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## After Death What?

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

### THE REVIVAL OF MEMORY AFTER DEATH.

You are sometimes surprised to observe in old people the clear recollection of scenes and events of their early days, and in others there is a tendency, as life advances, to dwell with special interest on the friends of their youth. The reason of this lies in the fact that the physical body and brain is beginning to loosen its connection with the spirit body previous to death from old age. When the final severance comes the whole past life will stand revealed like a panorama, when all that is bad or unworthy of respect will be a constant source of regret and self-reproach, and so will act as a spur to the spirit's reformation and progression by labouring to atone for its past errors and mistakes. Sins of omission to do their duty when the opportunity presented itself will command attention, as well as the sins of commission of actual wrongs; while that which is good will afford the spirit much pleasure and joy, and it, too, will be an incentive to increase the record of good deeds, and lessen the evil ones. This evidence of the past career is laid open by death to the eyes of each one immediately on their entrance into the spirit world. Thus you see they are happy or miserable according to the lives lived on earth; each one bears their own record, as the gramophone bears record of the service it has been put to, to record that which will give joy and pleasure on being reproduced, or pain and sorrow. And not only is the past life laid bare to the newly-born spirit, but it is also evident to its spirit associates, for the spirit shows in its very being the sort of life it has lived.

There are some deeds, such as great moral wrongs, and crimes whose scars on the spirit's garments are of such a nature that they accompany the spirit in its career of progression, gradually growing fainter as they advance, until ultimately they are effaced. The best illustration we can give you of the process is to take a person, wearing much clothing, having his outer garments badly stained with some liquid of a penetrating nature. On removing the outer garment it will be found that the next to it is stained in a less degree; and the one underneath that less still, until you find that the stain has exhausted itself, after which the garments are free from blemish. So that it is not correct to say that the spirit will have to carry those scars of sins through all eternity.

Those who have sinned against people of an unfor- giving nature will have a harder task in working out their own redemption, than those who have sinned

against people of a forgiving nature, for all must obtain the pardon of those they have wronged. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us," has a deep spiritual significance. This revival of memory on the spirit side of life is a sad event for those who have sought for everlasting life, or salvation from their sins, through the merits of Jesus as their Saviour. It would be far better for the Christian if the preachers placed more emphasis on "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap."

### LIKE ATTRACTS LIKE.

The law of attraction is universal, and operates in the earth-life and spirit-life alike. As a man lives, so is he known to us. We see his real character, and not the outward appearance he presents to the world. This being so, we have no need to make any enquiries about a man. We can see his true disposition at a glance; and in our visits to the earth we are attracted to kindred minds by the universal law; so that a man of intelligence and refinement will attract men of the same class, while a stupid man will draw around him minds of a similar nature, not because they love him, but because they seek sympathy, as it is the food they live on. This law determines the nature of a man's spirit friends. If they come from the higher spirit spheres, they are attracted to him from ties of love, or a desire to do him good, or benefit others through him. If they belong to the earth-plane, they are drawn to him because his life is of more interest, as it affords them more excitement than does the life of the spirit people who remain on the earth plane.

### OCCUPATIONS IN SPIRIT LIFE.

Many people think that life in the spirit world is one of indolent ease and idleness, seeing there is no need to work to earn food, clothing, shelter, and the necessary things for daily existence. This is a mistake which they soon find out on coming to the spirit side of life. In order to be happy in spirit life, as in earth life, the man or woman must have something to do. We do not mean that people will follow their old occupations, but if they would be happy they must engage in *spiritual work*. Let it be fully understood there is no drudgery work, none are forced to follow any calling they do not love. How many in earth life are forced to engage in occupations for which they have no love or liking, but circumstances force them to it in order to earn their daily sustenance! So they soon learn to loathe the work, and perhaps in time they become shirkers. Not so in the spirit world, opportunity is found for each one to follow some occupation that is congenial to their nature in which work becomes a joy to the heart, and a feast to the soul. The musician revels in the study and production of harmony such as no earthly ear has

heard. The artist revels amid scenery of indescribable beauty and labours to depict them in colours that seem to glow with life. And so with each phase of man's higher aspirations. The philanthropists consider the social problems of earth life, meet together to study ways and means of bringing about necessary reforms, and counteracting existing evils. Others are engaged in effecting reforms in the world's religions. How best to eliminate from creedal doctrines all that tends to bigotry and hatred, and implant in the minds of religious reformers ideas that tend to broaden their beliefs in the direction of the recognition of the Brotherhood of Man. There are spirit children to train and educate, and wayward mortals to help by trying to awaken their better natures. But in each and every instance the efforts of the spirit people are to help and bless others, for only by so doing is true happiness earned. Therefore we advise all to cultivate, while in earth life, the desire to help others as far as their circumstances will allow, as by so doing they will be preparing themselves for the higher and fuller life of the spirit world.

#### THE VALUE OF SELF-DENIAL.

Where a person lives a life of self-denial on earth, he will be well rewarded in the next life. By self-denial we mean the suppression of selfish longings, desires, and words and actions based on them, which is the one thing needed to secure future happiness. This is not selfishness in a new form; because many people make their lives on earth miserable with a view to greater benefits in the life to come. Such will not be happier hereafter, because their object has been one of self-interest, and not a genuine love for their fellow-men. Self-denial, such as we advocate, is not self-denial of earthly enjoyments, *but the sharing of your pleasures and enjoyments with others in order to make their lives a little brighter.* At the same time it should be borne in mind that self-denial does not mean impoverishing one's self, for you have a duty to yourself, and the correct performance of your duty to yourself, when rightly understood, becomes the basis of your duty to others, because you cannot be happy in doing good unless you are in a good state of health of mind and body, so that self-denial implies spiritual happiness by helping others to attain happiness, and for this purpose it is necessary to try and keep one's self fit for life's duties. This mode of living is truly the laying up for one's self spiritual riches, and the more you give of your service and help that others may be benefited the greater the amount of spiritual riches, although you may be very poor in worldly riches. Such people feel the inner meaning and significance of the affirmation, "The kingdom of heaven is within you." There is no need for them to wait until the grave closes on the mortal form in order to sense the happiness of the Summer-land, as their spiritual nature is already conditioned for it, and they feel its joyous glow within their being. Thus you will understand that inner meaning of the saying of Jesus—"The kingdom of heaven is within you," before you can be admitted to heaven you must first condition your inner spiritual nature, which can only be done by a process of right, or righteous living, and not by any miraculous eleventh hour transformation.

(To be continued).

## Stories from the Classics.

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

#### THE ADVENTURES OF THESEUS.

In the ancient days there lived a princess in Træzen [trē-zēn] called Æthra [ē-thra] who was married to Ægeus [ē-ge-us] the king of Athens. In the course of time Ægeus departed from his own country, leaving the fair Æthra with her parents. Before he took his leave the pair visited the temple of Poseidon (who is better known to boys as Neptune, the god of the sea), and there he took off his sword and sandals and, making a place for them safely to rest in, he rolled a large flat stone over them, and told her that when their son was grown up and able to lift the stone and take out of their resting place the sandals and sword she was to send him to his father in Athens, but not before.

So Æthra had her son trained in all that was considered necessary to make him strong in body, and noble in disposition. As the years sped onward and the king, her husband, did not visit her again, she felt that she was forsaken, and so she lavished all her love and affection on her son, and took a great delight in watching him grow from childhood to youth, and develop strong sound limbs, and lungs. When he was fifteen years old she took him to the temple of Poseidon, and led him to the thicket of the grove which grew in the temple-yard, and said, "Theseus, my son, go into that thicket, and search for a great flat stone; lift it up and bring to me what you find underneath."

So Theseus pushed his way through the bushes, and saw that they had not been disturbed for many years. After searching a while he found the stone all overgrown with ivy and other plants. He tried to lift it, but could not. He put forth all his strength, straining nerve and muscle till the sweat stood on his brow, and tears dimmed his sight, for he felt ashamed at being unable to perform the task his mother had given him, but do as he would he could not lift it, so at last he returned to his mother, and said, "Mother, I have found the stone, but I cannot lift it; nor do I think there is a man in Træzen can lift it."

Then she sighed and said, "Surely the gods wait long; but their will is fulfilled at last. Let it be for another year."

Then she took him by the hand and led him into the temple, and made sacrifice to the God, and prayed that her son might be rendered able to fulfil the task assigned him by his absent father. Then she led him home, where his training was continued for another year. At the end of the year she again led him to the thicket by the temple of Poseidon, and bade him search out the stone and lift it; but he could not, it was too heavy. Then she sighed, and repeated the same words as before, and went into the temple and

offered her sacrifice and prayer, and returned home to see what another year's training for her son would do. Many times Theseus longed to ask his mother what was underneath the stone that she was so anxious for him to lift; but he was so sad at the thought of his failure that he could not ask the question. But he determined to lift it the next year.

When another year had passed and Theseus was eighteen years old his mother again led him to the thicket, but before setting him the task she led him into the temple and made sacrifice to the God and prayed that strength should be given to her son to accomplish his task of removing the huge stone from its resting place.

On leaving the temple she said, "Theseus, may the Gods give you strength to remove the stone this day, or never shall you know its mystery, or who you are." Then Theseus sought the stone, and seizing hold of it he put forth all his strength, and felt it move a little. Then his courage swelled within him, and he said, "I will either lift it or die in the attempt." Then putting forth all his strength he slowly and steadily lifted it up, inch by inch until he got it up on its edge, and with a final effort rolled it over, and gave a glad shout of triumph.

Then looking at what lay at his feet he saw a pair of golden sandals, and a bronze sword with a golden hilt; and caught them up from their long resting place and dashed through the bushes to his mother with a look of triumph on his face as he held them up for her to look at.

Then his mother hid her face and wept. The strain of anxious waiting was over, and she realized the time had come when she must take her leave of her manly son and send him to his father, and so lose sight of both of them. Her heart was heavy with grief, and a secret dread of the many dangers he would have to face before he could reach his father's kingdom. But the task had to be done at all cost.

Drying her tears she led him away from the temple towards the sea, and paused saying, "This island of ours is but small, rocky, and barren. But do you see the land beyond?"

And he answered, "Yes, mother, it is Attica where the Athenian people dwell."

"It is a fair land and large, Theseus my son; and it looks towards the sunny south; a land of olive-oil, and honey, the joy of the Gods. For the Gods have girdled it with mountains of marble whose veins are of pure gold. There are twelve towns well peopled, the homes of an ancient race, the children of Kekrops the serpent-king, the son of Mother Earth, who wear flowers among their golden tresses, for like the flowers they sprang from the earth, and like the flowers they sing all day and rejoice in the genial sunshine. What would you do, my son if you were king of such a land?"

Theseus was astonished and his heart felt to swell within his bosom at the question, and he answered: "If I were the king of such a land I would rule it wisely and well, and in wisdom and justice administer its laws evenly to all, so that when I died my people might say over my tomb, 'There lies the body of a good and wise king.'"

Then Æthra smiled at the noble words uttered by her son, and she said, "Sit down besides me and I will tell you about your father.

"Many summers have come and gone since the day when a stranger came to the house of my father, the king. He was the son of the king of Athens, who had been driven from his throne and had come to seek help from us. He stayed a time in my father's house and I became his wife. Swiftly passed the happy days and you were born, and messengers came to say your father must return to Athens. Before he went, he hid his sword and sandals under the stone, and bade me let them rest there till you were able to lift the stone and secure them for yourself. Then you were to put the sandals on your feet, and gird the sword to your side, and journey to Athens. Take them, my son, and go to Ægeus, king of Athens, who lives on Pallas' hill, and say to him, 'The stone is lifted, and the treasures it concealed are secured.' Then show him the sword and the sandals, and take what the Gods shall send thee."

But Theseus wept at the thought of leaving his mother, and he sorrowfully asked, 'Shall I leave thee, O my mother?'

