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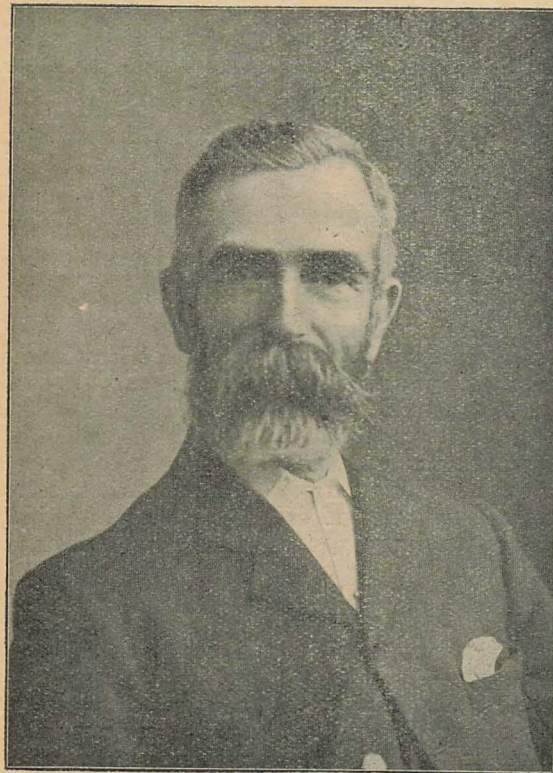
JULY, 1915.

ONE PENNY.

Lyceum Banner Portrait Gallery.

Mr. Charles W. Wright, Hull.

Mr. Charles W. Wright, well known to Spiritualists in Hull and district, was born at Horncastle, Lincolnshire, on May 22nd, 1853. As a boy he was brought up in the Church of England. He was interested in music, and although he never had even a quarter's lessons, he taught himself to play the organ, so that he was able to play at the church he attended. As he always liked to be working, he played at his own church in the morning and at another one in the afternoon, walking miles to do so. When he left school he was apprenticed to a painter. After a while, becoming dissatisfied with the teachings of the Church of England, he went to the Swedenborgian Church at Horncastle for a time. He then left his native place and came over to Hull, where he attended the Swedenborgian Church and officiated at the organ. He next moved to another part of the city and for some time did not attend any place of worship regularly. He was asked by a Church friend to take a class at St. Andrew's Church, and thus he became a teacher in the Sunday School. He attended St. Andrew's for some time and was a chorister and choirmaster until differences of opinion caused him to leave. About this time a Spiritualist gentleman came to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Wright. He used to leave Spiritualistic literature about the house, and Mrs. Wright not able to understand it questioned him as to where he went, and then asked if she might go. When she had been she told Mr. Wright, who then went to see for himself. He was asked to play the organ, and so began his investigations which have brought to him the knowledge and acceptance of Spiritualism. He became a member of the Hull Psychological Society, which was then held at the No. 4 room, Albion Street, but was subsequently removed to Granville Hall, Silvester Street. It was here that



our friend heard Mr. Fred Nicholson, now of Lincoln, talk about the Lyceum. He enquired what the Lyceum was and volunteered to help Mr. Nicholson to form one. Thus our first Lyceum in Hull was formed, and though it was uphill work these two pioneers persevered until the Lyceum became very flourishing. Mr. Wright also became Society Secretary and helped to carry on the work. He had now to go to Grimsby to work, but he still lived under the Banner of Spiritualism, and here he formed a Lyceum and a Society which are still carrying on the good work. Returning to Hull again in 1902, after an absence of some years, he found the Lyceum had lapsed, and hearing the call for volunteers he again helped, and our Lyceum to-day is the result of his labours.

By Lyceumists he is affectionately known as "Grandpa" Wright. Up till about a year ago Mr. Wright was organist and Secretary for the Society, but he has now retired from active public work owing to ill-health. In the Lyceum he has also been the Musical Conductor and a Leader. Whatever work has wanted doing Mr. Wright has always been willing to do it. Mrs. Wright has also been indefatigable in her efforts on behalf of the Lyceum and Society, while their daughters have taken an active part in Lyceum work as well. Our present Conductor, Mrs.

Leng, is Mr. Wright's eldest daughter, and his younger one, Mrs. Evison, was also a Leader and Secretary for some time.

Two of Mr. Wright's mottoes are—as everybody connected with our Lyceum knows—"Punctuality, regularity, and attention," and "a volunteer is worth two pressed men." I cannot put into words all that I would like to say about Mr. Wright, but we all hope that he will be spared to help and advise us for a long time yet, so that we can say of him, "His life is an illustration of the saying that those who have most to do and are willing to work will find the most time."

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Girls' Own Corner.

BY MRS. JESSY GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

JULY, 1915.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	Mus. Reading.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn
July 4th	374	31	229	134	386
July 11th	359	81	239	127	340
July 18th	402	96	238	129	338
July 25th	346	17	223	139	345

Pearls.

JULY 4th.—“It is pleasant to find real merit appreciated, whatever its particular walk in life may be.”—*Dickens.*

JULY 11th.—“Honesty must be based, as the sun is, in vacant heaven; poised as the lights in the firmament, which have the rule over the day and over the night.”—*Ruskin.*

JULY 18th.—“Injustice is in itself, to every generous and properly-constituted mind, an injury of all others the most insufferable.”—*Dickens.*

JULY 25th.—“No one can be perfectly free till all are free; no one can be perfectly moral till all are moral; no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy.”—*Herbert Spencer.*

LOVE!

I have in this month's chat,—and possibly in succeeding issues for a little time—to talk with the girls and boys (for I find there are some boys who read the Corner) about 'Love' and the difference between Love and Fascination. I am up against a stiff problem because it is a matter closely associated with the sex problem and can be carried into deep and intricate questions. I am aware that the present day youths and maidens have a vastly different view point than their grandparents had at a corresponding period of life. Also parents do not regard the attitude of young people towards each other, in the early teens, as was the practice in early Victorian days—so that to draw the happy medium and keep within the range of convention may be somewhat difficult. It is said, when in doubt, consult the dictionary, so here goes:—What is Love? Webster says:—“Literally, reaching: hence, a reaching forth of the mind after some object with a desire to possess and enjoy it, as money, power, friends, etc: desire for the happiness of others (love of benevolence); delight in what is excellent in character (love of complacency); object beloved: a term of endearment: an imaginary deity—Syn, affection, attachment: fondness: yearning.

Other definitions belonging to the subject are:—

'Love-knot'—A knot emblematical of love.

'Love-Letter'—A letter of courtship.

'Love-lorn'—Forsaken by one's lover.

Lover—“One who delights in anything: one who is in love—Syn: admirer; follower; suitor; wooer; sweetheart; flame; paramour.

'Love-sick'—Languishing with amorous desire.

Many others follow having reference to the word love and its many meanings.

Now let us see what he had to say about Fascination. What is Fascination? “A charming or

bewitching; to fascinate is to charm or allure irresistibly:—Syn. To bewitch, enrapture; captivate; enchant.”

You had better get the book and examine all the above terms and thus save the trouble of doing it in this 'chat.'

There is no other subject so much talked about or sung about; poets have raved in rare rhapsodies on the theme, and young and old are stirred by the passionate singing of a tenor voice on “My Love, My Queen.” Eyes grow dim with tears as the old man recalls the days when he, too, in the ardour of youth, sang in similar strains; the passion and fervour of which found a response in the maidenly breast of one who afterwards became 'his Queen,' aye! and perhaps had slipped away to the summer-land, where he, in fancy, rejoined her whilst his heart sang the same dear-love-weighted words along with the tenor on the concert platform. By his side may sit a boy or girl, drinking in every sentence; feeling the thrill of something they cannot quite understand, a message is being carried and the Spring of Life answers to the Nature throb. How different the expression in the two people; in two worlds, yet side by side—each experiencing love.

“The memory of a clasping hand,
The pressure of a kiss,
And all the trifles sweet and frail,
That make up Love's first bliss.”

(To be continued).

THE PASSING OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND.

The familiar letters will now cease to be seen in the BANNER, consequent on the action taken by a number of delegates at the last conference of the B.S.L.U. held at Attercliffe, Sheffield.

Many friends have in the goodness of their hearts donated various sums through this particular channel with a view of helping the Union financially, that now ceases, and a matter of £24 odd (and more in previous years) will not come our way anymore.

I am sorry to part company with those I have had the pleasure of corresponding with, and very reluctantly say 'Au Revoir,' with many thanks for expressions of goodwill toward 'Our Union.'

My work as secretary is completed, the books are closed, and a sum of £4 subscribed this year is what remains of the P.S.F., together with the memory of work done from 1903 to 1915.

JESSY GREENWOOD.

An Appeal.

Will you please allow me to make an Appeal for help for one of our Lyceum workers, Mr. James Hope, who has had the misfortune to lose his right hand while at work in the coal mine on May 13th, 1915. We think it our duty to help one who has devoted his whole time to the teachings of Spiritualism. As an earnest of our appeal we are heading the list with a donation of £5. All help will be duly acknowledged in the LYCEUM BANNER. Address, Ernest Woodward, 483, Leigh Road, Daisy Hill, Westhoughton, near Bolton, Lancs.

Bluebell Guild.

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

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

Dear Bluebells mine, readers too—

Though only three letters have reached me since my last chat with you, yet there is much that is unique and worthy of note in connection with them; as you will see for yourselves.

The first was very welcome, showing as it did that even in far-off lands our friends greet us and think of us. To them too, we send greetings of comradeship and unity of purpose.

"Dear Flora Belle—Will you kindly enrol our Lyceum children in your Bluebell Guild? I am sure our Lyceumists in Canada will be proud to be members of your Guild, and I hope some of the elder children will send you some very nice letters and tell you things about Winnipeg. Wishing you every success in your beautiful work for the children.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

EDITH VERNON, Sec."

Most heartily do I welcome you all to our Guild; and great will be my pleasure to receive letters from some of you—so please be quick and write.

Then arrived a dear little chatty letter from Lincoln; setting an example to others of *active* interest in our Guild. Here it is:

"Dear Flora Belle,—I am writing to tell you about our treat, which took place on Wednesday, May 18th. We were going to have a cricket match, and the boys were going to play left-handed; but it was a very wet day, so we had to put it off. We had a party instead in the Lyceum Room. After tea, to make our treat more enjoyable, we were taken to the Cinema. We were very tired when it was over, but don't you think we had a very happy day? I wonder if the children in other Lyceums have such happy times as we have!

Your loving Bluebell,

ADA CRAWSHAW."

Thank you Ada for your bright letter—yes, you must have kind interested leaders to study your pleasure so much. Now, you "children in other Lyceums," won't you write and tell us of your doings, so that we can compare notes, get new ideas, and mutually benefit each other!

The next letter did not come direct to me; but I'll let it explain matters for itself; and when you've read it and the poem, I know you'll agree that our young friend merits our sincere congratulations for her power and skill. These we extend heartily to her, and hope that she will cultivate and practise her gift; that as she grows older others may be cheered by the beautifully-expressed ideas that come to her. The extract from the letter that concerns us reads: "These lines were written, quite unaided, by my little grand-daughter, Phyllis, aged eight years. Do you think Flora Belle would care to use them, as an example to her little folk?"

I think they are surprisingly good for so young a child. Some of the lines are unequal in length, but the rhythm is well maintained. They are precisely

as she wrote them."

BRITAIN'S BOYS.

Awhile they fight with might and main,
In sleet, or snow, or pouring rain;
Awhile they sing with many joys,
The song of Britain's soldier boys—
Are we down-hearted,—NO!
Awhile they fight with bayonet, gun, and fist,
Still Britain's Empire shall exist.
The brave poor soldier ne'er despise,
Nor count him as a stranger—
Remember, he's his country's stay,
In this our hour of danger—
Are we going to win? YES!

PHYLLIS LEWIS (aged 8 years).

Now to business! Don't be alarmed; I only mean pleasant work, not a dull task!

CAN YOU?

"Can I what?" I hear you ask! Why; can you write a story? I mean "make one up" as the wee tots say. "What for?" Well, my dear little questioner; let me explain and sound the call, then I'm sure you'll rally round me. You know I'm proud of my Bluebells; and recently I was asked, "Do your Bluebells write those little stories for the Page?" Of course I had to answer "No"; but then I at once asked myself, "Why shouldn't they? They are dear folks, with beautiful aims to live for, and practising grand principles in their lives; and I know they could write some delightful little stories if they would." So I'm "right off" asking you to try. Who is going to be first in the field! Your efforts shall appear in our Page to encourage others, and show them how, and give them pleasure. Just let each story bear on what we aim to do, both as Bluebells and as Lyceumists. Don't disappoint me, please!

Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

WINNIPEG LYCEUM (Canada.)

3844	Ruby Spencely.	3851	Margaret Winnam.
3845	Violet Vernon.	3852	Queenie Philps.
3846	Ivy Vernon.	3853	Joe Green.
3847	Beatrice Barnes.	3854	William Spencely.
3848	Jouand Somalidsom.	3855	Evelyne Hargreaves.
3849	Queenie Grace Vernon.	3856	William Vernon.
3850	Ivy Higley.	3857	Albert Stephenson.
		3858	Florence Higley.

WHEN WILL THE WAR END?

