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## Lyceum Banner Portrait Gallery.

### Mr. H. T. Batten (Bolton).

Mr. H. T. Batten, who is so well known to the Spiritualists of Bolton and district, was born in London on March 29th, 1870. His parents removed to Bolton in 1880, and he attended the Holy Trinity Church Schools, and later the St. George's School, Bolton.

Contented with the solution of the problems of life, as taught by his Church, he lived the usual life of the orthodox young man; and seemed an unlikely enquirer beyond the definitions of his Creed. But on Christmas Day, 1893, an event occurred, which like a pebble dropped into a pool, disturbed the placidity, and through the following years, the ever-widening circle of events stimulated the awakened mind into ceaseless enquiry.

He was at a party, when it was suggested that it would be good fun to tell fortunes by table-rapping. The table responded readily, and predictions were made of the young man's future which, whilst they caused boisterous merriment at the time, were subsequently verified completely. He was told that within a short time he would leave England for South Africa, and as he had no idea of leaving England—his future seemed assured—he was incredulous.

However, within three months of the prediction he sailed for South Africa, and as other events predicted—seemingly as unlikely—also came true, the phenomena of that Christmas Day made an ineradicable impression on the mind of Mr. Batten.

During his stay in South Africa, he lived and worked in many parts of the Colony and the Transvaal, and had much to do with the natives, who were, and are, the menials of those districts.

He was permitted to view, and was intensely interested in observing, the natives in their religious ceremonies and dances, and the thought-provoking conduct of the table—inferring consciousness and intelligence—had prepared him to see that manifested

in the crude ceremonials was a supreme belief in the activities, beneficent or malevolent, of those he had been taught to think of as dead.

The Boer War found Mr. Batten serving with the Imperial forces, and his reminiscences bear eloquent testimony that the "Glory of War" is a mere figment of the imagination.

It is interesting to record that during his visit to Glasgow last year, when he attended the B.S.L.U.

Conference, as the delegate from the Lyceum at Bradford Street, Bolton, an incident occurred which recalled an experience of his soldiering to memory. He was invited to a seance, at which direct voice phenomena was given. His acquaintance was claimed by an entity speaking with a strong Scottish accent. Mr. Batten was not able to recognize the speaker, until details were given, then he knew it was the Spirit of a soldier of the Highland Brigade, to whom he had been able to render a service. The service given was, in Mr. Batten's opinion, trifling, but the Highlander thought otherwise, and again thanked his helper many years after the event. Mr. Batten's letter relating this was published in *Two Worlds*, June 12th, 1914.

Returning to England, he commenced business in

Bolton and re-joined the church of his youth. But he found that after his psychic experiences he could not settle down, and after trying orthodoxy as presented by most of the Churches, he determined to test Spiritualism. He entered on his task with the thoroughness characteristic of the man. Very sceptical, doubtful even of himself, he attended services and circles, not only in Bolton, but in other towns to which business or relaxation took him. Grimly determined to have no bunkum, and publicly to denounce any imposture, he was given indisputable evidence of the continuity of the life of relatives and friends deemed dead and done for, by mediums who could never have known anything of them. The facts beat him. He decided to become a member of the Society at Bradford Street, and soon after joined. Having attached himself to the Lyceum he was no Nichodemus



to slink in by night stealthily, his was a whole-hearted devotion; he had considered the consequences: probable loss of friends and business; ridicule; derision, sarcasm at almost every turn in the path, but having found the truth he had sought so long, he bent all his energies in one direction—the giving unto others of the light he had gained.

Almost continuously in office, but chiefly as President, he has successfully striven to bring the highest types of platform workers to expound the philosophy of Spiritualism at Bradford Street. Phenomena also has its place but it is subordinate to the higher exposition; after circles are most rare.

In the children's movement his enthusiasm knows no bounds. Several years conductor of the Lyceum, he has only been allowed to give it up because his Lyceum was reluctantly compelled to see it was restraining energies that could only find fulfilment in the service of the whole movement. He is President of the Bolton Lyceum District Council (his 2nd term in that office), sole adjudicator in the Bolton District Shield Competition, twice the Council's nominee for a seat on the B.S.L.U. Executive. We hope that next Conference will see our desire successful.

In concluding this brief sketch of Mr. Batten's strenuous life, the writer would like to add a few words of thanks for blessings received. Spiritualism brought Mr. Batten and the writer into contact, and whilst somewhat repelled at first by the dominant personality of the subject of this sketch, he soon saw that close behind the overflowing ardentness was a generous soul. He has seen that Mr. Batten has never spared himself to put his medical powers at the service of all who are suffering. An extremely busy man, with increasing family cares, business worries and civic duties, Mr. Batten is known amongst his ever-widening circle of friends and acquaintances to be ever ready to make time and opportunity for healing from the Spirit World to flow through him to the afflicted. As a capable clairvoyant, trance speaker, and an able, lucid, and interesting inspirational speaker his services are increasingly sought.

A strong man, virile and magnetic, his incisiveness mellowed by influences, Spiritualism has brought around him, he is tolerant of the opinions of others. His home relations are of the happiest, and he is ever ready to admit how much he owes to the sacrifices Mrs. Batten has made and makes; so that he may devote himself to the cause they love. A just and kindly employer, an active citizen, he is a living example of what Spiritualism can do for men, and as he is only in the forties we are confident that the coming years will add to his powers and usefulness.

Finally, we are sure that no one who has read this brief disjointed sketch, will be in any way surprised to learn, that in his home circle Mr. Batten's control manifests a decided preference for a table.

J. ISHERWOOD.

THE LYCEUM MANUAL OFFICERS' EDITION is now ready, which contains, in addition to the ordinary Lyceum Manual, A. J. Davis (abridged) Lyceum Manual; Marching and Calisthenics (illustrated); Marriage Service, Interment Service, Naming of Children Service, and hints on teaching infants and youths and maidens. Price to Lyceums in the Union, 2/6 per copy, post free, or 27/- per dozen, carriage paid. To other Lyceums, 2/9 per copy, post free, or 30/- per dozen, carriage paid. Order from the Lyceum Union's Office, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

## Bluebell Guild.

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

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

My dear Bluebells and Readers all—

What a record month this past one has been for our Guild! I'm so delighted; for at last my Bluebells are awakening; and doing their work so well!

No! I've not been overwhelmed with the desired stories; not even one has yet reached me,—but I'm very hopeful, for many signs are at last evident of real interest in our Page and Guild.

Then what am I pleased about, if no stories have come?—you wonder! Just this—I've had *ten* beautiful, cheery, encouraging letters; and enrolled *fifty* new Bluebells; and all in one month! Heigh-ho, but "There's a good time coming," as my friend sings.

A hearty welcome to one and all of our "new recruits" I give, and ask you to let us know you *are* members, and active ones, by reading our page, sending us letters, practising our rules, and winning more members to carry on and extend our work. Look out you Bluebells of older standing or our new ones bid fair to put you to shame in their efforts to be active members.

But I must stop chatting in this way, for this must be our "Letter-bag" month,—so here goes. Each one who has written I thank sincerely, and am so proud you care enough about us and our work to write. Also, let me say how I appreciate your kindness and good wishes; and congratulate you all on the really splendid letters you've sent. I must not deal much individually with them, or our page will be too long, and I'll have our dear, patient Editor, asking me not to be so verbose. (What does that mean? Have you a dictionary? If so, use it).

Letter number one came from Elland; and brought us a new member, whom I hope will write again.

*Dear Flora Belle*,—I would very much like to become a member of the Bluebell Guild, if you will let me. I have often read the nice letters the Bluebells have sent you and also your answers. I am very sorry indeed that I have not written before. I visit Huddersfield Lyceum sometimes, as I find it congenial to me—but I live at Elland. I remain, your loving Bluebell, Amy Hargreaves.

Number two was an enjoyable one from Lincoln. Here it is:—

*My Dear Flora Belle*,—I am just writing to you to tell you about that little treat, as I promised I would. As it rained on this particular day we had to have tea in the Lyceum room, and then afterwards we went to the pictures. It was very nice and we enjoyed the treat very much. I shall not be in Lincoln much longer, as we are going to Sheffield to live a week to-morrow. I shall be very sorry to leave Lincoln Lyceum, and I hope that Sheffield Lyceum will be just as nice. When I write next time, if I have started attending Sheffield Lyceum, I will tell you about it. I think this is all this time. From your loving Bluebell, Gladys Norwood.

All best wishes, Gladys, in your new home and Lyceum. We shall be pleased to hear again from you.

Next came one from Linthwaite and another from Golcar (both near Huddersfield). (Will these two Bluebells please write on only *one* side of the paper in future;—though I was pleased to have their letters).

*Dear Flora Belle,*—We decided to have a ramble on Saturday, July 17th. We arranged to meet at Laith Lane at two o'clock. As the weather was looking bad, it was half-past before we started off. We went round by Crossland Moor to Beaumont Park. As it was four o'clock when we arrived, we went to Butter-Nab Farm and had tea. After tea we were joined by friends from Halifax and Huddersfield, and about half-past five we all united in the ramble to Meltham. On the way we saw beautiful scenery on all sides. Wild roses were growing in abundance and many of the ramblers gathered the beautiful flowers, myself included. On passing through Netherton we stopped for a short rest, and all joined in singing the hymn, "Watchman, what of the night?" Leaving the road we walked through the fields leading to a wood. Here we rested again and our District Visitor, Mr. Ackroyd, gave a little personal experience. Pointing to a shaded part of the distant hills, he told of how his way was pointed out to him, which he was proud to say he had tried to follow out on every possible occasion. We eventually arrived at Meltham, very tired but very satisfied. Here we left our Halifax friends at the station and, saying good-night, we came back to Slaithwaite over the moors, having thoroughly enjoyed our ramble. I remain, your loving Bluebell, Lilian Kennedy.

*Dear Flora Belle,*—I did not tell you before that our Lyceum entered the competition for the banner, but I am sorry to say that we did not win it this time. However we are going to try hard for it next time. We have, however, won the second prize, which is the first prize Slaithwaite has ever had. Yesterday (Monday, July 19th) two friends and myself went to Helme, and the first two cottages we passed had each a garden in which was a great number of flowers and rose trees neatly arranged. From Helme we went to Meltham, and we all enjoyed our outing very much; even though it was raining heavily. On Saturday some of our Lyceumists (myself included) are going for a ramble. I have begun to write a story, and I will send it to you when it is finished. Hoping it will meet with your appreciation, I remain, your loving Bluewell,

ANNIE COLDWELL.

I shall look out for that promised story, Annie.

Now came an interesting letter from Ulverston.

*Dear Flora Belle,*—It is a long time since I wrote to you. I hope you are well. We are in good working order in our Lyceum. Mr. Harris, from Bacup, has joined us, and is teaching us an operetta called "Guards of the King." We see he is going to make us work, and we think the play will be very nice. We are having a tea party on August Monday and a drive down to Plumpton and walk to the shore. I for one would like Miss Mather, our late Conductor, to be with us, and I am sure all the other Lyceumists would also. The day schools are closed for one month. I am not going back. They commence on the 16th August. I see by the BANNER that many Lyceumists have fallen on the field of battle. I am sorry to tell you my brother also lost his life on 27th May, "somewhere in France." We are in grief, but how many

homes are the same? Yet we have the comforting knowledge of spirit return. I do enjoy reading the BANNER, and seeing letters from the different Bluebells. With my love to them and to you, dear Flora Belle, I am,

BEATRICE TYER.

Our sympathies come out to you all, dear, and we can only hope your beloved brother will be able to let you feel, and know of, his presence amongst you, and give you messages of love and comfort.

