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ONE PENNY.

Lyceum Banner Portrait Gallery.

Mr. William Barnes (Bradford.)

"There is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them how we will."

I was born in Leeds thirty eight years ago. My parents removed to Bradford when I was five years old. I was brought up as a Wesleyan, and was a regular attendant at the Wesleyan Sunday School and Chapel Services until I was about fourteen years age, when my father became interested in Spiritualism, and although I knew nothing of its phenomena or teachings except what I gathered from rumour yet father encouraged both myself and brothers to discuss various topics at home, and form our own opinions concerning them.

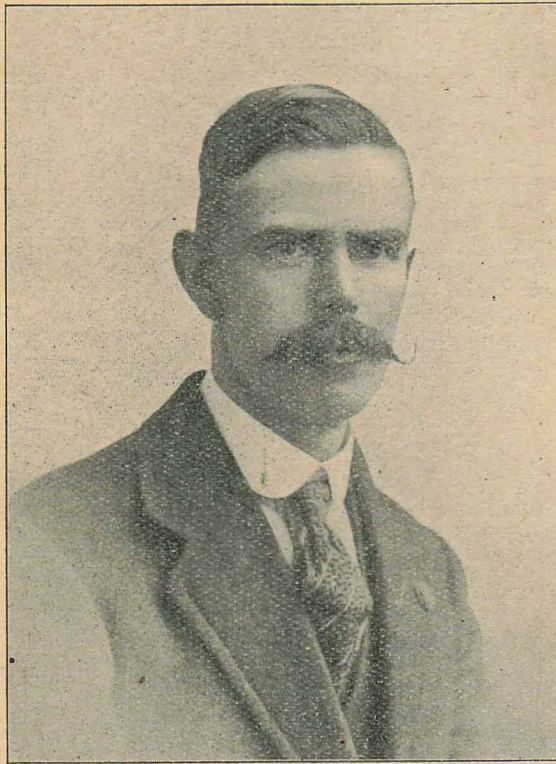
Shortly before attaining twenty years of age I was invited to visit an uncle at London. On one occasion our conversation turned on religion, during which my uncle drew me on to express my ideas and opinions pretty freely, and then exclaimed, to my amazement,—“Why you are as big a Spiritualist as your father.”

To which I replied, “God forbid.”

The Sunday School teacher I was then under had very fixed ideas as to God's plan of salvation through the belief in the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many were the discussions that took place between us because of my inability to see eye to eye with him. The climax was reached when, in answer to my questions he affirmed, “That however good an individual might be, if he did not believe in the Vicarious Atonement of Jesus for the sins of humanity, he would be condemned to eternal punishment, and that a mother could be happy in heaven and know that her children were suffering eternal agonies in hell.” I told him I could not believe it, that I could not think such a thing to be true of my mother, and that I wanted nothing to do with a religion that taught such unreasonable doctrines.

Shortly afterwards I went to London in order to obtain business experience. As my uncle had passed

to the other life, and having no associates, I felt very lonely in the big city and uneasy in mind concerning religious matters. This caused me to read various works on subjects, ranging from the teachings of the Roman Catholics to those of the Materialists, and I should have accepted the teachings of the latter if I could have got rid of the conviction that there was an intelligence that governed the universe, and that death did not end all.



At the end of six months I returned to my home in Bradford, and resumed my attendance at the Wesleyan Chapel, but there was an attraction other than the services which filled my mind. One Sunday morning while lounging about the house my father invited me to go with him to the Lyceum, then held in connection with a Society in Barry Street, of which my father was the Vice-President. I accepted the invitation and was interested in all I saw and heard, and was struck with the novelty of the marching and calisthenics. Mr. John Jackson was the able Conductor of the Lyceum. In the Liberty Group I was able to take part in a reasonable discussion on the subject selected, thanks to the training I had received in the Mutual Improvement Class belonging to the Wesleyan

Sunday School. My interest was roused in what I heard expressed. I borrowed a copy of their *Lyceum Manual*, and in it found teachings on religious matters that were practically the same ideas as I had arrived at by the use of my reasoning and intuitive faculties. I repeated my visit the Sunday following, and became a regular attendant, the philosophy was quite sufficient for me, though I had opportunities of witnessing physical phenomena.

Owing to a change of employment I left Bradford and went to Accrington. During the two years I lived there I did not attend any Spiritualist meetings or Lyceum, I attended no place of worship until I married the young lady who had been the attraction at the Wesleyan Chapel in Bradford. After that important event we attended occasionally at the Baptist Chapel in Cannon Street.

A better position being offered to me in Bradford I returned there to find that a younger brother, who been Secretary to the Sunday School, had entered the Spiritualists ranks, and was a member of the St. Paul's Lyceum, Bowling (now closed). So I renewed my acquaintance with the Lyceum work in the company of my brother, and soon became a member, and was in due course elected as the Leader of the Liberty Group, and assistant conductor.

About this time I had an opportunity of proving at my mother's fireside that the grave is not the end of life, and that the so-called dead still take an interest in the welfare of those they leave on earth.

In the year 1905 I was elected the first President of the Bradford Lyceum District Council. Owing to a change in my employment I removed to the city of my birth, Leeds, where for four years I was connected with the Leeds Psychological Society, during which period I filled the offices of Vice-President and Secretary; and Secretary and Conductor of the Lyceum I was elected as Delegate to the Leeds Lyceum District Council, and had the honour of being elected its President.

Owing to the firm, at which I was employed, failing, I sought and obtained work at Liverpool, and while there made the acquaintance of the Lyceum held in Daulby Hall, Daulby Street.

From there I returned to Bradford where for the past six years I have been engaged in the Lyceum work first, at the late Temperance Hall, where I filled the office of Vice-President of the Society, and Conductor of the Lyceum. I am now attached to the Society and Lyceum held in the Ivy Rooms, Carlisle Road, where for three years I have held my present position as one of the Conductors.