The above heading appeared over a brief note in our issue for December 6th, 1914, in which occurred the following statement, based on a message received at our Home Circle in August.

"Zela then said, 'Friend Abdullah is here' (Zela and Abdullah are two Egyptian spirits who resided at Abydos, and were attached to the Temple of Isis). 'He bids me tell you that the war will last eight moons before peace will be sought, as near as he is able to judge from the causes he sees at work. Other nations will be involved in the contest. The issues will often hang in the balance, first leaning to one side and then the other. But the ultimate victory will be with your people.'"

Now, "eight moons" from August brings us to April, and it is significant to note that German agencies in America began to talk about peace in April, as had been prophesied by the spirit Abdullah,

but the terms of peace were not of such a nature as to make their acceptance possible, and so bring the war to an end as I had hoped. If they had, the war would have been over before the Lyceum Conference was held.

The watchful care of our spirit friends did not cease with the above prophecy. Early in January we were warned of Germany's bitter hatred of the English people, and a determination on the German ruler's part to do the English all the harm possible by "air raids" and submarine attacks. We were, also, repeatedly warned that our district was in the route of one of their planned air raids (their objectives being Leeds and Huddersfield), which would be carried out as soon as the boisterous weather would permit them to make the attack. Under these circumstances I felt it to be my duty to write the Mayor of Batley warning him of the danger threatening our district, and asking him to use his influence with the mill-owners (whose mills were working night and day on army orders) at once to obtain dark blinds for all factory windows, etc.

The dark blinds for the mills were obtained. Cottagers were also advised to use them. Thanks to the strong winds that prevailed during the period indicated, the air craft were unable to carry out their plans of destruction, and could only attack places on the east coast.

I am assured, by the same watchful angel care, that Germany's intentions of making an inland air raid is not abandoned, but is held in reserve till the latter part of July. Their final effort, on a large scale (intended to strike terror into the hearts of the English nation) is being planned to take place in the latter part of September or early in October. At the same time an invasion of England will be attempted and a landing of troops effected. Much damage will be done by the air raiders, "but very few of them will be able to return home to Germany, never more to assail England till the world lasts," were the words used. Their naval forces will, also, be hastily summoned home to Germany; as also will their armies be hastily called home from Belgium to defend their homes and country. The allied armies who are fighting the German military caste WILL WIN! The angel people have never deviated from this affirmation since the awful war began in August.

I trust my spirit friends in their predictions, for I have never been misled by them. I am confident that the days of visions and prophecies are not past and gone. There are "clouds of witnesses" round about the people of earth to-day, as in the Bible days.

THE EDITOR.

GOD'S GIFTS TO MAN.

God in His goodness gave certain "Gifts" unto mankind, and it would be as well for a few moments to enumerate them to the best of our ability. St. Paul says, in one of his epistles to the Corinthians, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."

This passage, to me, should also apply to other gifts, which really cannot be called spiritual, but which God, in His goodness, has endowed us with.

Firstly, then, I would say that God's greatest gift to man is *Life*, here and hereafter. Can you imagine

that, if God had given only you life, what a strange world you would have been in? Picture for a moment the beings that you in your activity would have to look upon. Beings created in God's image and yet without a Divine spark of God Himself, which is doubtless implanted within each of us. Can you possibly imagine the inanimate forms strewn here and there, decaying and falling to dust?

I can; and am truly thankful for God's greatest gift.

The next greatest gift that God has given us, I think, is *Memory*. Without memory we could not reason, and if it was possible to think, we should not be able to retain our thoughts. Having been told that there was a God, a supreme Being of love and purity, we should, a few seconds afterwards, have forgotten that such a Being existed.

Without memory, our existence would have been pitiable indeed, and it would be a question as to whether life would be worth the living.

To follow the gift of Memory, I should say that *Sight*, was God's next great gift. Had all of God's creatures been created without sight, the world would have been vastly different than it is to-day. Our habitations would not have had their present-day appearance, and although in all probability we should have been able to fashion out for ourselves mud huts in which to live, what we should have done for food I can hardly imagine. Perhaps God, had He created us without sight, would have shown us in His own way how to procure food, so that we should not die of starvation.

Conscience, to my mind, is also a gift from God, for without conscience how should we be able to know when we had done wrong? God has given us conscience so that we *may know* when we have done wrong, and knowing, we may, as our hymn says, "Let us to the Lord our God with contrite hearts return."

Love is one of God's gifts—indeed one of the greatest God has given us. Without love, malice and evil would be rife, harmony there would be none, or very little, and our lives would be one long span of discontent, discord and selfishness.

We should be thankful for God's gift of a life hereafter. To know that the loved ones, whom we thought we had placed in the grave, weeping ourselves for a mother or father, sister or brother, or one of our own beloved children, mourning their loss as beings who have gone, it is said, "to that bourne from whence no traveller returns," to know, I say, that it is only the outside casket, the physical body, that they have laid aside, and that they can and do return to us, bidding us dry our tears and rejoice for those whom we thought were dead, are indeed alive and are only waiting the hour that we do likewise, and laying aside our earthly bodies, join them in the spiritland.

"Now concerning your *Spiritual* gifts, brethren," using the words of St. Paul, we should not indeed be ignorant. Who of us cannot thank God for his gift of Inspiration? How many of us have not felt that aspiration for nobler and better things, that aspiration to live better lives, to feel that love in our hearts that can only emanate from that one great source of Life and Love, and feeling aweary of the struggle for these things, we have opened our hearts to God in prayer, and God has answered our prayer by giving

us a flood of Inspiration, and has shown us in His own way how to obtain these precious gifts for which our hearts have been longing.

God has given us the gift of Clairvoyance so that we may see or discern the spirits. What a comfort this is to us, especially those of us who thought that our loved one was dead and awaiting in the grave until the great Judgment Day!

Spiritualism does away with such beliefs, and does away also with the fiery Hell, the everlasting Fire, where, we have been taught, we should go to if we did not be saved through Jesus Christ. Christ said, "As a man soweth, that shall he also reap;" and again, "In my Father's house there are many mansions," clearly showing that there is no fiery Hell, but a series of homes or spheres, to one of which we shall go, according to the life we have lived here.

Some of us hear the spirit voices, "the sound of the voice that is still," comforting us in our sorrows, making us rejoice in our sadness, and hearing these voices, we surely must believe that there is a life hereafter, and that we die but to live again!

"And greater things than these shall ye do," and if we only have the faith, the earnest wish within our hearts to do as Christ did, we shall have the power sent from God Himself to enable us to carry on His works.

Let us then appreciate God's gifts; use them as they should be used; use them to uplift mankind and comfort the sorrowing, and we can surely "count our many blessings," and for God's gifts be truly thankful.

"When the sorrows of earth, like a billowy wave
Sweep over my heart and my brain,
As I turn where my darlings lie low in the grave
To weep with a torturing pain;
Ere I droop in despair with my sadness and fears,
I hear like a silvery bell,
The voices I loved through the mist of my tears,
'It is well with our souls, it is well.'"

A. E. JENKINSON.

Life and Labour in the Spirit World.

Being a description of localities, employments, surroundings, and conditions in the spirit spheres. Communicated by Spirit Violet, through Mrs. M. T. Longley, neé Shelhamer, who has kindly given her permission for their reproduction in "The Lyceum Banner."

(Continued from May issue, page 71).

And those of you whose aims are all personal and selfish, whose motives are impure and unworthy, who do not cultivate charity and kindly feeling toward others, attract undeveloped, unreliable spirits to your homes; they come depleting you of vital and spiritual strength, thus leaving you unarmed for the battle of life. Sowing discord in your hearts, their presence is a curse to all. Where ill-harmony, want of sympathy, and distrust abound in families, these selfish, malicious spirits delight to throng, and thither they flock, by their presence to increase the unhappiness of the home of strife, while at the same time fostering their

own disposition to live a sensuous life. And so it behoves each one on earth to look well to the personal life they live, for upon its character depends not only their own happiness but also the well-being of many others.

The power and extent of personal influence.

These things of which I speak I have learned through my experiences with spirits, and they have opened up a vast field of inquiry concerning the influence which we, as individuals, embodied, or disembodied, exert upon one another—a field that is yet to be explored thoroughly by the investigating spirit of man; and when its problems are solved, and its questions correctly answered, I believe we shall understand many mysteries which so puzzle humanity, and comprehend more fully the conditions pressing around and upon mankind. And in this way, and from these experiences, we shall learn to so regulate our individual lives that only the best influences will emanate from them, and only the highest results flow from their midst.

It has interested me to perceive the lives led by Spiritualists in the body; for when I come in close contact with a mortal, I can behold the interior workings of the spirit within, and know whether its tendency is upward or downward; for life is continuous everywhere, and what its environments and conditions are to the mortal, so are they of the same kind as those to the spirit,—apart from the body,—only differing in degree, those of the untrammelled spirit perhaps being less limited, intolerant and arbitrary. And so spirits begin their vital experiences in the body and work out through them into the larger freedom, the broader realities and wider expanse, of the immortal world. These truths are suggestive of thoughts to the studious mind, and teach the lesson that you, mortals, are God's children now,—His spirits at the present as much as ever you will be; and it is your bounden duty to brighten, unfold, and bless your spiritual life in the body as much as it will be to do so by-and-bye, when you leave the tenement of flesh for another home "not made with hands."

BEULAH, A SPIRIT MISSIONARY.

I wish to tell you, my friends, of a dear, beautiful spirit who is a missionary of joy and peace, a true ministering angel to many a sad and weary soul,—one whom I shall call Beulah in speaking of her to you, for she is really a beautiful, blessed being. This spirit lived in the mortal form to an advanced age, but long since passed to the spirit world, after an earthly life of varied experience,—one flecked here and there with sunbeams, but also one that was thickly sown with tears; for trouble, privation, and sorrow were often her portion.

To look upon this sainted being now,—her whole form illuminated with the interior light of a pure soul, her features, no longer care-worn and bearing the impress of weakness and old age, but beaming with the bloom of vigour and strength, and showing only the traces of matured experience and thought, radiant with benevolence and kindness,—with the glance of the casual observer you would have no idea that this woman had suffered as few women are called upon to suffer, even in your earthly sphere; and only the watchful and experienced eye would detect the

signet of firm endurance and quiet patience resting upon that noble countenance, and realise that that signet had been won through sufferance of sorrow, deep and stern. Yet so it was; and it is this calm, sweet, even holy expression, such as you might imagine martyrs wearing, which imparts a loftiness of character to the features of this truly spiritual being.

With the early life of Beulah we have nothing to do; it is only of her spiritual experience and work that we wish to speak. When this woman entered the spirit land, laying down the casket of flesh with its weakness and weariness, she did not find herself an exhausted being, one lacking the vital force of activity, the fire of energy or the potency of will; for through all the struggles of her mortal career she never lost faith in the power and the goodness of God to evolve light from darkness, strength from weakness, and knowledge and wisdom from the bitter trials of existence. She never faltered or fell fainting by the way, but rather bravely struggled on in spite of disaster and care. Therefore, hers was a brave spirit, one that gathered power from the storms of adversity, sweetness from affliction and knowledge from the lessons of life; and when she had thrown off the worn-out body of flesh, she found her inner powers springing up renewed and quickened, and ready to out-work themselves in useful labour for humanity.

It was my good fortune to become associated with this dear woman,—indeed, she was one of the first to bring me strength and cheer in my new-found spirit home; for she is one of my kin, and when my heart grows faint within me for the old earthly life with my parents and mortal friends, as it sometimes would, it was her words, her tender, brave, hopeful ministrations that revived my drooping spirits, and led me to learn something of the helpful, active, benevolent labour of her life in the spirit spheres. No tale of sorrow is ever poured into her ear without meeting with a responsive flood of sympathy and cheer that lightens the weary soul of its burden forthwith. Let Beulah become aware of any soul in deep distress, and she is constantly learning of such, and she is ready to seek that suffering one; and by the influence her presence imparts, she succeeds in uplifting, strengthening, and benefitting him or her.

BEULAH'S SELF-SACRIFICING BENEFICENCE

I have watched carefully the work of this remarkable woman, and have never known her to fail in imparting relief to any suffering one whom she sought to assist; her indomitable, yet tender, loving spirit seems to know no such word as failure or defeat. She wills to succeed in her work, her whole nature is engaged in it; with her it is truly a labour of love; her own past experience has surcharged her heart with sympathy and affection for mankind; she despises no one, not even the vilest sinner; she would not hesitate to go down into the depths of the darkest, most offensive conditions of what is called hell to rescue a human being, even though her pure hands and her beautiful garments were grievously besmirched thereby; and she would succeed in her efforts for the spirit's redemption, for her unflinching

bravery, her untiring patience and unwavering gentleness, would cause her to win the victory over all foes.

You can perhaps gain an idea from what I tell you of Beulah of the usefulness, nobility, and grandeur of such lives as hers; and just such lives are attained by all spirits who are firm, enduring, patient, and unselfish. Those who grow strong through suffering, even as the oak tree gains strength and vigour because of the blasts that shake its sturdy frame; those whose spirits are mellowed, sweetened, and ripened despite the calamities that befall them in their journey through matter, eventually become just such beautiful ministers of love and light, of joy and gladness as this woman of whom I write to-day.