A letter to the Editor from Gateshead, from Mr. Secker, brought us new members, and said,—“Our children were highly pleased with their cards, and several of them wish me to thank Flora Belle for her kindness. Also the list I enclose wishes to join the Guild.”

Then arrived a letter of enquiry from Shipley. A membership card was sent, and it, of course, answers the questions, as our aims, etc., are printed on it. We welcome our new member heartily.

MY DEAR SISTER,—I now write to you, for I have often thought, when I have read the LYCEUM BANNER, that I would like to be one of your Bluebells. At last I have found courage to write, and I hope you will give me full instructions about what I must do. I know this; we must always try for the good of others, but I want to know all your rules. You may be surprised to hear from me, but I mean in a very short time to get all our Lyceum members to join too; then it will be more encouragement to you. (Thanks very much.—F.B.) You see, we have three Conductors in our Lyceum, besides myself, and we try, each of us, to do as much good as we can for the Children's Cause; and the whole Movement too.

On July 24th we had what we call a united children's treat. All the Lyceums in Bradford district met together. We had buns and tea, and then we had races (according to our age). I won a hatpin-stand. There were twenty-seven prizes altogether. We marched through the streets and market-place with our banner. We had a splendid day. I may say our Lyceum is going on nicely. May God bless you in all your efforts. Wishing you the best of good luck, I am, your friend always,—EDITH TORDOFF.

Next came names of new members from Slaithwaite in the following letter:—

*Dear Flora Belle,*—Having only a small Lyceum, we have only three classes, and so cannot name them as suggested in the Officers' Edition of the Lyceum Manual. At our election of officers in July, Miss Norris and myself were selected as leaders of the middle class. In this class three of the scholars are members of the Bluebell Guild, and the thought came to me that it would be very nice if we were all members, and called our class the Bluebell Group, that is if you have no objection. I mentioned this one Sunday morning, and all desire to become members, also one of the leaders of the children's class, and one of the leaders of the Liberty Group. So please will you enrol the enclosed names. Hoping we may be true and faithful Bluebells, I remain, yours fraternally,—VIOLET SHAW.

I shall be quite proud of my Bluebell Group, and hail its members as Bluebells gladly.

Then this letter brought us new members from West Melton Lyceum.

Dear Flora Belle,—I now take the opportunity of writing to you again, and in fulfilment of the promise in my last letter, I enclose the names of seventeen new members for our Bluebell Guild, whom I hope will be accepted. We took our scholars for a picnic to Rose Hill Park on Bank Holiday. The adult scholars took more eatables than they required, thus providing for the children to have their tea free. Two friends kindly provided nuts and sweets. All had an enjoyable time in spite of the inclement weather.

Wishing the Guild every success, I remain, yours fraternally,—W. RAWLINSON.

Then, enclosed in a letter to the Editor, was a list of members from Lincoln.

Your loving sister,  
FLORA BELLE.

#### HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM.

3877 Amy Hargreaves.

#### DUNSTON-ON-TYNE LYCEUM.

3878	Bertha Mann.	3886	Annie Wilkinson.
3879	Jennie Aitken.	3887	Ethel Lowery.
3880	Annie Aitken.	3888	Ethel Johnson.
3881	Minnie Mann.	3889	Florence Cope.
3882	Ernest Savage.	3890	Minnie Carins.
3883	Ernest Whittaker.	3891	Elsie Forrest.
3884	Florence Carms.	3892	Charlotte Lowery.
3885	Maggie Watson.	3893	Mary Jane Foreman.

#### SLAITHWAITE LYCEUM.

3894	Miss Violet Shaw.	3899	Tom Hodgson.
3895	Miss Ethel Norris.	3900	Clement France.
3896	Miss Gertrude Coldwell.	3901	John Wm. Kennedy.
3897	Mr. Tom B. Coldwell.	3902	Wilfred Shaw.
3898	Herbert Coldwell.	3903	Mary Hodgson.

#### SHIPLEY LYCEUM.

3904 Edith Tordoff.

#### WEST MELTON LYCEUM.

3905	Willie Kidman.	3914	George Kenning.
3906	Thomas Kidman.	3915	Annie Wilkinson.
3907	Ernest Harrison.	3916	Herbert Wilkinson.
3908	Lily Staley.	3917	Albert Crossley.
3909	Sarah Ann Watson.	3918	Raymond Harrison.
3910	Susan Kenning.	3919	Jessie Armitage.
3911	Eva Ryder.	3920	Jennie Armitage.
3912	Ethel Kidman.	3921	Rhoda Rawlinson.
3913	Mary Ellen Staley.		

#### LINCOLN LYCEUM.

3922	Violet Hill.	3925	Florence May Truelove.
3923	Doris Hill.	3926	Godfrey Truelove.
3924	Sidney Sharpe.		

## 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 August issue, page 129).

### THE CITY OF LIGHT AND SOME OF ITS BEAUTIFUL TEMPLES.

"Do you notice that gray-haired gentleman in front, the one with the high forehead, whose penetrating, searching gaze, seems to be taking in every movement of the speaker?" whispered my brother, I nodded assent.

"That is Michael Faraday, the scientist; and I tell you he is as earnest a student as any of us; he attends all our conventions. He has been invited to take part

in the exercises, but declines, preferring to study rather than teach. Oh, I tell you, Sis, a good many of earth's smartest men come here, or go to other places to learn, when they reach spirit life."

The lesson of the day was very instructive, and the experiments interesting; but as they were new to me, and far advanced, I did not understand them very well; indeed I felt like a child who had just entered into the wonderful arena of knowledge, and saw spread out before her strange sights, and heard strange sounds, which she could not comprehend, but seemed deliciously clear and interesting to those around her. This visit was paid long ago, but the feeling clings to me yet; and I feel there is so much to learn and understand, one can never be idle.

### THE HALL OF METAPHYSICS.

To the hall of metaphysics we wandered. Here the speaker was a female; but although the ideas she expressed were grand and beautiful, the language with which they were clothed was almost too obtuse for me.

"I brought you here, dear sister," said my brother, "not because I expected you to understand the proceedings; you are too familiar with earthly expressions for that yet; but that you might visit a place where those filled with lofty ideals concerning the soul, and its relations to life, meet to exchange thoughts and learn of each other. We have scores of other places," he continued, "where such teachers as Theodore Parker, Channing, and hundreds of like noble souls, hold forth with earnest utterance for the lifting up and sanctification of the people. These you can understand; and their teachings are generally delivered in some airy chamber or leafy grove, where all the surroundings and conditions are conducive to the worship of God. You will visit many of these with those who love you."

### THE HALL OF LITERATURE.

We did not stay long in the hall of metaphysics. The teacher was grandly beautiful, clothed in flowing robes of classic style; her speech gently modulated; her gestures graceful; her mein earnest and convincing; and to those who understood she appeared to furnish a feast of good things. I felt humbly penitent, because I could not comprehend the whole of her discourse; observing which, my guide hurried me away to the hall of literature.

Here I could appreciate, for I understood. The services were conducted by a number of men and women, who favoured us with sketches of real life, not published, but what they had themselves witnessed; also readings from eminent authors, bits of rare descriptive power, rich delineations of gifted writers, with extracts from their productions; followed by expressions of gorgeous imagery and brilliant passages of poetry. Here I was deeply interested, and the more so because my companion pointed out to me the presence of gifted men and women, whose works I had read and admired on earth with never the hope of meeting them in person.

### THE HALL OF MUSIC.

But I must hasten. With all the wonderful things I had seen and heard, what shall be said of the hall of music? The whole front of this spacious building

is a raised balcony, upon which the performers and choristers are generally seated.

Here we were joined by a dear sister, whom I shall call May; like the May-flowers, she is beautiful and sweet; and hand clasped in hand, in silence,—and as far as I was concerned, in awe,—we listened to the enchanting strains of music evoked from stringed and keyed instruments, by the skilful fingers of their manipulators; and to the deep, rich tones, or bird-like, thrilling notes of the singers' voices. I cannot describe it. What I have said is but a faint type of all I witnessed in that marvellous temple; but the music!—the music was so grand, so powerful, so uplifting, and yet so sweet, so subtle, so enchanting, that I seemed floating away, with no thought but to soar upward to the very throne of Life and Love.

All petty affairs of life, all outward sense of existence melted away; and in the pure atmosphere of that celestial melody, my soul asserted itself in all its purest aspirations for the perfect completeness of life.

I love Zencollia for its divine harmony of sweet, inspiring music; and, oh, dear ones I love on earth, could you have been with me in spirit, my bliss would have been complete.

(To be continued.)

## 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.

To the Editor—

I hope you won't think me greedy in asking you the following questions, but we have had so many asked in our Lyceum recently, some we could not answer, so I am appealing to you.

*Questions.* (1) What are we to understand by "If talent shone in truth alone, the world would be the better for it?" Silver Chain Recitation No. 9.

(2) When was the Lord God's voice heard among the trees? Does it mean when Moses was besides the burning bush? (See S.C.R. No. 81, v. 5).

(3) In G.C.R. No. 139, it says, "Children grow in spirit life." Is there a certain size for the spirit body to grow to? If not, do adults grow likewise; or does it mean they grow in knowledge?

(4) In the Musical Reading, No. 210, it says, "There's a land far away mid'st the stars we are told." This cannot mean the spirit land; if it does it contradicts the statement that the spirit land is always around us.

(5) In the M.R. No. 212, it says that "All that is noble, virtuous, good and kind in our lives, we take with us into the spirit world. These are the true riches which the angels look for, and without possessing these we can never be admitted into their society." What about the darkened spirits; how can they obtain light under such circumstances? And another thing, are not all kinds of humanity passing into the society of the angels at the present time?

(6) In hymn No. 396 why is Truth alluded to in the feminine gender?

(7) Please define the difference between our own thoughts and spirit impressions?

JOE WHITTLES, Dewsbury Lyceum.

*Answers.* (1) "If talent shone in truth alone," has reference to brilliant intellects being used, in all walks of life, to deceive, mislead, and betray the innocent and unwary into believing things are otherwise than what they are. Talents are used to contrive cunning deceptions. Such people are said "to live by their wits." The clever rogue is an example of talents misused.

(2) "The Lord God's voice," has reference to the incident recorded in Genesis III., v. 8. The author of the hymn was born in 1771 and died in 1854, and was known as the Scottish poet and hymn writer. In those days the Bible was looked upon as a divinely-inspired book. To-day the incidents recorded in the early chapters of Genesis are looked upon by archaeologists—people who study ancient art and customs—as being of a mythical and legendary nature, borrowed from the ancient Sumero-Akkadian cuneiform records on clay tablets and cylinders, and so, "the Lord God's voice" must not be taken as literal fact but as a figure of speech.

(3) "Children grow in spirit life" has reference to their growth to the stature of manhood and womanhood. Of course they grow in knowledge, wisdom, and love at the same time.

(4) "There's a land far away *midst the stars* we are told." This is a remnant of the old theological idea of the location of heaven. A more correct term would be *midst the heav'ns* we are told, "The spirit land," by that I mean the spirit spheres, is *not* "round about us," but the spirit people from the spirit spheres are often with us as spirit guardians.

(5) "Darkened spirits," and "all kinds of humanity are *not* passing into the society of the angels at the present time." Only the spiritually unfolded, the morally fit are passing into the society of the angels. All the others dwell on the borderland of the spirit world, and throng their old haunts of sin and wrong, and they know nothing of the bright spirit spheres, and the real spirit worlds, and so are unable to teach us anything about them, and are in need of us teaching them. They are unable to rise from the earth and its attractions, until they have outgrown them. When they ask, or pray for help to become better, angels attend them, to teach them and help them how to progress, as is taught in the article now appearing in our pages under the title of "LIFE AND LABOUR IN THE SPIRIT WORLD."

