. There were many floral tributes, including a beautiful harp from our Society Lyceum and Choir. He was an ardent worker and will be sadly missed by all Lyceumists.—Mary Taylor, Secretary.

## Correspondence.

### THE LYCEUM AND PLATFORM.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to find your correspondent, Mr. J. R. Latham, still adheres to his dictum that the giving of full data for facts recorded "is of no use from a study point of view; it does not convince sceptics." The above, taken in conjunction with his sweeping charges of "there-is-nothing-good-enough" amongst all the writings of our best authors, gives me the impression that it is no use further noticing his effusions.

In conclusion, allow me to say that whatever the Lyceums may produce for the Platforms, I do hope they will not produce any of the above kind.

A (MALE) STUDENT, Leeds.

[The LYCEUM BANNER accords to Mr. J. R. Latham the right of reply, after which the correspondence on the above subject will be closed.—EDITOR.]

### THE BALKAN AND TURKISH WAR.

Already, say the European journals, 55,000 have been either killed or maimed for life. What a comment upon this 20th century civilization!

What are the prospects of universal peace? It is a common saying, "In peace, prepare for war"; which is the equivalent of saying, in times of total abstinence and temperance, prepare for drunkenness.

There is another popular saying in the name of justice, that "nothing but blood can wipe out blood." Just as wisely say, that nothing but blackest ink can wipe out ink. War may conquer, but it cannot subdue. Russia conquered Poland and Finland, but did not subdue them. They hate that great northern Bear of Europe.

Charles Dickens, writing of a "splendid charge in a battle," said, "There will be the full complement of broken backs, or arms twisted wholly off, of men impaled upon bayonets, of legs smashed up like bits of firewood, of heads sliced open like apples, of other heads crunched into soft jelly by the iron hoofs of horses, of faces trampled out of all likeness to anything human. This is what skulks behind "a splendid charge in battle."

While General Sherman said, "War is hell." General Sheridan is reported to have said, "By the next centennial, arbitration and peace will rule." Let us so hope, pray and practice.

"Hushed be the battle's fearful roar,

The warriors' rushing call!

Why should the earth be drenched with gore?

Are we not brothers all?"

DR. J. M. PEEBLES.

### WORDS OF APPRECIATION.

"THE LYCEUM BANNER, the official organ of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, published monthly in the interests of Lyceum work and progress throughout the world, has made its appearance on our exchange table. It is ably edited by Alfred Kitson, Secretary of the Union. The BANNER is certainly a credit to the British Lyceumists and of deep interest to its readers. It contains 16 pages of wholesome and interesting articles for all who are interested in Lyceum work, and the progress that is going on for the world's betterment. Besides "The Girls' Own Corner," conducted by Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, there are other departments, conducted by prominent Lyceum leaders, and timely contributions under the head, "Why I am a Lyceumist," which was exceedingly interesting, and show the intense enthusiasm that exists among the movement of spiritual Lyceumists.

"From the copies we have received much has been gleaned from their contents, which brought us to the happy realization of the effective work done by The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union since its institution in May, 1890, at Oldham. The Union consists of 195 Lyceums, and 25 non-federated Lyceums. Reports from the Lyceums, published in every issue of the BANNER, do not only inform us of their fruitful work, but demonstrate the pleasing fact that peace, harmony and unity exist in their ranks, inevitably leading to successful accomplishment."

*The Philosophical Digest for January 25th, 1913.*

## 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.

### THE OLDEST LYCEUM.

In a recent number of the LYCEUM BANNER (Nov., p. 174) the question came up as to which was the oldest Lyceum in existence. The first organized Lyceum was in New York City, the next was organized by Selden J. Finney and Alonzo Danforth in connection with the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia. I was well acquainted with Alonzo Danforth, who was deeply interested in Lyceum work until his transition in Boston. The Boston Lyceum came next, according to Dr. Hale, but the First Association Lyceum has been in existence ever since first organized.

M. B. Dyott, the conductor for many years, was indefatigable in his work, and when the first delegate National Convention of Spiritualists was held in Philadelphia in October, 1865, the Lyceum demonstration was considered one of the finest expositions of Lyceum work ever presented, and the original minutes of the secretary of the First National Association of Spiritualists, from 1864 until 1873, which are one of my prized possessions, give unquestioned evidence as to this event. Dr. Henry D. Childs, of Philadelphia, is the scribe of that occasion.

This Lyceum grew so large that Lyceum No. 2 was organized in connection with another church in Philadelphia. Then followed a third Lyceum, whose conductor was Damon Y. Kilgore.

The Lyceum of the First Association will celebrate its golden jubilee in 1914, and it is to its glory that at each recurring anniversary there is a reunion of all Lyceumists who, during all these years have at times been members of this veteran Lyceum. Captain Francis J. Keffer, who has just passed to the higher life, was a member for forty-nine years.

At the third National convention, held in Providence, R.I., in 1866, in an address upon Lyceums, M. B. Dyott, who had then been conductor of the First Association Lyceum for nearly three years, presented the first design for a Lyceum button. During that time the membership reached three hundred, and its library contained one thousand volumes. It was at the National convention in 1865, in Philadelphia, that the Lyceum plan of instruction was adopted by the delegates present, Andrew Jackson Davis being a member of the committee on education. We hope our friend who asked the query will feel that I have given it careful attention.

LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR THE CHILDREN.

M. E. CADWALLADER.

*The Progressive Thinker*, Feb. 8th, 1913.

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## Lyceum District Council Reports.

### BOLTON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council will hold its quarterly meeting in Bradford Street Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 29th. Will Lyceums in the district please note the above date and send along one or two delegates and Lyceumists and friends. I should like this meeting to be one that will be remembered as a success. Business at 3-15 prompt, tea at 4-45, social at 7. Tickets for tea and social 6d. There is an important Agenda to discuss, also it is the election of officers. Any Lyceum that has got any subject or motions for the agenda should let me know as soon as possible, but not later than March 13th, so that I can notify all Lyceums in the District two clear Sundays before the Council Meeting on the Agenda, stating the business for the meeting.—Edward Walsh, Secretary.

### LONDON DISTRICT COUNCIL.

We visited Peckham on Sunday, February 16th, and we are pleased to see the progress made in this re-organised Lyceum, and hope and trust great strides will be made here. On Sunday, March 16th, we are having our fourth Annual Lyceum Demonstration at King's Hall, London Road, Blackfriars, S.E., and we want united efforts from every Lyceum and Society to make this occasion an even greater success than last year. We start the session at 2-45 prompt. Tea provided, 6d. per head. It is our desire that parents attend in great numbers to take part in this demonstration, and see for themselves our methods of instructing the children.—Alex. Brooking.

### UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The meeting of the above Council was held at Heeley, Sheffield, on February 8th, 1913. The following Lyceum District Councils being represented: Bradford, Rochdale, Halifax and Huddersfield, Leeds, North-East Lancashire and Sheffield, also the B.S.L.U.. Tea was served by Heeley friends at their Lyceum. The business meeting was held in Mrs. Magness's drawing room.

Mr. G. F. Knott was unanimously elected to the chair. The minutes of the Annual Meeting were accepted as a correct record and confirmed. The Secretary was instructed to forward to the B.S.L.U. the motion asking the E.C. to consider the advisability of including services for births, marriages, and deaths in the officer's edition of the Manual. An invitation was received from the Yorkshire Union of Spiritualists asking us to send a delegate to the joint meeting of Society and Lyceum representatives on March 9th, at Leeds Psycho, but as our next meeting is so remote it was thought that a letter expressing our support and fraternal greetings would be equally effective.