*(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 and readers all:

Indians! Their native dances! I fancy I can see many of you—especially the boys—pricking up your ears now at those phrases! Which of you do not love reading of Indians and their doings, and if the stories are true, all the better! How many of you have not watched them at the various Cinema Picture Palaces, thoroughly absorbed, and on your return home have "played at being Indians." Well, now, this month comes to us real news of Indians, sent by our dear Bluebell, Miss Cheetwood, who is in Saskatchewan (Canada), and who has had an opportunity of actually witnessing one of their dances. I am sure you will all enjoy her account of it, and also the rest of her very interesting and kind letter, in which she says: "Dear Flora Belle,

It is with great pleasure I write to you once again from Canada. I did not expect to see my last letter to you put into print, but you can just imagine my glad surprise when I saw it in the BANNER. I look eagerly forward every month for the LYCEUM BANNER, so that I can see how the great Lyceum movement is progressing.

"I read with keen interest the results of the Lyceum Conference, and was pleased to learn of the continued success of these meetings. It is quite a pleasure to learn how the Cause is progressing in England and her Colonies.

"Since writing my last letter to you I have made a change—as you will note by the address—which will lead to another one in a short time, because I am hoping to travel as far as Toronto. Then I shall be able to enter again into Lyceum work. Canada at present is in a poor state, and one really feels very sorry for the people who are travelling out with the intention of settling, because work and money are scarce at present.

"I see by the papers England is having lovely weather. Well, so are we, only it goes cold in the evening.

"Perhaps it will be interesting to some of our Bluebells to know that where we are at present the Indians are numerous, and on July 18th and 19th they came into town to spend their treaty money, and delighted many of the inhabitants by doing their "Pow-Wow," or—as we call it—the "Indian Dance." They were gaily dressed and had their paints on as in olden days. I can assure you it was worth seeing, because it appears it is many years ago since they did this dance before, and may be years before they ever do it again.

"Well, I must now conclude my letter, wishing you every success in your noble work.

I remain, yours sincerely,  
(MISS) ANNIE CHEETWOOD."

Now, have you not enjoyed reading this message from across the sea as much as I have? I'm sure you have; but that is by no means the end of the pleasant "written chats" which have come to greet and cheer me this past month. The next comes from Ulverston, in response to my call for you to tell us of your *own* experiences. Miss Mather (No. 572), sends us the following splendid account, and I hope it will give other Bluebells ideas of helping the "animal creation" and the dear little birdies, and that they will put them into practice.

"Dear Flora Belle,

I notice in your letter this month you are quite disappointed because no Bluebells have responded to your invitation for our "very own experiences" with pets. Well, perhaps most of the Bluebells are like me and don't think they could write a story, or what they have noticed themselves would be interesting to others. I will try to tell you about our birds. Well, we have a nice tree at the bottom of our yard. It was ever such a little one when we came to live here, and it was such fun watching it grow. Whenever we were coming home from a walk we used to look up to see if "our tree" had got above the wall, and we were quite delighted when it was as high as the wall, but now it is as tall again. We used to say birds would be building their nests there soon, but I don't think they will though. I will tell you what they do in winter. They just come and perch on the branches and wait for their breakfast, and if it isn't there by 8 o'clock they all 'strike up' together, and there is such a chirping until Mother or I take them their breakfast. If we take no notice of the 'chorus,' the boldest will come on to the window sill and chirp, and I have known them tap on the window; just to remind us they haven't had their breakfast! Our birds do not like potatoes or pudding or bread softened. They like bread and butter, and bacon, or meat and fat of any kind. We always put the bones under the tree for them, and oh, they *do* enjoy the picking. We have sparrows, starlings, thrushes, blackbirds, spinks, and occasionally rooks and jackdaws, and little 'Jennie Wren' also visits us. Last winter we bought a coconut, cut the shell in two, hung it on the tree, and kept it full of food; that brought the blue tits and the great tits, and we also have a robin or two, who are very friendly. In the spring, when Father went out to do a bit of gardening either at the back or front, Master Robin would immediately appear—

bold and fearless—hopping about quite close, and occasionally looking into his face as if to say 'I am doing all I can to assist you.' We do not put out much food for the birds in Summer; it is not required, but still there are birds who build their nests close to us, and the mother bird is always on the look out for food. We can hear the little ones calling. They seem to be always hungry. They are calling from early morning to the last thing at night. When they are able to fly a little Mrs. Starling brings Master and Miss Starling for their food, and it is such hard work for their mother to keep them satisfied. She puts the food into the bills of the little ones. They are constantly calling for more, and do keep their mother busy. There was rather an amusing incident this summer. The mother had brought her little one for dinner. There was some rice pudding, and also a nice bone with a little bit of picking on. So mother, for once, didn't trouble with her baby, but enjoyed the picking; well, baby objected, and chirped and chirped. At last mother seemed to get vexed, so she picked up some rice pudding quite petulantly and pushed it into birdie's mouth, as though she was saying 'take that and be quiet!'

"We would not like to be without the birds, they are so very interesting.

"With all good wishes for the Bluebells' Guild.

Your loving Bluebell,  
WINIFRED MATHER (Ulverston).  
No. 572."

I'm sure you must have been interested by this account of the birdies; and I am hoping for other Bluebells to tell us of their pets soon. But I have yet another letter this month, which brings us more members for our Guild, and so I propose sharing it, as well as the others, with you all, and postponing my own chat until a later time. Mr. Woodall again writes us from South Shields (Eldon Street Lyceum), and says:

"Dear Miss Flora Belle,

It is with great pleasure that I supplement my quota of names to your Guild. These have all joined our Lyceum since my last list of names. Like all Lyceums, there is always a percentage of children joining and leaving soon after, but I am thankful to say our percentage is very small on the side of leaving. We are trying to encourage them to stay by forming a football and cricket team for the boys, and sewing and fancy work classes for the girls; and we are fairly successful in interesting them in other ways. We are also desirous of forming a library, but funds are low just yet; a little help in this direction would be appreciated.

"Wishing you continued success with your Guild.

I remain, yours fraternally,  
WM. WOODALL."

Many thanks, dear friend, for your kind wishes, and I hope success will attend you all in your determined and splendid efforts for the children's welfare. I think many Lyceums could practise such with advantage. Can any of our readers offer help—either by presenting one or more suitable books or by offering helpful practical suggestions—to our friends in their efforts to form a library?

With all best wishes to each one,

Your loving sister,  
FLORA BELLE.

3487	John Storey.	3593	Emily Calvert.
3488	Frederick Dunmore.	3504	Wm. Pullen.
3489	Florence Dunmore.	3505	Nelly Slater.
3490	Alfred Large.	3506	John Parker.
3491	Janet Large.	3507	Lily Parker.
3492	Amy Large.	3508	Mary Palim.
3493	John Large.	3509	Richard Scott.
3494	Nelly Large.	3510	Thomas Scott.
3495	Florence Ridge.	3511	Maggie Scott.
3496	Violet Ridge.	3512	Jenny Scott.
3497	Edward Ridge.	3513	Jenny Watson.
3498	Vinnie Leadbitter.	3514	Ella Watson.
3499	Edward Leadbitter.	3515	Theodore Bruce.
3500	Samuel Townsley.	3516	Maggie Chapman.
3501	Matthew Townsley.	3517	Isabella Cole.
3502	Annie Johnson.	3518	Nelly Rossiter.

Quite recently it has been my luck to be present at a Seance where spirit photographs are frequently produced and a happy time was spent with a friend at the homely circle at Crewe. Next month I want to give a detailed report of the proceedings, and, if possible, reproduce one or two of the pictures, so for the present this brief reference to an absorbing subject and unique experience must suffice.

Through the kindness of the Editor the pictures will appear in the October issue of the BANNER.

The psychic kingdom is a wonderful realm for research, and its possibilities are constantly being revealed in a variety of ways. How do we know, as we tell our boys and girls of such happenings as I have hinted at, but that some one of them may be a message bearer or demonstrator of the continuity of life, or that the spirit world appreciates the peculiar constitutional fitness of these young ones and marks them out as being specially fit for the work; or through the educative opportunities of the times there is an adaptation for the assimilation of the philosophy based on the scientific facts now happening here and there. Our hearts are gladdened by these newer evidences of spirit power, and it should be our business as leaders and teachers to enthuse our young folks with a *desire* to search in the archives of spiritual possibilities for a solution to the ever recurring question, "Is it true the dead return?"

These spirit chemists are in advance of our scientists in that they can produce a fully developed picture of a friend in-spirit-life, without the ordinary means of a camera or even the use of sensitized plates.

I have seen such pictures the production of which is a marvel to advanced and experienced spiritualists; and still remains an unanswered problem by those who cry "faked, of course." Mr. Walker, of Buxton, has given the history of some of these specimens of such power, as well as the Editor of the *Two Worlds*, when speaking of the Belper Circle.

There must be many more gifted people, for this and other examples of spirit agency, but we are lax in our methods, and much real proof is absolutely lost. What a pity. Will the younger generation see to it that the well-proved world wide facts of spirit communion—the great and all conclusive proof of the past—need collecting, tabulating and preserving on present day data? It is necessary. Tell your companions about next month's topic, and let it be a record sale of the BANNER.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR THREE MONTHS.

For three months, commencing with October, we will present to all Lyceums who increase their orders for the LYCEUM BANNER, a similar quantity free for three months. Thus, those Lyceums who increase their order for six extra copies per month will receive 12 copies per month for the price of the six: and those who increase their order for twelve extra copies will receive twenty-four for the price of twelve. They will receive double quantity for the three months October, November, and December. Next month Mrs. Greenwood will describe her visit to the Spirit Photography Circle at Crewe, and give illustrations of the pictures she received. Don't miss this splendid offer. Send in your orders at once and secure the extra copies for the three months.

Girls' Own Corner.

By Mrs. JESSY GREENWOOD



SESSION PROGRAMME.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	Mus. Reading.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
Sep. 7	395	4	228	114	390
Sep. 14	371	2	229	115	312
Sep. 21	370	10	220	106	351
Sep. 28	402	24	216	125	356

Pearls.

- SEPT. 7—To know what you prefer, instead of humbly saying Amen to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive.—*R. L. Stevenson.*
- SEPT. 14—"To see good in a heart that seems evil is to beget good there."—*W. H. Phelps.*
- SEPT. 21—"In studying your subject be like a mouse in a Cheshire cheese, bore a hole right thro' it, you will fatten as you go.
- SEPT. 28—"Endurance is the crowning quality and Patience all the passion of great hearts! —*Lowell.*

I often read the Golden Chain No. 141 in the *Manual*, which is a comprehensive statement of the phenomena of our Spiritualism. Some phrases we are very familiar with, e.g., Clairvoyance, clair-audience, psychometry, trance mediumship, inspirational mediumship, impersonation, healing, production of sounds of varied kinds; but there are others which only rarely come our way like materialization, spirit photographs, spirit paintings, etc.

## The Aim of Spiritualism.

An Essay read before the London, Woolwich, Lyceum, by Ivy Giles, age 13 years.

The aim of Spiritualism should be to help one another to learn of the higher spheres of life. When one hears of Spiritualists trying to crush down others, they think that they are Spiritualists in their own idea; but they are not in other people's, and any one not believing in Spiritualism would say, "Well, if that is what they are like, I am very pleased I am not one of them, as it does not seem as though their religion teaches them very much brotherly love!"

My idea of what a Spiritualist should be is this:— Ready to help those in distress; willing to find out a way for others to gain the truths they are wanting, and always ready to give a smile or sympathetic word when it would lighten one's path or burden, and although not always able to help in financial ways, to offer a prayer to the Almighty God, and the spirit friends, who are ready to help them out of their distress, and instead of having a fallen brother, as it were, in the mire, to help to uplift him from his fallen state; for in prayer, though only thought, is heard by Him who is ever ready to carry out their prayer, working it out to the one for whom it was said.