(6) As poets, painters, and sculptures for long ages have designated the female body as "the human form divine," so it is customary with poets, when dealing with the virtues, to do so in terms of the feminine gender, as being the most graceful, beautiful, and lovable, as are the virtues.

(7) Our own thoughts are those that we personally think and evolve from our own personal consciousness; while spirit impressions are thoughts and ideas that seem to flash into or through our minds without any conscious effort.

## Girls' Own Corner.

By  
Mrs. JESSY  
GREENWOOD



### SESSION PROGRAMME.

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Date.	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	Mus. Reading.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
Sep. 5	346	85	216	117	316
„ 12	349	84	227	114	308
„ 19	338	81	239	107	359
„ 26	337	79	203	127	402

#### Pearls.

- SEP. 5.—“They are the most uncharitable towards error, who have never experienced how hard a matter it is to come at the Truth.”—*St. Augustine.*
- SEP. 12.—“Sincerity, a deep, great, genuine sincerity, is the first characteristic of all men in any way heroic.”—*Carlyle.*
- SEP. 19.—“Honesty is the best policy; but he who acts on that principle is not an honest man.”
- SEP. 26.—“A great step is gained when a child has learnt that there is no necessary connection between liking a thing and doing it.”—*J. & A. Hare.*

The following letter on LOVE probably expresses the ideas of some of my readers as regards a personal definition of the subject under consideration, and I admit it is a difficult matter to give it in ordinary language, but I am not in a hurry to say exactly what I think. Would prefer the eager ones to have a turn at defining “Love.”

Those who play with the passions and emotions with no other thought than the passing of an idle hour with either man or woman are like the man who was describing his experience on coming to the edge of a precipice. He said, “I nearly fell over a ‘prejudice’ into a ‘sarcasm.’”

Well, now, read my friend's letter, and if any will take the trouble to open up a correspondence, I dare say the Editor will allow it within ordinary limits, providing it is useful to all concerned.

Dear Mrs. Greenwood,

I have followed your article re “Love and Fascination” very closely, and, in accordance with my promise, I am writing you on the matter.

In the first place I must say I am disappointed that you have not given your own *real* definition of

“Love,” instead of referring all your readers to “The Dictionary,” “Poets,” “Ella Wheeler Wilcox,” &c., &c. What each of these say may or may not be right, but I (personally) would have liked your own ideas on the difference between the two subjects.

You begin, when in doubt “Consult the dictionary.” Do I understand from this you are in doubt yourself on the question?

I know I gave you the most difficult task in the world when I asked you to deal with this subject. It is a very easy thing for one to say “I'm in love,” and perhaps they may be able (to a certain extent) to describe verbally what they mean by it, but to put it in writing is quite a different thing and a huge task.

Perhaps I ought to have made myself a little more clear, and said “What is the difference between ‘Love and Fascination,’ between ‘Two Souls?’” It would have been better, I have no doubt, had I put it at first in this way. Then again, there ought not to be such a thing as “fascination” between “Souls,” and I doubt if there really is; so as regards my question, Fascination can easily be left out of it; but not from the real question, which arose from your article re “Soldiers and Girls.”

If you could give your own idea on “the Love of the Sexes,” and, if possible, allow (through the kind permission of the Editor of *The Banner*) this article to continue, and also invite correspondence on the subject from the readers, either male or female, I am sure much good will be derived, not only for your girl readers, but for the boys and young men, “one of whom I am myself.”

P.S.—You are quite at liberty to publish this without the name, and I hope you will do so.

## For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

My Dear Chums,—

It has been very pleasing to receive a number of replies to the puzzles, all of which have been correct. Merit cards have been posted to those sending correct supplies of the transpositions. Norman Haley has my thanks for continued interest in our page. The same remarks apply to S. Smith, of Heeley. Annie Appleton also sends me a nice letter from Daulby Hall. Sam Briggs, Ambrose and R. W. Broomhead, all of Brighouse, all send correct answers. The number of our chums is growing larger, and I want to thank the two chums who helped to make my visit to Lincoln Lyceum such a happy one. Here are the correct answers to last month's puzzles. 1, Sunderland; 2, Dewsbury; 3, Witton Park; 4, Radcliffe; 5, Middleton; 6, Manchester.

Here are six hidden Lyceums for this month: 1, see knot, scotton; 2, Nothing, mat; 3, Don't read ch., 4, \* \* e a \* \* a \* w \* o \*; 5, Lady Rene; 6, ada, get she.

Now let me resume what the old man of Derby had to say about the poor:—

Whoever owned the land before the Norman Conquest there is no doubt about King William saying the King of Domesday is the supreme lord of all the land

of the nation, and all portions were only held with his consent.

The granting of the various manors to his nobles were rarely, if ever, absolute gifts. Some had in return to find the King in bows and arrows, others give fish and game, some to supply armed attendants, and most of them to make some money payment on account of their holdings. In these days there was no other form of taxation than these services which were given by the peasantry to the lords and by the lords to the king. Money was not in general use. Imports and exports were very small, so the total revenues of the Crown to pay for government and for warfare was found by the manorial lords. During the centuries which have passed since then the landed aristocracy has striven to destroy all joint or common ownership of the soil, to transfer taxation from themselves to the shoulders of the poor, and to transform themselves from being the King's tenants into absolute owners of the soil.

The Lord of the Manor when he owned several estates, usually lived at them in turns with his family and servants, eating up the provisions the cottars brought in to the Manor House and then going to the next Manor. As money became more used the lords found it more profitable to let some of the manors and grounds to tenants for given rents, payable in money or goods. The class of people known as farmers thus came into existence, paying rent for the farms and ceasing to give military or feudal service as his fathers had done.

The numbers of English people trebled in these centuries, and as the law of the land divided each man's land amongst his sons, it became very difficult to enforce the proportionate amount of labour which was due from each cottar or "villain," as the people of the villages were then called, so compulsory service from the farmers was dispensed with by the giving of malt silver, wood silver, larder silver instead of personal service.

As the farmers increased the size and produce of their lands, they wanted more men to help them and offered wages to those who were still bound to give their services to the lord of some neighbouring manor. At the same time landowners wanting money were willing to sell labourers their freedom, so that they might sell their labour to some one else. In this way working for wages came into fashion in England over six hundred years ago.

The decay of the manorial system was hastened by a horrible plague which appeared in this country in 1349 and is generally known as the Black Death or Great Plague. Of the four or five millions who then formed the population, from one-third to one-half perished. The ravages were worst in the large villages and towns where filthy and undrained streets gave the pestilential disease a suitable welcome.

In London, it is said, fifty thousand corpses were cast into the great pits cut for their burial. Nearly sixty thousand died at Norwich. At Bristol the living were hardly able to bury the dead, and half the priests in Yorkshire perished.

The scarcity of men upset all the civil life and for a time rendered cultivation almost impossible. Harvest rotted, fields went untilled, the sheep and cattle strayed through the corn, and there was none to drive or guide or tend them.

Labouring men became so much in demand that "landless men," wandering about in search of work,

became, for the first time, masters of the situation. They rose naturally to the occasion and asked double and treble to the wages they had been getting prior to the Plague. Employers, equally naturally, were against paying more wages, and so there came about the first great struggle in English history between Capital and Labour.

As Parliament consisted of landowners, and the King was the greatest landowner of all, a law was passed making it an offence to be unemployed and gave the employer the right to demand any man's labour if he was out-of-work, at the wages the man had two years before the Plague. This meant the men would get, for haymaking, twopence per day, for mowers fivepence per acre, reaping to be paid for at fivepence per day, without food, each man providing his own. Any man refusing work was put into stocks or prison until he was willing to work on these terms.

As the act proved useless, sterner measures were adopted. If a labourer tried to leave his parish to go to another for better pay, he would be brought back and stamped with a red-hot iron on the forehead the letter F., meaning felon.

Thus were honest-hearted Englishmen hunted about from place to place, tried and tracked and fastened in stocks, thrown into dirty prisons, and branded with irons, five hundred years ago, if they tried to get an advance in wages.

In spite of all these laws the price of labour kept advancing. Before the Plague women got a penny a day for field labour, after the Plague their wages doubled and trebled. Money was worth more and not as plentiful as now-a-days. One penny a day would keep a woman in decent food. Food was plentiful and men were scarce. They often asked for and got good wages, but as labour entered into an article, so did its price advance.

(To be continued).

If anything in the above puzzles you, write to your sincere chum,  
GEO. FREDK. KNOTT.

## Brief Delineations of Character.

By Prof. Timson, Leicester.

**Brief delineations of character, talents and spiritual gifts will be given to readers of "The Lyceum Banner," from Photo, lock of hair, or hand-writing. All applicants must state age and sex, and enclose six penny postage stamps along with the coupon. Those who desire that their photos should be returned to them must enclose a stamped, directed envelope. All communications must be addressed to Prof. T. Timson, 3, Museum Square, Leicester.**

*Miss F. Smith, Chesterfield.*

You have a well-developed temperament, bones, muscles, nutritive system, heart and circulation, and a fine type of brain growth and mental capacity. You need systematic self-culture, or there will be 'Talents buried and lost' in your case. You are adapted for business in millinery and outfitting. Cultivate Lyceum work, study reciting, extempore speaking, and writ-

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### Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Our readers will be sorry to learn that Mr. John M. Stewart, of Glasgow, a member of the Lyceum Union's Executive Council, is in the infirmary undergoing an operation. THE LYCEUM BANNER wishes him a speedy recovery.

Mr. C. Rudolph Malmburg, the National Superintendent of the American Lyceums, sends his "sincere appreciation for the kind greetings sent to him by the Lyceum Delegates in Conference assembled at Sheffield."

An unfortunate error appeared in the Sheffield Lyceum District Visitor's report *re* Barnsley. It should have read "general conduct good."

We are pleased to be able to present our readers with a portrait and sketch of Mr. Batten, the representative of the Bolton Lyceum District Council. The Bolton (Bradford Street) and Horwich Lyceums are showing their appreciation of Mr. Batten by each ordering 144 copies. Other Lyceums in the district are ordering extra copies. This indicates wider circulation, and good propaganda work being done.

Next month we shall present the portrait and sketch of Mr. William Barnes, who has been elected as the representative of the Bradford Lyceum District Council, of which he is the devoted Secretary. He also receives and distributes parcels of BANNERS to five Lyceums.

Mrs. E. Cawdry, the devoted Conductor of the Johannesburg Lyceum, in a recent letter speaks highly of the articles lately appearing in the LYCEUM BANNER, dealing with Christ and Anti-Christ, and the Religion of Spiritualism in relation to the Bible, which appeared in our issues for January, March and April respectively. The Dean of Pretoria lately called on her regarding two scholars lately joining her Lyceum. She discussed Biblical Spiritualism with him for an hour, meeting and refuting his charges on Biblical lines. This caused him to lose his temper to such an

extent that on taking his leave he said he "hoped to see her in twelve months time, when she would be a degraded woman."

Another case occurred not far from Leeds, where the article on "The Religion of Spiritualism in relation to the Bible" was handed to a minister to read, who had expressed his painful surprise to find the lady of the house attending Spiritualists' services. On returning the article he candidly confessed he had never seen the Biblical incidents in that light before, and added he must make further enquiries into the matter.

Mr. Albert Fallow, of the Oldham, Union Street, Lyceum, writes in reference to Barrow's Lyceum Savings' Bank, to say they have a Savings' Bank in connection with their Church since it was first opened, from which they have paid between seventy and eighty pounds out every year. He finds it encourages the members to be thrifty.

