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Girls' Own Corner.

By
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- Pearls.
- NOV. 1—"The man who loses his opportunity loses himself."—*G. Moore.*
- NOV. 9—"The faith that stands on authority is not faith."—*Emerson.*
- NOV. 16—"Life with nothing to vanquish seems but the shadow of life."—*W.*
- NOV. 23—"Think worthy thoughts, that only second are to worthy deeds."—*J. Davidson*
- NOV. 30—"Of little threads our life is spun, and he spins ill who misses one."—*M. Arnold.*

This month I have the pleasure of sending a description of a very pleasant way of spending a week-end, and as it is a voluntary effort, especially written for "Our Corner," I will let the letter speak for itself, and only add one other word to my readers, "your letters too will be welcome."

Dear Girls,—

Having a desire to write something for the "Girls' Corner," I have decided to tell you of a very pleasant week-end I spent on the road.

Accompanied by a lady who had often expressed a wish to have a tramping week-end, we set off to walk from Grassington to Ilkley.

Leaving the office at noon on the Saturday we trained it to Grassington arriving about 4-15 and walked up the hill from the station to the quaint little village at the top. It is very old, and very interesting. We had tea which seemed ever so much more appetizing than at home, as is usual when you are

hungry. Then we set off from Grassington by way of the river bank to "Bonny Burnsall," as the inhabitants call it, and it does not belie its name; passing *en route* Linton Falls. We were struck by their beauty; rain had fallen heavily during the early part of the week, and the water rushed down the falls in roaring, raging torrents. We stood for a few minutes gazing at the scenery. On the far bank of the river stood an old mill behind which the sun was setting like a huge ball of molten fire, from which came soft gleams of warm rose tints, delicately tinging the seething water of the falls a mellow pink. It was a delightful picture, an inspiration to an artist, and we enjoyed Dame Nature's treat. As we proceeded on the river side, we noticed the changing autumnal foliage; here a rich warm crimson, and there a fair gold, whilst the lovely green carpet so lavishly spread with trees of darker hue and a sky perfect in clear blue just changing into the shadows of twilight, seemed to cast a charm over the landscape and we said, "Yes it *is* bonny Burnsall." Here we stayed at the Manor House, and before turning in for the night we strolled round the village and were fortunate to see the interior of the fine old Grammar School and the Church. In the church we had a peculiar experience. Seeing the door open and a faint light burning inside, and no one about, we walked up to the altar to admire some exquisite carving; hearing footsteps we turned to find the vicar in his surplice and cassock taking his place in the choir stalls, also the clerk in his place, so we took our seats in the body of the church to listen to the evening service—we were the only people present—read verse by verse alternately much as the S.C.R.s are read in the Lyceum. It seemed strange and somewhat weird as only two oil lamps were burning dimly, and the church was big and empty. One could not help recalling the words of a beautiful church melody—

"Hushed was the evening hymn,
The Temple's courts were dark,
The Lamp was burning dim
Before the sacred ark;
When suddenly a voice Divine
Rang thro' the silence of the shrine."

We were in bed and asleep before 8-30 p.m., and were ready for our tramp next day to Bolton Woods and Bolton Abbey. The weather was brilliantly fine, the roads good, and we ourselves equipped for both—all who think of tramping should make a note of this, strong boots, only necessary baggage, and sensible clothing—and we were happy. We passed Barden Tower, a very fine old ruin, and reached the Woods in due course. Here again, was a lavish display of autumn colours in great profusion, and the "Strid," world famed, and as treacherous as ever to the unwary, which needless to say, we did not attempt to cross. We saw a beautiful fountain, erected to the

memory of Lord Cavendish, from which point we had a glorious view of the Abbey. I simply cannot attempt to describe the picture; we were charmed by the dignity and grandeur of this wonderfully preserved old ruin. Imagination must take you up her little stairway and you will then understand how we felt. We spent an hour and were sorry to turn our backs upon such a sight. We experienced a difficulty in getting food here, but after a few denials we persuaded a good motherly soul to take pity on us, and together with her "old man," as she called her husband, we made a good tea. Then we tramped steadily on for an hour to Ilkley, which is not nearly so beautiful as Bolton. From Ilkley we took train home, reaching Hebden Bridge about 10 p.m., Sunday evening, dirty, dusty, hungry, but exceedingly happy.

I should like to hear some one else's account of any experience they may have had during holidays, which might suggest another place of interest for us.

Very sincerely yours,

J. MABEL GREENWOOD.

PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

ANNUAL APPEAL.

The usual time for issuing a reminder for donations and subscriptions to the above Fund has once more come round. All Lyceums who have not already contributed will receive a card in due course, and I should be glad if all secretaries will bring the matter before their respective committees, so as to be able to send remittances before the 31st December, 1913.

This is one way in which Lyceums can assist the Union to maintain the office of secretary and we hope for a generous response.

On behalf of the Executive Council,

JESSY GREENWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge.

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:

Will you please look back at our page for last month; read the first half and then ask yourselves the following:—"Why did I join the Bluebell Guild? Am I an *enthusiastic* member? Do its objects *mean* anything in *my* life, and have any influence on *my* actions? Do I care enough about our Guild to help on its success?"

Probably you will wonder what the point of all this is. Just let me tell you. I've asked you so often to write to me, and *help us all*; and especially did I do so last month; and I have got *one* letter, and *no* suggestions!

It makes me feel that you are content with merely reading the page, and then think that is all you ought to do. Bluebells, please, do be working active members, and not "sleeping ones."

The solitary letter comes from South Shields from our friend, Mr. Woodall, and he so aptly expresses

my own feelings in, and thoughts of the matter, that I'm allowing you all to read his letter, which says:—

Dear Miss Flora Belle,

I have noticed, from time to time, invitations from you to your members to write to you upon various subjects, and it is a great surprise to me to see so few responses out of a membership of over 3,000.

I see you do not set any age restrictions, so I take the liberty to write to you. Although I am drawing well on towards sixty, yet I am as proud of our Guild as anyone of six, and our page is always the first I read each month. I am afraid our young members think their experiences not interesting enough, but there are many more like myself who feel disappointed at not seeing letters from them.

I heard a short conversation last week that I will repeat here to give a little food for thought to my fellow Bluebells.

Joe (age 3): "Father, am I older than you?"

Father: "No, my boy, I am the elder."

Joe: "Am I older than Ma?"

"Father: "No, Mother is older than you."

Joe: "Then where was I when you were born?"

This seems a ridiculous question at first sight, but when we remember that eternal life, like a true circle, has no beginning and no ending its aspect is changed and this question has puzzled older and wiser heads than little Joe's.

The members of our Lyceum were asked last week to write essays on the objects of our Guild, the winners membership card to be framed as a prize. I enclose the winning essay (only three competed). Hoping I have not encroached too much upon your space.

I remain, yours fraternally,

WM. WOODALL.

I sincerely thank our friend for his kindly and suggestive letter; and hope it will cause others to respond to the invitations to write and let others profit by their ideas and experiences. I am printing the prize-essay, because it is creditable work for one only twelve years of age; and shows he has thought earnestly about it. The writer is John Parker, (South Shields).

GENTLENESS, KINDNESS AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR.

What I mean by gentleness is—to treat everybody and everything as you would like to be treated yourself. For instance, in respect to dumb animals which cannot do anything to help themselves, do not touch them; but let them go on. Kindness can be shown everywhere like this:—If you see anybody struggling along with a heavy load, it is your duty to help them by carrying some of his, or her load. Another way is to drop something into the man's (or woman's) tin cup which they hold (I mean the blind or crippled people).

Good behaviour does not simply apply to the Lyceum; but when we are out of the Lyceum we can behave ourselves just the same. By good behaviour we sometimes mean not using God's name in vain, as we often hear boys doing. We might also behave ourselves by not hitting anyone younger than ourselves.

[We might also practise gentleness and kindness by not hitting anyone *at all*; but by "paying them back" by practising the golden rule. F.B.]

"Last month you promised us a story about a frog for this month's page 1." I fancy I can hear some of you reminding me of that, so here it is. It appeared in September's issue of "The Little Animal's Friend."

HOW CARL, BAITED THE BULLFROG.

"What are you doing, Carl?" Charlie Mansfield called curiously from the road to a boy who was standing on the edge of a small pond dangling a piece of string with a bit of red flannel on the end of it up and down in the water.

"I'm bothering this frog. Come and see it jump after this piece of red flannel," said Carl.

"No," Charlie replied firmly; "my mother never wants me to see anything tormented."

"But this is only a frog; it can't feel," Carl declared; "besides, who's hurting it, anyway?"

"Anything can feel that's got any life in it," Charlie answered earnestly, "And it does hurt to be teased. If I'd be willing to see a frog teased I might get so that I'd be willing to look on and see some other creature hurt. Like as not I'd want to hurt something myself. No, I shan't come!"

Charlie's tone was very determined as he walked on. But Carl, finding that coaxing did not work, began to ridicule the little boy with the independent voice and manner.

Charlie paid no attention, however, and soon got beyond the sound of the taunting words, and as Carl was getting just a little bit tired of teasing the frog all alone, he was about to give up in general disgust when he spied Reva Bond coming across the street. Reva looked curious. Reva was a girl. She'd likely want him to stop, also. Here was a chance to tease two. Carl was one of those boys who think that to be able to tease anyone is a sign of manliness and courage. So the poor frog was besieged again, and given a kick besides, to render it more active.

To his surprise, instead of screaming and begging him to desist, as he had expected she would do, Reva merely crossed the street and came down to where Carl was standing.

"What are you trying to do, Carl?" she asked.

"I am not trying to do anything. I'm doing," Carl replied, giving the frog another vicious kick.

"Why, yes you are. You're trying to make that frog angry. But you can't do it with that piece of red flannel." Reva laughed as she said it.

"Well, I guess I can! Just watch!"

Carl began dangling the red bait, and the frog, having rested awhile, gave a leap up into the air that quite astonished Reva and made her laugh in spite of herself.

"But you aren't plaguing the frog by doing that, Carl; you're only amusing it," Reva insisted.

"How do you know so much?" growled the boy.

"Because my father says so," said Reva confidently. "He says frogs are very fond of anything red."

Now the idea of amusing the frog had not been any part of Carl's plan. Besides, he did not seem to be tormenting Reva, either. So he pocketed his string, after first giving the frog a kick back into the pond.

If he could have seen the gleam in Reva's eye he might have been tempted to kick again, but fortunately for the frog he did not see it.

The two walked along together until they reached

Reva's home. As she started to go up the steps, the little girl looked back at her companion and said, in a tone that reminded him of Charlie Mansfield's a short time before: "I don't think I care to play with you any more, Carl Spofford. I'd be afraid you'd want to kick me, sometime, as you kicked the frog."

Before Carl had time to answer, Reva had sped up the steps and the door had closed behind her.

Carl did considerable thinking on the way home. Charlie Mansfield's words kept running through his mind: "If I should be willing to see a frog teased, I might get so I'd be willing to look on and see some other creature hurt."

And now Reva had said: "I don't think I care to play with you any more, Carl Spofford. I'd be afraid you'd want to kick me, sometime, just as you kicked the frog."

He began to feel rather uncomfortable inside, his cheeks grew hot, and the hotter they grew the faster he walked.

"I've a good mind to go back and see if I hurt that frog," he said to himself.

He was soon running back along the road. When he reached the pond he saw the frog crawling along the edge. He took it carefully in his hand and examined its back and legs. They seemed to be all right, so he put it back into the pond, with his hand this time instead of his foot, and watched it until he saw it paddle its way out into the water.

The next day he happened to see Charlie and Reva playing together, and he threw his shoulders back and walked straight up to them.

"Say, I'm not going to tease frogs and—and—things any more," he declared, stammering a little in his embarrassment.

"Good for you!" Charlie and Reva said in unison.

"Come on and play, Carl," Charlie added.,

And, "Yes, do! we'd love to have you!" seconded Reva.—From "Our Four-footed Friends," U.S.A.

Our space is all used up, so I must say "Au revoir," until another month.

Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

MY DEAR CHUMS,

There was once a school in Manchester where the boys and girls were taught separately. One of the boys' classes consisted of about forty boys. When the arithmetic lesson was being taught, it was the custom of the teacher to hand round to each scholar a card with four sums on each card. The last sum was generally a problem. If the boys could manage to do the problem the teacher was always very pleased.