During my connection with the B.L.D.C. I have held the offices of Lyceum District Visitor, Vice-President, and President, and Secretary.

In conclusion I would like to impress on all, the value of the Lyceum movement being an educational movement, not to cram, but to encourage its members to think for themselves.

WILLIAM BARNES.

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—

Once more I find it is time for our chat. On reviewing the past month, I find cause to be encouraged, for our Guild is growing steadily. We have enrolled forty new members since last I talked to you;—forty whom I heartily welcome, and trust will let us hear from them from time to time, besides the daily following of our principles.

But what are my other Bluebells doing? Am I never going to get you to do as I ask, and add to the interest of our page; and encourage others, by sending stories embodying our aims, and letters telling us of your efforts as Bluebells, your interests and experiences.

Two letters came from Fleetwood bringing names

of new members, and I sincerely thank Mr. Moore for his interest and zeal and his kind wishes.

I have been asked who are eligible to be members. Let me repeat that the Guild is open to all Lyceumists, young or old, married or unmarried, male or female;—for one and all can help on our good work by practising the aims and principles printed on our membership cards, and by working for the Guild, and writing to our Page.

My appreciation and thanks go out also to Mrs. A. Wattle for her efforts to help on our Movement, and her kind letter, bringing many new names from Southampton. Indeed, it is encouraging and cheering to get such kind wishes and testimonies of sincere zeal and interest as the months go by.

Well, my Bluebells, last month our chat exceeded the space-limit, but our dear, kind Editor generously let it all appear; but this month we must be moderate, and "keep within bounds." Therefore I will close my chat, hoping that many of you will waken up and write before time for our next talk. Here is a story for you, once again, but—alas!—not written by a Bluebell:—

THE MAGIC FLUTE.

By LOTTIE M. THOMPSON.

Once upon a time, in the quaint little village of Rodwell, there lived an old, old man. He was poor and ill-clad, pitiful enough to evoke the sympathy of everybody, but he had one possession which made him the envy of the whole country-side. This was a flute, and such a flute. When he played on it, mourners forgot their sorrow, suffering ones remembered their pain no more, want and misery died out of the world, and sunshine and happiness came to stay. The old man had been offered large sums of money for his marvellous instrument, but nothing, not even poverty and hunger, could make him part with the flute. Then one day, to everyone's surprise, he gave it away to a village boy who had done him some slight service. "You will soon learn how to play it," were his final words to the boy; "it all depends on your own actions." The boy thought this very strange, but he made no remark, being in a great hurry to try his new instrument.

Down the street he met a companion, who could hardly believe that the old man had parted with his cherished flute. "Do let me have a try," the newcomer begged, but Harry, the owner, answered very roughly, "Not likely," and putting the instrument to his lips, he began to blow, but, strange to say, the flute did not utter one note, and amid the jeering laughter of his friend, Harry went on his way.

In the privacy of his own room, he tried it again, but still the flute, which had poured forth such wonderful melody in the hands of the old man, now remained dumb. Harry finally laid it aside, and stood disconsolately looking out of the window.

Toiling along the road below, he saw a woman who lived at the end of the lane. She was staggering under the weight of a large bag, and the boy, acting on a sudden impulse, went out of the house, and taking one end of the bag, helped the woman to carry it to her cottage.

She thanked him kindly, and Harry felt quite glad to have been of service, and entering his room again he once more took up the flute and blew gently. To his great surprise, a flood of melody came forth, so wonderful, so sweet and tender, that Harry's parents rushed in to see what it was, and passers-by in the street stopped to drink in the glorious sounds.

Harry charmed them all by his playing, and he was loth to leave his gift when bed-time came.

"When you come home from school I want you to mow the grass," said father the next morning.

"I wanted to play my flute," Harry grumbled, and he was in a very bad temper when he reached school. Everything went wrong that day, and Harry's temper was not improved when he reached home.

"I won't mow the old garden," he muttered, "I'll play my flute," but, alas! the flute remained dumb. For want of something else to do, Harry went out to cut the grass, and the soft, soothing influence of the quiet twilight calmed his feverish spirit, and when the grass was finished he trimmed the hedge and watered the flowers, and father came out and complimented him on his work. Once again Harry turned to his flute, and now a beautiful melody floated out on the air, and charmed his hearers to ecstasy.

Harry wondered why sometimes the flute would play and sometimes it remained silent, and what do you think he discovered?

This. That the flute would not play if he had been cross, or ill-tempered, or unkind, but that when he had been doing little kindnesses, even the very smallest things, the instrument would send out beautiful music.

And so it is through life, if we try to lighten the burden for those who walk along the path beside us, the magic flute of happiness will sing in our hearts, and charm away our tears and sorrows.

(From "Weekly Telegraph," 26/615).

Your loving sister,

FLORA BELLE.

FLEETWOOD LYCEUM.

3927	Nellie Holt.	3929	Sylvia Brookes.
3928	Alice Holt.	3930	Mamie Rogerson.

SOUTHAMPTON LYCEUM.

3931	Mrs. Penton.	3943	Connie Bevenstock.
3932	Mrs. Harris.	3944	Elsie Stevens.
3933	Mrs. Lane Crook.	3945	Gladys Hendy.
3934	Mrs. Pilbrow.	3946	Marie Allen.
3935	Mrs. Wattlely.	3947	Freda Tall.
3936	Violet Dawson.	3948	Kathleen Baker.
3937	Alice Reeves.	3949	Arthur Dawson.
3938	Doris Weir.	3950	Leonard Stevens.
3939	Nona Luxeton.	3951	Frank Reeves.
3940	Elsie White.	3952	George Bevenstock.
3941	Winnie Trimmer.	3953	Sydney Bevenstock.
3942	Hilda Reeves.	3954	Norman Spicer.

