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THREE HALF-PENCE.

Girls' Own Corner.

By
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GREENWOOD



SESSION PROGRAMME.

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Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	Mus. Reading.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
August 1	409	6	240	135	398
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August 29	381	42	231	135	309

*To be recited three lines alternately.

Pearls.

AUG. 1st.—"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

B. Franklin.

AUG. 8th.—"Rich soils are often to be weeded."

Francis Bacon.

AUG. 15th.—"Keep absolute calm of temper under all chances."

Ruskin.

AUG. 22nd.—"Remember that if the opportunity for great deeds should never come, the opportunity for good deeds is renewed every day."

AUG. 29th.—"Don't grieve more than a shilling's-worth over a lost shilling."

LOVE.

Love, then, has many definitions, and perhaps none of those quoted mean exactly what my readers mean by Love. There is, then, something more than mere words, or mere feelings. There is some power that sways the human mind and becomes the master of the individual. Under its impulse, the boy is forgetful of all else save the being whose charms have captivated him; the girl, too, is moved by its passion and thinks only of the one who has in some mysterious way set fire to heart and brain, and she lives in perpetual love-

land. Is it strange then, that these two should show certain manifestations of this overpowering force, especially as the "Manual" has it in one of its poems,

"If with a firm, unchanging faith,
A holy trust and sigh,
Those hands have clasped, those lips have met,
These things shall never die!"

No, the wonder would be greater if they did not.

When I first took part in a Lyceum Session this poem was sung, "Things that never die," in which the above lines appear. I well remember the smiling, giggling, blushing that occurred as those words were sung, and as surely when the chain march followed those hands did clasp with more meaning than the ordinary hand grip. We, who had experienced it, saw these little signs almost without looking, and felt it was an act of the little god called Cupid.

Whenever Love is mentioned among young people how many regard it flippantly and seem to have no idea of its real meaning. Girls very often forget all modesty and put themselves in questionable positions, ignore conventional ways of propriety, put their arms about the lad's neck, and with a direct gaze, show how absolutely lost they are to all sense of delicacy and decorum—that is not Love. It is the animal propensities forcing their way to the consequent shame of very often both parties.

Men sometimes say of such a girl, "Forward Madam!" "impudent thing!" etc., and no self-respecting fellow would be caught in that way.

Love, as contrasted with fascination, is very different to the above little picture. It sees no evil; it is pure; it is beauty.

"If thou thinkest evil, be thou sure
Thine acts will bear the shadow of the stain;
And if thy thoughts be perfect, then thy deed
Will be as of the perfect, true, and pure."

The following poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

LOVE SONG.

Once in the world's first prime,
When nothing lived or stirred:
Nothing but new-born Time.
Nor was there even a bird—
The silence spoke to a star,
But I do not dare repeat
What it said to its love afar,
It was too sweet, too sweet.
But there, in the fair world's youth,
Ere sorrow had drawn breath
When nothing was known but Truth,
Nor was there even Death,
The Star to Silence was wed,
And the Sun was priest that day,
And they made their bridal-bed
High in the Milky Way.

For the great white star had heard
 Her silent lover's speech;
 It needed no passionate word
 To pledge them each to each.
 O! lady fair and far
 Hear, oh hear, and apply!
 Thou the beautiful Star—
 The Voiceless Silence, I.

Bluebell Guild.

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

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

My dear Bluebells and Readers—

Last month I asked you a question. Do you remember what it was? I asked "Can you write a story?" and I quite confidently expected many of you saying, "Yes, of course I can," and proving it by sending one on to me.

How many do you think I have received so far? Not one! I do believe many of my Bluebells are asleep, and I wish the sunshine would kiss them, and the breezes shake them, until they awoke; and remembered that, like their namesakes, they have work to do. "What work?" do you ask? Why (1) to practice *always* the objects of our Guild; (2) to write letters to our Page telling of your own experiences, etc., and (3) to write a storyette for the benefit and pleasure of the other Bluebells. Oh, no, you are not *all* asleep;—some of my faithful and earnest ones have cheered me by writing dear, kind letters to me during the past month. Yet, even then, I was disappointed; for on opening each one, I said to myself, "Now at last there's a story for my Bluebells by a Bluebell"; and each time I found I had hoped in vain.

Well, never mind, at least they were thinking of me and our page, and I sincerely thank each one of you for your loving and appreciative letter; and trust you'll keep up your interest and write again.

Also, I've been glad to be able to enrol eighteen new members, and I heartily welcome one and all to our ranks. You will, I hope, each have received your membership card before you read this. Now for our letter-bag—and please let the reading of its contents inspire you others to do likewise;—only "go one better" and include a story (composed by yourself) in your letter!

Number one came from Radcliffe (near Manchester) and reads:—

Dear Flora Belle:—

My letter has been a long time in reaching you, but now I will try to make up for lost time. As I have read your chats with the Bluebells in the BANNER, and your plea for more letters, it struck me as being rather discouraging to you in your efforts to instil into the minds of the children the joy that is derived from following out the rules of our Guild. I trust that success shall be your reward, and that the Bluebells shall realise to what extent your thoughts have travelled, in order to bring about such a state of affairs. I think, when I see my card upon the bedroom wall, what beautiful thoughts must have passed through

your mind to enable you to form such a Guild. Sometimes I get up in a temper, and then my eyes chance to glance at the card. Then strange thoughts will flit through my mind, and I begin to think. Then will come a calm, and—after the calm—joy, and my soul seems born again, and my faith is strengthened anew. So, dear Flora Belle, I am pleased to be a Bluebell for the peace it has brought unto me. I hope it may have touched another's heart the same as it's touched mine.
 I remain,

Yours lovingly,
 VIOLET MAWDSLEY.

The next came from Dewsbury:
 Dear Flora Belle:—

Just a line to say I have not forgotten that I am in the Bluebell Guild. But, with this war being on, I have had several friends to write to. I think that if the Kaiser heard all the wishes that I have heard people wish him, he would not be so happy.

I suppose you will not have heard that we have adopted a baby. She is such a bonny-looking little thing that I am sure no-one could help loving her. Her name is Emily, and she will be ten months old on Tuesday.

It will soon be our feast at Dewsbury, and I am looking forward to a very enjoyable time, as I am going to a wedding too on the Saturday.

I remain,

Your loving Bluebell,
 MARY ANN DAY.

I was very pleased to receive a letter from Wath-on-Dearne (near Rotherham), viz:—
 Dear Flora Belle,—

I now take the opportunity to write to you as a member of the Bluebell Guild. I am pleased to inform you that we have commenced a Lyceum here, at West Melton, where I am now residing. I joined the Guild as a member of the Rotherham Lyceum; but work necessitated my removing to Wath.

When our Lyceum is organised properly I intend inviting all our scholars to become members of our Bluebell Guild; as it will act as a stimulant to them to try and put into practice some of the good principles of Spiritualism, which they will be taught from the *Lyceum Manual*.

I hope this letter will help you to feel that, although I have neglected writing before, I have had a great interest in the welfare of *our* Guild.

Wishing you and the Guild every success.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,
 WALTER RAWLINSON.

My next letter came from Hull, and says:—
 Dear Flora Belle:—

As you will see I am keeping my promise and writing to you again. We have just spent an enjoyable week-end, and a busy one too. As you are aware, we have had the S.N.U. Conference here. On Saturday morning a great many Lyceumists went to various stations to meet the delegates and escort them to the Hall. Of course we were there all the day as they were coming at different times. I think the busier you are the happier. I am sure we were all happy through all the bustle. Last night (Monday) we had a social rally, which was an immense success. In fact, we could not find enough chairs for the people.

We had games, and Eastbourne Street Lyceumists gave us one or two songs and dances, which were very much appreciated by the delegates and us. I think the BANNER has sold well this month, seeing that we have Grandpa Wright's photo in it. I was very pleased to see it, as we vie with each other in loving him. I must close now.

I remain,

Your ever faithful Bluebell,

QUEENIE WILSON.

Next came two letters which brought me names of new members, first, from Fleetwood, and second from Gateshead, both cheering me by promises of other names to follow.

Dear Flora Belle,—

I am sending on to you three names for the Guild, and hope we shall have more shortly to forward you. We are just now having a hard fight for existence, but hope to conquer,—then on to greater success.

Yours fraternally,

J. C. WALLER, Sec.

When you do write to me, my Bluebells, will you please write on *one* side of the paper *only*; and give your number which is on your Bluebell card!

There's no story for you this month. Whose is the fault?

Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

FLEETWOOD LYCEUM.

3859 Cissy Hague. 3860 John Cooke.
3861 John Coe.

DUNSTON LYCEUM (GATESHEAD).

3862 Mary Keeler. 3870 David Elliott.
3863 Grace Johnson. 3871 William Elliott.
3864 Francis Wilkinson. 3872 John Aitken.
3865 Edith Ellis. 3873 Robert Aitken.
3866 Leonard Ellis. 3874 Lena Mann.
3867 William Ellis. 3875 Violet Lowery.
3868 Freda Ellis. 3876 Ralph Lowery.
3869 Sylvia Johnson

For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

MY DEAR CHUMS,

I thank N. Haley and C. Ballard for their solutions which were nearly all correct answers to the puzzles. Merit cards have been duly posted to them. Here are the solutions:—1, Try; 2, Rue; 3, Yes. Double words: 1, site, sight; 2, right, write; 3, boy, buoy; 4, quay, key; 5, read, reed; 6, seed, cede; 7, cheque, check; 8, colonel, kernel. Hidden Lyceums:—1, Colne; 2, Dundee; 3, Brighthouse; 4, Earby; 5, Chesterfield; 6, Bury; 7, Littleton; 8, Barnoldswick; 9, Cleckheaton; 10, Batley Carr; 11, Dunfermline; 12, Gateshead.

Can you guess these hidden Lyceums? 1, Red sun land; 2, Something which comes every night and a town in Lancashire joined by the letter S; 3, Tint work pa; 4, Fred calif; 5, Idletomdn; 6, Then came rs.

I want to tell you about our country. We are soon to have a census taken of all the people in the British Isles. All the things I know which have happened or I have read about during my life have a place in my memory which feels and seems just like a library. All

the new things taking place revive some verse, chapter or book, relating again to me some old incident, linking up the present with the past and giving a sad or happy feeling, through the memory of what has passed.

This new census or registration has brought back the memory of a happy, instructive, association with a very old man whom I met when I was quite a young man, going from town to town, with the object of improving the knowledge of my trade.

This old man had worked energetically at his business, leaving his sons the result of his labours. He was a wise old man and gave much time and thought to the welfare of the poor, interesting himself in the social, religious and communal life of the district in which he lived. My old friend lived at Derby and was a Justice of the Peace. He started a cheap lodging-house and coffee-tavern for the very poor, became very interested in the study of his lodgers, endeavouring to trace the rise and progress of poverty in England.

I met my friend for the first time at a lantern lecture, when he used a lantern and slides made by himself. I have never, before or since, seen a lantern more ingeniously arranged; this was typical of all he did and his original character caused me to ask him many questions. I now tell you what he told me.

There are many historians who have related the doings of kings and queens and many chroniclers to tell of the splendour of their pageants and the glory of their wars. Our object will be to search out the varying fortunes of the poor, and if we can, to discover how the labouring people have fared during the centuries through which our national history runs. There are no annals of the poor, of their work and sufferings, except in the record of their wages and the cost of their living. History crowds its pages with great names, but tells us very little of the common people. They who take note of the pittance which the peasant or artisan earned, and of the cost at which he spent wages on needful food, can interpret a little of the hardship of his lot, the poverty of his life, and the overwhelming hopelessness of his condition.

As we examine the history of our land, we shall find a strife almost equal to civil war has been going on for six hundred years. On the one side we find the peasantry, who have been trying to live upon their native land in peace and security; on the other side the aristocracy have persistently endeavoured to either retain the peasants in serfdom or to drive them off the soil, heedless as to whether they lived or died. I am sorry to write this, but it is very true. We shall find that for four hundred years after the Norman Conquest, in spite of all opposition, the peasants improved their lot: then came terrible changes, brought about by greed, through which the common people fell into awful grinding penury. This abject, deplorable misery reached its worst period about one hundred years ago, but its bitter results have come to us through succeeding generations to the present day.

When the Norman King William had conquered England, it was very natural that he should have a survey of his newly-acquired lands. He therefore sent officials to enquire all about the various estates of the realm, as to who held the numerous manors, what they were worth, how many families lived upon them and how many cattle each family possessed. This information was most carefully obtained and written down in

what we call the "Domesday Book," which now forms a valuable record of the condition of the people of England over eight hundred years ago.

There were about two million people. Three-quarters of these were engaged in agriculture and the rest were gentry, towns-folk, monks and clergy. The larger part of the country was forest and uncleared moor or fen land, but there were quite a thousand little manors or villages dotted down all over the face of the country. The villages were formed of small groups of low one-roomed huts, with thatched roofs, without windows, and few had chimneys. They were surrounded with large tracts of open arable land, divided into long strips and open common or pasture land, which reached often to the next village. In the centre of the village or manor was usually a church, a corn mill, and the Manor House, wherein the Lord of the Manor generally lived.

By this Manorial or feudal system the people were in a great measure tied to their village homes. They must serve their lord, till his ground, and look after his cattle, in return for which they had no wages, but had the cottages free and could use, also freely, strips of land to sow and plant for themselves. They could not sell their land or leave the village without the lord's permission. They could not give their daughters in marriage or sell an ox without consulting their masters, yet they were not slaves or serfs. That condition had almost entirely disappeared. Every few months the people gathered together and took part in the election of petty manorial officers. The Steward of the Manor presided, disputes as to the possession or inheritance of land were decided sometimes by a jury of villagers.

The medieval manor was thus a little world to itself. The peasants lived hard laborious lives, but food was plentiful and cheap. They had very little or no money, but they had common pasture for their cattle and the use of the woods for their pigs. They knew almost nothing of the outside world, yet formed a small co-operative commonwealth, self-supporting and self-contained.

To be continued next month by your sincere chum,
GEO. FREDK. KNOTT.

WHAT ARE ANGELS ?

By H. T. WHORLOW.

The translators of our Bible performed their gigantic and difficult task in a manner which on the whole reflects creditably on their patience and scholarly attainments. But they appear to have been unduly impressed in some instances by the narrow and erroneous ideas prevalent in their time, and they seem to have gone out of their way to find words and phrases that do not correctly represent what is meant in the original Hebrew or Greek M.S.S. The result is that we have many conflicting passages in our version, and numerous texts that mystify instead of edify, and, in some important instances, are positively misleading. The translators did not in every case call a spade a spade, let us say, but preferred to translate it spade in one place and hoe in another. In some cases therefore while a connexion is preserved between either word and its original, the text is confusing because it is inaccurately rendered. This would not perhaps matter very much if only trifling subjects

were involved, but such discrepancies sometimes concern highly important and serious subjects such as Eternal Punishment, Satan and Sin, and our concept of God. We have in our version in several marked instances of, one word meaning one thing, which represents two, three, four, or more words meaning different things in the original. Here is a striking example. The Hebrew words *Tirosh*, *Nain*, *Shecar*, *Eshisha*, *Mesech*, *Shemarin*, *Asis*, and *Sobhe*, and the Greek *Oinos* and *Glenkos*; meaning variously, growing fruits, freshly gathered fruits of orchards and vineyards, intoxicating wines, non-intoxicating fruit drinks, preserved fruits &c. are all translated "wine" or "New Wine" So we have passages in which wine is commended, and others in which it is condemned for no apparent reason except that it *is wine*. In some texts God's blessing rests upon it, and in others it is under his curse. Consequently texts can be quoted to give scriptural approval equally to the conscientious abstainer from intoxicating drinks and to the unspiritual inebriate who "who puts an enemy in his mouth to steal away his brains."

Such irregularities are terribly misleading to those who unwisely make a fetish of the Bible and follow a literal reading. Unhappily the churches have *never discouraged* a textual reading of the scriptures, so our orthodox brethren take their Bible as a child takes its medicine, by swallowing it blindly, errors and all, without knowing what is good and what is not.

