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ONE PENNY.



Through the kindness of Mrs. Leng, the Lyceum Conductor, who stands behind the group, we are able to present to our readers a photo-group of the Hull, Holborn Street, Lyceum, who so prettily welcomed the Lyceum Conference to Hull, as reported in our last issue. Their names are as follows: W., Annie Brown; E., Elsie Headley; L., Elda Marson; C., Donald Atkinson; O., Mellie Leng; M., Tom Woodhall; E., Lily Taylor; T., Robert Sidebottom; O., Alice Hammond; H., Lance Housham; U., Mary White; L., Lena Smith; L., Miss Miller.

INTUITION.

By Mrs. FRANCES KINGMAN.

CHAPTER XVIII.

I am really uncomfortable. I have striven at a dozen different tasks and failed. Jennie does not help me in the least, for she sighs, "O laws! how lonesome the house is without Cutty!"

The first week of my adopted darling's absence has seemed a month. I have read and re-read her four letters with a lover's eagerness. She wrote she was pleasantly situated, liked her chum, and her only sorrow was, fear lest I became sad through loneliness, and deep solicitude for Lizzie Holt. In her last letter she wrote:

"I shall never forget my parting with dear Lizzie. I could think of nothing save an angel pluming its wings for a long flight. Mother, I am rejoiced to hear she is a little better, but something seems to tell me she will not get well. If she fails rapidly and you fear the end, please send for me."

Cutty may be right. Lizzie recovered from her attack of fever sufficiently to ride out, and has spent a day with me once since Cutty left for school. But she looks so very pale, and

gradually loses strength, though her mother and father think she will soon be herself again. Mrs. Holt has grown really old in appearance during her daughter's illness. I think she now regrets her past treatment of her.

Belle Orcut has gone to Lowell to work in one of the factories. Lizzie has tried several times to talk with her mother regarding her passing away. She never speaks of it but her mother refuses to listen and goes into hysterics and exclaims, "Lizzie you will *not* die, you must get well." I have seen the little mouth quiver, and the small wasted hands tremble. She finds happiness with her father, and nestles down in my arms with her head on my bosom like a wounded dove. Yesterday I crowned her fair head with June roses. When they had faded, she said:

"They are willing to become dust again, Mrs. Blake. But there will come from the dust beautiful flowers next year—Cutty taught me that. Isn't she coming pretty soon, Mrs. Blake?"

"Yes, dear, I will send for her in a few days."

"I would love to kiss her once—just once before—" She paused an instant, then whispered, "I must get her messages for her mother, father and Johnny, you know. I have got lots and lots now, for I have asked all my friends who have got angels in heaven what I shall tell them."

"Can you remember them all, Lizzie?" I asked.

"Oh, Yes, Mrs. Blake, and I will take yours before I go; don't feel sad please, because I shall see your Cecil before you do, Mrs. Blake." She saw tears in my eyes. Then she added,

"Do you think I shall go soon? I wish you would ask the doctor and tell me what he says, because he will not tell *me*, you know, and we ought to know somewhere near the time so that you can send for Cutty."

There came a radiant glow of expectancy in dear Lizzie's eyes as she conversed about her approaching end. I could not refuse her request, I kissed her. That evening as I walked with Dr. Wilkinson from Mrs. Holt's to my own door I asked him his candid opinion about her. He said, "Mrs. Blake, she is dying of quick consumption. She cannot live a week I think."

I was not surprised, and when I had bidden the doctor "good-night," I at once wrote to Cutty to get leave of absence for ten days or a fortnight, and to bring her books so that she would not lose her lessons.

A few days ago, Jennie asked my permission to make something nice for Lizzie. In the afternoon she came to my room looking very trim and smart, holding a little basket. "Please look, ma'am," she said, as she lifted the white napkin. I saw some very nice jelly moulded in the form of flowers and leaves, and several cream-custards she has made for dear Lizzie. In half an hour after Jennie had left me, I saw her returning with her handkerchief in her hand, entering she remarked, "Who can weep in such a sick-chamber as yond one? Oh! ma'am, never since I've born did I hear or see her likes. Oh! she'll surely die. She talks so strange, she made me cry, and I could not stay a bit longer. Oh! ma'am hear what she said."

"Was her mother present, Jennie?"

"No, ma'am, she said while I sat with Lizzie she'd go and do some little things she wanted to. When we were alone the first thing the child did was to take hold of my hand and squeeze it. I felt so sorry for her, I thought I'd say something to cheer her up, so I said:

"Miss Lizzie, you look better; you'll get well soon, I think." She looked so disappointed, and said, "No, Jennie, do I?" She was thinking a minute, then she said, "Jennie, I'm going to a beautiful place; have you got anybody in heaven?"

"She scared me so I could hardly speak, but I said as quickly as I could, 'My old man was a good christian, he used to shout in the meetings, you could hear him half a mile; but I don't suppose he's gone to the same place as the white folks have gone to?'"

"What's his name?" she asked.

"Simon Peters," I told her. Then she said:

"How old was he when he went away?"

"I told her, and she asked me if I had got a photograph of him, I laughed till I thought I'd die, and she laughed too. Then she said over and over again, 'Simon Peters, Simon Peters. I mustn't get it mixed up with Simon Peter, you know, Jennie; for if I should I might get quite mortified, you know; but I'll find him, Jennie, and tell him just what you want me to? Then I cried, I choked, and swallowed, and winked, and coughed, but I couldn't keep the tears back. Then she said:

"Jennie, what are you crying for? Perhaps God will let you go pretty soon. We can't all go at once, you know."

"Only think, Mrs. Blake, she thinks it's such a blessing because she's going to die."

"To die, Jennie? Lizzie is about to enter the only true life."

She did not quite understand my meaning, and went on to tell me how vexed Mrs. Holt was, because she had cried in Lizzie's room.

"I didn't dare tell her a word that had been said, Mrs. Blake."

"No, Jennie, it is a forbidden subject with the poor deluded woman. Heaven help her, for the end is coming.

Cutty has arrived home to have a last interview and chat with Lizzie. She composed a beautiful bouquet of roses, violets, mignonette, jessamine, tube and musk roses, heliotrope verbenas, forget-me-nots, and in the centre a full, fair japonica.

It was Lizzie's first meeting with Cutty, since her return; and it was refreshing to be present. No repining over sickness, or long tales of terrible suffering and sleepless night, no long faces and significant glances. Lizzie was very comfortable, and they laughed and talked joyously; the little one inquiring after the boarding-school pupils, and Cutty's chum, and at last in a way that made us all laugh, she asked:

"Is there anything *figurative* there, Cutty?"

Mrs. Holt and I withdrew from the room, so that the dear girls might have a little love-feast all to themselves.

"My darling is very much better," remarked Mrs. Holt, "and I am rejoiced, I never have been hopeless, although I think Dr. Wilkinson would have me so if he could. Have you ever thought, Mrs. Blake, she would die?"

I replied slowly: "Mrs. Holt, you pain me, I think your little girl is not yet out of danger."

"Why, my dear Mrs. Blake," she exclaimed, "she has been free from danger these five weeks: what do you think is the matter with her?"

"I think Lizzie is in a decline," I answered.

"Oh, no! She is greatly debilitated from fever, and it takes so long for one to their strength back. Her cough is only the effect of an inflamed throat."

"What has Dr. Wilkinson said of her recently?"

"He only comes twice a week, and he calls her comfortable."

I changed the subject, for I trembled for the hour which so surely must dawn. I sat awhile longer, and upon Cutty's rejoicing me, we took our leave. When we got home again, my darling daughter told me of her delightful interview with Lizzie. "She was not saddened an instant through it all, except when she told me her mother wouldn't believe she was going away. It was so pitiful to hear her; she told me how many times she had tried to talk with her mother and could not. But her father, she loves him very much; she tells him, and he said to her:

"Yes, my little daughter will soon be where she will have many opportunities to take all the poor children to Sunday school she desires to; and where she can indulge her intuitive belief, I trust."

"She wanted me to promise when she had gone I would stay a day or two with her family and comfort them. She says, 'They'll believe our doctrine then, Cutty; I'll bet they will.'"

"So like her, my dear. I wonder if she will use the expression there?" We both laughed, and neither of us could explain the sensation the thought caused in our hearts, and then we were very quiet a long time, fully absorbed in deep thought.

(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.]

We know many people who live pure lives, and mix with their fellow men quietly, and who are doing good to the latter in many ways that they do not see at present, but which, by-and-bye, will be made clear to them. The good is not confined even to the healthy influence of their own presence, but is added to and made more effective by the helpful influence of the spirit friends they draw around them; for we on our side benefit other spirits in precisely the same way that you do those in the body. The good man and his spirit friends form a stronghold of purity, from which radiate influences of goodness that tell upon the spirit friends of the bad man; for these same spirit friends are much more aware of the presence and effect of such a power for good than is the man with whom they are associated. As before explained, the *thoughts* of the good man (being also assisted by the impressions of his spirit guides) are like words spoken aloud to the spirit friends of the bad man; and when the pure minded man in thought condemns or reproaches the latter—though he may not utter a word aloud—he may rouse feelings of shame in the breasts of the evil-doer's spirit friends, which will re-act upon their companion in the flesh, and make him feel uncomfortable in the presence of the good man. You may, perhaps, have heard tell of the uncomfortable feeling we refer to. The *thoughts* of the pure-minded man or woman have a similar effect on the spirit companions of the misguided man to what would have been produced by giving them good advice, and it not unfrequently ends in their feeling ashamed of their associate in the flesh, and

ceasing to influence him, which is good for both parties. As every thought is tinged with the magnetism of the thinker, people in the spirit world have not the power to think one thing of a person and speak another, and consequently those who on earth have indulged in duplicity and hypocrisy, flattered people to their faces, and spoken evilly of them behind their backs find themselves robbed of the power further to deceive, as their insincerity and unkind thoughts are revealed to the gaze of those they would deceive.

Spirit people are often pained when visiting earth people to see the duplicity that is practised in daily life among professed friends in all walks of life and grades of Society.

THOUGHTS AND THINGS.

"Thoughts are things" is often remarked. No doubt this affirmation has originated with the psychic who in lucid moments has seen thought clothed in visible form. On the spirit side of life thought has the power, besides that of tinging the magnetism as already described, also of acting on the subtle forces in the spirit world, and clothing itself in the guise of the nature of the thought. So it would be more correct to say, that thoughts are the manifestations of the soul's energy as expressed in thought, and their force or power to make themselves felt, varies as the intensity of the thoughts vary. Thus people whose thoughts are feeble, who think and speak in a casual, indifferent manner, impart little force to their thought-forms, and consequently they have no more endurance than soap bubbles. Similarly orators who only seek to please their audiences and so indulge in flattering platitudes which lack strong feeling and sincerity, make little impression on their audiences, while the man or woman who speaks from sincere conviction naturally puts intensity of feeling into their thoughts, which propels them with what may be called living force, and their hearers feel the effect and say, "He had his heart in his address."

When people think intensely of a friend they unconsciously send out a thought-form of themselves which may cause the recipient to think of the one who is thinking of them, and wonder how they are, if all be right with them. If a feeling of gladness is experienced, it is a sign that the friend is not in trouble; but if a feeling of oppression or sadness accompanies the thought-form, it is an indication that the friend is in trouble or very anxious. In rare cases these thought-forms are seen coming up the garden walk, on the street, or passing the window as if about to enter, and when you anticipate their knock on the door you find your visitor or friend has suddenly vanished. Such cases are known as "doubles."

If thought-forms can make themselves visible to the earth people who are clothed in flesh, how much more so to spirit people who are free from the encumbering limits of the flesh. Many clairvoyant visions are of this thought-form nature. The spirit wishing to show itself projects a strong thought-form of himself as he used to be best known by in earth life for easy recognition. If there be any difficulty of recognition he may project a strong thought-picture of home, its outward surroundings and inward contents. This frequently leads the sceptic to infer that the departed are still dressed in their earthly garments,

are old, wrinkled, grey and feeble, needing the help of the stick, and surrounded by their old furniture, etc., when as a matter of fact what has been seen and described are but thought-forms to help the recipients to recognise the fact that their friend is not dead.