One day the teacher produced a new set of cards. There was one problem which he thought would puzzle the boys. To change the usual method, the teacher wrote the contents of this card upon the blackboard for every boy to work out. Half-an-hour was allowed to do the sums. The first three sums

were comparatively easy ones, but the last was a puzzler. When it was worked out to the end, 8 had to be multiplied by 0, and the result was the answer. Finally all the boys had finished the problem. Every boy except one had "eight" as the answer. As the time allowed had not quite expired, the boys began to quietly ask each other what were the answers. The boy who was different from all the others in his answer was considered a good scholar and he did not like to think he was wrong and everybody else right. He did the sum again, came to the same answer and then wondered could it be that he was right and everybody else wrong. Being afraid of punishment he altered his answer to "eight," thinking that all would be wrong or all would be right. Then he felt sure his answer of "nothing" was the correct one, so he rubbed the "eight" out again and put "nothing." The teacher had now returned to the class. He had his cane under his arm. Fear of punishment once more compelled the boy to change the answer to be like all the others.

Carrying the answer card in his hand, the teacher went round the class to examine the boys' answers. He went round again and then went to the boy who had altered his answer. "Why have you changed your answer?" asked the teacher. "Because I copied," answered the boy, honestly. "What do you really think the answer should be," asked the man. The lad tremblingly replied "nothing, sir;" and you are quite correct; never forget to stand on your personal responsibility. Come with me, said the teacher. That boy, after all, was the only one to be punished, but he took it courageously as he felt it was deserved for not sticking to his own opinion of the right answer. That boy is a man now, but he has never forgotten his early lesson. Whenever he believes what he is doing is right, though all the world says "you're wrong," he sticks to his opinion or his task. His deep sense of personal responsibility tells him he must uphold the truth, no matter what happens.

A few days ago I was walking on the moors. There was a flock of sheep quietly grazing. One of them gambolled away and all the others followed. The leader jumped across a small stream. All the others followed and commenced to graze again.

The majority of people are like sheep. I don't like the man who is a tradesman or a sailor, a christian or a Spiritualist because his father was the same before him.

The tradesman should do his work because he likes it. The sailor should like a sea life. The Christian should have deep grounds for his faith and the Spiritualist should know for himself the real joy of spirit-communion.

A certain man may be sent to College to study for a minister, pass his final examination, be given a church and lead his flock like a gambolling sheep for them to aimlessly follow a leader who does not know where he is going.

It is impossible for any Spiritualist anxious to minister to the needs of the people with whom he is connected, to gather them into the folds of his teaching unless he has had the knowledge our loved fathers, mothers, friends and comrades, who have passed the change called death, are still with us to help and cheer us. Our speakers and clairvoy-

ants are realizing their personal responsibility to the human brothers and sisters, by giving illustrations from their and our lives to spread this happy religion.

We realise now the death of any man cannot atone or forgive us for any wrong we have done. Many spirits have come back from spirit-life to our homes and told us of things they have done they wish to make right and ask forgiveness for their mistakes.

There was once a man who had been a Christian because his father was. The minister of the church he attended was not a good man. Therefore the churchgoer stayed away and became a disbeliever in any religion. One day he was talking to a spiritualist friend. After a good discussion the man said to the Spiritualist "Well! my friend, I don't believe your theories, but if I do happen to die before you and I find I am still living, I will come to you and acknowledge my mistake." The two men parted shortly afterwards, and heard nothing of each other for some years. They were both in a country thousands of miles away from England when the discussion took place. The Spiritualist returned to England. He had been back about seven years and was attending as usual the Sunday Services at his Society's rooms, when a clairvoyant described his lost friend, saying the spirit wished to clear a certain responsibility which rested upon him; to admit he was wrong about an after-life.

Perhaps my boy-chums are wondering how to face their responsibilities. Let me try to help you. Every boy is born for a purpose. Your school-life is to prepare you to earn your own living. Find out the work you would like to do when a man, and ask your parents to help you to choose. Every boy has a body which should be taken care of. Cleanliness, exercise and good plain food are very necessary. When playing any game of sport, don't over-exert yourself. Many professional athletes, in their endeavours to break records, shorten their lives by over-strain.

Nature gave us a safety valve. If you will constantly breathe through the nose you will stop the lungs from becoming too much inflated and affecting the heart. It is not good for boys to become inflated like—a football.

A football has no heart and is not affected. Exercise your mind by reading; good moral studies, and educational books can give way sometimes to a little mental sport in the form of an amusing novel.

Don't forget that besides your personal responsibilities there are also social ones which will give an outlet for your sympathies for those boys in a less fortunate position than yourselves. I know a mother who has always carried a warm corner in her heart for a boy who visited her son when he had a serious sickness. That the boys in our movement may grow to be good and wise men when they are responsible for the continuous progress of our Lyceums is the earnest wish of your sincere chum,

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT.

A copy of *The Animals' Friend*, has reached us, and as usual is full of interesting matter relating to domestic animals, and pets of the feathered tribe. The illustrations are excellent, and win a smile to see the attitudes assumed by some of the pets.

Nature Studies.

BY J. KNIGHT.

[In a note accompanying the following article Mr. Knight says, among other things, that "after more than six months rest I have been asked by a prominent journal, to write them an article on swallows. The thought of the BANNER came to me so strongly that I decided to adopt my art for the BANNER, and if you care to use it you are welcome." In accepting the kindly offer the Editor hopes that Mr. Knight will be speedily restored to health and strength.]

"THE SWALLOW."

On a warm beautiful evening, at the end of August, going from New Brighton to Wallasey in the company of Mrs. A. E. Bentley, we became surrounded by a small "school" of Sand Martins, which were exceedingly busy in obtaining their supper from the abundance of midges, moths, and other insects filling the air. And as I naturally watched their wonderful movements, the thought came to me,—In two months from now these, and millions of others, will have left the British Isles for warmer climes where they will have no difficulty in obtaining food during the long northern winter.

Dear Bannerites, have you ever asked yourselves, or others, such questions as these: "Where do they go to?" "How do they find their way?" "How do they obtain food whilst on the journey?" "Do they ever come back?" and "Do they have nests and young ones whilst away?"

When I was a boy I used to ply my old friend *Don Pedro* with scores of such like questions; and some of his never-to-be-forgotten answers I thought would be interesting and instructive to all of you.

First of all, a word or two about the different kinds of swallows. So far as I know, there are, as visitors to the British Isles, *four distinct species of birds* to which the name of "Swallow" is given, namely, the swallow, the sand martin, the house martin, and the swift. Now it is just as well that all of you learn to distinguish one from the other; and a very little observation will enable you to notice the difference existing between one bird and another.

First of all, permit me to give you some general information which applies largely to all four of these beautiful birds.

The swallow is generally distributed throughout the British Islands. It is commonly met with in all parts of Europe, breeding as far north as Scandinavia. It is also found breeding in some portions of Asia; as far east as Manchuria. As winter approaches it migrates southwards from the place of its breeding, to Africa, as far south as the Cape, also to India, Burma, China, and the Malay Peninsula.

The first swallow,—almost as welcome as spring itself,—arrives on the south, and south-east coast of England and the south coast of Ireland towards the end of March, and by the end of April or the early days of May, its companions have covered the whole of the British Isles.

The swallow is very much attached to man and his dwellings, and is seldom found where man can't or does not live; and although it shuns large towns, there is scarcely a village or a farmstead—where it may live undisturbed, but has its complement of these graceful and useful birds.

Swallows are strictly insectivorous, that is, their food consists of living insects, such as midges, flies, moths, beetles, small dragon flies, etc. These are taken while the birds are on the wing, and it is wonderful to watch them at their work,—how graceful, how swift!

The song of the swallow consists of but few notes, is low, twittering, and musical, and to the observing student, truly expresses its moods and conditions; joy, love, contentment, happiness; its alarm, fear, sorrow, or pain are all clearly indicated.

(To be continued).

The International Psychic Gazette, for October, is full of interesting articles on matters relating to the psychic side of life. One of the chief attractions is a portrait and sketch of the well known writer on spiritual facts and their values, Miss Lillian Whiting. There is, also, a portrait and sketch of that rare psychic, Alfred Vout Peters; while the reading of the hand of Hall Caine,—with illustration—forms an interesting study to the student to palmistry.

[We much regret that several articles that would fill four pages are again unavoidably crowded out. The demand on our space requires a supplement every three months.—Ed.]

Hell—Where is it?

Getting Released from Hell. The Moral Blessings of Hell.

What does the Bible say about Hell? Listen:

(1) "I found sorrow and trouble, the pains of hell got hold of me . . . but thou hast redeemed me from hell."—Psalms.

(2) Jonah, not being digestible, exclaimed when swallowed, "Thou hearest my voice and out of the belly of hell cried I" . . . and he was thrust from the fish "on to the dry land."—Jonah 2:2.

These Old Testament passages show plainly that people have been redeemed and released from hell while yet in their mortal bodies.

See the New Testament: "If thy foot offend thee, cut it off; for it is better to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched and where the worm dieth not."—Mark 9:43-48.

When visiting Jerusalem a number of years ago, I went over into this hell, this valley of Hinnom, this Gehenna, lying just outside the walls of Jerusalem, where in Jesus' time, fires were kept burning to destroy the offal; but now this place of hell is finely cultivated, having vineyards loaded with delicious grapes. It was delightful to a vegetarian to be in this hell of St. Mark's gospel; for the worm had died, the fires had been quenched and this hell had been planted and transformed into a vineyard of luscious grapes; and I felt, thinking of others, like singing the last line of the old hymn, "Oh, what would it be, to be there?"

What then is hell? It is not a "lake of fire and brimstone;" not a "bottomless pit;" not the aftermath to "a great judgment day" that orthodox preachers used to employ to scare children. Nothing of the kind! Hell is more of a condition than a place. It is within. It is a bitter, biting, gnawing, stinging remorse of conscience—of mental suffering—a telling prelude to repentance and progression.

Milton puts these words into the mouth of a wicked spirit: "Which way I flee am hell; myself am hell." Dante's fiery Inferno is only a poetic myth. The conscious spirit of man is not combustible. The

immortal spirit cannot be confined in a casket; cannot be shut up in a dungeon nor burned in a biblical hell. It is a conscious fragment, or a potentialized portion of God, defying death and hell and destined to eternal harmony and happiness.

Death is only the gateway to a larger life and mortals enter the spirit world as absolutely substantial bodies as we have here, only more refined and ethereal. There are different degrees of happiness over there. Memory is the undying worm. Conscience, reason and justice are the three judges. There is intense mental suffering as the consequence of wrong doing. God builds no hells. He burns no man's fingers here nor damns a man's soul there. Men are the architects of their own hells; they reap what they sow. Every child born into this world is a possible archangel or a possible demon. We are moral beings with the power of choice. Punishment follows sin; there is no escape. Your salvation depends upon your own conduct. "Work out your salvation," said Paul. And Jesus preached to the spirits in prison, implying salvation for the lowest of humanity. The angels are continually helping us and calling to us to "come up higher" in the scale of moral unfoldment. The door of mercy is never shut; there is ever the opportunity of progress from darkness to light. God is Love.

J. M. PEEBLES, M.D.

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.

Passed to Spirit life on 24th September, Henry Catlin, member of Society and husband of Lyceum member (age 73 years) who was many years a respected London County Council Employee as ranger. Mrs. Neville "Phonso" conducted Memorial Service to crowded attendance.

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IS A SPIRITUALIST A CHRISTIAN?

Re the question: "Is a Spiritualist a Christian?" If not, why do we bother about what the Bible says or what it does not say, we are all aware that it is a man-made book from back to back, and if we go so far as to admit that the writers were inspired writers, we are giving it all the due it requires, but further: Admitting the inspiration, are we prepared to say that all inspiration ceased when the Bible was completed? Is there nothing further to be revealed to the Children of Men? It would be a bad day for progress if this were true, but we venture to say that, Inspiration for writing, thinking, and speaking has ever been going on and will go on, as long as men will keep their ears open, and endeavour to atune themselves to the power which brought them into being. Personally, I left orthodoxy for Spiritualism, and if I thought it was necessary to rely either on the

Bible or Christianity for proof of my Spiritualism, I would much rather leave the cause of Spiritualism than be propped up by the pillars of any falling cause. My reason for this speech is this: That I firmly feel that the philosophy of Spiritualism will one day outplace the so-called Christian religion of to-day. It will so ingrate itself in the minds of men and women that they will be astonished to think that they ever believed in the teachings of Christianity.