I have known Beulah leave her bright, happy home in the spirit world and immune herself in some dark, unsightly, and miserable place where a human being grovelled in the haunts of wickedness, sorrow, or despair, in order to bring the magnetic rays of light from her own pure presence and the soothing, cheering influence of her beautiful sphere, to bear upon that unhappy spirit for its own advancement; and I have known her to absent herself from her nearest friends for months, during which time she was engaged in ministering to the wretched and sad, walking by their side, dwelling in their midst, never withdrawing her helpful influence from them until she had succeeded in elevating their spirits above the gross desires of carnal life, or awakening within them emotions of peace and hope where before only despair had reigned. Oh, this one blessed spirit has accomplished great good in her own humble manner. Because of her ministrations alone, hundreds of souls now blossom out in gladness and beauty, which before were shadowed by desolation and the keenest pain.

REFORMATION OF SPIRITS IN THE LOWER SPHERES.

It is true that hundreds of evil-minded, ignorant, crude, and unfolded spirits pass out of the body annually, and it is also true that most of these unfortunate ones remain for a long time in the darkened condition which the effects of their earthly career have surrounded them with; but while this is so, it is sweet to know and realise that good and noble souls, enlightened and developed spirits, are making unwearying efforts to elevate, strengthen, and educate those who come to the spirit world bowed down by moral weakness and spiritual infirmity. These endeavours for the sake of others, are not without avail,—on the contrary they are grandly successful; and while we are constantly receiving new arrivals of such poor unfortunates in the spirit world who are in need of the ministrations of pure and good teachers and helpers, we are as continuously finding other heretofore ill-disposed spirits arousing to the requirements of their being, to the necessity of making an effort to rise above the darkness and slough of evil conditions, and to a desire for a better life; and I am glad to be able to report to you this grand truth. Daily are the angels of goodness called upon to rejoice over many sinners who, repenting of their wrong-doing, are determined to become worthy members of humanity. Therefore, though largely peopled with undeveloped, unholy human beings, even the lowest depths of the spirit world are places of advancement, wherein are provided facilities and opportunities for the growth of their inhabitants, which conditions are seized upon as soon as the torpid minds centred there become sufficiently aroused under the stimulating, supporting light brought to bear upon them by unselfish ministers of helpful goodness, to become aware of their true position and the degradation of a human soul which it implies.

(To be continued.)

THE LYCEUM RECITER.

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

If you have a grey-haired mother
 In the old home far away,
 Sit down and write the letter
 You put off day by day.
 Don't wait until her tired steps
 Reach Heaven's pearly gate,
 But show her that you think of her
 Before it is too late.

If you've a tender message,
 Or a loving word to say,
 Don't wait till you forget it,
 But whisper it to-day.
 Who knows what bitter memories
 May haunt you if you wait?
 So make your loved ones happy
 Before it is too late.

The tender words unspoken,
 The letter never sent,
 The long-forgotten messages,
 The wealth of love unspent—
 For these some hearts are breaking,
 For these some loved ones wait;
 So show them that you care for them
 Before it is too late.

ONLY ONE MOTHER.

You have only one mother, my boy,
 Whose heart you can gladden with joy,
 Or cause it to ache
 Till ready to break—
 So cherish that mother, my boy.

You have only one mother who will
 Stick to you through good and through ill,
 And love you although
 The world is your foe—
 So care for that love ever still.

You have only one mother to pray
 That in the good path you may stay;
 Who for you won't spare
 Self sacrifice rare—
 So worship that mother always.

You have only one mother to miss
 When she has departed from this.
 So love and revere
 That mother while here—
 Sometime you won't know her dear kiss.

You have only one mother—just one,
 Remember that always, my son;
 None can or will do
 What she has for you.
 What have you for her ever done?
 B. C. DODGE.

THE IMMUTABILITY OF RIGHT.

Live righteously, you need not fear
 What each new day may bring;
 Calmness and courage cheer the heart
 Like a refreshing spring.

Weakness and doubt will bind you down
 To failure and decay;
 Give wings to faith and hope and trust,
 And you shall soar away.

No power can stay your upward march,
 If in the living God
 You place your confidence, and strive
 To rise above the sod.

Great unseen forces all combine
 To lend you wondrous aid.
 Then work with all your might for Right,
 And never be afraid.

The door of Heaven will open wide,
 And you shall enter in;
 You need not wait till life shall close,
 You now may dwell therein.

You make yourselves your Heaven or Hell,
 The power within you lies;
 But if you grovel on the earth,
 You cannot reach the skies.

Oh, marvellous are the gifts and powers
 Which unto you are given;
 You choose yourselves the road you take,
 You are not forced or driven.

You have the rudder of the will
 To steer your little barque;
 The fault rests largely with yourselves
 If you land in the dark.

Blame not your God without just cause,
 His laws are just and true;
 Do right, and without doubt or fail,
 Right will come back to you.

T. W. BATEMAN (Barrowford).

PEACE AND BEAUTY.

I know a path that runs beneath the pines,
 O'er daisied mead, and through a leafy glade;
 By sunny hedgerows where the wild rose twines;
 Through fern-decked dells of dappled light and
 shade;
 Down to the river bank where grasses sway;
 Where willows drowsily hang down and kiss
 The murmuring stream that lingers on its way,
 To whisper little rippling tales of bliss.
 Where sungilt banks of waving blossoms send
 Their sweetness all around in perfumed sighs,
 To woo the gentle breeze that makes them bend
 In cadence to its music as it flies.
 'Tis there I often linger in the sunny hours,
 'Mid soothful lowing of the distant kine,
 And hum of bees among the scented flowers,
 For then the calm sweet joy of life is mine.
 Oh, God of peace, it is thy temple there;
 The flowers its carpet, and the sky its dome,
 The birds and bees its choir. Thou art so near,
 I feel Thy presence in that halcyon home.
 My thoughts to Thee in sweet commune I raise,
 While all around, Thy glorious beauties shine,
 And Nature sings to Thee eternal praise;
 For peace and beauty, Father Lord, are Thine.
 H. T. WHORLOW.

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Our LYCEUM BANNER helpers are rendering valuable economic assistance by receiving the parcels of LYCEUM BANNERS, under one cover, for Lyceums in their district. We invite general adoption of this plan wherever possible. Will friends in the following towns please consider the matter with a view to its adoption:—Brighton, Brighouse, Darlington, Glasgow, Leeds, London, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Sheffield and York. Over twenty Lyceums are having their BANNERS delivered by seven LYCEUM BANNER Helpers.

Our June issue was sold out the first week after publication. Our Brighton friends disposed of twelve dozen copies, and ran short!

This month's issue should meet with a big sale, seeing the Spiritualists' National Union's Conference is being held at Hull, the scene of Mr. Wright's long and unselfish labours.

Will Lyceum Secretaries please send on their Lyceum reports as early as possible? Some there are who delay their reports beyond the time limit as stated in Rule 4, which is always the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month. This month it will be July 21st, not the 23rd.

A Lyceum has been opened at Birstall, near Leeds. And an effort is also being made to re-open the Skipton Lyceum, which has been lapsed for four or five years. We wish success to both efforts.

We much regret to learn that the Lyceum at Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, was totally destroyed by fire on Whit-Sunday, in which they lost all their property, including their organ. They have secured another hall (place not stated) and got another organ, and are starting a building fund for a hall of their own. We trust their efforts will be crowned with success.

A request is to hand from Bury Lyceum for our opinion on the last two lines in S.C.R. No. 12, which read as follows:—

“Know His judgment, trust His mercy,
 Bow beneath His chastening rod.”

These lines are in reference to “Angel Whispers,” and evidently are intended to convey the lesson that often trials, great afflictions and great troubles are salutary lessons, and contain blessings in disguise. Our angel guides assure us that humanity often makes more real spiritual progress by passing through a period of trial and suffering of a few weeks' duration than they would make during years of an easy-going tranquil life. Our angel teachers affirm that when we are able to “read the meaning of our tears,” and trials and realise their spiritual value to the soul's progress, we shall thank God for them, and were it possible to have them exchanged, we should decline to part with even one of them. If this be so, how appropriate to have the fact embodied in “Angel Whispers.” This should help us to realise that often,—“Our proper bliss depends on what we blame.” S.C.R., No. 1.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The Executive Council of the above Union will be held in the Coultham Street Hall, Lincoln, on July 10th, when all applications for membership and other important matters will be dealt with. A public tea will be held in the above hall from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets 6d. each. A United Societies meeting will be held in Mint Street at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, July 11th, grand propaganda services will be held in the City Sale Rooms, Beaumont Fee, at 10-30 a.m. and 6-30 p.m., to be addressed by the Officers and Executive of the Lyceum Union. Tickets for reserved seats 6d. each. Collections on entry for non-ticket holders

A Lyceum Open Session will be held at 2 p.m., No. 1 series of hymn sheets will be provided. Tea will also be provided for visitors and friends. Friends are invited to make a big rally for a glorious day.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

WINDHILL.—We held our Open Session on June 6th, conducted by Miss Copley. Songs were sung by the following: Misses H. Starkey, Ivy Halestone, Ethel Alderson, Nellie Alderson, Daisy Butterfield, and Annie Copley. A recitation entitled “Pleasant Thoughts” was said by Miss N. Alderson, which was very well appreciated.—Albert Bickel, Sec.

WINNIPEG (Polson Avenue).—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our Open Session, when Mrs. Forrest named the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves, giving it the name of Maud; the children marching past and placing flowers on the child. We had recitations from U. Somalidsom, V. Vernon, W. Spencely, and M. Wenham; songs from Joe Green, M. Vernon, and E. Hancock, and a reading by R. Spenceley. Sunday, May 30th, we held our election of officers as follows: Conductor, John Parkinson; Assistant Conductor, H. Forrest; Treasurer, Miss Anderson; Secretary, Mrs. Vernon; Guardian, Mrs. H. Forrest; Captain of Guards, Fred Parkinson; Guards, N. Somalidsom, R. Spencely, and M. Vernon; Teachers, Miss Parkinson, Miss Anderson; Liberty Group, H. Stephenson; Auditors, Mr. Hargreaves and Miss Hancock.—Edith Vernon, Sec.

YORK (Cromwell Road).—We have great pleasure in announcing the Cromwell Road Lyceum is open again, and the children were all delighted to be able to meet once more in the Church, where they have had so many happy times together. We have already made 14 new Lyceumists.—J. Banks, Sec.

Lyceum District Council Reports.

BOLTON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held in Horwich Spiritual Church on June 12th and 13th. There was a large attendance of representatives and Lyceumists from the district. Tea was provided by the members of the Lyceum of Beatrice Street, and they were accorded thanks, the proceeds being for the D.C. fund and Shield fund. Mr. Batten presided over the meeting. Our Lyceum decided that if the day was nice we would not have the usual social, but take our delegates and Lyceumists up Lever Park, Rivington. After tea about 60 Lyceumists went to the Park. All nature seemed at its best. The surrounding hills and thickly-wooded valleys were bathed in sunshine. On all sides could be seen the horse-chestnut, the rhododendron, the laburnum and lilac, with the profusion of luxuriant bloom, while the hawthorn trees in the hedgerows were laden with blossom, which sent forth a sweet, exhilarating perfume. ED. WALSH, Secretary.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next meeting of the above will be held in the Ramsden Street Church, Huddersfield, on Sunday, July 11th, 1915. All being well the report of the adjudicators will then be given. W. BURROWS, Hon. Secretary.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The last quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Easy Road, Leeds, on Saturday, June 5th. A very good assembly of delegates and visitors were present.

Owing to the absence of our President, it was agreed that Mr. Beety be president *pro. tem.*

The minutes of last meeting, correspondence and reports were given and accepted as read. Much discussion arose from the Lyceum Visitors' Reports. Out of all our Lyceums only half gave a visitors' report. Will Lyceum Visitors please make a special note of this and try their best to visit at least one Lyceum each month, thus helping to strengthen the friendship and knowledge of your fellow Lyceumists, especially of the small and weaker Lyceums?

Will Lyceum Delegates also please note that the next Council Meeting will be held at Heckmondwike on the 25th of September, *not* the 4th, as before stated.

Agreed. That, owing to Mr. Jackson, our Adjudicator for the Silver Bell Competition, being unavoidably unable to finish his report in time for the meeting, a full report be put in the July BANNER, if possible. The following is Mr. Jackson's report:—

ADJUDICATION RESULT FOR 1915.
Possible (Maximum) Marks, 100.

	Punctuality.	Reading and Responses.	Marching.	Calesthenics.	Group Lessons.	General Behaviour.	Singing and Harmony.	Recitations, Songs, etc.	Efficiency of Officers.	Total.
Wakefield	8	12	9	10	11	12	10	10	12	94
Dewsbury	7	10	8	10	12	12	12	9	12	92
York, St. Saviourgate	2½	10	8	10	11	9	8	10	9	77½
Liversedge	9	8	10	9	4	12	8	4	12	76
Leeds, Easy Road ...	5	7	9	10	4	12	8	10	11	76
Castleford	6	8	8	10	10	8	8	10	6	74
Leeds, Armley	2	8	9	10	8	8	8	7	8	68
Leeds, Psycho.	6	6	9	10	4	12	6	8	6	66
Ossett	2	5	8	8	0	8	8	0	8	47
Heckmondwike	2½	4	0	0	0	10	4	0	0	20½

(Signed) JOHN JACKSON, Shipley.