It was resolved "that we ask the B.S.L.U. to hold an annual examination in conjunction with classes organised by District Councils, certificates being given upon results."

The motion "that we, the U.D.C., are of opinion that the best interests of the movement will be served by legislation through the S.N.U.," after much discussion, in which all delegates took part, was defeated.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to our Heeley friends for their splendid catering for the delegates' welfare. The delegates remaining overnight, Mrs. Nurse, Misses Hesp and Pollard, Messrs. Ackroyd, Burrows, Higham, Hargreaves, Knott, Vickers, and France, assisted in splendid sessions held in Meersbrook Vestry Hall (which our Heeley comrades are taking for Sunday services for a three months' trial, and we wish them every success in their endeavours). Three Lyceumists gave a beautiful welcome in the morning and presented each delegate with a spray of flowers, for which Mrs. Nurse, on the delegates' behalf, returned thanks. The apex was reached at the evening service when a gentleman who had kindly volunteered to sing told us as a sort of prelude that he was not a Spiritualist, he had never been before in a Spiritualist place in Sheffield, but when a friend of his asked him if he believed that his arisen relatives came back, he asserted with vigour, of course I do, I talk to them daily, and I am certain they assist me with my work. No more convincing testimony was required.

P.S.—Nominees for President of B.S.N.U.: Miss Hesp, Mr. T. H. Wright, Mr. Tinker. B.S.L.U. Executive Committee, Mr. Rau, Mr. Latham, Mr. Hargreaves, Mr. Vickers, and Mr. Fred France.

FRED FRANCE, Hon. Secretary.

## BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION

### DISTRICT VISITORS' QUARTERLY REPORT.

For the Quarter ending December 31st, 1912.

**BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.**—There are 12 Societies in this district; five of them have no Lyceum. They have been written to with a view to inducing them to "Open the door for the children," with the result that Wolverhampton (Princess Street) have arranged for me to open theirs on January 5th. No replies to hand from Wolverhampton (Temple Street, Birmingham (John Street), Netherton and Leamington.

**General remarks.**—*Coventry* (Bull Street): A very well conducted Lyceum, chiefly composed of young ladies and girls; very few boys. This is the first Lyceum I have seen that has marching and calisthenics, and they seem to enjoy them. After the marching, etc., groups were formed, and the children were most attentive to their Leaders. I must say this is one of the best Lyceums I have visited, and if they continue in their good work the Society will have cause to be proud of them. Fare 4/4.

*Walsall.*—A very good attendance on December 15th, when the Mayor, Mr. Councillor John Venables, distributed the prizes and gave an interesting speech. A hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor was duly passed. A. O. THOMAS, D.V.

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

**General remarks.**—I visited *Radcliffe* on September 29th. There were 23 present. The session was very good and highly appreciated. It being Lyceum Day, they had a packed hall and a good day. Fares 2/2; postage 3d. J. RUDD, D.V.

**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**—There are 12 Societies in this district; all but three have a Lyceum.

**General remarks.**—*Bradford* (Otley Road): Half an hour late start. Marching and calisthenics excellent. The Conductor ably explained the chain recitations so that the children could understand them.

*Dudley Hill.*—Ten minutes late start. Marching and calisthenics fairly well executed. It is hoped this Lyceum will retain its usual standard.

*Bradford Lane.*—I found the door locked. I tried to find the Secretary, to learn the reason why, but failed.

*Keighley.*—This Lyceum continues to hold its excellent sessions. I hope it will continue to maintain its high standard. E. SHACKLETON, D.V.

**HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.**—There are 12 Societies in this district; all but three have a Lyceum.

**General remarks.**—Nov. 3rd, *Huddersfield* (St. Peter Street): An interesting session, but could be improved by more taking part in the good work. Present, 18 males and 20 females.

*Sowerby Bridge.*—Nov. 24th. Singing and calisthenics good. Marching cannot be done effectively for want of room. I would like them to put as much energy into their sessions as they do into their entertainments. Members present: Morning 36, afternoon 54. Fares 1/10.

*Halifax* (Raven Street).—Dec. 15th. This is the most efficient and best conducted Lyceum in the district. There were 73 present in the morning and 72 in the afternoon. In the latter session nine groups were formed. Calisthenics and marching good. They have a week night institute, and on Saturday afternoons in summer they have picnics. Fares 1/32.

*Hebden Bridge.*—Dec. 20th. This Lyceum has suffered from removals of its workers. There were present 24 and a number of visitors. The session was a good one. Its conductor, Mrs. Greenwood, strives to plant in each mind some pearl of thought, some gem of wisdom repeated three times, and then discussed. Fares 2/8. SETH ACKROYD, D.V.

**LEEDS DISTRICT.**—There are 18 Societies in this district with Lyceums, the number without is not definitely known.

**General remarks.**—*Heckmondwike.*—Oct. 27th. No session in the morning, as only five attended. There were 17 in the afternoon. The readings and responses were good. The marching and calisthenics were very good. The officers are trying to work up a good morning session, in which I wish them success. Fares 1/9.

*Dewsbury.*—Nov. 17th. A few minutes late in the morning, 30 present. Singing, reading, responses, questions and answers good. Marching and calisthenics fair. Groups were educa-

tive, and conduct good. In the afternoon there were 62 present and prompt start. The marching and calisthenics a great improvement on the morning. Session good. Fares 1/3.

*Batley Carr.*—Dec. 8th. I found 18 present in the morning. The readings and responses were good, and although the questions were few, the remarks by the Conductor (Miss Kitson) and Mr. Kitson were edifying. In the afternoon 56 were present, the greater portion of them being young men and young women. This was a good session. Fares 1/1.

*Wakefield.*—Dec. 22nd. I visited this Lyceum and found 17 present. The scholars were invited to conduct the chain recitations, musical readings, etc., and very readily responded. In the afternoon 26 were present. I was requested to conduct the session, and all seemed to enjoy it. The conduct was good, but the marching was too fast. There is much improvement since my last visit. Fares 1/7.

SAM LEE, D.V.

**LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.**—There are 15 Societies in this district; seven of them have no Lyceum. Five interviews have been held. Results are still indefinite.

*Crewe.*—Nov. 10th. Attendance 22. Singing, pearls and reading good. Marching and calisthenics also good. Fares 4/8.

*Widnes.*—Nov. 17th. Fair attendance. I was glad to see so many little ones present, and under the conductorship of Mr. Geo. Mack, this Lyceum seems to have taken a new life. Fare 2/2.

*Wigan.*—Dec. 29th. Attendance 17. In the absence of the musical director everything went off very well under the circumstances. The Lyceum reflected great credit on the officers and conductor. Fares 3/4.

In conclusion, I would like you to call the attention of Societies to the duties they hold to the Lyceums, as in most cases I find a great scarcity of Leaders; in fact, some Lyceums are depending on the one or two.

GEORGE MATHISON, D.V.

[While the General Secretary is ever ready and willing to render all the help possible, he thinks better results could be obtained by D.V. obtaining permission to make an appeal to the audience for the desired help. This is all the more necessary in a district where a number of Lyceums do not support the LYCEUM BANNER.—ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.]

**LONDON DISTRICT.**—There are 25 Societies in this district; 14 of them have no Lyceum. Four interviews have been sought, and two held, namely, Shepherd's Bush and Clapham, Howard Street. The latter would like a Lyceum, but cannot, at present, see how to form one: the former started one, and then those officers who had undertaken to work it were called away on account of their work. Fares 1/10.