Certainly Christianity has been the road by which most of us have marched, but if we are ever to get to the Promised Land, we must stir ourselves, and get out of the lane as soon as we can, and view the open country, refusing to moon about the bye-ways any longer.

But to revert to our first words: "Is a Spiritualist a Christian?" No, he is not, neither is he a Christian Spiritualist.

As soon as you acknowledge yourself to be a Spiritualist, not a believer in Spiritualism, but a Spiritualist, you then cease to be a Christian, because you cannot accept the teachings, beliefs, or ceremonies of the Christian Church.

Our advice to you is this: If you do not like Spiritualism, if you do not know Spiritualism, if you cannot agree with Spiritualism then leave it alone, and go back to your Church until you understand Spiritualism thoroughly, but for goodness sake do not come and pin on your old Christianity to Spiritualism, it can do very well without it, and bear in mind this, by so doing you are only trying to hinder its progress and your own at the same time.

Think this well over, and should you be in doubt as to our statements go to the Fountain Head, accepting not our views or the views of anyone else, and if you believe in prayer, then go and pray that light may come to you, and refuse to be satisfied until your prayer has been answered, and when you are fit to receive the truth the light and reason will be accorded unto you.

Pray that you may receive, expecting to receive, and receive you will.

F. JOHNSON,

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S VISIT TO SOWERBY BRIDGE.

The friends at Sowerby Bridge own a well-built stone edifice, situated high up on the hill side, affording an excellent view of the valley and the bold hills on the opposite side. Carved in the headstone over the door appears the ancient Greek text, "MAN, KNOW THYSELF," and immediately underneath, also carved in the stone, appears the title of the edifice, CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.

Their Lyceum was opened October 2nd, 1870, and from the day of its opening has never suffered a relapse. For over 43 years the Society and Lyceum have been one. The Society members have been the ardent officers working in the Lyceum; caring for its every need and requirement as occasion required. Those Society members whose circumstances prevented them from working in the Lyceum never sought to interfere with its management, nor to overrule its decisions, but were ever willing to render all help possible, financial and otherwise. Having made the Lyceum the basis of their operations for the upbuilding and sustaining of their temple, they have had peace, harmony, and success attending their efforts. Such being the case, the members of the Lyceum Union's Executive Council naturally looked forward with pleasurable anticipations to their visit on October 11th and 12th, 1913.

All the members of the Executive Council were present with the exception of Mrs. Nurse, who has not fully recovered from the effects of her accident four months ago.

During the business meeting letters of sympathy were ordered to be sent to Mrs. Nurse (Rochdale), Mr. Nicholson and family (Bradford), Mrs. Laycock and family (Burnley), and Mr. and Mrs. Yates (Huddersfield), who have recently suffered bereavement.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the following reports were accepted: Secretary's general report, "Lyceum Banner" Report, the Treasurer's Report, the Permanent Secretary Fund report, Officers' Lyceum Manual report, the Halifax Lyceum Demonstration report, etc., etc.

It was decided to print another edition of the Lyceum Manual, as the last edition is nearly sold out. Mr. Ernest A. Keeling kindly volunteered to act as proof reader. The question of printing and publishing loose sheets of music from the "Spiritual Songster" was referred to the various Lyceum District Councils.

The Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER was kindly given permission to start a Portrait Gallery in the LYCEUM BANNER for one year, to commence in the January number. Lyceum District Councils are cordially invited to make it a success by suggesting some one in their district whom they deem worthy of the honour of appearing in the Portrait Gallery, and then by helping to secure a good sale of the issue containing the portrait and sketch of its representative; so as to make their merits as widely known as possible in their respective district. If this course be adopted I feel sure we can induce the E.C. to extend the period to a second year.

Mr. J. Colbeck's services were accepted as deputy D.V. for the Leeds Lyceum District during the illness of Mr. A. E. Beaty, the District Visitor.

Applications for membership from the following Lyceums were duly considered, endorsed, and ordered to be placed on the Lyceum Union's Roll: Bradford (Guildford Street); Fleetwood (Kemp Street); and Foleshill (Broad Street).

SUNDAY.

The Lyceum Open Session held in the afternoon was well attended, and an interesting programme gone through, Mr. Latham (President), conducting. Master Lewis Steel gave the "Welcome," specially composed by Mr. F. Sutcliffe, the conductor. The Calisthenics were conducted by Mr. S. Stansfield. Mr. A. Kitson led the S.C.R. and offered a few comments. Miss Hesp commented on the M.R., and Mr. Keeling led and commented on the G.C.R. Masters H. Rawson, L. Steel, Misses Butterworth and Walker recited. Misses Thorpe and Copley sang a duet. Miss Wright made an able accompanist.

An attentive and appreciative audience assembled in the evening to listen to the members of the Executive Council. Mr. Latham presided over the first part of the service, and Mr. Wright over the second part. The following addressed the meeting: Mr. Hargreaves (Nelson); Mr. Keeling (Liverpool); Miss Hesp (Leeds); Mr. Knott (Rochdale); Mr. Vickers (Sheffield); and Mr. Johnson (Hyde), who fully maintained their reputation for earnestness of manner, directness of speech, and sincerity of heart in pleading the Lyceum cause.

The choir ably rendered an anthem entitled "Hark! Hark! my Soul," and Miss Copley as a vocal solo, "Nearer my God to Thee."

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

District Visitors' Quarterly Reports.

FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 28TH.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.—There are 12 Societies in this district, 4 of which have no Lyceum, with which no interviews have been sought.

General remarks: *Walsall*.—This Lyceum maintains a good average. I am very pleased to see members of Liberty Group taking their place as conductors and giving papers in Liberty Group, etc. Children are very attentive to their leaders. A very happy and pleasant session. *Saltley* (Birmingham).—I was very pleased to be present at this Lyceum's session, Mr. Shergold gave a short lesson. Mr. Spencer gave a very interesting paper on "Love," concerning which several questions were asked and ably answered. Only a few young children, the remainder are youths and maidens from 15 to 20, just the time to get them interested in Lyceum work, and later take their place in Society work, and thus be a credit to themselves and the Lyceum to which they belong. Fare 1/3.

Foleshill (Coventry).—September 28th. I was very pleased to visit this Lyceum to-day. Over 40 present, chiefly girls, and right well did they sing and respond to their conductor. It made one feel good to be there. The hall was nicely decorated for the Harvest Festival. I hope they will continue to progress. *Coventry* (Bull Street).—Same day. It was a pleasure to pay my second visit to this Lyceum. I found the children more attentive to the conductor and their leaders. It was a bright and happy session. Liberty Group's lesson very interesting. There were over 30 present. Fares 4/2.

A. O. THOMAS, D.V.

BOLTON DISTRICT.—Present number of Societies and Lyceums in this district not reported.

General remarks: I visited *Bolton* (Bradford Street) on August 31st. Punctual start. Present 40, mostly in time. It being the local holidays many of the elders were away. We

had an excellent session and interesting lesson in Liberty Group on "Life's continuity." *Bury*.—September 7th, 30 present. A well conducted Lyceum, but their might be less talking during exercises. Good Liberty Group lesson on "How can we tell when our platform mediums are under control?" This Lyceum has an afternoon session for group lessons. There were 30 present. An orderly session. Fares 11d.

Horcliffe.—September 14th. When I arrived there were six children waiting for the door to be opened, but no one came till 10-45 when the waiting ones had gone. No others arriving I made my way back. Fares 10d.

Bolton (Commission Street).—September 21st. Present 56, including many new scholars, and some visitors. Instead of groups the whole Lyceum took into consideration the District Council's Education Scheme, passing a favourable resolution.

Horwich.—September 28th. Present 24. On my arrival I found they were having their Harvest Festival, so the ordinary session could not be held, still a very interesting morning was spent, and suggestions were made for improving the attendance and increasing the members. Fares 1/1.

Chorley (same date).—I sought an interview with the good friends here, staying afternoon and evening to urge the claims of the Lyceum, and I came away confident another start will be made with more prospects of continuity. Fares 10d., postages 4d.

JAMES KNIGHT, D.V.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district, all but two have a Lyceum. Skipton has been written to and promised to bring the question of re-opening before their members.

General remarks: *Bradford* (Guildford Street).—I have visited this Lyceum twice as requested, there was no morning session. They are labouring under difficulties, having no Manuals, and being new to the work it will require perseverance if this Lyceum holds its own. Fares, two visits, 3/-.

Cleckheaton (Old Robin Street).—A small Lyceum at present, but a good session was held. Good order, reading, and responses. If some of the old Lyceumists would take up the work again there is the material for a sound and prosperous Lyceum to be established. Fares 2/3, postages 6d.

MARY L. STAIR, D.V.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL.—There are 12 Societies in this district, 3 of which have no Lyceum. No interviews having taken place.

General Remarks: On August 31st I visited *Huddersfield* (Ramsden Street). There were 50 present. There were five groups formed, Liberty Group subject "Is Spiritualism a Religion?" The other groups had definite teachings on Spiritualism out of the *Lyceum Manual*. Quite a number of questions were asked the teachers by the scholars.

August 24th, I visited *Brighouse* (Commercial Street). They are always smart in their marching and calisthenics. The order was good. More Leaders are required in this Lyceum. Fares 10d.

September 14th I visited *Hebden Bridge*. Present 23. There is an increased attendance, but a decrease of male members. They possess in Miss Greenwood an efficient Conductor. I like the way in which they fix in memory some of the pearls of Truth. Fares 2/9.

SETH ACKROYD, D.V.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.—There are 28 Societies in this district, 12 of which have a Lyceum.

Visits have been paid to the following: *Liverpool* (Romer Road), Fares 4d.; *Liverpool* (Daulby Street), Fares 4d.; *Birkenhead*, *Seacombe*, *Earlestown*; Fares 2/2; *Runcorn*, Fares 2/8; *Southport*, Fares 2/3; *Warrington*, Fares 3/-; *Chester*, Fares 2/-.

General remarks: In all these Lyceums I found them up to good standard. Romer Road was conducted for the first time by Mr. Cretnav. Jnr., and too much praise cannot be given to him for the way in which he carried the session through.

I am sorry to have to complain of the little interest the Parent Societies take in their respective Lyceums.

At *Southport* and *Earlestown* (Earles Street), they are closed down for the holidays on account of having no leaders.

At Romer Road, Earlestown, Chester, Southport, and Runcorn, they had no musical conductor. The session at Runcorn was conducted ably by two youths, who went through the full session, and seemed to have control over the children.

GEORGE MATHISON, D.V.

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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.

"The best *Lyceum Banner* ever published," is the general opinion about our October issue. We could fill a page with appreciative letters, but our space is too limited and overcrowded. Several Lyceums wrote for extra copies. One Lyceum (London, Holloway) sent for two repeated order of 24 copies each, total six dozens; but their last order cleared out our surplus copies, although we had printed an extra quantity. We thank all secretaries for their extra orders, and words of appreciation.

It is proposed to commence in the January Issue of the *Lyceum Banner*, a Portrait Gallery, in which portraits of prominent workers, along with a brief sketch of their labours on behalf of the Lyceum Cause, will appear. All Lyceum District Councils are earnestly invited to lend their assistance to make it a success; by

(a) suggesting someone in their District (give full name and address) whom they deem worthy of the honour of appearing in *The Lyceum Banner's* Portrait Gallery; and

(b) each District Council making special effort to secure a big sale of the issue containing the portrait and sketch of its representative so as to make his (or her) labours and merits as widely known as possible in the respective district. Wake up, District Councils! Make your selections, and let us give the workers a rousing welcome!

Good news reaches us from the Brighton friends who have been circularising all the Spiritual Societies in the S.C.U. on "the urgent need for all the Societies in the Union to co-operate in the effort to place the Lyceum work and our Union in a satisfactory position." All present (at the Executive meeting) being agreed that it is to the Lyceums we must

look for the future worthy representation of our cause. It was, therefore, decided to urge upon all affiliated Societies the advisability of immediately starting, or re-starting Lyceum work."