FLEETWOOD LYCEUM.

3955	Mrs. Moore.	3962	Annie Johnson.
3956	Mrs. Church.	3963	Mr. J. C. Waller.
3957	Mrs. Smith.	3964	Mr. J. Moore.
3958	Mrs. Stephenson.	3965	Henry Douglas.
3959	Dora Reeve.	3966	Harold Stephenson.
3960	Ada Reeve.	3967	Frank Stephenson.
3961	Eliza Reeve.		

For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

MY DEAR CHUMS,

Many thanks to the chums who are showing active interest in our page by sending such nice letters and solutions to the puzzles. Robert Whitehead has previously solved many puzzles, and has this time sent his solutions. I am glad to get his answers, and he will see I have met his request for more puzzles. Annie Appleton again sends correct solutions. You will find this month's puzzles harder to find. Seventy-

five per cent. will earn a merit card. Try and do them. This will also find something to do for another Annie of the same town, whose letter I was happy to receive. I am also glad to learn this girl-chum is interested in the girls' page too. It may interest this Annie to know I am writing this whilst a little two-year-old girl is sitting on the arm-rest of my desk. She has just shown me her hand daubed with red ink. Can you tell me a good thing for removing ink from baby-fingers? I am glad to at last get a letter from Annie Pickles, who has read her BANNER diligently for a long time. You have guessed them right, Annie. Norman Haley still perseveres in sending solutions. It was just in time, Norman, and very welcome. What are you doing with the merit cards? Harry Edwards is quite correct when he thinks he is the first to send solutions from his Lyceum. If you guess all this month, Harry, I shall think you are a champion puzzler. To S. Smith I send fervent thanks for his efforts in getting others to send solutions. Mr. Kitson has sent me a letter from James Shaw. What he writes touches something I have thought much about for many years, a boy's guild. At present, all that is necessary to become part of our page and one of the chums is to correspond with the conductor of the page, so James can feel now he is a real chum. Sometime, James, I will write about the leaves and buds, and autumn and spring, and look for a letter from you in return. All solutions sent in are correct, the numbers is growing and all have been sent a merit card.

The answers to the puzzles in September issue are: 1, Stockton-on-Tees; 2, Nottingham; 3, Chadderton; 4, Great Harwood; 5, Dearnley; 6, Gateshead.

This month's puzzles are derived from the names of secretaries in the list of September issue. See how many you can find. Here they are:—

1. A town in Yorkshire.
2. Another name for God.
3. A leading Irish politician.
4. A large room.
5. A small wood.
6. Small animals which burrow.
7. A strong man in the bible with a "p" in the middle of the name.
8. A bird which calls "Caw-caw."
9. A town in Lancashire.
10. Sir John * * * * *, a noted general who was buried at night.
11. A chef.
12. The son of a clerk.

All the answers will be found to follow each other, except 11, which can be found in the first column. When sending solutions, please give name of Lyceum and secretary and address as below.

Now for the growth of poverty. The landlords, having failed to keep down wages, tried to get the labour they required for nothing, by destroying the papers which recorded how the villains or villagers had paid for or earned their freedom they so much prized. The tenants were summoned before a Manorial Court presided over by the steward of the manor, who was also lawyer, judge and jury in one. If the poor people appeal to the judges of the land, they were landholders also. Parliament was an assemblage of landowners, and the King was the

greatest landowner of all. In this way many people lost the freedom they had so much enjoyed.

It was at this time, the 14th century, that another revolution began. In this dark period came John Wycliffe, the great social and religious reformer. He translated the bible into the common tongue, and the story was eagerly received by the great mass of English people. The people gathered in the streets and by the roadside to hear the reading of this book. The thought of a common origin for landlord and labourers specially touched them and this couplet was the origin of the strange saying that "when Adam delved and Eve span, who was then the gentle-man?" Wycliffe was more than a great preacher. He could inspire hundreds of other men with his zeal for the upliftment of the poorest of the country. These men went up and down the land clad in coarse undyed woollen garments, winning the affections of the common people who heard them gladly. These men were the forerunners of the chartists' and the socialists' movements. They helped the people to form trade-unions, for which they acted as treasurers and messengers to other parts of the country. One of their number, a priest named John Ball, of Kent, said, "good people! things will never be well in England so long as there be villains and gentlemen. By what right are they whom we call lords, greater than we? On what grounds have they deserved it? Why do they hold us in serfage? They have leisure and fine houses. We have pain and labour and the wind and the rain in the fields, and yet it is of us and our toil that these men hold their estates." No wonder the aristocracy called him a mad priest.

The socialists and peace advocates are advocating no new thought. The trouble began shortly after the great plague when wages came into vogue. Most people are born in the wrong bed or without the silver spoon. As a boy history was revealed to me from the King downwards. As a man I review history from the poor upwards. The history given to me as a boy, said Wat Tyler, was a traitor and an upstart. The study of historical poverty has proved to me that Wat Tyler was a moral hero, who died in the attempt to better the welfare of his fellow-men. Let me return to John Ball, the mad priest who was cast into prison and would have died their but for the war which broke out with Spain and France.

To get money for that war a poll-tax was levied upon every adult in the realm. The injustice of the tax set England ablaze. Wat Tyler, an old soldier, resented the abominable conduct of the collector towards his daughter, and, killing the scoundrel, took the lead of the hundred thousand men who flocked around him in Kent. John Ball was liberated and the revolt spread like wildfire. The insurgents were strongly against plunder, but the burning of the Manor House and records shows how fraudulent they consider the stewards to have been.

The young King Richard II., then only a boy of sixteen, went out to meet them at Mile End. "I am your King and Lord, good people; what will ye?" "He will that ye free us for ever," shouted the peasants, "us and our lands, and that we never be named nor held for serfs." "I grant it," replied Richard, and he bade the people go home, relying upon his issuing charters of amnesty and freedom.