The prevailing confused ideas about Angels and Spirits, are due in a great measure to weak translations and careless readings, and partly to the superstition that angels were created before man, and are a higher order of beings than human spirits. How or when this idea originated I do not know. It was probably derived from Pagan Mythology, as doubtless was the notion of Satan being cast out of heaven. The Jewish idea of heaven by the way was quaint and entirely erroneous. They imagined three heavens, one near the earth where the birds fly, one in the clouds where the "stars" were supposed to be, and one beyond the stars where God was located. They were of course quite ignorant of the real character and magnitude of the celestial universe, and quite innocent of the very patent fact, that heaven is a spiritual condition and not a geographic location. We do not blame them for they knew no better. . . . There is much that we do not know, that science and knowledge will reveal to future generations. The story about Satan, being a fallen angel is of course but an allegory, teaching the fact that evil can have no place in the perfect spiritual condition which *is* heaven.

It appears to be founded upon Rev. 12th, wherein is a fanciful account of a fight between "Michael" (whoever Michael was) and a red dragon whose "tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth." This dragon is called Satan which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth and so on. "Woe to the inhabitants of earth and sea, for the devil is come down with you having great wrath." And on John 10. 18. which states "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." The texts carry their own condemnation as statements of fact; because there never was a personal Satan, and heaven is not a location in the clouds. . . . This Satan story is no doubt derived from the Pagan myth

concerning Bellerophon who was cast from heaven by Zeus. A ravaging monster figures in that story. It is half lion and half dragon and there is a fight with the dragon which is eventually exterminated. The Perseus and Andromeda myth, and that of St. George and the Dragon are also akin to the Michael and dragon story. The churches have fostered similar stories and fantastic ideas about angels and devils, we can however readily prove from the Bible itself that angels are spirits of human beings. If Biblical evidence is in accord with human experience in ancient and modern times, and with scientific research and common sense, then the facts of the survival of the human spirit with its individuality, its consciousness, and its aspirations, and that such spirits are the angels of the Bible, cannot be disproved by a few texts which are founded on ignorant and superstitious ideas.

Now, we have one hard fact to start with, which of itself should be convincing. The Hebrew word of which "Angel" is the English equivalent, is "Malach" and the Greek word "Angelos" both of which mean Messenger."

So there can be no doubt about what the correct scriptural reading of "Angel" is—An Angel is a "Messenger." A spirit charged with a mission or message. That it is a spirit, and the spirit of a human being, we shall show by quoting texts in which spirit and angel are identical.

A man charged with a message is a messenger, but he is a man all the same.—So a spirit charged with a message is an angel or messenger, but is a spirit all the same.

Angels are human spirits, and if we were to eliminate the term "angel" altogether and substitute "spirit messenger" we should have a correct reading of those numerous passages in which the operations of spirits are described. "Angel" does not mean the person or being, but the office or function exercised, and it is clearly an error to regard the messenger, and spirit conveying the message, as distinct and different beings. All spirits are not angels, but all angels (in so far as the term applies to spiritual beings) are spirits.

Here are a few instances in which angels are identified as spirits, in the Bible.

In the 12th chapter of Acts we have an account of Peter's release from prison (by spirit power by the way), Peter went straight to the house of Mary, mother of John. Mary not knowing of Peter's escape supposed he had been executed and his spirit had come to her with a message or greeting. She exclaimed "It is his 'Angel,'" meaning, of course, his 'spirit' . . . Spirit manifestations and angel visits were as we know quite common occurrences in Biblical times.

Jesus told the Sadducees (Mark 12. 25.) that when the spirits of men enter into *spirit life* they will be subject to the same conditions as the *other* Angels among whom there are no sex distinctions. "For when they shall rise from the dead they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the *angels* which are (already) in heaven." When Peter was called by a spirit to the house in Caesarea, he spoke of the messenger as a spirit, while the man at the house called it an angel i.e. spirit messenger (Acts IX., 12, 13.)

Jesus, when speaking of little children whose spirits being free of sin, go direct to that high condition

which is near to God, calls their spirits "*Angels*". "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones, for I say unto you that in heaven their angels (spirits) do always behold the face of my father which is in heaven" Matt. 18, 10.

In Heb. 1. 13, 14, we have the further testimony of Jesus that angels are spirits. But to which of the *angels* said he at any time sit on my right hand? Are they not all *ministering spirits* sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Here is a definite statement by the master that angels are ministering spirits, and that they are sent by God to bring erring men to salvation. This may be noted in connection with evil spirits which I may refer to presently.

I commend the following text to those who rely upon belief that angels are a superior order of beings to spirits. "God . . . who maketh his angels spirits" Heb. 1, 7. Taken literally this makes angels to be of a lower order, and that God elevates some by spiritualising them. If John 10, 18. is to be taken literally then this must be so taken, and in that case what has the literalist to say? But this text is not to be read literally. It really means that God makes angels (messengers and missionaries) of good spirits.

The scriptures teem with angel visits and evidences of spiritual communion. "An angel spake unto him" John 12, 29. "My God hath sent his angel" Dan. 6, 22. "The angel that communed with me" Zek. 1, 14. Joseph was warned by an angel (spirit messenger) in respect of Mary his wife.

He was warned by an Angel of Herod's designs against the firstborn.

A Spirit spoken of as a *young man* appeared to Cornelius.

The Spirits of Moses and Elias appeared to Jesus; and Paul, Daniel, Peter, Ezekiel, John, Samuel, and many others of the Prophets and teachers were influenced and directed by spirits.

The Spirit of Jesus came many times to help and strengthen his followers.

Indeed there are so many instances of the communion of Spirits (Angels) with mortals, and of the exercise of spirit powers and influences in the Bible, that if these were eliminated there would be very little of the Bible left.

The Angelic spirits are called Angels of the Lord, Ministering Angels, Spirits of just men, Messengers of God, and so on. But for the operations of these Angelic spirits, all that is best in the scriptures would never have been written.

It is difficult to realise that any conscientious reader of the Bible can dispute the fact so strongly evidenced that Angels are spirits of human beings who have lived this physical life and passed into the world of spirits, where life is as real and as earnest as it is here. The scriptures clearly evidence the reality and the activity of spirit life, and what was God's design and God's truth *then* is so *now*. God is the same yesterday, to-day and for ever, and His laws once in operation abide for ever. The experiences of the prophets and the apostles are the experiences of to-day. We are still surrounded by "a cloud of witnesses." Our world is peopled with millions of spirits who, as Milton says, "walk the earth unseen;" but our spiritual natures are debased by selfish material-

ism. We do not develop the spiritual gifts with which God has endowed us, so we have eyes but see not.

Here is another instance which occurs to me, whereby "Angel" and "Spirit" are shown to be identical. When Mary saw what she supposed to be the ghost (spirit) of Peter she spoke of it as his "Angel." And when the disciples saw what they thought was the "Angel" of Jesus walking on the sea, they said it was a "spirit"—His spirit (Mark 6, 49).

But I need not go further into this. It is perfectly clear that the *angels* of the Bible are spirits of men, and the *spirits* of the Bible are spirits of men; that spirits become angels when they are spiritually qualified and fitted to "do the will of the Father of Spirits."

The foregoing refers to Angels who are spiritual beings, as it is only with these we are concerned in this paper. The term "Angel" was, however, applied not only to spirits as messengers, but to *human beings* as messengers, Ministers of the churches of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Sardis and Philadelphia, were called "Angels" because they were messengers of God. Therefore Wesley, Luther, Calvin and other teachers would be angels irrespective of course whether or no their message was true or only partly so. This affords further proof, if any were needed, that "Angel" refers to the office, mission, or message, whether the messenger be a spirit or a human being.

There are bad angels as well as good. They are the spirits of evil men, and are frequently spoken of as "devils" in the scriptures. No doubt all evil spirits will become spiritualised and be good spirits in time—some sooner than others. In their degraded condition, these poor suffering angels are also messengers, but messengers of evil, i.e., devils; but they will some day, some sooner and some later, be good angels, doing the will of the Father of Spirits.

According to the celestial hierarchy of Dionysius the angels of *knowledge* and *illumination* are of a higher order than those of work and office—we can readily admit this if it means that those who have been long in the spiritual state and have acquired a higher knowledge of God and spiritual things, are more exalted and God-like than others who are not yet so highly spiritualised.

It may be noted that although the correct meaning of Angel is missioner and messenger, the term angel appears to have been applied not only to spirits operating, but to spirits not operating or ministering, at least, at the time they are spoken of as angels (see again Mark 12, 25, Matt 18, 10, &c.). But that is further proof of the identity of Angel and Spirit. The strict application of the term Angel (Hebrew "Malach," and Greek "Angelos" messenger) is however to *spirits conveying warnings, messages*, and otherwise operating in spiritual manifestations of which there is so much in the Bible.

The Bible is not only our guide in respect of the life, teaching and example of our beloved spiritual brother Jesus; it is an authoritative text-book on spirit operations and spirit communion. It is of the utmost value to spiritualists, by affording scriptural confirmation of the experiences of to-day, and it should never be absent from a Spiritualist platform.

IS THE EGO SOUL OR SPIRIT?

The term 'Ego' is derived from the *Latin*, and means the real *I*, *You* or the real undying *Self*. It is desirable that we analyse the two terms "Soul" and "Spirit" in order to ascertain which of them is most suitable to apply to the Latin term "Ego," that we as a body, may be agreed on the definite use of those words, and cease using them as interchangeable terms, as if they had the same meaning; for it must be self-evident that the Ego is superior to the physical body in which it lives. In time the body dies, but the Ego does not die. Similarly it must be self-evident that the Ego is superior to the body in which it lives after it has left this world, for those bodies in the other world continually change or die; the old and gross giving place to the new and refined.

Now the question that presents itself for our consideration is, "What is the nature of the body in which the Ego lives in the other world of life and activity when it has done with this world? If you tell me its nature is "Soul," and by that you mean that it is a real objective body; it follows as a natural sequence that it (the Soul) must partake of the same nature as the objective world of which it forms a part, similarly as our physical bodies partake of the same nature as the physical world of which they form a part. Therefore, the nature of the body being "Soul," it follows as a natural sequence that the other world beyond this world is a soul-world, and not a spirit-world as is generally assumed, and therefore, in order to be consistent, we should alter our nomenclature in order to bring it into line with the definition of Soul; for the term 'Spiritualist' does not refer to the Ego, or real self, but to the world in which the real self lives and moves and has its being. It must be self-evident that the Ego is the same whether it lives in the physical body, or the soul-body.

Are the members of our Study Groups, who are the prospective teachers or leaders in our Lyceum Groups, and also the prospective exponents of our grand and glorious facts proving the continuity of life, our philosophy and religion prepared to make the following changes: namely, to change "spirit-world" to "soul-world"; "spirit-spheres" to "soul-spheres"; "spirit-form" to "soul-form"; "spirit-homes, temples, trees and flowers," to "soul-homes, temples, trees and flowers"; and last, but not the least, to change "Spiritualism" to "Soulism?"

Personally, the above changes do not commend themselves to me. I am a Spiritualist, and prefer the name which has compelled the attention of the religious and scientific thought, and brought consolation to thousands of mourning people.

I feel sure the members of our Study Groups will not adopt the above definition the "soul" when they once realise the drastic changes it will necessitate in our distinctive nomenclature as a movement if we are to be consistent in its use.

There is an alternative which is safe: easy and simple, the adoption of which I have advocated for several years, but I find that "errors hoary with age, and custom grown," like weeds in a garden, are difficult to eradicate. The alternative to which I refer is to define "Soul" as the *Ego*, and "Spirit" as the *body* in which the soul dwells, and through which it mani-

feats in the spirit world. So that at death it changes its physical body for a spirit body, which bears the same relation to the spirit world as does the physical body to this world.

If we, as a Lyceum Movement, adopt the above definition, and interpret our *Lyceum Manual* on those lines, we shall clear away many misunderstandings and perplexities that now vex and harass our conductors and teachers.

"Step forward, dear friends, and keep the time with Truth,

Be manly as men in the ardour of youth;
Step forward, not backward, nor ever aside,
At bidding of custom, ambition, or pride;
Step boldly, but truly, erectly, and well,
The fruit of your labours the future will tell;
If you are but faithful, and never despair,
But live for the Truth, and *its* glory declare."

THE EDITOR.

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, nee Shelhamer, who has kindly given her permission for their reproduction in "The Lyceum Banner."

(Continued from July issue, page 110).

ILLUSTRATIVE INSTANCE OF THE REFORMATION OF A SPIRIT.

Some time since—years ago, as mortals measure time—an individual came to the spirit world who presented a most deplorable and pitiable condition. He had been one of those unfortunates who are reared in iniquity; it would seem almost as though the doctrine of total depravity was demonstrated in his case. His spirit was stained with crime in its various degrees, and at length his earthly career terminated upon the gallows, in expiation of the life of a little innocent child he had ruthlessly destroyed. It would be impossible for me to describe to you the tortures of misery through which this spirit has passed, such suffering as I can only faintly conceive of; it must undoubtedly be experienced to be understood. But this I am assured of: the torments of a lake of literal fire and brimstone would be pleasant compared to this. At first he seemed plunged in an abyss of apathy, of squalid and stupid helplessness, from which he would occasionally arouse only to curse humanity, and send out a revengeful, diabolical influence which, from the intensity of its power, as directed by the positive will of this evil-minded man against those who had accused him of wrong-doing and condemned him to his present condition, sped like a ball of fire bearing destruction in its heart to the peace of mind, happiness and prosperity of more than one who had testified against him.

It became the mission of Beulah to operate upon the mind of this terrible creature, and she set about the task without flinching. For a long time he seemed impervious to her ministrations, insensible of her presence and influence; but she did not falter, nor grow weary with her work. Finally the magnetism of her presence began to be felt, and to arouse him from his terrible condition, he began to perceive dimly that a bright and

beautiful being was beside him. This tended to frighten him, and he struggled to get away; but all in vain. He tried to utter an oath, but found himself powerless to do so. There was an influence upon him which he could not understand; a light seemed to stream in upon him from which he vainly tried to hide. An illuminating light which radiated from Beulah, and which all pure, exalted spirits bear, had at last begun to penetrate the darkness of this man's spirit; all-searching in power, it seemed to lay bare every recess of his being, and he recoiled from the exposure. He could not hide himself in darkness, for all gloom had perished; nothing remained but that, to him, terrible light which revealed to him his past life in all its deformity. This was punishment of the direst kind, and he writhed in torment. In the clear light of Beulah's magnetism he beheld the sweet face of the little one he had bodily destroyed gazing upon him with pitying eyes. The sight overpowered him, he sought to shut it out, but he could not do so; still it haunted him, and he could not escape it until it was withdrawn to give place to another,—one loving, earnest, kindly brooding over him like the face of an angel mother,—only, alas! this poor soul had no angel mother to guide it. The being who had given him mortal birth still dwelt on earth a degraded, besotted, helpless creature. The face he now beheld was the face of Beulah. The sweet, benign expression of this face calmed and comforted the man; he stretched out his hands to it in humble supplication for help, and from that moment the evil in his nature was broken and subdued; for, dawning upon his mind came a faint realisation of that life where holy ones, such as this beautiful being, reside, and with it a desire, not a hope, not a belief, but only a wish to be good entered his being and pierced it through and through.

The experience through which this man passed, which I have briefly and hastily sketched for you, was one bitter and keen in intensity, one not of moments, but of years; and all this time Beulah had laboured, hoped and watched for the dawn of reason in his mind, which came with the abandonment of evil thoughts and purposes, and the adoption of that condition of mind which recognised the supremacy of goodness, and desired to learn and know something of it.

THE WORK CARRIED TO COMPLETION.

But the work had now only commenced; for if it was difficult before to cope with and overpower a mind reeking with evil thoughts and impure desires, how distressing was it to witness the struggles—almost hopeless as they were—of this spirit to get away from the remembrance of his past evil career. How sad to behold him putting forth feeble efforts toward feeling kindly concerning others, and to see him fall back despairingly with the thought that they could never associate with such as he! How touching to witness his endeavours to cherish only pure desires and to banish evil from his mind, even while the memory of past days haunted him with horror. And yet every thought, desire, aspiration, and effort for good which he made brought with it such a power to encourage and uphold him that it became impossible for him to sink back into his former condition of degradation and iniquity; and as time rolled on, his struggles with self gradually grew fewer and easier, until at length right triumphed and wrong was overcome. Through all this time, Beulah encouraged and supported him by

her presence, her magnetic power and her words of cheer; and, as experience after experience came to him, his conditions brightened. He was led out of the gloom, out of the forests of unpleasant and inharmonious surroundings, until at length no longer sandy wastes and rocky places were his home, but fertile fields and blooming forests offered shelter and refreshment to his weary spirit. And at last, when her work with him was finished, and she beheld him a soul redeemed from sin through suffering, developed from ignorance by experience, made even peaceful through his power and desire to assist others, Beulah brought to him the sweet spirit, now grown a beautiful young woman, whom he had sent untimely into the spirit world, to be his teacher, helper and guide.