As a result of the circular three Societies have decided to start a Lyceum on November 2nd, namely, Winchester, Paignton, and Portsmouth. Mr. Clarke, the Conductor of the Brighton Lyceum, has kindly promised to open the one at Portsmouth. We hope to have news of the other Societies following this good example.

Our London friends announce a Grand Social and Dance on Saturday, November 29th, at the Food Reform Hall, 2, and 3, Funnival Street, Holborn, opposite the Prudential Offices at 6-30. We wish them a good rally of Lyceumists and friends.

A syllabus of the Glasgow Lyceum work has reached us, setting forth the varied and interesting items arranged for the term commencing October 8th, and terminating March 25th. We note with pleasure that Miss Margaret M'Millan is booked for November 19th, to deal with "The invisible world around us." Other important items are "The structure of a speech." "The use of words." "Astrology and the Bible." "Children, our future citizens." etc., etc.

Mr. Frank Heys, of New Bedford, Mass., U.S.A., informs us that on September 7th, they opened another Lyceum there with about 50 members, and are hoping to open it out as a church before long. This is an instance where the Lyceum precedes the Church.

The Progressive Thinker of October 4th, contains a full report of the proceedings of the 21st Convention of the National Spiritualists' Association recently held at Chicago. We search in vain through the report on the Lyceum movement in America for a statement of how many Lyceums are in existence, and their strength. This is a grave omission. If there are few let the fact be known so as to rouse the indifferent Spiritualists. If there are many the fact should be made known so as to encourage those interested, and induce others to enter the ranks.

We note with pleasure that Mrs. Cadwallader, who is a most enthusiastic Lyceumist, has generously undertaken the publishing of a Lyceum Monthly paper or magazine in place of the Lyceum Lesson Sheets, which will be to the American Lyceumists what *The Lyceum Banner* is to the English Lyceumists.

An important change was made in the election of Mr. C. Rudolph Malmberg to the office of National Superintendent of the American Lyceums. Mr. Rudolph is a most promising young man whose heart is aglow with love and enthusiasm for the Lyceum cause. We heartily congratulate the S.N.U. on its selection, and trust that when he gives his report to the next Convention, his election will be fully justified by the good results achieved.

THE LYCEUM RECITER.

SPIRIT BLOSSOMS.

Shades of evening softly falling, lengthening shadows
onward creep

Wrapping all the world in silence, Bidding tired
nature sleep.

Softly stealing o'er our memory, Like an echo, clear
and sweet,

Thoughts of loved ones gone before us, Loved ones
whom we wait to greet.

Now they come with noiseless footsteps, From that
land of light and love

From those grand immortal bowers, Where sweet
blossoms bloom above,

Flowers of love of light and knowledge, Blooming
in God's garden fair

Plucked by loving angel fingers, Brought to earth
for us to wear.

See yon mist of fleecy brightness, Gliding gently
through the air,

Mother, dost thou see the likeness, Of thy loved and
lost one there?

See—thy little one approaches, Floating softly o'er
the floor,

Mother, dearest, stay thy weeping, I am with thee
ever more.

Now she lays her heavenly blossoms, On thy weary
careworn brow,

Gently soothing out grief's furrows, Whispering, I
am with you now.

Oh! the beauty of the blossoms, Brought from angel
homes above,

Pansies sweet to give thee Heartsease, Rosebuds rare
to bring thee Love.

Lilies pure as angels' souls are, These are for thy
soul to wear,

Oh! the beauty of the blossoms, Brought thee from
God's garden fair.

Heavenly music softly ringing, Enters now the rap-
tured ear,

List! ye mortals sad and lonely, Loved ones whisper
we are near.

Let your hearts sing to the music, God is with thee,
they are here,

Let your souls cry out in gladness, Thou hast seen
the heavenly sphere.

Oh! the beauty of the homeland, Oh! the brightness
of that sphere,

Oh! the glory of the meeting, When we all shall
gather there.

KATE COLES, Nottingham.

PEARLS.

Not in the depths of sunny southern seas
Do we plunge down with eager, grasping haste,
But in the past and Present, at our ease,
Dive deeply as we can amid the waste.

For beautiful Pearls beyond all human price,
Shelled in deep thought by angel-souls inspired,
From wise lips falling—these our search entice
And crown our zeal with gems all lustre-fired.

For where have ever been the good and true—
Eyes lifted to the light, with souls attuned
To harmonies divine—time old and new,
The angels have, with highest thought, com-
muned.

And sometimes reverent hands the stylus held
To chronicle the wisdom of the sage:
And oft the vision of the seer compelled
The rapturous wonder of an after age.

These pearls we find where graving tool and pen
And later type have worked to make them ours;
But oft, methinks, for one inscribed, that ten
Lie buried 'neath the Past's earth-crumbled
towers.

Yet if 'tis so, shall they be always lost,
May not the pearls of truth, for ever new,
For ever beautiful, beyond all cost,
Be found again by loving souls and true?

Ah yes! with life attuned to purpose high
If we but seek, so shall we surely find,
And, as the Gate of Life we draw anigh,
Leave lustrous pearls to those who wait behind.

R.A. Fulham Lyceum.

LOVE SHALL RULE THE WORLD.

The Angel of love circles round the whole world,
'Tis powerful in sickness and sorrow;
It eases the wounded, it soothes those in pain,
And leads to a restful to-morrow.

A garland of hope it weaves round our hearts,
It helps to dispel aches and sadness,
It rouses the spirit to holier thoughts,
And paves a gold highway to gladness.

The angel of love guides the weary ones home,
Restores the disgraced to life's duty;
Adds comfort to poverty—cheers the downcast,
Is childlike yet strong in its beauty.
That state is well blessed where it lifts love to power,
Where mercy and kindness are cherished;
Devotion to duty in sickness so charmed,
That not a stray child shall have perished.

Oh, God, who forgives out of bountiful love,
And leads us by lessons of kindness,
Remove from our hearts the deep canker of pride,
Remove from our eyes moral blindness.
Let rulers and teachers and preachers be touched
With righteousness, aye, the old story,
And service to man be the guide star of life,
And life be one record of glory.

BEN TURNER.

(Continued from page 167).

LONDON DISTRICT.—There are 25 Societies in this district, 13 of which have no Lyceum. Three visits have been sought and held.

Fulham.—This Lyceum has improved both in numbers and quality of session since my last visit. Pearls, singing, marching, and calisthenics were good. I was pleased to learn they had formed a Rambling Club for summer months.

Manor Park.—The assistant conductor conducted the session, which was a pleasant one. The marching and calisthenics were good. Mr. Tilby gave a very nice address.

Kingston-on-Thames.—This Lyceum is still progressing. Pearls and songs were well rendered. The instruction given to the children was good, as also were the marching and calisthenics. I should like to see more of the Church members lending a helping hand.

Plumstead.—My visit let to be the date of their business meeting—held once a month. The recitations and pearls were good. It was a pleasure to see the pleasant faces of the children. Fares 8d.

Brixton (Mayall Road).—This Lyceum is hampered for room. There is no room for marching or calisthenics. The pearls and recitations were good. I hope they will soon have better accommodation. Fares 10d.

Battersea.—Mr. and Mrs. Boddington are still working hard to make this Lyceum a success. I regret to state some of the Spiritualists do not send their children to the Lyceum nor help in the good work. Fare 10d.

Tottenham.—This Lyceum is keeping up with pearls, singing, and recitations, and had no marching and calisthenics on account of them being thought to be obsolete.

Little Ilford.—Pearls and recitations not so well rendered as on my last visit, but on the whole they had a nice session.

Holloway (45, Loraine Road).—I was pleased with my visit to this Lyceum. They have a Conductor, Treasurer, Musical Conductor, and Secretary. There was a very nice session. Fares 10d.

Hackney.—I have seen several members of the committee who kindly promised to let me know when they would have a full committee meeting to consider forming a Lyceum. Expenses 6d.

Croydon.—I have had a long interview with the President, Secretary, and two of the Committee. They are willing to form a Lyceum as soon as they get settled in their new church. Fares 2/2.

Clapham.—I have seen the President of this Church, and learned they will open a Lyceum as soon as they can. Postages 1/2.

M. CLEGG, D.V.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.—There are 10 Lyceums in this district. Number of Societies not given.

General remarks: **Longsight (Chell Street).** This Lyceum has re-opened under entire new management. We can only hope for the best. The session was nicely gone through. Fares 2d.

Cheetam Hill.—This is a small Lyceum, but harmony appears to prevail all round. The session was nicely gone through. Fares 4d.

Pendleton.—Open Session. The hall was full. The best attendance I was informed for a long time. Everything went well. A very good session.

Moss Side (Princess Road).—I visited this Lyceum in the morning, there were 28 present. I feel that if more interest by the elders was shown this morning session might prove a real blessing to this particular district. Postage 3d.

Salford (Chapel Street).—My visit here was well received by the officers, and although a very late start was made, the session was both entertaining and instructive. There were only 20 present, including visitors. Fares 4d.

MRS. ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.—There are 10 Lyceums in this district. Number of Societies not stated. Fleetwood Lyceum has been interviewed with success.

General remarks: **Barnoldswick.**—August 10th. This Lyceum was visited by each Lyceum. A good session resulted and a splendid feeling prevailed. Fares 1/9.

Rawtenstall.—August 24th. Prompt start, 48 present. Good class instruction. Marching and calisthenics good. A splendid Lyceum. Fares 1/3.

Fleetwood.—September 7th. I interviewed this Lyceum and leaders. Had a splendid session. Mr. Batley, late of Blackpool, organiser. I think my visit will have splendid results, and the object of my visit obtained—affiliation. Fares 4/6.

Rishton.—August 3rd. We had a very quiet session at Rishton on the above date as it happened to be holiday Sunday. This Lyceum well maintains its prestige as a good and sound Lyceum. Fare 1/5.

There is an indication of progress in all the Lyceums.

R. LATHAM, D.V.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.—There are 7 Societies in this district, all but one, Dalton, have a Lyceum. No interview has been sought.

General remarks: **Morecambe,** August 31st. I paid a visit to this Lyceum. There was only one member of the Lyceum present, but a number of visitors. After some delay a session was formed conducted by a gentleman from Bolton. It was a very pleasant and instructive session. Greetings were exchanged by the various Lyceums represented. The holiday season being at its height no doubt accounted for the poor attendance of members. Fares 2/8.

MISS WINIFRED MATHER, D.V.

NOTTINGHAM AND LEICESTER DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district, all but two have a Lyceum. No interviews have been sought.

General remarks: **Leicester (Silver Street).** I was glad to see this Lyceum again looking fairly prosperous, Miss Leach being the Conductor, and a fair number of adults rendering her able support. Order was good, and the programme very creditably carried out.

Leicester (Queen Street).—I visited this Lyceum in the afternoon, and found a lady conducting, Miss Clarke seeming quite at home in that capacity. This Lyceum is again recovering its previous position. With the excellent singing and reciting talent amongst its members an enjoyable session is almost always assured. Discipline good and numbers on the increase. Fares 4/4.

NOTTINGHAM, HYSON GREEN (Hawarden Terrace).—I regret to say Bro. Sharpe, the conductor, is bravely struggling on single handed to keep the doors open. It is a great pity members do not realise more keenly their duty towards the movement. Postages 8d.

J. J. ASHWORTH, D.V.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district, 3 of which have no Lyceum. No interviews have been sought with them.

General remarks: **Middleton (Gilmour Street).**—July 20th. Prompt start. Reading, marches, and exercises well rendered. A good session throughout. Number on the register 84. Fares 6d.

Oldham (Elliott Street).—July 27th. Start punctual. This is a Lyceum that gives great promise of good in time to come. The session was fine, keen interest in group lessons. Number on register 63. Fares 2d.

Oldham (Union Street).—August 17th. A very good session. Readings well rendered. Solos, pearls, and recitations good and educational. Number on register 49. Fares 2d.

Chadderton.—September 7th. A little late start, otherwise there was a good session. Singing, reading, marching, and exercises were well rendered. I am looking forward to further improvement here under the leadership of the conductor, Mr. Clayton, who seems to have them well in hand. Number on register 25. Fares 2d.