And now I have told you what my idea of a Spiritualist is, I will unfold to you my conception of Spiritualism. Spiritualism shows that even though a man may be dead to this earthly world, he still liveth, and may be seen by those who are clairvoyant.

The spirits' teaching is similar to ours, only of a much broader scope. They are taught to understand we are all alike in rank, and that one is no higher than another. It also teaches us that everything is natural, and every path leads to some opening. We are able to communicate with friends generally called dead.

And now leaving you to remember that the greatest thing in the world is love, I will close my essay with these loving remarks:—

"Let us all be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate,  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait."

### FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY.

#### "FAITH."

To have true faith in God and man  
Is what our great Creator planned.  
For us to do while here on earth  
If we would win a spiritual birth  
Faith in duty, faith in man,  
Faith in everything we plan.

#### "HOPE."

Hope, the builder of the soul,  
Hope to win at last life's goal.  
Hope to soar on, hope to climb  
Hope to be with yours and mine.  
These are things for us worth while.  
We shall see at that last mile.

#### "CHARITY."

Charity in its broadest sense,  
Not in what we give in pence  
But in word, and thought, and deed.  
They are what this grand world need,  
One who learns to live the three  
Masters his own destiny.

By Alice C. Jeffery.

## For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

MY DEAR CHUMS,

We have all been passing through the holiday period of the year. I hope every boy who reads this has passed through this happy time, and can look back with very pleasant memories. I am pleased to write there is quite a lively interest being taken in our movement. The social side of our life is being catered for and combined with the true mission of Lyceum work. There were reports in last month's BANNER of many social functions, and a great many more which do not reach the columns of our paper. There is a growing spirit too amongst the districts to do something unitedly. The beneficial results cannot be gauged at present.

I have been asked by a few girls about our page. I am sure the Editor will only be too pleased to know there are big girls interested in our page, but that big boys are also reading the Girls' Page. The Lesson Plan is doing a much more useful work than puzzles ever can do. I think all contributors to the BANNER, our paper, will agree with me when I write that "everything in the paper is for everybody." The more readers we can get and the better for the Union. The BANNER has never yet quite paid its way. The object of the Editor is to make the articles as helpful and interesting as possible and meet the demands of its readers as far as possible. The B.S.L.U. will hold its 25th Conference next year at Glasgow. Mr. Kitson has been Secretary all the time. Now, boys, wouldn't it gratify the Editor's heart if we could increase the sale of the paper to enable him to report next Whitsuntide that the BANNER at last was able to keep itself. Our official organ is now nearly 23 years old and ought to be able to support itself. There is general approval of the recitations recently published. Some boys and girls are learning them. Are you one of them? The winter season will soon be here. If the big boys are not looking for interesting features to keep our happy Lyceum families together, we shall have to show them a good example. What do you think, boys! I went to a field day and procession a few Saturdays ago, and an old chum of yours introduced me as the reporter of the Boys' Page. There was something there that was worth reporting too. There was a brass band. Before the band were 28 boys and girls. Behind the band were 12 smaller children. They were dressed in white, with liberty caps trimmed with red, and red sashes, and others with blue ribbon on their caps and blue sashes. All carried a short wand, with ribbon and bells for decoration and effect. Bells also decorated their shoes and slippers. The music of the band was carefully arranged for the pretty dances and quaint movements of these happy boys and girls. People passing the procession stopped interestedly to watch this novel and ingeniously attractive device of enlivening the procession of nearly five hundred sincere Spiritualists. Although it rained afterwards, everybody seemed to enjoy themselves in the field. This was part of my holiday week, and I am glad I went to this happy event arranged by three or four of our chums for the benefit and enjoyment of their fellow Lyceumists.

Many of you have no doubt been to the sea-side or some inland resort for your holidays. I have some puzzles here for you now. They all contain the hidden names of some pleasure resort. Where the word has two syllables "and" is used. To give an explanation of this the answer to the first puzzle is Fleet-wood. Here are the puzzles:

1. A group of ships and a lot of trees clustered together.
2. A point of the compass and a haven for ships.
3. An organ of the body and a small pond.
4. The results of a wound and another name for a town.
5. A colour and a place where tadpoles are found.
6. A colour and an electric tram.
7. A household utensil.
8. A small rivulet.
9. A mineral and a wound caused by playing with fire.
10. Another word for shiny and the opposite to no.
11. What a baby does and what he does it with.
12. Some English animals who give us wool and what stands at the entrance to a park.
13. A piece of long straight iron and something we use when kissing.
14. What we can see on the outside of an orange.
15. Something convenient to place behind the door and something useful for the door.
16. A very religious adjective and a man's cranium.
17. Something which grows in the fields and a lake.
18. Another name for people and a small piece of rock.
19. What do you do when you mount a horse.
20. A wine and what people do when in a hurry.
21. What debtors do and what a cinematograph censor will place on a bad picture.

Now, boys, there are your pleasure resorts. I shall be glad to hear your answers flutter through my letter box.

Next month I shall resume our serious little talks on the principles of Spiritualism.

Your sincere chum,

GEO. FRED. KNOTT,  
22, Gowers St., Rochdale.

### NOTTINGHAM.

#### The 2nd Combined Anniversary of the Five Nottingham Spiritualists' Lyceums

will be held in the **SCALA THEATRE, Market Street**, at 10-45 a.m. and 6-30 p.m. on **Sunday, September 14th, 1913.**

**Speaker - Mr. A. KITSON (Dewsbury).**

**200 Lyceumists** will sing Hymns, Choruses, Solos, accompanied by an **Orchestral Band.** Conductor—J. W. RAYNER

**A MASS MEETING** will be held on the **Nottingham Forest** at 2-45 p.m. (weather permitting). The Lyceumists will give a display of **Marching and Calisthenics.** Conductor—Mr. L. SHIPLEY, accompanied by the **RAILWAY ASSOCIATED CITY PRIZE BAND.** Collections to defray expenses.

Anyone visiting Nottingham on that day please write the Secretary, A. H. Coles, 29, Cobden Street, Ilkeston Road.

### British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

#### District Visitors' Quarterly Report.

**BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.**—There are 12 Societies in this district, all but 4 have a Lyceum.

**Walsall.**—June 15th. Very pleasant session, children receiving sound inspiration from their respective Leaders,

**Wolverhampton.**—June 22nd. Small in number, sixteen present, but great attention shown to Conductor. I would urge friends from Society to help the Conductors. Come among the children, you will feel the benefit of it, and thus help on the Lyceum work. Fares 8d.

**Brownhills.**—Small in number, twenty present. Children most attentive to Conductor, who, by the way, is in need of help. I would appeal to elder members to come among the children and help on the good work. I would like to see groups formed at this Lyceum. Fares 6d.—A. O. THOMAS, D.V.

[The above appeal and advice might be of service if the Lyceum read the LYCEUM BANNER.—Ed.]

**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**—There are 8 Societies in this district, two of which—Skipton and Yeadon—have no Lyceum.

**Bradford (Otley Road).**—This is the weakest Lyceum in the district, only a few present to start with. Punctuality very necessary. The session fairly good on the whole. Fares 1/6. **West Bowling (Boynton Street).**—A good Lyceum with a large number of adults, but not many small children. A good session. Fare 2d. **Keighley** have had quite an influx of new scholars, who have improved greatly during the last few weeks. Pearls and explanations good. **Shipley.**—A small Lyceum, but very good, a child of ten acting as Conductor, who conducted very nicely indeed. They believe in training them while young. A point to be noted. Fares 1/-. **Bradford (Ivy Rooms).**—A good open session, with pearls and responses good. Adults in good numbers, but not many young children. Fares 1/6. **Shirley Road.**—A young and promising Lyceum, with good order and a desire to learn, the boys in particular responding well. Fares 4d.—MISS M. L. STAIR, D.V.

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

On May 25th I visited the Commercial Street Lyceum, **Brighouse.** There were 30 present in the morning and 36 in the afternoon. The calisthenics were good, the marching was spirited, and the order excellent. The lesson in Liberty Group was on the "Advantages of Scientific Knowledge." Fares 6d. June 15th I visited **St. Peter Street Lyceum.** They are forging ahead here. There were 80 present, and I was informed there were 90 the Sunday before. June 22nd I visited **Ramsden Street.** This Lyceum maintains a good average, but the increase in numbers is slow. It has a Liberty Group full of possibilities for good. There is also held during the week a "Lyceum Circle" and a "Guild Study Group."—SETH ACKROYD, D.V.

**LEEDS DISTRICT.**—There are 20 Societies in this district, all but two have a Lyceum. One interview has been with a view to inducing them to open a Lyceum.

**Normanton.**—This is only a small Lyceum, but well conducted, the children taking great interest in recitations, etc. There is a lack of vigour in the marching and calisthenics. **Hunslet (Church Street).**—About 20 scholars present. The session was too much of a routine, no attempt being made to instruct or draw out the ideas of the children upon the chain recitations. Marching and calisthenics very good. Fares 1/-. **Wakefield.**—This Lyceum is not very strong at present, requiring more effort from the adults. The session was a good one. **Osselt.**—This Lyceum is suffering like many others in this district through lack of interest of the adults. On the occasion of my visit no officers were present, so conducted the session myself. The children responded very well. Fares 6d.—A. E. BEETY, D.V.

**LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.**—There are 21 Societies in this district, 8 of which have no Lyceum. Two interviews have been held; the results promise to be favourable.

**Birkenhead.**—I am pleased to report this Lyceum has increased both in numbers and discipline. **Seacombe.**—As this was my first visit since they won the Shield I found them large in proficiency, though small in numbers. **Crewe.**—My visit here was on the day of their Anniversary; too much praise cannot be given to the Leaders for the proficiency to which the children were trained. As I was the engaged speaker on this occasion there is no travelling expenses.—GEORGE MATHISON, D.V.

**LONDON DISTRICT.**—There are 24 Societies in this district, 13 of which have no Lyceum.

**Little Ilford.**—I am pleased to report progress in this Lyceum, and to note the members of the church are taking an interest in its welfare. **Plaistow.**—This Lyceum has gone through many changes, and I am looking forward with hope

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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.

In our last issue we announced that the Executive Council had the dates of three of their quarterly meetings open. Those for October 11th and 12th, and April 11th and 12th, have been applied for by the Sowerby Bridge and Liverpool (Daulby Street) Lyceums respectively. The only one now remaining open is January 10th and 11th, 1914. Applications for the same should be made to the Lyceum Union's General Secretary.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Liberty Group Syllabus of the Glasgow, Berkley Street Lyceum, from August 10th to December 28th respectively. There are two essays on Physiology; three essays on Mediumship; and five on Physical Science. The whole forms a good educational series, and should make a marked impression on the minds of the members and help to fit them for public life.

We learn that Mr. Moorey, of Blackburn, is removing to Brighton. A purse of gold was presented to him on August 24th by the Lyceum and Society as a mark of appreciation of his past services. We trust our Brighton friends will make good use of their latest gain, which is Blackburn's loss.

We are indebted to Mr. Brooks, President of the Manor Park Spiritual Church for a splendid photo group of the Church members enjoying a picnic at Hainault Forest.

Mr. B. B. Hill, the venerable father of Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, whose name is so well known to our readers as an ardent Lyceumist, passed to the higher life on July 7th, from the home of Mrs. Cadwallader in Chicago, Ill., U.S.A., and was interred in the Northwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa., on July

10th. Lyceum children attended the memorial service, contributing their floral tokens of love, and also rendered the sweetly appropriate hymn, "Angel Care." Mr. Hill was born June 9th, 1830, and so had just entered on his 84th year. It would be out of place to lament and bemoan the passing on of those whose life's work has been well done. The most appropriate epitaph that can be applied to them is: They have been *promoted* to the grander, fuller, and higher life!!!