The next day the King met Tyler again at Smithfield, where the Mayor of London struck Tyler to the

ground with his dagger. Richard, however, shouted: "I am your captain and King, follow me." They followed him to the Tower, letters of pardon were issued and the revolt was at an end.

When the emancipation of the villains came before Parliament the landowners entirely repudiated the King's action. The members declared "that the serfs were our goods, and the King had no power, without their consent, to grant them their liberty." "And this consent," said they, "we never have given and never will give, were we all to die in one day." The charters of freedom were revoked and pardons cancelled. Fifteen hundred men were put to death. They forbade the child of any tiller of the soil to attend school and receive education, and would not allow them to go to any trade, so that the labourers children might always remain ignorant drudges to work for the pittance their lordly employers cared to dole out to them. Dear chums, you will now know what I mean by being "born in the wrong bed," and why I think Wat Tyler a hero.

Yours sincerely,

22, Gowers Street,

Rochdale.

Girls' Own Corner.

By MRS. GREENWOOD.

SESSION PROGRAMME.

OCTOBER.

Date	Opening Hymn.	S. C. R.	Mus. Reading.	G. C. R.	Closing Hymn
October 3	83	82	213	134	412
October 10	383	77	212	139	382
October 17	222	98	220	120	389
October 24	368	137	242	137	365
October 31	226	90	234	146	231

Pearls.

OCT. 3—"The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools."

—Herbert Spencer.

OCT. 10—"Don't talk of what you are 'going' to do, do it."

—W. H. Hunt.

OCT. 17—"We only become correct by correcting."

—Jonbeck.

OCT. 24—"That is for every man most beautiful which he most deeply admires."

—Arthur James Balfour.

OCT. 31—"All who have meant good work, with their whole heart have done good work, although they may die before they have seized it."

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

WHAT IS LOVE?

Last month my correspondent urged me to give my own 'real' definition of Love; and wondered if I was in doubt about it. I am glad he agrees that the task is not a light one, or easy to describe; but I do not feel in any great hurry to satisfy my questioner, I want to see what others will say about it. An exceedingly nice letter comes this month from a lady. She says:—

"Dear Mrs. Greenwood,—Being interested in your article, and seeing one brother's invitation to give our different views, I will try in my humble way to express my own views on the subject of Love. To begin with, I, personally, do not term it *love* at all, which of late has been prevalent among our soldiers and our girls, but passion or fascination. In nineteen out of every

twenty cases (by the soldiers at least) it will soon be forgotten. Love, as I understand it, even between the two sexes, should be pure enough and strong enough to overcome physical emotions. True Love is born of God and is within the soul itself; therefore it is spiritual and should be pure in its motives and *above* such happenings as we have read about *re* soldiers and girls. Love in my idea will draw nearer to perfection the being it loves, not drag it down to be disgraced and pointed at by the world. Love is ever willing to *sacrifice* for good; thus, through sacrifice is real love manifested. Two beings, or souls, may be closely knit together, and Love is thought to be the motive, but if that Love desires nothing but the gratification of earthly or physical impulse, or desire, then in my opinion it is better relinquished, for true love, is of the soul and rises above and beyond material things to help and strengthen both materially, mentally and spiritually its true mate, and binds those souls closer and closer together."—Signed, T.D.A.

This little lady has touched the right thought, and being a married woman she has a right to speak on such a weighty subject. A writer gives us a fine pearl in the following sentence, "It takes matrimony—a love match—to clear a woman's (and a man's) brain of cobwebs" (Gertrude Atherton). The utter nonsense that is sometimes talked and written about soul affinities—and which I fancy my first correspondent really means—only serves to show that common sense is ousted by a semi-sense which results in disaster. Just fancy 'two souls' thinking they can ignore convention and act like lovers, make vows of eternal friendships and think themselves equal to all the trying circumstances such foolishness produces. They go so far as to say they will never love but be friends—platonic friends—but dear me, when Cupid flutters his little wings, and scarcely gets his bow ready, before the thing drops in bits, the little god knew the vulnerable part of one or other of the 'two souls,' and the matter ends. I have seen many cases like that. I have seen cases, too, where married people have lived together for a time, and perhaps found out they were unsuited to each other, it may be incompatibility of temper, etc., but certainly not love—and then an elopement happened—well! What is the matter? It means 'fascination' has been mistaken for the real thing, love. Love, pure, noble, grand love, sees "the object of love expand and grow before it to eternity, until it includes all that is lovely and *we become all that can love.*" (Thoreau).

The love of the sexes is very beautiful, is natural, but often mistaken for carnal gratification. Tenderness, sweetness, lovable manners, sincerity of speech and looks, are indications of the whereabouts of 'Love.' Where he reigns, children are happy, old folks smile contentedly, and sacrifice heightens its power until even Death cannot sever its intense power, and then you ask me what is Love? Read these lines and see if the writer has not caught a gleam of Love's eternal light.

MY SECOND LOVE.

O were it mine again to choose
A partner in this vale of tears;
I know my judgment could not fail,
For I've grown wise with passing years.
I'd wed for love, and love alone,
And let not wealth or beauty count;
For on life's long and broken road
The hills are few that love can't mount.
And so, on one sweet, humble girl,
Whose smile would cheer me on through life,

I'm sure my second choice would fall—
To tell the truth, 'twould be my wife!

A.F.

[An Essay written by Edith Etchells, Stockport, in reply to the question appearing in THE LYCEUM BANNER.]