General remarks.—*Holloway, N.*—I have visited this Lyceum twice during the quarter, one of them in connection with the L.L.D.C.

*Plaistow.*—I am pleased to say this Lyceum is improving, both in numbers and quality of session. There were four officers and 40 Lyceumists present. The church is too small for marching. Recitations and pearls good. Fares 6d.

*Brixton* (Madyall Road).—This Lyceum has improved since my last visit. There were 44 present. Pearls, solos and recitations were rendered. Fares 10d.

*Plumstead.*—There is an improvement here since my last visit. The officers try to draw out the children's powers by asking them questions on the various items. Marching and calisthenics good.

*Battersea.*—This Lyceum is making nice progress. There were three officers and 43 Lyceumists present. Solos and recitations good. Fares 10d.

*Peckham.*—This Lyceum has got some willing workers, and is progressing very nicely. Fares 1/-.

*Little Ilford.*—I noticed an improvement both in officers and children, and I hope they will continue to make headway. Postages, 11d.

MYERS CLEGG, D.V.

**MANCHESTER DISTRICT.**—There are 12 Societies in this district; all have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Cheetham Hill.*—This is a small Lyceum, but their knowledge concerning our philosophy is really good. A more punctual start would be an improvement. Fares 5d.

*Pendleton.*—Afternoon. There was a splendid attendance. The responses to questions and interest displayed speaks well for their attention and attendance. Fares 5d.

*Harpurhey.*—There was a fair attendance. The session was brief, owing to election of officers, in which there appeared to be great interest centred. Fares 4d. Postages 3d.

MRS. ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

**NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.**—There are 20 Societies in this district; all have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—July 28th I visited *Preston* (Lancashire Road). Through some misunderstanding amongst the managers the keys of the church had got astray. After waiting a long time, I visited the Lyceum at *Clark's Yard*. Fares 3/8.

*Burnley* (Hammerton Street).—August 11th. Prompt start. Readings and singing good. Splendid discussion. A good session throughout. Fares 2d.

*Rishton.*—Aug. 18th. Late start. Singing poor. Readings and marching good. Blackboard lesson by Conductor appreciated. An instructive session. Fares 1/5.

*Rawtenstall.*—Aug. 25th. Prompt start. Smart in readings and physical exercises. Good signs of renewed activity in this Lyceum. Fares 1/7.

*Colne.*—Sept. 1st. A good session throughout in all its phases. A strong Lyceum. Fares, 9d.

*Darwen.*—Oct. 25th. A very small attendance. Late start, yet every detail of session was excellent. There are signs of renewed activity. Fares 2/5.

*Blackburn* (Northgate).—Nov. 10th. Very late start. Singing good. Readings and exercises very good. Fares, 1/11.

*Blackburn* (St. Peter Street).—Nov. 24th. A splendid session throughout. Plenty of talented leaders, and a credit to our Cause. I hope the standard will be maintained. Fares, 1/11.

*Padiham.*—Dec. 1st. On my arrival I learned the Lyceum was closed for the day on account of repairs. Fares, 8d.

REUBEN LATHAM, D.V.

**NORTH-WEST LANCASHIRE AND CUMBERLAND.**—There are 6 Societies in this district, all but one having a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Lancaster.*—Nov. 3rd. It was Open Session day. Recitations and songs were given by various scholars. Some of the recitations were very nice. Fares, 2/8.

*Millom.*—Nov. 17th. There are few scholars here, most of the old ones having left the town, and no new ones have come forward to fill their places. Expenses, 2/-.

*Barrow* (Dalkeith Street).—Nov. 24th. Morning Session. A late start, and only having one hour, as the Society has a morning service, not very much can be done. *Abbey Road*, afternoon. This Lyceum has one session only, and as they have only older scholars they form one large group, where interesting subjects are discussed. Fares, 1/-.

WINIFRED MATHER, D.V.

**ROCHDALE AND OLDHAM DISTRICT.**—There are 22 Societies in this district, and all but 5 have a Lyceum. Two interviews have been sought without success.

General remarks.—*Shaw* (Lyon Street).—Oct. 20th. Five minutes late start. With this one exception I found everything in a favourable condition. The session was a good one throughout. Fares, 4d.

*Royleton.*—This Lyceum is not what it formerly was, but I am looking for better things in the near future.

*Chadderton.*—Seven minutes late start. This is a Lyceum that requires some assistance from the elders of the parent Society. Otherwise, much praise is due to Mrs. Oldfield, who seems to devote all her energies to the Lyceum work. Fare, 2d.

*Middleton* (Gilmour Street).—Nov. 3rd. This is a fine Lyceum, with quite a good number of elders who seem interested in the work, which bids fair to be of help to the Church. There were 55 present in the morning. Number on the roll, 65. Fare, 6d.

*Oldham* (Elliott Street).—Nine minutes late. This Lyceum seems to keep up to its regular pace. Marching, exercises, and readings were fine. Keen interest is taken in Liberty Group lessons. Fare, 2d.

*Bury* (King Street).—Dec. 1st. An absence of the old time workers, but the new ones take a deep interest in the work. The session throughout was very interesting. The reading, singing, marching, exercises, and group lessons were fine.

*Oldham* (Union Street).—Rather late start, but very attentive throughout the session. Reading, singing, recitations, pearls, marching and exercises were fine. Group lesson on Home Influence most interesting.

WILLIAM CHISNALL, D.V.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.**—There are 15 Societies in this district, and all but four have a Lyceum.

General remarks.—*Chesterfield.*—Good numbers and a splendid session. A patient hearing was given to an explanation of the Education Scheme. Fare, 2/1.

*Heeley.*—I should like to see more attention given to the Conductor. This Lyceum has an excellent Liberty Group.

*Sheride Road.*—The attendance was fairly good. I sincerely hope help will be extended to the officers in their efforts to build up and maintain a good Lyceum. Fares, 4d.

ERNEST VICKERS, D.V.

**STOCKPORT DISTRICT.**—There are 15 Societies in this district, all but four having a Lyceum.

*General remarks.*—*Stalybridge* (Bennett Street).—This Lyceum is nicely conducted, though the attendance is small. Chain recitations, etc., very good. No marching or calisthenics. Fares, 1/3.

*Reddish* (Leamington Road).—This Lyceum is only a young one, and its progress is retarded through lack of workers. A fairly good session was held with my assistance. Fares, 3d.

*Stockport* (24, Wellington Road).—This is the old original Lyceum. Circumstances compelled them to open a Church of their own, and I am pleased to say they have a good Lyceum, and their services are fairly well attended.

JOHN MARSTON, D.V.

**TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.**—There are 8 Societies in this district, all but one having a Lyceum. One interview has been sought and held, and a Lyceum opened at Bishop Auckland on Dec. 22nd.

*General remarks.*—*Gurney Valley.*—Oct. 6th. Late start; small attendance, partly owing to sickness. Session very good considering lack of officers. Members please note, and try to remedy this. Fares, 2/6.

*Stockton.*—Oct. 27th. Good start. Session lively. Singing good; also the marching and calisthenics. Groups not held owing to having S.N.U. delegates with us, viz., Mr. G. E. Owen, and T. Wright, who addressed the Lyceums.

*Middlesbrough.*—December 15th. Late start. Good attendance. Marching and calisthenics good. Groups well conducted. Useful Session. Conduct splendid.