He could bear to look upon the sweet face now, could humbly listen to the teachings of one so pure and good; all wretchedness and misery which it was possible for him to experience had been passed, and therefore he was prepared to accept the ministrations of this beautiful being in lieu of those of Beulah, whose duty called her elsewhere. And thus harmony of life was restored to the burdened soul; the presence of the one he had injured only served to make him more humble in spirit, self-sacrificing and benign, charitable, pitiful, and tender to the erring and degraded whenever they were to be found. Beulah departed to her celestial home, where a glad, fond welcome awaited her; but the soul she had blessed remained in his own spirit home, not to grow idle or neglectful of others, but to do unto those in need as he had been done by; to impart strength, courage, and knowledge to his fellows while still continuing to advance in spiritual attainments himself.

You may wonder what connection the spirit brought to this man by Beulah had with his work. The spirit maiden was not with him all the time, other good spirits were associated with him in his temporary home and his work; but whenever she felt that she could be of any use to him, this sweet spirit would come and lead him to whatever place she felt there was a lesson awaiting him. Sometimes it would be to spots on earth where spirit help was required by suffering mortals; sometimes to haunts in spirit life where a higher influence was required by struggling souls, and sometimes to the homes of little children in the Summer-land, whose happy, peaceful lives afforded a valuable lesson to the observing spirit. From all these experiences he of whom I write gathered power, strength, and light to go on with his work.

THE REFORMED SPIRIT RETURNS TO EARTH TO HELP TO REFORM OTHERS.

One instance of the good work accomplished by this same arisen, reformed spirit I must relate to you. It was after he had become strong in his manhood and powerful to resist and conquer evil. He had for some time felt a desire to revisit the lower haunts of spirit life, where he had once lived, feeling that perhaps he might be able to help some unfortunate one as he had been aided during the past. Yielding to the impulse, he found himself drawn into deep darkness, but only for a moment; for the light emanating from his own person penetrated the gloom, and enabled him to behold his surroundings clearly. I cannot dwell upon his experiences here, but must hasten on to tell you

that the first spirit he encountered who was immersed in the darkness which a besotted, sensual life on earth surrounds one with, was his own mother,—the being who had given him a mortal birth. Here was work for our reformed spirit, indeed; and he set about it right royally, never faltering, never growing disgusted or disheartened. I cannot tell you of the almost infinite amount of care, patience, endeavour, and affection our redeemed one exhausted on that selfish, stupid, and ignorant mother before he was rewarded by one answering gleam of love and the sight of one faint desire in her inmost being to be like him. But at length he succeeded in his work, from which he paused not until the redeeming power was fully and freely making its way through the soul of that woman, and slowly but surely lifting her up to the level of the pure and the good,—a sight over which angels and seraphs might weep for joy,—that a once-hardened criminal, though now a redeemed and honest spirit man, labouring unselfishly, earnestly, and constantly to elevate a wretched, degraded, and dishonest woman—his own mother—out of the bonds of darkness, and haunts of sin, a work that was finally accomplished, and which brought gratitude, joy, and honour to many hearts.

This is no fancy sketch I have penned for you, but a recital of what has actually occurred, as related to me by an interested witness of the entire work from its beginning to its completion.

ZENCOLLIA CITY AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

Shall I speak of my surroundings in the Summer Land? Shall I tell you of the beautiful city that we call Zencollia,—meaning literally, "city of light,"—so called from the brilliant rays which are reflected back from its towers, minarets, and gleaming walls when the sunlight falls upon them? The spires and towers of this beautiful city gleam in the distance as I am seated by my eastern window. Its white walls, glistening with alabaster-like spotlessness, seem to tell of purity and peace.

A TEMPLE OF LEARNING.

Amid that wonderful array of exquisite workmanship a great temple arises, its massive dome seeming to crown the structure with a crown of living light. This grand temple I have visited in company with dear brothers, who have gained a comprehension of truth and knowledge in the wisdom-schools of the spirit-world, and who have become familiar with the interior of this shining temple from frequent attendance upon the instructive lectures delivered therein. This temple of learning is the most massive building I have ever beheld. It is surrounded by an open space paved with delicate pink and white tiles of shining, transparent stone. A flight of variegated marble steps leads to the vestibule, which is also paved with pink and white tiles.

The building contains four spacious halls, the finest of which is dedicated to Science, the second to Literature, the third to Metaphysics, and the fourth to Music. Each hall is furnished with roomy seats for the accommodation of the audience; a raised platform at the farther end, upon which stands a marble table,

and a cushioned seat, something like a capacious sofa, serves for the accommodation of the speakers and teachers.

The floors are all paved with variegated marble,—white, streaked with delicate pink and sea green; the pillars look like carved ivory; the walls are adorned with beautiful paintings, representing some illustration of the nature of the work to which the hall is dedicated; while the lofty ceilings are frescoed in the faintest azure, white and gold.

One of my companions, a student in the hall of science, was eager for my admittance there as a spectator, which was soon obtained. At the time of my visit the seats were filled with a throng of people, young and old, of both sexes. The lesson was on the laws of chemistry; and the speaker, a gentleman, apparently forty years old, but whom my brother assured me had been in the spirit world many, many years, had a number of strange looking instruments before him, with which to illustrate his discourse, and to prove the truth of his theories by experiments.

(To be continued.)

The Value of Lyceum Open Sessions.

We very often complain that our Lyceum session fails to attract fathers and mothers to listen to the children on these occasions, and especially those parents who claim to be Spiritualists. This, I venture to think, is largely our own fault. Do we make our Open Sessions sufficiently attractive to impel the parents of the children to attend! I fear we do not.

THE OPEN SESSION

Is about the only means we have of demonstrating to the public at large, the advantages to be gained through the children being educated in a Lyceum instead of an ordinary Sunday School.

A LYCEUM SCHOLAR

Who has received a thorough Lyceum training is fit to face the world in any department. There is no system in existence at the present time, that can equal our system, if, our children are correctly and thoroughly educated according to the rules and regulations, as set down by our founder, Andrew Jackson Davis, and further enumerated by our General Secretary, Alfred Kitson, and our dear sister, Jessie Greenwood.

OUR SYSTEM

Brings out the best in each scholar, it teaches a set of morals that is unequalled in any other system, it teaches a child to memorise, to read correctly, to speak grammatically, to move and walk gracefully and orderly. It gives such a physical training to the body, that is beneficial to the child in after years; and further, a Lyceumist, thoroughly trained, is a Lyceumist to the end of his or her days.—IT CAN NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

But to revert to our previous question? Do we sufficiently shine, individually and collectively, to attract the parents' attention to them, we must first our Open Sessions.

If we are to make our Open Sessions a success and

attract the parents' attention to them, we must first interest the children by adopting such measures that will encourage each child to take some part in our Open Session, either by reciting, reading, singing, the quoting of pearls, or words of wisdom, or through our physical manifestation, in our marching and calisthenics.

And to do this you will see that everyone who is officially connected with the Lyceum is necessary and requisite if our session is to be a success, *no one must be overlooked*. The Secretary, Conductor of Lyceum, of marching and calisthenics, the Leaders, the Guardians, and the Captain of the Guards (or Doorkeeper), all will be required to perform their separate and important duties.

To me the latter officer (*the Doorkeeper*) is *most important*.

We recognise someone at the door who will speak to and make each one welcome, and to see that they have, both a good seat, and a *Manual*. (The best of all good books, and sometime I should like to say a word or two about this *Manual* of ours). For a kindly word from our doorkeeper has the effect of putting strangers at ease and making them want to come again.

THEN THERE IS THE MUSICAL CONDUCTOR.

We must have good and correct playing if we are to have good singing and marching. The *Conductors* of *marching* and *calisthenics* should be carefully selected, for to these two officers is entrusted a most important duty.

I know that many people have visited our Open Session for the first time, on purpose to see this portion of our session, and have been most agreeably surprised.

THEN COMES OUR SECRETARY AND CONDUCTOR.

Sometimes our Secretary is apt to be overlooked, but it is to him we look for our Register being correctly kept, to our Whit-week arrangements, and matters concerning speakers, dates, etc., and last, but not least, our Secretary is responsible for the full report of our Open Session appearing in the LYCEUM BANNER, which by the way, Mr. Secretary, a copy of this clever little paper should be in every Lyceumists' home, so that the parents could peruse it at their leisure.

Then our Conductor, upon whose shoulders rest the bulk of the work, and many times the least praise.

OUR CONDUCTOR

Should be kind, gentle, patient, but firm, with a desire to instruct and educate those under his or her care, to the best of his or her ability, and when the Lyceum Session comes round he has the pleasure in witnessing the fruit of his labour.

He should not take up the time devoted to the children by making long remarks, but give each child who is taking a part every opportunity of shewing to the parents what they have been taught, and by the applause that they in turn receive for their efforts, the Conductor will, in turn, receive his just and well-earned reward.

SPEAKERS.

Should *not* be engaged for Open Sessions unless it

is the Anniversary Session. Then it would be advisable to ask Mr. Alfred Kitson, or any other of our Lyceum grown ups, who *thoroughly understand Lyceum Work and Sessions*, to speak for you. For any of these stalwarts would, in half an hour's time, say all that is requisite to prove to parents the importance of their children receiving a Lyceum training.

IN CONCLUSION.

THE LYCEUM OPEN SESSION

Is the children's day, and we should see that the children are taught to do the work, and if the Conductor and the various officers do their share, rest assured the children will not fail to do their portion, providing they are given the opportunity.

Then if the children are allowed to work, the parents will naturally want to come and see them do it.

This plan being adopted, and each one being determined that the Session *shall be a success*, we shall have no reason to complain that our *Lyceum Open Session* has not been witnessed by the fathers and mothers, whose presence we so much desire.

F. JOHNSON, Pendleton.

Questions and Answers.

Under this head Lyceumists may ask questions bearing on the teachings of the "Lyceum Manual" and matters appertaining to the Lyceum Movement in general. All correspondents must give their full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith with the Editor. Letters should be addressed to the Question and Answer Department, the Offices of the Lyceum Banner 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

Mr. Reg. Bowmer, of Leicester, Silver Street Lyceum, asks us to answer the following:—

Question: "In what way is 'Study more than sacrifice,' as stated in the Golden Chain Recitation No. 117?"

Answer: The passage in question is a quotation from the 'Talmud,' a book held in high reverence by the Jews. The 'Talmud' is admitted to be a storehouse of valuable information regarding the religion of the Jews in its later development (see *Talmud* in the LYCEUM BANNER for February, page 24). Having ascertained the *nature* of the book from which the quotation is made, we are better able to understand its significance and importance. In the early periods of the Jewish teachings, sacrifices were looked upon as being of the first importance as a means of pleasing their god Yahveh, and atoning for sins. (The reader is referred to the first four chapters of the book called 'Leviticus,' for a list of the sacrificial offerings the Israelites were called upon to observe). Later, in place of sacrifices the Rabbis began to teach the importance of studying their scriptures, and commentaries as containing moral and religious truths which were described as being the 'getting of wisdom,' which is 'more precious than rubies,' and thus far superior, in moral and spiritual worth, than sacrifices. In doing so the Rabbis led their people a step forward in the march of progress.

"Dear Sir,—

At our Sunday morning Lyceum Session we had

No. 1 S.C.R. in which occur the following words, "All partial evil, universal good." Yet in the M.R. No. 220 we read "*Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*" The question as to good and evil does not seem to agree here. If "partial evil" (which can only be sown by man) produces "universal good," is the man that sows the evil punished, while other men receive the benefit of his actions? As we are unable to solve this problem we decided to appeal to you for the required solution."

B. Warburton, a scholar at the Leeds Easy Road Lyceum.

Answer: Our friend's difficulty arises from his losing sight of the subject of the Silver Chain Recitation, namely, "THE DIVINE ORDER." Note the first two lines:—

"All are but parts of one stupendous whole,
Whose body nature is, and God the Soul."

The remainder of the recitation deals with the marvellous powers of 'God the Soul' working *in and through* all the kingdoms of nature—mineral, vegetable, animal and human. God's wisdom and power 'glows in the stars, and blossoms in the trees!' What a tremendous contrast is here implied between the two states of matter as manifested in glowing stars and blossoming trees, which is effected by the matchless will and wisdom of 'God the Soul!' In the great laboratory of nature, worlds of fire have to be cooled, and their constituent properties changed into habitable worlds capable of sustaining all forms of life. During the cooling process gases are emitted from the interior of the earth which combine to form water. There are upheavals, and shrinkages (earthquakes), floods and storms which are the *partial evils* to obtain universal good, for the earth cannot be made inhabitable without them. Thus it will be seen that 'partial evil' does not refer to *man's* sinful actions, causing him to suffer while others reap the benefits as has been assumed. Consequently, there is no discrepancy between the affirmation quoted from the Musical Reading, No. 220, '*Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap,*' which is a moral law based on man's immortal nature. We would recommend our friend to study the science primer on Astronomy (dealing with glowing stars), and the one on Geology (dealing with the formation of the rocks of the earth's crust, the 'partial evils' referred to), price 1/- each, published by Macmillan and Co. Can be ordered of any bookseller.

In Memoria.

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

DEWSBURY (Bond Street).—Passed to the higher life, Miss Sarah Collier, aged 19 years, on July 22nd. A life-long Lyceumist, and loved by all.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL.—We regret to announce the passing on of our President's son, Wallace Hamilton, aged 11 years, on July 3rd, for many years a fellow Lyceumist.—Jas. Scott, Secretary.

THE LYCEUM RECITER.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, of which smiles and kindness and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart.
—*Sir Humphrey Davy.*

THE ETERNAL SUN.

Don't fret when clouds have hidden
The sun away from sight.
No cloud can last forever,
And soon or late the light
Will pierce with golden lances
The mists of earth, and then
The glory of God's sunshine
Will flood the world again.
The clouds that hide the sunshine
A little time away
Will make it seem the brighter
Because they were so gray.
And so, because we miss it
When shadows intervene,
We all the more shall prize it
When there's no cloud between.
Learn, heart of mine, the lesson
Of sunshine and of shade;
There comes a time of trouble;
Grief makes the soul afraid.
And in our human weakness
We oftentimes forget
That somewhere in God's heaven
His sun is shining yet.
O fretful heart, be patient
And in this faith abide—
Forevermore there's sunshine
Upon the heavenside.
Oh, think, and take new courage—
Be brave, and learn to smile—
Beyond the clouds of trouble
God's sun shines all the while!

—*Eben Rexford.*

THE DISAPPOINTED.

There are songs enough for the hero
Who dwells on the heights of fame;
I sing for the disappointed—
For those who missed their aim.
I sing with a cheerful cadence
For one who stands in the dark,
And knows that his last, best arrow
Has bounded back from the mark.
I sing for the breathless runner,
The eager, anxious soul,
Who falls with his strength exhausted,
Almost in sight of the goal.
For the hearts that break in silence,
With a sorrow all unknown,
For those who need companions
Yet walk their ways alone.

There are songs enough for the lovers
Who share love's tender pain,
I sing for the one whose passion
Is given all in vain.

For those whose spirit comrades
Have missed them on the way,
I sing, with a heart overflowing,
This minor strain to-day.

And I know the Solar system
Must somehow keep in space
A prize for that spent runner
Who barely lost the race.

For the plan would be imperfect
Unless it held some sphere
That paid for the toil and talent
And love that are wasted here.

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

ANGEL VOICES.

Through the shadows I can hear,
Softly calling—voices near,
Tones so sweet are borne to me,
Soars my soul in ecstasy.

Only shadows fold me round,
Through them plainly falls the sound,
From life's upper atmosphere,
Softly falling, pure and clear.

Like the sunlight through the cloud,
Like a pathway through a crowd,
So the voices seem to come,
And a new life is begun.

True the messages they bear—
Tidings from a world so fair,
That my soul is well content,
Biding here, till life be spent.

Wondrous is the strength I win,
From the voices heard within,
Peace and love they bring to me,
Faith in life's reality.

Patience, too, to work and wait,
Be it early, be it late,
Be the labour great or small,
For the largest good of all.

Voices of my loved ones say,
We are with you night and day,
Closer now than e'er before,
Healing hurts, and hearts so sort

Trust the voices—well I know,
We may hear—but listen low,
They are calling—never fear,
Through the soul's own atmosphere!