All hearts in love use their own tongues, and see with their own eyes. Love trusts no agent. Human love is not the growth of human will. Love is not, to my way of thinking, anything which is earthly, it is not matter, nor can it die. It is born in our hearts. Just as we know we have a spirit which never dies, so is our love, we know not when, or how it came, all we know *it is*, and though we may try to smother it, we may even try to bury it, we can only bury it down in the heart's deep well; or think we have buried it there, but still it lives just as the spirit lives. When the body lies it is not the real man who dies, nor is it the real love which dies. Where there exists the most ardent, and true love it is often better to be united through death, than parted through life. Sometimes gratitude is mistaken for love, but love is a debt which inclination always pays, obligation *never*. Others mistake passion for love, if it is a passion, it must be exalted, and refined. Everyone talks of it, but few have seen it.

God is love, and God is divine, then love, must be the divine part of nature, and it is always hard to define that which is divine. If love reigns in the minds, it is as sympathy. In the body, it is a desire to possess the loved object, but in the soul, it is a spark from an immortal fire, which moulds our frame, and when the body dies, the spark escapes, and returns, to the source from whence it came. Love is wealth, which we can always be spending, but never spent or exhaust, because it makes us more rich in giving. It is life's reward, for it brings reward. It is an overdraft on the bank of Heaven. It leads us to nobler heights, inspires immortal deeds; it adds a grace to virtue, and cherished with hope, and fed with joy, it will grow.

Love is truth, goodness, honour, harmony, and virtue. It is the richest bounty of heaven. It is the sympathy of the soul; thought meeting thought; will preventing will; boundless in confidence, for naught but love can answer love. It is the very foundation of honour, the source of all beauty, order, and happiness in nature. It is an everlasting truth, and a guide to all power. Secure this, and you secure all; lose it and all is lost.

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.

HULL, DAIRYCOATE.—We regret to announce the passing on of Ida Watson, on August 24th. A Lyceumist, aged 13 years. Dearly loved by all.—E.D.

ROYTON (Spring Garden Street).—Pte. W. H. Baguley, killed in action on August 21st. A good Lyceumist. Much missed by wife and family.—P. Barrow.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—Passed to the higher life, September 9th, 1915, Harold Porter, our youngest Lyceumist, age two years and four months.—G. Stevenson, Sec.

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.

Question.—Will you please explain in the LYCEUM BANNER what is meant by the last line in the first verse of S.C.R. No. 59, "Faith and God's promise the brave never lack."

GEO. A. MACK, Runcorn.

Answer.—I am of the opinion that the author had in his mind some Biblical passage in which a promise was made of comfort and consolation for the sorely tried and tempted in the trials and sufferings that are the common lot of all who strive to follow the promptings of their own conscience. The promise may have been the following, made by Jesus to his disciples, and adopted as being applicable to reformers of to-day:—

"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter that he (the Comforter) may be with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth." St. John xiv., 16 and 17. R.V.

Question.—Will you please tell us what is meant by the Lesson Programme in the LYCEUM BANNER for September, page 150, "Honesty is the best policy, but he who acts on that principle is not an honest man."

MR. J. H. SHARPE, Ossett, and MR. C. R. ILLINGWORTH, Normanton.

Answer.—A man who is honest *only* as a matter of policy, that is, from fear of punishment attached to robbery, is not really honest in principle, because if it were not for fear of punishment he would not hesitate to rob others. Real honesty knows nothing of policy. It does right because it is right, and shuns the evil because it is evil.

[The remaining questions and answers will appear in our next issue.—EDITOR.]

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 B.E.E., Bradford.

You have a practical mental capacity, and appreciate utilitarian methods; the things that are at hand for the hour and the needy. You have good abilities for much useful service, nothing makes one stronger than working in the cause of others. You are strong within yourself in moral stability, you are also frank, open hearted, and sincere in sympathy, friendship and aspiration; your passions, will, and propensities, working through your mental and moral control and direction, becomes a moral force and energy to press on and persevere in fortitude and forbearance. You owe a deal to your fellow creatures from the gifts you possess. Cultivate, educate, and distribute your blessings, don't bury your talents.

ROBT. HALSTEAD, Burnley.

You could succeed as a designer in engineering, or clock and watch maker and jeweller. You should become a successful speaker and exponent. Study "a course" to strengthen the brain and memory, and make Lyceum a work of self-culture, no better subjects can be found than the study of Physiology and Phenology.

E. DODDS, Gateshead.

You have a good constitution which, if kept in good condition, should wear well till a ripe old age; your photo indicates the signs of longevity. You should have been trained in nursing. You have an industrious and active mind. You are independent in spirit, courageous, and have strong determination. You could do well in a commercial office, or in a secretarial capacity. You are frank and decided in your views, and consistent in principle and character, you are capable of management and business control.

MR. R. H. RUTHERFORD, Hull.

You have a slim temperament and your muscles are long. You are of the active and energetic class. Your brain is long and high, but not so broad in proportion. You have a high and prominent forehead. You have a knit close brow. You are quick in observation of details and minute. You have an indomitable will for perseverance in your interests. You have a good capacity for excellent mental culture and personal progress; and you have good capacity to impart your information in teaching as a leader, speaker and writer too. You have earnestness and sympathy. You are frank, open hearted, and good natured. You believe in "Live and Let Live." Yours is not a mercantile or business head. You should become a conductor of calisthenics, a physical culturist, and as a teacher of swimming, etc., you ought to do very well. I selected Jarvis, of Leicester, for swimming when he was 12 years of age.

MRS. JEWMAN, Leeds.

You should be successful in an outfitter's business for ladies' and children's clothing and needlework. You could have been equally successful as a trained nurse. Your temperament is not suited to a confectioners or fruiterers, green-grocers, or trading among perishables. You should be a great help in a Lyceum as well as in the Society. Don't make business your "all," take an interest in larger life and public service.

A. DAISLEY, Hunslet, Leeds.

You have a good mechanical capacity, and among machinery or mechanism you should be fairly clever in adaptation, fitting and repairs. You have a fair constitution, an interest in children, and capacity to succeed in calisthenics as a teacher. You could also succeed with the organ. Your magnetic capacities should be useful if trained in healing and psychometry. You are sociable and companionable, fond of home and family.