The presentation of the Silver Bell will be held at Wakefield, on Sunday, July 25th. Dinner and tea will be provided, dinner 6d. and tea 6d. each. An ordinary Lyceum Session will be held in the morning, at 10 a.m. Open Session at 2-15 p.m., at which the presentation will take place. The evening service will be taken by members of the Council. It is hoped that all delegates will try to be present; also any Lyceumists or visitors who can possibly get. NELLIE INGLE, Sec.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above held its quarterly meeting at Regent Hall, Rochdale, on June 12th, when the following Lyceums were represented:—Rochdale, Mr. Nurse and Mrs. Spencer; Royton, Mr. Arthur Lord and Mr. Chisnall; Bacup, Mr. Kershaw and Mr. McKenna; Heywood, Mr. James Lord and Mr. Barley. Mr. James Lord, of Heywood, President, occupied the chair.

Although our Lyceums were thinly represented we had a very enjoyable meeting. Many resolutions were made which may bring about a much clearer understanding amongst us which speaks well for the future of our Council and Lyceums in general. At the close of a lengthy meeting a vote of thanks was extended to our Rochdale friends for their kind reception and entertaining. Our next meeting will be held at Royton, Union Street, Church, on September 11th (Saturday), 1915.

ARTHUR LORD, Secretary.

LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above paid a visit to Plaistow Lyceum and Society on Sunday, June 20th. There was a very good attendance, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Pearls and recitations were very good, and the improvement in the Lyceumists was noticed by all present. Inspiring addresses were given by the President, Mr. Drury; Mr. Smyth, of Battersea, and Mr. Sarfas, of Manor Park. During the afternoon session Miss Tanner rendered a solo and the selection from the choir was well appreciated. The Council occupied the platform in the evening, addresses being given by Messrs. H. Boddington, Drury, Smyth and Miss Ashley. Altogether we spent a most enjoyable day and thanks are due to the officers of Plaistow for the welcome extended to the Council.—G. T. Askins.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Quarterly meeting held at Colne Road, Brierfield, June 19th, 1915. Meeting opened at 3-15 p.m. by singing No. 398. President gave the invocation.

Mr. Holland and Mr. Hopper were appointed credential officers.

President's address was well received and contained many valuable hints concerning Lyceum work, especially the establishment of psychic research classes, the discussion of which was left over until Open Council.

Minutes of last meeting passed and confirmed.

Secretary's report was brief, and the part referring to organising concerts was left for discussion in Open Council.

Correspondence.—A letter was read from Private C. Bannister, R.A.M.C., a Brierfield Lyceumist. The Secretary was instructed to reply on behalf of Council.

The Treasurer was pleased to state that on the quarter's working a balance in favour was recorded. The report was accepted.

District Visitor and Assistant D.V.'s gave their reports, and Mr. Latham (D.V.) commented on the general improvement and efficiency of Lyceums in District.

The reports were accepted.

Our delegate (Mr. Ashworth) being away on munition work, Mr. Latham gave a concise resumé of Conference; after discussion, the report was accepted.

Credential reported 4 E.C., 22 Delegates, 4 Associates, and 5 Visitors.

Adjourned at 5 o'clock for tea; business resumed at 6-15.

Places for 1916 Council Meetings.—Rishton invited Council in March—accepted. No other invitations being sent in, the Secretary was instructed to write Colne, Padiham and Blackpool.

Proposed.—“That the Sunday following Council meeting be left open by the Societies and that the E.C. conduct the services. Carried.

Proposed that half the collections go to Council Funds.

Amendment was proposed.—“That only the Sunday morning session collections go to Council funds.” The amendment carried.

Mrs. Batley, Mrs. Holt and Mr. Higham were elected Assistant District Visitors.

Mr. Elliott's resolution was deferred till next Council meeting.

OPEN COUNCIL.

The Secretary outlined a scheme for bringing all the Lyceums in the district into closer touch with one another by

arranging a concert party, each Lyceum to be represented, and concerts given during the winter. Discussion was invited and several suggestions made. It was decided that delegates take the matter to their respective Lyceums and report at next Council.

Psychic Classes and Study Groups.—After much discussion, it was resolved "That the matter be deferred till next Council meeting.

The Council was asked to define Leaders and Officers.

After various opinions being expressed, the interpretation, as given in the Constitution, was adopted.

A vote of thanks given to Brierfield friends was heartily given.

President closed meeting at 8.45. C. T. BATLEY, Hon. Sec.

TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting was held at Hirst on Sunday, June 6th, and was opened at 11 a.m. by the Vice-President, in the absence of the President, who sent an apology for non-attendance. After the opening hymn and invocation, the roll was called and showed that only five Lyceums were represented and one D.C. (Teeside). The minutes of the previous meeting were read, accepted as a correct record and confirmed.

A letter was read intimating that the son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of the Eden Progressive Lyceum, who had been sent home from the war wounded, had passed to the higher life. On the motion of Mr. Hall, D.V., seconded by Mr. Hall, of Eden Progressive Lyceum, a vote of sympathy was passed and the Secretary instructed to write conveying the message of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

The reports of the Secretary and D.V. were given and accepted. A report of the B.S.L.U. Conference, held at Sheffield, was given by the Secretary and accepted, on the motion of Mr. Hall, D.V., seconded by Mr. Minto. Several items in the report were discussed and the Secretary recommended all Lyceums to avail themselves of the offer of Councillor Appleyard to supply pamphlets at a reduced rate, and also to keep in touch with the scheme of the Education Committee.

No report was received from the delegate to the Teeside D.C. With regard to a suggestion to affiliate with the Northern Counties Union of Spiritualists, it was decided that the matter lie over until that body showed some interest in the children's movement. Notwithstanding the fact that their representative had been accorded full power to speak and vote at our meetings no one had attended for years.

No invitation was to hand for the September meeting. (Will Lyceums please note and send on an invitation?)

The invitation to hold the December meeting at Gateshead was accepted; date to be arranged. The afternoon session was very good, considerable progress having been made since our visit last year. The evening meeting was also a success. Mr. Dawson, Vice-President, presided, and the speakers were Messrs. Ronaldson and Hall. A vote of thanks to local friends for their hospitality brought to a close a pleasant and profitable series of meetings.

J. RONALDSON, Sec.

THE UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next U.L.D.C. will be held at the Rawtenstall Lyceum, Back Ormerod Street (N.E.L.L.D.C.) on Saturday and Sunday, November 6th and 7th, 1915. I shall be pleased if all L.D.C. Secretaries will let me have their respective resolutions not later than 28 days previous to the date of the meeting. A further and more detailed notice will appear later.

—J. E. Elliott, Hon. Sec.

In Memoriam.

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.

LANCASTER.—We mourn the loss of one of our most earnest Lyceumists, Sergeant Albert Dawes, killed by a German shell, May 26th, 1915. He had held every office in our Lyceum, and was secretary at the time of being called to the front. As the children's champion he was revered and idolised by them, and held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, either in or outside our cause.—J. Sale.

MANCHESTER.—Killed in action at the Dardanelles, June 13th, Private Frank Pearce, 1st Batt. Lancashire Fusiliers. A member of the Collyhurst Lyceum from childhood. Age 19

years. Deeply regretted. A noble death in a just cause.—I.P.M.

RAWTENSTALL.—Passed to the higher life on June 6th, G. W. Wilson, age 13 years. He has attended our Lyceum regularly for nine years.—G. T. Duckworth, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—William Brown, one of our Lyceumists, passed to spirit life on May 9th while fighting in France.—Mary Taylor, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM.—In loving memory of Mrs. Buxton, who passed to the higher life, June 18th, 1915. Lyceumists and friends attended funeral.—Miss E. Peat, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—I am sorry to announce the passing on of one of our Lyceumists, Harold Neer, aged 12. Safe in the angels' keeping.—E. Pegg, Secretary.

STOCKPORT.—A. Ennion, killed in action on May 9th, somewhere in France. Our sympathies go out to Mrs. Ennion, our Conductor. Both were ardent Lyceumists.—J. Bell, Sec.

Correspondence.

A NOBLE BOY.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Some time ago we got a box made for our Lyceum. The offerings were to be for any charitable purpose. I remarked one day how one boy, Albert Henderson, never missed a Sunday with his penny. On visiting his mother, a widow, she told me what a good boy he was to her, and how he loved the Lyceum. I said I noticed he never forgot our box. She asked: "Would you like to know how he gets it?" I replied, "Yes." "Well, he works for me every day before going to school, and on the Saturday he cleans the whole house, for which he receives a penny. This he does not spend on himself, but brings it to the Lyceum to benefit others." Surely this is the widow's mite incident repeated by a noble boy. I trust all those who read this will go and do likewise.

Wishing your BANNER every success, for it is the best school paper ever printed.—Yours,

E. CAWDRY, Johannesburg.

A PROTEST.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—In the cause of justice I am compelled to claim a little of your valuable space to reply to friend Rawlinson, who, whilst denouncing what he terms a gross "injustice," is guilty of such practice himself.

Whether done in ignorance of the facts, or a misinterpretation of the facts, I shall not judge. Our friend says, "That during the dinner adjournment the opposition to the resolution got their heads together and drafted an amendment, which was rushed into business immediately on resuming." The foregoing is an accusation, and insinuation, and a reflection upon the one who drafted the amendment; also a mis-statement of facts.

The latter is proven by referring to page 98 of the L.B., under Motions (1) in the official minutes, where it states that the amendment was put *before the adjournment*.

Further, as the mover of the amendment, I must plead guilty to being *solely* responsible for the drafting of the amendment, but not because I was *opposed* to the resolution put by my venerable friend Marklew.

When my amendment was seconded, Mr. Marklew arose to speak, upon which I arose to a point of order, and simultaneously the President adjourned the Conference, promising a reply to Mr. Marklew upon resumption. The President then tried to explain *why* he could not allow Mr. Marklew to reply, as promised. I admit I did not think that our President made his explanation clear enough, but even if he had, I am afraid it would not have been heard by the majority, because of *undisciplined* conduct on the part of a few *undeveloped* Lyceumists.

Your correspondent states "that Mr. Marklew claimed that which was *his right*," i.e., to be allowed to reply before voting; this therefore being the crux of the whole question, we shall have to decide whether the claim was legitimate or not.

I emphatically assert that it was *not*. Let us reason together. The amendment was not opposed to the principle of the resolution, but that it be deferred until next conference. According to parliamentary procedure any motion to *defer* business when formally proposed and seconded, must be put to the meeting immediately without any discussion or comment. The efficacy of such a policy is obvious, if your readers will *think* it out. E.g., Suppose the discussion had continued for an hour on the motion before such an amendment was put. If the amendment

was carried the Conference would be gratified (?) to know that after an hour's discussion,—which could have been used for other business,—they would have the opportunity of reiterating at next conference. On the other hand, if the amendment was put immediately after the motion, before little, if any, discussion ensued (as was the case), and the mover of the motion, Mr. Marklew, had replied, we might have been witnesses to a farcical situation; because, if the amendment had been defeated, meaning that the delegates desired to consider and decide the question at that Conference, the President would have been compelled to take the vote on the original motion at once, because *the mover had replied*, thus preventing any discussion. Would such a method, Mr. Editor, be considered *democratic* by friend Rawlinson? Mr. Ashworth was quite in order in replying as he did.

Whilst sorry to take up space in my humble endeavour to make the position clear to all concerned, and not admiring the attitude adopted by friend Rawlinson, I do not regret the Conference incident. Whatever is right. I am optimistic enough to think that there will be quite an overwhelming demand for the leaflets upon Parliamentary Procedure, issued by the E.C., on the instructions of the Conference, to enable Lyceumists generally to educate themselves in such matters, thus avoiding the awful "waste" which is prevalent in business meetings. If we will all try to realise and use "The Magic Staff" of our beloved founder, I think there will be much less likelihood of a recurrence of the causes which have resulted in my inflicting the above lines upon your readers.

With fraternal greetings to *all*, I beg to remain, sincerely yours,

ROBERT A. OWEN.

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Special Reports.

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BRISBANE.—At the above Church a very pretty wedding was celebrated, when Mr. Jas. Webb was married to Miss Annie Overson, late members of the Reading Spiritualist Mission (the lady as organist). The Rev. Douglas Price, M.A., officiated. The church was tastefully decorated; a good congregation witnessed the ceremony. The bride, who was very prettily dressed, was given away by her father. The sisters of the bride acted as bridesmaids, chief being Miss Maggie Overson. Mr. Alfred Overson acted as best man. To the strains of the "Wedding March," the bridal party left the church, proceeding by motor cars to the Town Hall Café, where Mr. and Mrs. Overson received the guests, who, 40 in number, sat down to the wedding breakfast. Afterwards a pleasant evening was spent at the church. Several of the guests contributed vocal and instrumental solos.—P. N. Humphreys, Hon. Secretary.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).—On Sunday, June 13th, we celebrated our 11th Anniversary, our speaker for the day being Mrs. Place Veary, of Leicester. Flowers we had in plenty, which were tastefully arranged by the leaders, and our many friends. The services in the morning and afternoon were conducted by our Mr. Watts. In the evening our Conductress was Mrs. Whitmore. The study group, under the leadership of Mr. Jones, gave us valuable assistance throughout the day. Songs, recitations, etc., were splendidly rendered at all the services by our scholars, whom we have reason to be proud of. The day was a notable success in every way and a record financially. A mark of esteem must be given to our Queen Street brethren, who closed their Lyceum in the morning and attended with us. Lyceumists in Leicester will certainly go forth with renewed courage after this day.—F. C. Smith, Secretary.