Where a great tragedy has taken place, the thought-forms may persist for a long number of years, and in certain cases be revived in the memory of the perpetrators at their anniversaries, when the evil-doers may have to witness a re-enactment of their foul deeds. Scenes of murder, wars, etc., in which all the worst passions of human nature are roused into strong activity, are cases in point, and if sensitives chance to approach those places at these particular periods they may be horrified by witnessing the sanguinary scenes re-enacted, when the thought-forms of the victims of the crime will be revived into the semblance of life and give the onlookers the erroneous idea that they are experiencing a repetition of their sad fate.

The knowledge that thoughts clothe themselves in invisible forms, on the psychic plane, should induce all to watch their thoughts and see that they harbour only the good, the kind and helpful, especially those who attend the spirit circle to seek communion with spirit people. We would remind all such of the lines,—

"How pure in heart, and sound in head,
With what divine affections bold
Should be the man whose thoughts would hold
An hour's communion with the dead."

(To be continued.)

Bluebell Guild.

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

CONDUCTED BY M. E. KITSON, B.A.

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

This month we have the great pleasure of welcoming quite a number of new members for our Guild. All are from South Shields (Eldon Street) Lyceum, and when I received Mr. Woodhall's letter enclosing the list of names, I felt so proud of that Lyceum which is thus trying to promote our aims.

This brings the number of those who have joined us to nearly 3,500, and I cannot help wondering how many of my Bluebells have their membership card in a prominent place in their homes, and try to carry out its aims every day of their lives. I am quite sure that numbers of you must at times have been witnesses, or even actors, in some little scene-wherein was practiced "gentleness, kindness, and good behaviour," have you not? Would it not be nice, and helpful to other Bluebells, if you wrote and told us all, (through the Banner), of such incidents. It would suggest new ways and opportunities of doing good, and being real, useful, helpful Bluebells. So I hope that this next month I shall receive quite a number of letters from you telling me of such episodes in your own experience.

One day, recently, I was visiting a friend who is a school teacher, and at play-time we went out into the playground to watch the enjoyment of the child-

ren. I noticed one child walking alongside the wall all alone, speaking to no one, and no one taking heed of her. I wondered why this was so; but guessed the sad reason as she came nearer to us. Poor child! Her clothes were poor and ragged, and "too old" in more than one sense for her, her boots were full of holes, and her whole appearance said her parents had to work and struggle hard with that relentless master, Poverty. My heart ached for her and my thoughts were, "What a pity none of my Bluebells attend this school, for I am sure if they did they would ask her to join in their games and be merry, and forget she was ill-clad."

Don't you think those school-children were missing one of their little golden chances, which make up the sum of the years? I do.

This letter will tell you what a pleasant greeting I had since my last talk with you, and I do sincerely thank my friend Annie for her loving and kind thoughts and for the flowers. I trust they will all often have delightful picnics as they hope, and I hope soon to welcome many of them as new members.

"Dear Flora Belle,

I went with some of the girls to Bluebell Valley last Saturday and we had a splendid picnic. It is within easy distance, being only three miles. That is the first of many to which we are looking forward, providing the weather is fine. This letter is enclosed in a box of Bluebells, gathered specially for you in memory of the Guild which I am sure is doing much good.

If you have a list of names, I should like to have them;—I mean of those who joined the Guild years ago. There have been no entries as long as I have been going to the Lyceum, that is fifteen years, and most of us are desirous of joining at once. I will send on a list later. We all send our love and very good wishes for everyone.

Yours very sincerely,
Annie Birch, (Macclesfield, Cumberland St.
Lyceum.)"

Mr. Woodall, in sending the list of names from South Shields, writes:—

Dear Flora Belle,

It is with great pleasure I again take the opportunity to write to you, enclosing a few names to swell the number of those pledged to promote "Gentleness, Kindness, and Good Behaviour." If all the members of the Guild could only realize what they are joining and live up to it, what a grand prospect it would be for the coming generation. Wishing you continued success,

I remain, yours fraternally,

WM. WOODALL.

I am grateful to our friend for his kind wishes and heartily endorse his expressions of opinion.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

3426 Mrs. Bewick.	3457 Lillian Robson.
3427 Mrs. Parker.	3458 Noble Robson.
3428 Mr. Hogg.	3459 Jennie Burn.
3429 Mr. Burton.	3460 Elizabeth Solomon.
3430 Miss Scott.	3461 Nellie Powel.
3431 Miss Lily Wilson.	3462 Violet Nelson.
3432 Fredk. Thos. Parker.	3463 Belsie Lawson.
3433 Dennis Parker.	3464 Nancy Lawson.
3434 Florrie Parker.	3465 Ada May Dietz.
3435 Robt. Hy. Hogg.	3466 Winifred Dietz.
3436 Georgina Hogg.	3467 Willie Ashley.
3437 Annie Hogg.	3468 Leslie Bewick.
3438 Sarah Ann Hogg.	3469 Ernest Mayne.

3439 Wm. Booth.	3470 Thomas Mayne.
3440 Jas. Booth.	3471 Mary Scott.
3441 Robt. Booth.	3472 Bessie Scott.
3442 George Laverack.	3473 Elizabeth Scott.
3443 John Laverack.	3474 Hannah Scott.
3444 Hilda Fallgren.	3475 Lily Scott.
3445 Ruth Evelyn Fallgren.	3476 Edith Finley.
3446 Dora Fallgren.	3477 Maggie Allan.
3447 Nora Mingall.	3478 John Seaton.
3448 Eva Mingall.	3479 May Seaton.
3449 Hilda Maud.	3480 Elsie Wilson.
3450 Mary Waite.	3481 Doris Wilson.
3451 Elizabeth Waite.	3482 Robbie Wilson.
3452 Barbara Watson.	3483 Florrie Wadham.
3453 Henry Leadbeater.	3484 Barbara Chadwick.
3454 Edith Peterson.	3485 Florrie Noble.
3455 Gladys Peterson.	3486 Mary Noble.
3456 Maggie Walker.	

For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

MY DEAR CHUMS,

The answers to last month's hidden names are 1, Mr. Latham; 2, Mr. Owen; 3, Mr. Keeling; 4, Mr. Edwards; 5, Miss Hesp; 6, Mrs. Greenwood and Mr. Kitson. Solutions have been received from Mr. E. A. Keeling of Liverpool, Master Harry Wright of Sowerby Bridge, and Master Wilfred Pinder of Derby. I express my gratitude to them for their interest in our page. Here is a match-puzzle:—

Place fourteen matches side by side on a table about one inch apart. Take hold of any match, cross it over the next two and place the match on the third one from where you started in the shape of a cross. Repeat this method with single matches until all are crossed, forming seven crosses. Each pair of crossed matches will count as two matches when doing this puzzle. Be careful not to cross over more than two matches. Now! boys, hurry up and see who can send me the first correct solution, giving the numbers of matches and how you have crossed them. The answer will appear next month.

As we have more space for our page this month I want to resume what I started in May, a series of little talks on the "seven principles of Spiritualism." The May issue dealt with God. I tried to show that the boy with the mirror found he and other boys and girls, and men and women, had the divine power within themselves and were capable of expressing the natural gifts of love and help towards others. These gifts are ours to work and play with. By putting them into practice we are living the second principle of our religion, Brotherhood.

If you will go into the centre of any of our large towns where motor cars, trams, drays, waggons, and people are busily passing to and fro, on their various way of business and pleasure, you will see a man dressed in a blue uniform. This policeman is there to keep order and the law.

Sometimes we hear our fathers say there is going to be an election to send a man to Parliament to represent us. When those people who have votes have elected the one whom they are most in favour of sending, the chosen man will go to London and sit with the chosen men from every town in the land to make laws to govern us. When these laws are made it is the duty of the police to see we obey them.

We shall be fined or put into prison if we fail to keep within the law. These are man-made laws, and the lowest form of Brotherhood. Every country which has a Parliament makes its own laws. Sometimes we find Parliaments speak different languages and when words and speeches are interpreted to another language the meaning is changed, because other lands have not always words which mean the same thing. This causes misunderstanding and sometimes wars ensue. Wars are terrible misfortunes and are the direct opposite to brotherhood. We do not think two men should fight, nor boys either; so why should nations fight each other. I once saw a battle. One side had a point of vantage on the hills. The attacking party had four regiments of foot-soldiers, with cavalry on each flank and artillery behind. A war-balloon was in the air communicating with the Generals. That was what I saw. Let me tell you what I felt.

When the battle ended I went on the field as night was falling; the dead, the dying and wounded were gathered together by stretcher-bearers by the light of lanterns midst an awful mixture of groans and prayers and moans. Doctors were grimly dressing the wounds and searching the pockets of the dead to try and find the address of a loved one at home to whom the dread news might be sent. Placing those wounded who were conscious in the Ambulances, I followed to the hospital at the rear of the remaining troops. Each waggon was met by an orderly who asked the wounded, as they were taken from the Ambulance, their name and the address of friends at home. I only watched one case. "What's your name," says the orderly, no answer came from the stretcher. The man was shaken but there was no response. No answer could be given, for when the man was lifted from the stretcher a pool of blood was left and the poor young fair-haired soldier was a corpse. A search is made in his pockets but nothing can be found. I thought of his home and friends, his parents, perhaps his wife and children. Sick at heart with the sound of the grave-diggers in my ears I busied myself with those still alive. I do not wish to describe further what I felt and would not even write thus far so horrible a truth as I experienced it, did I not know there are boys in the Lyceum who are attracted by the fascinating uniform of the soldier. I say let those who make wars fight them. There are a majority of people in every land who love peace, and prefer friendliness amongst nations. An effort is being made by good intentioned people to introduce a mental language of a universal type called Esperanto, to overcome any possibility of misunderstanding between nations. Some day-schools for children are now learning this language of hope, and if any of my boy readers have a chance to learn it I hope your parents will allow them to do so.

I have told you about the policeman and the man-made laws. Spiritualism is founded on laws which are more worthy to follow because there is a truer foundation when we base our conduct on nature's laws. People who do right because of the fear of the law and punishment are not even so good as people who only do right because they don't like to be seen doing wrong.

The teachings of Brotherhood are highest and best because we are taught through the "Lyceum Man-

ual" to do right because it is right. Do as you would be done by, is our motto. The Lyceumist who does this is helping to bring into being a brotherhood which will make him a good man and infuse similar thoughts and actions in his companions. If any boy should steal from you, or say untruthful things of you, don't get vexed and fly in a temper, but tell him quietly of his mistaken conduct. I have tried this as boy and man; I find no one has ever stolen from me twice, though I have allowed him to keep the thing he has stolen from me. Instead, I have found these people to be my firmest friends when others have spoke ill of me in my absence.

True brotherhood is based on our knowledge of mutual obligations to each other, the bearing of each others infirmities and weaknesses, and assistance to each other in times of need.

A letter from any young or old boy, appropriate to our page, will be welcomed by your sincere chum,
G. F. KNOTT,
22, Gowers St., Rochdale.

Girls' Own Corner.

By
Mrs. JESSY
GREENWOOD



Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	Mus. Reading.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
July 1	422	44	240	108	306
July 13	395	93	237	114	*415
July 20	344	417	204	126	363
July 27	372	416	205	127	337

*Tune. St. George.

Pearls.

- JULY 6—"If you would cease to dislike a man, try to get nearer to his heart."—*J. M. Barrie.*
- JULY 13—"Our moral progress may be measured by the degree in which we sympathise with individual suffering and individual joy."—*George Eliot.*
- JULY 20—"It is a question whether it were not better to be the shabbiest of fools, and know the way up the little stair of imagination to the land of dreams, than the wisest of men who see nothing that the eyes do not show, and feel nothing that the hands do not touch."—*Olive Schreiner.*
- JULY 27—"The conduct of our lives is the true mirror of our doctrine."—*Montaigne.*

Now is the time for flower services, for special

efforts to bring together the beautiful creations and glorious specimens of the gardeners' skill and care, and what wondrous signs we see of the gentle mother care of nature brooding over her seedlings, feeding them from her ample store of nourishment, catching the showers to wash and cleanse, and the sunshine to warm and foster all her productions!