The friends at Bournemouth have ordered a large supply of goods, comprising Lyceum Manuals, Physical Exercises, Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young, Spiritual Songsters, etc., and have opened their Lyceum in accordance with our announcement last month. We hope to learn of its progress in due course.

The good news reaches us from London, Stratford, that their Lyceum is making splendid progress. They have a membership of ten officers and sixty scholars. They are also starting a special Study Group on Sunday mornings for children of 12 years and over. They hope to increase their knowledge of Spiritualism by the study of the Golden Chain Recitations and "Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young." This method indicates splendid work, and will produce good spiritual results. We shall be glad to learn of other Lyceums adopting the above plan where they have only an afternoon session.

### An Appeal.

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

### 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.

DURBAN, S.A.—This Lyceum lost one of its best members, Edward Cross, aged 17 years, who was accidentally killed by electrocution on July 1st.—J. W. Wheatley, Secretary.

HAMILTON, TORONTO, CANADA.—Jane Yates, aged 4 years, passed away after a few days' illness. Mrs. Gretton officiated at the grave side.—Selina Etchells.

## THE LYCEUM RECITER.

### THE PERFECT UNION.

Thy soul with time is blending  
With harmony sublime,  
All earthly joy transcending,  
In unity divine.

I hear the song celestial,  
I see that vision fair,  
Which sheds on life terrestrial  
A light beyond compare.

A light that ever clearer  
Shall gleam o'er land and sea,  
A song that ever nearer  
Shall draw my heart to thee.

It sounds far down the ages,  
From that primeval time,  
When dim in memory's pages,  
Thy soul stirred in mine.

From out this perfect union,  
The mystic child is born,  
And rapturous communion  
Heralds his birthday morn.

### THE MAGICIAN.

Within the secret chambers of the mind,  
Where noble thoughts and aspirations throng,  
I gaze upon its many pictured walls  
Or listen to the music of some song.

Within my soul I find a world bright,  
Lit with the joyous beams of love divine;  
Shining and beautiful it spreads into  
A mystic country, which I know is mine.

"Besiders the waters still" I wander long,  
Or lay me down "in pastures fresh and green;"  
And out of fairy beams of light I weave  
A summer song to garland some fair queen.

I have no large estates, or mansion fair,  
Nor all the vanities that wealth can buy;  
But light and airy fancies can create,  
And bring, a many splendoured vision nigh.

This is the land of dreams, the land of bliss;  
The many-peopled world within my soul,  
A land all beautiful with perfect love,  
A world submissive to divine control.

So with the many breathings of my mind,  
I kindle into life the latent thought,  
And send it forth to men and find at last  
That solace given has sweet comfort brought.

W. H. EVANS.

### "FOLLOW THE SOUL."

"Follow the Soul" wher'ere it may lead,  
And thou shalt be blessed, thrice blessed indeed,  
'Twill lead thee from darkness into the light,  
From fear to reason, from the errors of night.

It, shall free thee from slavery's thrall,  
If thou wil't but bravely, "Follow the Soul."  
The chains of thy bondage, bounded in might,  
Shall bust asunder, and give place to the Right.

"Follow the Soul" if 'Truth' thou would'st find,  
In finding thou'll leave all error behind,  
'Twill make thee wise, give thee knowledge untold,  
If thou wilt but take heed and "Follow the Soul."

"Follow the Soul" if thou would'st know "Peace,"  
From Life's darkest gloom 'twill give sweet release,  
The calmness, brightness, and joys of the day,  
Will yet be for thee, if thy Soul holdeth sway.

"Follow the Soul" if thou would'st be brave,  
'Twill strengthen Life, thy integrity save  
Mankind shall yet trust to thy honest call,  
If to self thou art true and "Follow the Soul."

"Follow the Soul" if thou would'st be "Just,"  
To live a true life then follow thou must,  
If thou feel midst't grief, afflictions hard rod,  
Just "Follow the Soul" it will lead thee to "God."

JOHN W. SIMMONDS, Preston.

### WAR AND PEACE.

There was never a *war* that was good,  
Human slaughter's but Satanic revels;  
For the angels of God work for peace,  
And the agents of war, are the devils.

There was never a *peace* that was bad,  
For the message of God from above,  
Through our Jesus whom christians revere,  
Was for brotherhood, goodwill, and love.

'Tis the beast of the forest that preys—  
Often only for food for its need—  
But to man, for the brothers he slays,  
God will send an account for the deed.

Vulgar greed, and assertion of "might,"  
Are but evils and lead to disaster—  
We must do only that which is "right,"  
If sincerely we follow the Master.

Now, alas! there are tyrants of hell,  
Loosen'd over thy beautiful earth;  
And, our Father, it surely is well,  
We defend the dear land of our birth.

We must fight for the weak and oppressed,  
Till this murdering slaughter shall cease;  
And again shall thy children be blessed,  
With a righteous and glorious peace

H. T. WHORLOW.

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ing, psychometry and magnetics. You could become an excellent florist. You love children, and should have a wide and useful sphere in Lyceum work.

*W. J. Taylor, Gateshead.*

You have a fine head and possess a clear, vivid, practical and intuitive mental capacity. The frontal lobe is a study in itself, and quickened with the knowledge of spiritual realities, laws, and relations, it will find a wide and illimitable sphere of universal interest. You are matter-of-fact, critical, analytical, shrewd, keen-witted and a good judge of character. Could have succeeded as a healer, speaker, and author. You are generously disposed to genuine needy, but are careful and clear in judgment and decisive in action, and regular in method. A natural Psychic.

*A.K.B., Huddersfield.*

You have a hardy temperament, a mechanical and ingenious turn of mind. Could succeed materially in that occupation, motor and electric work. You are magnetic, positive, determined, independent and somewhat reserved. Could become a good speaker, elocutionist and inspirational medium, psychometrist and physiognomist, &c.

*Mr. J.A., Hull.*

You have a good physique, and fairly broad brain, could succeed as an engineer, motor-cycle or electrical. You have a good magnetic temperament. Sociable, fond of home and friends. A keen observer, could become an accurate student of science. See the *Lyceum Manual*, Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis' advice to study physiology, phrenology, botany, &c. You could become a teacher and lecturer on these subjects with due application. You have also mediumship, psychometric and prescience and healing capacity.

*Mr. Wm. Speight, Leeds.*

You have a closely knit, compact, wiry and energetic temperament, restless and energetic. Must be on the go or doing something; pulling to pieces to rebuild or reconstruct. You have a clever brain, you can do many things equally well without apprenticeship, and many things come to you although you have had no previous acquaintance with the kind. You have excellent capacities for public work, Lyceum conductor, speaker, psychometric and character reading. You are critical, intuitive, quick to perceive what is going on around you. Firm, decisive, persevering, and not easily thrown off your balance. Once you begin on a purpose you may rest, procrastinate, or change your course, but you keep your goal in view till you reach it finally.

*H. S. Whorlow, Finchley, London.*

You have an active, energetic mental, motive temperament, giving spontaneity of thought, prompting, restlessness and activity to be doing, doing, doing all the time, thinking and working, mind first, body next, to execute and fulfil your desires. You are wiry, tense, close knit, compact, and have a high degree of personal magnetism. Intuitive judgment, exactness in criticism and analysis, chemical and mental, science, history, philosophy, and psychology are your capacities; with authorship, as shewn in your brain configuration. You are on the sixth grade or plane physically. Cultivate magnetic, mental and telepathic

studies. A teacher and leader of thought and consistent in principle and moral courage. You see beneath the surface of things and judge accordingly, and do not conform to convention and ceremony, but are charitable in your views toward others.

*R. Whitehead, Woodseats, Sheffield.*

You have a good, fully-developed head and face; good intellectual capacity. You are a good observer, fond of collecting information. You have a good capacity for study of men and things in general, as character and qualities. You are congenial, generous, cautious, conscientious, methodical and steady-going, not excitable, nor spasmodic or impulsive. You could succeed with organ, singing and piano, also with Lyceum work as leader, and should cultivate your abilities for a speaker, as inspirational and psychometric and clairvoyant and delineator. You could succeed as an engineer, draftsman and designer.

*E.J.B.H., Warrington.*

You have a full magnetic temperament; are frank and open-hearted, affectionate and sympathetic, rather impulsive and quick-tempered, fond of natural scenery and flowers. tender to children, the aged and infirm, and are disposed to be generous, but firm when aroused. You are mediumistic and should do good service in the cause. Better work in the Lyceum, as you will manage children better than adults. Send name and address in full if you wish fuller description.

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## Correspondence.

To the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER.

### A PROTEST.

Dear Editor,—I beg to herewith state my views on Mr. Rawlinson's protest *re* the ruling at the conference held at Attercliffe.

According to Mr. Rawlinson's protest and his reply to Mr. Owen's defence he doesn't appear to be in possession of facts. Seeing Mr. Rawlinson is one of my colleagues in the Sheffield District I am sorry he didn't ask for an explanation before writing to the LYCEUM BANNER in order to be perfectly sure of the position.

Mr. Owen has answered the accusation made of plotting to rush the amendment through upon resumption of business, and has shown with the aid of the official minutes the fallacy of such a statement.

Now the cause of the whole trouble as I see it is as follows:

Mr. Owen's so-called amendment was really a motion to defer the discussion upon the question before the Conference, to some future date or to *postpone the debate till next Conference*.

According to a leading authority on such matters, a member may propose the postponement of the consideration of the question for a stated period, but he may not speak for more than five minutes, and his *motion* shall be seconded without speech.

The mover of the question under debate (in this case Child Labour) shall then have the right of reply for a few minutes without prejudice to his ultimate right of reply on the whole debate, i.e., if the motion for postponement is lost.

The motion shall then be put *instanter*.

I frankly admitted that a mistake had occurred in promising Mr. Marklew to reply after lunch, and fully believed everyone would readily understand my position.

When the quality of the so-called amendment was grasped it was *too late* to follow exactly on the lines indicated above in allowing Mr. Marklew his intermediate reply, *because* the whole debate was finished prior to adjournment for lunch.

Having carefully considered the *complexed nature* of the position thus created, the best thing that could be done was to promise Mr. Marklew his reply if the so-called amendment was lost in the voting.

Mr. Rawlinson appears to have got a trifle mixed when referring to the constitution *re* mover of a resolution having ten minutes, seconder five minutes, mover five minutes' reply and applying the same procedure to *this special case*.

By referring to Bye-Law I., Sec. I., viz.:—"Parliamentary Rules" of order shall be the authority and govern this Union on all matters not provided for by the Constitution and Bye-Laws; he will see the above procedure is *certainly* included in the Constitution.

Hoping this explanation will clear up the matter to Mr. Rawlinson, and apologising for trespassing on your valuable space.

Yours fraternally,

ERNEST VICKERS.

### DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

Dear Mr. Kitson,—I notice with regret and disgust, under the title of "Notes and Comments" in the August BANNER, a paragraph stating that "readers will be pleased to learn that arrangements have been made with Prof. Timson *re* brief delineations of character, talents, etc., at a fee of 6d.

Might I, as a Lyceumist, be allowed to say that personally I am *not* pleased at any such arrangement being made. It is the last thing in the world that any Lyceumist would desire (I am sure) that our Official Organ should be the means of introducing fortune-telling into the Lyceum ranks. This to me is merely the thin end of the wedge in for the wreckers of our movement.

Might I refer those responsible to our teachings and ask them as pioneers to keep Spiritualism *pure and free*?