Wait within the templed dome,
Of thy soul—and wait alone!
Pulsing through the vibrant air,
Thou shalt hear the voices there!

—*Ella Dare.*

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Our readers will miss the familiar Portrait Gallery and Sketch this month. Two districts were invited, one for August issue, and the other for September. From some cause or other, not yet made known to us, neither of them have replied to our invitation, nor intimated their inability to accept it. Hence we have been kept waiting for the expected portraits and sketches—either of which would have been inserted—until it was too late to obtain the portrait and sketch of Mr. Batten, the representative of the Bolton Lyceum District Council, which will appear in our next issue.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the Bournemouth Spiritualist Society has decided to commence a Lyceum, and have elected Mr. Albert E. Taylor, who has had a long experience in Sunday School work, as its Conductor.

Lyceums have been successfully opened at St. Helen's and West Melton. Mr. George A. Mack, the Liverpool Lyceum District Visitor, opened the one at St. Helens, and reports most favourably on its prospects of a long and useful career. Evidently the Sunday School attached to the West Melton Church has suffered in membership since the Lyceum was opened there, as is evidenced by the Vicar canvassing the parents in the parish not to send their children to the Spiritualists' Sunday School.

A splendid report of the Lyceum Conference, held at Sheffield, appeared in the *Progressive Thinker*, Chicago, for June 26th, from the able pen of Mr. Ernest A. Keeling, of Liverpool.

Copies of the photo group of the Conference Delegates taken at Castleton may be obtained of Mr. J. K. Jones, 48, Palmer Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield, price 2d. each.

Mr. Alfred G. Miles, writing from Wellington, New Zealand, says that the great drawback with them is

that the old Spiritualists lend no help to the Lyceum there, but instead, send their children to the orthodox Sunday Schools. This practice is not confined to New Zealand. Nevertheless we wonder of what nature is their Spiritualism? Evidently not of the kind that characterises our pioneers and reformers who dared an hostile world for the sake of Truth that made them free men and free women.

The following significant letter, along with a postal order for 10/6, has been received from the Liverpool, Daulby Street, Lyceum:—

"Dear Mr. Kitson,—

"Consequent upon the abolition of the Permanent Secretary Fund, at the recent Conference, Daulby Hall Lyceum gave their careful consideration to the hope expressed by one of the Delegates, that Lyceums who had hitherto subscribed to the P.S.F. would in future years forward their customary amount as a donation to the Union funds. I have, therefore, pleasure in enclosing a postal order for 10/6, which amount our Lyceum decided to send as a donation to the General Fund of the B.S.L.U.

"Yours faithfully,

"J. C. THOMPSON, Sec."

Our Liverpool friends are heartily thanked for their donation. Perhaps others will follow their noble example.

A note has just reached us from Mr. Harry Walker, of Crewe, to say that his father, Mr. William Walker, of Buxton, who has done such splendid propaganda work with his limelight exhibition of Psychic Photos, taken under strict test conditions, passed to the higher and grander life at 9-30 p.m. on July 17th.

While our sympathies go out to Mrs. Walker and family at the physical loss of a loving husband and devoted father. We heartily congratulate our arisen co-worker on his PROMOTION to the higher and fuller life of eternal joy and happiness.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the LYCEUM BANNER has made arrangement with Prof. T. Timson, of Leicester, to give brief delineations of character, spiritual gifts, talents, and health in these columns to LYCEUM BANNER readers. Photo, lock of hair, handwriting, with age and sex, must be sent by those desiring readings, together with sixpenny postage stamps, along with the LYCEUM BANNER Delineation Coupon (as under), to Prof. T. Timson, 3, Museum Square, Leicester.

The LYCEUM BANNER

DELINEATION COUPON,

August 1st, 1915.

Marriage.

Ordinary intimations will be inserted as follows:—The first twenty-four words, free. Sixpence for every additional nine words, or part of nine words.

ROYTON (Spring Garden Street).—On the occasion of the marriage of our Conductor and Organist a social was held in our Lyceum, attended by about fifty Lyceumists.—P. Barrow.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The Executive of the above Union held its quarterly meeting at Lincoln on July 10th and 11th. Lincoln is an old historical place, and was an important Roman station and colony. It can boast of the following historic buildings:—The Jews' House (12th century); the Stone Bow (a 15th century town-gate); St. Mary's Convent (16th century); John o' Gaunt's Palace; the High Bridge, with houses on it; the Castle, erected by William the Conqueror; and the Cathedral, a noble pile, doubly cruciform, with central tower 271 feet high, and two western towers. Lincoln is also the capital of Lincolnshire, and like most capitals is very conservative in its customs and beliefs. That Spiritualism should be able to establish a footing amid such conditions speaks well for the courage, energy and determination of the four Spiritualist Societies who hold regular Sunday services and week-evening meetings. There is a Lyceum held in the Coultham Street Spiritual Church to which the children of the four Societies are sent to be trained and educated in the teachings of Spiritualism. Mr. Harry C. Dobby (lately elected a member of the Lyceum Union's Executive) is the Conductor, and Miss Kathleen Crawshaw its able Secretary; and there is an energetic staff of Officers.

The Lyceum was founded in Lincoln some seven or eight years ago by Mr. Fred Nicholson, who also founded the Lyceum at Hull, as recorded in the sketch of Mr. Charles W. Wright in our July issue. The same gentleman founded the Lyceum at Darnall, Sheffield, a few years previously.

The Lincoln Spiritualist Societies united with their Lyceum to make the visit of the Lyceum Union's Executive a memorable occasion.

The members of the Executive were met at the railway station by Misses Crawshaw, Robinson and others, and conducted to the Lyceum, where they were greeted by the local friends, all partaking of a well-served tea.

The time for greetings and genial amenities was soon over, as the Executive were called upon to deal with the important and urgent business of the Lyceum Union, which claimed their attention from 6 p.m. to 10-30 p.m. Even at that late hour they found it necessary to defer the consideration of certain important items until Sunday noon and tea time.

All the members of the Executive were present, and promptly at 6 p.m. the President, Mr. E. Vickers, called the meeting to order, and offered a heart-felt prayer for guidance in their deliberations.

The President signed the Roll Book, and was handed his copy of the Presidential Lyceum Manual, to which had been added his second year of office.

He next extended a cordial welcome and the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Harry C. Dobby, the newly-elected member.

The latter, in briefly acknowledging same, said he hoped to be of real service in the furtherance of the Lyceum cause during his term of office.

The minutes were duly considered and confirmed. The various reports were considered and accepted, and finally adopted *en bloc*.

Mrs. Jessie Greenwood was heartily thanked for past services as the Hon. Secretary of the Permanent Secretary Fund, which office she had well and faithfully filled for twelve years.

It was decided that the Finance, Literary, and Education be standing sub-committees of the Executive Council, and that they be elected annually.

Members of the Finance Committee were elected as follows:—The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Mr. Robert A. Owen.

The following formed the Literary Committee:—The President, Secretary, Mr. John M. Stuart and Mr. Harry C. Dobby.

The following were elected members of the Education Committee:—The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Mr. G. F. Knott, Mr. H. Hargreaves and Mrs. Nurse.

The allocating of business to the various committees was left in the hands of the President and Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were presented, and duly considered from the Manchester Lyceum District Council; Hollingwood Lyceum; Mr. Welch, the Sheffield D.V.; London (Battersea); and Mr. E. A. Keeling.

It was decided to print 5,000 labels suitable for insertion in prize books; the sale price of the said labels to be fixed by the Finance Committee.

An invitation from Accrington, China Street, for the Executive to hold its January meeting there, was accepted.

Applications for Membership from the following Lyceums were duly considered and ordered to be placed on the Roll:—Birstall, Calgary (Alberta, Canada), Fenton, Todmorden (Eagle Street), and West Melton.

SUNDAY.

The services were held in the City Sale Room, Beaumont Fee, at 10-30 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.

The morning service was opened by the singing of "Welcome to All." Mr. Thomas H. Wright offered the invocation.

Four Lyceumists, led by Miss Crawshaw, the Lyceum secretary, then stepped forward and rendered a pretty welcome, each one reciting an appropriate verse, and then all reciting in unison, concluding by presenting to each number of the Executive a button-hole flower. The incident was highly appreciated by the recipients and enjoyed by the audience.

The President suitably acknowledged the "Welcome" and the flowers.

In his address the President emphasised the fact that there is no death, and in support of the affirmation instanced Mr. Davis' vision of the children in the Summerland, which led to the founding of the Children's Progressive Lyceums, which were now being formed throughout the English speaking world.

Mr. Latham, past President, on responding to the President's call, humourously likened the speakers as goods to be disposed of, seeing they were assembled in the City's Sale Room. He commented on the contrast of the mental freedom of his own town and the conservative satisfaction of the psychological conditions of the city. He wanted his audience to feel itself free to think in line with the truest and best of their aspirations. He emphasised the importance of inculcating correct ideas in the minds of the children concerning the Brotherhood of Man, and what it implies for their social life. They could not endorse the teaching of 'salvation by faith,' for it contained no merit on the saved other than passive

belief. True salvation lie in saving themselves from evils by constant daily effort to overcome evil passions and tendencies. Children who are taught to think for themselves and decide on their daily life of action would not need protecting, as they would act from an inward consciousness of right.

After the singing of "We all might do good," Miss Hesp, Vice-President, in a fervent speech, remarked that they were there with a purpose which was to try and present some facts concerning the Lyceum movement. Some sixty years ago, Dr. A. J. Davis received certain truths by spirit vision. As a result of making those truths known over 200 Lyceums were in existence, and banded together in unity for mutual help and effort. To-day they were face to face with great facts and opportunities. What had Spiritualism to offer them? A harmonious education. Not cramming the child's mind, but presented certain truths before it and leading it by natural methods to think for itself. These truths were on the lines of doing right because it was right, and being free from creed and dogma it must appeal to their better nature. She concluded by reciting a poem on "Progress."

Mr. Hargreaves, of Nelson, was the next speaker to be called upon, who advised his hearers to get hold of the strings of human life and pull them in the right direction. They had failed in the past in grasping the true religion, and he asked, "Are we to fail in the future?" "All might do good." They needed men to do good, and not evil. He wondered if their own order of Spiritualists would learn to do good? He referred to the newspaper reports of a vision seen by a certain section of the army, and of its frightening the enemy, and added it was a reflex in the psychological atmosphere of the old religious teachings. Spiritualism elevated woman to her proper place in the home and the social state. Her deeds were not those of slaying and destroying, but deeds of love in helping the distressed. He concluded his remarks by reciting a poem entitled, "This is my task."

After the singing of the hymn "Trust in God and do the right," Mr. Knott pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON'S OPEN SESSION.

The Open Session, conducted by the President, was well attended by a deeply interested audience. After the singing of "Open the Door for the Children," Mrs. Nurse offered the Invocation. The S.C.R. "There must be something wrong," was led by Mr. John M. Stewart, who offered a few words of comment on the recitation.

The M.R. "Steps of Progress" was led by Mr. Thomas H. Wright, who also commented on the same.

The G.C.R. "Our Rights," was led by Mr. George Fred. Knott, who made a few comments.

Then came the display of marching and calisthenics, under the guidance of Mr. Harry C. Dobby, who prefaced the exercises by a few well-reasoned remarks on the need of the exercises, adding that the Lyceum sought the development of the physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual nature of the child. The performance was highly creditable.

The children then rendered the following list of recitations: "The Song of the Angels," Lizzie Butt; "The Windmill," Eric Sharp; "Home," Edith

Andrews; "Trip Lightly," Fannie Harrison; "Do Good," Eva Tomlinson; "Burial of Sir John Moore," Stanley Sharp; "Five Naughty Bunnies," Sydney Andrews; "Jenny's Portrait," Paul Cotton; "We are Seven," Elsie Tomlinson; "Get up early," Walter Harrison; "Faith, Hope and Charity," by Stanley, Eric, and Sydney Sharp; "A little child lead them," Alice Tomlinson; "Invitation to the Lyceum," Ada Crawshaw; "Take Courage," Albert Bailey; "The Village Blacksmith," Wm. Tomlinson; "The Wind in a Frolic," Sydney Sharp; "Silver Raindrops," Madge Posnett; and "The Pedlar's Caravan," Reggie Andrews. "Seeds of Promise," was sung by three young ladies, the Lyceum joining in the chorus.

The President called on Mr. Robert A. Owen to address the Lyceum and friends.

Mr. Owen appealed to the visitors and asked if they had heard, or seen anything that was not of an elevating nature? To Spiritualists who were not sending their children to the Lyceum, he appealed to them to send them. To Spiritualists who may be feeling weary of the struggle, he appealed to them to look at their duties. He advised the boys to have high ideals and purposes in life, and strive to attain them.

Mr. Knott was the last speaker to be called upon, and he captivated the boys' attention at the beginning and held it to the finish by his anecdotes and lessons drawn from life, vividly portraying the boy's nature. His address will long be remembered by them. The conductor of "The Boys' Page" was immediately surrounded with them at the close of the session.

Mr. Dobby, on rising to make the announcements remarked, "They were building a great temple by their Lyceum work." After the singing of "The Lyceum Band," Mr. Kitson pronounced the benediction.

THE EVENING'S SERVICE.

There was a large and deeply interested audience assembled for the evening service, ably presided over by the President of the Lyceum Union.

After singing "Welcome to All," Mr. Thomas H. Wright, offered the Invocation.

The President remarked on the object of the visit of the Executive Council, who had devoted their energies on the Saturday evening to the consideration of matters of vital moment to the rapidly growing Lyceum movement, and were devoting the whole of Sunday to expounding the claims of Spiritualism in general, and the Lyceum system in particular. The Lyceums were the Sunday Schools of the Spiritualists. He felt sure the members of the Executive would be able to give them something concerning Spiritualism worth bearing in mind.

The first speaker to be called on was Mr. John M. Stewart, of Glasgow, who prefaced his address by relating a legend of two Greek saints, one typical of the passive believer; the other typical of the active worker, and added, they, the speakers, were there that evening in the attitude of the worker. It was the custom, up to a few years ago, to regard the child as of no account. But to-day the state was waking up to a recognition of the great importance of the child. He desired to compliment the people of Lincoln of the death rate of children which was returned as being seven per thousand births. Shef-

field, the town from which their president came, was double that of Lincoln, it being 14 per 1,000. Dewsbury, the town of their Secretary, had a death rate of 15 per thousand, while Glasgow, the town he represented was 19 per thousand. These figures represented much of the conditions of the working people. More attention was needed to save these innocent lives. He said they taught children about the change called death and the spirit world, and the naturalness of communication therewith, and how to make themselves receptive to spirit guidance.

After the singing of the hymn "Lead spirits bright," which was sung with much fervour, Mrs. Nurse, under spirit control, spoke with much force of the fact of spirit communion, long denied by professors and scientists, but now acknowledged by all honest investigators. The dead, so-called, return to bear testimony to the fact that they are not removed far away beyond the blue skies, as they had been taught. Spiritualism knows no class distinction. "All are but parts of one stupendous whole, whose body nature is, and God the soul."

Mr. Owen was the next speaker, who related, in simple phraseology, his introduction to Spiritualism as a boy. He told of his severe illness, and when his recovery was despaired of by the doctor, how the spirit people had restored him in a few days' time. The incident made such an impression upon him that he resolved to do all he could to promote a religion that healed both body, mind, and spirit. He was pleased to stand before them to bear his testimony to the fact of spirit communion.

Mrs. Greenwood under the spirit control of "Earnest," greeted the old workers to whom he gave several messages of cheer and encouragement. The old pioneers were present inspiring, and enthusing the workers to-day, as they had been inspired in the early days. New orders of thought and research needed new measures to carry on the work to a successful issue. Truth is eternal and can not be quenched.

Mr. Alfred Kitson was the last to address the meeting. But as our space is already overtaxed we beg to be excused from giving a summary of the address.

The President, on behalf of himself and colleagues, expressed his deep appreciation of the kind reception they had received; of the splendidly sustained efforts of the Lincoln Societies, and their Lyceum; and also of the musicians who had added so much to the harmony and joy of all their services by the sweet strains provided. He wished on all their efforts God's blessing, and the help of their angel friends.

This brought the first visit of the Executive Council to Lincoln to a happy close.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

DISTRICT VISITORS' QUARTERLY REPORTS, ENDING JUNE 27TH, 1915.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.—There are 15 Societies in this district, 7 of which have no Lyceum.

Walsall.—Prompt start. Singing and responses well rendered. Groups were formed. Good order

and attention well maintained. Good sessions are being held.