A lover of botany sees even greater wonders in form, symmetry, and colour, than many of us can, because his eye and mind have been trained to study the physiological and morphological departments of botany as well as systematic Botany.

He knows the names of every part of the flower, their functions and habits—how they live, feed, grow and multiply—whilst the majority of us revel in the beauties displayed in a garden or the woods and lanes and say, how beautiful! how lovely! In their own kingdom they occupy various places and positions and each according to its environment fulfils its part, lives its day and then goes. How like those other flowers in the human kingdom! If all received due care and protection so that the best possible results could ensue, there would be no unhappy homes or surroundings, children would be welcomed; music and singing, and flowers about the house, and the crooning lullaby of the mother would change the hovel to a home; but the weeds! Ah, the weeds—aye the richest soil needs constant weeding. What a lot of big ugly weeds have been allowed to grow and almost choke the flowers of humanity; greed, selfishness, idleness, want, misery, the rush and roar of great hives of industry accompanied by the uprising of streets and streets of houses to shelter the thousands who work therein, excluding the sunlight and air, and plant life only struggles for existence.

Andrew Dodds says:—

There's a bonny green mist linyin'
On the woodland up the brae,
And a sweet wind softly sighin'
Where I am wont to stray;
And a thousand birds are chirlin'
In a' their varyin' keys,
Wi' the merle and mavis birlin'
High up among the trees.
Then comes a thocht o' pity
That far ayont yon hills
There are thousands in the city,
In the workshops and the mills,,
Never see the green mist hingin'
On the woodland far away,
Where the wild birds' notes are ringin',
And the cauler breezes play.

Recently I was at Blackburn, Northgate Lyceum Flower Service, where the friends had made special efforts to decorate their room with flowers, all gifts from scholars and others, and it was a happy event. Wild flowers found a place among the cultured ones and were just as bonny and acceptable as the others. The Conductor, Mr. McKeivitt spoke of our corner in felicitous terms and said he received a letter every month from Mrs. Greenwood, which made me turn to him in surprise, but I noticed some eyes were twinkling with merriment as the parable unfolded, and he explained it was through the BANNER he got his letter, which, by the way, is to the girls. I am glad the boys are interested in it. Excellent sessions, plenty of individual effort, good singing, visitors

from Peter Street and other Lyceums, and a hearty welcome to two friends—Mr. Martin and Mr. Cooke, showed an activity that bespeaks a brighter future for Northgate.

I like this little poem. Don't you?

THE ROSE.

I wandered in a garden by the sea,
I plucked a rose—the fairest flow'r that blows.
A maiden, standing by, wept bitterly,
For she had loved the rose.

“Ah me,” she sighed, “it bloomed within my
bow'r,

And with its fragrance soothed my misery,
And I had naught to love save that sweet flow'r—
It was the world to me!”

Oh! that of me some aching heart may say,
When I am gone, that I have soothed its woes.
God grant that some heart may miss me all the
day

When death has plucked the rose!

Daily Citizen.

R. W. W. REES.

Jason and the Golden Fleece.

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

At last, after many more adventures, they came to the Cape of Malea. And there they offered sacrifices, and Orpheus purged them from their guilt. Then they sailed away again for many long days of weary toil, until they once more saw Mount Pelion and Iolcos by the sea. And they ran the ship ashore; but they had no strength left to haul her up the beach; so they crawled out on the pebbles and sat down and cried, for the houses and the trees were all altered; and all the faces they saw were strange; so their joy at the end of their labours in fetching the Golden Fleece was swallowed up in sorrow.

And the people crowded round in amazement, and asked them, “Who are you, that you sit weeping here like lost children?”

“We are the sons of your princes, who sailed away long years ago. We went to fetch the Golden Fleece, and we have brought it, and much grief besides. Give us news of our fathers and mothers, if any of them be left alive on earth.”

Then there was great shouting, mingled with laughter and tears, so great was their joy when they heard the glad tidings. And all the kings came to the shore, and they led away the heroes to their homes, and bewailed the valiant dead.

Then Jason went up with the Princess Medea to the palace of his Uncle Pelias. And when he entered he saw Pelias sitting by the hearth, crippled and blind with age, while opposite him sat Æson, Jason's father, also crippled and blind.

Then Jason knelt down at his father's knees and wept, and called him by his name. And the old man stretched out his hands to feel him, and said, “Do not mock me, young man. My son Jason is dead, long ago, at sea.”

“I am your own son, Jason, whom you trusted to the Centaur upon Pelion, and I have brought home the Golden Fleece, and a beautiful princess for my bride.” Then turning to his uncle, he said, “So now give up the kingdom, Pelias, my uncle, and fulfil your promise as I have fulfilled mine.”

Then his father clung to him like a child and wept for joy, and would not let him go, and said, "Now I shall not go down lonely to my grave. Promise me never to leave me till I die."

CHAPTER VII.

CONCLUSION.

Now I wish I could end my story pleasantly by saying, "all the heroes lived happily ever after," but I cannot. The old story tellers end it sadly. Jason was greatly vexed by his uncle, to whom he delivered his hard-won treasure, the Golden Fleece. He confided his grievance to Medeia, whom he had married, and asked her aid in avenging his wrong. Medeia used all her powers to win the confidence and trust of the daughters of Pelias, and assured them she had the power to make the old and infirm young again, and as an evidence of her powers restored Jason's father to youthfulness. She pretended to reveal her secret to the daughters, which led them to kill their father in order to renovate him. For this deed both Jason and his wife were forced to go into exile. They retired to Corinth, where they lived happily, till Jason fell in love with Creüsa, the daughter of the king, and put Medeia away from him. Medeia concealed her anger, and sent Jason's new wife a splendid robe as a marriage present; but the robe was poisoned, and caused the death of both the bride and her father. Medeia then mounted her chariot and fled to Athens, where she married Ægeus, to whom she bore a son named Medus. Later on she fled to Colchis, and her son became the conqueror of the country, which he named after himself, Media.

But of all the other heroes, there is many a thrilling tale to tell; of the hunting of the boar in Calydon, which Meleager killed; of Hercules and his famous twelve labours; of the seven who fought at Thebas; and of the noble love of Castor and Pollux—how when one died the other would not live without him, so they shared their immortality between them; and Zeus changed them into two twin stars which rise both at once.

And what became of Cheiron, the immortal centaur? That, too, is a sad story; for the heroes never saw him again. He was wounded by a poisoned arrow, at Pholoe, among the hills, when Hercules opened the fatal wine-jar which Cheiron had warned him not to touch. And the centaurs smelt the wine, and flocked to it, and fought for it with Hercules; but he killed them all with his poisoned arrows, and Cheiron was left alone. Then Cheiron took up one of the arrows and let it drop by chance upon his foot, and the poison ran like fire along his veins, and he lay down and longed to die; and cried "Through wine I perish, the bane of all my race. Why should I live for ever in this agony? Who will take my immortality, that I may die?"

Then Prometheus, the good Titan, whom Hercules set free from the Caucasus, said, "I will take your immortality and live for ever, that I may help poor mortal men." So Cheiron gave him his immortality, and died, and rested from pain. And Hercules and Prometheus wept over him, and went to bury him on Mount Pelion, where he had lived, and had taught and trained so many noble princes; but Zeus took him up and placed him among the stars to live for

ever as a grand constellation in the southern sky.

And now I will end my story of the Golden Fleece, with all its trials and triumphs, and begin another and a more cheerful one of a hero called "Theseus," who became a worthy king, and won the love of his people.

THE END.

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,

My object in bringing this matter before your readers is to get an expression of opinion, re our Annual Conferences as at present carried on.

My contention is, that the Conferences should be the means of attracting a vast concourse of people, and at the same time be the means of good and sound propaganda work to the local Lyceums and the neighbourhood generally.

My first visit to a Lyceum Conference was paid to Hull, and the impression left, was such as would not have had any attraction for me, if I had not been so closely associated with the work. I take it the Conferences are arranged, not only for the free discussion of business matters, but to endeavour to arouse an interest and to place our movement and methods more prominently before those who are outside the Lyceum rank.

The three business sessions experienced at Hull did certainly not have any attraction to the outside general public, and it is a matter for regret that, during the 24 years the Union has been in existence, we can only number something under 10,000 Lyceumists.

Now from the outsiders position, what was there in the Sessions to attract those whom we are so anxious should be acquainted with our ideals? Nothing—absolutely no attraction. The questions naturally arises: Do we by our Conferences justify our existence? Are we doing our best for the advancement of the cause, or are we so working by holding the business sessions retarding the Lyceum cause?

The airing of petty grievances, such as why one holds the office of Editor, the why and wherefore of such appointed, when and how was the appointment made, or whether a particular motion emanated from Liverpool or Lancashire, such quibbling belittles our movement, and to say the least of it the afternoon session, was far from uplifting, and certainly would not attract a great mass of people to join hands with us. Our movement stands for the children, and so far as I could follow, not for the benefit of the children was one word uttered. Now I would suggest that the Conferences start at 2 o'clock on the Saturday and to get the business matters over by 9 o'clock. Devote the whole of the Sunday to Open Sessions and a general wind up by the mass meeting.

I throw out the suggestion that the afternoon Sessions be real live ones, with a good display of marching and calisthenics, the local Lyceum leading. A practical demonstration such as this would leave a lasting impression upon those who had the opportunity of witnessing it. The town could then be painted red, for we should be up and doing. *A march through the town to the accompaniment of a band would again let them know we were alive.*

By judicious advertising should so stimulate interest, that larger crowds would be attracted to the sessions and would be serving a double purpose, that of good sound propaganda work, and more profitable financially to the Union's funds, then after the delegates had left would result in the local Lyceums reaping a good harvest, and they should for the strenuous work entailed by the issuing of the invitation.

Yours, &c., J. FORSYTH,
Conductor, North London Lyceum.

Dear Sir,

My attention has been drawn to the letter, in your June issue, of my friend, Mr. Myatt. I feel sure had he been present at the Hull Conference, he would not have written the letter appearing above his name—for it is evident I have been misunderstood by his informant. Permit me to assure him that I fully recognise the splendid work he and his co-workers are doing in the Openshaw Lyceum. I wish we had many more such workers as Mr. Myatt, there would be no need for complaint re returns, for the ebbs and flows would almost disappear, giving place to a constant increase. Be not discouraged, you are engaged in a glorious work. *The workers win.*

Yours, J. KNIGHT.

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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 seen by the official notice appearing on another page, that the Lyceum Union's Executive will hold its July quarterly meeting at Armley, Leeds, on July 12th. It is confidently anticipated that the Lyceums in Leeds will rally to make the occasion a memorable one.

Lyceums who are contemplating joining the Union, should send in their applications to the General Secretary at once so as to ensure their being in time to be considered.

Applications from the following Lyceums were considered and ordered to be enrolled at Executive meeting held just prior to the Lyceum Conference—Dundee (Murraygate), Greenock (Cathcart Street), Sunderland (Derwent Street), North Shields (Stanley Street), and South Shields (South Eldon Street).

Lyceumists frequently leave England for foreign countries, taking with them copies of the *Lyceum Manual*, the *Spiritual Songster*, etc., mementoes of their Lyceum teachings, and incentives to form Lyceums in the land of their adoption. This has led to the formation of Lyceums in the United States of America, a number in Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia. We have news of one being formed at Brisbane, Mr. P. N. Humphreys, late of Manchester, sends us a report accompanied with an application for membership. Similarly, Mr. Sibson, late of Leicester, makes application on behalf of the Lyceum at Christchurch. We are very grateful for the good missionary work done by those friends beyond the seas.

We have been favoured with a photo group of the Tyneside District Council Officers with their new Silver Shield, won by the Gateshead Lyceum. We much regret being unable to give our readers a picture of the photo group.