I shall be glad if you will publish this in the next issue as a protest against such an arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

JACK BELL.

[Will our friendly critic please point out to our readers where "fortune telling" appears in the brief delineations which appear in this issue? The wiser course to adopt would have been to wait and see the *nature* of the brief delineations before finding fault with them.—EDITOR.]

To the Editor.—*Re* Questions and Answers department in August issue, unlike Mr. B. Warburton I fail to find any

apparent or real disagreement with the S.C.R. No. 1, and M.R. No. 220 in the *Manual* on the question of good and evil; neither do I think the Editor is correct in stating "that partial evil does not refer to man's sinful actions." The question, "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," is very fine. It refers specially to man and not to inorganic nature. It is no good trying to shelve the question, for some of us young ones want to know a little more from our elders, and mean to get it. Certainly we have to suffer for our evil actions, and others benefit by them if they happen to be in that state where the suffering of the other helps them to be proof positive against the recommittal of a similar action by themselves. The whole matter resolves itself into the controversial question of good and evil. What appears 'partial evil' to one will appear good to another. It simply depends upon individual development. Evil is but the stepping stone to goodness, the rock upon which we build being the foundation (experience) which we are all gaining, and upon the errors (partial evils) of the past are we realizing universal goodness. Evil is relative to goodness, therefore evil is as necessary as good, and God being the creator or 'Over Spirit' (Divine Life), must be the author of evil and of goodness, and it is only through our limited vision that we see separateness. If lightning (which is terrific whilst I am writing) struck a house it would probably be considered evil by the occupants, but is there any one of you who will say it is not universally good?

ERNEST V. QUARMBY, Slaithwaite Lyceum.

[We insert the above as the writer questions the answer offered by us on the problem submitted. The insertion of the letter is our reply to the charge of 'trying to shelve the question.' It would also appear from the attitude assumed by the writer, that the 'young ones' are out to teach the elders, and not learn more from them. His mode of reasoning does not commend itself to us.—EDITOR.]

## Special Reports.

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

SOUTHAMPTON (Cavendish Grove).—On August 1st we held our Open Sessions; although many of the children were away for the holidays, there were many friends present. After pearls, the following Lyceumists took part: Solos, Violet Dawson, Leonard Stevens, Elsie Stevens, Frank Reeves, and Miss Pilbrow. Recitations by George Bevenstock, Sidney Bevenstock, Gladys Hendy, Kathleen Baker and Frank Reeves. Great credit is due to Elsie White, our little Lyceum pianist, also to Marie Allen, leader of marches. It is interesting to see the children take their parts so well. On this occasion Mrs. Penton received cakes, fruit and groceries from the children for the wounded soldiers. Mrs. Long addressed the children, and said it gave her much pleasure to be with them, and she hoped they would still continue to progress. ALICE WATTHEY.

## Lyceum District Council Reports.

### LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held at Heckmondwike, Tower Street, on Saturday, September 25th, at 3-30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. A social will be held in the evening. Price for tea and social 6d.

N. INGLE, Sec.

### 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.

### NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The half-yearly meeting will be held at Old Bethel Hall, Kemp Street, Fleetwood, on Saturday, September 18th, 1915.

Commence at 3.15 prompt. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will as many delegates attend as possible. Associates welcomed.

C. T. BATLEY, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT  
COUNCIL.

The next quarterly meeting in connection with the above Council will be held in Boynton Church (Union Street), on September 11th, 1915. All members of the above Council, and all Lyceumists who have been written to by me, are earnestly requested to attend. Various schemes of importance will be brought forward and widely discussed, which we hope will be the means of strengthening every Lyceum in our district. I trust to see every Lyceum represented.

Tea on tables at 4.30. Business to commence at 4 p.m. After tea we resume business again. ARTHUR LORD, Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

**RULE 2.**—Record only the events occurring after 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, Sept. 22nd, to ensure insertion in the October issue.

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

**ACCRINGTON** (China Street).—We held our Open Session on August 1st, which we commenced with song 356. Invocation by Mr. Lincott, then we had song 305, after which Miss Unthank gave a recitation, "Sparrow's Nest," well rendered; also one by Mr. A. Smith, E. Jackson, and Miss F. Cooper. Solo by Miss N. Ormord, 335; also one from Miss A. Gorton. Duet by Miss L. Lee and Miss A. Gorton, 423. M.R. led by Miss N. Ormord; S.C. by Mrs. Chambers. Solo by a visitor from Rawtenstall, Mr. Blezard, 378. S.C. by Mr. W. Swift, after which we took part in marching and calisthenics.—H. Marfeet, Sec.

**BELFAST, WHITEHALL BUILDINGS** (13, Ann Street).—On Sunday, August 1st, our first Lyceum Anniversary was celebrated. Mr. Ernest Vickers, President of the B.S.L.U., presided, and gave a very interesting report regarding the progress of the Lyceum movement, which was listened to very attentively. Altogether a very instructive session was held. Anniversary greetings were sung as a quartette by the following: Lillie Beattie, Ettie Irwin, James Heslip, and Daniel Smeltzer. Recitations were given by Dolly Bowyer, Sadie Beattie, Florrie Stein, and Jack Holland. Marching was led by the Conductor, Mr. Curphey, calisthenics by Eric Smeltzer. D. Smeltzer, Sec.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—We were favoured with beautiful weather on the occasion of our annual picnic, which took place on July 24th, Wallasey being the place chosen. A very pleasant time was spent, various games being played. After an excellent tea we had races, several of the Lyceumists winning prizes. At 8.30 it was time to return home, and reluctantly we left the scene of such a happy day.—Winifred Wilkinson, Sec.

**BLACKBURN** (St. Peter Street).—Sunday, July 25th, we held our Anniversary and Flower Service, conducted by Mr. Hopper. Invocation by our speaker, Mrs. Pickles, of Burnley. Silver chain and golden chain recitations were appreciated by strangers present. An anchor, decorated by request from the spirit side, was explained through a scholar. "Forget-me-nots" were for remembrance of our loved ones, "Pansies" for kind thoughts, and "Roses" our love to those that are away serving their country. We also had Roll of Honour. Our sister named another infant in our Lyceum. Afterwards recitations, pearls, solos were rendered by our scholars, assisted by two Darwen

Lyceumists. We had a very successful afternoon, with every credit to our conductor.—Lucy Edwards, Sec.

**BOLTON** (Bradford Street).—On August 1st we held our Open Session, which was a very great success, many pearls, recitations and solos being given by the Lyceumists. The evening service was conducted by the Bolton Lyceum District Council, and the old and young enjoyed a very pleasant day. We held our annual picnic on August 7th to Edgworth Institute, where we enjoyed a pleasant afternoon, considering the state of the weather. On August 8th the choir gave a service of song entitled the "Abbey Bells," which was very much appreciated. In the afternoon the address was given by Miss Wilkins, and clairvoyance by Miss Webster. The Lyceum is still progressing and several new members have been enrolled.—J. Grindrod, Sec.

**BOLTON** (Commission Street).—I am pleased to report steady progress in our Lyceum, present officers bringing to bear greater activity in work carried out, each session opening with a punctual start, yet sorry to find the Lyceumists lacking in their duty to the new officers in failing to be in time. We hope to remedy this very soon and put our Lyceum on a sound basis, so that good work may accrue and knowledge gained, both individually and collectively. We are banding ourselves together for the purpose of providing vocal and musical entertainment during the coming winter session, which we hope will bring the award all are seeking, a pleasant time and success to the movement.—David Cooke, Sec.

**BRADFORD, EAST BOWLING** (Harker Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, August 1st, which was very well attended. Recitations were said by the following: Miss Hannah Mary Snaith, Miss Lily Long, Miss Alice Berry, Master Stanley Long. Solos were well rendered by Mr. Wills, 303, from the *Manual*; Miss Hannah Mary Snaith, 83, also from the *Manual*. Duet by Mr. and Miss Annie Carter. Pearls very good. Mr. Barran gave a pearl in the form of a recitation, which was very interesting and instructive.—R. Wilkinson, Sec.

**BRADFORD** (Bankfoot).—On Sunday, August 1st, we had a good Open Session, conducted by Miss Alice Lodge, when the following gave recitations: Alice Fernihough, Ethel Lodge, Eleanor Lodge, and Norman Haley. Solo by Mr. England, and Mr. Chambers gave one of his usual stories, which was very interesting. We had a good attendance.—A. Haley, Sec.

**BRADFORD** (Boynton Street).—We held our Open Session on August 1st, when the following took part in making it a success: Recitations by V. Pilkington, R. Hill, O. Bell, and E. Long. Duets by R. and I. Hill, A. and L. Bairstow, V. Pilkington and A. Bell, E. Long and L. Croft.—S. Greenough, Secretary.

**BRADFORD** (Otley Road).—We had a naming ceremony on Sunday, August 1st, grandson of Mrs. Houldsworth, name, Arthur, the spirit name was "Victor," which was ably performed by Mr. Gawthorpe. Pleased to report return of three scholars. On Sunday, August 8th, we held our Open Session, commencing with hymn 346. Mr. Hale conducted. Readings by Gerald Vinn; song, "Marching to Zion," by Mr. Hale; "Angel Voices," by the Lyceum. Recitations were ably rendered by Harry Vinn, "Bed-time"; Gerald Vinn, "Spring Song"; Arthur Vinn, "Jack Frost"; Gerald Vinn, "Flag of the Free." Also duet by Misses Richmond and Harrison, "Shoulder to Shoulder."—Miss E. Ripley, Sec.

**BRIERFIELD.**—On August 1st, we held our Open Session and Flower Services. We had quite a good number of pearls and recitations given by Lyceumists, making a bright, happy and harmonious session. Our speaker for the day was Mr. Davis, of Manchester, who was well appreciated, all the services being an entire success. May each Lyceumist and members ever strive onwards for the upliftment of our movement.—R. Dilworth, Secretary.

**BRIGHTON** (Manchester Street).—On August 8th our Liberty Group was favoured with an essay by Mr. C. Severn, entitled, "Violins and their Construction," which was well received. August 10th our annual outing took place to a pretty place called "Hossocks," where apparently everyone enjoyed themselves to the full. A nice tea, nicely served, added to the enjoyment of 73 people. Afterwards we had the sports, which nearly everyone indulged in. The tug of war between a number of convalescent soldiers and all our girls was most amusing; of course we won. A splendid day under ideal conditions terminated with musical honours whilst waiting for the train for "Home, Sweet Home."—C. Moorey, Sec.

**BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND. AUSTRALIA** (Wickham Street).—The conductor of the Sydney Lyceum paid us a visit, during which she suggested that members of our Lyceum should correspond with members of their Lyceum, and in order

to facilitate matters kindly handed to our Lyceum Conductor, Mr. Humphreys, a list of the names of the Sydney Lyceumists, which were distributed among our Lyceumists, and I am pleased to say the suggestion is being acted upon. During the session Master Sidney Neilson recited "Daily Work," and the choir sang "Sweet Summerland." Both items were greatly appreciated. Our social was held on Saturday, and every one present had a good time.—A. E. Sampson, Sec.