*Bishop Auckland.*—Opened on December 22nd, with the assistance of the President and Treasurer of the D.C. During the day a full complement of officers was elected, and 30 additional names were enrolled. There were present friends from Shildon and Gurney Valley to help in the send off. Recitations and solos were rendered by the new members and visitors. At night the meeting was addressed by Mr. and Mrs. Clay, of Shildon, and Mr. Brown, D.V. Mr. Smith, President of the Council presided. Fares, 2/6.

R. BROWN, D.V.

**TYNESIDE DISTRICT.**—There are 18 Societies in this district, all but four have a Lyceum. One interview has been sought.

*General remarks.*—*Jarrow.*—October 13th. I was pleased to see both Leaders, members and scholars taking such a deep interest in the working of the Lyceum. Recitations and pearls well rendered. And also good order, considering the crowded hall. A larger hall is needed. Fares, 1/-.

*Wallsend.*—October 27th. This Lyceum is making good progress. They have much better accommodation. I would like to see the members of the Society taking a deeper interest in the training of the children. Fares, 1/1.

*Rutherford Street.*—November 10th. A good attendance of elders, but several of the little ones absent. Marching, recitations and pearls good. Fares, 3d.

*Gateshead.*—December 15th. This Lyceum is still on the onward march. The Conductor and Leaders are doing their best to make the sessions as interesting as possible. The visit of Mr. Will Edwards seems to have infused new life into the Lyceum.

*Heaton and Byker.*—December 1st. Punctual start. Good attendance of adults, a good number of the children absent. Marching good, but recitations and pearls not as plentiful as on my previous visits. Fares, 6d. Postages, 3d.

W. J. TAYLOR, D.V.

## SPECIAL REPORTS.

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

**HULL, HOLBORN HALL.**—January 26th we celebrated our Jubilee, holding joint sessions with Day Street, following the programme given in BANNER. Special speaker was Miss Hesp, who entered during the singing of 379 *Manual*, after which Millie Leng presented her with a spray buttonhole. Twenty-eight Lyceumists formed the initials A.J.D., carrying flowers red, white, and blue, which they held above their heads, whilst Mary White recited the following:—

Dear Friends,

You will all now plainly see

We have formed the initials A. J. and D.,

Andrew Jackson Davis, our founder and friend,

Who to earth's children his vision did lend.

In spirit he visited Summerland, and there did view

How angels are taught, and to truth's sake true,

He gave his knowledge unto man,

And thus was formed our Lyceum Plan.

Our Jubilee we celebrate to-day,

Come join and be taught in the angel's way.

Miss Hesp presented prizes for 1912, also Jubilee Souvenirs to all present; she was also the recipient of a memento of the Jubilee. A general salute was given by all standing to A. J. Davis and Mr. Kitson.—C. Headley, Secretary.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

**RULE 1.**—Reports must be written on one side of the paper only. Commence the Report by stating the name of your Lyceum, and sign your name at the end.

**RULE 2.**—Record only the events occurring after January 24th.

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

**RULE 5.**—Colonial Reports, if posted to the Lyceum Banner within 7 days after the events reported, will be inserted in the next issue after receipt at the Banner Office.

**ACCRINGTON** (China Street).—On Sunday, February 9th, we held an Open Session. Recitations were given by Florrie Unthank, Freda Greenhalgh, Mrs. and Miss Pickles, from Burnley; Songs by Alice Gorton and Herbert Thompson. A trio by Masters Tapper W. Edwards, and Harold Edwards. We had a splendid session.—R. Ashworth, Secretary.

**ASHINGTON.**—Our Lyceum held the Jubilee Session on January 26th. In the afternoon there were 26 children and seven adults present. The whole programme was gone through without a hitch. Mr. Redpath, Conductor, was pleased to have twelve boys and girls recite Pearls from the LYCEUM BANNER. The marching was excellent. We would have the children know there was some one present from the unseen world. All enjoyed a pleasant day. We hope all other Lyceums celebrated the event and had happy sessions throughout the earth.—H. Barton, Secretary.

**BLACKBURN** (St. Peter Street).—On January 26th, we celebrated the Lyceum Jubilee by having an Open Session, when about 230 Lyceumists and friends were present. 120 Lyceumists took part in marching, calisthenics, and Rod Drills, also

recitations and solos. Mr. Hudson, of Blackpool, was the speaker for the day, his subject being, "The origin of the Lyceum." Mr. Hopper, Conductor; Assistants, T. Edwards, R. Esdale. A most successful and enjoyable session was spent by all.—J. Savage, Secretary.

**BOLTON** (Bradford Street).—On Saturday, February 15th, we held a social evening. There was a large and appreciative audience who seemed to enjoy themselves very much. We thank all artists, who kindly gave their services. Songs were sung by Misses Gratrix and Little, and Messrs. Yeoman and Isherwood. Mr. Isherwood sang a humorous song, the chorus of which was taken up with much enthusiasm. He is getting quite a favourite at the socials. Dancing and games were also indulged in. There was something for old and young to enjoy, and I am sure everyone went home quite satisfied with the evening they had spent.—Wm. Smith, Secretary.

**BRADFORD** (Boynnton Street).—We held our Open Session on February 2nd, when a very good attendance was recorded, the following taking part: Recitations by the Misses H. Thornton; Ethel Lodge; Eleanor Lodge; Annie Ward; Alice Fernihaugh; Margaret Tempest. Miss Gath gave a reading. Masters N. Haley, Alfred Ramsden and Willie Fenton recited. Master Cyril Ramsden gave a short solo. We had visitors from Keighley Lyceum, the District Visitor giving a reading. We regretted very much that they could not prolong their visit to the end of the day, but a very pleasant time was spent together.—A. E. Carter.

**BRADFORD** (Otley Road).—On Sunday, February 2nd, we held our usual Open Session. Marching and calisthenics were gone through, after which Mr. Hale opened the session with the song, "Forward press to conquer." A recitation was given by Master F. Moorhouse, and a trio by A. and W. Hale and A. Holt. A duet was given by J. Crabtree and J. W. Hale. Mr. Hale gave a reading from the LYCEUM BANNER, "Help your fallen brother," and afterwards explained it to the scholars. We passed an enjoyable time together.—W. Hale, Secretary.

**BRIGHOUSE** (Martin Street).—The Annual Tea, Entertainment and Prize giving was held on Saturday, February 8th. Mr. Shillitoe presided, and presented the prizes for good attendances, also two for good conduct, given by Mrs. Green, of Manchester. Songs by M. Crowther, and A. Brook. Recitations by Pollie, Ada, Agnes, Hannah and Ellen Shillitoe, a pianoforte solo by B. Cumpoy, and two concertina solos by B. Woodcock, were all well received. A dialogue "The lost umbrella," by older scholars. Dancing followed, music by E. Crowther and B. Woodcock. Our Anniversary Services were held on Sunday, February 9th, when Mrs. Bentley, of Manchester, gave two good addresses. Miss A. Brook occupied the chair. Miss E. Crowther presided at the organ.—M. Crowther, Secretary.

**BRIEFIELD**.—On Sunday, February 2nd, we held our usual Open Session. There was only a small attendance of elder people, who we hope will show by their presence that they take a greater interest in the children. We had recitations from Misses Etherington and E. Hudson. Duet, Miss N. Townson and Mr. H. Foster. Quartette by Misses B. Marsh and F. Hudson, and Messrs. Stevenson and Bannister. There was a good discussion on G. C. 141.—Clement Bannister, Sec.