Foleshill.—Order good. Singing and responses very good. Marching well done. Lyceum well conducted. This Lyceum seems to be united in love for, and devotion to the good work. I feel sure if the members of the parent society would visit the Lyceum they would be well repaid.

Coventry (Bull Street).—It was their Lyceum Anniversary on the occasion of my visit. Mrs. Bentley being the speaker. Fifteen boys and girls gave a welcome, each one reciting a verse in turn. There was splendid order and attention throughout the session. Marching, calisthenics, and the singing was very good. Great credit is due to the Leaders for the very happy session they provided. Expenses 4/2. A. O. THOMAS, D.V.

BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 11 Societies in this district, 3 of which have no Lyceum. One interview has been sought and held. Result uncertain.

Bradford, Ivy Rooms (Carlisle Road).—A general improvement all round. Variety in marching giving an added interest to the session. The standard of excellence in the Liberty Group was well maintained.

Bradford (Bankfoot).—I visited this Lyceum in the afternoon. A good session, but time too short for any remarks to be made. Expenses 1/6.

Shipley.—A very good session was held. Many new scholars have been secured by the help of individual Lyceumists, who are striving to see which can gain the most scholars.

Bradford (Harker Street).—This Lyceum has grown in numbers since my last visit. There is, also, a general improvement throughout the session. Fares 1/6.

Interview with Cleckheaton Society. Fares 2/3.
MISS MARY L. STAIR, D.V.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 13 Societies in this district, 3 of which have no Lyceum.

Sowerby Bridge.—May 30th. This Lyceum had more leaders, and seemed to be in a more efficient condition than it has been for some time. There was 44 members present, 14 of which were males. I should like to see more males present. The Liberty Group has a circle in the morning. They might with advantage devote the time to intellectual exercises. I led the Excelsior Group in the morning, and Liberty Group in the afternoon, subject, "The Spirit World," illustrated with diagrams. Fares 1/8.

Halifax Raven Street).—June 20th. Two years ago this Lyceum held the first position as the most efficient in the district. It has greatly decreased from nine Groups to four. I drew attention to this decrease and urged that a real effort be made to restore it to its former strength, and was glad to learn a committee meeting was to be held to deal with the matter. Fares 1/6.

Slaiithwaite.—June 27th. This is a small Lyceum, in a country place, but it is alive and thriving. Their smartness was a surprise at the open-air Demonstration. Fare 3d.

I am pleased to add that the Elland Lyceum has been re-opened. SETH ACKROYD, D.V.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 22 Societies in this district, 7 of which have no Lyceum.

In the morning of April 4th I visited *Dow Street, Hunslet*, and found 25 present. This is a new Lyceum, and is in good working order. Responses, marching and calisthenics fairly good. A very good session. In the afternoon I visited *Bethel Street, Leeds*. I had been told it was closed, and was pleased to find the report was not correct. There was 24 present, and about 16 of their members had gone to Morley to render a service of song. They had about 45 on their register. A very good session was held, ably conducted by Miss Woodhead, who is a good worker in the Lyceum movement. Expenses for both visits 1/3.

Littletown.—On May 2nd I visited this Lyceum, along with four of the Dewsbury Lyceumists. Although the Lyceum is small in number (there being 15 present) a very interesting session was held. The children both asked questions, and also answered questions put to them. Fares 7d.

Birstall.—This is a newly opened Lyceum which I visited on June 20th. There were 17 present. They hope to make their effort a success, and would welcome visits from Lyceumists in the district. Fares 5d.

Heckmondwike.—I visited this Lyceum in the afternoon of June 20th. Twelve of the Dewsbury Lyceumists accompanied me to help make the Heckmondwike Lyceum Anniversary a success. Successful services were held.
J. COLBECK, D.V.

LIVERPOOL LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 15 Societies in this district, 5 of which have no Lyceum. The Society at St. Helen's has been visited, and are expected to open a Lyceum shortly. Will Lyceumists in the vicinity kindly help as soon as the opening is known? Fares 1/3. Correspondence 3½d.
GEO. A. MACK, D.V.

LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 26 Societies in this district, 14 of which have no Lyceum.

Peckham.—This Lyceum is suffering on account of some of the officers being unable to attend owing to the war. Otherwise this Lyceum is doing fairly well. Fares 1/-.
Manor Park.—This Lyceum is increasing in numbers, and improving in songs, recitations, pearls, marching and calisthenics. I wish them continued success.

Stratford (Idmiston Road).—This Lyceum, though young, has made up its mind to work good results, and they are steadily making progress.

Little Ilford.—This Lyceum has improved both in members and quality of session since my last visit. Recitations were good.

Fulham.—This Lyceum is working well. I hope they will go on progressing and make their Lyceum a power for good. Fares 1/-

Holloway (Grove Dale Road).—Pearls, recitations, marching and calisthenics were good. The session was good and harmonious. Fares 10d., postages for the quarter 1/3.
M. CLEGG, D.V.

MANCHESTER LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 8 Societies in this district, all but one have a Lyceum.

Collyhurst.—Children very attentive; numbers small. Session orderly. Fares 4d.

Harpurhey.—Conductor, Miss Elliott (away sick), which is to be regretted. Good and attentive session. Punctuality would make a great improvement. Many late. Fares 4d.

Gorton.—Only a small room, and small Lyceum. Stronger singing and responses would make the session much brighter. Fares 2d.

Princess Road.—Open Session. Mr. Vickers, President, present, and also many visitors. A good response by the children.

Ceetham Hill.—A late state, and few present. The Society is talking of closing the hall. Fares 4d.

MRS. ANNIE E. BENTLEY, D.V.

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.—There are 20 Societies in this district, all but one have a Lyceum.

Brierfield.—April 4th. Late start, 24 present. Reading good; nice discussion on the readings. Marching very careless and out of step. Calisthenics very smart. Taken altogether this Lyceum is going on very well. Fares 2d.

Darwen.—April 18th. 34 present. Reading and physical exercises good. Music splendid. A good session throughout. Fares 2/6.

Preston (Clarke's Yard).—April 25th. 39 present in time, 12 late. The session was good throughout and very harmonious. This is a very nice Lyceum. Fares 3/10.

Rawtenstall.—May 9th. Prompt start, 43 present. All the Songster music being played from memory very creditably. A good session. Fares 1/10.

Barnoldswick.—May 16th. Late start, 14 present. A very fair session considering numbers. A striking feature of the session was the brilliant answers to questions by Violet Rushton, a young Lyceum scholar. Fares 1/9.
REUBEN LATHAM, D.V.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.—There are 16 Societies in this district, all of which have a Lyceum.

Middleton (Gilmour street).—April 18th. Reading, marching and exercises finely rendered. A very good session throughout. Fares 8d.

Heywood.—May 23rd. Punctual start. A very good programme was gone through. The various items were given with expression. Credit is due to the Conductor for the efficient manner in which the session was conducted. Fares 1/1.

Dearnley.—I visited this Lyceum on June 20th, and was glad to find progress had been made since my last visit. The officers of the Society interest themselves in the welfare of the Lyceum, which promises well for the future.

Littleborough.—In the afternoon I attended this Lyceum, but found they had changed the time of session from afternoon to morning. Fares 1/7.

Hollinwood (Byron Street).—On June 27th I made a friendly visit to this Lyceum, and was pleased to find them in a good condition. A very pleasant and harmonious session was held.

WILLIAM CHISNAL, D.V.

SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district, all but three have a Lyceum.

Barnsley.—April 11th. I was very sorry to learn they had no morning session as announced in the *LYCEUM BANNER* and *Two Worlds*. The afternoon session was 20 minutes late in starting, with a poor attendance. General conduct bad. Marching and calisthenics require more energy putting into them to gain the physical development they are capable of giving. I hope to see *more workers and a great improvement* on my next visit. Fares 4/9.

Chesterfield.—On May 30th I paid my official visit. The session was 8 minutes late at starting, with 34 present, out of 60 on the register. Eight more came late. There was a marked improvement in conduct when the Conductor announced that the D.V. was reporting on the session. The stringing of the titles was excellent, and was the most pleasing part of the session owing to its quality. The pearls, marching and calisthenics were good. Responses to questions were given readily. At the afternoon session only 25 were present, but the conduct was good.

Rotherham.—June 6th. Sixteen minutes late at the morning session, with only 31 present out of 66. The responses in the recitations were well rendered. A drawback to the session was the lack of a musical conductor. Afternoon session 12 minutes late, with 35 present. Good recitations and conduct. Marching and calisthenics fairly good. A Lyceum Badge was offered to the best reciter among the boys. I was asked to be the judge. I hope to see more workers on my next visit. Fares.

MR. WELCH, D.V.

STOCKPORT LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 12 Societies in this district, 6 of which have no Lyceum.

Ashton-under-Lyne.—This Lyceum still maintains its efficiency, and is well conducted. There is an improvement in the attendance. The whole session was pleasant and harmonious. Fares 1/-.

Mossley.—This Lyceum is still struggling to improve its position. There was an increased attendance, and everything passed off well, showing the officers are doing their duty. Fares 8d.

J. MARSTON, D.V.

THE TEESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 10 Societies in this district, all of which have a Lyceum.

Witton Park.—This Lyceum was started on April 11th with the help of the Teeside District Council's Executive, when a fair number were present. I visited them on May 2nd, when there was a late start, with 35 present. They have 42 on their register, which is excellent considering the village and its people. The responses, pearls, recitations, and singing were good. The remainder of the time was devoted to learning the marching and calisthenics, in which all seemed to take a deep interest.

Stockton-on-Tees.—June 20th. Present 19. Responses fair. Recitations very good; pearls, solos, marching and calisthenics very good. The adults could help to improve this Lyceum very much if they would attend.

Middlesbrough.—June 20th, afternoon. Change of Hall since my last visit. Present 44. Responses, pearls, marching and calisthenics were good; singing fair; groups in good order. Fares (including Stockton) 3/3.

FRANK COATES, D.V.

TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT.—There are 21 Societies in this district, all but 5 have a Lyceum.

South Shields (King Street).—April 4th. There were present 16 children and 2 adults; no musical conductor. Recitations and responses moderate. I would like to hear of the members of the parent society taking a deeper interest in the welfare of the children. Fares 1/-.

Sunderland.—April 25th. Attendance not so good as on my last visit. Recitations and pearls well rendered, and marching good. Fares 1/8.

Newcastle, Benwell.—May 9th. There were 62 children and 2 adults present. I was pleased with the interest shown by the children in the responses and questions. This Lyceum could do with a few more workers; they would help to preserve order.

Newcastle (Rutherford Street).—May 16th. A very good session, with a moderate attendance. Marching and calisthenics good. Punctuality could be improved.

Gateshead.—A very good attendance. Responses could be improved. A little more enthusiasm shown would be helpful.

WM. HALL, D.V.

WHAT IS OUR DUTY AS A SPIRITUALIST?

To live our lives nobly and well. To cultivate the very best qualities that lie within us. I think it is generally agreed that we all enter this world with some of our ancestors' characteristics, some good and some bad. Then it behoves us as Spiritualists, when we arrive at the age to know right from wrong, to each one examine our own lives and see where our faults and failings lie, and having found them, we should strive with a strong determination that with the help of God and the angels we will fight against them, and if possible expel them from our very being. We ought at all times to try to be good exemplars both in *words, deeds, and actions* to the children. It is not necessary for us to try to force Spiritualism upon other people, but by living our lives as pure and God-like as possible, practising love, unselfishness, truthfulness and sympathy, so let our lives shine, that we may show unto the people that there is something in Spiritualism, that is worthy of a man or a woman's attention.

In conclusion, may I ask each one to try to do their duty as a Spiritualist.

MRS. M. SMITH, Ossett.

Correspondence.

THE RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN LYCEUMS AND SOCIETIES.

DEAR SIR,—I thought I would like to write on the above subject, in the hope that some one will suggest a method of improvement. During my connection with Spiritualism, which is not a very long one, yet has been a very eventful one for me, I find that the relations are not what they should be. The idea that is most in evidence, and which is a great drawback, is that Lyceums and Societies are two different bodies. Whereas they are but two parts of one movement. I think we could propagate a kind of fellowship which would create interest between the two. I hope this will arouse replies. J. B. COLDWELL.

A PROTEST.

DEAR SIR,—In defence of myself may I be permitted to reply to our friend, Mr. Owen, that is, if Parliamentary procedure will allow it? I shall have no need to apologise for anything that I have said, now that Mr. Owen says that whatever is, is right. It is very fine argument, but it does not satisfy demo-

cratic Rawlinson. I may further state that when I wrote the protest I was not seeking the admiration of anyone, but simply asking for justice. Now for Mr. Marklew's right. Section 4 of the Bye-Laws governing the Annual Conference states: "Each Delegate shall be limited to one speech on each question, not exceeding five minutes, except by the unanimous consent of the Conference to make a second speech, not exceeding five minutes. But the mover of a resolution shall be allowed ten minutes, with the right of five minutes reply." Now, Mr. Owen, that is in the Constitution. If it has been nullified by any recent alterations I am totally ignorant of the fact. Also Mr. Owen, if my memory serves me right, discussion was allowed on the motion. Did not our friend, Mr. Knott, and others speak on it. Further, you state that you was not opposed to the resolution. My dear Mr. Owen, those who are not for, must be against; there is no half-way line for yours humbly.

W. RAWLINSON.

LYCEUMS' SAVINGS BANK.

DEAR MR. KITSON,—Our Lyceum has for several years had the welfare of its members at heart in regard to saving money. Its members being chiefly children, a savings bank was instituted in 1907. The same being under the direct control of the officials of the Lyceum. The secretaryship was held by my brother John (now in spirit life) for three years; and also by our late Conductor, James Kendall, for two years; and I have held it for three years. The contributions are paid in every week and divided at Midsummer and Christmas each year, the effect being that the midsummer festival is assured; also the Christmas festivities. The first half-year in 1907 the amount saved was about £4, but it has gradually increased, and the last half-year amounted to £30. During the eight years of its existence the savings have amounted to about £200. I trust that you will find space in August BANNER for this, so that other Lyceums may be encouraged to start a savings bank for the benefit of the children.—Yours fraternally,

JENNIE KENDALL.

31, Osborne Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THE LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR,—

Many people are asking, What is the good of the L.L.D.C.; we get no benefit from it, and only give our help to a body composed of "Old Women?" Does not the phrasing of this complaint bring self-condemnation to those who criticise? 1st, it shows clearly they are not working with any interest in that organization, or they would know why it does not progress. 2nd, why is the L.L.D.C. composed of "Old Women?" Who put them there, and why?

Why can we not have a strong, healthy and enthusiastic L.L.D.C.? Let us be up and at it, everyone of us in London who are Lyceumists, remembering it is the individual element put into it that makes the L.L.D.C., or any other body, what it is. If Lyceumists cannot find enthusiasm, physical, mental, financial and spiritual, in their own Lyceums, what right have they or anyone to expect great things from the Council? Above all, if you want *business you must have capital*. How many Lyceums have given the proceeds of socials, concerts, etc., to the Council, as stated in the B.S.L.U. constitution? Why not have a financial sub-committee composed of associates? I think this would produce much good. Let us also fight out the Battersea business to an honourable end. It is not just for the Lyceum that we want Battersea kept going; it is for Spiritualism. Surely the London Lyceumists and Spiritualists are not going to let the whole world know Spiritualism is valued so little that this is to be allowed to lapse. Those who have done very good voluntary work are Plaistow, Brixton and Kingston. These Lyceums and Societies have combined to help. We also want the much respected President of this Church to be cleared of all inuendo and accusations which cannot be, if the Council (who put him there) use the "Kangaroo Closure" on his case. Self-respect and self-defence in this matter, please, Council.—Yours fraternally,

PATRICIA ASHLEIGH.

London.

LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCILS.

BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of the above Council was held on Sunday, July 4th, at our new Lyceum, Harker Street. Unfortunately, the weather was very inclement, but every Lyceum was represented. Mr. Rau occupied the chair until the arrival of the President, Mr. Simpson. The minutes were read, and after several matters arising out of them had been dealt with, were adopted. The correspondence was then read and the Secretary received instructions as to replies. In the absence of the D.V., Miss Stair,

the Secretary read her report, which was accepted. The Secretary then gave his report as Delegate to the B.S.L.U. Conference, which was accepted. The arrangements of committee for Children's Treat were then read and endorsed. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a plan for interchange of Conductors for one Sunday per month for the last three months of the year and present same at next meeting. Windhill Lyceum having made an application for speakers for their Anniversary on this day, the President volunteered to go, and it was agreed to. The B.S.L.U. Examination Scheme, as accepted by Conference, was then discussed and certain preparations made.