With this issue we commence our twelfth year as Editor and Manager of the LYCEUM BANNER, during which we have had the pleasure of seeing it more than double its circulation. Among the changes effected may be mentioned its increased size, (from twelve pages to sixteen), its special cover, and the pages being wired and cut, making a neat, handy magazine. These changes mean a heavy annual item which, considering that the Founder sunk £175 in the LYCEUM BANNER during the twelve years he published it, only faintly indicates the heavy task the present Editor has had to contend with in order to make it pay its way. We hope the time is not far distant when we shall be able to open a Portrait Gallery, and supply our readers, each month, with a portrait and sketch of some prominent Lyceum worker.

We are much obliged to our readers for the many congratulatory letters received concerning the page devoted to Lyceum recitations. The many Lyceumists needing recitations for the monthly Open Sessions demanded that their needs should be catered for. It will be seen by the Chesterfield Lyceum report, that each recitation was memorised and recited on June 8th. No doubt many similar incidents will occur. If so, they will be the best compliment that can be paid the Editor.

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Heaven is not reached at a single bound.
 But we build the ladder by which we rise
 From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
 And we mount to its summit round by round.

I count this thing to be grandly true—
 That a noble deed is a step towards God,
 Lifting the soul from the common sod
 To a purer air and a broader view.

We rise by the things that are under our feet,
 By what we have mastered of greed and gain;
 By the pride deposed and passion slain,
 And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet.

We hope, we aspire, we resolve, we trust,
 When the morning calls us to life and light;
 But our hearts grow weary, and ere the night
 Our lives are trailing in sordid dust.

We hope, we resolve, we aspire, we pray,
 And think that we mount the air on wings
 Beyond the recall of sensual things,
 While our feet still cling to the heavy clay.

Wings for the angels, but feet for the men!
 We may borrow the wings to find the way,—
 We may hope, and resolve, and aspire, and pray;
 But our feet must rise, or we fall again.

Only in dreams is a ladder thrown
 From the weary earth to the sapphire walls;
 But the dreams depart, and the vision falls,
 And the dreamer wakes on his pillow of stone.

Heaven is not reached at a single bound;
 But we build the ladder by which we rise
 From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
 And we mount to its summit round by round.

J. G. HOLLAND.

THE POWER OF SONG.

A maiden sat within her door,
 And sang as many times before:
 A man to daily toil passed by,
 No love nor pleasure in his eye;
 But when he heard the merry song,
 He whistled as he went along.

A woman by the window wept,
 For one who in the churchyard slept;
 And when upon her hearing fell
 The tune she knew and loved so well,
 The flood of burning tears were stayed,
 And soon a song her lips essayed.

Her neighbours learnt the tender strain,
 And softly joined the sweet refrain;
 Thus all day long the one song bore
 Its joyousness from door to door.

ANON.

DUTY DONE.

Sweet in the woods the birdie sings,
 With feathers grey and brownish wings;
 You'd hardly think so sweet a throat
 Could hide beneath so poor a coat.

Within the house a maiden stands,
 With homely face and homely hand;
 And yet her goodness fills the place
 With more than beauty, more than grace.

And in the field the labourers toil,
 Wins harvest from the stubborn soil;
 And from the labour of his hand
 Rise up the riches of the land.

As each one strives to do his best,
 With work and song the world is blest;
 And from the sense of duty done,
 The joy of happiness is won.

WM. E. A. AXON.

FROM THE FRENCH.

Little brown eyes and eyes of blue,
 Eyes of black and softest grey,
 Countless, rest within the tomb,
 And the sun still rises every day.
 The nights, far sweeter than the days,
 Have filled those eyes with fast delight;
 Now they are gone for evermore,
 And the stars still twinkle in the night.
 To think that their regard is gone!
 Yet no! indeed that cannot be;
 They are surely gazing somewhere still,
 To'ards that we call Eternity.

And, as the little waning stars
 Leave us, yet still dwell in the sky,
 Those eyes, too, have their setting time,
 But never, never, really die.

Brown and blue, and black and grey,
 Your lot is Immortality;
 Ah! yes, beyond the grave we know,
 The eyes of those we loved still see.

L. E. L.

DOING, NOT DREAMING.

My fairest child, I have no song to give you,
 No lark could pipe to skies so dull and grey;
 Yet, if you will, one quiet hint I'll leave you,
 For every day.

I'll tell you how to sing a clearer carol,
 Than lark who hails the dawn or breezy down;
 To earn yourself a purer poet's laurel
 Than Shakespeare's crown.

Be good, sweet maid, and let who can be clever,
 Do loving things, not dream them all day long;
 And so make Life and Death, and the forever
 One grand sweet song.

Charles Kingsley.

LABOUR AND PEACE.

CONGRESS SPEECH ON PRIVATE INTERESTS AND WAR.

Speaking at the National Peace Congress at Leeds, on June 13th, Canon W. Leighton Grave said that until the last few months the so-called Great Powers had never attained the greatness of concerted action, free from the taint of separate, selfish, or machiavillian motives. It was to be hoped that this new achievement would prove to be the real turning point in European history.

Lady Barlow said the churches were lackadaisical in their attitude to war, and she asked if it was not time to ask what they were teaching, because we were fast approaching a position when people were becoming more religious than their religion.

At the afternoon session a resolution was passed to the effect that the Congress opposed the establishment of international armed force, and the members also expressed the opinion that Esperanto would be the means of creating love and amity between nations.

Perhaps the most remarkable deliverance at the Congress was the paper on "Private interest in war" by Mr. G. H. Perris. It was a startling and dramatic exposure of the origin of war scares. Mr. Perris traced the scares to men who combine a loud profession of patriotism with substantial investments in armament companies.

Speaking on "Conscription and the workers," Mr. W. C. Anderson made a strong attack on the proposals of the National Service League. He dealt with the effect of conscription on industry, employment, wages, and political liberties, and showed why the organised working class movement in Europe was solid in its opposition to militarism, and why Lord Roberts could not claim for his proposals the support of any responsible trade union leader.

In a fine speech Mr. Bruce Glasier moved a resolution against militarism, expressing the view that militarism and war are the deadly foes of social justice.

A number of open-air meetings against compulsory military service were held in connection with the Congress, the Labour speakers being M. J. J. Stephenson (the Labour Party), Mr. J. A. Seddon (Parliamentary Committee, Trades Union Congress), and Messrs. W. C. Anderson, J. Bruce Glasier, and R. C. Wallhead.

GLORY AND ITS PRICE.

To the EDITOR.

Sir,—A short time ago an ex-soldier between 40 and 50, entered the manager's office of a Midland ironworks and pleaded hard for a job. The manager shook his head. The thin arm and the hollow cheek told its own story. "Have you been in India?" asked the manager.

"Yes, and in Egypt and the Soudan and South Africa," said the applicant, at the same time pulling his coat on one side to expose to the manager's view a fine row of medals.

"They look very nice," said the gentlemen; "you ought to be very proud of those, but I am sorry I cannot help you. What we want here is muscle. Medals are no use here, my good man. Good morning!"

THE MAN WITH THE MEDALS.

Manchester.

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.

HALIFAX (Raven Street).—Passed to higher life, John Henry Thornton. Service conducted by Mr. Ingham, President of the Society, June 17th.—F. Baldwin, Secretary.

SCARBOROUGH.—It is with the deepest regret I have to announce the transition to the higher life, on May 28th, of our dear friend and oldest Lyceumist, Mrs. Bowden. The interment took place at the local cemetery, and was conducted by our President, Mr. T. Gartery, and Mr. Harold Hodgson. A large number of Spiritualists and some Lyceum scholars placed flowers on the coffin.—J. W. Constant, Secretary.

PENDLETON.—Lyceumist Louie Eaton, age 5 years, of Broughton, passed into higher life on the 20th May, at Birmingham. She dwells with angels.—Joseph Green, Secretary.

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.

QUESTIONS.—1.—(From "The Teachings of Spiritualism," G.C.R. 136).—"What does it teach regarding the Creator? It ignores the degrading conception of a partial and vindictive God, and substitutes the worship of an infinite, eternal, and all-perfect spirit, and Alpha and Omega, all love, wisdom, and law."

Concerning this, Miss Ada Elkin (Horwich) writes, seeking information, "Please understand me rightly that I, myself, do not hold with those two words being placed within that sentence, because it could be understood better without the 'Alpha and Omega.' I would like a clearer view into those words. Would you please give me a definite understanding?"

2.—The same Lyceumist also writes: "May I ask at the same time about what I think is unreasonable? To some Spiritualists there is a certain amount of, we might say, 'forcible talents,' (i.e., spiritual gifts that can be forced in their development.—Ed.). My meaning is this,—I do not see the necessity of any person, who understands the meaning of spiritual gifts, feeding on a certain diet to help him, or her, to see a spirit form. I maintain we are all born with various gifts, and one for each. Then why not let those innate gifts come forth naturally, and not force something we can only get by force, such as feeding on a certain diet, and leaving off our many tasties? I firmly hold that what is born within us never dies away, but what we force is only likely to leave us if we do not keep on certain diet."

ANSWERS.—The terms "Alpha and Omega," to which our correspondent takes objection, are the names of the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet, and so correspond to our A. and Z. When used as a figure of speech, as in this case, it is to signify that God is the First and Last, or the Beginning and Ending of all things, without which nothing can exist.

2.—The reasonableness, or otherwise, of those desirous of cultivating their spiritual powers, here referred to as "gifts," dieting themselves must, in a measure, depend on whether such practices weaken or injure the bodily health, incapacitating the parties from following their daily labour. If so, then it is unwise, and if they have others dependent on them, as families for instance, then the act becomes very wrong, but if no ill effects follow, and those dependent on their labours have not to suffer there can be no valid reason raised against it. On the other hand, the practice may be a decided gain, as it is a well-known fact amongst students of the psychic forces that by abstaining from animal foods and intoxicating liquors, which tend to increase and inflame the animal propensities, the psychic powers are improved. For this reason numbers of mediums abstain from food on Sundays, except supper, so that by reducing the animal forces of the body, their spiritual powers may be at their best.

BOLTON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council, held at Hindley, on Saturday, June 7th, Mr. Gough, President, presiding over a good attendance of Delegates and Associates. After the minutes of the previous meetings had been confirmed, the Secretary's, Treasurer's and Delegate's report of the B.S.L.U. Conference were accepted. There was a good amount of correspondence, which opened out a good discussion. It was decided that the Secretary convey to Mr. Knight, the Council's deepest sympathy and its earnest prayer that he may soon recover his health and strength.

It was resolved that Bury and Wigan Lyceums, re joining Bolton D.C., be left in the hands of our D.V. (I, the Secretary, may state that Bury have decided to join us, and Wigan have decided to remain as they are, at any rate for the present).

It was resolved that the Lyceums in Council be instructed to

let the Socials be in abeyance till September, and then work at them for all they are worth, so as to swell the Shield Fund. The E.C. were empowered to prepare the Shield Competition and get it in force at once.

Resolved. That they accept Will Edward's offer to come to Bradford Street, Bolton, on July 26th, to give and explain the Study Group. And Mr. Knight to get copies of Examination Forms and Text Book and send the same to all Lyceums in Bolton District Council, along with his own scheme type-written.

Resolved. That our first United Lyceum gathering shall take place on August 16th, in Lever Park, Rivington. Votes of thanks to our Hindley friends for kind invitation and entertainment, brought a heavy business meeting to a close. The following Lyceums were represented:—Hindley, Leigh, Daisy Hill, Horwich, Commission Street and Bradford Street, Bolton.

The Social was well attended, and songs, recitations, and a Lancashire sketch was well rendered. Dancing and games were also indulged in. On the Sunday it was their Lyceum Anniversary. A good number were present at the Open Session. Mr. Gough conducted the session, and the evening service was conducted by Messrs. Gough, Walsh and Winder.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Commission Street, Bolton, on Saturday, September 20th.