**BRIGHTON**.—On January 26th, the 50th Anniversary of the Spiritual Lyceum movement was celebrated by a specially advertised session. Mrs. F. G. Clarke gave an excellent address upon the life of Andrew Jackson Davis, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The prizes for punctual attendance and good conduct were awarded by our late conductor, after a few brief remarks upon the necessity for punctuality in our daily lives. The prizes winners were: Arthur Scoggins (52 punctual attendances), Lily Goodwin, Queeny Goodwin, Lulu and Edith Cager, Lily and Florrie Jacobs, James and Charles Rhoades, Elsie Johnson, Cassie Goodwin. Vocal and violin solos were rendered by Miss Zoe Bridgen and Mr. H. Everett. A special collection was made upon behalf of the Permanent Secretary Fund. Herbert Everett.

**BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA**.—Our movement is well established and represented here, and is increasing in numbers and usefulness. Although the heat is a little trying (indoors) a goodly number attend our session and pay close attention to the lessons. The spirit of progress is manifest by intelligent questions and reasoning. As regards the physical portion we hope to continue this when the cooler weather sets in. I am pleased

to record our membership roll has increased recently by the incoming of friends from England. In conclusion we send across the seas fraternal greetings and New Year good wishes. P. N. Humphreys, Conductor.

**BURNLEY** (North Street).—On Sunday, February 2nd, we held an Open Session. During the morning the prizes were distributed by Mr. Thos. E. Chadwick, of Nelson. The first prize winners had put in every possible attendance. The prize winners were: First Prizes, Ann Jane Howsin, Bertha Penney, Harold Horne, John Penney, Wilfred Penney, Ann Wright, Herbert Osborne, and Harold Dunderdale. Second Prizes, Reuben Latham, senior, Mrs. Pickles, Reuben Latham, Doris Pickles, Nellie Boyes, Arthur Watson and Ella Lofthouse. Third Prizes, May Ingham, Walter Griffen, Randolph Boyes, and John C. Y. Laycock. There was a fair attendance and each one enjoyed the session.—John C. Y. Laycock, Secretary.

**BURY** (King Street).—On Sunday, January 26th, the routine was taken according to the LYCEUM BANNER. At the opening a splendid recitation was given by Master Maurice Hepworth, entitled "A. J. Davis." In the marching the Lyceumists formed the initials A. J. D. Readings were given by Mr. E. Duckworth, Mrs. Hepworth, and W. Kaye. Songs by Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Castle, Mr. Rockcliffe, and Mr. Roberts. At the close of the afternoon session it was passed that we send our universal greetings from the Lyceum to Mrs. Davis.—Mr. E. Roberts, Hon. Secretary.

**CHADDERTON** (off Brook Street).—On Sunday, January 26th, we had with us the President of the R.D.C., Mr. F. Knott, along with his friend, Mr. Rainer, of Regent Street, Rochdale. We spent a pleasant afternoon together. Solos and recitations were given by the Lyceumists. Marching and calisthenics was exceedingly well done. We then had the pleasure in calling upon our friends to give a few remarks. And I was pleased to hear our friend Mr. Knott saying that there was a very big improvement in our Lyceum since his last visit to us. So you see, Chadderton Lyceum is not dead yet.—W. Davies.

**CHESTERFIELD**.—Sunday, January 26th, we carried out Jubilee Day according to programme in BANNER. We had a most enjoyable session, items being given by the following: Recitations, Evelyn Elliott, Ada Elliott, Doris Briggs, Alice Smith, and Lily Marriott. Pianoforte solos, Dora Hand, Kate Allen, Florrie Marsh and Horace Cartledge. Violin solos, Ernest Hobster, Annie Wale, and Mr. Wale. Violin and banjo duet. Essays on the "Origin of the Lyceum" were given by Florrie Smith, Evelyn Elliott, Edith Herriot, Lena Elliott, and Annie Wale. Prizes to be given for same on Anniversary Day, April 27th.

**COVENTRY** (Bull Street).—On January 30th we held our Annual Lyceum Tea, when about 80 poor children were invited. Afterwards games were indulged in until the Lyceumists were prepared to entertain their visitors with an amusing sketch, on "Cinderella," which was much enjoyed. Oranges and a prize from the fishing well brought an enjoyable evening to a close. On the following Sunday we held our Open Session, where prizes for good attendance were awarded. Mr. Bramley, President of the Society, kindly distributed the prizes, and spoke encouraging words to the children. Two special prizes were awarded, one from the Liberty Group to Rose Cunningham, who is leaving for Australia. The other from the President to James Rice, for a perfect attendance.—Mrs. H. Rice, Hon. Secretary.

**CREWE** (Mill Street).—On Sunday, January 26th, the Lyceum conducted the services for the parent Society. The afternoon took the form of an Open Session, Mrs. Shearsmith (Manchester) conducting. It being the 50th Anniversary of the Lyceum Movement, she adopted the programme as arranged in the BANNER. Solos were ably rendered by Gwennie Baggaley, Margie Baggaley, Edith Bebbington, Annie Smith, Doris Williams, and Rosie Smart. Recitations by Florence Hope, Ethel Reay, Kate Owen, Gladys Owen, Albert Reay, and William Bradley, and a pianoforte solo by Florrie Wood. Mrs. Shearsmith also took the evening service, Mrs. Partridge giving clairvoyance, and Mr. Spencer presiding. The following Sunday we held our usual Open Session, when solos and recitations were again well rendered.—Miss M. Martin, Secretary.

**CROMPTON**.—On Saturday, Feb. 1st, we held our young men's party, which was well attended. After tea we had a splendid programme, which consisted of songs, sung by Mr.

Joe Marsden, Mr. Hornbuckle, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Bardsley, Mr. Healey and Mr. Clegg. A dialogue, entitled "Making a paper," was given with great success. Recitations were given by Mr. Marsden. A Lancashire dialect by Mr. Buckley caused much laughter. The evening was well spent.—John Thomas Clegg.

DAISY HILL.—At the close of our morning session we had our founder (Andrew Jackson Davis) described to us by one of the elder Lyceumists. I feel sure his visit to us from his home in the spirit-land will inspire our older Lyceumists with the duties which are theirs, and more noble ideas of our teachings. On March 2nd we are commencing classes (time of starting, 11 o'clock). We have fitted up an additional room, and this will give us power to enlarge our Lyceum. We have elected two visitors to pull together a few of our old Lyceumists, and I hope to show more progress in my next month's report.—Will H. Towers, Sec.

DARWEN (Church Bank Street).—An Open Lyceum Session was held on Sunday Morning, January 26th. The following contributed to the session:—Solos, Misses Shuttleworth, Grime and Morris. Recitation, Miss E. Sayers. Pianoforte solo, Minnie Bibby. Marching and calisthenics were gone through, also silver and golden chain recitations, and a musical reading. A good muster of Lyceumists and friends were present. Miss M. Bury conducted the session.

J. Nightingale, Sec.

EARBY.—On Sunday, January 26th, we held our Jubilee Sessions, and strange to say, it being 50 years since Lyceum work was commenced, there were 50 Lyceumists present. Mr. Mr. Higham, N.E.L.L. Sec., Mr. G. Bradley, and Mr. T. Chadwick, D.V., gave short addresses on this occasion. The following also took part with songs, readings and recitations: Misses Maunder, Eastwood, Ward, M Ward, S. Hopkinson, E. Ward, L. Standing A. Brotherton and Foulds. A splendid session.—J. W. Clark.