LIVERPOOL (Romer Road).—We held our Anniversary Service on June 6th, when a very bright session was given by the children at both the afternoon and evening services to a very large attendance of members and friends of the parent Society, who highly appreciated the pearls, recitations and solos which were given by the Lyceumists. There were also three very pleasing items at the evening service, namely, a presentation to the Organist, Miss Kelly, for her voluntary and untiring services to the Lyceum and Society; also the naming of two infants, Lydia Queenie Muriel Stewart, who was also named by the spirit friends as *Lillie*; and John Morris Lalkner, who was spirit named *Earnest*. The ceremony, which was conducted by Mrs. Russell, an old member,

was also presented with a bouquet of flowers, this bringing a very pleasant session to a close.—J. Malley, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Lamartine Street).—On Sunday, June 6th, our Anniversary Services were held. A cantata, entitled "The Three Graces," was given, conducted by Mr. L. Shipley. Mr. G. W. Morris ably officiated at the piano, and Archie W. Shipley at the organ. Soloists, Misses Hilda Hickling (Faith), Nancy McCaig (Hope), and Edith Hickling (Charity), the latter being crowned chief of the graces by Faith and Hope. The chair was taken by Mrs. G. W. Morris (morning) and Mr. F. W. Masters (evening). Mr. J. J. Ashworth presented to the Lyceum a framed autograph letter received by him from our honoured founder, Mr. A. J. Davies. The Conductor briefly acknowledged the gift. A proposition was moved by Mr. T. W. Marsters, seconded by Mr. K. Adams, "That our greetings and best wishes be sent to all Lyceumists serving their country at the front, or preparing to do so." The same to be conveyed through the LYCEUM BANNER.—A. Shipley.

SOUTHAMPTON (Cavendish Grove).—A very successful Flower Service was held on June 6th and was conducted by Mrs. Penton. The children deserve great praise for the way they rendered their parts and giving so much pleasure to the visitors present. After the invocation and songs, pearls followed. Recitation by Kathleen Baker; solo, Elsie Stevens; recitations, Barbara Newton and Gladys Hendy; duet, "Scatter the gems of the beautiful," by Miss Violet Dawson and Master Stevens; dialogue, "The presence of Angels." Following this came the naming of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bulford, receiving the spirit name of "Hope." This part was conducted by Mr. Blake, his guide addressing the children, who listened very attentively. A solo, "The gift," by Miss K. Long, brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close. The flowers were very beautiful and were sent to the wounded soldiers, with sympathetic thoughts, from the Lyceumists.—Alice Wattle, Secretary.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after June 26th.

RULE 3.—Ordinary reports must not exceed 120 words. Special reports will be inserted as follows: The first 120 words free of charge. All above that number will be inserted at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. Payment must accompany all special reports or they will be cut down and inserted as ordinary reports.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, July 21st, to ensure insertion in the August issue.

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

ACCRINGTON ((Abbey Street).—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our Open Session, with a good attendance of Lyceumists. Opening hymn, 386, "The Roses of Life"; golden chain recitation, 135, "Self-Abnegation"; musical reading, 222, "Catch the Sunshine." Mrs. Eastwood sang "Are we not brothers?" Mrs. Ireland sang "Angel care"; Miss Smith sang "Speak, no matter what betide"; and Mr. Redmond sang "Lyceum Anniversary Song." We brought a pleasant session to a close by singing "Be happy."—J. Redmond, Secretary.

ACCRINGTON.—Open Session held at China Street. We commenced by singing No. 354, S.C. 52, led by Miss Crabtree, and well read by the Lyceum. Recitation by Willie Smith. M.R. by Thomas Chambers, after which a solo was rendered by Miss Nellie Ormerod. M.R. No. 209 led by Miss M. Clayton. Marching led by Miss A. Gorton. Calisthenics led by Miss Freda Greenhalgh. Silver chain recitation by Miss G. Warmsley, Willie Smith, Miss Florrie Unthanks, Miss Lily Fazakley and Willie Clayton. We closed a very enjoyable session with song 382.—H. Marfleet, Secretary.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, May 30th, Mr. Hopper conducting, well assisted by Miss L. Callon and Miss C. Ferdinand, who are filling the position in place of Assistant Conductor, who has joined the forces. Very good marching, drilling and recitations were well rendered by Masters S. Lightbown, S. Robinson, Miss C. Rushton and Miss W. Butler, and Mr. Ward, our President, gave us a very inspiring address.—Tom Edwards, Secretary.

BLACKPOOL (Albert Road).—On June 1st, anyone passing the Lyceum would have seen scores of children and elders, looking very happy. It was the trip day! Starting about 10 o'clock, we went through the fresh country in char-a-bancs and eventually stopped at "Windy Harbour," a pretty place on the Wyre. We did full justice to the dinner, which Mrs. Hobbs provided, and afterwards went walks or played games in the field. About 2 o'clock the races were held and more games were played. After that nearly everybody went picking flowers till tea time, and then once more we took to the char-a-bancs and reached the Church again amidst rousing cheers, and so ended a happy day.—H. Swan, Secretary.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—On June 6th we elected the officers for the next six months. We elected a new Conductor, Guardian and several new Group Leaders. In the evening a service of song, entitled "Ministering Spirits," was given by the choir, and connective readings were read by Miss Roe. On the 13th we held our annual sermons, which were carried out very successfully. Special hymns were sung by the children, a solo was given by Miss Lowe and a quartette by Misses Kershaw, Walker and Worthington. Mr. Howell gave very appropriate addresses. We regret to announce the passing on of Mr. Stockholme, one of our Lyceumists. It was caused by wounds received at the front.—J. Grindrod, Secretary.

BRADFORD, BANKFOOT (Manchester Road).—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our Open Session, when the following gave recitations:—Alice Fernihough, Eleanor Lodge, Norman Haley and Harry Fernihough; reading by Eliza Gath; duet by Hilda Croft and Ruth Fernihough; solo by Mrs. Wetherhill, and a few remarks by Mr. Chambers and Mr. Rau. At our Lyceum treat all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, both old and young. We had games and races, after which we had tea, buns and oranges, etc. We thank all friends who contributed to make it a success.—A. Haley, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Boynton Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, June 6th, when the following helped to make it a success:—Mr. Taylor, R. Hill, W. Ackroyd, Mrs. Plumb, Miss Hill, Mr. Croft, Pilkington and Ward. The session was bright and enjoyable.—Mr. Greenhough, Secretary.

BRADFORD EAST BOWLING (Harker Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, June 6th, which was ably conducted by Mr. Carter. The following items were nicely rendered:—Recitations by Master George Snaith and Willie Depledge; solos by Miss H. Mary Snaith, Annie Ward, 395 *Manual*, and Annie Pamington, 332 *Manual*, which was well appreciated. We send our good wishes to our fellow Lyceumists.—R. Wilkinson, Secretary.

BRIGHTON (Manchester Street).—On June 20th we held our special Open Session, Mr. Cager conducting the same. We were much indebted to Mr. Robert Gurd for a most interesting essay on "Art and its reproduction," creating a keen desire amongst the elder scholars to know more. Under the able leadership of Mr. F. G. Clark, the marching drew words of commendation from our visitor, Miss Estelle Stead, of London (daughter of W. T. Stead), who had never seen a Lyceum before, and expressed a wish to know more of the Lyceum work. Therefore the Conductor presented her with an Officer's Edition of the *Lyceum Manual*.—C. N. Moorey, Secretary.

[Please observe Rule 3. Your report contained 200 words.—Ed.]

BURNLEY (Hammerton Street).—On Sunday, June 20th, we held our Lyceum Open Session at 2-30 p.m. It was well attended by Lyceumists and friends, and creditably conducted by Mr. Thornton. After the usual readings, pearls, etc., we had the pleasing duty of naming two babies, Marion Crossley and Jack Pickles, which was both interesting and impressive. Next came a good display of marching and calisthenics. Recitations were ably given by Miss A. Crossley, Miss E. Singleton, and solos by Mrs. W. Coupland, Mrs. H. Bannister, and Miss A. Broadley. The singing of No. 423 brought a very enjoyable session to a close. In the evening a service of song was given by Lyceumists, entitled "Marching Onward."—Miss Annie Broadley, Secretary.

BURY (King Street, off Rochdale Road).—On Whit-Friday, May 28th, we had a Field Day, several members and friends of the Radcliffe Lyceum being present. Games and racing in

the field were greatly enjoyed. Coffee, buns and pies were served in the school after. A tea was also provided for members and friends of the Society, upwards of 100 sitting down to tea. A social evening followed. On the Saturday the Band of Hope had a Ramble to Ringley Woods, returning to school for tea. After tea we held another social evening, games and dancing being greatly enjoyed. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Duckworth, Gregory and Metcalfe. Mr. Fletcher was the accompanist. Recitation by Miss Schofield.—Jos. Wood, Sec.

CHADDERTON (off Brooke Street).—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our Lyceum Open Session. In the evening a service of song was given, "In Heaven's name." Reader Mr. George Wilson. Chair occupied by Mr. Barrons. The Lyceum children rendered the songs, instructed by Mrs. Oldfield. We thank all friends who came to help us. Solo by Miss L. Garside. After circle conducted by Mrs. Ogden, Conductor of Coronation Street. June 20th, Flower Service. Mrs. Lloyd, of Liverpool, was our speaker.—Mrs. M. Oldfield, Secretary.

CHESTERFIELD.—We held our usual Open Session on Sunday, June 13th, which, I am pleased to say, was very well attended, and an interesting and full session was enjoyed by all present. The following members recited:—Cissie Driver, Lily Driver, Lena Elliott, Francis Slater, Doris Briggs, Lily Marriot, Ruth Kitchener, Alice Delicate, Connie Riddler, and Mr. Heath. Pearls and stringings were also well up to the usual standard.—Edwin H. Widdowson.

DEARNLEY.—On Sunday, June 13th, we had our Lyceum Anniversary services, conducted by Mrs. Carter, of Hollinwood—which were well attended by both scholars and friends. In the afternoon we sang the following hymns from the *Manual*:—354, 332, 336 and 356; and also the anthem, "Awake, awake." In the evening we had hymns from the *Manual*, 379, 315, 302 and 306. Miss Crossley, of Todmorden, sang, "Angel Land," and Mr. Fielden, of Todmorden, "The sailor's grave." Anthem, "The Earth is the Lord's." A most enjoyable day was spent.—L. Bamford, Conductor.

FLEETWOOD (Kemp Street).—Since my last report we have appointed officers (pro tem.) to fill the places of those that are away:—Conductor, J. C. Waller; Assistant Conductor, Nellie Holt; Musical Conductor, Mary Ashworth; 2nd Marching Leader, Herbert Wilson. Our half-yearly meeting and re-election of officers should have been last Sunday, the 20th June, but owing to the conduct and attitude taken up by some of the Lyceumists (so-called) no progress could be made, the meeting breaking up abruptly, and being adjourned to Sunday, July 4th, when we hope to get the business done. We are having a very uneasy and unsettled time with our Lyceum at present. We will still "Hope on, hope ever."—J. C. Waller, Secretary and Conductor.

FOLESHILL.—An enjoyable Open Session was held on June 6th. We gave our Flower Service on June 20th. The Hall was beautifully decorated by Lyceumists, who were responsible for the entire proceedings. Our President, Councillor Grant, Addressed both meetings. In the afternoon the Lyceum gave "Roses of life" and "Natural worship" in part-singing; Lizzie Neal and Florry Lucas took the reading. Miss A. Cox sang "O Rest in the Lord" (Mendelssohn), accompanied by our Musical Conductor, Phyllis Bambrick, who was organist for the occasion. The Lyceumists sang "Gentle words" and "The world is full of music," in the evening, and Miss Cox sang "The Dustman" (Brahms). Sincere thanks are tendered from the Lyceum to all helpers.—G.S.B.

GLASGOW (Bath Street).—On Saturday, 12th June, we had another of our Rambles to Jellyhill, beyond Bishopriggs. A company of 25 turned up and spent a very pleasant time with football, rounders and enjoying the scenery. Our next Ramble we hope to hold on 26th June, to Duntocher. Owing to the resignation of Mr. Hamilton, our Conductorship fell vacant, and on Sunday, the 13th June, Mrs. Roehhead was appointed to the position by an unanimous vote. On 27th June our Open Session falls to be held, when we are hoping for the services of Mr. Herbert Spencer. Mrs. Roehhead, our new Conductor, is to preside.—James Shaw, Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).—On June 6th we held our Lyceum Anniversary, when we had Mr. Kitson with us, whose addresses we all enjoyed. In the morning and evening we had Open Sessions. At the morning's session Richard Leaver led the S.C.R. Rachael Baxter, Carrie Balfour and Mrs. Holt took the connective readings of the M.R. Mr. Baxter led the G.C.R., and afterwards gave a select reading. Recitations were given by Willie Thornley and Miss Bullen. Songs were rendered by Nora Wrigley, Florrie Owen and Edith Bullen. A duet by Miss Holt and Mr. Baxter. The evening's session was well attended. No. 1 series of hymn sheets were used and its chain recitations were interesting.—Miss Holt, Sec.