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BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A splendid meeting was held at Tong Street, Dudley Hill, on Sunday, June 8th. Mr. Ramsden, our new President, occupied the chair. All the Lyceums in the district were represented with the exception of Keighley. We were pleased to welcome Windhill Lyceum back into the fold, and also our sister, Mrs. Copley, an elderly lady who did valuable work with the D.C. at its commencement. Cleckheaton and Windhill Lyceums intimated they would rather not be examined in the Lyceum Examinations for the Silver Shield, but the D.C. held that all Lyceums in the district must be examined. A great effort has been made to try and re-establish the Lyceum at Yeadon. Messrs. Barnes, Rau, Oldfield, Simpson and Bird-sall, and Miss Stair all offered their services free for three months, but I am sorry to have to state, that our Yeadon friends lacked courage; courage to commence a noble work and have their children taught "how to live," and not "how to die," as they are being taught now. I hope that our "Wharfedale" friends will re-consider and be given to realise, that in their present state of apathy, they will never be able to achieve the motto of the Lyceum movement—"The Workers Win." The arrangements for the half-day trip was left in the Secretary's hands. It was decided to hold the Children's Outing at Dudley Hill, on Saturday, August 30th. Tea to be provided on similar lines as to last year. Messrs. Ramsden, Barnes and Rau were elected to represent the D.C. at Ivy Rooms, Bradford, Cleckheaton and Keighley Anniversaries respectively. Mr. H. Arnold (Past President), now in U.S.A., Miss Pollard (Past President) and Miss Peacock, both in Australia, were enrolled as "Honorary Life Members." The three speakers elected to speak at the Otley Road meeting on September 14th, are Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Ramsden and Miss Stair.

H. BIRDSELL.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting was held at the Victoria Assembly Rooms, Seacombe, on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. There were 3 officers, 5 associates, and 11 delegates present, 7 Lyceums being represented. Mr. Owen occupied the chair. Secretaries were urged to deal promptly with correspondence. Delegates were instructed to act as temporary treasurers, for receiving associate fees, and also to get as many associate-members as possible, the smallness of the number at present on the register, being a disgrace to the Council. Associate fee (minimum) 1/- per annum.

Mr. Frank George presented the Conference report. A very

long discussion took place on the LYCEUM BANNER and "three questions" the District Council had asked at the Conference. The result obtained was the carrying of the following motion: "That we 'The Liverpool and District Spiritualists' Lyceum District Council,' after having discussed Mr. A. Kitson's answers to the questions relating to the "Management of the LYCEUM BANNER," which we asked at the 1913 Conference, are of opinion, that Mr. A. Kitson is a most worthy person to hold the position of Editor to the LYCEUM BANNER. Messrs. Hitchmough, Mack, Robb and Walker, spoke for the resolution. Messrs. Adamson, Caren and Keeling spoke against it. Voting: 11 for; 5 against. The remainder of Conference report to be discussed at next D.C. meeting.

1913 SESSION COMPETITION.

Judges' Reports for 1912 to be sent to all the Lyceums who have not yet had them, whole to be discussed at next meeting.

- (a) 14 day's notice of visit to be given.
- (b) Judge to choose the session to be carried out, same to be presented on date of visit. Songs altered under certain circumstances.
- (c) Collection to be minimised to 2/- in case of each Lyceum, same to be handed over to judge.
- (d) Same method of allocating marks as last year.
- (e) Judging to commence at judge's discretion.

Lyceums joining 1913 Competition to write Secretary at once, so that competition may commence without inconvenience.

Each Lyceum is requested to pay 1/- per annum to the D.C. Next meeting, Birkenhead, September 27th and 28th, 1913.

Sunday services were conducted by Messrs. Adamson, Owen, Jos. Thompson, John Thompson and the undersigned. Anyone visiting the vicinity of Seacombe, please assist at Seacombe Lyceum held at 3-0 p.m. each Sunday.

GEO. A. MACK, Secretary.

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LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

"Grand and Glorious" would aptly describe our demonstration at King's Hall, London Road, on May 25.

Lyceums represented were:—Battersea, Brixton, Fulham, Highgate, Peckham, Kingston, Little Ilford, Manor Park, Plaistow, Tottenham, Woolwich and Plumstead, and one and all did their utmost to ensure the success of the afternoon.

Using leaflet No. 3, we opened with "God, Home and Spirit Land," Mr. Symons giving the invocation. We then proceeded with the session in the usual prompt manner of London Lyceums.

The special feature of the afternoon was the recitations and pearls. Mr. Hurdall having kindly offered the free use of his hall and also to present gold and silver medals for the best efforts. The recitations were given first, and although it was somewhat difficult to hear, owing to the size of the hall, yet the earnest way in which the Lyceumists tried to do their very best, was quite apparent to all present. The pearls were given next with the same eagerness and promptitude, earning the appreciation of the hearers. The marching and calisthenics were gone through with a precision and harmony that made it one of the best, if not *the* best, item of the afternoon. Our thanks are due to Mr. J. W. Chester, who for the second time this year has shown, quite clearly, his ability to conduct this part of our session.

The judges were then called upon to give their reports. Mr. W. H. Simpson, the judge for recitations, commenced by pointing out some weak points in the efforts, showing that he was the right man in the right place. With a few encouraging words to the scholars he awarded the medals: 1st to Miss Kathleen Jones, of Tottenham; 2nd to Miss Dolly Richards, of Peckham; and 3rd to Miss Lucy Brigg, of the Woolwich and Plumstead Lyceum.

Mr. Scholey, on behalf of his co-judges, Messrs. Rush and Symons, awarded the medals for pearls, etc.: Miss Violet Brennan, of Highgate; Miss Ivy Giles, of Woolwich and Plumstead, and Miss Lily Hassell, of Tottenham. Miss Hurdall then graciously presented the medals.

At this juncture a pleasant incident took place, when the President, on behalf of the London Lyceums, asked Mr. A.

Brooking to accept a gold albert in recognition of his valuable services to the Council since its inception. Mr. Brooking suitably responded pointing out that, although he was no longer in office he would be pleased to do what little he could to further the Lyceum cause.

Mr. Smyth then asked Mrs. Cadwallader, of America, who had honoured us with her presence and up till then had been a silent spectator, to say a few words.

Mrs. Cadwallader expressed her pleasure with all she had seen, pointing out whatever else she may be in the world she was first a Lyceumist. She brought with her the greetings from the American Lyceumists, and as a token of that fraternal love and friendship that existed between the two nations, asked the President to accept the badge of the American Lyceumists.

The President, in reply, thanked Mrs. Cadwallader for what she had said, and on behalf of the London Lyceums heartily reciprocated the good wishes she had brought with her.

The session then closed by singing, "We are trying to follow the Angels." Miss Morris giving the benediction, and so terminated one of the best sessions (of combined Lyceums) we have yet had in London. We hope to have more.

STANLEY WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LYCEUMS.

On Saturday, May 24th, was held the first of a series of Propaganda Meetings at Openshaw. These meetings are being held with the object of bringing the Lyceum Cause more to the front, and also to try and strengthen the Lyceums in the district. The meeting, considering it was the first, was a great success, and was conducted by the members of our Council. The speakers were:—Mr. Kay (President), Messrs. Aronovich, McClelland, Dolmur, Price and Higson, Clairvoyance by Mr. O'Neill. The claims and the teachings of the Lyceum, and also of Spiritualism, were so well advanced by the different speakers that I am confident the Openshaw Lyceum will benefit from the evening's work.—A. O'Neill, Secretary.

ROCHDALE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, June 7th, in the Spiritual Church, Elliott Street, Oldham, Mr. Knott (Rochdale), President, in the chair. Minutes and Correspondence were adopted, after a little genial discussion. Re Bolton D.C.'s application to have Bury transfer to their district endorsed. Eventually it was resolved that Bury's resignation as members of this Council be now accepted, and that we offer no objection to them joining Bolton District, subject to the approval of the B.S.L.U. E.C. District Visitor's report, also President's visitation report approved. Secretary was heartily complimented on his comprehensive report of the Conference at Hull. Arising from reports, a very interesting discussion took place regarding absentees and how to improve our Lyceums. Oldham, Coronation Street, suggested a scheme that had been very successfully adopted by them, viz., open session socials on week nights, first, one hour's bright open session work, rest of evening devoted to social intercourse and amusement, at prices of adults 2d., children 1d. Council congratulated Mr. G. F. Knott on his election to the Executive Council. Resolved that President and Secretary have arrangements in hand for Lyceums United Picnic to Larkhill Pleasure Grounds, on Saturday, June 21st. The Secretary was instructed to write thanking Brierfield Lyceum and Mr. R. Latham for their kind fraternal greetings, and that we desire to express the hope of a record, prosperous time of office during his Presidential year. Also that a dispatch case be purchased for use of Secretary. Next meeting to be held on Saturday, September 20th, at Heywood, when as many as possible of the delegates will stay overnight and conduct all Sunday services. Oldham Coronation Street to have December meeting on same terms, suitable date to be mutually arranged between Lyceum and Council Secretary. The usual votes of thanks were heartily passed to the Elliott Street Lyceum and Society. On Saturday, June 21st, a United Picnic of the District was held, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Games, racing, etc., were freely indulged in. Marching and calisthenics were performed, and called forth appreciative comments from the onlookers not connected with us, as did the short session that was held, singing being very hearty and plenty of it. We hope to have more of these united gatherings in the future.—Amos Harris, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held its Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, June 1st, at Rotherham Spiritual Church (Percy Street). The meeting was commenced at eleven o'clock by our President,

Mr. G. Magness. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Various reports were given and discussed, and out of the discussion of the D.V.'s report the following motion was carried:—"That all Lyceums in the Sheffield District provide at least two sick and absentee visitors." The education report proving satisfactory, delegates were asked to take note of the following motion:—"That all delegates present go back to their individual Lyceums and have education scheme gone into and come back next September with definite answers of arrangements made." Delegates will further explain the above motions. Lyceums who were not represented please note that Mr. Reg. Bowmer was elected D.V. for the ensuing twelve months. The Council were sorry to hear that Balaclava Road had lapsed owing to their rooms being wanted for workshops. Two new associates were enrolled, making eighteen present at our business meeting which was one of the best councils we have had. The evening meeting was a great success, following a very fine Lyceum session, which was enjoyed by children and elders alike. At the close of the day votes of thanks were offered to our Rotherham friends, who had made the Council quite at home.—Chas. H. Saxelby, Secretary.

TEESIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting held June 1st at Bishop Auckland, Mr. J. Smith, of Shildon, President, in the chair. Business meeting 10-30. District Visitor gave his report. Delegate to Ashington (Tyneside) gave a good report. Secretary gave report of Conference (B.S.L.U.) at Hull. Mr. Brown, our D.V., was appointed judge for Shield Competition. Bondgate, Darlington, have joined our District Council and opened their Lyceum on June 15th. There were about 36 present, and there is every prospect of this becoming a strong one. They have plenty of adults who know how to conduct a Lyceum. Mr. J. Chamberlain, of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Coates, of Shildon, helped at the opening.—W. Cowell-Pugh, Secretary.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

- RULE 1.** —Reports must be written on one side of the paper only. Commence the Report by stating the name of your Lyceum, and sign your name at the end.
- RULE 2.**—Record only the events occurring after June 27th.
- RULE 3.**—Ordinary reports must not exceed 120 words. Special reports will be inserted as follows: The first 120 words free of charge. All above that number will be inserted at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. Payment must accompany all special reports or they will be cut down and inserted as ordinary reports.
- RULE 4.**—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, July 23rd, to ensure insertion in the August 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 May 25th, we held a memorial service for our arisen friend, Mr. Fox, who was one of our pioneers in our district. June 1st, Open Session, 50 present. Recitations, Freda Greenhalgh and H. Tapper; Songs, H. Thompson, N. Ormerod; also a duet. A splendid session.—R. Ashworth, Secretary.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Dalkeith Street).—Our yearly election of officers was as follows: Conductor, Mr. J. Kendall; Assistants, Miss M. Tomlinson and Henry Helm; Treasurer, Miss A. Smith; Musical Directors, Miss J. Harris and Miss Jennie Kendall; Guardian, Mr. Cocks; Leader of marching and calisthenics, Mr. Kellett; Secretary, Mr. R. Brown, Assistant, Miss K. Grove.—Roderick Brown, Secretary.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—June 1st, T.S.D.L.C. held their Conference, a large number being present. In the morning, Open Session, afternoon short addresses were given by Mr. Pugh, Secretary to the above Council, and Mr. Rudd, one of the E.C. It being the Society's Anniversary the same day, we

were aided very much by the Shildon and Gurney Valley Lyceumists, giving songs, recitations, duets, and quartettes, which were very much appreciated by a large audience. Mr. Park, of Darlington, ably sang, "When ebb tide flows." Evening, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Clay, of Shildon, Mr. Watson, of Gurney Valley, and Mr. Brown, of Stockton, taking part, the Lyceumists again rendered their services in a manner very pleasing to all present.—George Benson, Secretary.