The Open Session in the afternoon was conducted by our Vice-President, Miss Preston. The following members of District Council took part:—S.C.R., Mr. Midgley; M.R., Mr. Taylor; G.C.R., Mr. Barnes. The following members of the Lyceum helped to make an enjoyable afternoon:—Recitations, Misses Annie Ward and Pollie Stead. Solos, Miss Hannah M. Snaith, Mr. Snaith and Mr. Wills. The evening meeting was addressed by the following members of Council:—Mr. Naylor, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Rau. The Vice-President occupied the chair. A vote of thanks to the Harker Street friends brought an enjoyable day to a close.

Next meeting, September 12th, at Boynton Street.

WM. BARNES, Secretary.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held its quarterly meeting at Huddersfield Ramsden Street, on July 11th.

Mr. T. Ellis presided over a fair attendance of delegates. Hebden Bridge was the only one not represented. The meeting commenced at 10.30, when the minutes of last quarterly meeting were accepted.

The Treasurer's statement, showing a balance in hand of £2 1s. 0½d., was next accepted. The statistical returns were the next business, and the President pointed out how much more useful the returns could be made if each Lyceum Secretary would only try and send them in according to the date put on them. The Council's Secretary could then compare quarter by quarter and be able to show either increase or decrease. The D.V.'s report was presented by Mr. Ellis, in lieu of Mr. Ackroyd, who was away at the Y.M. meeting at Halifax.

The Secretary then presented the report of the B.S.L.U. Conference at Sheffield on May 22nd and 23rd, 1915, which was accepted after some discussion. The next business was the Adjudicator's report, which was also accepted with thanks, and was ordered to be published in the August BANNER. The usual votes of thanks brought the business meeting to a close. In the afternoon and evening an Open Session was conducted by the President, some of the delegates taking part.

There were good audiences at both meetings.

W. BURROWS, Hon. Sec.

ADJUDICATION REPORT OF THE HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Name of Lyceum Total number of marks.	Punctuality.	Singing.	Reading.	Questions Answers	Discussions.	Conduct of Officers	Marching.	Calisthenics	Groups.	Harmony.	Attentiveness	Total.
Huddersfield (Ramsden St.)	12	8	11	8	11	9	9	11	11	12	12	102
Slaithwaite ...	12	8	9	8	10	11	9	10	11	11	11	99
Brighouse (Alliance) ...	12	9	8	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	97
Halifax (Alma Street.) ...	8	10	9	11	8	9	11	9	10	9	9	94
Huddersfield (St. Peter St.)	12	8	9	11	10	9	10	*	11	11	11	91
Sowerby Bridge	11	8	10	6	9	9	8	10	10	9	9	90
Hebden Bridge	10	7	8	7	7	7	8	*	8	7	6	60

* No Groups.

(Signed) W. BURROWS,

SETH ACKROYD, Adjudicators.

LIVERPOOL LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held at Daulby Hall, 14, Daulby Street, Liverpool, on Saturday, October 2nd.

Lyceums desirous of submitting business for consideration should send same to the Secretary not later than Saturday, September 18th.

A joint session will be held on the Sunday afternoon at 2.45 and a propaganda service at 6.30 in the evening for both of

which it is hoped that all delegates will make a special effort to remain.
E. A. KEELING, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. J. K. Jones presided over our Council, held July 11th. The minutes of the last meeting were passed and confirmed, after a little discussion.

There were only five Lyceums represented.

It was passed that the S.L.D.C. write and ask the Centre Lyceum to meet a deputation to see if they would get them to join the S.L.D.C., and thus strengthen the Lyceum movement in the district.

The correspondence was accepted as read.

It was decided that, owing to Lyceums having had one outing for their children and could not afford another, the S.L.D.C. withdraw with regret from the Demonstration in connection with the Sheffield Society District Council, to be held at Conisboro', on August 2nd.

It was also decided to try and get a demonstration in the Sheffield District, on Whit-Monday, 1916, for the Lyceums in the Sheffield District.

Our President read a letter from our late Secretary, who is in France, serving his country. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to him.

We held an Open Session in the afternoon, in which the following took part:—Mr. Humphries, Mr. Wimpenny, Mr. Haseldine and Miss Appleby, a new delegate from Attercliffe, who promises well in the near future for the Lyceum movement. Recitations were given by children of the Barnsley Lyceum.

The evening service was presided over by Mr. Jones. Invocation by Mr. Welch of Chesterfield. Mr. Welch also read the golden chain, "Our Duties."

Trance address by Mr. Humphries, who spoke strongly to Society members for the children's movement as the future success of Spiritualism.

Mr. Welch gave a very earnest address on "Spirit and after life." Mr. Humphries rendered a solo, "Over the river of light." Miss Appleby rendered Longfellow's "Resignation." Mr. Jones made a rousing appeal to Society and Lyceum members to work hand in hand together. He also thanked the Barnsley friends for the splendid way they entertained the Council. Mr. Humphries described spirit friends. Thus ended a most enjoyable day.
C. WIMPENNY, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

SOUTHAMPTON (Cavendish Grove).—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our Open Sessions, an event which is always looked forward to by children and friends. We spent a happy and enjoyable afternoon, although the attendance of visitors were not so many as we would like to see on these occasions. On Wednesday, July 4th, the children had their Summer Picnic, when about 50 sat down to a lovely tea. Mrs. Harris, our Treasurer, and also Mrs. Pilbrow deserve our warmest gratitude for the great service rendered, entertaining the children at their residence. After tea we spent a lovely time in the garden and woods, although the weather was very unsettled. Our hearty thanks to Mrs. Sam Crook for her kindness and help in providing toys and games for the races, which produced much fun. Mr. Penton and Mr. Barker were in their element in amusing the children. The joy of this picnic will be remembered for years to come. We thank all who helped Mrs. Penton.—Alice Watthey, 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 July 24th.

RULE 3.—Ordinary reports must not exceed 120 words. Special reports will be inserted as

follows: The first 120 words free of charge. All above that number will be inserted at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. Payment must accompany all special reports or they will be cut down and inserted as ordinary reports.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, August 25th, to ensure insertion in the September issue.

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

ACCRINGTON (China Street).—We held our Open Session on July 4th, with about 50 present. Dialogue by Misses Fielding, Unthank, and Willie Smith. Solo by Mrs. Fox; duet by Misses N. Ormerod and L. Lee; song by Miss Lena Crabtree; M.C. by Miss Lena Crabtree; G.C. by Mr. Tom Chambers. We closed with some very good and useful pearls.—H. Marfleet.

BIRKENHEAD (Bridge Street).—The annual distribution of prizes came round last month, when a number of Lyceumists received prizes. A special prize was given by our President, Mr. Roberts, to the only Lyceumist who had never been absent or late throughout the year—Selina Pinches. After the prizes had been disposed of, some of the elder scholars rendered a dialogue, entitled, "Tea and Scandal," in a manner which gave credit to their instructress, Mrs. Woodley.—Winifred Wilkinson, Secretary.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, June 27th, we held our monthly Open Session, Mr. Hopper conducting, and well assisted by Miss L. Callon and Miss C. Ferdinand. Recitations were well rendered by Master S. Lightbown, Miss P. Wilkinson and Miss B. Southworth. Solo by Mrs. Walton. We had the pleasure of seeing Mr. J. T. Ward name the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Naylor, "Ivy." We wish them every success, and hope that the good work of Mr. Naylor as Secretary for the Society, and teacher in the Lyceum, will still yield good results.—Tom Edwards, Secretary.

BOLTON (Commission Street).—On Sunday we held our half-yearly election of officers, which resulted as follows: Conductor, Mr. Hibbert; Assistant, Mr. Jones; Secretary, Mr. Cook; Treasurer, Mr. Robinson; Guardians, Mr. Blain and Mr. Jas. Wadson; Musical Conductors, Mr. Jones and Miss L. Pilkington; Marching Conductors, Mr. Welch and Mr. Robinson; Calisthenic Conductors, Mr. Welch and Miss Nield; Class Leader, Mr. Jas. Wadson; Delegates, Mr. Blain and Mr. Heyes; Visitors, Miss Marshall, Miss Nield, Mr. Blain, and Mr. Jas. Wadson; Auditors, Mr. Tyldesley and Mr. Jones; Librarian, Mr. Jas. Wadson.—W. Heyes, Secretary.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—I am pleased to say our Lyceum is still progressing and the numbers on the register are increasing rapidly. There is not much to report this month on account of our annual holidays. We are looking forward to a very busy month for our Lyceum, and I hope to have a good report next time.—J. Grindrod, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Boynton Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, July 4th, when the following took part in making it a success: Mr. Taylor, J. Hill, Mr. Stevens; recitations by W. Ackroyd, Olive Bell, J. Pilkington, and C. Ward. A most enjoyable session.—S. Greenough, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Harker Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, July 4th, which was attended by a deputation from the Bradford Lyceum District Council. The following items were duly rendered: Recitations by Misses Annie Ward and Hannah Mary Snaith; solos, Mr. Snaith, "God Give us Power," Mr. Wills, and Miss H. M. Snaith; reading, Miss P. Stead; solos were also rendered by members of the B.L.D.C., which were very well appreciated.—R. Wilkinson, Secretary.

BRADFORD, IVY ROOMS (Carlisle Road).—We had our Lyceum Anniversary on Sunday, June 27th. Open Sessions morning and afternoon; Mrs. Beardsworth, conductor; Mr. Noble, drill instructor; Mr. H. South, pianist. The following Lyceumists gave recitations, solos, etc.: Mr. Harry South, selection on the piano from Tanhauser; Miss D. South, violin solo, "Lead Kindly Light"; Miss D. Simpson, recital, "Snake and the Baby"; Miss Hogg, Miss M. Broadbent, Mr. F. Simpson, Mr. W. Simpson, also gave recitals, every one receiving

an encore. It was the best Open Session ever held. In the evening we gave the service of song entitled "Amy Howard's Reward." It was quite a success and closed a very happy day.—J. P. Simpson.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—On Sunday, July 4th, we were unable to have an Open Session owing to poor attendance caused by the wet day. On the 11th we had a very good session. Opening hymn was 357. Our delegate gave a very favourable report of the Lyceum District Council meeting. Our Conductor, Mr. Hale, then gave us a solo from the *Manual*, "Sweet Golden Age." A reading, "Before it is too late," by Hilda Raistrick, was followed by a trio by Misses Harrison, Ripley, and Richmond. Miss Richmond then gave a reading entitled, "Nature's Revelation." I am pleased to report two new scholars.—Elsie Ripley, Secretary.

BRIGHOUSE (Commercial Street).—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our half-yearly election of officers as follows: Conductor, Mr. John Sykes; Assistant Conductor, Miss Lily Holroyd; Musical Conductors, Mr. Wright Walker and Miss Elsie Sykes; Conductor of Marching and Calisthenics, Mrs. James Crossley; Guardian, Master Garnet Tuttle; Librarians, Master Clement Moorhouse and Miss Evelyn Crossley; Guards, Master Ambrose Broomhead and Miss Evelyn Crossley; Teachers, Mr. Wright Walker, Mrs. John Sykes, and Mr. Sykes. A vote of thanks was accorded to all officers, both those retiring and those remaining. On July 3rd we held our first annual outing to Roundhay Park, Leeds. We returned at nearly midnight, but we had had such a delightful outing that we could have stayed all night.—J. Crossley, Secretary.

BRIGHTON (Manchester Street).—Our Treasurer, Mr. Banks, led our Liberty Group on Sunday, July 11th, with a paper on "Vegetarianism," which had an excellent reception, and was most instructive. Mr. Cager conducted the Lyceum Session. The following contributed items to the session:—Misses Edith and Lulu Cager, and Marie Myles.—C. Moorey, Secretary.

BURNLEY (North Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, July 18th, when we spent a happy time together. Miss B. Penney and Miss B. Laycock conducted the session. Musical Readings and Silver Chain recitations were read by the Lyceumists. Miss Housin conducted the marching and calisthenics. There were recitations given by Doris Hallam, Ella Sutcliffe, and Willie Smith; which were followed by solos by Dora Sutcliffe, Florrie Smith, and a duet by Miss Griffen and Miss Laycock. Our good friend, Mrs. Starkie, spoke some very interesting words on Spiritualism, convincing to outsiders. This brought our session to a close.—Beatrice Griffen, Secretary.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, July 11th, a very pleasant Open Session was held, when the following members recited: Lily and Rene Marriot, Ruth Kitchener, Lily Driver, Alice Deleate, Doris Briggs, Lena Elliott, Mr. Joseph Hobster, and Francis Slater. Pearls and stringings were also very good.—E. H. Widdowson, Secretary.

CREWE (Mill Street).—July 17th was our annual treat day, so we all journeyed at noon by motor bus to Moorfields, Willaston. The weather was bad in the morning, but improved considerably in the afternoon, and thus enabled us to have a good tea and a good time. Various games were indulged in and races run, to the enjoyment of all. As our Church is now being renovated we are not able to have our usual Lyceum Sessions, but hope to make a good start in a few weeks.—Gwendoline Bagdaley, Secretary.

DARLINGTON (High Northgate).—On Sunday, June 27th, we held our half-yearly election of officers as follows: Conductor, Mrs. Armstrong; Guardian, Mrs. Morley; Secretary, Miss Sinclair; Treasurer, Miss Oliver; Musical Conductor, Mr. W. Simpson; Captain of Guards, Mr. Simpson.—Miss M. Sinclair, Secretary.

[Will Miss Sinclair kindly oblige by forwarding her address to this office?—Editor.]

DEWSBURY (Bond Street).—On Sunday, 27th, we held our half-yearly meeting, when much business was disposed of in a satisfactory manner. The election of officers was as follows: Conductor, Mr. E. Wilson; Assistants, Messrs. J. Colbeck and A. Collier; Guardian, Miss F. Collier; Assistants, Miss L. Whitworth, Joseph Colbeck, Junr., and Mr. E. Whitworth; Leaders: Beacon Group, Mr. C. Phillips and Mr. L. Bland; Fountain Group, Miss L. Whitworth and Mr. J. Colbeck, Junr.; Captain of Guards, Mr. C. Phillips; Guards, Mr. J. Colbeck, H. Whitworth, and H. Smith; Secretary, Mr. E. Wilson; Treasurer, Miss Lilian Whitworth; Delegate, Mr. A. Collier;

Auditors Mr. J. Colbeck and Mr. L. Bland.—E. Wilson, Secretary.

DURBAN, NATAL.—For the second time in the history of the above Society a double (if I may be permitted to use the term) dedication service was witnessed by a good gathering of visitors, friends, and Lyceumists in the Alexandra Hall on Sunday evening, June 20th, 1915, when the President, Mr. J. A. McLaren, dedicated Ruby Irene Russell, and James Cameron Russell, to the cause of Spiritualism. The presidential address on "The Spring-time of Life" was instructive and interesting. The children's spiritual names, "White Rosebud" and "Sunbeam" respectively, were given by Sister Agatha through the sensitive, Mrs. Ellen Reed. Mr. J. W. Allen, the chairman, gave a short but helpful address, whilst Mesdames Brearly and Reed gave clairvoyance.—Thos. J. W. Wheatley, Secretary.

FLEETWOOD (Kemp Street).—On June 27th we held our election of officers as follows: Conductor, Mrs. Moore; Assistant, Miss Robinson; Guardians, Mrs. Church and John Coe; Marching Leaders, Mr. Hetherington, Mr. Moore, Mary Ashworth, and Doris Wright; Calisthenic Leaders, John Cooke, Alice Holt; Marching Conductor, Harry Thompson; Pianist, Cissy Hague. On Saturday, July 10th, we held our annual field day, Lyceumists and a number of friends crossed to Knott End, where an enjoyable time was spent. On Sunday, July 11th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, when two sessions were conducted by Mr. A. C. Eaton, of Blackpool. Soloist, Mrs. Ashworth. Although we would have liked to have seen more adults amongst us, our anniversary proved a grand success.—J. J. Moore, Secretary.