A. B. HOPP, Leeds.

Your photo and writing indicates a resourceful capacity, constructive and ingenious, and you could have succeeded as a monumental mason or carver in wood and stone. You are also adapted for cabinet making, or photography and picture frame making. Cultivate your memory for events and history. Health-culture, with healing, should interest you. You have an agreeable and social disposition. You should be capable of a higher education in mental and psychic science, and become a public propagandist, lecturer and speaker, or exponent in the cause.

MISS HARVEY, Leicester.

You have a very good temperament for a violinist and for vocal studies, also for art and millinery. You could succeed as a leader in calisthenics. You could recite and take part in sketches for entertainments. In Lyceum work you should be a valuable help; study for a Liberty Group leader. Yours is the Grecian type of features and head outline, adopted to refinement, design, art, ornamentation and taste. You could succeed with psychometry.

E.M., Leicester.

You have a fair capacity for general study; you are not really a student or book worm. Your knowledge is mostly gained by experience rather than by studying and reading. You are sensitive to a fault and likely to take hints too readily, and your feelings are soon hurt. You should strengthen your will power and persevere in your purposes till you have made a success. Read "Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young," and cultivate a thorough acquaintance with the "Manual." You could succeed as a milliner or a confectioner, or in a shop as saleswoman. Calisthenics should improve your lung power and circulation.

MASTER HARVEY, Leicester.

You have a fine brow and a clear perceptive intellect for light mechanical arts, medical instrument making, or in watchmaking and jewellery, drawing and designing, or as a painter, decorator and sign writer, or scenic artist. You

have a psychic gift for a speaker, and for mental telepathy and photography. Yours is a high toned temperament. You could become a good linguist.

M. WALTON, Middlesbrough.

You have an active muscular system. You should enjoy calisthenics and become a teacher of same. You are magnetic, of a high positive degree, and could be successful in nursing, ambulance studies, and healing mediumship. You should study singing as a recreation. Your spiritual gifts, for which you acquire, are Psychometric and Magnetic healing. You are affectionate and sympathetic, and have good endurance, pluck and perseverance.

MATILDA SANDERSON, Royton.

You have a fairly healthy and active physique. You are not gifted for instrumental but have a capacity for vocal music. Yes, you should certainly seek necessary training for a hospital or hydro nurse, but your disposition and development is excellent for a children's hospital home. When you are true to your "better self" you are kind, patient, sympathetic and psychopathic in healing personally by your warmth of soul and sentiment. You should aim at self-culture, and a higher efficiency by education and self-discipline. Psychometry, not suited to trade or business. Read Mrs. Jessy Greenwood's article, "Love and Fascination," in September BANNER.

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DELINEATION COUPON.
October 3rd. 1915.

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The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The Executive Council of the above Union will be held in the new Psychological Church (door above the Coliseum) Cookridge Street, Leeds, on October 9th, at 6 p.m., when all applications for membership will be considered, and other business of the Union will be transacted.

A tea and social will also be held on the above date in the same place in honour of the E.C. visit. Tea at 4-30 p.m. Tickets 8d. each. Social at 7-30. Tickets 4d. each. A big rally of the Leeds Lyceumists is desired.

On the Sunday, at 2-15 p.m., in the same place, a massed Lyceum Session will be held, attended by the members of the above Council. No. 4 series of hymn sheets will be supplied free for the occasion. The Lyceums in the city are heartily invited to attend in full force and make the event a big success. Tea will be provided for those who wish to stay

to the evening service. At 6-30 p.m. the members of the Executive Council will address the meeting, when it is hoped the Church will be filled to overflowing to listen to the ladies and gentlemen from Burnley, Hebden Bridge, Lincoln, Liverpool, Nelson, Rochdale, Scotland, Sheffield, and Sowerby Bridge. Collections in aid of the funds.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Secretary.

Correspondence.

RE PARTIAL EVIL.

Dear Editor,—Re my query in the August issue of the BANNER. I am sorry if I have caused any ill-feeling to arise, as that was not my intention. I must admit that I had not noticed S.C.R. 1 referred to inorganic matter only. I may be dense, as you advise me to get a primer on Natural History and Astronomy, books which I read over 50 years ago. [Astronomy and Geology are what we advised.—Editor.] Friend Quarmby, like me, thinks you have not taken the view of it as intended as I was particular to bracket the words (which can only be sown by man). Now, Bro. Kitson, don't think for one moment that we are blaming nature for the volcanic eruptions, or the lightning or the shipwrecks caused by a gale of wind, those affairs are not sown by man, they are caused by nature, and before I put my question more plain, let me remind our Editor that William Pitt was Premier of England at 22 years of age. My question is: "Does the drunkard, the profligate, the gambler, the lazy man—you know the class of man I mean—Dirty Billy's, Bobby Bout Brass, the general loafer, one who would sooner have 5/- he got by trickery than 20/- he had worked for. Now such characters as these come among the "All Partial Evil," and yet by their lives they are as lighthouses to others who shun their company and their habits, and become respectable citizens. Do the lighthouses get no reward? Hoping I have made myself more plain this time.

Yours, B. WARBURTON,

Still a scholar at the East Leeds Progressive Lyceum.

P.S.—I don't quite see eye to eye with friend Quarmby as to the Over Spirit (another title for the God, and God is an abbreviation of the word good) being the author of evil as well as good. It would appear from his view that the Over Spirit sowed evil that good might come of it, which strengthens the idea that "evil men are but players on life's stage."—Shakespeare.