BLACKBURN (Northgate).—On Sunday, June 22nd, we held our annual Flower Anniversary. Morning Session re-opened 9-30. Mrs. Jessie Greenwood occupied the platform and took the golden chain recitation, which she explained very cleverly, her words of advice and encouragement being greatly appreciated by us all. Our conductor, Mr. E. McKevitt, introduced her in homely fashion. Owing to the room being crowded, marching and calisthenics were impossible. The scholars entered into the programme with much enthusiasm. Singing being specially marked. A duet was given (320) by Mrs. Billington and Miss Price. The choir also rendered a choral march, "Christian Warfare," in a manner reflecting great credit upon our organist and themselves.—A. Stott.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, May 25th, a most successful and enjoyable Open Session was held. Mr. H. Happer conducted; assistants, Mr. T. Edwards and Mr. R. Eskdale. Opening hymn, "The Lyceum Band." Invocation by Miss Jones. Silver chain led by Miss G. Ferdinand. Musical reading led by Mr. Derbyshire, singing by Misses M. Slater, Mr. Holland, and L. Callon. Golden chain led by M. F. Happer. Solo by Miss B. Robinson. Marching and calisthenics and roll drills as usual. Mr. J. T. Ward, President, named the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, earth name, Edith; and Miss Jones, one of our Lyceumists, named the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Frances, earth name, George, spirit name, "Steadfast." "Open the door for the children," was sung.—J. Savage, Secretary.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—On Tuesday, May 27th, we held a social in aid of our D.C. Shield Fund. The following took part—songs, Miss Smith; mandoline and violin, Mr. Nelson and Jas. Shaw; piano Mr. Riddings. We had a very good evening, although we started late. On Saturday, June 14th, we held our annual picnic to Heaton Park, a very good day was spent in visiting places in the Park. All seemed to enjoy the outing. On Sunday, June 15th, we held our election of officers as follows: Conductor, Mr. Holloway; Assistant, Miss Alice Devonport; Calisthenic Conductor, Miss May Smith; Treasurer, Miss Webster; Secretary, Thomas Worthington; Musical Directors, Mr. Pilkington and Riddings. Wishing the new Secretary every success.—Wm. Flanagan, Sec.

BRADFORD (Carlisle Road).—Open Sessions on Sunday, June 1st. Conductor Mrs. Beardsworth. Songs, recitations, duets, were given by Lyceumists. Miss Phyllis Thurlom, sang; Masters Worsley and Frank Simpson recited; Miss E. Kendall gave a reading, "Spirit Friends"; Mr. H. South, Mr. N. Greaves, piano and violin duet. Miss Stair, District Visitor, gave a very encouraging address. We also had a fine selection of music rendered by Miss South, Mr. Greaves and Mr. South, two violins and a piano. It was quite a treat, everyone enjoyed it. We had 66 Lyceumists and friends present.—J. P. Simpson, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—Our usual Open Session was held on Sunday, June 1st. The session was well conducted throughout, the following taking part: Reading out of the *Manual*, "Better than Gold," by a Lyceumist; also Mr. Hale read, "What I Live for"; and Mr. Horn, our Conductor, read "There's a Home for all." Mr. Hale sang, "Shall we know each other there," and also "Hallelujah we sing." Trios by W. and J. W. Hale, and J. Crabtree, "Over the River of Light," and "I am Free." All were listened to attentively. I should have liked to have seen all the girls take part, and I trust they will do so at our next session.—W. Hale, Secretary.

BRADFORD (West Bowling).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, June 1st, and regret to announce, through the medium of the BANNER, the lack of interest which has been taking place during the past few months, our Open Sessions seem to be confined to one or two of the younger children. I trust that greater interest will be taken by the elders. The following helped to make our session a success: Misses A. Ward and Hilda Thornton recited; also Master N. Haley. Trusting to have a fuller report next month.—A. E. Carter.

BRIERFIELD.—On Saturday, June 21st, along with the other Sunday Schools of Brierfield, we had our Annual Procession, assisted by friends from Padiham, Burnley, and Nelson. We created a great impression, and perhaps surprise

at the number and smart and orderly appearance of all who took part.—C. Bannister.

BRIGHTON.—In addition to the ordinary lessons, some very good addresses have been delivered during the month. On Sunday, the 15th, we were fortunate in having Mr. Walter Howell, who kindly spoke upon, "As a man sow, so shall he reap," and on the 22nd, Mrs. Muller addressed us upon, "The message of the flowers in God's garden," all very interesting alike to young and old. The social items included songs by Mr. Rhoades, Miss Bridgen and Vida Goodwin. Recitation by Misses Helms, (Visitor) W. Goodwin, and Charlie Rhoades. Violin solo, Mr. Everett. Mandoline duets and trios, Miss E. Scoggins, W. Schofield, and Mr. E. Cager. Vocal duet by the Misses L. and C. Goodwin.—Herbert Everett, Sec.

BRISBANE, FORTITUDE VALLEY (Wickham Street).—The past month has been one of continued progress, and eventful by the fact our removal to other premises, which in turn has added a welcome stimulus to the Lyceum, one noticeable feature being the larger attendance of adults, proving the attractive value of our teachings. Our monthly social (which is free to Lyceumists) was well patronised, our hall being crowded, nevertheless, all contrived to enjoy the evening, which consisted of songs, recitations, dancing and instrumental items, rendered by members and friends. A pleasant evening concluded by the singing of "Auld lang Syne." Best wishes and fraternal greetings to friends across the seas. A welcome to friends coming to Brisbane.—P. N. Humphreys, Conductor.

BURNLEY (Hammerton Street).—On Sunday, May 25th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services, the speaker being Mr. E. W. Wallis, of London. In the morning we held our usual session. In the afternoon and evening Mr. Wallis gave two very good addresses. The attendance for the day being very good. On Sunday, June 1st, we held our yearly Leaders' meeting, also election of officers, with the following result: Conductor, Mr. A. Thornton; Secretary, Mr. H. Bannister; Register Secretary, Mr. W. Coupland; Organist, Miss Redman; Guards, Messrs. E. Wilson (captain), W. Booth, A. Christie, Miss M. Broadley; Guardians, Misses S. Hoole, E. Birkett, Messrs. J. Broughton, W. Coupland; Organ blower, A. Coupland.

BURWOOD, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—At our annual meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Mr. G. Wright; Vice-Presidents, Miss Blair and Mr. Jenkins; Treasurer, Mr. H. Wright; Joint Secretaries, Messrs. R. L. Voysey and L. Jones; Musical Conductors, Miss Barford and Mr. Tanner; Librarian, Mr. H. Wright; Guardian, Master J. Blair; Auditors, Messrs. G. W. Carter and Mr. Jenkins. We hope to put forward a good effort for the cause this year.—Leslie Jones, R. L. Voysey, Secretaries.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, June 8th, we held our usual Open Session, when we had a very good time, the following being the reciters: Alice Smith, Doris Briggs, Alice Delagate, Florrie Smith, Lily Marriot, Edith Herrot, Rosie Phillipps, George Smith and Willie Latham; Pianoforte solo, Florrie Marsh. It is pleasing to note that all recitations in the *Banner Reciter* had been learnt by Lyceumists during the week and given on Open Session day.—Edwin H. Widdowson.

CREWE Mill Street).—On Sunday, June 1st, we held our usual Open Session, when a very good attendance was recorded. Marching and calisthenics fairly good. But a poor response to the call for pearls. Much to the delight of all present we had with us our late conductor, Mrs. Shearsmith (Manchester), whom we are always pleased to welcome. Miss Cain (Chester) also was present, who was our speaker for the day. Solos were well rendered by Misses G. Hassall, G. Mottram, L. Greenwood, P. Tapley, D. Williams, D. Kinsey, A. Smith, M. and G. Baggaley. Recitations by Misses K. Owen, and D. Fletcher, Messrs. E. Johnson, A. Reay and H. Bradley. A successful and enjoyable session.—M. Martin, Secretary.

COVENTRY (Bull Street).—Sunday, June 15th, we held our fourth anniversary services, the afternoon and evening sessions were very bright, the following children contributing to their success: Recitations, Gwennie Perkins, May Cattell, Olive Ashton, Violet Heath, Ada Scott, and Ethel Tomalin. Pearls from Henry Rainbow and Horace Tasker. Solo by Miss G. Fairfax. Mr. Kitson, of Dewsbury, giving an interesting and encouraging address. Saturday, June 21st, we held our Annual Outing, when children and friends rode by brake to Hampton-in-Arden. Games were much enjoyed by all. After tea the rambles round the neighbourhood were greatly appreciated. The surrounding country being very pretty. Returning home again at 9 p.m. brought a delightful day to a close.—Mrs. H. Rice, Hon. Secretary.

GATESHEAD (Rectory Hall).—On Sunday, May 25th, the Lyceum was presented with the Tyneside Lyceum Shield. This is the first time any Lyceum on Tyneside has had such an honour and a Special Open Session was held. Mr. Brinklow made the presentation on behalf of the District Council, in a very able manner, and gave encouraging remarks to the Lyceum, which were supported by Messrs. D. R. Davies, and Jas. Lawrence. Mr. Hall, Conductor, responded on behalf of the Lyceum. A splendid programme was rendered by the Lyceum and Choir. A Special Propaganda Meeting was held in the evening, conducted by officers of the Council, all speaking well on behalf of Lyceum work. Altogether a most harmonious and profitable day was spent.—W. Hall, Junr., Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (Berkely Street).—On the 11th we held a social to celebrate the marriage of our Secretary, Mr. C. Rothead. Our esteemed Conductor, Mr. John Stewart, presided, and after a brief and complimentary speech, touching upon the merits of the honoured couple, who are both ardent Lyceumists of long standing, he presented them, in the name of those gathered there, with a beautiful set of carvers and a timepiece. Having enjoyed a nice tea, we filled up the evening with song. We terminated a jolly evening by singing "They are both good fellows," and wishing the worthy pair a happy and prosperous matrimonial *bon voyage*.—P. T. McLaughlin.

GREAT HARWOOD.—On Sunday, May 25th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, the morning session being well attended. The silver chain was led by Mr. Baxter, the musical reading by Miss L. Holt, Rachel Baxter and Mr. Driver, and the golden chain by Amy Bullen. Recitations were rendered by Amy Bullen and Will Thornley. Solos were rendered by Miss Holt, Master Herbert Baxter, and Mr. Baxter. We had our District Visitor, Mr. Reuben Latham, with us, who gave us a few words of encouragement. Mr. Buckley, of Colne, gave us a good help in the musical part of our session, also conducting our services during the day, which proved a success both spiritually and financially. Taking all into consideration, we had a very enjoyable session.—Miss P. Birtwistle, Secretary.

HADFIELD.—On Saturday, June 7th, our Lyceum had a drive to Marple by wagonette. Arriving at Marple about 4 o'clock, we partook of an excellent tea at the Lakes, after which a good deal of time was spent boating, dancing, and viewing the beautiful scenery thereabout. On our return journey we went by Hyde, thus enabling us to go through the market, arriving home safely after an enjoyable outing.—Wilfred Chorley, Secretary.