Oldham (Coronation Street).—September 14th. Start a little late, but a fine session, everything from start to finish was good, every one doing their best to make the session instructive. Number on register 42. Fares 2d.

Crompton, Sept. 21st. Rather late start. This is a Lyceum that, in my estimation, requires some attention from the parent society. Although few in attendance, we had an interesting session. Number on the roll, 22. Fares 4d.

WM. CHISNALL, D.V.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.—There are 14 Societies in this district, 6 of which have no Lyceum. One interview has been sought and held with Wombwell.

General Remarks: **West Melton.** Here I found a Lyceum of only half a dozen, with myself. Great credit is due to the Conductor. May his dauntless spirit yet realise the blossoming of the buds under his care and tuition. Fares 1/-.

Wombwell. On enquiry, I found that another try to establish a Lyceum here has failed. A Conductor is needed. I had completed arrangements with a gentleman to re-organise and start again, when change of work called him away. But I shall try again. Fares 1/-.

R. BOWMER, D.V.

STOCKPORT DISTRICT.—There are 13 Societies in this district, 6 of which have no Lyceum. Two interviews have been sought and held. Results *nil*, through lack of workers.

General remarks: *Macclesfield*. A late start, slight decrease in numbers. The Lyceum is well conducted. Reading, responses and exercises good. A little more energy on the part of the members would be an improvement. Fares 1/11.

Stalybridge (Bennett Street). This Lyceum has improved since my last visit. A slight increase in numbers. Reading and responses fair. No marching or calisthenics, otherwise well conducted. Fares 1/3. JOHN MARSTON, D.V.

TEESIDE DISTRICT.—There are 8 Societies in this district, all of which have a Lyceum.

General remarks: *Stockton* (Brunswick Street). Pleased to see a great improvement throughout the whole of the session. Hope it will be maintained.

Darlington (Bondgate). July 13th. Glad to see they have made a good start with this Lyceum. I visited it again on August 3rd, and found both an increase in numbers and efficiency. Recitations, solos and pearls quite a feature.

Darlington (Northgate). I visited this Lyceum when they were having a practice for a service of song, but open session in the afternoon. Good session throughout. A credit both to officers and Lyceumists. Fares 1/8.

Bishop Auckland. July 20th. Sorry to see such a poor response from the members on behalf of the children. Remember, friends, "The Workers Win!" RICHELIEU BROWN, D.V.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.—There are 18 Societies in this district; all but 3 have a Lyceum. One interview has been sought and held. Dunstan, hall too small, but have promised to open a Lyceum as early as possible.

General remarks: *Heaton and Byker*. A good attendance of children and adults. The session bright and interesting. There was no marching. This is a well-conducted Lyceum. I would be pleased to hear of them having a larger hall.

Ashington. This is a very small Lyceum, but well conducted. All the officers are young, each one trying to make the session bright. Marching and calisthenics good. I hope to see an increase in numbers on my next visit. Fares 2/6.

Cullercoates. I found this Lyceum closed and elicited at the evening service it was closed owing to lack of workers. Fares 1/-.

WM. HALL, D.V.

BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.
PRESENTATION OF SILVER SHIELD.

On Saturday, October 11th, the above D.C. held a coffee supper and social at Dudley Hill, Bradford, in connection with the presentation of the Silver Shield. There were about 150 persons present. In the absence of our President and the inability of our Vice-President to attend owing to illness, Mr. Carter occupied the chair. Games and dancing were very much enjoyed, and also recitations and songs by the following:—Misses Ida Fearnley, Charlotte Taylor, Holdsworth, Chambers, and Ramsden. After supper, Mr. H. Bird-sall presented the Shield to the conductor (Mr. Rau) of the winning Lyceum (Dudley Hill), and the Banner to the conductor (Mr. Oldfield) of Shipley Lyceum (runners up). Both conductors suitably responding. Best thanks were accorded to our Dudley Hill friends for catering, etc.

H. BIRDSALL, Sec.

The next meeting will be held at Boynton Street, Bradford, on Sunday, December 14th, at 10 a.m. Delegates and Associates please note and arrange to stay all day.—H.B.

THE LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held its quarterly meeting at Birkenhead on Saturday, September 27th, 1913, Mr. R. A. Owen occupying the chair. There was a record attendance of 29. Welcome was given to those delegates whose Lyceums had not been represented for some time.

A vote of sympathy was extended to the D.V.—Mr. Matheson—whose wife had recently passed to the "Higher Life." Hawkshead Lyceum having lapsed it was decided that the D.V. see into the matter, and extend our sympathy to them.

It was regretted that only eight Lyceums out of eleven had joined the Session Competition.

It was decided to send a complete set of the judge's reports to all Lyceums in the 1913 Competition, a charge of sixpence being made to cover expenses incurred. It was decided to buy one dozen *No. 1 Manuals*, and also one *Songster*, to be used for propaganda work.

It was carried "That we recommend the U.D.C. to consider a scheme for the reorganisation of the business of the B.S.L.U. on the following lines: Business shall be initiated by Lyceums, who shall submit it first to their District Council, when, if a majority be obtained, the business shall be sent

for consideration to the U.D.C. If a majority be again obtained, it shall then go to an annual conference and be voted on by the members present thereat."

Delegates to the U.D.C. meeting: Messrs. Keeling and R. A. Owen.

Votes of thanks were extended to the local friends for tea, accommodation, and for organising an excellent concert after the meeting, which was the means of increasing the funds of the D.C. considerably. The following took part in the Sunday services: Messrs. Owen, John Thompson, Mathison, George, and the Secretary.

GEO. A. MACK, Hon. Sec.

UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, November 22nd, at China Street, Accrington. Tea provided at 4 p.m., business to commence at 6 p.m.

1. Elect Chairman.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Correspondence.
4. Secretary's Report.
5. Elect new Secretary (I am unable to stand for re-election).
6. Motions:
 - (a) That the Officers' Edition of the *Manual* be placed on the Agenda.
 - (b) That a glossary of terms be eventually inserted in the Officers' Edition.—*Rochdale D.C.*
 - (c) That we recommend the U.D.C. to consider a scheme for the re-organisation of the business of the B.S.L.U. on the following lines:—Business shall be initiated by Lyceums who shall submit it first to their District Council, when, if a majority be obtained the business shall be sent for consideration to the U.D.C. If a majority be again obtained, it shall then go to an annual conference and be voted upon by the members present thereat.—*Liverpool District Council.*
7. Open Council.
8. Votes of Thanks.

Sunday meetings conducted by the delegates. Delegates who can possibly stay overnight please do so, and let either Mr. Ashworth, 39, Persia Street, Accrington, or myself know, and we will make arrangements for your accommodation. Dinner and tea provided on the Sunday at very moderate charges.

FRED FRANCE, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Name of Lyceum.	Punctuality & Reading and Responses, Marching, Calisthenics, Group Lessons, General Behaviour, Singing and Harmony of Session, Recitation, Songs, Duets etc. Efficiency of Officers.											Total.
	Maximum Number of Marks.	10	12	10	10	12	12	12	10	12	100	
Dewsbury ...	9	11	9	9	11	10	10	8	11	88		
St. Saviourge, York...	10	11	9	8	10	10	9	8	10	85		
Batley Carr ...	9	8	6	9	10	10	8	7	8	75		
Psycho ... Leeds...	10	8½	7	7	8	9	8	7½	9	74		
Easy Road ... Leeds...	9	8	8	7	7	9	9	8	8	73		
Armley ... Leeds...	10	6	8	8	—	9	9	8	7	65		
Wakefield ...	9	8	6	7	8	9	7	5	6	65		
Church Street, Leeds...	5	7	7	8	—	9	10	8	9	63		
Cromwell Road, York...	10	7	6	7	—	8	7	9	9	63		
Linersedge ...	7	8	6	7	—	9	8	6	9	60		

Signed, Fred France, Adjudicator.

I believe, taking the Lyceums on a whole, they will compare favourably with most other Lyceums. One of the weakest points that requires cultivation in the majority is *questions and remarks* in the reading and responses. It is no real use to merely read them through, or commit them to memory, for that matter, if we don't think about and question the message they have to teach. The beautiful thoughts expressed in the *Manual* are not there as a *Lyceum catechism*, but foundations upon which to build our own moral characters. Then question more and see whether the foundation is upon a rock, and splendid results are bound to ensue. In one Lyceum I visited *Manuals* were closed after the golden chain recitation, and the Conductor became examiner, and asked questions of readings, meanings of words, the message the reading had to teach, etc. I never saw a Lyceum more

interested, and was surprised at the manner and speed at which they answered. I would recommend conductors to try this method, the result was fine.

I was sorry to find four Lyceums without groups, apart from handicapping a Lyceum by losing 10 marks, it seriously handicaps the usefulness of a Lyceum. It is here that we can thrash out questions that some of us have not the "nerve" to ask before a whole school. The general behaviour was very good, and if maintained will mean rapid advancement during the coming year. It has been a pleasure to me to visit the Lyceums, and I thank all who have helped to make my duties lighter, or catered for my comfort.

FRED FRANCE, Adjudicator, Manor View, Brighouse.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL EDUCATION SCHEME.

To develop the above scheme the following procedure should be adopted: Classes to be held once per week, preferably on a week night, and a lecture of one hour's duration given by the lecturer. The number of classes to be arranged to suit the quantity of students in the district and in convenient centres. To benefit by the instruction given, students are urged to do home work, carefully consider the problems touched upon by the lecturer. If questions are desired to be answered they should be brought and submitted to the lecturer for explanation. Should it not be convenient for students to meet on a week-night, and one hour can be arranged during session on Sunday, this should be adopted. The first term commences October, and terminates for Christmas vacation. The second term commences after Christmas, and terminates with examination to be held early in April. This examination is simply set to see if the students have benefited, by the instructions given, and to certify this a certificate is given if the student's efforts prove efficient. The rules binding students, which will be strictly adhered to, are as follows: The course is divided into three grades; *first*, preliminary; *Second*, Ordinary; *Third*, Final, and will cover three years. Students must pass in the first class of the Preliminary Grade before allowed to sit for the Ordinary Grade, and must also hold the Preliminary and Ordinary Grades first class certificates before being allowed to sit for the Final Grade. It is earnestly hoped that all District Councils where possible, and Lyceums where not contr. iled by D.C.'s., will do their best to develop this scheme. The S.D.C. are prepared to issue examination questions, and necessary papers for examination, in conjunction with the course, to any District Council or Lyceum where required, and to issue certificates upon results.

SYLLABUS: PRELIMINARY GRADE.

The lives of religious reformers and philosophers.
The Lyceum and Spiritualist Movements.
The Origin of the Lyceum Movement, by A. J. Davis.
The Origin of Modern Spiritualism, by the Fox family.
The Influence of the Lyceum training upon the child.
Methods adopted by spirit people to prove their existence.

ORDINARY GRADE.

Matter, atom, molecule, elements, compound.
Physical change, chemical change, conservation of energy and matter.
The evolution of the earth, including the nebular hypothesis, geological periods and types of life that existed in each period.
The mineral, vegetable, animal, human, and spiritual kingdoms.
Our solar system, including the sun and the major planets, Clairvoyance, clairaudience.
The purpose of the Lyceum and Spiritualist movements.
Lives of the world's greatest men. The religious systems of the past.

FINAL GRADE.

Spirit phenomena, including sensing, seeing, hearing. Physical materialisation, automatic writing, hearing, etc. Research in spirit phenomena will be encouraged, and one or two questions in the examination will give scope for such experiences, and credit will be given accordingly. The blending of the many sciences into the science of Spiritualism will be carefully considered. An advanced study of astronomy. The rationale of mediumship and its development. Journeys, where possible, should be made to observatories to observe the stars, planets, etc., through the telescope. The application of the spectroscope to the spectrum analysis, and

the effect of revealing the many colours of light. The various scientific instruments in use.

We are, yours sincerely,

ERNEST VICKERS,

ERNEST W. OATEN,

GEORGE H. MAGNUS,

Sub-Committee, Sheffield District Council
Education Scheme.

George Magness, Secretary, 120, Duchess Road, Sheffield.
Further information will be given upon receipt of letter.