**BURNLEY (North Street).**—I am pleased to say that we spent a happy time together on Sunday, August 8th. A good number of Lyceumists and friends were present. Our speaker for the day was Mr. Batley. We had also Mrs. Batley as D.V., who spoke a few words of encouragement to the Lyceum. We had a very interesting essay by our friend Mr. Frank Wilkinson, on his adventures on a German tramp ship, which was greatly enjoyed. On Saturday August 14th, we held our trip to Bolton-by-Bowland, about 37 proceeded in waggonettes. The weather was unfavourable, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves very well.—Beatrice Griffen, Sec.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT.**—On Sunday, July 25th, we celebrated our first anniversary. The services were conducted by Mr. Poynton, of Swadlincote, No. 4, new style hymn sheets, being used for the occasion. Our one regret was the absence of our conductor, Miss Forrester, who, being out of town, was unable to attend. Although few attended in the afternoon, every seat was occupied in the evening. The children's singing was very good and much appreciated, as also was a recitation composed by Mr. Brownhall and recited by Miss Doris Brownhall. Sunday, August 8th, we held a continuation in the form of a Flower Service, for the benefit of the parent society, with the same satisfactory results, Mrs. Spear, of Derby, being with us on this occasion.—A. Bench, Sec.

**BURY (off King Street).**—On Sunday, August 15th, we had a visit from Mr. Batten, who spoke a few words of encouragement to our Lyceumists, and also complimented us on the way we had cleaned and beautified our chapel. He also took part in our Liberty Group discussion, which, I am sure, he enjoyed as much as anyone present. Our Lyceum is doing well considering the number of young men who have joined the Colours not being able to be present with us.—Jos. Wood, Sec.

**CALGARY, CANADA (Robinson and Linton Hall).**—We held our second Open Session on Sunday, August 2nd, 1915. Mr. W. Brown was conductor for the day. A very pleasing programme was gone through. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Garrard, Misses Garrard and Brown. Mrs. Hill read one of Ella Wheeler Wilcox poems, which was well received, and quite a number of pearls, etc., were given by the children. Mr. Hill took charge of the marching and calisthenics, which were gone through in an excellent manner. As we have only been in existence eight weeks great credit is due to Mr. Hill for the progress he has made in this direction. With the singing of "Now, Good-night," a very enjoyable session was brought to a close.—W. Brown, Sec.

**CHESTERFIELD.**—We held our usual Open Session on Sunday, August 8th, when, I am pleased to report, a greater number of items than usual were contributed, and an interesting session was enjoyed by all present. The following gave recitations: Rene Marriot, Lily Marriot, Ethel Wale, Lily Driver, Cissie Driver, Connie Ridler, Alice Delicate, Violet Chatten, Doris Briggs, Francis Slater, Lena Elliot, Evelyn Elliot, Sidney Slater, Mr. J. Hobster, Mr. E. Hobster, and Mrs. Widdowson. Also a pianoforte solo by Mrs. Widdowson was much appreciated. Pearls and "Stringings" were quite a feature of the Session.—Edwin H. Widdowson.

**DARLINGTON (High Northgate).**—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Armstrong. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists. In the evening Mrs. Reed, of Forest Hall, conducted the service.—M. Sinclair, Secretary.

**DARWEN.**—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Lyceum Open Session. For the S.C.R. we had No. 42, "Better than Gold." Musical Reading No. 209, "Scatter Seeds of Kindness"; G.C.R. No. 143, "Our Rights." Recitation by Elsie Chorlton. Solo by Miss M. Eccles. Marching and calisthenics were also gone through. A fair number of Lyceumists and friends were present. Mrs. Kirkham conducted the whole of the Session. The evening service was dedicated to the passing to the other life of one of our young Lyceumists, Richard Chorlton. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.—Jas. Nightingale, Lyceum Secretary.

**DEWSBURY.**—On Sunday, August 1st, we held a memorial service in memory of our late sister, Miss Sarah Collier. Most beautiful though very touching hymns were sung. Mrs. Col-

beck, Dewsbury, gave a very appropriate address. Mrs. Buckley added a few sympathetic remarks. At the close Mr. Collier wished to thank everybody for the love they had shown towards his daughter. He drew a beautiful illustration, how they had brought her on that platform as a little bud fresh from our Master's garden, named her after one that had passed on before, watched her bloom almost to womanhood, then fade away, but although they missed her he rejoiced because he *knew* that soon he would see her smiling face again.—Joe Whittles, Secretary.

**FLEETWOOD (Kemp Street).**—On Sunday, July 25th, we held a Flower Service in memory of those who have lost their lives in this great war. Mrs. Holden, of Accrington, being the speaker for the day. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, which were afterwards sent to the hospital. We also received a visit from Mr. E. Vickers, President of the B.S.L.U., Mr. and Mrs. Shackleton, of Keighley, and Mr. Will Edwards, of Accrington. At the close Mr. Vickers spoke a few words of encouragement to all. On Sunday, August 22nd, Miss Polly Smith, from Harpurhey Lyceum, paid us a visit and took the part of assistant conductor. Pleased to report six new scholars.—J. J. Moore, Sec.

**FOLESHILL.**—We were entertained by an extensive and varied programme at this month's Open Session. Patriotic pieces were much appreciated, and the descriptive selections were greatly admired. All contributions were beautifully rendered. Reggie Oughton said "The Union Jack"; Gracie Martin and Winnie Oughton gave nature poems; "A Mother's Consolation" followed, by Alice Staite. Julie Oughton's piece was very laughable; Lucy Lee said "The Wind"; and Jennie Lee "Meg Merrilees"; Margery Neal gave a selection from "The Lady of the Lake"; and Raymond Bambrick a selection from "The Armada"; Florrie Lucas's recitation "The Perfect Woman," was very interesting. The date of the Lyceum Outing to Stoneleigh Deer Park is fixed for August 28th.—G. Starr Bambrick.

**GATESHEAD (Rectory Hall).**—On Monday, August 2nd, we held our annual picnic. Owing to non-reduced party railway fares, we decided to hold it this year on the slopes of Lobly Hill, about a mile from Rectory Hall. The weather was very fine in the morning, but during the afternoon we had to shelter several times owing to rain. After tea, which we had in the byres, we held sports, every Lyceumist being the recipient of a prize. A very enjoyable day was spent. On Sunday, August 8th, we held our Anniversary Services. Our old friend, Mr. Herd, very ably presided over a good afternoon service. Mr. J. Lawrence, President T.L.D.C., presided over evening service. The Lyceum and choir gave excellent programmes at each service, exhibiting remarkable talent and a very enjoyable day was spent.—W. Hall, Jnr., Hon. Sec.

**GREAT HARWOOD (off Westwell Street).**—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Open Session. The silver chain was led by Louie Holt, the musical reading was taken by Florrie Owen, Edna Wylie, and Annie Thornley; the golden chain was led by Herbert Baxter. We also had recitations from Annie Thornley, Irene Bullen, Ethel Gilleran, John R. Thornley, Alfred Owen, and Willie Thornley. Solos by Florrie Owen and Louie Holt. Then we had a very pleasant letter from an old scholar who is now on active service in France.—Louie Holt, Secretary.

**HAMILTON, EAST.**—It gives me pleasure to report that our Lyceum, along with the Toronto Lyceum, joined in what we hope will be an annual picnic, to the Centre Islands, Toronto. All who were responsible for the arrangements did their best to give the children a joyous time with sports and games. A good supply of useful prizes were awarded to the children.—Miss Selina Etheells, Secretary.

**HIRST (Equitable Stores Hall).**—On Sunday we held our usual session, when solos were sung by Mrs. Johnstone, Miss Coupland, and Master Elliott. Pearls and recitations were said by Ruth Minto, Minnie Johnstone, Annie Montgomery, Lizzie Ansley, Milly Ansley, Maggie Straker, Sadie Russell, Maggie Charlton, Ronald Johnstone, and George Ray. On the Saturday previous we had our usual excursion to Hepscoth, a country village, when all children and adults enjoyed themselves immensely. Our next effort is to prepare for an anniversary, when suitable prizes will be given to the children who take part.—A. M. Stoddart, Sec.

**HOLLINWOOD (Byrom Street).**—On Sunday, July 25th, we held our Open Session. There was a large gathering of friends in the afternoon. Miss J. Anderson conducted the marching and calisthenics. Pearls were smart and prompt, and the responses excellent. Recitations were given by Miss F. Taylor,

"Vengeance is mine"; Mr. J. Cadman, "Wreck of the Titanic," duet by Master Harold Bull and Mr. W. Settle. In the evening the Lyceum members gave the service of song entitled "An Angel in Disguise," connective readings by Mr. F. Snape. Mr. J. Denton presided. There was a good audience, and all seemed delighted. Mr. Denton congratulated the Lyceum members on their effort.—F. Taylor, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our usual Open Sessions and Flower Services. In the afternoon we had a splendid session and our Lyceum scholars responded exceedingly well with recitations and pearls, etc. In the evening our Lyceumists repeated our anniversary hymns, and for our speakers we had Mr. Fielding, Mr. Rastall, Mr. Turner, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Cartwright and Mrs. Wallace, all of which are local workers, and all of them had various subjects on the beautiful flowers, which was much appreciated. Gifts by members and friends. The chair was occupied by Mr. Hodgson. I am pleased to say that we had a splendid day.—John Midgley, Sec.

HULL, DAIRYCOATE (Eastbourne Road).—On Thursday, August 5th, the members and friends, numbering 73, had their annual outing to Hessele Haven, going in brakes. We met at the Rooms, and then each child and leader were given a ribbon badge. On arriving at our destination, tea and a bag of cakes, etc., was handed round, to which full justice was done. After tea racing was indulged in, some useful prizes such as cake stand, work boxes, handkerchief boxes, and many other useful prizes for boys and girls, being given to the lucky winners. Games were also indulged in until time for home, where we arrived about eight o'clock, all having spent a happy and enjoyable time.—E. Down, Sec.

HULL (Holborn Street).—We are still progressing very nicely, the Liberty Group is proving of great value to the adult members. On Sunday morning, August 8th, Mr. Smith named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, Walter, giving him the spirit name of "Warrior." In a few well chosen remarks he expressed the desire that he (the child) may grow up to be a warrior for truth and right.—C. Headley, Sec.

JARROW (Market Square).—We held our Children's Day on Sunday, July 25th, which was a great success. The children's recitations were rendered beautifully, and the singing was appreciated by all. Thanks are due to Miss Harrison for flowers, Miss Irene Wake and Mr. Niel for their services. Mr. Abbott conducted the singing. Mr. and Mrs. McKenna took the chair. On August 2nd we had a field day, which was enjoyed by both young and old. The children were presented with prizes for racing, after which sweets were distributed. Thanks are due to those who helped with the tea. I am sorry to say that the Lyceum is sadly in need of Leaders. Will the old Leaders kindly bear this in mind.—Emma Parker, Secretary.