FOLESHILL.—The Lyceumists must be congratulated on the manner in which they conduct their Open Sessions. The spontaneous, methodical manner which they have arranged for themselves to give their selections, the youngest coming first, then all in order without any hesitation, is very interesting, and shows the systematic tone of the Lyceum. At our Open Session for July we had an enjoyable time, although the weather was the cause of a smaller attendance than usual. Malcolm Bambrick sang "The Minstrel Boy"; Winnie Oughton said, "A Boy"; Esme Neale gave a charming piece entitled "Wild Roses"; May Oughton said "Quite an Adventure"; and Julie Oughton "Abou Ben Adhem." Other contributors were Raymond Bambrick, Florrie Lucas, and Lizzie Neal.—G.S.B.

GLASGOW (Bath Street).—On Sunday, June 27th, we held our first Open Session in new halls, Mrs. Roehead; Conductor, presiding. There was a very good attendance of members and friends. A very enjoyable programme was gone through as follows:—Quartette by Masters D. and R. McGibbon, W. Gentleman and G. Hunter. Readings by Misses Lulu Jones, Hannah Thompson and Mary McPherson, Masters W. Shaw, H. Kitson and W. McPherson. Musical selection by Messrs. T. Roehead and Kitson. Mr. Edward Spencer gave a most instructive address to the children on the importance of little things. He also advised those parents present to send their children to the Lyceum, where they would benefit both physically and morally.—James Shaw, Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our Open Session. The S.C.R. was led by Mr. Woods, Joe Thornley, Ada Waterhouse, and Florrie Owen read the connective readings in the M.R. The G.C.R. was led by Mrs. Hall. After the marching and calisthenics we had recitations from Herbert Baxter, Mr. Woods, and Mrs. Holt.—Louie Holt, Secretary.

HAMILTON, E., CANADA.—We held our election of officers on Sunday, June 27th, as follows: Secretary, Miss Etchells; Conductor, Mr. Gretton, with Mr. Baylis and Mr. C. Belbeck as assistants; Guardian, Mr. R. Gretton; Guards, Wilfred Frost and Clifford Palmer; Treasurer, Mr. Pritchard; Finance Secretary, Mr. C. Belbeck; Librarian, Mr. U. Belbeck; Calisthenics Conductor, Miss Frost; Marching Conductor, Mr. Frost, with Mrs. Gretton as assistant; Visitors for the sick, Miss Adams, Miss Palmer, Wilfred Frost, and Clifford Palmer; Musical Conductor, Harry Gretton; Teachers of Classes, Mrs. Gretton, Miss Frost, Miss Etchells, Mr. Staples, and Mr. Harrison.—We send greetings to all Lyceumists.—Selina Mitchells.

HEYWOOD (William Street).—We held our election of officers on July 4th, result as follows: President, Mr. Chadwick; Conductor, Miss Gertrude Humes; Assistant, Mr. Archie Barley; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Thomas Lord; Financial Secretary, Miss Elsie Bunnel; Treasurer, Miss Alice Lord; Leaders of Marching, Miss Alice Lord and Mr. Archie Barley; Guardian, Miss Beatrice Barlow; Assistant, Mr.

Archie Barley; Guards, Misses Lizzie and Emily Ramsbottom, and Messrs. Gilbert Barley and Hartley Ramsbottom; Librarians, Mr. James Percil and Ernest Chelton; Door-keeper, Miss Lizzie Garner; "Lyceum Banner" Distributor, Mr. Thomas Lord; Auditors, Mr. J. Percil and Mr. R. Twigg; Delegates, Mr. James Lord and Mr. Archie Barley; Lyceum Representatives on the Society's Committee, Mr. James Lord, Mr. Archie Barley, and Miss Beatrice Barlow.—Thomas Lord, Secretary.

[Please note Rule 3.—Editor.]

HOLLINWOOD (Byrom Street).—On Sunday, July 11th, Mrs. Bentley, District Visitor for Manchester Lyceum District, paid our Lyceum a visit, accompanied by Mr. Bell, of Stockport, and Mr. Knight, of Bolton. Mrs. Bentley keenly criticised our marching and calisthenics and showed us our failings and how they could be improved. I am sure we heartily thank our friends for their visit, and hope to profit by their splendid advice and encouragement. Mr. Bell congratulated us on the responses, which he said were very good. Mr. Knight remarked how pleased he was to see such a good number. We spent a very pleasant morning in the company of our excellent friends, and we hope they will find a vast improvement on their next visit. Wishing success to all Lyceums.—F. Taylor, Secretary.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, June 27th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services, when we had Miss Tyne with us, whose addresses were much appreciated by the scholars and friends. I am very pleased to say that everybody who was asked how they had liked our hymns said that they were splendid, and also the singing too, which was conducted by Mr. Fred Fielding, our President. This being his first attempt he did exceedingly well, and we hope, on behalf of our Lyceum, that he will not let it be the last time. It was an enjoyable day to everyone present. On Sunday, July 4th, we had our Open Sessions as usual, conducted by Mr. Fielding. Recitations.—John Midgley, Secretary.

LANCASTER.—We have had our summer treat, first attempt wet, tea-party at rooms, second attempt, away to the seaside. What sports and racing, young and old fare alike, best always gaining prizes. But better still was our grand Open Session, the following competing for prizes in singing and reciting: Lena Finch, Elsie Kennedy, Mildred Jewitt, Edward Kirk, and Mary Making, who was judged the best reciter, and Maud Blackhurst was awarded the prize for singing two sweet nature songs. The judges being two new Lyceum adults which our Conductor has got to attend. More are required to take places of Lyceum lads at the front.—J. Sayle.

LEEDS, ARMLEY. On Sunday afternoon, June 27th, we held an Open Session. The members of Leeds Psycho and Easy Road attended. Mr. R. Owen conducted, and we opened with hymn 341, which was sung very heartily. Miss Hesp gave the invocation. A few of the children rendered solos and recitations, and a good selection of pearls in a hearty manner. Old and young alike enjoyed the marching, and Miss Doris Whitaker led calisthenics. Mr. Hayland closed the Lyceum by singing No. 352, "The Spirit Sailor Boy," by request. Miss Hesp gave the benediction, concluding a most enjoyable afternoon.—Mrs. Hayland, Secretary.

LEEDS (Bethel Street).—On Sunday, July 4th, our Lyceum choir paid a visit to Kennedy Street Spiritual Church, Leeds, to render a service of song entitled "Give us this Day." Solos were sung by Misses Grace Bradley, Elsie Beckwith, Emily Haynes, and Mary Playforth; the reader was Miss A. Woodhead, who was listened to with keen interest. Organist Mr. A. Beckwith. The Church was full. I was pleased to see many old friends. We had a re-election of officers, and I am pleased to say that our Lyceum is progressing in membership. We should be pleased to see any of our leading Lyceum Union's officers at any time.—A. Beckwith, Secretary.

LEEDS (Easy Road).—On July 4th, we held our election of officers as follows: Conductor, Miss N. Ingle; Assistants, Mr. Howard and George Ingle; Guardian, T. Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. Hurley; Secretary, Arthur B. Hopps; Organist, Miss V. Hurley; Captain of Guards, T. Brown; Guards, A. B. Hopps, G. Ingle, D. Beardsell, and A. Belshaw; Leaders, A. Byess, George Ingle, May Hurley, and T. Brown; L.L.D.C., Miss V. Hurley; Church Delegate, Mr. Howard; Sick Visitors, Misses Nellie Ingle and V. Hurley.—A. B. Hopps, Secretary.

LINCOLN.—This month we have had the honour to entertain the E.C. on the occasion of their quarterly meeting. It was a glorious time for us in Lincoln, and a spur to re-fire lagging enthusiasm. Open Sunday on July 4th, was very disappointing owing to the dreadfully stormy weather, but great credit is due to those who withstood the elements and were

present. E. Andrews, F. Harrison, S. Andrews, A. Bailey, and nearly every child present gave recitations, and V. Hill sang "Oh, the days of Childhood." We welcome the new members who joined us after the E.C. visit.—K. Crawshaw.

LONDON, BATTERSEA.—I am pleased to report steady progress in this Lyceum. During the month we have been visited by Mrs. Murrel, Miss Smith, Mrs. Ashby, and Corporal Williams. We have also been favoured with a beautiful solo by our new Lyceumist, Miss Winnie Murrel. On July 11th, in the absence of our Conductor, the session was very ably conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Foll, of Brixton. It is with deep regret that I have to report the illness of one of our members, Private Alex. Brooking, who is now in King's College Hospital suffering from poisoning in his right hand. As he is an old London worker I am sure all Lyceumists wish him a speedy recovery.—Eva F. Ashley.

LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—We had the pleasure of Mr. T. C. West, an old friend and worker in the Spiritualistic cause in the old fighting days, as our speaker, at our Open Session held on Sunday, July 4th. The subject he chose was "Astronomy," which he illustrated by means of the blackboard. It was an extremely interesting address, and gave us food for useful thought, bringing home to us that ours is not the only world. We had a good muster, and pearls were few but choice. I am pleased to report that a new member, Miss Elsie Leyland, kindly gave an individual effort. We had recitations from Allan and Florrie Brown, Ivy Chambers, and a song from Connie Brown.—F. I. Miles, Secretary.

LONDON, MANOR PARK.—On June 26th we held our outing to Lambourne End, about 80 went in the brakes, others joining us later in the day. The morning and early afternoon were pleasantly passed in games and rambles in the forest. After tea most of us, from Fountain Group to our Conductors, took part in the races organised by Messrs. Stoner and Mead. Mr. Brooks, the President of our Society, and a great favourite with the children, presented the prizes. An exciting game of "Release" brought this enjoyable day to a close. On July 10th Mr. Brooks gave the members of the Guild an interesting lesson in microscopy, and also kindly presented us with a set of chessmen.—L. Goater.

LONDON, PECKHAM (Lausanne Hall).—Our numbers are still small, but our progress much better. If we only had a few more workers that we might start the groups again, things would be better. On July 11th we were again favoured with another visit from Mrs. Boddington, who conducted the Lyceum. She was indeed pleased with the long string of pearls, one from every child, and several giving two. Efforts were splendid from the three young ones, Audrey Smith, Nora Clarkson, and Wilfred Williams; they are our best volunteers. Bruce Clarkson again played a violin solo, which everyone always appreciates. Friends please note date of outing, August 7th, to Middlesdown.—S. Clarkson, Secretary.

LONDON, STRATFORD (Idmiston Road).—We are still making good progress. The membership is increasing steadily and the results obtained are good. We are sorry to announce the resignation of our Secretary, Mrs. Connor, owing to the number of other calls upon her time, but are glad to say she is still able to assist us with our work. The new Secretary, Mr. Simmons, was inducted on June 27th.—T.F.S.

LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—On Sunday July 4th, we held a memorial service for Mr. Bert Catlin, D.C.M., who was killed in the trenches. Mrs. Catlin is one of our oldest Lyceum scholars, and greatly feels the loss of her son. The service was continued by the Parent Society in the evening. Sunday, July 18th, we had a visitor from Hull (sister to one of our ardent workers), who spoke some encouraging words to the scholars. We are still feeling the want of workers, and any willing workers would be greatly welcomed during these strenuous times. Spiritualists have now the time of their earthly lives, will they grasp it and work for their cause.—H. Watthey, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER (Maskell Street).—On June 27th we held our Open Sessions. In the morning we had our groups, Liberty Group led by Mr. Poulton. At night we had a most successful session, a large number, including friends, being present. Recitations and solos were given by G. McClelland, Reg. Wardle, F. Stirling, Beattie Stirling, Lily Watson. A quartette was given by members of Miss A. Sharp's class, which was very nicely rendered. Everyone present was pleased by the children's efforts. Calisthenics and marching were also well performed. July 11th Mr. Aronovitch gave the members of the Liberty Group a very interesting lecture on Spiritualism.—Albert E. Jones, Secretary.

MANSFIELD (West Gate).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, July 4th, when, owing to the bad storm we had in the afternoon, we had not many visitors. Recitations as follows: Miss Ethel Watson, "My Native Land"; Miss Phylis E. Vardy, "Which Loved Best" (a prize awarded to each); Miss Nellie Holmes, "Santa Claus." Pearls were ably given by the children. Marching and calisthenics followed. Mrs. Mycock, of Burton, being the speaker and clairvoyant for the day, made a very earnest appeal to the elders to become workers in the Lyceum movement. If Spiritualism is to progress we must have workers.—W. H. Vardy, Secretary.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Waterloo Road).—We have arranged for our Annual Children's Sunday School Treat to be held on Wednesday, August 18th. The place will not be selected till the next monthly meeting. At our last meeting we much regretted accepting the resignation of Mrs. Lofthouse as conductor, pro. tem. A vote of thanks was given to our friend for the good work she has done in the past. We also have to say that Miss Jessie Lofthouse, leader of the small boy's group, has tendered her resignation. We have not elected new officers to fill these positions yet.—E. W. Buckingham, Secretary.

MIDDLETON (Gilmour Street).—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our Open Session in the evening, which was well attended by Lyceumists and friends. Mrs. Alice Taylor, of Rochdale, kindly consented to be the speaker for the occasion. S.C.R. No. 78 was led by Miss Simpson and Master Jagger; G.C.R. No. 137 was led by Miss Elliott, conductor of Harpurhey Lyceum. Numerous pearls were given. Solos by Mr. H. Williams and A. Gant; duets by Misses L. Smith and K. Thomas (Harpurhey Lyceum), Miss A. Williams and Mr. Liddle. Recitations by Misses Littler, Brooks, and B. Walton. Remarks by Miss Elliott, Mr. Lord, and Mrs. Taylor.—R. G. Whitehouse, Conductor.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL.—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our Open Session and the speaker for this occasion should have been Mr. Hamilton, but owing to the passing on of one of his sons, Mr. Hamilton was unable to attend. So after our children had given up one minute's silent prayer to our brother, our Conductor took over the session and spoke a few words to the children concerning the Summer-Land, which was very attentively listened to and very instructive. Thus the session came to a successful close.—Jas. Scott, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (Rutherford Street).—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our Open Session and had a bit better attendance. The following taking part: Pearls, Mrs. Finlay, Master R. Finlay; songs, Miss Anderson, Miss Sinton, and Mr. McEnne; reading, Miss Blackhall and Miss Anderson; solos, Miss Goss, J. Willis, Miss Anderson and Miss Blackhall; recitations, Miss Goss and Miss Anderson.—G. Sample Dawson, Conductor.

NEWCASTLE, WALLSEND (Cafe Hall).—On Sunday, June 27th, we held our anniversary. In the afternoon we had an Open Session with marching and calisthenics, solos and recitations, which the children did in an able manner. We also had Mr. Crooks visiting us, and he gave us a short address which we all enjoyed. In the evening Mr. J. Lawrence presided, and gave each Lyceumist a few cheery remarks as they responded to the call. There was quite a large programme to go through. We are now working for our Service of Song, which we are having in a few weeks' time, and trying to live up to our motto, "The Workers Win."—E. Gregory, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Bentnck Road).—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our Anniversary Services, when recitations, action songs, and singing were well rendered by the children. A patriotic dialogue, written specially for this occasion by the President, A. Q. Beacher Stow, was given by five Lyceumists. Both services were much appreciated, and a special request from the audience that the service should be repeated on some future date. Owing to the weather being so bad many were unable to attend. Great credit is due to Miss Swadden, conductor, and Mr. J. Llewellyn, choir master, for the efficient manner everything was done.—Mabel Reade.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics' Hall).—We held our Anniversary on June 27th. The Lyceumists brought a nice selection of flowers, which were tastefully arranged by Miss Brown. A "Recital," composed specially for the occasion by the Lyceum Conductor, Miss V. G. Rayner, was ably rendered by Miss Rayner and twelve Lyceumists. The Girls' Choir gave several selections, which were well rendered. Solos by Misses Wakefield, Hawks, Vann, and Bellamy, were nicely sung. Two violin solos by Mr. J. W. Rayner were given in good style. Mr. Rayner conducted the musical portion of the service,

rendering great assistance with his violin, assisted by Misses Holmes and Ball on the piano. Mr. J. West presided.—O. Peel.

NOTTINGHAM (Parliament Street).—On July 3rd we held our children's treat at Witford, where we were ably catered for by our conductor, Mrs. Pepper. After tea, games and racing were indulged in in the field and greatly enjoyed. We desire to place on record our thanks to Mesdames Hanks, Shipton, Noton, Henson, Berry, and Hutchinson for their presence and help.—W. Shipton, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Elliott Street).—On Sunday, June 27th, we held our election of officers as follows: Conductor, Mr. Wm. Platt; Assistants, Misses L. White, R. Slater, E. Whitehead, and Messrs Joe Clayton, S. Stott, and J. E. Slater; Secretary, Mr. J. Wm. Slater; Assistant, Miss Lucy Whitehead; Calisthenic Conductors, Mr. Meakin and Miss Winterbottom, Mr. J. W. Slater and Miss E. Whitehead; Guardians, Mrs. Platt, Miss Whittles, Mr. Clayton and Mr. Meakin; Teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Platt, Miss White, and Mr. Slater; for Liberty Group, Mr. Samuel Stott and Mr. Joseph Clayton. On Sunday, July 18th, we held our Open Session at 6.30 p.m., under the able leadership of our new staff of officers.—John Wm. Slater, Sec.