[Will the Secretary kindly oblige by writing with ink, and not pencil?—EDITOR.]

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.

ULVERSTON.—On Sunday, October 19th, we celebrated our 6th anniversary. The special feature in the afternoon was "The Grouping of Colours," by the Lyceumists, compiled by our Conductor. Each scholar carried a flag and wore a badge representative of their group, and recited lines giving the name and explaining the meaning of their group and colour. Three girls very prettily recited "Faith, Hope and Charity," as printed in the LYCEUM BANNER for October, each carrying a floral emblem symbolical of the respective graces. Recitations were very well rendered by Beatrice Tyer, May Coward, May Miller, Fred Brown, Harry Taylor, and John Rushmer. Solos were sweetly sung by Annie Miller, Doris Coward, and Walker Martindale; and a duet was well sung by Doris Coward and Annie Miller. Mr. Procter, of Barrow, gave addresses at both meetings, which were much appreciated.

J. E. COWARD, Sec.

LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—On October 19th, we had our annual election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Conductor, Mr. E. Drury; Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Selge; Secretary, Mr. H. Watthey; Guardian of Groups, Mrs. A. Rainbow; Librarian, Mrs. F. Watthey; Musical Conductor, Mr. Rowe; assistants, Mr. Piggott and Mr. Sibley; Leaders of Groups, R. Osborne and L. Drury; Captain of Guards, P. Rainbow; Auditors, Mr. and Mrs. R. Giles; Delegates, Mr. Selge and Mr. A. Rainbow; Leader of Calisthenics, Miss L. Drury. A splendidly attended session was held, and the speaker for the evening, Mr. Symons, complimented the Lyceum on its good work. A vote of thanks to the officers was moved by Mr. Rainbow. Mr. Drury and Mr. Watthey (who commence the fourth year of their office) replied; also Mr. Selge, Treasurer, and a splendid session closed with doxology 326, *Manual*.—H. WATTHEY, Sec.

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 October 24th.

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, November 26th, to ensure insertion in the December issue.

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

ACCRINGTON (China Street).—Open Session on October 5th. About 40 present. Recitations, Freda Greenhalgh, Florrie Unthank, Harold Tapper, Lena Crabtree, R. Ashworth, Willie

Smith. "Sweet golden age" was rendered by a number of scholars, each taking a verse. Songs by Misses F. Unthank and Gorton. Pearls were very numerous. This Lyceum still keeps up its interesting sessions.—R. Ashworth, Secretary.

BARNOLDSWICK (West End).—On Sunday, October 5th, we held Special Anniversary Services all day. Mr. Hargreaves, of Nelson, conducted. Mrs. Stanworth, of Earby, gave clairvoyance, and about 12 of Earby Lyceum came and assisted us. We had good audiences, especially in the evening, when Mr. Hargreaves commanded considerable attention with his address. He also spoke at some length on Lyceum work. Everybody seemed delighted, and we are hoping to soon see the fruits of our labour in having a larger Lyceum.—J. Lund, Assistant Conductor.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, October 12th, we held our election of officers for 1914, the following were elected:—Conductor, Mr. H. Hopper; Assistants, Miss Allan and Miss Callon; Treasurer, Mr. J. Battersby; Secretary, Mr. J. Savage; Minute Secretary, Mr. F. Errington; Marching Leader, Miss S. Entwistle; Calisthenics Leaders, Miss M. Holland and Miss L. Callon; Group Leaders, Master J. Heartley, Mr. G. Grime, Miss E. Hopper, Miss C. Ferdinand, Miss Heartley, Mrs. Sutton; Guardian, Mr. Simpson; Captain of Guards, Mr. T. Holland, Master J. Entwistle and Master A. Simpson; Financial Secretary, Miss Allan; Syllabus Secretary, Mr. E. Holden; Teachers, Miss P. Critchley, Miss L. Callon, Miss B. Robinson, Miss Jones, Miss Ward, Mr. A. Ferdinand, Mr. Grime, Mr. Derbyshire, Miss Sharples. We trust all Lyceumists will rally round the officials and help to make the Lyceum a medium for the spreading of the grand and glorious gospel of Spiritualism.—J. Savage, Secretary.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—We held our opening tea party and entertainment on the 4th of October, which, owing to good management, proved a great success, all joining hand-in-hand, causing them to spend their time joyously and well. On the following Sunday, October 5th, we had with us Mr. Heald, of Blackpool, whose subjects, combined with the musical effects of the Lyceum, created a good impression upon the interested audiences. In the morning we had with us the Conductor of Fleetwood Lyceum, who conducted our Lyceum with grand control and an intellectual understanding, pearls and recitations being well rendered. We are still gaining members and can safely say that we are progressing satisfactorily.—Thomas Worthington, Secretary.

BOLTON (Commission Street).—The members of the above Lyceum, having formed a minstrel troupe, gave their first concert in the above hall on Tuesday evening, October 7th, before a large and appreciative audience. A good musical programme was presented, each item being well received, great credit being due to our pianist, Mr. Jones. Altogether the effort proved a success all round. Proceeds devoted to church funds.—J. Hibbert, Leader.

BRADFORD, WEST BOWLING (Boynton Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, October 5th, conducted by Mrs. Ramsden in a very able manner. The following took part:—Recitations, Misses Annie Ward, Elenor Lodge, Ethel Lodge, Masters Norman Haley, Willie Fenton and Harry Fernhough. Duet by Misses Hilda Croft and Hilda Thornton. Reading by Mrs. Thornton. Mr. Chambers spoke to us again on "Seeds that we sow." I trust that the seed will have dropped into good ground, and he may see the fruit of his labours by and by.—A. E. Carter, Secretary.

BRIERFIELD.—I am sorry to report that our Lyceum is not making the progress it ought to do. The small attendance of children and the lack of interest on the Society's part show little appreciation for the efforts of our Conductors. I wish the members would send their children more regularly, and come themselves at least once a month. We have commenced our Liberty Group for the winter, which ought to command interest. On October 5th we had Mr. Reuben Latham, Subject, "Whatever is, is right." And on October 12th Mr. J. E. Elliott, subject, "Spiritualism, a Religion and an Organisation." Hope to be able to report progress next month.—Clement Bannister, Secretary.

BRIGHTON.—The sessions have been bright and cheerful, but October 12th proved the most attractive to scholars and visitors alike, when Norman Edward Alexander, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bird, was dedicated to the Cause. After the singing of Hymn 402, the ceremony was gracefully performed by Mrs. Curry, who gave the spirit name of "Hope." During the singing of another suitable hymn, floral offerings were given by all present. "O, hush thee my baby" (part song) was rendered by a few well-chosen voices, in which our youngest member joined lustily. Other social items were

given by James Rhoades, Willie Jacobs, Vida Goodwin, Mr. Everett, Miss Helms, and Miss Brigden.—Herbert Everett, Secretary.

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.—Sunday, 21st September, will start the New Year of the Lyceum, and an election of officers take place. The present officers are eligible for re-election. An adults' class will be formed, and it is to be hoped that a number will join the class. I feel that if the elders took an interest in Lyceum work the younger members would be helped considerably.—A. E. Sampson, Secretary.

CHADDERTON (off Brook Street).—On Sunday, October 12th, we held our fourth Harvest Festival, our speaker being Councillor P. Wallace, of Tottington. We held a pleasant time with our brother in the afternoon, who tried to impress upon the minds of the children the beauty of our Lyceum teaching. In the evening the church was packed and everybody seemed satisfied with the address. Mrs. Cockshott gave clairvoyance. Friends present from Rochdale, Blackley and Oldham. Monday evening, fruit banquet, social and sale of fruit and vegetables, which proved to be a success. Thanks to our Luzley Brook friends for helping us in our effort. Songs by Miss Hawcroft, our Musical Conductor, and Miss Grinrod. Recitations by Miss F. Sheppard and Mr. L. Day.—Mrs. M. Oldfield, Secretary.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, October 12th, we held our usual Open Session, when items were given by the following: Recitations, Ethel Wale, Lily Marriot, Alice Delegate, Lena Elliott, Edith Herrot, Alice Smith, Rosie Phillipps, Ada Elliott, Florrie Smith and John Smith. Pianoforte solo, Florrie Marsh. I am pleased to say that our sessions have been kept up very well during the summer months, but it is only through the efforts of the same few each month, and while the efforts put forth are fully appreciated it is desirous that more scholars should contribute to make our sessions more successful. I would like here to make a special appeal to the boys, who seem very backward, and also to the elder members.—Edwin H. Widdowson.

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.—On Saturday evening, Sept. 6th, our Lyceum, assisted by the Church Choir, very ably rendered the service of song, "Unseen Hands," most of the hymns being sung as quartettes, duets and solos, and reflected great credit on Mr. H. Coombs, who very willingly acted as Choirmaster and instructor for the occasion. The connective readings were read by our Resident Speaker, Mr. W. Norton Taylor. After the service of song, His Worship the Mayor, H. Holland, Esq., distributed to the Lyceum children their prizes for attendance, punctuality, etc.—C. E. Sibson.

CREWE (Mill Street).—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our usual Open Session, when a good attendance was recorded. We were pleased to have present with us Mr. Mack (Runcorn). The following items were well rendered:—Solos by Misses Gwennie Baggaley, Maggie Baggaley, Doris Kinsey and Rosie Smart. Recitations by Misses Flora Jones, Lillie Coulthard, Messrs. Stanley Buxton and Albert Reay. Mr. Mack also spoke a few words. Conductor, Mr. Percival Gawthorne.—M. Martin, Sec.

DARLINGTON (High Northgate).—Sunday, October 12th, was our Lyceum Anniversary. In the afternoon we had an Open Session and Distribution of Prizes, the receivers being Misses Edna Langhorn, Hilda Burnside, Elsie Burnside, Cissie Park, Ethel Park, Daisy Cole, Lizzie Cole, Ethel Newman, Rhoda Newman, Edna Thompson, Iris Armstrong, Masters W. E. Wilson, Arthur Simpson, Albert Burnside, Walter Burnside, John Turner. Also a special prize was given by the Society's President, Mr. Simpson, to Master Wilson, who has never missed or been late the whole year. In the evening we had a Musical Service. Solos and recitations by the Lyceumists. On Monday evening the service was taken by Mrs. Roberts, of our Lyceum, and Mrs. Westbrook, of Stockton.—A. E. Welding, Secretary.

FOLESHILL (Broad Street).—We held our first Open Session on Sunday, October 5th. Mr. Ayriss presided, and a good programme of songs and recitations was given by the following:—Songs, Mr. Pretty, Olive Staite, Jenny Lee, Alice Staite. Recitations by Charles Staite, Gertie Sedwick, Harry Sedwick, Jenny Lee, Winnie Ayriss, Olive Staite, Elsie Fernald, and May Hodgkinson. This was followed by marching, conducted by Clifford Ellis, and then closed with the hymn, "Joy bells ringing." Altogether it was a most enjoyable session.—Lizzie Neal, Secretary.

GATESHEAD (Rectory Hall).—On Sunday, September 28th, we held our Annual Distribution of Prizes. Our late Conductor, Mr. Hall, was requested to preside. A splendid programme of recitations, &c. (of which only half was taken,

owing to length) was rendered in excellent manner by the Lyceumists. Mrs. A. Bentley, of Manchester, kindly presented the prizes, and each child was the recipient of a few words of encouragement and instruction. One of our youngest Lyceumists, Miss Edith Bogue, on behalf of the Lyceum, presented Mrs. Bentley with a bouquet, in a manner which would have done credit to many an older orator. Mrs. Bentley, who was very much touched by this ceremony, responded. The only regret was the diminutive audience.—W. Hall (Junior), Hon. Secretary.

GLASGOW (Berkeley Street).—On 28th September we held our Open Session, which took the form of a flower service. Mr. J. M. Stewart presided. The floral offerings were numerous, nearly everyone bringing their tribute. At the end of the meeting, a few Lyceumists took the flowers to East Park Home for infirm children. A very interesting item of the session was the naming of a baby, very nicely performed by Mrs. S. Harris, U.S.A. Solos by Miss Mary Bolton, Mrs. B. Rainy; violin solo by Mr. Kitson; recitation by Miss McPherson; and a quartette by Lyceumists were all splendidly done. The Literary Society and Study Group has resumed for the winter, a new feature being the Speakers' Class.—C. S. Rohead, Sec.