LANCASTER.—Good Open Session, recitations and solos by Isabella Dodd, Lena Finch, Miss Making, Edith Pearson, Mrs. Preston, Herbert Hudson, and Edward Kirk. Mr. Stephenson, one of our earliest Lyceumists (now of Winnipeg), came to the Lyceum on August 8th, what a meeting for us all. He is with the R.A.M.C. from Canada, carrying, he told us, the Lyceum teaching wherever he goes. (August reports mention his wife at Winnipeg, another Lancaster Lyceumist). Mr. Coward, the District Visitor, surprised us on August 22nd. Mr. Pennington, also of Ulverston Lyceum, accompanied him, conveying the good wishes from their Lyceum to ours. The D.V. in his remarks very feelingly referred to some of our late members he had met.—J. Sayle.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On August 1st, we held our Open Session, when the following Lyceumists took part: Recitations by Miss E. Wicks and Master H. Wicks; solos by Miss D. Goldsmith and Master A. Veary; duet by Miss P. Goldsmith and Miss E. Wicks. We had a fair attendance of scholars. I am glad to say we are making better progress this last few weeks.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Open Session, Mrs. Whitmore conducting in her usual able manner. Marching and exercises were taken, after which we were favoured by Recitations from Lily Lucas and Mr. Jones; solos also being rendered by Bert Veary, Mr. Hurst, and Olive Weaver, whose rendering of "Ora Pro Nobis" received much appreciation. The session passed very pleasantly for all, closing with a few words from Mr. Jones. We had a very fair attendance considering it was holiday Sunday, with a goodly number of adults. On Wednesday, August 4th we held our annual outing, going by brakes to Swithland (Hill Farm). Fine weather favoured us, and after tea we adjourned to the field for sports. A very merry afternoon being spent by about 100 adults and scholars.—F. C. Smith.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Open Session, many children taking part in singing and recitations. We had to close rather earlier than usual owing to election of officers, which were as follows:—Conductors, Mr. Swaby, Mr. Dobby, Mrs. Lee and Mr. Nickolson; Treasurer, Mrs. Robinson; Secretary, Miss A. Parkinson; Organists, Mr. Raspin, Miss Hopewell, Mr. C. Robinson and Miss Parkinson; Guardian, Master W. Tomlinson; Group Leaders, Liberty Group, Mr. Catton and Mr. Lee; Excelsior Group, Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Dobby; Shore Group, Mrs. Harris and Miss Parkinson; River Group, Mrs. Sevaly and Master A. Bailey; Auditors, Mr. Crawshaw and Mr. Cotton.—Miss A. Parkinson, Secretary.

LITTLETON (Well Street).—On Sunday, July 25th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. Our speaker was Mr. Barron, of Bradford, whose address in the afternoon was "The boy with the bread and two small fishes." In the evening he spoke on "Consequences." The addresses were very interesting. The children sang their special hymns, accompanied by the string band and organ. The room was packed with a deeply interested audience. The collection was much better than expected, namely, £1 16s. 8d.—B. Walshaw.

LONDON, BRIXTON.—I am pleased to report that our Lyceum is progressing very favourably, attendance and responses being exceptionally good. During the month we have had a Floral Service, and short addresses by our Conductor, Mrs. Staton, Mrs. Maunder, Mrs. Foll and Mr. Reeves. Pearls and individual efforts keep well up to the mark, and we must acknowledge that there is plenty of talent in our Lyceum in this direction.—Miss V. Appleby, Secretary.

LONDON, GROVEDALE HALL, HOLLOWAY.—Our Lyceum is going strong and well. The grown-ups who attend, are as much interested as the little ones, and their presence is helpful. Owing to pressure of other matters, Mr. Forsyth has retired from the conductorship. Miss Hall, the President of our society, is now conductor; Miss Nellie Whorlow, Sub-conductor; Mrs. Ellis, Guardian; and Mr. Taylor is Secretary. Our children, especially the girls, are always bright and ready with recitations and pearls, and the grown-ups render solos which are much appreciated. Our annual outing will take place on August 21st, to the lovely Hadley Woods.—H.T.W. (Sec., *pro tem.*)

LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On August 1st, we held our Open Session, and enjoyed an address from Mr. Peters on "Rubbish must not be thrown here." On the 15th the L.L.D.C. paid us a visit, and although we had a small muster, owing to the holidays, we thoroughly enjoyed it, all tending towards that great end, Brotherhood, which is so essential to the movement. Pearls were choice, and individual efforts were rendered by the Misses Leyland, Foreman, Chambers, Humphries, and Master Humphries and John Chambers obliged with a pianoforte selection. We had inspiring words from the President, Mr. Drury, and Mr. Clegg, the District Visitor, all blending to one harmonious whole.—Fred John Miles, Secretary.

LONDON, MANOR PARK.—On July 25th we held a Floral Session. There were very few visitors, owing, perhaps, to the bad weather, but our Lyceumists not to be discouraged, did their part right well, making a most successful afternoon out of somewhat unpromising circumstances. In the absence of Mr. Macbeth Bain, who was to have been our speaker, Mr. Mead, kindly taking his place, gave us an appropriate address on "The Mission of Flowers." Bank Holiday will be long remembered by at least twelve of our Lyceumists, who passed the day picnicing in Epping Forest. Mr. Brooks was the speaker for our Open Session on August 1st, telling us an interesting moral story.—L. Goater, Secretary.

LONDON, PECKHAM.—I am pleased to say we are making a little more progress, having made three new members this month. On August 7th we held our Annual Outing at Bostall Woods, where everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We are still wanting Leaders, and would be pleased to welcome anyone that will help us.—S. Clarkson, Secretary.

LONDON, PLAISTOW.—In conjunction with the Idmiston Road Lyceum we held our Annual Summer Outing on the 24th. The place of our choice being Theydon Bois, where over one hundred of us spent a happy day. The weather was fine with the exception of one or two showers. During the day games and racing were indulged in and greatly enjoyed. At the close of the day all returned safely home.—T. Manning.

LONDON, PLUMSTEAD AND WOOLWICH.—On July 25th Mrs. Drury named a baby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craft (of Hull Lyceum). The name of "Steadfast" was given. The

Lyceum also presented a loving cup to the infant, Mr. Watthey making the presentation briefly. Mrs. Allen (Asst. Con.) also presented a Badge on behalf on the L.L.D.C.. Mrs. Barker, of Hull, also spoke a few words to the scholars. We are still badly wanting workers, the officers being only able to attend at lengthy periods. On Sunday, August 15th, Mr. G. R. Symons paid one of his welcome visits, he being the speaker of the evening. Would that more of our platform speakers took a greater interest in our children.—H. Watthey, Secretary.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—We held our annual outing on August 21st. We went to Connaught Waters, Chingford, and had a most enjoyable time. After tea we had races and games, and altogether thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We should have liked more friends with us, but so many were holiday making. On Sunday, August 22nd, we had with us Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, our District Visitor, also Mr. Robinson. Mr. Clegg spoke very encouragingly to us; and Mr. Robinson gave us one of his interesting and helpful stories. We are sorry to lose little Margaret Poulton, who has to return to Manchester. Her stay has been short, but we hope to have her with us again next year.—Kathleen Jones.

MANCHESTER, HARPURHEY.—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Open Sessions which, I am pleased to say, were fairly well attended, both at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Open Circle conducted very ably by our Conductor, Miss Elliott, assisted by Mr. Farrer, and at 6-30 we held an Open Session. We had several recitations from the Lyceumists and solos by Miss K. Thomas, Miss E. Smith, and Mr. Wood, and a splendid piano-forte solo by Master G. Smith, our musical director, the after Circle being conducted by Mr. Farrer. I am sure everybody present on that day considered themselves amply repaid for their attendance. All the proceeds of the day were devoted to the benefit of the parent society.—G. A. Hood, Sec., (*pro tem.*)

MANCHESTER, PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—Sunday, July 25th, we held our Open Sessions, which were well attended. The following took part: Messrs. Lilliott, O'Niell, Johnson, Halliday; Misses Royle, Littler, Walters, Massey, Thompson, Halliday, under the conductorship of Mr. Owen. On Sunday, August 2nd, we had a visit from Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Knight and Mr. Bell. A memorial service was conducted by Mr. Knight and Mrs. Bentley in memory of Mrs. Ainsworth. Sunday, 15th, Mr. Frank Hepworth conducted the Liberty Group. 21st, a grand picnic was held to Kingley Woods by train, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There was a picnic given to all Sunday Schools in West Salford to Heaton Park to commemorate the wedding of Sir Lee and Lady Knowles.—C. Lloyd, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—On Sunday, August 22nd, the granddaughter of Mr. John Taylor (the Physical Medium), and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carr was named. Mrs. Bentley very nicely performed the ceremony, giving her the earthly name of Ethel, and the spirit-name of "Ivy." Mrs. Bentley also presented four of Liverpool Daulby Hall Lyceumists (now of Princess Hall Lyceum) with prizes that were due to them from Daulby Hall, giving them a few very encouraging remarks and welcome to Princess Hall.—Dora Parker, Secretary.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Waterloo Road).—We held our Annual Children's Treat on Wednesday, August 18th. Place being selected as Leven Bridge, a little distance from Yarm. This pretty little spot having a small stretch of sands for the children to romp about on, and also enjoyable walks for the older folk. The weather was most satisfactory in every way. In fact we think that each and every one of the Lyceumists and strangers too, enjoyed themselves to their utmost. At our next meeting we will be holding a thorough re-election of Officers, through so many Officers being obliged to give up their positions.—E. W. Buckingham, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE, BENWELL (Co-operative Hall).—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Open Session, and the speaker on this occasion was Mr. Hamilton, who took for his subject "Leaves from a Naturalist's Book," which explained to the children the transition of life, which was very instructive. Marching was up to the usual standard. I am sorry to say that they were no pearls nor recitations. I think this is the first time that our scholars have failed in this way, and I hope it never occurs again. There is still a lack of adult workers. On Monday, August 2nd, our annual treat was held at Leamington, which was a great success.—J. Scott, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, HEATON AND BYKER.—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Open Session. Recitations by Arnold Patterson, Lavina Wardle, Alice Eke, Gordon Sandam, Lily Taylor, Edward Patterson, Robert Fenwick. Solo, Mr. B. Westgarth; reading by Mr. Sandam. August 8th, Mr. Hunter presented prizes to Arnold Patterson, Lavina Wardle, John Wardle, Mary Wardle, Edward Patterson, Mar-

jery Whitfield, Annie Shadforth, Alice Eke, Lily Eke, Fred Eke, Lily Taylor, for individual effort during the year. We also had a letter from our late organist, Mr. Fenwick, from France, thanking the scholars for the parcel that was sent to him. I am sorry our attendance has fallen off, but we are in hopes of the attendance picking up again.—Mrs. R. Hunter, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Bentinck Road).—On Saturday we had our annual tea party, when 36 of us journeyed by special car to Woodthorpe Grange, the others walking. A good time was spent, all enjoying themselves immensely. Each Lyceumist before returning home was presented with a packet of sweets. We did not have our usual sports, as there were so many friends promised to contribute to a Christmas party so they decided to add the sports money to the same fund. On July 25th we held our Open Session, when solos, duets, recitations and pearls were rendered in good style. Mr. Stowe, our assistant conductor, ably conducted the golden chain recitation and explained its various points, which greatly interested the whole Lyceum.—E.T.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Sunday, July 25th, we held our Open Session, which was fairly successful; Mr. and Mrs. Lord, of Heywood, and Miss Cadman, gave valuable assistance in philosophy and phenomena, in addition to solos and recitations given by our own scholars. Friends from Middleton and Shaw Lyceums also gave solos. In the evening we had an open air meeting for half an hour, which Mrs. Ogden, our conductor, opened with prayer, after which Messrs. Lord and Hirst gave illustrations of Lyceum tuition, and extended a hearty invitation to all. Our meeting was slightly successful. Our evening session was well attended, and we had a most delightful day. We thank all helpers.—L. R. Hirst, Secretary.

PONTYPRIDD (River Street).—On August 1st, we held our Open Session. We had a fairly good attendance, many of our members and scholars being away. Recitations were rendered by Kitty Bawden, Gladys Ricardo, Irene Bawden, also by Georgie Davies, Frank Ricardo, and Georgie Wilkins. Duets were also rendered by Misses Alice and May Bawden, Mrs. Bawden and Miss Alice Bawden, and a solo by Mr. Matthews. Several of the members spoke a few words of encouragement to the children, after which we closed our Open Session.—Florence Bawden, Secretary.