Mrs. Lizzie Nurse, Rochdale, member of the Executive Council and Past-President of the Lyceum Union, has nearly recovered from the severe accident in which she sustained a fractured elbow some four months ago, desires to thank, through the medium of the LYCEUM BANNER, all friends who have sent expressions of love and sympathy to her in her days of suffering.

The question as to who is the author of the "Lyceum Salutes" used in the opening and dismissing the Lyceum is exercising the mental atmosphere in certain quarters, with a view, we are assured, of "giving honour where honour is due." When the Physical Exercises were first published in pamphlet form, the "Salutes" for assembling and dismissing the Lyceum were offered therein as *suggestions* by the General Secretary of the Lyceum Union. Quite a number of Lyceums adopted them and still practise them. But as the *suggestions* did not receive official recognition and endorsement they were left out of the revised edition now in use, and consequently some slight variations have crept in as used in some of the Lyceums.

We much regret to learn that owing to circumstances the committee of the Toronto, Dovern Court Lyceum, have decided to close their hall, sell the furnishings, and donate the proceeds between the Lyceum Union (General Fund), and the S.N.U. (Fund of Benevolence). In accordance with the above decision we have to acknowledge the receipt of twenty-four dollars (£4 18s. 7d.). The Committee desire it to be made widely known that they leave no party or parties as their representatives.

For the past nine years the above-named Lyceum has nobly endeavoured to maintain a pure platform, and present nothing but the best phases of Spiritualism to the public. The public has, in the main, ignored the spiritual feast prepared for it, preferring to support those halls that catered for sensationalism. The more sensational the platform the bigger the audience to support it; while on the other hand the richer the spiritual feast the fewer attended to partake of it. It is a sad commentary of the public's lack of aspiration for spiritual truths.

Just as we are going to press we learn that Mr. and Mrs. John Hirst, of Uppermill, near Oldham, are shortly to sail for New Zealand. Mr. Hirst was the conductor, and Mrs. Hirst the organist of the Uppermill Lyceum for a good number of years. The LYCEUM BANNER wishes them and family prosperity in their new field of labour.

## THE LYCEUM RECITER.

### THE LADY'S DREAM.

She heard the sweet and glad refrain  
Of spirits freed from care and pain  
And heard that angels bore away  
A soul from prison walls of clay,  
Unto the realms forever bright—  
The land of gladness, love and light—  
When entering thro' the gates of pearl  
She saw the face of her servant girl.

Startled she said, "that face I know,  
She served me in the world below,  
She was true and faithful, good and kind,  
Unto her worth I was never blind;  
I hardly think she will feel at home  
'Mid the stately splendours of that dome,  
I never saw a mansion so fair  
But she will feel as a stranger there."

An angel said, "That mansion she owns,  
She sent from earth all the building stones,  
She walked by faith, and not by sight,  
And saw afar that city's light,  
Stranger and alien she can not be  
Where all are glad, and all are free;  
Angels are waiting to welcome her in  
Freed from sorrow, pain and sin."

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The lady dreamed that she too, had died,  
Was borne from her halls of wealth and pride,  
But closed to her were the gates of pearl  
Opened so wide to her servant girl;  
No waiting angels were standing there  
To welcome her in, their bliss to share,  
No music rose to entrance her ear,  
Her spirit's home was dark and drear.

In tones that shivered with grief and dread,  
"I cannot dwell here," she sadly said,  
"My home on earth was bright and fair,  
But this seems a cavern of dark despair."  
But the angel said, "From your halls of mirth  
You sent these building stones from earth.  
From ease and pleasure gathered each stone  
For the future made this house your own.

"Hungry and thirsty, homeless and poor,  
A stranger once stood beside your door,  
With costly viands your board was spread,  
And richest carpets hushed your tread,  
His humble prayer you coldly spurned,  
And carelessly from his pleading turned,  
And little dreamed he held in his hand  
A title deed to yon blissful land.

"Your servant girl thro' weary years  
Into jewels carved her prayers and tears,  
And some whose lives she made more bright  
Received her at the gates of light.

Day by day you narrowed the cell  
In which your spirit is doomed to dwell,  
You built too low, too low by far,  
When you built beneath the lowest star;  
Maiden and mistress gather their own  
And all must reap as they have sown."  
—FRANCES E. W. HARPER.

### LAUS INFANTIUM.

(Praise of Children).

In praise of little children I will say  
God first made man, then found a better way  
For woman, but his third way was the best.  
Of all created things, the loveliest  
And most divine are children. Nothing here  
Can be to us more gracious or more dear.  
And though, when God saw all his works were good  
There was no rosy flower of babyhood,  
'Twas said of children in a later day  
That none could enter Heaven save such as they.

The earth, which feels the flowering of a thorn,  
Was glad, O little child, when you were born;  
The earth, which thrills when skylarks scale the  
blue,  
Soared up itself to God's own Heaven in you;

And Heaven, which loves to lean down and to glass  
Its beauty in each dewdrop on the grass,—  
Heaven laughed to find your face so pure and fair,  
And left, O little child, its reflex, there.

JOHN HARTLEY.

### ENDURANCE.

*Tired!* Well, what of that?  
Did'st fancy life was spent on beds of ease,  
Fluttering the rose leaves scattered by the breeze;  
Come, rouse thee! Work while it is called day!  
Laggard, arise, go forth upon the way.

*Lonely!* And what of that?  
Some must be lonely; 'tis not given to all  
To feel a heart responsive rise and fall,  
To blend another life into its own:  
Work may be done in loneliness. Work on.

*Dark!* Well, and what of that?  
Did'st fondly dream the sun would never set?  
Dost fear to lose thy way? Take courage yet;  
Learn thou to walk by faith and not by sight,  
Thy steps will guided be, and guided right.

*Hard!* Well, what of that?  
Did'st fancy life one summer holiday,  
With lessons none to learn, and naught but play?  
Go; get thee to thy task! conquer or die.  
It *must* be learned—learn it then patiently.

ANON.

for its future welfare. Fare 6d. *Fulham*.—The attendance was small, and several came late. I hope to see an improvement on my next visit. In the Liberty Group a paper was read which provoked thought and imparted a good lesson. This is a good method of bringing out the best. Fares 1/- *Plumstead*.—I am pleased to note this Lyceum is doing good work and bringing out the best of the children. Fares 8d. *Peckham*.—I am glad to say this Lyceum is good in its pearls and recitations. I hope to see them giving us a series of marches and calisthenics at my next visit. Fares 1/- *Kingston-on-Thames*.—This Lyceum is improving, the singing being very good, as also were the marching and calisthenics. Pearls and recitations were well rendered. Mr. Miles gave a nice address on "Knowledge." A very happy session. Fares 1/8. *Holloway*.—Mrs. Clegg, along with myself, visited this Lyceum on the occasion of its Anniversary. Pearls, recitations, marching and calisthenics were good. *The Workers Win. Tottenham*.—This Lyceum is improving, but they lack marching and calisthenics. Recitations, singing, and pearls were good. *Battersea*.—I was sorry to learn Miss Smith, the Conductor, is leaving London. Mrs. Boddington was ably conducting when I paid my visit. This Lyceum is in need of workers. Who will help? Fares 10d., postages 1/2.—M. CLEGG, D.V.

**MANCHESTER DISTRICT.**—There are 9 Societies in this district which have a Lyceum.

*Hollinwood*.—This is not by any means so large a Lyceum as formerly. The conduct was good. The responses not quite up to the average. No groups. Marching and exercises very nicely gone through. Fares 7d. *Longsight* (Chell Street).—Very poor attendance, everybody appeared sad and depressed. This was their final closing day. The lease had expired, and could not be renewed. They had not found another hall. I advised all present to visit the nearest Lyceum to their home. Fare 2d. *South Manchester* (Princess Road).—Open Sessions. There is a new innovation here; they have opened morning session for marching and exercises, afternoon was devoted to recitations, solos, and readings. There were no groups owing to the Open Session. I was informed that the Liberty Group was doing very nicely. Fare nil. *Ardwick* (Maskell Street).—A slight increase on the male side, not so many adults on the female side as formerly. Session orderly. Liberty Group interesting, and good attendance. *Openshaw* (Beulah Street).—Very good attendance, orderly session, and well conducted. Good responses to readings and recitations. Fare 2d.—ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

**NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.**—*Earby*.—April 6th. Prompt start, 10 a.m., 44 present. Reading good. Physical exercises well executed. Energy and activity throughout. Lyceum much improved. Fares 1/6. *Great Harwood*.—May 25th. Lyceum Day, 34 present. Good session throughout. Lyceum active and much improved. Distinct signs of progress. Fares 1/3. *Blackpool*.—June 1st. Prompt start, 42 in time. Good session, educational and devotional. A splendid condition prevails at present, which I hope will be maintained. Mrs. Nurse, member of our E.C. was also present. Fares 4/6.—REUBEN LATHAM, D.V.

**NORTH LANCASHIRE AND CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.**—There are 6 Societies in this district, all having a Lyceum.

*Lancaster*.—June 22nd, morning. I found this Lyceum closed. They had had their Lyceum outing on the Saturday, and according to custom held no session on the Sunday following. Fares 2/8. *Morecambe*.—I am pleased to report a Lyceum has been re-opened here. They hold one session per Sunday at 9-30. There are only a few scholars at present, but hope to increase the numbers after the season is over. Fare 8d.—WINIFRED MATHER, D.V.

**NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.**—There are 11 Societies in this district, all but three having a Lyceum. Two visits have been sought and held. Waiting results.

*Grantham*.—April 13th. I was sorry to learn Mrs. Harvey and family were removing to Doncaster, and as the Lyceum has mainly depended on her I am afraid it will mean its closing. I hope the friends will render all the help possible to Mr. Harrison, who promised to do his best. Fares 4/4. *Hyson Green* (Hawarden Terrace).—I am glad to report an increase in numbers, and hope it will continue, and that other workers will come forward and give needed help. *Hyson Green* (Bentick Road).—Miss Swadden is ably supported by other workers. The Lyceum is well conducted; earnestness being well apparent. The loss of an able worker is regrettable in the interests of both Society and Lyceum. I sincerely

hope the loss is only temporary. *Mansfield* (Quaker Lane).—June 22nd. I was pleased and surprised to find such a great improvement, instead of 16 as given in the report to the Conference they have at least 30, and with such an energetic conductor as Mrs. Hill, ably supported by her son, the secretary, I shall not be surprised to see this Lyceum regain its former strength and influence. Fares 2/8, postages 1/-.—J. J. ASHWORTH, D.V.

**ROCHDALE DISTRICT.**—There are 21 Societies in this district, all but five have a Lyceum. One interview has been held, and the Society has promised to open a Lyceum as early as possible.

*Littleborough*.—April 20th. This is a break from Dearnley. I regret to report no session on day of visit, so went forward to the *Dearnley* Lyceum and found a good session in progress. Fares 1/7. *Rochdale* (Regent Street).—April 27th. A little late start, apart from this there was a good session throughout. The manner in which the Conductor went through the various items was interesting to all. Fares 8d. *Rochdale* (Penn Street).—May 25th. Late start but a good session. The reading, singing, marching and exercises were fine. This Lyceum has increased greatly since my last visit. The hall was well filled, and a good feeling prevailed throughout the session. Fares 8d. *Luzley Brook*.—June 1st. Start punctual. The session was good. Singing, reading, pearls, etc., well rendered. Order, fine. The Lyceum is not large, but to me it seems to bid fair for good in time to come. *Bury*.—June 15th. Start punctual. A good attendance. Singing, reading, marches, and exercises were finely rendered. Pearls were plentiful and good. Groups well conducted. A good session. Fares 1/7. *Shaw* (Lyon Street).—June 22nd. Late start, otherwise a very good session, everyone doing their part well. Fares 4d., postage 2d.—WILLIAM CHISNALL, D.V.

**SCOTTISH DISTRICT.**—There are 8 Societies in this district, two of them having no Lyceum. One interview has been held with the result that they have promised to start a Lyceum after the holidays.