HAMILTON, CANADA (James Street).—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, we held a session in aid of the F.O.B., and have forwarded two dollars collection. On October 12th we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Church. We had a special session in the afternoon. Addresses were given by Mrs. J. Walker, Mrs. Fanny Allyn, and Mr. Opperman. Mrs. Grace Humphries sang a solo. Harold Earith recited. Gems by Mrs. Earith, Miss Cresswell, Mr. Dove and Mr. Hopwood. In the evening about 10 adults gave their services in the choir. Speaker, Mr. Allyn. A very pleasant evening.—Herbert Hopwood, Sec.

HORWICH (Beatrice Street).—On Saturday, October 18th, we held a social in aid of the Shield Fund, and realised £1 10s. It proved a great success. The following items were well rendered:—Songs by Mr. Emsall and Mr. Elkin; recitations by G. and S. Butterfield; pianoforte solo by Ivy Walsh, and a sketch, entitled "Bobby's Courtship," which was enjoyed by old and young. Mr. Gough, President, gave a few words of encouragement. After singing "Shoulder to shoulder," Miss Butterfield, our Conductor, though quite young, offered a beautiful benediction, in which the victims of the mine disaster and those left to mourn their loss were remembered. We thank all who came to help.—R. Frost.

HULL (Holborn Street).—On Sunday, October 5th, we had the pleasure of having two infants named by Mr. Smith, in our morning session, first the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cotton, George Francis, whose spirit name was given as "Steadfast"; also, Wilfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, spirit name "Earnest." On October 19th we were favoured by a visit from the Rev. Susanna Harris. Upon her entering, the Lyceumists heartily sang, "Welcome, thrice welcome." After several marches had been gone through, Mrs. Harris spoke a few encouraging words, assuring us our beloved founder was present with us, arm-in-arm with Mr. J. Robertson, late of Glasgow. She also said she had seen Mrs. Annie Bright and Mr. Hill.—C. Headley.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—On Saturday, October 4th, we held our Anniversary Tea and Concert, when about 150 sat down to tea. In the evening a capital programme was sustained, recitations being given by Messrs. M. Walker, A. Middlebrook and Master J. Roe; songs by Messrs. S. Kay, A. Gawthorpe and A. Midgley; duet by Master Cook and D. Hugill; musical duet by Mr. and Mrs. Pike. On the Sunday, we held our Anniversary. Miss Fossey took the chair, our speaker being Mr. Horace Leaf. In the morning an Open Session was held, which was well attended by parents. In the evening we had a crowded audience. Also on the Monday.—E. Shackleton.

PRESTON (Lancaster Road).—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our Open Session. We had a very good attendance, and spent a very pleasant morning together. There was a very good response to the silver chain and golden chain recitations. Recitations were given by Kitty Cusack, Mary Watkinson, Joe Cusack and David Roe. A trio was sung by Misses B. Pullan, M. Clarke and Mr. Roe. At the close of our Lyceum Session we all felt that our time had been well spent.—Maude Clarke, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—We held our Open Session on October 5th, under the Conductorship of Mr. Robertson, when the following items were nicely rendered:—Solos by Master A. Veary; duet by Misses D. Goldsmith and Miss M. Wright (337 *Manual*); duet by Misses P. Goldsmith and Massey (13

Manual); recitations by Miss E. Wicks and Master H. Wicks. Short addresses by Mr. Jewitt and Mr. Wright, which were enjoyed by all present. Altogether we had a very good session.—J. Wicks, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our Open Session. Solos were given by Mr. Hurst, Miss Whitmore, Miss Barker. Recitations were given by Mr. A. Hurst and Mr. C. Watts. And Mr. Snowden gave us a pianoforte solo. Afterwards we had marching and calisthenics, which brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close. A hearty welcome is given to all.—Miss Barthorpe, Secretary.

LINCOLN (Coultham Street).—It is a long time since a report of this Lyceum appeared in the BANNER, but, through the Conductor taking for his motto, "Open the door for the children," it is in a flourishing condition. The Conductor officiating from July to December, 1912, told the members that it would be closed, because he could not attend. But Bro. Sunderland came to the rescue, and it is going ahead. It has been an uphill struggle, some Sundays only spirit children present, and other Sundays three or four earth children. I am pleased to say the attendance has reached 33, and there are 50 names on the register. I am expecting a further increase, as we have now some genuine workers.—W. Sunderland.

LIVERPOOL (Romer Road).—On Sunday, September 28th, we held our Harvest Festival and Flower Service. This session was conducted by Mr. Frank Hepworth, of Bury, assisted by Mr. Roberts, our Assistant Conductor. Recitations were given by Misses Cretney, Church, Bell and Hale, and Master A. Cretney. Miss Mcadam gave a vocal solo, and Mr. W. Mcadam and Mr. Smith rendered solos on the violin. Mr. Hepworth was, at this session, made an honorary member of this Lyceum. I am pleased to say our attendance has doubled this past month, and many new names have been added to the register. We are well patronised by adults and our liberty group is a good one.—W. J. Cretney, Hon. Secretary.

LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—At our Open Session, 5th, we had the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers dedicated to the cause of Spiritualism. Mrs. Neville, controlled by Phonso, performed the ceremony with beautiful white flowers. As we sang 341, some of the children brought white flowers as love offerings to the baby; after which he was named Eric. Joseph, his spirit name being given as Steadfast. We then had a few words from Phonso. Pearls and individual efforts were enjoyed by all; some 40 visitors being present, all expressing their delight at the session, which left us all very happy.—J. W. Humphreys.

LONDON (Manor Park).—I am glad to be able to report progress, both in numbers and work. We are just starting to form a choir in the Lyceum, which we believe will be a great help to the children in the singing of the songs. We would very much like to see a little more interest taken in the individual efforts. One note of joy has been struck by the return of one of our leaders to health and the Lyceum.—C. Harrison, Secretary.

NORTH LONDON, HOLLOWAY.—Sessions of interest have been our lot this month. Many visitors received, one and all acknowledging they have been helped and gratified by our methods. October 5th, Mr. Cotterell gave an address. 12th, Mrs. L. Harvey, of Southampton, was with us, also Miss Morris, of the District Council. Both gave helpful talk. 19th, Mr. Imison and Mr. M. Clegg, our District Visitor, paid us a welcome visit. Bright and glorious messages, full of encouragement to the officers, were given. Pearls good, recitations and solos, well rendered, our church members taking a great interest in this month's BANNER, 58 copies being sold.—J. Forsyth, Conductor.

LONDON, PECKHAM (Lausanne Hall).—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, we held our Annual Meeting. The same officers were re-elected, with the welcome addition of Mr. Levy, who was made Assistant Conductor. Followed by the naming of Phillis Blanche, the infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Monk. A large audience was deeply interested in the beautiful address delivered by Mrs. Imeson, who was assisted by Mrs. Orłowski. The spirit name Hope was given. Mr. Imeson also gave a short, but very appropriate address, and then the closing hymn terminated a very enjoyable meeting. I am pleased to say there are signs of great improvement in every way; better attendances, pearls and efforts always good, and a stronger feeling of unanimity amongst all.—S. Clarkson, Secretary.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—October 5th we held an Open Session, when silver and golden chains were read and responded to very promptly. Pearls were good and we again

started our calisthenics; as we have not practised them lately we were rather slow, but having such a splendid instructor in Mr. Barrington, our Assistant Conductor, we hope to make rapid strides. Individual efforts were very fine. Miss Eileen Cardy (aged 8 years), a little Canadian visitor, delighted us all by rendering a solo from the *Manual*, "Gather bright flowers." Solos were rendered by Miss Firth and Mrs. Hassell, and we had recitations from Kathleen Jones, Lily Hassell and Ernest Evans. An enjoyable session was closed by all singing "Shoulder to shoulder."—C. Hassell, Secretary.

LUZLEY BROOK.—On Sunday, September 28th, we held our Open Sessions for the purpose of raising the funds for new *Manuals*. Afternoon was pretty fair, but can be improved. Evening was very good. Pearls, songs, recitations very good, as also were the marching and calisthenics. The sessions were on the whole bright and full of harmony. We must give praise to our Conductors for the amiable manner in which they conducted the sessions. We thank all friends, both old and new, for their generous support. Our motto is, "Each for all and all for each." On November 8th we hold our Young Men's Tea Party and Social, prices 8d. and 4d. All are welcome.—F. H. Day, Secretary.

MANCHESTER (Maskell Street).—On Sunday, October 5th, we had the election of officers for the coming six months. The chief officers elected are:—Conductor, Mr. J. Higson; Secretary, S. Sharp; Treasurer, Mr. H. Hislop. We have old and new members in office, and hope by the end of the six months we shall have a larger and prospering Lyceum. We held our opening social on October 11th, and I am pleased to say it was a great success. We had a very large and pleasing company of people. A sketch was given to us by our friends, Mr. J. Higson, Miss L. Coleman and Mr. A. Sims, which was a success, and well appreciated. Thanking all who took part to make it a general success.—S. Sharp, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, HARPURHEY.—On Saturday, October 18th, we held our Annual Tea and Social in connection with our Anniversary, which, I am pleased to say, turned out a huge success. Several first class artistes kindly gave their services, including Mr. Cunliffe, magician, of Salford, whose performance was exceptionally good and clever. Mr. Quinn, dramatic reciter, whose rendering of Mathias in Sir Henry Irving's "Sleigh Bells" brought rounds of applause. Mr. Nightingale, comedian, of the XL. Concert Party, also assisted. The social concluded with a laughable sketch, given by members of the Social Guild connected with our Lyceum. On Sunday, October 19th, we held our Anniversary Services. Musical Afternoon, 2-45; Open Session, 6-30, Mrs. Smith taking the after Circle at 8-15.—G. A. Hood, Secretary.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—I am pleased to say our attendance is very good. The children take quite an interest in helping their Conductor and officers, which we fully appreciate and encourage their willing efforts. On Wednesday, October 15th, we had a nice gathering of friends at a Social and Dance, many Lyceumists being present from Pendleton, Openshaw and Maskell Street Lyceums. We had the pleasure of having with us a good humorist and a ventriloquist, who kindly gave their services for the benefit of the Lyceum. Mr. Henley gave a recital, and Miss Snape a solo. The evening was most enjoyable to all, great praise being due to Mr. Aronovich, M.C., and Miss Cartman, Conventor, for its social success.—Maud M. Harrison, Secretary.

MANSFIELD (Quaker Lane).—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our usual Open Session. We had with us Mrs. Cole, of Nottingham, who addressed the children, after which we had a duet by Misses Dakin and Sadler, and solo by A. Liddle. Mrs. Spencer, of Mansfield, acted as a judge for two best recitations for prizes given by Mr. Dakin, which were awarded to Maud Jones and Edna Dakin. There was a good attendance of members and friends.—H. G. Orchard, Secretary.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, September 28th, we had our Harvest Festival. The choir rendered a cantata, entitled "Joyful Harvesters." Solos were sung by Miss Jessie Loft-house, Ivy Bessant, Alice Wastell, Minnie Bessant and Mr. F. Robson. A quartette was very ably rendered by Miss A. Wastell, I. Bessant, Mr. J. Mattock and G. Mattock. There was a splendid exhibit of fruit and vegetables, which had been given by members and friends. The sale of fruit took place on Tuesday, and altogether our Harvest Festival was a great success.—M. Bessant, Secretary.

MIDDLETON (Gilmour Street).—We held our Open Sessions on Sunday, October 5th, at 10-15 a.m., 3-0 and 6-0 p.m., which were all well attended. Solos were sung by Miss B. Heywood,

Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Liddle. Recitations by Miss Whitehead and Miss Simpson. Pearls were also good, in fact we are getting on grand. Miss Simpson (Middleton) was the speaker afternoon and night. Miss Polly Openshaw, musical conductor.—John Liddle, Secretary.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, HEATON AND BYKER.—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our Open Session. Recitations by Arnold Patterson, Fred Eke, Lily Eke, Beatrice Eke, Thomas Fenwick, John T. Ronaldson, Mary Scope, Nellie Scope. Solo by Alice Eke. Duet by Miss F. Fenwick and Master Robert Fenwick. We were pleased to have with us Mr. Brinklow, President of the Tyneside District Council, who spoke a few words of encouragement. He was glad to see how the children took interest in the session. We were also pleased to see so many adults present, and hope some of them will come forward and be workers. Our election of Officers will take place on Sunday, November 16th.