HIRST (Equitable Hall).—On June 7th, we had our annual trip and sports to Hespcott Hall, and it proved a huge success, everyone being thoroughly tired out. On Sunday, June 8th, we had a temperance lecture by members of the "Star of Peace" Lodge of Good Templars, of Hirst, we having given them an official invitation, which they kindly accepted. We beg to thank Mr. Cordwell, the speaker, and Mr. Whitaker, Hon. Sec. of the Lodge. Our brass band is now in full swing, practising hard to be ready for the annual demonstration at Jesmond Dene. Our attendances are of the best. The progress is excellent. The prospects of our Lyceum are very bright indeed.—George Roy, Secretary.

HORWICH (Beatrice Street).—On June 14th our Lyceumists had a ramble to Barrow Bridge, our leader being Mr. Walsh. The weather was all that could be desired. On the 21st, we went to Queen's Park, Bolton. The children enjoyed the swings and museum. On June 22nd, we had the election of officers, as follows:—Conductors, Miss G. Butterfield and Mr. Walsh; Leaders, Mr. J. Frost, Amy Davis, Tom Davis, and W. Tickle; Musical Conductor and Marching, Mr. Gough; Guardian and Librarian, Sarah Tickle and Emily Tickle; Treasurer, Mr. Gough; Secretary, R. Frost.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, June 1st, we had our Lyceum Anniversary. Open Session in the morning. Marching and calisthenics were done well, conducted by Mr. Wallace. The services were presided over by our President, Mr. Fielding. Our speaker was Mrs. Crossley, of Halifax, it being twenty years since she first spoke for the society. Both afternoon and evening the singing was splendid, conducted by Mr. Manchester. Miss Booth sang solos at both services. In the afternoon our speaker gave a little of her experience, and in the evening her address was "Spiritual Truths. As for the children, they sang "A child's wish," at both services, and it was splendid. There was a good attendance at all services.—John Midgley, Secretary.

HULL (Day Street).—We held a concert on Wednesday night, June 18th, in aid of the children's annual outing. We

had a good programme, with plenty of life in it. Mr. Barker filled the position of chairman for the evening, and Mr. Anderson was the Musical Conductor. The artistes performed their parts to perfection, which was a credit to the musical conductor. We had a good assembly, though a slight lacking in the adults. We spent a most enjoyable evening together, which proved a success. I am very pleased to see that when the Lyceum make an appeal for funds at different times, there are willing hands ready to help the children.—W. G. Allen, Secretary.

JARROW (Market Square).—We held our Anniversary Services on Sundays, June 1st and 8th. Mr. Clare, of Newcastle, presided on the first Sunday, and Mr. Lawrence on the second Sunday, whose remarks were very good and encouraging to the children. Recitations, solos, and duets were given by the children and members of the choir, which were very well rendered. Mr. Joseph Forster (our late musical conductor), sang a solo each Sunday evening, entitled "The City of Light," and "The Holy City," which were greatly appreciated. There is every credit due to our musical conductor, Mr. Abbott, for the able manner in which he carried out the musical part of the programme. We all spent a very happy time.—Mrs. Poole, Secretary.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—We held our usual Open Session on Sunday, June 1st, when we had a real good time. Recitations were given by Misses M. Walker, M. Moss, O. Teal, and Masters T. Schofield, J. Mass and J. Humshire. Duet by Misses E. Fossey and S. Kay. The marching was conducted by Mr. E. Summers. Miss A. Fossey conducted the remainder of the session.—E. Shackleton, Secretary.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—We held our Open Session, 1st June. We had with us our dear old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg. They were delighted with the session, and complimented us on the progress we had made. We had individual efforts from Misses Huskwith, Beresford, and Chambers; Masters Brown and Chambers. Mr. Byles spoke to us on "Knowledge." Mr. Clegg gave us two stories as object lessons, that we might better understand A. J. Davis' Magic Staff. Mrs. Clegg had the pleasure of presenting to Frank Brown, Ivy Chambers, and Edna Huskwith, books as prizes, presented by Mrs. Hulland, for an essay on "Bees." Mrs. Clegg closed a beautiful session by prayer and grateful thanks to our spirit helpers and guardians.—J. W. H., Conductor.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On June 1st we held our Open Session under the conductorship of Miss A. Clarke, when the following Lyceumists took part: Solos by Miss Goldsmith, 406 *Manual*; Miss York, 404 *Manual*; Miss Chater, 5 *Manual*. Duet by Masters H. Moore and H. Wicks. Recitations by Misses E. Adkins, E. Wicks, Masters A. Adkins and H. Wicks. June 22nd, we had with us Mrs. Place Veary and Miss M. Ryder, both gave short addresses, which were enjoyed by all present. I am pleased to report we are making progress in our Lyceum.—Mr. J. Wicks, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).—Sunday, June 8th, we held our Open Session. We deviated somewhat from the usual programme. We had with us Mr. A. Kitson, who gave a splendid address on the earlier days of our Lyceum movement, and of the progress it has made. Afterwards we had the naming of Mr. and Mrs. Jewitt's baby, which was the attraction of the afternoon. The rest of the session was open to the children, when Miss Whitmore gave us a solo; as also did Master Veary. Recitations were given by Miss L. Harvey, Miss York and Mrs. Jewitt. This brought a pleasant and enjoyable session to a close. We give a hearty welcome to all.—Miss E. Barthorpe, Secretary.

LONDON, PLAISTOW (Braemar Road).—On Sunday, May 25th, we paid a visit to the King's Hall demonstration, which was enjoyed by all. This being our first occasion to be represented, the officers were highly encouraged by the way our Lyceumists rendered their pearls and recitations. It was arranged that those who wrote the best essay upon the visit would receive a Lyceum Badge kindly given by three ladies. The essays were read the following Sunday, the prizes going to Henry Titmuss, Martha Connor and Alice Snowling. Great improvement in the Lyceumists. Many thanks to all, officers and adults.—G. T. Askins, Secretary.

NORTH LONDON, HOLLOWAY.—Delightful and beautiful session held during the month. One of our Lyceumists, Violet Brennan, carried off the Gold Medal for Pearls at King's Hall, on May 25th. Sunday, June 15th, we celebrated our second anniversary, when the distribution of prizes took place, we were favoured with the presence of our President,

Mr. J. Abrahall, and his wife, Mr. C. Barrington, of Tottenham, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, Mrs. Ellis, Miss Hall, and a number of friends. Pearls, recitations and solos were exceedingly well rendered. A busy time was given our President in distributing the twenty-one prizes won for attendance, recitations, pearls, marching and calisthenics. Speeches from those named above, who all extended words of encouragement to the Lyceumists.—J. Forsyth, Conductor.

SOUTH LONDON, PECKHAM.—I am pleased to report progress in our Lyceum. On Sunday, May 25th, we again paid a visit to King's Hall, at Mr. Hurndale's invitation, he providing gold and silver medals for the best recitation and pearls. Our Lyceumist, Miss Dorothy Richards, carrying off the silver medal to the delight of all. Calisthenics and marching at the instruction of Mr. Chester were well gone through and enjoyed by everyone, ending up with a good tea. On Sunday last we elected two District Visitors, Miss Dolly Richards and Thelma Clarkson. The individual efforts being very good. Misses Clarkson and Underwood, and Master Jack Richards recited. Bruce Clarkson, violin solo, which was thoroughly enjoyed.—S. Clarkson.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—On May 25th, we went to King's Hall (Elephant and Castle), to the second demonstration, and am very pleased to be able to report that out of six medals that were presented for competition for recitations and pearls, we were able to bring two to Tottenham, viz., Gold Medal (1st prize for best recitation), won by Kathleen Jones; Silver Medal (3rd prize for pearls), won by Lily Hassell. Our motto, "The Workers Win." On Saturday, the 21st of June, we had our annual outing at High Beech, Epping Forest, where we spent a very enjoyable time.—C. Hassell, Secretary.

LUZLEY BROOK (Shaw Road).—On June 1st, we were visited by the District Visitor, Mr. Chisnall. This is the second time in four years that we have been visited by the D.V. On June 8th, we held our Open Session, when songs, recitations, etc., were well rendered. On the whole it was a very successful session. We desire to thank all friends who helped to make it a success. On July 20th, we shall render our Service of Song.—F. Stevens, Secretary.

MANCHESTER (Mashall Street).—On Sunday, June 1st, we had a full Lyceum and a splendid company of visitors. Sunday, June 15th, we had a visit from Mrs. Bentley, accompanied by her friend, Mr. Knight. Mrs. Bentley spoke a few remarks to the Lyceum. Our Mr. Hislop conducted the Liberty Group with a very interesting subject, "The law of God," which was well appreciated. We held our Open Session on June 22nd, at our morning session we had a splendid selection of solos and recitations, given by old and young. Our friend, Mr. Aronovich, conducted our evening service, with a splendid address, accompanied by a solo by Miss A. Sharp, and a recital by Miss Tilly Watson, which made the evening very successful.—S. Sharp, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, OPENSHAW (Beulah Street).—On Sunday, May 25th, we held our Open Session, which was very successful. Conductor, Mr. T. Myatt; Organist, Miss L. Owen. Recitations were given by Miss Emily Owen, Miss Lily Watson, and Master Leonard McDermott. Our speaker was Mr. Aronovich, Conductor of the South Manchester Lyceum. His address was much appreciated by a large audience. Our Lyceum is improving. I hope it will continue so to do.—J. A. Price, Secretary.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—We had a good gathering of friends at our Open Services, June 1st. The speakers in the evening were our esteemed President, and Conductor, Mr. Dibble and Mr. Aronovich. Both emphasised the necessity of co-operation and unity of the Society and Lyceum (we are pleased to state that at present we feel this spirit with us). The members rendered solos and recitals, it being a very enjoyable event, which was highly appreciated by the visitors. During the past six months we have had many improvements. It is our Conductor's desire to see in practice ideas of a sound educational character, that we can adapt to benefit the child, as well as the older members.—Maud M. Harrison, Secretary.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, June 1st, we held our Open Session as usual. We had with us Mr. Davies, the Secretary of the Tyneside District Council, and Mr. Rodgeron, late of Shildon, who spoke a few words to us. Agnes Smithers recited "Virtue," Miss A. Wastell sang a solo, entitled "There's music everywhere." On Sunday, June 15th, we had with us Mr. Brown, of Stockton, and on June 22nd we held our Flower Service. Miss I. Bessant sang a solo, entitled "Gates of the West," and Miss A. Wastell and L. Bessant sang a duet