GLASGOW (Berkeley Street).—Our Lyceum sessions continue to be bright and instructive, the Liberty Group forging ahead with its varied programme on subjects of general interest, which evoke excellent discussion each Sunday. The Excelsior, Ocean, and Fountain Groups are going on well. We are looking forward to having good work accomplished by the new leaders of these groups. The Literary Society is also proving a distinct feature of our Lyceum. Papers given so far have been of excellent merit, showing clearly that we have good talent among our own members. The Peace Brigade, with its three-part programme of singing, ambulance, and dramatic work, continues to be interesting and educative for young and old alike.—C. S. Roehead, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on Sunday. The silver chain was led by Mr. Baxter. The musical reading by Mr. Baxter, Louie Holt, and Will Thornley. The golden chain by Mrs. Groves. Recitations were rendered by Will Thornley, Amy Bullin, and Edith Bullin. A solo was rendered by Master Herbert Baxter. Taking all into consideration, we had a very enjoyable session.—R. Baxter, Conductor.

HULL (Day Street).—We held our Open Sessions on Sunday, Feb. 16th. We had a very good attendance of scholars, though not many parents. We had our distribution of prizes for the scholars, for which event we asked the President of the Parent Society (Mr. Perry) to distribute the prizes, as this was the first time we have had the pleasure of giving prizes to the children. We had a jolly good time together, marching and singing. I wish to thank the committee for their valuable services rendered to the Lyceum, and hope they will continue so doing for the children.—W. E. Allen, Sec.

HYDE.—Sunday, January 26th was our Lyceum Day. We had for our speaker Mrs. Rhodes, of Oldham. In the afternoon recitations were given by the Misses R. Blackshaw, I. Wright, and Messrs. Hinchcliffe and R. Davies. Eight prizes were given by Messrs. Firth and Bramwell for the best recitations and pearls given during the last six months. Prize winners:—R. Blackshaw, I. Wright, E. Horsfield, A. Hill, R. Davies, J. W. Bramwell, J. Wyatt, J. Oldham, junr. At the evening service the children sang special songs out of the *Manual*:—"Open the door for the children," "Clap your hands for joy," "Hail the day of jubilee." Miss E. Horsfield sang a solo, "Only tired." After the address, Mrs. Rhodes named the infant son (Albert) of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.—A Wright, Sec.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—We held an Open Session on

Sunday in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Lyceum movement. A capital session was held. Our Conductor, Miss Fossor, filled her place excellently. Our marching Conductor, Miss Summers, put us through the marches suggested by Mrs. Greenwood, the A. J. Davis march being done with credit. We had a large assembly of visitors, who enjoyed the session, and we wish to convey through you our greeting to Mrs. A. J. Davis.—E. Shackleton.

LEEDS, ARMLEY.—On February 1st we held an "At-Home" to celebrate our Lyceum Anniversary, which was well attended, and we had a pleasant evening. On Sunday, February 2nd, we had Mr. A. Kitson as speaker. In the afternoon we had a beautiful session, the children rendering good service. Many questions were answered by Mr. Kitson, who also presented the prizes. Mr. Brett sang, "There's rest for thee at home," in memory of our late arisen sisters, Mrs. James and Mrs. Duffy. Mrs. Roberts conducted. In the evening Mr. Kitson spoke on the progress of religious thought, showing how *true* religion and science cannot clash. After describing the situation of the orthodox idea of heaven he spoke of the spirit world.—Hon. Secretary.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).—On Sunday, January 26th, we commemorated the Lyceum Jubilee. An excellent programme was rendered for the occasion, songs and recitations being of a high order. Marching was gone through, forming the initials A.J.D., which evoked much appreciation. We closed our session with the prayer arranged for the programme. Our annual election of officers has been held, the following were elected: Miss Leach, Conductor; Miss Whitmore, Assistant Conductor; Mr. York, Treasurer; Leaders, Misses Smith, York, Barthorpe, and Whitmore. On February 2nd and Open Session, songs and recitations were rendered by the scholars, afterwards we had the naming of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis' baby, and we were highly honoured by Mrs. Place Veary taking the service, and the session was ended with clairvoyance.—Miss E. Barthorpe, Secretary.

NORTH LONDON, HOLLOWAY.—On the 26th January we celebrated the Jubilee. The President of the London District Council, Mr. Percy Smyth, honoured us with a visit. The order of the session was as given in the Banner. The conductor gave a short life history of our founder, A. J. Davis. Mr. Percy Smyth also addressed the Lyceumists. One of our adults, Mr. H. Hawes, spoke encouraging words to one and all saying he looked forward with the greatest delight in attending Sunday by Sunday, the teachings helping him through the coming week.—J. Forsyth, Conductor.

LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—I am pleased to be able to report good progress, not in numbers, but in benefit, interest, and a general alertness by all concerned. Answers to questions and definitions of pearls come very readily. Our Open Session, February 2nd, in spite of the inclemency of the weather was a success. We were favoured with several individual efforts by the scholars, Ivy and John Chambers, Edna Huskwith, and others. Mr. Bants gave us some excellent advice on the value of Truth in all things, and I think all received some benefit. We were favoured with the presence of some of the elders of our Parent Society, who were very pleased with our efforts.—J. W. Humphreys, Conductor.

LONDON, MANOR PARK.—Following the "specials" in connection with the Old Year and the advent of the New, there is nothing noteworthy to report from this centre. The number of Lyceumists having increased we have arranged more groupings. The progress all round is encouraging and satisfactory.—Miss Harrison, Secretary.

LONDON, PECKHAM (Lausanne Road).—The attendance at our Lyceum has been well maintained. The Liberty Group has been discussing the subject of "Environment," and found it very interesting. On Sunday, February 16th, we held our fourth Lyceum Anniversary. In the morning Miss Ryder addressed us, being strongly impressed by our late Conductor, Mr. Stellins, with great effect. In the afternoon we were visited by the Lyceum District Council, when the delegates addressed us. Miss Morris, Messrs. Clegg, Imison, and Mr. Percy Smyth all spoke most appropriate and encouraging words to us all. In the evening the same speakers addressed us, including our Conductor, Mr. Richards, also our President, Mr. Williams, to a large and appreciative audience.—S. Clarkson, Secretary.

LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—The Jubilee of Lyceums was celebrated at our session and evening service on January 26th, and we had a glorious day. The programme,

as published in the BANNER, was fully carried out. We also had our quarterly report and balance sheet, which showed satisfying progress. Our New Year's gathering was a huge success too, and the thanks of the officers and scholars are due to those friends whose kind help made our gathering possible. We are still plodding on, and our individual efforts and explanations of them are still good, and the scholars are trying to excel in them.—H. Watthey, Secretary.

MANCHESTER (Maskell Street).—On February 2nd our District Visitor paid us her annual visit, accompanied by Mr. Knight. During the morning we had a splendid discussion in which they took part. We are pleased to say that the recitations are better this month.—F. Hislop, Assistant Conductor and Secretary.

MANCHESTER, LONGSIGHT (Chell Street).—On Sunday, January 26th, we held a special service to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Children's Progressive Lyceum. The service proved favourable to all present, the programme including a number of solos and recitations with good morals in them; also the marching series containing lines to form the initials A.J.D. being carried out under very harmonious conditions. The Conductor, in a short address, briefly illustrated the forcible reasons why A. J. Davis had to commence the Lyceum method, leaving the Sunday School style out of the Lyceum programme. In giving a welcome to the visitors he was pleased to see amongst them our old friend, Mr. Knight, who was present in the official stead of Mrs. Bentley, the District Visitor.—Joseph Toplis, Secretary.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Road).—On Sunday, February 9th, we received the resignation of the General Secretary, Mr. Hart. Our Conductor expressed regret, after which a Secretary was appointed. Last year closed most successfully, this year we desire true progress in all things. I feel that under the tuition of our esteemed Conductor, Mr. Aronovich, the children will become more interested, and gain knowledge from the readings contained in the *Manual*. This we greatly desire. We, along with two of the officers, have a scheme in hand, to arrange with the children, all hymns, recitals, etc., to harmonise with the Lecture at our Open Session, March 9th; speaker, Mrs. Gilbert, subject, "Children." We extend our heartiest welcome to all.—Maud Harrison, Secretary.