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—We held our usual Open Session on Sunday morning, August 1st. The silver and golden chain recitations brought forth questions, which made the session an interesting one. The Conductor asked for volunteers to recite or sing, the following answered the call: Recitations, Alice Spencer, "Little Brown Seed"; Nellie Spencer, "Good-night"; Mabel Cartmell, "The Two Crossing Sweepers"; Nellie Jackson, "Our Helpers"; trio by Mr. Bert Tomlinson, Miss Moorby, and Miss Beetham, "The Roses of Life."—Ellen Savage, Secretary.

PRESTON (Lancaster Road).—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our monthly Open Session. The attendance was very fair. The silver and golden chains were well read. Recitations were given by Irene Chadwick and T. Holderness. A reading was given by Miss Howarth; a solo by Mrs. Guest, and duets by Misses Counsell and Walker, and Dickenson and Walker. Some pleasing and encouraging remarks were made by Mr. Higham, the D.V. who was with us, and all seemed to have been blessed for their coming.—Wm. Rae.

ROCHDALE.—On Tuesday evening week a large gathering was held at the Regent Spiritualist Hall. Miss Booth, on behalf of the ladies connected with the Society, presented to Mr. and Mrs. J. Nurse a handsome fruit dish and a pair of flower vases and biscuit barrel, with an illuminated card bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. and Mrs. J. Nurse by the ladies of the Rochdale Spiritualist Society as a token of appreciation of their valuable services rendered to the Cause of Spiritualism, August 3rd, 1915." Mr. Nurse very suitably and feelingly replied. A very happy evening was spent. May our two friends live long to keep the flag of truth unfurled.—M.B.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—On Sunday, July 31st, we held our Open Session. In the afternoon recitations were given by the following: Cissie Bruce, Ruby Hossell, Doris Wilson, Annie Hollis, Jack Storey, and Reggie Brookes. Solos by Mrs. Wilson and Miss Peat. The marching and calisthenics were very well gone through. In the evening a service of song was given, written by our Lyceum Conductor, Mr. Marklew, entitled "From Darkness to Light." Solos were rendered by Mrs. Wilson and Bunker. There was not such a good attendance owing to the heavy showers, but everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time.—E. Peat, Sec.

**RISHTON** (Eachill Road).—On Sunday, August 8th, we held our Open Session, being well attended by scholars. We spent a pleasant morning together. Recitations by Amy Waddington, Eva Dewhurst, and Mary Florence Houghton. Duet by Elsie Ridgway and Amy Waddington; also a solo by Ivy Dixon. Marching and calisthenics, also rod drill, were gone through very nicely. We had a little discussion on our G.C.R. which is very encouraging to the young children, in trying to cultivate their mental powers, and open out their young minds to greater knowledge and wisdom, for this is what we have our Lyceums for to help them to live better lives, to help them to realise and understand the teachings of Spiritualism, and to do our duties nobly and well.—Eva Ormerod, Sec.

**ROYTON** (Union Street).—On Sunday, August 1st, at 3 p.m., we had a musical treat. Solos were rendered by the Misses Haslams and Miss Jennie Littler, of Ford Lane Lyceum, Pendleton, rendered "Nellie's Prayer" and "The Magic Wand," very effectively. Mr. Johnson, of Pendleton, addressed the audience in a very interesting manner, under the presiding of Mr. Chisnall. In the evening Mr. F. Johnson rendered us his service of song, "A Little Nearer Home," which was most interesting. Afterwards Miss Jennie Littler rendered "Billy's Rose," Mr. Robert Cheetham, our President, in the chair. The services throughout were of a spiritual nature.—Wm. Chisnall.

**SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE**.—On Bank-Holiday Monday, August 2nd, we had a very interesting ceremony performed at our Church, namely, the wedding of two of our Lyceum elders, namely, Mr. E. Johnson (grandson of Mrs. Johnson, the mother of our Lyceum), and Miss M. Ballard, our marching conductor. We all had a very happy time together, nearly all of our Lyceum elders being present. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have our best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.—E. Pegg, Secretary.

**SHEFFIELD CENTRE**.—Sunday, August 15th, our Lyceum took the services for the Society for the week-end. In the afternoon we held an Open Session, with the President of the B.S.L.U. as the speaker. We took 232 as musical reading, after which three Lyceumists volunteered to speak on the readings. Recitations were given by the younger members, and solos by the elder. Mr. E. Vickers gave a short address on the teachings of our Lyceum. Mr. Vickers also addressed the evening service. Clairvoyance in after meeting by members of our Lyceum. Monday evening's meeting was taken by Lyceumists, a number of Liberty Group members giving experience as Lyceumists and the good they had derived thereby.—G. Hare, Secretary.

**SHEFFIELD, HEELEY**.—On Sunday, July 25th, we had a very interesting afternoon in the Liberty Group, the leader being Mr. Stewart, of Sheffield, subject, "Is War Murder?" There was a great deal of discussion on the matter. Mr. and Mrs. Cree, of Barnsley, expressed their ideas on the subject, which brought the afternoon session to a close. On Sunday, August 1st, we held our usual Open Session. Recitations and solos were well rendered by the following: W. and I. Bowmer, G., J., and C. Porter, H. and S. Furniss, H. C. Truelove, A. Whitehead, A. Oliver, G. Norwood, and Mr. R. Bowmer; solos by Misses W. Oliver, B. Gamble, and D. Childs, which brought a splendid afternoon to a close.—S. Smith, Assist. Secretary.

**SHIPLEY, MARKET BUILDINGS** (Teale Court).—On Sunday, August 8th, we held our Open Session, 21 being present. Pearls were given by a number of Lyceumists. Miss Winterbottom sang, "No night there"; Horace Cloughton sang, "Roses of Light"; a duet was rendered by Misses Clara Brook and Sarah Holdsworth. Our brother Lyceumist, Henry Hutchinson, who was over on leave from his regiment, gave a reading entitled, "Hang on, cling on." This brought a very pleasant session to a close. August 22nd we visited Armley Lyceum and took part in their Open Session. We had dinner there, having received a very hearty welcome and had an enjoyable morning. Afterwards we walked to Kirkstall Abbey, had tea there, and made our way back to Shipley.—H. Cloughton, Sec.

**SHILDON** (Newlands Avenue).—On Saturday, July 31st, we had our annual Lyceum trip by brake to Gainford. The weather was very fine, and both adults and children spent an enjoyable afternoon. On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Smith. There was a number of pearls but only one recitation by Sarah Riley. Marching and calisthenics were nicely gone through, considering the number of new scholars we have got lately. On Sunday, August 8th, we had our annual election of officers: Conductor, Mr. Smith; Vice, I. Wilson; Guardian, Mrs. Johnson; Librarian, Mr. Brown; Treasurer, Mr. T. Brown; Secretary, J. Kirkbride; Musicians, Mrs. Wiers, Miss Smith, T. Brown; Guards, P. Johnson, A. Kirkbride, Wm. Smith, J. Kirkbride; Leaders, Mr. Brass, J. Wilson, Miss Smith, Mrs. Johnson; Delegates,

J. Wilson, Mr. Brown; Auditors, J. Wilson, A. Kirkbride.—J. Kirkbride, Secretary.

**SOUTH SHIELDS** (South Eldon Street).—On August Bank Holiday we, in conjunction with Fowler Street Lyceum, went to Saltwell Park, Gateshead, for our annual excursion. A total of 84 adults and 112 children, members and friends, taking part. On August 22nd we had a special visit from Mr. Robertson and Mrs. Bell, from Fowler Street Lyceum, each giving interesting addresses. Our sessions continue bright and cheerful. Members taking prominent part this month are Lily Parker, Alice Barnaby, Elsie Wilson, Hilda Mair, Eva Mengel, Bessie Apiht, and Amy Large. We are settling down after the holidays, and I trust that all leaders and scholars will pull together with a will, determined to make our Lyceum really a progressive one.—Wm. Woodall.

**ULVERSTON** (Oddfellow's Hall).—On Sunday, August 1st, we held flower services. In the afternoon Mr. Coward took the chair, and recitations were given by Bessie Coward, May Miller, Horace and James Martin, Edith Martindale, Cathy Taylor, Elsie Roberts, Maggie Barton, Walker Martindale, May Ashburner, and Fanny Taylor; solos by Poppy Tyer, Doris Coward, and Dorothy Rushmere. In the evening Mr. Taylor gave a few opening remarks, and recitations were given by Beatrice Tyer, Doris Taylor, Mr. Retallick, May Coward. The musical reading was sung by Mr. H. Pennington. Solos were rendered by Mr. Harris, Doris Coward, Poppy Tyer, and Annie Miller. On Monday, August 2nd, the Lyceum drove down to Plumpton shore for the summer treat.—Edith Martindale, Secretary.

**Wakefield** (Dixon Yard).—On Sunday, July 25th, we had the presentation of the Silver Bell which we have won in the Competition of Merit; it was an Open Session and a good many Lyceums were represented, and a good number of friends too. Recitations were given by Dorothea Harding, May Beety, and Evelyn Stakes. Pearls by Harry Lockwood, George Cope, and Albert Petch. Miss Hesp made the presentation in a few well spoken words, which I hope each Lyceum represented will take them home. In the evening service our conductor took the chair. Mr. Jackson, of Shipley, gave a stirring address. Miss Hesp, Miss Ingle, and Mr. Colbeck also spoke. Miss A. Hargate sang a solo which was well rendered. A. Harding, Sec.

**WEST MELTON**.—On Monday, August 2nd, we took our scholars to the Victoria Park, Rawmarsh, and provided a good tea for them. Although it was showery at times we all spent an enjoyable time together. Several friends came over from Wombwell to join us for the day. Our best thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Davis for providing hot water for us. On Sunday, August 15th, we held our usual Open Session. The attendance was not up to full strength, nevertheless a profitable time was spent. We had recitations from the following: Lily Staley, Mrs. Staley, Mr. Kenning, Mr. Cole, Ernest Harrison, and Thomas Kidman, also several pearls were given. I am pleased to report a great improvement in the work done by the children; they are taking the Lyceum seriously.—W. Rawlinson, Secretary.

**WINDHILL** (School Hill).—We held our Open Session on August 1st, conducted by Miss Starkey. A duet was given by Miss N. Alderson and Miss D. Butterfield. Songs by Misses Copley, I. Halestone, N. Alderson, and D. Butterfield. Mrs. Hillas gave us a recitation entitled "Betty Briggs," which was enjoyed by the scholars. Mr. Baldwin gave us a very good lecture. All present enjoyed the splendid sessions.—A. Becket, Secretary.

**WINNIPEG** (Polson Avenue).—On Sunday, August 1st, we held our Open Session and Flower Service. The church looked just lovely with the flowers and plants, and I am sure we are very grateful to all Lyceumists who helped to make our flower services a success. Songs were rendered by Joe Green, Violet Vernon, and Mr. Higley. Pianoforte solo by Jonina Somalidsom. Recitations by Ruby Spencely, Margaret Whenham, and Mrs. Whenham. Mrs. Forrest, our speaker, gave a lovely poem on the beauty of the flowers. We still keep losing our men workers in the Lyceum through them volunteering for service. Messrs. Parkinson, Vernon, Stephenson, and Ormerod are all in the Ambulance Corps, and Mr. F. Parkinson is a bugler.—Edith Vernon, Secretary.

**YORK** (Cromwell Road).—On August 1st the Lyceum gave a service of song entitled "An Angel in Disguise," Miss Ida Reed took the reading. Duets were sung by Misses Hilda Walker, Dorothy Philips, Maud Metcalf and Gertrude Hudson. A solo was sung by one of our youngest Lyceumists, Master Albert Gregory, which was sung exceedingly well. Mr. T. Feather kindly offered to play the piano for us. Everyone was highly delighted, and many congratulated us on how well the service of song was rendered.—J. Banks, Sec.