Dear Sir,—Re S.C.R. No. 1 and discussion thereon. Having read with interest the answer to the question submitted, also Mr. E. V. Quarmby's opinion relative to same. I thought I would give my thoughts for what they are worth. I admit that my first feelings after reading the answer were of dissatisfaction, that the answer, also Mr. Quarmby's letter, left a something wanting. It may have been preconceived opinions, but there it was. It has always appealed to me in this light. The first two lines I take as the bed-rock of the whole recitation:

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

"All are but parts," therefore I must be part of the whole, my body is the vehicle of my soul (or spirit), therefore I am God in miniature, therefore what effects God's vehicle (the earth, effects myself (my body), therefore what appears evil on the surface (that is, manifestation in the material world, and my body), is but the outward manifestation of God. God being Unity, and his laws operate on all planes: mineral, vegetable, animal and human, so that what appears evil on one plane will appear correspondingly evil on another. Therefore all partial evil ultimates in universal good on all planes for God's works are wisdom.

Yours faithfully,

A. BRAMALL.

DELINEATION OF CHARACTER.

Dear Mr. Kitson,—I am glad to note that someone has had the courage to write you in opposition to the above. I intended writing you on this subject before but have been waiting for someone with more authority and more weight than I—a mere obscure Lyceumist—who will probably be classed as "narrow-minded," as I have no doubt will be the replies on this subject.

If you want delineation of character why not have sixpenny-worth at the seaside, on the sands. There are heaps of places,

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

Our September issue had a splendid sale. Bolton (Bradford Street) Lyceum writes to say they have sold all their twelve dozen copies! This is good for the Lyceum Funds, and also good propaganda work for our cause.

Bradford Lyceum District Council is adopting a new method whereby each Lyceum in the district will benefit. The Council has decided to present two dozen copies of this month's issue to each of the eight Lyceums in its district. These will be added as extras to each order.

Next month will appear our Autumn Double Number, price 1½d. per copy. Among other attractive features of the issue, will appear two psychic photos with Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, of Middlesbrough, taken under strict test conditions, along with a full descriptive text of the same. As several Lyceum secretaries have expressed a desire to see more psychic photo illustrations in the LYCEUM BANNER, we trust they will make the above announcement known among their friends.

We much regret to learn that the Lyceums at Chadderton and Dunfermline have had to close. The latter on account of the closing of the parent Society. We hope these will be re-opened when the strain of this terrible war is over. In the meantime it behoves all officers, both of Lyceums and Societies, to hold fast to the cause until the crisis is over.

A Society and Lyceum has been opened at Horden, in Co. Durham. Mr. Thomas Teasdale, late of Shildon, has kindly placed his home at the disposal of the above until they can rent a suitable hall.

Our readers will have noticed a new term appearing in the Chesterfield Lyceum reports, namely, "Stringers," and no doubt, like ourself, will have wondered what it means. It appears to be the stringing together of the titles in the *Lyceum Manual*. The idea was conceived by Mrs. Widdowson, the able and

alert conductor. In a letter to hand from Mr. H. Heath, he says:—

"I am sending you a sample of the stringing together of the titles for the Lyceum Session programme for September 12th. This stringing together has become quite a feature of our Lyceum. We try to the best our efforts, to put them into the form of poetry. The words may have a bearing upon each of the titles, but we are not at liberty to please ourselves whether we make the titles into poetry or not. We do this to awaken interest in the session."

He encloses four verses into which are woven the titles of the opening hymn, silver and golden chain recitations, the musical reading, and closing hymn. We give the first two verses as a sample of what can be done by the Lyceumists.

"Sometimes," when strife is ended
 And nations live at peace,
 With heart to heart extended
 All fear and hate shall cease.

We'll hear more clearly "Spirit Voices"
 Breathing blessings, courage, cheer,
 Till the earnest soul rejoices
 For the help of loved ones near.

"Parliamentary Rules" have been quoted in recent correspondence. In order to help Lyceum members in general, and officers in particular, to familiarise themselves with these Rules, the Lyceum Union has printed them in a neat and concise form, which can be had at the following rates: 6 copies, 5d.; 12 copies, 9d., post free, from the Lyceum Union Office.

Lyceum Secretaries have often enquired, when ordering copies of the *Lyceum Manual*, etc., for prizes, if the Lyceum Union supplied suitable labels for same. In order to meet this want, a neat label has been designed, printed in red and blue, with the "lamp of learning" in the upper half of the label. These are offered at the following rates: 12 labels for 4d., 25 for 7d., 50 for 1/-, and 100 for 1/6. Send your orders to the Lyceum Union's Gen. Sec., 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

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.

NAMING CEREMONY.

SOUTH MANCHESTER LYCEUM.—Sunday, July 4th. Miss Cordall named the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, giving the earthly name of Francis, and spirit name of "Onward and Upward." A very pleasing ceremony.—[Advt.]

[We much regret that "Life and Labour in the Spirit World" is crowded out.—EDITOR.]

THE LYCEUM RECITER.

LIFE AND LIVES.

I must do as you do? Your way I own
Is a very good way. But still
There are sometimes two straight roads to a town,—
One over, one under the hill.

You are treading the safe and the well-worn way
That the prudent choose each time;
And you think me reckless and rash to-day,
Because I prefer to climb.

Your path is the right one, and so is mine,
We are not like peas in a pod,
Compelled to lie in a certain line,
Or else be scattered abroad.

'Twere a dull old world, methinks, my friend,
If we all went just one way;
Yet our paths will meet, no doubt, at the end,
Though they lead apart to-day.

You like the shade, and I like the sun;
You like an even pace;

I like to mix with the crowd and run,
And then rest after the race.

I like danger, and storm, and strife,
You like a peaceful time;

I like the passion and surge of life,
You like its gentle rhyme.

You like buttercups, dewy sweet,
And crocuses, framed in snow;

I like roses born of the heat,
And the red carnation's glow.

I must live my life, not yours, my friend,
For so it was written down;

We must follow our given paths to the end,
But I trust we shall meet—in town.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A PRETTY GOOD PLAN.