MANSFIELD.—On Sunday, January 26th, we celebrated the Lyceum Jubilee by rendering a service of song entitled "Ministering Spirits," Mrs. Gilbert, of Derby, being the reader. Parts were taken by the following: Solo, Master Wilfred Thorp; duet, Annie Wright and Beatrice Dakin; quartette, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Sissons and Annie Wright. We also had the naming of a Lyceum member's baby, earth name, Eric Arthur Arnold, spirit name, Andrew, after the great seer, Andrew Jackson Davis. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Gilbert by Lydia Sissons, one of our youngest members. The room was tastefully decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Hill for the occasion. We had a very successful day, there being a crowded audience and a record collection.—W. H. Hill, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE, HEATON.—On Sunday, 2nd February, we held our Open Session. Recitations were given by J. W. Ronaldson, Ralph Eke, Beatrice Eke, Fred Eke, Lily Eke, Winnie Andrews, and Miss Sibbett. Songs were sung by Miss Jennie Hughes, Mr. B. Westgarth, Misses Jennie Hughes and Lily Marshall sang a duet. Altogether it was a very pleasant session. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Hughes, Jennie and Dick, who have returned after an absence of several months from the district. A larger attendance of officers is desirable if we are to maintain the standard of the Lyceum.—J. Ronaldson, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (Royal Arcade).—On Sunday, 26th January, we held our anniversary service of Lyceums, which was enjoyed by all. Recitations were given by Misses McLeod, F. Latham, and Master William Latham. Hymns were rendered by Misses Adams, F. Latham, L. Willis, and a pianoforte solo by Jack Bentley. Sunday, February 2nd, the following officers were duly elected: Conductor, Mr. W. Wilson; Assistant, Mr. H. A. Kersey; Mrs. Walton, Treasurer; Mr. A. Curry, Librarian; J. Bentley, Musical Conductor; Mrs. Mein, Guardian; Mr. T. Willis, Secretary; Mr. C. Walton, Savings Bank Manager; Mr. A. Curry, Assistant; Mr. T. H. Willis, Captain of Guards; F. Oswald and R. Bain, Guards; Mr. Walton and Mr. Winter, Auditors; Mr. T. H. Willis, Delegate.—T. H. Willis, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (Rutherford Street).—February 2nd was our Open Session, which was well attended by Lyceumists and friends. Solos, pearls, and recitations were rendered by Lyceumists, and a pleasant session was witnessed. Our Conductor, Brother A. Dawson, and other officials, endeavouring to enlighten all that assembled. This being the first session after the celebration of A. J. Davis' visions of Summerland was a most successful one, bringing forward the unity of brother and sisterhood. On the 9th and 16th we again had good recitations, pearls and solos, which made our Lyceum in general a progressive Lyceum. Then again we indulged in a cheerful and pleasant free social on the 14th inst for the children in the form of a half-pound night.—Robert Wardle, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Parliament Street).—The above Lyceum held its anniversary and prize distribution on Sunday, February 2nd. In the morning there were visitors from the Alliance and Gladstone Hall Lyceums, the speaker for the day being Mrs. J. E. Lester, the late conductor, who in the morning was supported by Mrs. Swaddon, Conductor of Alliance; Mr. Shipley, Conductor of Gladstone Hall; and our Temperance visitor, Mr. Masters; Mr. Cartwright presiding. Special hymns were rendered by the Lyceums. Recitations by Misses Pearson and Hather, solo by Mr. Cartwright. Mrs. Lester spoke, and also her supporters, after which Mrs. Lester presented the prizes. In the evening a quartette was rendered by Misses Swaddon, Holt, Messrs. Cartwright and Stowe. Recitations by Misses Pearson and Hather.—Harold Howitt, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—A successful tea and social was held on Saturday, February 8th, the following took part in the social: Songs by Misses S. Frankland, A. Blagg, Mrs. Reyner, Messrs. J. Trippear, Dunkerly, and Hazlehurst. Recitations by Hannah Dunkerly, Emily Trippear, Jack Frankland, Harry Frankland, and Sam West. A dialogue, "Henpecked Husband," played by a few Lyceumists, also a sketch, "Don't go down the mine, Dad." The remainder of the evening was devoted to games and dancing. Mr. Reyner and Mr. H. Buckley were the pianists. We have introduced a new idea, which proved successful. We held our open session on Wednesday, February 10th. There was a good attendance and splendid social after the session.—Herbert Buckley, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliot Street).—On February 15th we held a social, which was a success. Although the room was not packed we made up for it in joviality. Our Lyceum Anniversary took place on Sunday, February 16th, our speaker for the day was Mr. Will Edwards, who gave us a lecture on "So and not out," the attendance being only fair. In the morning and afternoon Liberty Groups he gave us his ideas on "Whatever is, is right," making it a bright Sunday with his witty sayings.—H. Shaw, Secretary.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Bus Meadow Street).—I am pleased to report that our Lyceum is progressing splendidly, this being the third Sunday in our new room, all scholars being little children from one and a half years to ten, that is the beauty of a Lyceum. The election of officers was as follows: Mrs. Sullivan, Conductor; Mr. E. Wright, Assistant Conductor; Treasurer, Mrs. Ashurst; Guardian, Miss S. Wright; Leaders, Mrs. Whittaker, Ivy Osborne and Willie Osborne; Miss Jackson, Conductor of Calisthenics; Miss J. Kennford, Assistant; Musical Conductor, Mr. J. Sullivan. All the children have smiling faces when they come, and all love one another. I think if all Lyceums were like this they would progress a good deal. Kindness, love and unity beats in the hearts of all, which I hope will continue.—Mr. J. Sullivan, Secretary.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On Sunday, January 26th, we held our quarterly Open Sessions. Morning session was good. Afternoon, Invocation by Miss A. Boyd. The session was a great success. We had with us our good friend Mr. A. Kitson, of the B.S.L.U. Silver chain recitation read by H. Lilliot and Mr. J. Green. Recitations by Misses Royle, Massey, Boyd, and others. Marching and calisthenics were also good. Mr. Kitson made some remarks. Evening service was excellent, having a grand address by Mr. Kitson entitled, "Spiritualism, the Lightbearer." It was a pity there was not a bigger audience to hear the speaker. The chair was taken by our Conductor, Mr. Lilliot. After circle was conducted by one of our Lyceumists, Mr. O'Neill. A very good circle was the result. This closed a very good day.—C. Lloyd, Secretary.

**PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).**—Open Sunday, February 1st, we had a good attendance. It is always pleasing to see old Lyceumists walk in and renew their fellowship with us. The children, as usual, did their best to make it a happy session. Alice Spencer, the youngest Lyceumist, set the ball a-rolling by singing for us. Then followed recitations from Mabel Cartmell, Eunice Kay, M. A. Margison, Annie Parkinson, Willie Holt, Nellie Spencer and Harry Gordon. Songs were sung by Rena and Annie Collis, Mrs. Margison, Miss Savage, and Mr. F. Cartmell. Mrs. Booth was a welcome visitor, she being the Medium for the day, after a few kind remarks she brought our session to a close.—Ellen Savage, Secretary.