HALIFAX (Alma Street).—On May 30th we held our election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Conductor, Mr. W. Burrows; Assistant Conductors, Mr. W. Terrington and Miss E. Highley; Secretary, P. Chapman; Treasurer, Mr. H. Burrows; Auditors, Mr. J. Wilby and Mr. W. Terrington; Sick Visitors, Misses A. Midgley and F. Ackroyd; Delegate, P. Chapman; Librarian, Miss K. Ackroyd; Musical Conductors, Misses J. Sunderland and L. Thornton; Guardians and Card Collectors, Miss A. Marshall and Mr. W. Sunderland; Banner Seller, Mr. H. Burrows; Collector, Miss E. Highley; Teachers, Misses J. Sunderland, Kate Ackroyd, L. Hollas, F. Ackroyd, A. Midgley, E. Highley and H. Webster, Mr. J. Wilby and Mr. W. Burrows. A vote of thanks was given to all remaining and retiring officers.—P. Chapman, Secretary.

HIRST.—On Sunday, May 30th, we held our Anniversary Services, when recitations were well rendered by the children, to whom much credit is due; and also to the Conductor and Musical Director. A very large and appreciative audience listened to them and were much impressed. On Sunday, June 6th, we held our Open Session, at which the Officers and Delegates of the T.L.D.C. were present, who contributed Pearls. A solo by A. Ferguson. Recitations by A. Minto, N. Correll, M. and I. Johnstone, M. Sproat, L. Shears, M. Charlton and M. Clark. Mr. Ronaldson congratulated the Lyceum on the improvement made since the last visit of the T.L.D.C. Pleasant Sessions of Lyceum and Council.—A. M. Stoddart, Secretary.

HOLLINWOOD (Byrom Street).—I am pleased to report our Lyceum is on the progressive side. More members being enrolled. The marching and calisthenics being much better. Mr. Ralph A. Gilbert's Princess Hall Minstrel Troupe gave us an entertainment, consisting of their latest songs, jokes, sketches, etc., as follows:—"A lesson in type-writing"; "The special constable"; "Misses Snitchey and Crooks." The characters were well taken by Mr. Ralph A. Gilbert, Miss Phyllis Jackson, Mr. Harold Henley, and Mr. Hubert Kelsall. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded our friends. The proceeds were in aid of the Church funds.—F. Taylor, Secretary.

HORWICH (Beatrice Street).—On June 13th we held our Open Session in the afternoon, which was conducted by Mr. Walsh and Gertrude Butterfield. Recitations, solos and pearls were rendered by the Lyceum. The session was well gone through, supported by members of B.L.D.C. In the evening the services were conducted by the Council:—Mr. Walsh, presided, and Messrs. Robinson, Hibbert and Clegg, and Miss Butterfield took part in the service. Solos were given by Mrs. Walsh and Miss Elkins, and a quartette was rendered by young Lyceumists. The service was well appreciated; as also the after circle. On June 20th we held our election of officers.—R. Frost, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our usual Open Session, conducted by our President, Mr. Fielding. We had a good response of recitations from our Lyceumists. Pearls, etc., were given. Our marching and calisthenics were conducted by our President, and highly enjoyed. The whole session was helpful and pleasant.—J. Midgley, Secretary.

HULL (Holborn Street).—A satisfactory attendance has been maintained during the month. Many new members have been enrolled. On June 13th we held our usual Anniversary Services. Mr. Kitson, the speaker, was present during the Open Sessions, and spoke to a fair audience in the evening, giving much pleasure. Many children prepared special recitations, solos, action songs, etc.; also a hoop drill had been prepared by the drill instructor, the hoops being decorated with the Lyceum colours, red, white and blue.—C. Headley, Secretary.

LANCASTER.—Since our last report, we have removed (in conjunction with the adult society) to new quarters; they are known as George Street Chambers. Our Open Session was held under sorrowful conditions. We had just heard of the loss of our comrade Albert Dawes, idolised by the children and respected by all. Recitations were given by Lizzie Kirk, Eva Towers and Edward Kirk; solos by Mrs. Preston, Miss Making, Maud Blackhurst, and a pianoforte solo by Miss Bretherton. Memorial services were held on June 6th, reference being made to three who had recently passed to the Summerland. A very touching poem, written by our Conductor, was recited by Lizzie Kirk, in memory of our beloved Lyceumist.—J. Sayle.

LEEDS (Bethel Street).—On Sunday, June 6th, our Lyceum Choir, which consists of about fourteen members, gave a service of song, entitled "Wild flowers." Solos were sung by Misses E. Hynes, E. Beckwith and Playforth. The reader was Miss A. Thompson, who acquitted herself with credit. Mr. A. Beckwith presided. There was a fairly good attendance, con-

sidering the evening was so very warm. We thank all who have helped to make it a success.—A. Beckwith, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On June 6th we held our usual Open Session, under the Conductorship of Misses Clarke and Revell, when the following Lyceumists took part:—Recitations by Misses E. Wicks, M. York and U. Waterton; solo by Miss D. Goldsmith; duets by Masters H. Wicks and A. Veary, and Misses P. Goldsmith and E. Wicks. We had very good attendances of scholars, and a bright and enjoyable session.—Mr. J. Wicks, Secretary.

LINCOLN.—During the month our numbers have increased a little, and we are pleased to welcome our new members. Open Sunday's Session proved very enjoyable, but some of the children are getting too lazy to prepare for it. Little Eric Sharpe set a good example by coming forward with a recitation; and then Stanley followed. Walter Harrison, Paul Cotten, Madge Posnet, Eva Tomlinson, also gave pieces, while G. Norwood, A. and E. Tomlinson, I. Pacey, F. Harrison, sang once or twice from the "Songster." Mr. Rutter's recitation and Mr. Sharpe's story were much appreciated and also the choir's rendering of "Angels," from the "Songster." A word to the children—*Punctuality* is a worthy habit.—Kathleen Crawshaw, Sec.

LONDON, BATTERSEA.—We have had several visitors during the month, who have spoken encouraging words to us. Amongst them are Mesdames Murell, Foll and Ashby, whom we were very pleased to see. We have also been visited by Mr. Aldridge, of the Walsall Lyceum, who has come over from Canada with his regiment. On June 13th we were pleased to welcome our old worker, Stanley Williams, who since his last visit to us, has been promoted to Corporal. We are proud of the fact that we are the first Lyceum to get the Conference to come to London, and we are already looking forward to their visit. "The Workers Win," and so far we have won. Come and join us and help us to keep winning.—Eva F. Ashley.

LONDON, BRIXTON.—During the past month responses and attendance have been very good, and we have been pleased to welcome back a very old Lyceumist, Ethel Dowsett, who for the past two years has been in a school, owing to the passing on of her mother. On the 21st we had our annual outing, and spent a very happy day at Bostal Woods. Races were run and much enjoyed both by competitors and "lookers-on." Mr. Payn, our President, distributing prizes. The married gentlemen's and married ladies' races caused great fun and excitement, Mr. Hutchins carrying off the prize for the former and his wife for the latter. We were indeed thankful for the fine weather, also the County Council's excellent arrangements.—Miss V. Appleby, Secretary.

LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our Open Session, and had the pleasure of the attendance of one of our late conductors, viz., Mr. Tritton, and his wife; it was quite like old times; he afterwards addressed us on different stories of the nations now unfortunately at war with some of the legends attached to them, which was very interesting. We had an enjoyable session as pearls were numerous and very good. We also had recitations from Ivy Chambers, Florrie Brown, and Greville Humphris; a song from Connie Brown, and a piano selection from John Chambers. In conclusion we send our greetings of fraternal love to the officers and Executive of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, and wish them every success during their coming year of office.—F. I. Miles, Sec.

LONDON, MANOR PARK.—We held an enjoyable Open Session on June 6th, Mr. Tilby giving an interesting address on the various manifestations of love. On June 12th about seventeen of us went to Wanstead Park, where we passed a most happy afternoon, "rounders" and other games being enthusiastically indulged in. We are indebted to Stanley Dixon for a number of photographs of this the first ramble in connection with our newly-formed Social Guild. I am pleased to say the Social Guild, like the Lyceum, is progressing excellently.—Leonard Goater, Secretary.

LONDON, PECKHAM (Lausanne Hall).—We are making progress. Although our numbers have been rather small lately. On Sunday, 20th, we held Open Session; pearls were excellent from all. Efforts by Wilfred Williams, Bruce and Norah Clarkson, and Audrey Smith, who though only small, sang the "Marseillaise" in French, to the delight of all. We were also favoured with the company of Miss Ryder, one of the first of Peckham Lyceumists. We had a real good time. We are having our annual outing, August 7th. Friends wishing to join us please note date.—S. Clarkson, Sec.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—Our Lyceum still maintains its numbers, and is improving steadily. We are getting on extremely well with pearls, recitations, and solos. On May

30th we held a committee meeting, when we decided to have our summer outing for 1915 to take place about the third week in July. We also decided to have a ramble on 10th June, conducted by Mrs. Hassell. We are glad to report that on 13th June our friend Mr. Barrington gave a few clairvoyant descriptions which interested us all. Tottenham extends hearty greetings to all Lyceums, with good wishes for their well-being.—A. G. Mitchell, Sec.

LONGTON.—The Lyceum anniversary services were held on June 13th; Lyceumists and friends, accompanied by instrumental music, led by Mr. Turner, paraded the streets. The playing and singing of hymns attracted many people, to whom invitations were given to attend the services and send their children to the Lyceum. The services throughout were conducted by Lyceumists. Mr. Pemberton, Lyceum Conductor, presided, and Mr. Wedgwood gave two excellent addresses, calculated to elevate and inspire Lyceumists and the audiences. Special hymns were sung by the children, and solos were ably rendered by Misses Laura Moss, Mabel Sutton, and Eva Sutton. Harry Sutton accompanied, and Mr. C. Barker conducted. The collections amounted to £10 14s., being an increase over last year of over £2.—Hugh Macartney, Sec.

MANCHESTER, COLLYHURST.—Sunday, June 20th, Open Sessions. Readings and exercises nicely rendered; recitations by Misses Ashton, Evans, Carr, and F. Anyon; duet by E. Carr and E. Bracewell; Miss A. Anyon sang with deep feeling and tenderness "Thou hast passed the Shadowy Portal." Mr. Lawrence, President, and Mr. Horrocks, Conductor. Commenting on the passing of Frank Pearce (recorded elsewhere) expressed a few thoughts on the magnitude of the crisis we are passing through, showing that Europe is becoming a charnel house. Less than a year has elapsed but the flower of the manhood of the nations has been cropped; lives that were full of promise destroyed. Terrible and appalling as this is, it only reveals half the truth, for the human suffering which remains unrecorded is uncalculable. There is scarcely a home unshadowed by sorrow, scarcely a family that is unbereaved.—J. Parkinson, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—On Sunday, June 20th, we held our Open Session, our speaker being Mr. E. Vickers, of Sheffield. In the afternoon we had a good attendance, and the children gave a good response to the call for recitations, vocal solos, and pianoforte solos; marching and calisthenics fairly well gone through. Mr. Vickers bringing the session to a close with a few encouraging remarks. In the evening Mr. Vickers took for his subject "The Children's Progressive Lyceum," which was well appreciated, the time drawing to a close only too soon. Altogether a very enjoyable time was spent. Our Lyceum sends the best of good wishes to all Lyceums.—Dora Parker, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Waterloo Road).—Our Open Session was held on Sunday, June 6th; silver and golden chain recitations were well rendered; marching and calisthenics were gone through favourably. A good number of pearls were given, very few recitations and solos. On the whole we consider that it was fairly entertaining. There is some progress in the Lyceum but lack of attendances. We think that more of the Church members should send their children; there is no reason why, if our Church members believe in the Truths of Spiritualism, they should not send their children to learn likewise. We are sure they will be made welcome. Our Roll of Honour has increased to twelve names.—E. W. Buckingham, Sec.

MANSFIELD.—We held our Open Sessions on Sunday afternoon, June 6th, when we spent a very happy and enjoyable time together. There were recitations given by Nellie Holmes entitled "Snow Flake"; Ethel Watson, "The Postman," respectively, which was followed by a solo rendered by Kenneth Vardy, entitled "Spirit Voices," 346. The Pearls, etc., were exceptionally good; the marching and calisthenics were very ably led by Fred Cox as Drillmaster, and were very good. Mrs. Roddis being the speaker for the day gave the children some very good advice, and also made an earnest appeal to the elders to attend the Lyceum. I hope her appeal will go home and bring them in, as workers are needed.—W. H. Vardy, Sec.