Mrs. Robert Hunter, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, WALLSEND.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, we held our Flower Services, the hall being beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit. A special Open Session was held in the afternoon, when hymns and recitations suitable for the occasion were rendered by the Lyceum. Recitations given by Emma Carling, Clara Dixon, Alice McIntosh, Margaret Carling, Christina Finlay, Ella Robson, Annie Dixon, Annie Robson, Willie Innes and George Shyfler were much appreciated. There were a good number of friends present, each one spending a very pleasant and beneficial afternoon. Solos were also rendered during the evening service by Miss Carling, entitled "Harvest Home," and Master Arthur Emmer-son, entitled "Beautiful Flowers."—Miss A. Lawrence, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Bentick Road).—On Sunday, October 12th, Councillor J. Clarkson visited our Lyceum for the purpose of unfurling a beautiful banner, presented to both Lyceum and Society. Though our speaker had never seen the working of the Lyceum, he adapted himself to the occasion in a very able manner, giving a short address on "Banners," and taking the word WATCH as a motto for our mental banner, taking each letter made five nice examples, viz. Watch Words; Watch Actions; Watch Time; Watch Company; and Watch Habits. Our programme was of a good order, taking as a golden chain recitation 126, "The Philosophy of Life," Councillor Clarkson being greatly interested. We intend to let him see more of the Lyceum. A splendid audience responded well to the collection, which was to commence a building fund to secure our own building, our speaker heading the list with a splendid gift of a cheque.—A. H. Coles, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—We held our Lyceum Open Session on Sunday evening, October 19th. Our Conductor, Mr. Joe Clayton, selected a hymn at the commencement which sent a wave of enthusiasm through both Lyceumists and friends, of which there was a very good number, which prevailed throughout the session. The way the members responded to the Conductor was very encouraging. The pearls were particularly spicy. The smartness which was shown during marching and calisthenics reached the usual standard of excellence. At the close, a feeling of satisfaction was noticeable on the faces of all. Several promised to visit us again.—T. Meakin, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Union Street).—We held our quarterly Open Session on October 12th. Mr. Wood conducted. Bright and hearty singing. Readings, responses and exercises nicely rendered. Recitations were given by Hilda Pointion, Lily Renshaw, Mary Hargreaves, Mrs. Hargreaves, and Mr. Adlam. Solos were sung by Miss Annie James, Miss Hargreaves, Miss Cornall and Mr. Fallows. Duets by Miss Lily Renshaw and Frances Rooks, Alice Baguley and Elisa Pointion, Mr. Standfield and H. Dearnly, all well rendered. A good string of pearls were also rendered. At the evening service Mr. Adlam and Mr. Standish gave instructive addresses. A good election, nicely rendered, by our choir. Meetings largely attended and good collections. We had a most enjoyable day.—J. T. Standish, Secretary.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—On October 11th, Mr. J. J. Morse unfurled our new banner, which was followed with a procession round the district, although the weather was very inclement. Several Lyceums helped to make it a success, and it was a great one indeed, for both the public and for us. Tea, entertainment and dancing followed, and thus we closed with another red-letter day. On the morrow we held our Open Sessions, and we carried the sessions into the evening church

meeting. The service was entirely given by the Lyceumists, so as to give the masses an idea of what Lyceum teachings were, and our Conductor, Mr. Lilliott, earnestly gave an invitation to old and young to come to the Lyceum.—Joseph Green, Secretary.

PONTYPRIDD (River Street).—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our Open Session and had a very enjoyable time. Recitations were given by the following: Mary Jones, Georgina James, Evelyn Capal, Doris Thorne, Ernest Davies, George Davies, Sam Davies, Florrie Bowden and Alice James. Reading by Mr. Carne. Solos by Kitty Bowden, Alice Jones, Dollie Snow, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Matthews. Violin solo by Mr. Sweetman. The solos were very ably accompanied by Miss Granger, the Lyceum organist.—L. Sweetman, Secretary.

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—Sunday, October 5th, was our harvest thanksgiving day, as well as our Open Session. Many friends came with their offerings on the Saturday night, and the result was a fine display of fruit and flowers. Our harvest day was a fine success, both spiritual and financial. Rena Colis, Gertie Cartmell, Willie Holt, and Mrs. Thomson, the speaker for the day, gave recitations. We send our best wishes to our Lyceumists across the water, and to those who are still in England, but in other towns who have expressed a wish to be remembered to us.—Ellen Savage, Secretary.

RISHTON.—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our Open Session, when we had a very nice time, it being our harvest festival. The following gave recitations: Misses Plant, English, and Steel, and also James English: A. Holden and M. F. Haughton sang a solo, which they also sang in the afternoon. We had a very good talk on our golden chain and also the silver chain.—A. Houghton.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our quarterly Open Session in the evening before a nice congregation. We had a very bright and harmonious session, presided over by Mr. F. W. Wood, our conductor. Appropriate readings were chosen, being read by several of the Lyceumists, with much interest. Marching and calisthenics were afterwards gone through and greatly enjoyed, being creditably led by Mr. Fred Wright and Mr. Ernest Berry respectively. The following Lyceumists contributed recitations in a very pleasing manner: Miss Elsie Taylor, Miss Elsie Quarby, Master Fred Rothwell, Master Eric A. Berry and Mr. Jones. Solos were also nicely rendered by Miss Elsie Quarby and Miss Gladys Holt. Mr. E. Sanderson proving an efficient accompanist.—Mary Taylor, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our Open Session, when we had a splendid attendance considering the inclemency of the weather. The attendance spoke well for the enthusiasm that is prevailing. We had recitations from Arthur Bruce, Elsie Hossell, Hilda Chappell. And Mr. Buxton rendered a solo in his usual efficient style. We only wish we could have more of them. We should like to see some of our adults blooming out as elocutionists. Now then, who says a Lyceum Badge? Remember our Editor's offer. We are commencing a study group on Saturday, October 25th, we are intending studying the *Lyceum Manual* for this session. We would like our adults to turn up in good numbers so that we can have some real good times together, always remembering that "the workers win."—W. Rawlinson, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—On Sunday afternoon, October 19th, we held our usual monthly Open Session. Mr. Barnes conducted, ably assisted by Mr. E. W. Oaten. There were about 100 Lyceumists present, and several of their parents, who appeared to appreciate the Lyceum method of training. Solo by Laura Ballard, entitled "Heart Flowers," was well rendered, also a solo by Lily Sharman, and a recitation by Fred Gale. The marching and calisthenics were well done, under the leadership of Mr. Hird. We had a good number of pearls from the younger Lyceumists. We commenced our Saturday night socials on Saturday, October 18th, when about 50 Lyceum officers and friends had a real jolly time.—F. Whiteley, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, HEELEY.—On Sunday, October 5th, we held our 12th anniversary, Mr. E. W. Oaten being the speaker. We held Open Sessions morning and afternoon, Mr. Oaten distributed the prizes. Songs, recitations, and essays were given by a good number of Lyceumists. In the evening Mr. Oaten lectured to a very large audience. On Sunday, October 12th, the election of officers took place: Conductor, Mr. Stevenson; Secretary, Sam Smith; Treasurer, Mr. Truelove; Guardian, Ernest Kitson; Librarian, Harold Cockayne; Captain of Guards, Harry Truelove; Guards, Robert Whitehead, Harry Gibbons, Cyril Oliver, Cecil Norris; Musical Director, Mr.

Childs; Assistants, Ernest Stevenson, Arnold Jenkinson, and May Thickett; Auditors, Reg Bowmer and Mr. Childs; Assistant Conductors, May Thickett, Annie Evans; Assistant Secretary, Bertha Alton.—George Magness, Retiring Secretary.

SHILDON (Newlands Avenue).—On Sunday, October 5th, we had our harvest festival, the church being well filled with vegetables, fruit, and flowers, and a good supply of grain, showing that if we sow good seed we shall reap a good harvest. In the afternoon we had an Open Session, and attracted a good number of visitors. Pearls were given by the Lyceum scholars. Solos were sung by Misses M. Gardiner and A. Gregory. Duet by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. J. Wilson. Marching and calisthenics good considering that we have lost a few of our Lyceumists, but new ones keep filling the vacant places, and so keep our numbers up. The singing of "Haste to the field of Labour" brought the session to a close.—John Wilson, Secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS (South Eldon Street).—On October 12th we had a recitation competition for Lyceum Badge offered by our Editor, the piece being "Necessary Links" in October BANNER. This was won by Lily Parker. On October 19th we held our Harvest Festival in conjunction with the Parent Society. The hall was tastefully decorated with produce from field and garden. Lily Parker recited "Necessary Links." Recitations were also given by John Parker, Madge Palmer, and Ella Woodall. Solos were well rendered, by Mary Palim, Lillian Robson, and Eliza Woodall. That beautiful harvest hymn in our *Manual* "Haste to the field of Labour" was well rendered by the children both afternoon and night. The audiences being well pleased.—Wm. Woodall.

STOCKPORT (Lyceum Church).—We celebrated our second Harvest Festival on September 28th. Mr. Knott, of Rochdale, gave an address to children and friends in the afternoon. In the evening he gave an address on the "Spiritual Element of Phenomena." Miss Birch sang two appropriate songs. Our Treasurer, Mr. Hall, along with a few friends, accompanied the singing with string music. On Sunday, October 5th, we had the welcome visit of Mr. Kitson. In the morning he stimulated our singing with his hearty fervour, and spoke to us all in a breezy manner. Four of our young Lyceumists recited poems of "Welcome," specially written for the occasion by Mrs. Moul. In the afternoon session, and again at night, he pleaded for support to the Lyceum cause.—John Hearston.

TODMORDEN, PATMOS.—On Sunday, October 5th, we held a very enjoyable session, the following programme being well rendered: Recitations, Emily Marshall, 'Whatever is, is Best'; May Hutchinson, 'At the farm'; Edith Crossley, 'Daffodils'; Mr. Dooley, 'Pride must have a fool.' Duet, Gertrude Howarth and Ruth Sutcliffe, 382 *Manual*. Recitation, Jack Howarth, 'In the land of Nod.' Duet, Gertrude Howarth and Annie Marshall, 17 *Manual*.—Frank Pratt, Secretary.

WINDHILL (School Hill).—We held our Open Session on October 5th, and had a fairly good attendance. The following items were given: Solos, Miss A. Crapper, 'Heart Flowers'; Miss F. Sheard, 'Clap your hands for joy'; Mr. J. Heart-hill, 'Home Sweet Home.' Pianoforte solo, Miss Gladys Speight, 'Nearer my God to Thee.' Recitations, Miss Ivy Hailstone, 'Two Robin Redbreasts'; Miss Ada Crapper, 'My Shadow.' Duets, Masters T. Wright and N. Sheard, 'Angels lead my footsteps'; Miss F. Sheard and Mr. J. Hearthill, 'Angel's Care'; quartette, Misses E. Starkey and F. Sheard, Mr. J. Hearthill and G. Roper, 'Lyceum Anniversary Song.' We closed our very enjoyable session by singing 387 *Lyceum Manual*.—E. Starkey, Hon. Secretary.

WINNIPEG (Polson Avenue).—On October 5th, we held our Open Session. Recitations were given by Wilfred Atkinson; solos by Mr. H. Forrest, Mr. Higley, Mr. F. Parkinson, and Miss Hancock, our Conductor. In the evening we had another gathering, when recitations, readings, solos, and short addresses were given. Our Lyceum is making good progress. C. Forrest, Secretary.

WOLVERHAMPTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—In connection with the above place of worship the Lyceum anniversary services were held on Sunday, September 28th, when two eloquent addresses were given by Miss Colebourne, of Derby, the evening service being crowded. Special mention should here be made of the singing of the children, who fairly excelled themselves in the rendering of the various items, and great credit is due to the conductor, Mr. W. Stallard, for the efficient way they have been trained. The services were bright and attractive, the display of flowers having a marked effect.—H. Whitaker.