entitled, "Buttercups and Daises." The story which was read was also called "Buttercups and Daises."—Minnie Bessant, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL.—On June 1st, we had our Open Session. There was not such a good attendance as usual. I think it was on account of the hot weather. We had for our speakers, Mr. Ferguson, of Benwell, and he took for his subject, "Our duty to God, to our parents, and to our Lyceum," which was listened to with great interest. In the absence of our organist, Miss E. Brown, one of the leaders kindly filled her place. We had a poor response when the Conductor asked for recitations, only three children coming forward, viz., Edith Homewood, entitled "Angry Words," Lily Homewood, "Old Meg," and one of our youngest Lyceumists, Mary Burton, "Hang up babies stocking."—D. McCallum, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE, HEATON AND BYKER.—On Sunday, June 1st, we held our Anniversary, Mrs. Thirlwell, of Gosforth, presiding. We had recitations from Winnie Andrews, Hacken Hitherington, Minnie Whitfield, Annie Shadforth, James Wilson, Mary Kyle, Lily Eke, Fred Eke, Beatrice Eke, Ralph Eke, Minnie Elliot, Stanley Kyle, Lily Grey, Edward Patterson, Arnold Patterson, John Ronaldson, Rose Edmondson, Doris Edmondson, Mary Scope, Nellie Scope, Harry Foster, Edith Foster, Mamie Blair, Lily Scorar, Hilda Blackwell, Joe Woolen, Willie Woolen, and Lily Taylor. Solos by Misses Edith Grey and Jennie Hughes. Duet by Master and Miss Fenwick. Mr. W. G. Westgarth conducted musical part of programme, which was much appreciated by large audience.—Joseph Benn, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (Royal Arcade).—We held our Anniversary on June 8th, at which we had a very good attendance. There were solos rendered by the Misses A. Adams, C. Smith and A. Ellison, L. Willis, L. Latham and F. Latham. Recitations by W. Mein, A. Walton, and Miss McLeod. Also violin solo by C. Walton, and pianoforte duet by J. Bentley and Mr. Catherall. We all regret the calling away of our Conductor, Mr. Wilson.—T. H. Willis, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (Rutherford Street).—On June 15th, we held our Lyceum Service. It was carried out to an absolute success. The following took part: Conductor's remarks; Sister Mrs. Finley offered the Invocation. Recitations by Misses D. Craig, Lusk, B. Stokoe, E. Anderson, P. Wardle, B. Palmer, L. Oliver, F. Clague. Pearls, Miss F. Clague and P. Wardle. Solos, Master E. Curtis, J. Fisher, Miss E. Elnor, E. Curtis. Miss Sheppard gave a short address. Duet by Miss B. Stokoe and F. Clague. We had a visitor from London, Mr. Graham, of London N.E. Lyceum, giving us their greetings. Our Conductor, A. Dawson, welcomed our brother and sent our best wishes to our London friends and Lyceumists. Next the benediction; closing hymn, "God be with you till we meet again." Service appreciated by all present.—R. Wardle, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Gladstone Hall).—On Sunday, June 1st, we held our Anniversary Services. A good programme was provided, consisting of solos by Edith Hickling, Nancie McCraig and Alice Copley. Duet, Albert Shipley and Harold Huntbach. Quartette, Edith Hickling, Lottie Carver, Harold Huntbach and Archie Shipley. Recitations, Misses M. Pollard and V. Hather, Rittie Hophin, Hilda Hickling and Florrie Whitby. Anthems, "Consider the Lillies," and "In songs of Thankfulness and Joy," under the able leadership of our Conductor, Mr. L. Shipley. Large and interested audiences were present at each service. Our thanks are due to Messrs. T. W. Marsters and J. Hopkin (Chairman), Mrs. McCraig (Speaker), and Wm. Huntbach (musical director), whose services were highly appreciated.—A.S., Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Sunday, June 15th, we held our Flower Services. The Church was tastefully decorated. The services were conducted by the following mediums: Mrs. Gould gave short addresses on "Flowers." Mrs. Ogden and Miss N. Bayliss (our Lyceum Conductor), gave clairvoyance; Miss B. Frankland sang a solo, "Heart flowers." A duet by Miss E. Frankland and Mr. G. Hazlehurst entitled, "Roses of life." The choir sang most heartily a selection from the Songster, "Seeds of promise." The audience joined in singing the hymns, which made the services harmonious. Mr. E. Rayner and Mr. H. Buckley were the organists. I am pleased to say that our Lyceum is making progress. Our officers are working for the benefit of the children, so that we can educate them in the teachings of Spiritualism.—H. Buckley, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Central).—Members of this Lyceum regret the material loss of Miss Annie Lister, who passed into spirit-life

on Monday, May 26th, after a long illness. Miss Lister was a member of the above Lyceum, and was a good worker for the Lyceum cause. Her body was laid to rest at Chadderton Cemetery, on Saturday, May 31st. Our Church President, Mr. Standish, conducted the service at the grave side. He also was speaker for Miss Lister's memorial service on Sunday, June 1st, which was also our Lyceum Anniversary. On June 1st, we held a farewell social for four of our Lyceumists, who have since gone to Canada, namely, sisters Nellie, Elsie, Maggie, and Ethel Hancock. A *Lyceum Manual* was given to each.—G. W. Wilson, Secretary.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On June 1st our Lyceum was favoured with a visit from the Rev. Thomas Grimshaw, of San Francisco, (formerly of Burnley, England) and the early struggles and trials of Lyceum days were unfolded to us by him, himself being one of the pioneers of the San Francisco Lyceum. We had also a visitor from the Bury Lyceum on the 15th. Our Lyceum hold their annual trip to Romiley on Saturday, July 12th. Friends are cordially invited. Tickets for friends and children are 2/6 and 1/6. Particulars may be had at the Lyceum or Secretary.—Joseph Green, Secretary.

PRESTON (Clark's Yard).—Open Session, June 1st, a beautiful morning, plenty of sunshine, all seeming to feel the joy of living. We had a few visitors, including the D.V. Silver chain, No. 17, "The world is full of music." Golden chain, No. 132, "Heavenly Wisdom," were read and discussed. We are making progress in this part of our session. Recitations were given by Alice and Nellie Spencer, Eunice Kay, Lena Barber, Annie Colis, Willie Holt, Will Beetham, John Cartmel and Miss Savage. Songs were sung by Rena Colis and Richard Cartmel. We spent a very happy time together.—Ellen Savage, Secretary.

READING.—June 1st, Mr. Stanley Taylor. Solo, Miss Gladys Lovelock. June 8th, Miss Dorothy Clark. Subject, "Good Intentions." Solo, "Pass it on," Miss Connie Brett. June 15th, Miss Mono Street. Subject, "Happiness"; also solo sung by her. June 22nd, Miss Locine Ledger gave a reading. Solo, Miss Lovelock, "Sweet Golden Age."—Stanley William Taylor, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, June 1st, we had the Sheffield Lyceum District Council with us. A very good business meeting was held in the morning. In the afternoon an Open Session was held, the delegates and officers taking part. After singing "Open the door for the children," Mr. Vickers gave the invocation. Miss Thickett read the silver chain, and Mr. Bowmer the golden chain recitations. Recitations were given by Master Bruce Embley Ridley, and the Misses Vernon, Chappel, Freeman and Jackson. The Council took the evening services, which was well sustained, but poorly attended. We are holding our Anniversary Services on July 6th, Mr. C. H. Saxilly, of Attercliffe, being our speaker for the day.—M. Rawlinson, Secretary.

SCARBOROUGH.—On Saturday, June 14th, we held our Annual Picnic, proceeding to Forge Valley, where races were held, each scholar receiving a prize. Tea being set beside the stream for the children. After tea all took a ramble through the valley. Nuts and sweets being distributed to the children. A most enjoyable time being spent by all present.—J. W. Constant, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—On Sunday, June 15th, we held our Anniversary Services, which proved a great success. A special feature of the afternoon service was the presentation to the Lyceum of an oil painting of Mr. Fulwood, one of our arisen conductors, which had been sent to us from Australia, by Mr. W. Martin, one of our Lyceum scholars, who went out there some four or five years ago. The children's hymn was sung by Elsie Dawes, Doris Williams, Mabel Buffey, Fred Williams and Violet Jarvis. Recitations by Mabel Saxilby, Eva Buttery, Polly, Lily and Florrie Sharman, Violet and Alice Jarvis, John W. Smith, Geo. H. Easthope, Jim Edwards, and Fred Williams. Mr. E. W. Oaten addressed us at all the services in his usual masterly style, everybody being delighted.—F. Whiteley, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, HEELEY.—On Sunday, June 1st, we held our usual Open Session, with a very good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Recitations were given by a good number of Lyceumists. I am pleased to see so many young members volunteering to sing solos, duets, etc. Also the number of parents who are continually attending our session on Sunday afternoon. Just one word to our own members, we should like to see as many present at the morning session as we get in the afternoon. I hope the members will try and make it convenient to attend.—G. H. Magness, Secretary.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—On 1st June, we had many visitors at our Lyceum, there names were as follows: Miss Kenton, Mr. G. Turner (Rochdale); Miss A. Hewith (Bolton); Mrs. Wortington (Bolton); Mr. George Markin (Keighley). Mr. Berry opened the Lyceum with song 356, "God Home and Spirit Land." Our musical reading was 222, "Catch the Sunshine." On Sunday, the 8th, we had a visit from Daulby Hall in the person of Mr. Owen, and Mr. Ross. The dozen of LYCEUM BANNERS you lent me I sold them all on the 1st day of June.—Thos. Deverux, Secretary, 58, London Street, Southport.

SOUTH SHIELDS (South Eldon Street).—It is with pleasure I am able to report good progress, admitting new scholars every week. Sunday, 22nd June, we held our first Public Meeting at 6-30, with a crowded audience, opening with the hymn, "Open the door for the children." Soloists, Maggie Walker, Lilian Robson, Eliza Woodall, Isabella Woodall. Recitations by Belsie Lawson, Ella Woodall, May Dietz, Winnie Dietz, Elsie Wilson, Doris Wilson, Hannah Scott, Mary Scott, Sarah Ann Hogg, Nora Mingall, Eva Mingall, Fred Parker and Ernest Mayne. A dialogue by Thomas Mayne and Annie Hogg, "An invitation to the Lyceum." S.C.R. 20, M.R. 204, G.C.R. 148. Hymns 330, 340, 488. Closing Hymn, 370.—Wm. Woodall, Conductor.

SOWERBY BRIDGE (Hollins Lane).—On June 1st we held our Anniversary. Our speaker for the day was Mr. Gush, Huddersfield. In the morning we had a large assembly of parents and friends to witness the splendid session, conducted by Mr. Fred Sutcliffe. A hearty welcome to speaker, parents and friends was given by Lewis Steel, who also presented to Mr. Gush a lovely rose. The marching and calisthenics, conducted by Mr. C. Clayton, was a delight to all. Miss D. Rushworth sang a beautiful solo, Mona Tillotson and Millicent Booth recited. Rose and Lily groups sang "The homeland." Edith Wright accompanied on the organ, and Florence Booth the piano. Collections for the day, £12 14s.—Joe Steel, Sec.

TODMORDEEN, PATMOS.—We held our Open Session on Sunday, June 1st, when the following bright and helpful programme was rendered: Duet, 383 *Manual*, by Ruth Sutcliffe and Gertrude Howorth. Recitations by Emily Marshall, Willie Howorth and Miss Clapham. Reading by Geo. Fell, 58 *Manual*, Ruth Sutcliffe and G. Howorth, 25 *Manual*, A. J. Schofield, 228 *Manual*. Recitation, Willie Howorth. Duet, 398 *Manual*, Gertrude Howorth, Ruth Sutcliffe. We had also the naming of five infants, by Mrs. Gilbert, of Manchester, assisted by our Conductor, Mr. Schofield.—Frank Pratt.

WALSALL.—On Sunday, June 8th, we held our Lyceum Special Services. The Mayor, Councillor John Venables, conducted a model session in the morning, and gave some kindly instructive and encouraging words to the Leaders and children, he also complimented them on their singing. There was a good attendance. In the evening the Mayoress (who wore her chain of office) very ably presided over a very good assembly of members and friends. The children sang some beautiful hymns and part-songs. Mr. A. Brown very efficiently accompanied on the organ. The following elder Lyceumists gave short addresses: Misses G. Ware, E. Whittaker, S. Hutchinson, M. Thomas, Messrs. A. Whittaker and D. Allen. In conclusion the Mayoress spoke very touchingly concerning the Lyceum and its work.—G. W. Ware.

WINDHILL (School Hill).—We held our Open Sessions on June 1st, we were favoured with a visit from the Bradford District Council. Mr. Harry Birdsall, after acting as Musical Director, gave us a few hints as to marching and calisthenics, which were very beneficial. The following items were given by Lyceum members, duets by Misses Hopwood and Copley, entitled "Over the River of Light"; Misses Starkey and Butterfield entitled, "Clap your hands for joy"; Misses Copley and Stead, entitled "Swiftly time is bearing us away." Reading by Mrs. Kitchen, entitled "The Golden Side." Miss A. Copley, entitled "Invitation to the Lyceum." Song by Miss E. Hopwood, entitled "Spirit friends on the Threshold." We closed by singing 312 in *Lyceum Manual*.—John Brown, Hon. Secretary.

WINNIPEG (Polson Avenue).—We held our half-yearly meeting on June 1st, when the following officers were elected for the next six months: Conductor, Mr. Stephenson; Treasurer, Mr. Birch; Musical Conductor, Mr. W. Vernon; Secretary, Mr. C. Forrest. I am sorry to report that our Lyceum is in a bad way for lack of interest. But we are hoping that more interest will be taken in it in future. A hearty welcome will be given to all Lyceumists coming from the Old Country to Winnipeg.—C. Forrest, Secretary.