NELSON.—On Sunday, June 13th, was a special Lyceum Day. At 10 a.m. Mrs. H. Buller conducted a harmonious session. Pearls given and good ideas concerning them. At 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Jackson conducted, and Mr. Hargreaves addressed the Lyceum, subject, "Where are the angels?" At 6 p.m. Mr. Hargreaves occupied the chair, and Mrs. H. Buller spoke on "The Aim of Spiritualism," and Mr. J. Jackson on "Where shall we look for God?" Collections were taken for Church funds. Saturday, June 19th, Field Day; procession

from church to field; buns and coffee, races, football, etc., were indulged in. There was a notable absence of young men, about twenty having enlisted or are working for H.M. Government.—H. Buller, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL (Co-operative Hall).—Sunday, 6th inst., we held our Open Session. The recitations were not as numerous as they generally are. Now fellow Lyceumists see to this please. The pearls were very good and plentiful. The speaker on this occasion was Mr. McCullam, his subject being "Why do we come to the Lyceum?" He gave new thoughts and instruction, which I hope will be acted upon, which will be a betterment to our Lyceum all round. We shall be pleased if the adult members would take a greater interest and attend more regularly. The session came to a happy close with words of praise from our Conductor on the way the march-in had been carried out.—Jas. Scott, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, HEATON AND BYKER.—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our Anniversary Services, Mrs. Thirlwell, of Gosforth, presiding. Dialogues by Lily Eke, Fred Eke, Mrs. Wardle, Lavinia Wardle, Alice Eke and Fred Eke. Musical Reading 201 *Manual* by Lyceum and six scholars. Duet, Miss Hughes and Master Robert Fenwick. Solos, Miss Hughes, pianoforte solo, Jack Bentley; recitations by Annie Shadforth, Beatrice Eke, Dorothy Craig, Minnie Elliott, Annie Dixon, Lily Taylor, Clara Dixon, Mary Wardle, Violet Tweddy, Alice Eke, Lavinia Wardle, Agnes Bradley, Mollie Miller, Mary Miller, Jennie Jobson, Nora Ash, Lily Eke, Edith Sandam, Robert Fenwick, Edward Patterson, Thomas Fenwick, Joseph Bradley, Fred Eke, Gordon Sandam, Arnold Patterson, Heaton Etherington, James Sewell, John Wardle.—Mrs. R. Hunter, Secretary.

NORMANTON.—On Sunday, June 6th, we had our 21st birthday party—our coming of age Lyceum Anniversary—when we had the pleasure of Miss Alice Hesp, Vice-President of the B.S.L.U., being amongst us. In the afternoon Miss Hesp gave a résumé on the hymns and recitations rendered by the scholars. In the evening Miss Hesp again spoke eloquently on "Children," comparing them to the flowers of the garden. Recitations were well given by Doris Severn, Marjorie McGregor, Adelaide Burton, Annice Walker, Amy Morley, Richard Severn, Edward Morley, Albert Morley, and Herbert Beecher. Solos were also rendered by Minnie Rogers and Doris Severn. The children were trained by the organist and ably conducted by Councillor James Lilley. Mr. Severn ably presided.

NOTTINGHAM (Bentick Road).—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our quarterly Lyceum Day. In the afternoon Open Session 40 visitors were present, who seemed to be greatly attracted by the training of the Lyceum marching and calisthenics. A very good duet by Misses Woodward and Savage; solo by Miss Lunn. Evening service conducted by Mr. Fryer. Lyceumists' hymn, "Sunny Days of Childhood"; reading, "Pioneers of Freedom." An enjoyable day was brought to a close with Miss Swadden giving clairvoyance. On June 13th our President, Mrs. Stowe, dedicated two little ones to the Lyceum Cause, a son and daughter of members who are serving their country, one in the army and the other in the navy; the ceremony was very effective.—Miss Reade, Sec.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—On June 13th, in place of the afternoon session, Mr. Hamer gave a flower service. The lesson he gave to the children and elders was of an instructive character, for not only was the beauty of the flowers described, but their usefulness and purpose for humanity were dealt with in a scientific manner. On June 20th the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Barker, gave a service of song entitled "A True Briton," the story being read by our conductor, Mr. Platt, in a very able manner. The trend of the story was followed by the audience with keen interest, as was also the rendering of the solos, duet, and the singing by the choir collectively; the whole being a grand success.—Joe Clayton, Sec.

OLDHAM (Union Street).—On June 6th we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services, which were a great success. We had recitations by Frances Rooks, Mrs. Longden, John William Harrop, Thomas Harrop; and solos by Bessie James, Annie Chappell, Albert Fallows, Arthur Stanfield, and Sam Dearnley; duets by Frances Rooks and Hilda Pointon, Elsie Pointon and Tom Pointon. The pearls and calisthenics were good. In the evening we had two selections by our choir, and also solos by Bessie James and Hannah Baguley, the speaker being Mr. J. T. Standish. Our Liberty Group have had lessons by John Wood on "Keep Smiling," and Mr. J. T. Standish on "Save the Boys," which have been very interesting.—F. Grimes, Sec.

PRESTON (Lancaster Road).—On Sunday, June 13th, we held our Lyceum Sunday. There was a good attendance at all meetings. Recitations were given by Irene Chadwick, Miss Cullen, Mrs. Guest, and T. Holderness. Solos were sung by Misses Downham, Walker, and Salisbury; piano solos by Miss Robinson and Minnie Kent. We also had duets on piano and violin by Minnie Kent and Miss Walker, and Misses Dickinson and Walker. The Silver Chains and Golden Chains were well commented on by the Society's President, Mr. Hodson. We also had a reading from our late conductor, A. Hodson, who was on furlough. At the close we all felt that our work had not been in vain.—Wm. Rae, Sec.

RAWTENSTALL.—We held our Open Session on June 6th, conducted by Mr. Wilkinson, late of Nelson. Opening hymn, 398, "Shoulder to Shoulder," S.C.R. 42, "Better than Gold," which came in for much discussion. M.R. 237, "We all might do good"; G.C.R. 138, "Death and the After Life." Calisthenics were nicely gone through, conducted by D. Wilson. Pearls were given by Miss Bradley, Mr. Woodall, Mr. Duckworth, Master Sidney Blizzard, and Master Albert Stansfield. Mr. Wilkinson spoke words of praise of the good work the Lyceum is doing. All present enjoyed this splendid session.—G. T. Duckworth, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—On June 13th we held our quarterly Open Session before a large congregation, when we held a memorial service for one of our Lyceumists, William Brown. Mrs. Lingard was the speaker for the evening and spoke most appropriately. Silver Chain recitation was conducted by Wilfred Benson; Musical Readings by several Lyceumist and Golden Chain by Miss Jenkinson. Marching and calisthenics were creditably led by Wilfred Benson and Ernest Berry respectively. Recitations were nicely said by Misses Edna Turner, Jane A. Wood, and Elsie Taylor, Master Harry Hudson and John Hitchon. Solos were sweetly rendered by Miss Isherwood, Miss Whipp, and Mr. Lingard. Mr. L. V. Holt, our superintendent, presided. A very successful session.—Mary Taylor, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Regent Street).—On June 13th, we had our Lyceum Open Session, which was conducted by Mrs. John Firth; opening hymn 390 *Manual*; Silver Chain 60, *Manual*; connective readings by Bessie Whitehead, Minnie Cowen, Annie Spencer, Winnie Lilley, Peter Whitehead, and Nellie Dearden; M.R. 220, *Manual*; readings by Lizzie Dean, J. Firth, J. Nurse, E. Shepherd, and Mrs. Spencer; G.C. 139, *Manual*, was read by Mrs. Firth. Pearls were said by Emma Firth, Minnie Cowen, H. Shepherd, and Olive, Winnie, Dulcie and Arthur Lilley; solos were sung by Bessie and Peter Whitehead; duet by Emily Dearden and Winnie Lilley; and the closing hymn was No. 359 *Manual*. The marching was conducted by John Nurse, and the calisthenics by Lizzie Dean.—John Firth.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, June 13th, we held our Anniversary, when we had Mr. Ernest Vickers, the President of the B.S.L.U., with us as chairman; we had a good gathering of friends to hear the children. Miss Peat gave a solo, "Shall we know each other there?"; Mrs. Wilson, "The Homeland"; Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Bunker sang a duet, "Hark I hear the Angels." We had recitations by Misses Henshall, Wilson, Bruce, Cole, and John Dalton. We had to postpone the Monday night session through an unforeseen accident. Great credit is due to our late Conductor for the way he trained the children in their singing. We sent our best love out to one of our oldest Lyceumists, Mrs. Buckston, who is on a bed of affliction.—J. Cole, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—On Sunday, June 20th, we held our annual meeting for the election of officers; there is not much change in them, most of the officers being re-elected. We are pleased to say that the result of the Conference coming to Sheffield was very good, we can all feel the benefit of it. Our Lyceum seems to be awakening more than ever to the fact that Spiritualist Lyceums are a real need for the upliftment of humanity, and everyone at Attercliffe are beginning to do their best to make the world a little brighter for them having lived on it. If we all do this the time will not be far distant when the Spirit World can make its presence better known, and can enter our lives even more than it does at the present time.—E. Pegg, Sec.

SHEFFIELD (Centre Lyceum).—On Sunday, May 30th, we held our Session, when marching and calisthenics were gone through, after which we met in our groups. Liberty Group was thrown open for clairvoyance, Mrs. Hare and Mrs. Wallace taking part. On Sunday, June 6th, we held our Open Session, when recitations were given by the following: R. Wallace, G. Spooner, H. Romanes, E. Hare, E. Tarlton, G.

Hare, H. Whitehead, and M. Watkinson; solos by E. Barton, T. Magness, G. Watkinson, and L. Romanes. Sunday, June 13th, we had a good session, Mr. Hudson giving a paper in Liberty Group entitled "Prejudice," which caused a lot of discussion. Sunday, June 20th, Liberty Group, being for clairvoyance, a good attendance being present.—G. Hare, Sec.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—On Sunday, May 30th, in the Liberty Group, Mr. E. Vickers continued a paper on "The Origin of the Lyceum." On Sunday, June 6th, we held our usual Open Session. The following Lyceumists gave recitations: Hilda Furniss, Nellie Beardoe, Ivy Bowmer, Eunice Hempstock, Alice Whitehead, James Porter, Hector Gibbons, Charles Porter, Hugh Cecil Truelove, Willie Bowmer, George Porter, Arthur Oliver, Jack Porter. Mr. E. Vickers favoured us with a pianoforte solo.—G. Stevenson, Sec.

SHILDON (Newlands Avenue).—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our annual flower service in the afternoon and evening, when each Lyceumist brought a bunch of flowers, which decorated the Church beautifully, and the whole of the services were given by the Lyceum. In the afternoon the usual session was gone through; recitations were given about flowers; duets and quartettes were given by Messrs. Smith, Riley, J. Wilson, T. Brown, Master Wm. Smith, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. J. Wilson, Misses Smith and Gardiner; recitations by Mrs. Wilon, Mrs. Fenwick, Miss N. Johnson, Ada Wilson, A. Kirkbride, S. A. Smith, E. Hunter, M. E. Clarey, Master J. Johnson, Wm. Davies, Wm. Peacock. Both meetings were well attended and well enjoyed, and a good success.—J. Wilson, Sec.

SHIPLEY (Teale Court).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, June 6th, conductor, Mr. Claughton, 38 scholars present, one of them a little coloured girl, of whom we are very proud. The golden chain recitations and musical readings were nicely rendered; comments on the same were given by the conductor. Marching and calisthenics very good. The following Lyceumists rendered solos and recitations: Ivy Barker, Isabella Thomas, Horace Claughton, Miss Holdsworth, Miss Tordoff, Miss Barker; duets, Alice Robinson and Annie Harold, and by Miss S. Holdsworth and Miss Robinson. A number of pearls were given by others. This brought a successful session to a close.—Harry Claughton, Hon. Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 6th, we held our Anniversary Services, Mr. G. T. Gwinn, London, being speaker. A floral welcome was splendidly given by Miss M. Robinson and seven Lyceumists. After marching and calisthenics, conducted by Mr. Lees, the Open Session consisted of recitations by Masters Cecil and Wilfred Clegg, and Lindel Whiteley, Misses Ivy Butterworth and Maggie Warrington; and songs by Mr. Lewis Steele, Mrs. Laughton, Misses May Copley, and Alice Wild. Mr. Gwinn spoke a few words, and Mr. Wright, conductor, also gave a few encouraging words to make the coming year a still more successful one. Miss E. Wright was at the organ and Master Lewis Steel at the piano.—*p. pro.* W. A. Rowson, Sec.

TORONTO, ONT., CANADA.—We held our usual Lyceum session on Sunday, which was a success. After the singing of "Joy Bells" Mrs. Stier, conductor, offered prayer. G.C.R. "The Pioneers of Freedom." A number of pearls were given. Mrs. John Brett gave a solo, accompanied by Miss Millia Hobson. Then followed a M.R. "Are we not brothers?" The marching was conducted by Mr. Herbert Brett, and the calisthenics by Mr. W. Deeks. After singing "The Angels' Lesson" Mrs. Stier offered the benediction.—Mary Stier, Sec.