I wrote you some time ago regarding a joint meeting of the three Lyceums in Dundee, and suggested having a special report in the BANNER. On making further enquiries I find that the Dundee Lyceums close down for fully a month, so that the report would be better to stand over until August issue. By that time the holidays in the district will be over and they will be in full session again, so that the report will reach more of them, and perhaps it may be the means of gaining a footing for the BANNER in Dundee.—DAVID HAMILTON, D.V. [We regret the suggested report would be out of order, and to accept it would render the Editor liable to a charge of partiality being preferred against him.—Editor.]

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.**—There are 14 Societies in this district, six of them have no Lyceum.

*Barnsley*.—June 15th, morning, a poor attendance of officers. Afternoon a good session throughout. With a little care from the officers progress should be made. Fares 2/10. *Chesterfield*.—June 22nd, morning session bright and interesting, harmony excellent. Some good work in the groups. Pity the afternoon session was so short. Perhaps the splendid weather accounted for it. Fares 2/-.—ERNEST VICKERS, D.V.

**STOCKPORT DISTRICT.**—There are 14 Societies in this district, six of them have no Lyceum. Two interviews have been held, results nil, for want of willing workers.

*Heaton Norris* (Baker Street).—This is a small Lyceum, but a very well conducted one. A pleasant session throughout. *Hyde* (Clarendon Street).—This Lyceum is in a very healthy condition. A large number of children and a good number of adults to look after them. Reading, marching and calisthenics good. Fares 8d. *Ashton-under-Lyne* (Burlington Street).—I am sorry this Lyceum has not increased in numbers since my last visit. It is well conducted in every way; a very pleasant session all through. Fares 1/-. *Hadfield*.—This is a small Lyceum but well conducted. Very efficient in every way. Fares 1/3. *Mossley* (Abbey Road).—A special visit *re* the LYCEUM BANNER. Conductor promised to bring the matter before Committee and see what could be done. Lyceum in a healthy condition. Fare 6d.—JOHN MARSTON, D.V.

**TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.**—There are 9 Societies in this district, all but one have a Lyceum.

*Shildon*.—April 6th. I cannot too highly speak of this Lyceum's sessions, which must be seen to be believed. Everything from beginning to end is of the best; all working together doing their best. Punctual start, and also punctual finish. Fares 2/6. *West Hartlepool*.—Sorry to say this Lyceum does not make headway. Members of the Society do not seem

to realise their responsibility to the children. Great credit is due to the conductor, Miss Haynes, and the two or three who stand by her. Fares 1/8. *Middlesbrough*.—A heavy rain-storm visited the town just before time for Lyceum, which probably stopped many from attending. Responses and marching good. Other items only moderate. I hope to see an improvement when I visit them again. *Bishop Auckland*.—Have made no actual increase in numbers, but full of life. *Society members please help*.—R. BROWN, D.V.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.—There are 18 Societies in this district, all but three have a Lyceum.

*Newcastle* (Rutherford Street).—A late start, owing to absence of conductor. Session fair. I would like to see a little more interest taken in the pearls and recitations. *Gateshead*.—A very interesting session. Pearls, recitations, and calisthenics good. Reading might be improved. *South Shields* (South Eldon Street).—This is a new Lyceum. Punctual start. Responses good. Session well conducted. This will become a really good Lyceum with care and attention. Fares 1/-. *Sunderland* (Derwent Street).—This is a new Lyceum, with some vigour in it. Not having any experience in Lyceum work I assisted them in electing their first staff of officers. Fares 1/8. WILLIAM HALL, D.V.

[We are requested to insert the following copy of the Examination paper that gained the second highest number of marks.—Editor]

SHEFFIELD SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

EDUCATION SCHEME.

Candidate's name, Harry Victor Truelove, age 13. Address, 63, Springwood Road, Heeley. Name of Lyceum, *Heeley*. Examination officials, Geo. Magness and Alf. Beardoe. *Grade*, Preliminary.

No. 1.—*State all you know about the Fox Family.*

It was the Fox family who first introduced Spiritualism into the world. In 1848 a pedlar, going his rounds, called at the house in which the Fox family afterwards lived, and from then he disappeared. He had been murdered for the money he had on him. Soon after the occupants moved out, and the house was taken by another family. These, too, soon moved out, because of the strange noises heard. They seemed to come from the door in footsteps and then a dull thud. Next came a noise as though someone was dragging a heavy article down to the cellar. There they stopped, only to start again. Then came the Fox family, and they, too, heard the noises and were scared. Then Catherine, the youngest, cried out, "Hi! Mr. Splitfoot, do as I do," and she clapped three times. The invisible rapper replied with three raps. Meetings were held in the house, and it was found out that the being was the spirit of the poor pedlar who had been murdered and his body buried in the cellar. The occupants of the house came forward with a clear character and the matter was forgotten. Spiritualism came slowly on, till A. J. Davis took up the reins. Then it made rapid strides, and is now a foremost figure in the ranks of religion.

No. 2.—*Who was A. J. Davis?*

Andrew Jackson Davis was the famous American spirit-seer. He went on spirit journeys to the spirit land, where he saw large numbers of spirit children; children assembled in beautiful and spacious halls, surrounded by beautiful gardens, with waters rippling and fountains playing; bands of spirit people making the valleys resound with their songs, on their way to visit some other Lyceum, giving the right hand symbol of "Goodwill" or the left hand symbol of "Fraternal Love."

No. 4.—*Give a short account of Buddha or Jesus.*

Buddha was an Indian prince, living about 80 B.C. When he reached his twentieth birthday he began to think of the misery of his people and of things concerning religion. He determined to turn a hermit. Next he built a house in the jungle and lived there for six years. At the end of this time he came forward as a religious teacher. His doctrines were so eagerly caught up by the Indians that when he died, in his eightieth year, his doctrines were being taught over nearly all the country.

No. 6.—*Give a short account of Mohammed or Zoroaster.*

Mohammed was an Arab trader. He made his pile by the evil trade of slavery and by trading with the Indies. Later on he turned his thought to religion. He began to consider that it was time to teach his countrymen a religion other than that of worshipping the sun, moon and stars. He therefore retired

to the desert to think. In six years he came out and began to preach. He then called on his adherents to wage a holy war on all unbelievers. Before very long the whole of the country from the Euphrates to Morocco, and from Constantinople to the Indian Ocean were in Mohammedan hands.

No 11.—*What is Death?*

Death is the separation of the physical body from the spiritual body. It is the portal between the earthly life and the spiritual life.

No. 3.—*When and where was the first Lyceum commenced, and what took place?*

The first Lyceum was held in Dodsworth Hall, Broadway, N.Y., on the 25th January, 1863. Here Mr. A. J. Davis described his visions to an audience in the above-named hall.

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## Correspondence.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Sir,—I would like to draw attention, through the columns of the BANNER, to some statements afloat, that I am marring the progress of the Lyceum movement. Well, to the interest of all, I emphatically deny such, for as a Secretary, following up instructions given to me, which up to the present have not been given the satisfaction expected. To outline how I am placed. I wrote several letters to the D.C. Secretary, i.e., N.D.C.S., after which he invited me to attend the N.D.C. meeting, held at Potts Street, Byker, Newcastle; that he would contradict three statements of mine before the congress. Here, I accepted the invitation, expecting to gain satisfaction, but alas "none." For at this juncture he notified the Chairman he had no correspondence, which the latter gave to the delegates. At the same time both officials knew what I was there for. Knowing I am not a member or an associate, I could not take part in the discussion. But what surprises me most, is that, on the Thursday previous, the President admitted to me, in the presence of a friend, that the Secretary had no right to adopt measures he did, and that I had given him some important information. Now I ask, as Secretary to a Lyceum, how are we to act when we come in contact with such congealed conditions? Have I, and others, to allow injustice to predominate, when our movement stands for justice and unity? For the past eight months Rutherford Street Lyceum has only been striving against concoctions and hatred. Now I hope this will lead the minds to justice and bring more to that standard of man's responsibility to man.—I remain, yours truly,

ROBERT WARDLE.

## THE USE OF BANNERS IN LYCEUM MARCHING.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Sir,—I think other Lyceums might, with added interest, copy the example of Daulby Hall Lyceum, Liverpool, which I visited on Sunday, August 10th. Each child carried a banner, representing, I presume, its particular group. Having formed in two lines, facing each other, banners were "crossed" in "triumphal arch" style, after which all marched, two and two, beneath them, the lines, of course, getting shorter as couples "fell in."

From the platform it was as pretty a sight as ever I saw, and at times almost bewildering.

The seating in groups, instead of the usual round the hall manner, is also worthy of note.

Mr. Keeling, Mr. Owen and Mrs. Raymond deserve well of their fellows, for they have the children's welfare at heart.—I am, yours, etc.,

JAMES LAWRENCE.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## LYCEUMISTS AND THEIR BADGES.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Sir,—When visiting both near and distant places, I have remarked the few persons to be seen wearing the Spiritualists'

Lyceum Badge, particularly so last week end, when I traversed a number of streets of such cities and towns as Manchester, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Seacombe, New Brighton, and Leeds, in all of which large numbers of Lyceumists reside. I also watched carefully for anyone to cast a familiar look towards my own badge, but only once did a passer by approach me, this being on the Princess Landing Stage, Liverpool, when a lady timidly asked me if I was a member of a Spiritual Lyceum. I would suggest that badges be worn of an evening, on Saturday afternoons, on Sundays, or any other days owners may be walking or riding abroad, and further, that every Lyceumist, on seeing one anywhere, should address the wearer, especially should he (or she) appear to be a stranger to the locality. I know one girl who works in a large factory, and wears her badge as a brooch, despite the often uncomplimentary remarks of her companions. Couldn't others copy the example?—I am, yours, etc.,

JAMES LAWRENCE.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Sir,—How many of we Lyceumists thoroughly understand the last four words of S.C.R. No. 1, "WHATEVER IS, IS RIGHT?"

Some of us accept it as a truth, some are opposed to it, and some "car quiet" on the subject.

I have been thinking that it would be very interesting to obtain the various views and ideas of conductors and Lyceumists in general upon those four words.

It is a long time since there was a correspondence discussion in the BANNER, and perhaps some will write who would not speak upon the matter publicly.

We all must admit that it requires an enormous amount of study before we bring in our verdict for or against. I should consider it a favour granted, sir, if you will allow this correspondence to be started. I will not present my own views at present, but would earnestly ask all to consider the question, send their views along, whether they be for or against, and I am sure our kind and genial Editor will publish them, for "Whatever is, is right."—Yours in the service,

86, Burley Lodge Road, Leeds.

WILLIAM PAINE.

### Marriages.

On Wednesday, June 25th, at the Methodist Church, Narrogin, Western Australia, Arthur James, second son of Thomas and Eliza Brooks, of Springdale Wickopin, to Marie, eldest daughter of Bennett and Grace Warburton, of Manchester and Leeds, England. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Langdon, of Narrogin. The bride, prior to her leaving England, was an earnest worker in the spiritual cause at East Leeds, she being its first President and the Secretary up to joining her brother in Australia. She was the founder of our Lyceum and Conductor for four years. Her youngest sister and brother leave England to join her on August 23rd.—H. Warburton.

WINNIPEG, CANADA.—The marriage of Mr. Harry Forrest, formerly of Burnley, Hammerton Street, Lyceum, to Miss Nellie Combs, formerly of Blackpool. Mr. Churchill conducted the ceremony. There were about 40 present. The bride and bridegroom received many useful presents.—Charles Forrest, Secretary.