OLDHAM (Union Street).—On June 27th, we held our election of officers, the Conductor being Mr. Standish, and Assistant Conductors Bessie James and John Wood; Secretary, Frederick Grimes; Treasurer, Mr. Standish; Musical Conductor, Mr. Baguley; Calisthenic Leaders, Bessie James, Florence E. Beasley, and John Wood; Liberty Group Leader, Mr. Standish; Teachers, Mrs. Wm. James, Annie and Bessie James, Richard Wood; Guardians, Frances Rooks, Tom Pointon, Librarians, Hilda Pointon and John Wood. On July 17th we held our floral service, which was a great success. We had a selection by our choir, and solos by Bessie James and Mrs. Wm. James. We are also sorry to have lost one of our Lyceumists, Master Walter Lester who has joined the navy.—F. Grimes, Secretary.

PONTYPRIDD (River Street).—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our anniversary services afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the President, Mr. D. Ricardo, took the chair, and in the evening Mr. F. Bawden; and we had a very delightful time at both services. The children's recitations were rendered beautifully, and the singing was certainly a credit to leaders, teachers, scholars, and to our conductor, Mr. Thomas, who worked so hard to make our anniversary services come to a successful issue. We had a very good attendance and a good collection, which will be devoted to the school funds for the purpose of the children's annual outing.—Florrie Bowden, Secretary pro. tem.

RAWTENSTALL (Back Ormerod Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, July 4th, conducted by Mr. W. Woodhall. Opening hymn, 329, Silver Chain recitation No. 7, "Make home pleasant," which gave rise to much discussion; Musical Reading 212, "Hand in hand with angels"; Golden Chain Recitation 127, "Parents and Children." Pearls were given by the following: Misses Mantle, D. Widdup, Bradley, Mrs. Land, Masters S. Blezzard and D. Wilson. Mr. W. Woodhall gave a solo. A very successful and enjoyable session.—G. T. Duckworth, Secretary.

READING, NEW HALL (Blagrove Street).—I am very pleased to be able to say we are still making headway in our Lyceum. On July 4th we held our Anniversary, which proved to be a very helpful time to all. We were favoured with recitations by Mrs. Churn, and solo by Mr. Churn. We also had a short address from our President, Mrs. Edwards, and Mr. Street, and a few words from our late Treasurer and Secretary. And last but not least Mr. Street read to us a very cheery message straight from the trenches, written by Dr. Rankin, bidding us still go forward, and giving us the motto for the coming year, "Progress."—Gladys Lovelock, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, June 27th, we held a memorial service to the late Mrs. Buxton, who took an active part in the Lyceum since it first began. In the evening solos were rendered by Mrs. Sanders, "Thou hast passed the shadowy portal," and E. Peat, "Shall we know each other there?" Mr. Marklew, our Lyceum conductor, then gave an impressive address, after which Mrs. Bunker and Mrs. Wilson gave a duet, "Hark I hear the Angels calling." Mrs. Townsend gave the benediction with much feeling.—E. Peat, Sec.

ST. HELENS.—Just a short report to say we have started a Lyceum at St. Helens. We had a successful opening, conducted by Mr. Mack, of Runcorn, there being 50 present, which augurs

well for its success. The children took great interest in the Silver and Golden Chain recitations. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Mack for his splendid services. We also desire to thank you, Mr. Editor, for the dozen copies of the LYCEUM BANNERS, which found eager readers.—Joseph Cunliffe.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, July 4th. Opening hymn 388, "Lyceum Marching Song." There were comments, questions and discussion on S.C.R. No. 1, "The Divine Order," and G.C.R. 144, "Our Duties"; junior Lyceumists taking deep interest in the session. Our conductor invited the children to prepare papers to be read at Open Session on "Our Lyceum." The following responded, and their efforts were very good: Doris Childs, Rose Sanders, George Porter and Willis Oliver. Fourteen Lyceumists also gave recitations. July 11th was our Lyceum Day. In the evening Lyceumists rendered service of song entitled "The Strolling Minstrel." Mrs. Thickett gave the readings, and also during the service named a baby.—G. Stevenson, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Centre Lyceum).—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our Open Session. We took Silver Chain recitation No. 39, when a number of Lyceumists responded, after which solos and recitations were rendered by the following members: E. Barton, E. Hare, H. Romanes, G. Hare, G. Spooner, R. Wallace, D. Romanes, G. Watkinson, M. Watkinson, and L. Romanes, which were very enjoyable. Sunday, July 11th, Mr. Stewart addressed the Liberty Group, subject, "Knowledge is Power." A good address. Sunday, 18th, Liberty Group was thrown open for clairvoyance by members. I am also pleased to say that our Excelsior Group members are stepping out by leaps and bounds, asking very interesting questions and giving very satisfactory answers on the *Manual* readings.—G. Hare, Secretary.

SHILDON (Shildon Road).—On Saturday, June 26th, we had our trip to Barnard Castle. We all enjoyed ourselves in the museum. On Sunday, July 4th, we held our Open Session, when the following helped to make it a success: Nellie, Nora, and Dolly Pearsons, Ida Mills, Lettie Bolton, George Calvert, and Thomas Graham. Pearls and solos were also well up to the usual standard.—Robert H. Evans, Secretary.

SLAITHWAITE (Laith Lane).—On July 4th we held our election of officers, which resulted as follows: Conductor, Miss A. Shaw; Assistant Conductors, Mr. T. B. Coldwell and Miss G. Coldwell; Secretary, Miss V. Shaw; Treasurer, Mr. A. Bramall; Auditors, Mr. D. Sutcliffe and Miss A. Shaw; Librarians, Mr. J. Wm. Kennedy and Miss A. Coldwell; Musical Conductors, Misses L. Kennedy, E. Norris; Guardian, Mr. A. Bramall; Guards, Mr. A. Coldwell and T. Hodgson; Teachers, Misses V. Shaw, A. Shaw, G. Coldwell, E. Norris, Mr. A. Bramall, and T. B. Coldwell.—A. Bramall, Treasurer.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—On July 4th, we held our monthly Open Session, commencing with singing "Be Happy." Our S.C.R. No. 27 was commented upon by several Lyceumists. Marching and calisthenics were entered into with earnestness and enjoyment. A variety of pearls, recitations, etc., were rendered. Mr. Peel sang "Children's Day"; Mrs. Peel recited "The ones who try." Nora Fletcher gave a pearl, "No man is such a conqueror as the man who has defeated himself."; "Knowledge is Power," by Clara Hardy; "The least may help the greatest," by Ivy Leish. A reading by Mr. Peel, "The road to success and happiness," brought the programme to a close. We then joined together in singing "Shoulder to Shoulder," which brought a most harmonious and happy session to a conclusion.—Elsie Jessop, Secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS (South Eldon Street).—July 4th visited by Private Crooks, Northumberland Fusiliers, of First Lyceum, who gave an interesting address and other help. 11th, Private Crooks took charge of a group of boys whose leader, Mr. Fenwick, had joined the Submarine Miners and gone away. 18th, visited by our D.V., Mr. Hall, who, as is usual with him, gave us great encouragement and good advice, which we are grateful for. The members taking prominent part during the month are, Nora and Eva Mengel, Theresa and Bessie Apitt, Ivy Blenkinsop, Muriel Burn, Madge Palmer, Alice Barnaby, Isabella Woodall, Elsie and Doris Wilson, and Winnie Davis. Mrs. Parker, our treasurer, gave an address, which was much appreciated. To all I tender my thanks for their interest in the Lyceum.—Wm. Woodall.

STOCKPORT (Lyceum Church).—On Sunday, July 11th, we held flower services. In the afternoon the Lyceumists held an Open Session, attended by good audience. In the evening a service of song, entitled, "The Warning Voice," was given by the Lyceumists. It was written for the occasion by Mrs. Moulton, who also read the story. A duet was rendered by

Connie Moore and Adie Trainor. On Saturday, July 17th, we went by car to Reddish Vale for our annual outing. A goodly muster of Lyceumists spent a jolly time in games and races. Thanks are especially due to those ladies who served a good tea at an early time.—J. H. Marston.

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND (Kent Terrace).—On Sunday, May 23rd, we held a special dedication service, Mrs. Miles officiating, the babies dedicated were the first twins to be named in our Lyceum, and also one of our old scholars. The hall was decorated very nicely, and the service went off well, everyone listening with the greatest attention to the ceremony as set forth in the *Officers' Lyceum Manual*. We dispensed with our marching and calisthenics. There was a fair attendance considering the attraction of a parade of all the soldiers in the town. I am sorry to have to say that some of the children think more of watching something of that sort than they do of attending their Lyceum. Still, we are in hopes of the attendance picking up shortly.—Alfred G. Miles, Secretary.

WEST MELTON.—On Sunday, July 18th, we held our first Open Session, when we had an increased attendance. Mr. J. K. Jones, President of the Sheffield Lyceum District Council was present, also our old friend Mr. J. Oates, of Attercliffe; both spoke words of advice and encouragement to old and young. The marching and calisthenics were well done considering all are new scholars. We had recitations from Mr. Jones, Ernest Harrison, Nellie Rawlinson, and a dialogue, "The Presence of Angels," by Mrs. Staley and Lily Staley. A very enjoyable and instructive time was spent. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the friends and relatives of Mr. Kidman, who has just been promoted to the higher life.—W. Rawlinson, Secretary pro. tem.

WIDNES (Victoria Road).—On Sunday, June 27th, we had two flower services to celebrate our Lyceum Anniversary. The Lyceumists decorated the hall very sweetly and tastefully with plants, evergreens, and flowers. In the afternoon we held a united session of Runcorn and Widnes Lyceumists, conducted by Mr. Ross, of Liverpool. The session blended very nicely, and proved how numbers tend to make a better session in every sense of the word. Pearls and recitations being very abundant. One of the Runcorn Lyceumists rendered "The Queen of the Earth" very nicely. In the evening Mr. Close occupied the chair for Mr. Ross, who spoke in his usual able manner on "Peace." This brought a very successful day to a close.—P. Lewis.

CANADIAN REPORTS.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA.—This Lyceum held its first session on Sunday, July 4th, when there were 27 members and visitors present. As this is the first attempt to organise a Lyceum in the middle west, the officers were well satisfied and feel confident of success. Opening hymn, "Children's Day." S.C.R. "Invitation to the Lyceum"; M.R., "Catch the Sunshine"; G.C.R., "What is the Lyceum." Pearls were given. Solos, "Open the door for the Children," Mrs. Garrard; "Seeds of Promise," Miss A. Garrard; "Angels Lead my Footsteps," Miss M. Brown. Recitation, "Haste not, rest not," Miss W. Hill. Reading, "The Plan," Mrs. Hill. Short address. Calisthenics and marches. Closing hymn, "Summerland."—W. Brown, Secretary.

TORONTO, CANADA.—On Sunday we held our Lyceum Session, conducted by Mrs. Stier. Pearls were given by all Lyceumists. Solos were sung by Mrs. Ingle, Mrs. Whittaker, Miss Edith Trilby, and Mr. Fred Brooks. Marching and calisthenics were led by Mr. Deeks. Mr. James, of the Hamilton Lyceum, addressed the Lyceum scholars. We regret to announce the passing to higher life of our sister and Lyceumist, Mrs. Radcliffe. Mrs. Stiers conducted the funeral ceremony.—Polly Stier.

WINNIPEG (Polson Avenue).—On Sunday, July 4th, we held our Open Session, a good number being present. The following rendered recitations: Joe Green, Beatrice Barnes, and Violet Vernon. Solo, Mrs. H. Forrest; duet, Mrs. and Violet Vernon; pianoforte solo, Jonana Sumarlidsom, and a reading by Margaret Anderson. I am sorry to say we seem to be losing our best workers who are volunteering for active service in the war as follows: Mr. J. Parkinson (conductor), Mr. Vernon (organist), Mr. Stephenson (Leader of Liberty Group), and Mr. Parkinson (Captain of Guards). The following have been elected in their places: Mr. H. Forrest, conductor; Mrs. H. Stephenson, assistant, and Mr. Hargreaves, Captain of Guards. The position of organist is still open.—Mrs. F. Vernon, Secretary.

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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.
Auckland, N.Z., Karangahape-road, 2-30 p.m. Miss N. Katz, 19, Lawrence-st., Herne Bay, Auckland, N.Z.
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. Mr. A. Littlewood, 9, St. George-road.
Barrow-in-Furness, Abbey-road, Empress Hall, Holker-st., 10-30 and 2. Miss Eliz. Lawton, 3, Dalkeith-street.
Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith-street, 10 and 2. Miss Wallace, 191, Marsh street.
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, 43, Sandy-lane, Aston.
Birmingham, Handsworth, Assembly rooms Wrettenham road, 3 p.m. Mr. A. E. Jenkinson, 18, Anglesey street, Lodels.
Birmingham, Smethwick, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Fred Purcell, 97, Cheshire-road, Smethwick.
Birstall, Railway-terrace, Miss Eva Hates, 57, Blackburn-road, near Leeds.
Bishop Auckland, Victoria-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Miss M. A. Snaith, 57, Fore Bodgate.
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. David Cooke, 46, Howercroft-street.
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, Girlington.
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. Mrs. James Crossley, 3, 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, Windsor-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, Hamerton-street, 10 a.m. and 2-30. Mr. J. Hewer, 23, Whittlefield-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.
Calgary, 2 p.m. Mr. William Brown 2910, 17a, street, Calgary, S.E. Alberta, Canada.
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, Moored.
Colne, Cloth-hall, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Carr, 23, Gordon-st.
Coventry, Bull-street (off Hertford-street), 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Rice, 43, Kingsway.
Crewe, Mill-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Winnie 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. Miss M. Sinclair, 37, North Lodge Terrace.
Darwen, Chur hbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. James Nightingale, 60, Redeath 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, 4, Cockpit-hill, Marlegh.
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, Railway-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss May Henderson, 165, Victoria road.
Dunfermline, New Row, 2-30 p.m. Miss Agnes M. Smarth, 69, Pittencerief-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, 3, 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. John J. Moore, 80, Addison-road.
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, Carlin-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, Fairars, 1010, Barton St. E. 2-45. Miss Selina Itchells, 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 Morpheth.
Hollinwood, Byrom-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. rubridge, Huddersfield.
Hull, Hessele road, Eastbourne street, 2 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. Miss Emma Parker, 3, Bladen-street.
Johannesburg, 11 a.m. 47, Henwoods 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.
Krugerdrop, Kruger-street, 3 p.m. Mr. Wm. J. Finlays n, 59, President-st., 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. Mrs. Hayland, 7, Beech-terrace, Amley.
Leeds, Bethel-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. A. Beckwith, 9, Milinda Square, Grape-street, Hunslet.
Leeds, EAST, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2. Mr. A. B. Hopps, 9, Walford-road, York road.
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, 10-0 a.m. Mr. John Crowther, 2, Clough Head.
Littleton, Well-street, 10-30 and 2. Miss A. Hirst, Well-street, Littleton, nr. Liversedge.
Liverpool, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. C. Thompson, 43, Clifton-road, Tue Brook.
Liverpool, 2, Romer-road, Kensington, 3 p.m. Mr. John Malley, 6, Ludwig-road, Anfield.
London, Battersea, Park road, Henley street, 3 p.m. Mr. Percy Smyth, 30, Homefield road, Chiswick, W.
London, Fulham, S.W., 12, Lettice-street, Munster-rd, 3 p.m. Mr. Arthur E. Ashley, 33, Dawes road, Fulham, S.W.
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., Mr. Thomas F. Simmons, 53, Earlham Grove, Forest Gate, E.
London, Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Miss Alice Mitchell, 71, Hazlebury road, Edmonton.
London, Woolwich and Plumstead, Villas-road, 3-15 p.m. Mr. A. Wathey, 4, Albatross street, Plumstead.
Longton, Stone-road 2 p.m. Mr. Hugh McCartney 67, Stanier 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.