WALSALL.—On Sunday, June 13th, we held our Anniversary Services, which were a great success, both financially and otherwise. We had with us one of the Society's well-known workers—Mrs. Inkpen, of Birmingham—who occupied our platform both morning and evening. In the afternoon Mrs. Inkpen kindly conducted a seance for the benefit of the elder Lyceumists and Leaders only, at which much valuable information was received. The children rendered their hymns exceptionally well at both services, and a solo was given by one of the younger Lyceumists—Miss E. Stanton. At the evening service Mrs. Inkpen also gave a few clairvoyant descriptions, after which the children closed with a new hymn entitled "The Homeland March."—D. Allen, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL (59, Whiteley Street).—We had a committee meeting for election of officers, when the undermentioned were elected: Conductor, Mrs. Twinn; Assistant Conductor, Mr. Pickering; Captain of the Guards, Mrs. Ackroyd; Musical Instructress, Miss H. Haynes; Assistant Musical Instructor, Master Harry Relton; Librarians, Masters Willie Hodgson and Norman Relton; Secretary, Harry Relton; Treasurer, Mr. Pickering.—Harry Relton, Sec.

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Accrington, Rechabite' Hall, Abbey-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Redmond, 15, Sulton-street.
Accrington, China-street, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. Will Swift, 9, Worsley St., Oswaldtwistle.
Ashington, 6th Row, 2 p.m. Miss Mary Robinson, 38, Fifth Row, via Morpheth.
Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Dransfield, 13, Russell-street.
Bacup, Hall street, Burnley road, 10 a.m. Mr. Harry Hall, 101, Newchurch road.
Barnoldswick, West End Spiritual Temple, 10 and 1-30. Mrs. T. Francis, 5, Bankfield street, Coates, nr Colne.
Barnsley, George-yard, 10-30 and 1-45. Mrs. L. Goodworth, 6, Roseberry Terrace, off Brinkman-st.
Barrow-in-Furness, Abbey-road, 10-30 and 2. Miss Eliz. Lawton, 3, Dalkeith-street.
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Batley Carr, Carr street, 10 and 2. Miss Lizzie Mortimer, 27, Hall road, Staincliffe, Batley.
Belper, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins Brookside.
Belfast, Whitehall Buildings 13, Ann-street, 3 p.m. Mr. D. Smeltzen, 74, Bryson-street.
Birkenhead, 46, Bridge-street. 11 a.m. Miss Winifred Wilkinson, 3, Carrington street.
Birmingham, Bloomsbury, 52, Crawford-street, 3 p.m. Mr. Herbert Bromage, 48, Sandy-lane, Aston.
Birmingham, Handsworth, Assembly rooms Wretham road, 3 p.m. Mr. A. E. Jenkinson, 18, Anglesey street, Lozells.
Birmingham, Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road, Smethwick.
Bishop Auckland, Victoria-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Miss M. A. Snaith, 57, Fore Bogdgate.
Blackburn, St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. T. Edwards, 172, Prindle-street.
Blackpool, Albert-road, 9-30 a.m. Mr. Herbert Swan, 125, George street.
Bolton, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Mr. John Grindrod, 83, Higher Bridge-street.
Bolton, Commission-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Wm. Heyes, 205, Settle street, Great Lever.
Bradford, Boynton-street, 10-45 and 1-45. Mr. S. Greenhough, 48, Lowfield street, Manchester-road.
Bradford, Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. P. Simpson, 29, Young-street, Gillington.
Bradford, East Bowling, Wakefield-road, Harker-street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. R. Wilkinson, 114, Ryan-street, W. Bowling.
Bradford, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss Elsie Ripley, 187, Tennyson place.
Bradford, Bankfoot, Manchester road, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. Haley, 2, Lindley road, Roundhill street.
Brierfield, Colne-road, 10 a.m. Mr. Herbert Dilworth, 32, Clover Hill road, Nelson.
Brighouse, Commercial-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. James Crossley, 1, Bryan-place, Rastrick.
Brighouse, Martin-street, 10 and 2. Miss Emily Crowther, 18, Rogerson Square, Bonegate-road.
Brighton, Manchester-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. C. N. S. Moorey, 27, Carlyle street, Elm Grove.
Brighton, Widsor-street, 3 p.m., Miss Marjorie Morton, 46, Worcester Villas, Hove.
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Wickham-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Sampson, Nardoo street, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane.
Burnley, Hammerton-street, 10 a.m. and 2-30. Mr. Fred Blake, 93, Plumbo-street.
Burnley, North-street, 9-30 a.m. Miss Beatrice Griffin, 1, Merton street, Stoneholme, Burnley.
Burton-on-Trent, Horninglow-road, 10 45 a.m. Mr. A. Bench, 91, Horninglow street.
Bury, 66, King-street, Rochdale-road 10 and 1-45. Mr. Joseph Wood, 23, Lima-street, Huntley Brook.
Burwood, N.S.W. School of Art, 11 a.m. Mr. Leslie Jones, "Hildaville," No. 1, Sloane street, New Sydney, N.S.W.
Cardiff, Castle-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. W. T. Davies, Scaven-road, Caxton, Cardiff.
Castleford, Lower Oxford-street, 10 15 and 1. Miss Rooke, 16, Airedale Terrace, Church Fields, Glasshoughton.
Chadderton, off Brook-street, 10 & 2-30 p.m. Mrs. M. Oldfield, 18, Brook street, nr. Oldham.
Chester, Commonhall-street, 10-30, Miss Edith Beaumont, 62, Fordsham-street.
Chesterfield, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30. Mr. Edwin H. Widdowson, 6 William street, Stonegravel.
Christchurch, N.Z., Miss Ida M. Dalziel, Spiritualists' Church, Worcester-street.
Cleckheaton, Old-Robin-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Percy R. Clayton, 3, Alice-street, Mooreend.
Colne, Cloth-hall, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Carr, 23, Gordon street.
Coventry, Bull-street (off Hertford-street), 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Rice, 43, Kingsway.
Crewe, Mill-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Gwinnie Baggaley, 29, Bedford-street.
Daisy Hill, Mabel-street, 10-0 a.m. Mr. Ernest Woodward, 483, Leigh road.
Darlington, Bondgate, 10-30 a.m. Miss Winnie Airey, Sylvan Grove, Linden Avenue.
Darlington, High Northgate, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Albert E. Welding, Goodwood House, North road.
Darwen, Chur hbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 60, Redearth Rd.
Dearnley, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mr. Thomas Smith, 79, Halifax Road, The Durn, Littleboro'.
Derby, Charnwood-street, 9-45 and 2 p.m. Mr. H. Wade, 2, Cockpit-hill, Marleidge.
Dewsbury, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Ernest Wilson, 7, Reform street, Westborough.
Douglas, I.O.M., Oddfellows' Hall, Circular road, 3 p.m. Mrs. Higginbotham, 69, Athol street Mr. James Murray, c/o Hall Keeper.
Dundee, Overgate, Operative Hall, 1 p.m. Mr. James Lawson, 129, Hawkhill.
Dundee, Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss May Henderson, 165, Victoria road.
Dunfermline, New Row, 2-30 p.m. Miss Agnes M. Smarth, 69, Pittencreeff street.
Dunston-on-Tyne, 108, Ravensworth road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. W. Secken, 152, Westminster-street, Gateshead.
Durban, Natal, S.A., Cathedral Road, (534, P.O. Box), 11 a.m. Mr. T. J. W. Wheatley, 5, Hampson Grove.
Earby, Green-end Avenue 10 and 1-45. Miss N. Warrington, 13, Mostyn Avenue, near Colne.
Edinburgh, 5, Queens-street, 1 p.m. Miss Mary M. Neilson, 18, Hugh Millar Place.
Fenton, 80, Market-street, 2 p.m. Mr. J. S. Brickel, 13, St. Clair-street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.
Fleetwood, Kemp-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. James C. Waller, 12, Church-street.
Foleshill, Broad street, 10-45 a.m. Mr. G. Starr Bambrick, 46, Nicholls street, Coventry.
Gateshead, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr. William Hall, 23, Villa-place.
Glasgow, 25, Bath street, 4 p.m., Mr. James Shaw, 3, Carfin-street, Govanhill.
Glasgow, S.M.U. Royal Institute, West Campbell street, 1 p.m. Mr. Andrew Spence, 37, West Princes street.
Great Harwood, West Well-street, 10-0 a.m. Miss Luie Holt, 4, Poplar avenue, near Blackburn.
Grimby, Strand-street, 2 p.m. Miss E. Levitt, 22, Donnington street.
Gurney Valley, 2 p.m. Mr. J. Cheesmond, 58, Gurney Valley, near Bishop Auckland.
Hadfield, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Chorley, 5, Marlow-street, near Manchester.
Halifax, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Percy Chapman, 17, Wilson-street, Commercial-road.
Halifax, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. J. W. Briggs, 9, Dean-street, Pellon Lane.
Hamilton, Ont., Canada, Farrars Hall, Barton St. E. 2-45. Miss Selina Etchells, 1010, Barton-street, E.
Hanley, Percy-street, 2-30 p.m. Miss S. Freakley, 86, Wellesley-street, Shelton, Staffs.
Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. W. Rawson, Post Office, Mytholmroyd, Yorks.
Heckmondwike, Tower Street, 10-30 and 2. Mr. J. Beever, Chapel Fold, Old Bank Road, Mirfield.
Heywood, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Thomas Lord, 4, Adelaide-street.
Hirst, Equitable Stores Hall, 2 p.m., Mrs. M. A. Stoddart, 54, North Seaton-rd., Hirst, Ashington, via Morpeth.
Hollinwood, Byron-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Taylor, 63, Suffolk-street, Werneth, near Oldham.
Horwich, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. R. Frost, 9, Wright street, near Bolton.
Huddersfield, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Miss Emily Jagger, 8, School street, Moldgreen.
Huddersfield, St. Peter-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Jack Midgley, 13, Rose - street, T. rabridge, Huddersfield.
Hull, Anlaby road, Day-street, 2 p.m.; Mr. Barker, 7, Heron-street, Anlaby-road.
Hull, Hessele road, Eastbourne street, 3 p.m. Mrs. E. Downs, 3, Eastbourne Avenue, Eastbourne-st., Hessele road.
Hull, Holborn Hall, Holborn street, Witham, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. C. Headley, 18, Ellis terrace, Holderness road.
Hyde, Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. D. Kelly, 3, Onward street.
Jarrow, Market-square, 2 p.m. Mrs. Ada Poole, 21, Birch-street.
Johannesburg, 11 a.m. 47, H enwoods Arcade, Mr. R. J. Thomas, c/o Mrs. Jose, 12, Avenue, Mayfair, S.A.
Keighley, Heber-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. Ernest Shackleton, 13, Laburnum street.
Krugersdrop, Kruger-street, 10-30 o.m. Mr. R. Connolly, 4, West-street, Transvaal, South Africa.
Lancaster, George-street Chambers, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Sale, 32, Avondale road, Bowerham.
Leeds, Armley, Theaker-lane, 10 a.m. and 2-15. Mr. A. Connor, 25, Oswald place, Geldard road.
Leeds, Bethel-street, 1-45 p.m., Mr. J. Pettit, 19, Disraeli-terrace, Beeston Hill.
Leeds, Church-street, Hunslet, 10-30 and 2. Mr. Albert Harrison, 7, Teele-street, Stourton.
Leeds, EAST, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2. Mr. George Ingle, 6, Chelmsford-place, Dial street.
Leeds, Grove-house-lane (Psycho), 2-15 p.m. Mr. J. A. Gascogne, 11, Kendall-place, Park lane.
Leicester, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 170, Curzon-street.
Leicester, Silver-street, Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. F. C. Smith 54, Bismark-street.
Leigh, The Avenue, 10 a.m. Mr. Hurdus, 43, Clifford street.
Lincoln, Progressive Hall Coultham street, 10-15 a.m. Miss K. Crawshaw, 80, Hewson-road.
Littleborough, Hartley-street, 10 a.m. Mr. John Crowther, 2, Clough Head.
Littletown, Well-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss A. Hirst, Well-street, Littletown, nr. Liversedge.
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London, Battersea Park road, Henley street, 3 p.m. Mr. Percy Smyth, 30, Homefield road, Chiswick-rd.
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London, Upper Holloway, N., Grovedale road, 3 p.m. Mr. T. Taylor, 29, Hamilton-street, Camden Town, N.W.
London, Kingston-on-Thames, Assembly-rooms, Park Road, Hampton Wick, 3 p.m. Mr. F. I. Miles, 7, Cambridge road, Teddington.
London, E., Manor Park Shrewsbury-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Leonard Goater, 5, Holcombe-road, Ilford, Essex.
London, Peckham, Lausanne-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Clarkson 10, Foxberry-road, Brockley, S.E.
London, E., Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Miss T. Manning, 10, Khartoum road, Plaistow.
London, E., Stratford, Idmiston-road, 3 p.m., Mrs. A. T. Connor, 53, St. Jas. road, Forest lane.
London, Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Miss Alice Mitchell, 71, Hazelbury road, Edmonton.
London, Woolwich and Plumstead, Villas-road, 3-15 p.m. Mr. A. Wattoo, 4, Albartross street, Plumstead.
Longton, Stone-road 2 p.m. Mr. Hugh McCartney 67, Stainer street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.
Macclesfield, Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Hurst, 64, Peel-street.
Manchester Ardwick, 38, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Albert Jones, 41, Old Elm-street, Ardwick.
Manchester, Crescent road, Cheetham hill, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Jack Gershon, 36, Ann street, Halliwell lane, Cheetham Hill.
Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham-road, 10 a.m. Mr. J. Parkinson, 77, York street, Blackley.