### SPECIAL REPORTS.

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

WINNIPEG, CANADA (Polson Avenue).—We held our Open Session on August 3rd, which was the largest attended we have had since the opening of our new Church. We had also the pleasure of the first naming of a baby in the Lyceum, the child being that of our President and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon. The ceremony was performed by our Pastor, Mrs. Forrest, who gave the name William. It was a pleasing sight to see the Lyceum children march round the infant and present it with a flower. The Secretary presented it with a Lyceum Badge, on behalf of the Lyceum, and our oldest Lyceumist, Mrs. Turner, presented it with a gold ring. At the close, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon invited a number of Lyceumists to tea. The evening service was supplied by the Lyceumists, and conducted by Mr. Stevenson. Golden and silver chain recitations, etc., were well rendered. Miss Brown sang a solo. Mr. Forrest and Mr. Leach gave short addresses on the Lyceum teachings.—C. Forrest, Secretary.

READING.—On Saturday, August 16th, we held our Annual Outing. We went to Goring Heath. An enjoyable afternoon was spent in the woods. At 4-30 an excellent tea was served by the proprietors of the King Charles Head, on the lawn. Before rising, our esteemed Conductor, Mrs. Street, was presented with a handsome timepiece, in recognition of her many years successful service. Miss Mason, our drill mistress, made the presentation, on behalf of the Lyceum, with a few nice words. We were also honoured by a few words from the President. After tea we retired to a paddock, where young and old delighted in sport and games of all descriptions. The return journey was then made, reaching Reading at 9 p.m., bringing a delightful day to a close.—S. Wm. Taylor, Sec.

### In Memoria.

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

HUDDERSFIELD (Ramsden Street).—With regret I announce the passing to the higher life, on July 24th, of our late Treasurer, James S. Jagger.—Tom Ellis, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—Passed to the higher life on August 5th, Mrs. Manchester, an earnest worker in Lyceum and Society.—John Midgley, Secretary.

HULL (Day Street).—On August 6th about 60 Lyceumists and friends paid their last respects to all that remained mortal of Amelia Farrah, who passed suddenly to the higher life on August 3rd. "Hand in hand with Angels" was sung at the grave. Mr. Shaw officiated. On August 17th Mrs. Barker conducted the memorial service.—Miss L. Barley, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE, HEATON AND BYKER.—Passed to the higher life by accidental poisoning while playing in a field, Ralph Eke. Our sympathies to his mourning parents.—J. Benn.

### BOLTON SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On Saturday night, July 25th, Will Edwards, of Accrington, gave an instructive lecture on "Study Group," in the Bradford Street Spiritual Church, Bolton, under the auspices of B.L.D.C. Mr. Gough presided.

Questions and discussion were invited. Many questions relative to the subject were asked and answered. On August 16th, the first United Meeting of Lyceumists of Bolton District met at Lever Park, Rivington. Such harmonious meetings create indeed feelings of fellowship never to be forgotten. The special feature of the afternoon should have been marching and calisthenics, but owing to the bye-laws of Lever Park, they had to be abandoned. Games and races, etc., were freely indulged in, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Our next quarterly meeting will be held at Commission Street Hall, Bolton, on September 20th. Meeting at 3 p.m. It is hoped that we shall have a full Council. Teas will be provided, and Social at 7 p.m. Tickets 6d. each.—Ed. Walsh, Secretary.

### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Demonstration and Prize Competition of the above Council was held at Halifax on Saturday, July 26th. A procession was formed outside St. Paul's Lyceum, at 3 p.m., headed by the Copley and Skircoat Brass Band. About 750 Lyceumists marched through the main streets to a field at Savile Park. The Lyceumists, immediately on entering, gave a massed Demonstration of Calisthenics. Tea was served in the field. After tea the Lyceums in the Council competed for the Prize Banner, each Lyceum being allowed fifteen minutes for marching and calisthenics. Competition was keen, and as the results will show, very close. Winners of the Prize Banner and Certificate, St. Paul's, Halifax, 84. Sowerby Bridge, 82; Slaithwaite, 80; Brighouse (Alliance), 80; Ramsden Street, Huddersfield, 79. Mr. Knott, of the B.S.L.U.E.C., presented the Banner to the winners. Mr. Gush, Y.U., presented the photographs to the Sowerby Bridge Lyceum as a second prize. Mr. Laverack, Wakefield, and Mr. Nurse, Rochdale, officiated as judges.

There were many visitors: Dewsbury Lyceum showing up well, members of the Yorkshire Union of Spiritualists and of the Messenger Guild centres, making a very impressive procession. On the Sunday the United Meeting of Lyceums and

Societies continued the festivities. Morning at St. Paul's Church a Consultative Conference was held, and it was unanimously agreed that the time is now ripe for a closer union of Lyceums and Societies. The B.S.L.U. delegate sent by E.C. introduced the motion to that effect. There was not time to discuss fully any other motions. Afternoon: A procession was formed outside the church and again proceeded on to Savile Park, where addresses were given by Messrs. Knott, Yates, Davis and Webster. Evening meetings were conducted by delegates at both the churches in Halifax. A very enjoyable time indeed.—W. H. Peel, Hon. Secretary.

## LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Council will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, September 20th, at 3-30 p.m. Will all Lyceums in Council please note that business is of the utmost importance to every Lyceum in Council, and it is hoped that all will be represented.—A.H., Secretary.

## THE LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council will hold its quarterly meeting at 3 p.m., at 46, Bridge Street, Birkenhead, on Saturday and Sunday, September 27th and 28th, 1913. Chief business: Session competition, examination scheme, book scheme, delegate to U.D.C., motion: "That we buy one dozen 'Lyceum Manuals' to be used for propaganda work." All are invited to tea at about 5 p.m.

Sunday Services: Lyceum at 11 a.m. Open Lyceum Session at 3 p.m. Evening Service at 6-30 p.m. Conducted by delegates. G. A. Mack, Secretary.

## MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, July 26th, at Cheetham Hill. The chief item on the agenda was a scheme of education which we intend to put into operation during the winter months. Mr. Aronovich roughly outlined the scheme, which was accepted after a little discussion, and a committee was formed to put it into working order, so as to commence in October. In the evening we held our usual propaganda meeting. There was a good attendance, and Messrs. Kay, McClelland and Price made a splendid appeal on behalf of the Lyceum Movement. The audience were greatly interested, and I am sure the Lyceum at Cheetham Hill will be the richer for our visit. Clairvoyance followed, after which Mr. Price gave the benediction. These meetings are doing a great service to the Lyceum cause, and if followed by all District Councils much good will come out of them.—A. O'Neill, Secretary.

## ROCHDALE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The annual general meeting of the above Council will be held in the Spiritual Church, William Street, Heywood, on Saturday, September 20th. Business to commence at 4 p.m. prompt. A full attendance of delegates is earnestly desired. In pursuance of the forward policy of the Council, will all delegates who intend staying overnight to help conduct the Sunday's services kindly communicate with Mr. James Lord, 15, Queen Street, Heywood, who will have billeting arrangements in hand? Will all intending members of this District Council send representatives and help the Council to become more extended and useful to each Lyceum, so that we may put into practice the feeling of unity and the extension of our cause, by a vigorous propaganda of Lyceum principles, which shall make for that harmony that is the foundation of our cause, and bring into play the essentials to true success, combined effort and mutual understanding.

Agenda: 1. minutes; 2. correspondence; 3. reports: (a) D.V., (b) President's visits, (c) auditor, (d) secretary's; 4. election of officers; 5. suggestions of extension and usefulness; 6. date of next meeting; 7. general business; 8. votes of thanks.—Amos Harris, Secretary.

## THE TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Held their annual demonstration at Jesmond Dene, on Aug. 5th, 700 Lyceumists turning out in grand style, being an increase of 200 on last year's fête. We marched in procession from St. Mary's Place, headed by the Hirst Lyceum Band, who were in splendid trim, and played triumphantly on the way.

A rolley, decorated with banners, attracted much attention on all sides. Lyceums were deserving of credit for the manner in which they turned out, special credit going to South Eldon Street for their exquisite bunting array.

Arriving at the Dene, with teas first on the programme, a stampede was made to the banqueting hall, the children not being behind in doing justice to the good things.

After tea the sports were well attended and a keen interest was shown in the events. The prizes were of a useful character and eagerly sought for by the fortunate winners. The weather being admirable, afforded everyone the opportunity of enjoying the day.

N.B.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Shields, Fowler Street, on Sunday, September 21st, at 10-45 a.m.—D. R. Davies, Secretary.

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**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 August 29th.

**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, September 24th, to ensure insertion in the October 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.

ACCRRINGTON (China Street).—We had an Open Session on August 3rd. The silver chain was very nicely conducted by Miss Annie Hollin. Golden chain led by Mr. Holmes. Recitations by Willie Smith, Mr. Venables, Florrie Unthank, Misses Clayton, Crabtree and F. Greenhalgh. Solo by Alice Gorton, "Never forget the dear ones." Lily Ashworth, aged 4 years, gave the following pearl:—"Every woman who helped to make this world better was once a little girl like me." We had a good session, and all were satisfied with our attendance.—R. Ashworth, Secretary.

BELPER (New Street).—On Sunday, August 24th, we had a very enjoyable day, with Mrs. Greenwood as our speaker. At the morning service Mrs. Greenwood named three babies. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wigley (old Lyceumists), a daughter, Annie Louisa. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hawkins (twin daughters), Elsie and Dorothy. The service was very nicely performed, and the hymn, "God bless the little children," was nicely rendered by the Lyceumists. In the afternoon Mrs. Greenwood addressed the Lyceum, which was very interesting. In the evening Mrs. Greenwood gave a very interesting address, followed by clairvoyance. The whole day's proceedings were very much appreciated.—John H. Hawkins.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, July 27th, we held our annual Flower Service, the school being nicely decorated with flowers given by members and friends. In the morning session we had Miss Holt, the D.V., with us, and she sang as a solo, "I am free," taken from the *Manual*, which was sung in a pleasing manner. In the afternoon we held an Open Session, opening hymn "Heart Flowers," invocation by Mr. J. Henley, who was the speaker for the day. He also had the pleasure of naming four babies, which he performed well. Recitations were given by Master W. Slater, Miss E. Hopper

and Miss Allan. Altogether a most happy time was spent.—J. Savage, Secretary.

**BOLTON** (Bradford Street).—Lyceum progressing satisfactorily, attendance well up to the mark. On Sunday, August 10th, we held our Open Session, various Lyceums in Bolton and district being well represented. The speaker was Mr. Batten, our esteemed President, whose remarks concerning "Our duty to ourselves" gained the interest of all, but most particularly the children, who answered questions that were put to them. Recitations and pearls were well responded to, whilst a solo rendered by Mr. Dowling, out of the *Lyceum Manual*, gained the interest of the congregation. Mr. Batten closed with invocation, bringing a splendid session to an end. May every Lyceum progress in our earnest prayer.—Thomas Worthington, Secretary.

**BRADFORD** (Guildford Street).—On Sunday, August 3rd, we held our first Lyceum session. Our President, Mrs. Ainger, opened the Lyceum, presenting us with a bell, also with bells for the Calisthenics. We had a very good turn up, and others who could not come have promised to join us. The following have been elected as officers:—Mrs. Ainger, President; Mr. J. Arnold, Conductor; Mr. Murgatroyd, Assistant Conductor; Miss Bartle, Guardian; Miss Haley, Treasurer; and Mr. G. E. Hall, Secretary. A committee has also been elected. Hoping that our Lyceum will grow and obtain a good name.—George E. Hall, Secretary.

**BRIGHTON**.—The sessions have been bright and encouraging, and blessed by the presence of Brother James Macbeth Bain (Hon. President of the Parent Society), and many visitors from the summer school. Mr. Macbeth Bain spoke words of praise and encouragement to our young conductors who are doing so well. A special feature during the past month was a violin solo rendered by Mr. Arthur Scoggins, one of our oldest scholars, upon an instrument of good tone, cleverly made by himself, after months of patient effort. We send fraternal greetings and blessings to other Lyceums.—Herbert Everett, Secretary.

**BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA**.—We started to have calisthenics on the 15th, and intend to have them every second Sunday. We have had very pleasant sessions, and hope that those to come will be even more so. A desire to have a good education in regard to spiritual attainments is expressed by all. Very good pearls are contributed. I do hope the Lyceum movement will succeed in all parts of the world, wherever it may be started.—A. E. Sampson, Secretary.

**BURY** (Rochdale Road).—On Sunday, July 27th, we held our Open Session. We had marching and calisthenics at each session. Songs and duets were rendered by Messrs. Duckworth, Metcalfe, Minshull, Castle, Rockliffe, Misses M. Hepworth, J. A. and A. Henderson, E. Myers and M. Henderson. Readings were given by Master W. Kaye and Miss Edna Dodd. An organ recital was also suitably rendered by Mr. Fletcher. Our Conductor, Mr. E. Duckworth, conducted all the Sessions, which were fairly well attended. A very enjoyable time was spent.

**GATESHEAD** (Rectory Hall).—On Sunday, August 10th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services, at 2-30 and 6-30, when our respected friend, Mr. J. Lashbrook, of Newcastle, presided. Chorals, anthems, etc., were rendered almost perfect under the directorship of our Choir Conductor, Mr. J. R. Cummings. Recitations, solos, etc., were also very well rendered. At the opening of each service a hearty welcome was given to all by seven members of the Lyceum, each reciting a verse and showing a letter which in the end spelt WELCOME. At the close Mr. Lashbrook complimented each and all who had helped to make that day pleasant, profitable and interesting. Services were continued on Monday evening, at 7-30, when Mr. W. J. Taylor presided.—W. Hall (Junr.), Hon Secretary.

**GLASGOW** (Berkeley Street).—This Lyceum has resumed for the winter session. The Liberty Group commands attention with a first-rate syllabus for the ensuing half year. A special feature is the series of lectures on Physical Science, Mediumship, and Physiology. The other subjects are on topics of general interest. On August 10th we had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Philadelphia, U.S.A. They both spoke encouraging words to the Lyceumists. On 17th August, Mr. A. Burnett, our Vice-Conductor, related his experiences during his holiday in Rhineland, which proved most interesting. Good progress is being made in the swimming class, and our rambles have also been very successful.—C. S. Rothead, Sec.

**GURNEY VALLEY**.—On July 27th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, conducted by Mr. Cheesmond. In the morning the children sang in the streets, and were supported and

appreciated by the public. Afternoon an Open Session, when songs and recitations were given, and much appreciated. Evening, before a large congregation, with Mr. R. Storey as organist, songs, duets and recitations were rendered with great success. Supported by Mrs. Nurser, Mrs. Hardwick, Miss Harris, Miss Clish and Miss Martha Winship, who contributed towards a beautiful programme, with the strong assistance of other members of the Lyceum. A good time and a pleasant treat.—Clarie Mason, Secretary.

[Report of Lyceum Trip, on July 12th, out of order. See Rule 2.—Ed.]

**HALIFAX** (Raven Street).—We held our usual Open Session on Sunday afternoon, August 10th. Conductor, Mr. Fletcher; Assistant Conductor, Miss Shaw. Marching and calisthenics were given by the Lyceum scholars. Instructor, Miss Buckley. Songs were rendered by Lizzie Thorp, Mr. Firth, and Miss Buckley. Recitations, Cyril Firth and Annie Blackburn. Duets, Kathleen Pollard and Lily Blackburn, also Miss Shaw and Miss Buckley. Readings, Winnie Normington and Amy Greenwood, Doris Marvell and Nora Firth. At the evening service the platform was taken by two of our Lyceum scholars, Miss Shaw and Miss C. Laycock, assisted by our President, Mr. G. Ingham. Their efforts were excellent and much appreciated.—F. Baldwin, Secretary.

**HIRST**.—On Sunday, August 17th, we had our Lyceum Anniversary Service, which proved a great success for scholars and teachers. The standard of excellence was very high indeed, and Mr. Ronald Johnstone, the Conductor, and his Assistant deserve to be congratulated on the way the children went through their parts without a hitch. Dialogue, recitations and solos were rendered by the children, in a clear and audible manner, the youngest participant being three years old. The success of the service speaks volumes for the intelligence of the children. The singing and reading were exceedingly good.—Geo. Roy, Secretary.

**HUDDERSFIELD** (Ramsden Street).—On Sunday, August 10th, we stepped aside from the usual routine. Miss Crowther, of Liversedge, was with us, and the address in the afternoon took the form of naming four Lyceumists. Eric Bower, spirit name given as "Stedfast"; William Bower, spirit name, "Victor"; Bertie Bower, spirit name, "Onward," and Clarice Memorial Service was held, in memory of our arisen brother, James S. Jagger, of whose welfare we have already heard. Flowers were also sent in memory of Mrs. Rowell Williams. On August 24th, enjoyable Open Sessions were held, at which solos, vocal and instrumental, and recitations were admirably rendered.—T. Ellis, Secretary.

**HUDDERSFIELD** (St. Peter Street).—On August 3rd we held our Open Session and Flower Service, and am pleased to say that we had a grand display of flowers, the much appreciated gifts of friends. Marching and calisthenics were well done, conducted by Bro. W. W. Wallace. Also a solo was sung very tastefully by Miss Oldroyd. Recitations were nicely rendered by Lyceum scholars. We had a naming ceremony in the afternoon, conducted by Mrs. Manchester, a Lyceum scholar and local worker, and in the evening we had two naming ceremonies, conducted by Mrs. Manchester and Mr. Rastall. We had a real good time together.—J. Midgley, Sec.

**HULL** (Day Street).—On July 28th, we had our annual trip, Lyceumists and friends having a most enjoyable day at Withernsea. The Lyceum trippers numbered about 80. After all had partaken of tea, we held our sports. I wish to thank all who subscribed in any way for the prizes, and also Mr. Perry, for presenting them.—Miss L. Barley, Secretary.

**LEEDS** (Easy Road).—On July 27th we held our Flower Service, Mr. Baldwin, Leeds, being the speaker. In the afternoon we had Open Session, during which Mr. Baldwin complimented us on the excellency of our programme, and also a resumé of his work among the Home Refuge Boys at Manchester. In the evening Mr. Baldwin spoke on "Spiritualism and the emancipation of humanity." Mrs. Hurley sang a solo at the afternoon service. August 16th, we held a Social and Farewell to two of our scholars, Will and Maggie Warburton, who are going to Western Australia, to their sister. They were recipients of suitable presents, through the Conductor. On the Sunday suitable chain recitations and hymns were rendered. We wish them a safe journey.—H. Warburton, Secretary.

**LIVERPOOL** (Romer Road).—On Sunday, August 17th, we were favoured with a visit from Mrs. Fanny Taylor, of Castleton, and Mr. Mathison, D.V. Our Conductor being absent on holiday, the session was conducted by Mr. W. M. Cretney. This was his first attempt at conducting. He was encouraged by the complimentary remarks of Mrs. Taylor and the D.V. The task of conducting was made more arduous by the

absence of the Musical Conductor and many Lyceumists, who were on holiday.—J. W. Cretney, Secretary.

**NORTH LONDON, HOLLOWAY.**—During the month we have to report great progress, and when all return from holiday making we shall be entering upon our winter session, which we are endeavouring to make, not only educational, but entertaining. Marching, calisthenics, individual efforts, recitations and responses have been exceptionally well rendered, and our sessions have been just glorious times with those unseen, but very real, spirit friends. Some of our Lyceumists at the close described those surrounding the platform.—J. Forsyth, Conductor.

**LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—We held our Open Session on the 3rd. We were favoured with individual efforts by Florrie Brown, Ivy Chambers and John Chambers. We had a visit from an old friend, Mr. West, who at the end of the session spoke to us about "Nature and its wonders." We have lost six of our little friends, whose parents have had to leave for the Continent to work. We trust they will think of our little Lyceum as they grow older. On the 24th we are to have a visit from the London District Council, when I am sure we shall have a pleasant time. We are to have an outing on Wednesday, 27th, when we go to Oxshott, among the Pine Woods.—J. W. Humphreys.

**LONDON, MANOR PARK.**—During the month our numbers have increased, but we have one note of sincere regret, that being the illness of two of our leaders. We have had two visitors this month, one from Chester and one from Bradford, both of whom gave short addresses to the Lyceum. There is one point I would like to emphasise in regard to visitors' addresses. Our Conductor was called upon to bring one to book for the deprecating way in which reference is made to the difference between Lyceums in London and in the North of England. We have noticed that it is a great point with visitors from the north, and one which we think would be much better left unsaid.—C. Harrison, Secretary.

**LONDON, PECKHAM (Lausanne Hall).**—I am still able to report progress in Lyceum, having made five new members this month. We were pleased to have a visit from Mr. Cotterill, of Chester, who complimented us on our pearls and efforts, which are very strong with us. On Saturday, August 9th, we had our Lyceum Outing to Orpington by brake, 43 of us having a delightful day. Through the efforts of Mrs. Woodrow, Mrs. Betty and Mrs. Orłowski were kind enough to give their services by holding circles in aid of the Outing Fund, which enabled us to give good prizes for the sports, which were so thoroughly enjoyed by all.—S. Clarkson, Sec.

**LONDON, PLAISTOW, BRAEMAR ROAD.**—Our Summer Outing took place on August 7th, to Theydon Bois by brake. The day was enjoyed by all, races and games being held. Tea was provided, the children enjoying what was placed before them. Races were resumed, and each Lyceumist received a prize. Before leaving the forest, all united in singing "Open the door for the children." The President of our Society welcomed us back home, and a happy day was ended by singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Praise is due to all officers who endeavoured to make the children happy. Thanks to all friends who so generously contributed the expenses, enabling us to take the Lyceumists free of all cost to themselves. There were about 30 present.—G. T. Askins, Secretary.

**LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.**—We are still having well attended sessions, and a good number of individual efforts are made. Pretty little songs and recitations by one of our smallest boys, Leslie Selfe, have been greatly enjoyed. We are glad to have welcomed during the last month several of our old scholars back to our Lyceum. A good feature is the number of Lyceumists who attend our Society's evening services, with, we trust, advantage to themselves. We have also to thank one of our congregation who stepped forward (on appeal) to assist in our sessions with the music, a post we have with difficulty at last filled.—H. Wattleley, Hon. Secretary.

**SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Road).**—We held a Musical Service on Sunday, August 24th, which was a splendid success. A most inspiring programme was well rendered by the Society's Choir, Lyceumists and friends. Mr. Aronovich heartily thanked the choir and friends, on behalf of the Lyceum, for their kindness; also briefly expressed a few thoughts on "Natural worship." In his closing remarks he spoke of how the selections chosen by Mr. Holdin (choirmaster) had harmonised with the other selections. This, I feel, was interesting to all, being appreciated by a nice gathering of

parents and friends, to the Lyceum's benefit. September 21st, we cordially invite all to our Anniversary Services (three), when Mr. Reuben Latham will be present.—Maud M. Harrison, Secretary.

**MANSFIELD (Quaker Lane).**—On Sunday, July 27th, the Society opened their new organ. The Lyceum sang and gave two musical readings. On Monday we had a Tea, and after, the Lyceum took up the evening, and Mrs. Stokes, of Sheffield, spoke to the children, after marching and calisthenics were over. On Wednesday we had our Treat, and after having tea at the room, spent a pleasant evening at High Oakham. Open Session on Sunday, August 3rd. Mr. Featherstone, of Rotherham, addressed the Lyceum, after which solos and recitations were given, and a pleasant afternoon spent.—H. G. Orchard, Secretary.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**—On Sunday, August 3rd, we held our Open Session, as usual. We were very pleased to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Kitson. Mr. Kitson spoke a few words to us and some of our members recited. On Wednesday, August 20th, we had our Annual Outing to Ayton. It was an exceptionally fine day, and we all set out in the best of spirits. On reaching Ayton we had games and racing. We also went through our marching and calisthenics. After a good tea, and a very enjoyable day altogether, we prepared for the ride home, and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves very much and were quite satisfied that our outing had been a great success.—Minnie Bessant, Secretary.