**RISHTON.**—On Saturday, February 1st, we held a Cobweb Social, when everyone there received a prize. We had about 80 present who enjoyed themselves with dancing and games. On Sunday we held our open session, when the following gave recitations: Elsie Cunliffe, Annie Green, Lidia Plant, Amy Haddington and Ormerod Edwards. I am pleased to be able to tell you that we are getting along nicely.—Miss Haughton.

**ROCHDALE (Regent Street).**—On January 26th we had a Jubilee Session, appropriate hymns and recitations were said and sung from the Manual, an epitome of the Lyceum movement. On February 2nd the Lyceum gave a service of song entitled, "Spirit Return." The solo and duet parts were sung by Misses L. Dean, A. Isherwood, C. Pollit, A. R. Spencer, and Mr. E. Shepherd. The reader was the author, Mr. G. F. Knott. The story is well written, and tells how a James Barber, of Rochdale, passes into the spirit world, how he inspires his friend, Frank Bates, to go to the Lyceum; and how Frank Bates influences the widow and daughter of James Barber to go to a circle; and eventually we have the spirit return of James Barber. I would earnestly advise all Lyceums to get a copy.—John Firth (Senr.)

**ROTHERHAM.**—On Saturday, January 25th, we held a re-union tea and social for old and new Lyceumists. We had nearly ninety sat down to tea. After the tables were cleared we had an enjoyable time together. Dancing, singing, recitations and games being indulged in. On Sunday, January 26th, we held our Open Session. The way our Lyceumists formed the A.J.D. placed great credit on the marching conductor. We had pearls from Mr. Papworth, Arthur Bruce, Olive Metcalfe, Ethel Metcalfe, recitations from John Smith, Arthur Bruce; solo, Hilda Chappell. Before the close Mr. Smith moved that we send our kindest greetings to Mrs. A. J. Davis, a proposition that was carried unanimously.—W. Rawlinson, Secretary.

**SCARBOROUGH.**—On February 9th we held our Lyceum Anniversary and prize distribution, the week-end meetings being taken by the Conductor, Mr. Pyke. Recitations were given by Addie Swales and Arthur Tindall, solos by Marion Swales and Edna Pinkney. Silver chain recitation by Miss Lockwood and musical reading by Mr. Swales. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Bowden. On Monday evening the Lyceumists were entertained to tea by the Conductor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pyke, which was thoroughly appreciated, oranges and apples being distributed, another church member kindly presenting each Lyceumist with a toy. Recitations and humorous readings brought a pleasant evening to a close. Thanks to the friends who helped to make such a successful week-end.—J. W. Constant, Secretary.

**SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.**—On Sunday, February 9th, we had a visit from Mr. Higham, of Burnley, who spoke a few encouraging words to the children. On Sunday, February 16th, we held our monthly open session, when Mr. E. Vickers, the D.V., was present, and addressed the Lyceum on the need of educating ourselves, so that as we grow older we shall be able to expound the truths of Spiritualism, and urged the elders to take up the Sheffield District Council Education scheme. Mr. Webster, President of the Society, spoke of the good feeling between Society and Lyceum. Mr. C. Saxelby and Mr. J. K. Jones also spoke a few words.—F. Whiteley, Secretary.

**SOUTH SHIELDS (Fowler Street).**—On Sunday, February 2nd, the first anniversary in connection with this Lyceum was held under very trying circumstances, as owing to the want of leaders in the Lyceum the work fell upon a few. Having very little time in which to get under way the anniversary, the children acquitted themselves in a remarkable manner. Solos, recitations, and duets were rendered in a manner that did credit, not only to the children, but to the leaders also. In the

afternoon and evening the efforts of the children were much appreciated by the congregation, as was shown by the smile of pleasure that rested upon their faces.—E. Lawson, Secretary.

**TODMORDEN.**—We had a splendid Open Session on Sunday, February 2nd, when the following programme was rendered: Recit, Gertrude Howorth, "Poem for our Betterment"; Reading, Bertha Lee, "Cry of the Children"; No. 4 *Manual* by Annie Lee and Evelyn Eastwood; No. 344 *Manual* sung by Miss Broadley, of Padiham; short address by Miss Broadley; song, Miss Uttley, 407 *Manual*; duet, Misses B. Lee and Cissie Howorth; recit, Emily Marshall, "A Child's first grief"; song, Mr. Geo. Johnson, 392 *Manual*; silver chain reading, 79 *Manual*. This was one of our best Open Sessions and was grand to listen to. I hope they may continue to be so.—Frank Pratt, Secretary.

**TORONTO (Dovercourt).**—On Sunday, February 2nd, we held our Open Session with a very poor attendance, owing to cold winds. Assistant conductor H. Brett, junior, officiated. The session went very well, opening with "The March of Life" and No. 314 in the *Manual* in the tune of "Diadem." Mr. F. Brookes sang "The Loom of Life," and Mr. D. Abbott sang "Tell me ye winged winds." Pearls and recitations were given by the scholars. Misses Hobson and Vernon sang a duet entitled "Sow in the morn thy seed." Nos. 156 and 104 in the songster were rendered by the choir. Mrs. and Miss Hobson, Miss Vernon, H. Brett, jun., and D. Abbott sang "God is Love." Every thing went well, closing with "The Lyceum."—D. Abbott, Secretary.

**TORONTO (Central Lyceum).**—On January 28th we held a most successful concert and dance, the large assembly hall in Occident Hall being well filled. The musicians were Messrs. Bruce, Hastings, Wilkinson, Tomkinson, and Master Robby Burt; vocalists, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffs, Mrs. Annie Richardson, Miss Beatrice Brookbank, and Messrs. Dowds and Morrison. Chairman, Mr. Ravelle. A most enjoyable evening was spent with old friends and new. Anyone coming from the Old Country to Toronto will find a most hearty welcome if they come to Occident Hall, corner of Queen and Bathurst Streets, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, or evening 7-30.

**WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.**—Our Lyceum treat was a splendid success. After singing "Our Lyceum 'tis of Thee," our children went through their marching evolutions. Then Mrs. Miles, under control, recited a piece describing the voyage of the good ship "Star of Progress," during which the curtain was raised and showed the ship anchored and laden with presents. Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, late of England, distributed the presents. The two senior boys who built the boat, which took six months of their spare time to accomplish, were presented with a badge by Mrs. Kaye Brown and Miss McLean. Thanks are due to Mesdames Miles, Cooper, Morris and Waring, who for four months have worked making presents for the oldest girls.—W. Miles, Conductor.

**WINNIPEG (Polson Avenue).**—It will be interesting to all Lyceumists to learn that although we are so far away from other Lyceums we carried out our Jubilee celebrations with great success, for we had a crowded audience to hear Mrs. Forrest speak of the Utility of the Lyceum Movement. Also we had our distribution of prizes, when the following were successful: Special prizes, Miss F. Brown and Richard Cartman. Prizes for attendance: Miss F. Brown, Violet Vernon, Queenie Vernon, Ivy Higley, Dennis Higley, Harry Higley, Teddie Higley, and Richard Cartman. After the distribution a few encouraging remarks were made by Mr. Birch, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. C. Forrest, Mr. Higley, and Mr. Vernon.—J. Parkinson, Secretary.

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