**MIDDLETON (Gilmour Street).**—On August 3rd we held our Flower Service and Lyceum Anniversary. The afternoon was specially adapted for the little ones, who were neatly dressed in white. Solos by Miss B. Heywood. Mr. W. Rook, of Manchester, was the speaker, and addressed his remarks mostly to the children. The evening service was well attended. Mr. Rook gave good food for thought. Solos were sung by Mrs. J. Liddle ("Roses of Life") and Mr. Openshaw ("Life is Immortal"), both being well rendered. We had the children photographed, surrounded with the flowers. Altogether the day was good, well attended, and we think the cause is spreading.—J. Liddle, Secretary.

**NELSON.**—This Lyceum continues progressive and vigorous, and increased attendance. Several visitors, Lancastrians, Manchurians, etc., have been recently welcomed, two Yorkists actually cycling over specially. Responding to invitation we missioned to Labourites' school on August 10th, demonstrating our methods for their adoption. The session was magnificent, 400 participating. Our youths entertain vivid recollections of their recent glorious cruise on Norfolk Broads in a wherry-yacht, accommodating twelve persons, replete with every comfort, even a piano. The holiday was splendid, fun and frolic. Voyaged 150 miles. Thé experiment exceeded expectation. Lyceumists please consider, and if you desire a similar holiday, ask information from our secretary, J. E. Raw, 14, Carr Hall Road.

**NEWCASTLE, HEATON AND BYKER.**—On August 3rd, we held our Open Session, Mr. Ronaldson conducting. We had recitations from Arnold Patterson, Lily Eke, Ralph Eke, Fred Eke, Maggie Souness, Annie Shadforth, and Mary Kyle. Solos by Miss Mabel Blair and Alice Eke. A short address by Mr. Nicholson, of Hexham. At our monthly meeting Mrs. Hunter was elected secretary.—J. Benn.

**NEWCASTLE (Royal Arcade).**—On August 3rd, we held our Open Session, which was conducted by Mrs. Mein. Duet by the Misses A. Adams and C. Smith; recitation by W. Mein; Solos, L. Willis and Master H. Smith. Also, Mr. Mitchell gave an address on "Robert Burns," the Scotch poet, which was much appreciated by all. We also held our Lyceum trip on August 9th to Ryton, which was very much enjoyed.—T. H. Willis, Secretary.

**NEWCASTLE (Rutherford Street).**—Our Open Session, held August 3rd, was a fairly good one. There were ten individual efforts. Miss Edith Elnor, Eva Anderson, John Anderson, Chrissie Anderson, Ernest Curtis, Polly Wardle, Maggie Taylor, Barbara Palmer, Katie Hall, all Lyceumists coupled with the D.C. Secretary, D. R. Davis. After which some special business was gone through re Lyceum attendance at Jesmond Dene demonstration. After which we expect the environment of the past will be cleared away and lead to a higher aspiration of purity and love for the interest of the cause.—R. Wardle, Hon. Sec.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, WALLSEND.**—On Sunday, August 10th we held our usual monthly Open Session. Recitations were given by Alice Jackson, Margaret Carling, Florrie Innes, Clara Dixon, Alice McIntosh, and Albert Shyffer. Solos

were rendered by Alice Jackson, Adam Dixon, Arthur Emerson, and Thomas Robson. We were also favoured with duets by Margaret Carling, Alice McIntosh, Annie Dixon, and Annie Robson. We have a good attendance of children, and a slight improvement in the attendance of adult workers, let us hope it will continue to do so.—A. Lawrence, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Saturday, August 9th, we had a ramble to Summershades Pleasure Grounds. We spent a pleasant time together. On Sunday, August 17th, we were pleased to have with us Mr. G. F. Knott, the President of the Rochdale District Council. He gave us a short address, which gave us encouragement to go forward to help to spread the teachings of Spiritualism, so that we shall have better Lyceums. Mr. Knott was asked by the Secretary to present four picture books, to Hannah Dunkerley, Ethel Wood, Harry Dunkerley, and James Hazlehurst, for reciting. Taking everything in consideration, our Lyceum has kept up its reputation to the present time. We are preparing for our winter sessions.—H. Buckley.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—Our Lyceum is doing good work by a good attendance. The marching and calisthenics being displayed in a style equal to our highest aspirations. Our Conductor has our appreciation for the energetic spirit he has shown. The Liberty Group is in a very healthy condition, many members proving worthy to occupy the platform. The response to the social part has been very pleasing. On August 24th we had with us an old Lyceumist from America, in the name of Miss M. Worthington, who spoke in pleasing terms. The welcome accorded her must have shown her that she has many good friends here.—Thomas Meakin, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Union Street).—This Lyceum is in a good condition, and we heartily thank all members for the way in which they have helped to make the above Lyceum both a spiritual and progressive house of God. On Sunday afternoon, August 17th, we had with us our District Visitor, Mr. Chisnall, who stated that he had spent a pleasant afternoon with us. In concluding my report I hope and trust that the Lyceumists of Oldham Central will work hand in hand with each other for the upliftment and betterment of the human race.—G. W. Wilson, Secretary.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—During this last month the attendance of our Lyceum members have not been so great, no doubt on account of holidaying, but I trust it will again resume its normal state quickly. A great feature in the Lyceum last month was several grand debates held in the Liberty Group, a Mr. Windridge taking a prominent part. I must call all Lyceums' attention to the date when we will unfurl our New Banner on October 11th, and I cordially invite all Lyceumists to come and help to make this function a success. There will be a procession after unfurling, finishing up with tea and a social evening. Don't forget the date please.—Joseph Green, Secretary.

PONTYPRIDD (River Street).—On Sunday, August 3rd, we held our usual Open Session, when a very attractive programme was arranged; the following items being very interesting:—recitations, Florrie Bowden, George Davies, Albert Treby, and Doris Eveleigh. Solos, Dollie Snow, and Alice James. Duets, Dollie Snow and Sam Davies, and Mrs. Rowlands and Miss Pascoe. The attendance was very good, and altogether it was a very pleasant Session.—L. Sweetman.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, August 3rd, we held our Open Session. Recitations were given by Arthur Bruce, Misses Brown, Freeman, and Chappell. Mr. Marklew gave some good advice to two of our Lyceumists, Mr. and Mrs. Buxton, who had been married on the previous day. Mr. and Mrs. Buxton were the recipients of a suitable present from the Lyceum. We all join together in wishing them every happiness in their new relationship. On Monday, August 4th, we took our annual outing to Sandal Beat, near Doncaster, about sixty made the journey in waggonettes, all having a very enjoyable time together. The tit-bit of the day was the spiritual strength given to an invalid by singing our Lyceum hymns for her.—W. Rawlinson, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—On Sunday, August 24th, we held an Open Session in the afternoon, when we had some visitors from Rotherham and Mexboro' with us. Mr. Barnes conducted the session. Mr. Bacon, vice-president of the Society, gave us a few thoughts from G.C.R. "Our Rights," which were very helpful. Mr. Webster, President of Society, was also present and addressed us for a few minutes. Ernest Pegg conducted the marching, which was creditably done. Recitation by Polly Sharman. Now the winter months are coming we are hoping for renewed efforts from one and all,

and are looking forward to some grand times together.—F. Whiteley, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, HEELEY.—On Sunday, August 3rd, we held our usual Open Session. Recitations were given by the following members: Willie Bowmer, "The man at the Gate"; Jessie Arnold, "He never smiled again"; Flo Vernon, "Nature," Evelyn Hempstock. Solos by Miss B. Alton, "Never give up the right way;" Miss B. Gamble, "Hall of Progress." A very enjoyable session being held under the Conductorship of Miss M. Thickett, assistant conductor. On Sunday, August 10th, we had the pleasure of having Messrs. Oaten and Webster from the Attercliffe Lyceum with us. Mr. Oaten kindly distributing the certificates to the members who gained them in our Education Classes, during the last winter studies. Mr. Webster also spoke a few encouraging words, urging all to keep on with the educational work.—Geo. H. Magness, Secretary.

SHILDON (Newland Avenue).—On Sunday, August 10th, we had our annual election of officers, when the following were elected: Conductor, Mr. J. Smith; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. J. Wilson; Secretary, J. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Wilson; Guardian, Mrs. Johnson; Captain of Guards, Mr. C. Brown; Guards, P. Johnson, Wm. Smith, J. Kirkbride; Organists, Mrs. Weirs, Miss R. Race; Musical Conductor, Mr. Hunter; Groups: Liberty, Mr. Riley; Dalia, Mr. Brass; Sunflower, Mrs. Gardiner; Rose, Mr. Blenkin; Pansy, Mr. Chappell; Daisy, Miss Race; Violet, Mrs. Smith.—John Wilson.

SOUTH SHIELDS (South Eldon Street).—On August 4th, we took part in the Demonstration at Jesmond Dene, when 83 children and 8 adult members of our Lyceum spent a pleasant day, supported by 37 members and friends of the Parent Society. On Tuesday, August 12th, we spent a pleasant half-day at Trow Rocks, by the seaside, where racing and games were indulged in, and sweets and nuts distributed. Our Sunday Sessions are well attended, and pearls, solos, and recitations contributed in good style by the children.—Wm. Woodall, Conductor.

SUNDERLAND (Derwent Street).—On Saturday, August 23rd, we held our first Lyceum Trip. We went to Ryhope Dene. It was a fine day, and there was a big attendance of adults and children. A splendid tea was provided by the caretaker of the Dene. After tea there were races for both young and old, besides which each child received a present. A tour through the Dene brought a most enjoyable day to a close. Our Conductress, Mrs. Elliot, who started our Lyceum, has had to leave us through ill health, and we have appointed Mr. Crooks to fill her place. We have a good attendance in our Liberty Group, but I wish the members of our Society would send their children more regularly.—Kelly, Secretary.

TODMORDEN, PATMOS.—On Sunday, August 3rd, we held a bright and enjoyable Open Session, the following programme being given by the Lyceumists:—Opening Hymn, 346 *Manual*; Recitation, "The Little Choir Girl," Gertrude Howorth; Recitation, "Gilert," Bertha Lee; Reading, "Mother," Leonard Sutcliffe; Duet, Ruth Sutcliffe and Gertrude Howorth, No. 398 *Manual*; Recitation, "He did it," Willie Howorth; Duet, Mabel Howorth and Annie Sutcliffe, 382 *Manual*. Closing hymn, 389 *Manual*. Also on Saturday, August 9th, we took part in the Annual Demonstration of the Todmorden Band of Hope Union.—Frank Pratt, Secretary.

ULVERSTON.—On July 27th we held an Open Session for the purpose of raising the necessary funds for our annual picnic. A very enjoyable programme was provided by various Lyceumists. Songs and recitations were well rendered. The marching and calisthenics being up to the usual standard. Collection excellent. On the 15th August we journeyed to Walney Island, where a very pleasant and health-giving afternoon was spent. Returning home in the evening very tired, but grateful to those friends who had helped to provide so pleasant an afternoon for us. The weather was all that could be desired.—J. E. Coward, Secretary.

YORK (Cromwell Road).—I am pleased to report the continued progress of our Lyceum. The marching and calisthenics being remarkably well done. The pearls and recitations were well rendered. On Wednesday, August 13th, we had our annual trip to Scarborough, there being about 60 present. The weather was dull, with a few showers in the morning, but it was sunny and bright in the afternoon. The children enjoyed their visit to the seaside with wading, building sand castles, donkey rides, etc. Then each was presented with a stick of candy rock by Mrs. Steir, our Conductor, who was in command of the party. So, thoroughly tired, but well pleased, we all returned home to York.—Ernest Stier, Secretary.