If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd,
A leader of men, marching fearless and proud,
And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud
Would cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away
In a closet, and guarded and kept from the day
In the dark, and whose showing, whose sudden display,
Would cause grief and sorrow and life-long dismay,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a spot in the life of a friend,
(We all have such spots concealed, world without
end)

Whose touching his heartstrings would play on and
rend,

Till the shame of its showing no grieving could mend,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will darken the joy
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out a smile, or the least way annoy
A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing, just the least little sin,
Whose telling would cork up a laugh or the grin
Of a man you don't like, for Lord's sake keep it in!
Don't, don't be a croaker; right here stick a pin—
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

—J. M. Lewis.

SCATTER THE ROSES.

Kind words are roses whose blest fragrance makes
life sweet,

Kind words are sunshine we are always glad to greet,
Kind words are music to the weary heart of man,
Kind words are thine to say, so say them while you
can.

Oh, scatter the roses then all along the way,
Let them bring sunshine in another's darksome day;
Be not chary of praise that is another's due,
Scatter the roses, there are roses, too, for you.

Ah! why keep the roses to scatter on the bier?
Give thy brother sunshine to joy him while he's here,
Give him their fragrance ere for him their joy has
fled,

Roses for the living as well as for the dead.

Oh, scatter the roses then all along the way,
Let them bring sunshine in another's darksome day;
Be not chary of praise that is another's due,
Scatter the roses, there are roses, too, for you.

H. Muriel P. Glass.

THE FEATHERED GUEST.

There was rain upon the window pane,
But all within was warm,
When a little bird the children heard,
Chirping amid the storm.

And soon a tap like a gentle rap
He gave against the glass,
As if to say, "It's cold to-day—
The snow lies on the grass.

"No food I find; the wintry wind
Has blown the seeds away;
And I must freeze beneath the trees
If longer here I stay."

His life to save, they welcome gave
With opened window pane;
Their feathered guest secure may rest
Till bright days come again.

or even in some of our larger towns you could visit some "professor" or "madame." But no Lyceumist would "dream" of doing such a thing. Then why send your photograph or lock of hair to Prof. T. Timson, of Leicester, and encouraged through the mediumship of the LYCEUM BANNER. I take it we desire the LYCEUM BANNER to maintain its usual high standard of excellence, instead of wasting its valuable space on delineations of character.

Yours sincerely,

C. R. ILLINGWORTH.

[We have a letter similar to the above from Edgar Retallick, Ulverston, but as it is written on both sides of the paper we are unable to insert it.—Editor.]

DELINEATIONS OF CHARACTER.

To the Editor,—My attention has been drawn to Bro. Jack Bell's letter in which he says he is disgusted and displeased at the introduction of fortune telling into the LYCEUM BANNER. I should agree with him, or any other Spiritualist, if such was the case. But his confounding Phrenology with fortune telling displays his own ignorance of the subject. There is no comparison between them. Fortune tellers may shield themselves under the term Phrenology for protection, because Phrenology is legalised as a Science or Art as you may please to define them. The American and English Associations of Phrenology are chartered to issue diplomas to students on Phrenology, not fortune telling. Andrew Jackson Davis made phrenology a special subject to teach to our Lyceumists. L. N. Fowler, the great lecturer, teacher and writer on Phrenology, was a personal friend of A. J. Davis. Also, Professor Fishbough, who was a more intimate friend of A. J. Davis, and assisted him in his publications, was one of the first clairvoyants of his time, he was a teacher in the College of Phrenology in New York, of which I can bear personal testimony, as I was one of his students in the year 1875. He was an old man over 70 years of age.

Let me here and now advise Bro. J. Bell and others to make themselves familiar with the subject before they begin to denounce Phrenologists as fortune tellers. They will be wiser men and better Spiritualists. Prof. Timson is the last man in the world to give any assistance to fortune telling.

Yours fraternally,

WM. MUSGROVE, Blackpool.

TO LONDON LYCEUMS.

Owing to the war I am compelled to work on Sundays, and shall be unable to continue my work on the District Council. And I appeal earnestly for combination of effort on the part of all to the strengthening of our position in the London District. I wish to thank all for the help given during my Presidency and regret my inability to continue. My assistance can be counted on in any way possible under the circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

E. W. DRURY, President.

3, West Grove Terrace, Blackheath, London.

Lyceum District Council Reports.

BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of the above Council was held at Boynton Street, on Sunday, September 12th. The President, Mr. Simpson, in the chair. Meeting commenced at 10-30 prompt, all Lyceums being represented except Windhill and Otley Road.

The minutes were read and adopted, and the correspondence dealt with. Arising out of this it was agreed that Cleckheaton Society should be approached again with reference to re-opening their Lyceum.

The action of the District Council officers deciding on the nominee for the BANNER Portrait Gallery was endorsed, but the feeling was expressed that the notice given by the B.S.L.U. Secretary was not long enough, it being suggested that sufficient notice be given to allow of it being decided at a meeting of the Council.

The Council instructed the President and Secretary to visit Otley Road Lyceum, to see if they could be of service in deciding the best way to help them.

The balance sheet of Children's Treat, showing a profit of 3/4, and the D.V's. report were adopted.

A system of interchange of Conductors once a month for three months was read, and it was agreed to put it in operation.

The Examiner, Mr. H. Barnes, was then invited to give us his report of his examination of our Lyceums. It is to be hoped his very able criticism of the failing of our Lyceums and his suggestions how to remedy them, may be of service to us. A motion that the examiner's report be adopted, and that he be

thanked for his services, was carried unanimously.

Presentation of Shield and Banner to the first two Lyceums will be made by the President at the Shipley Rooms on date fixed by the Shipley Lyceum.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Shipley Society, thanking them for use of room for Children's Treat, and to order 16 dozen BANNERS for October, to be distributed among the Bradford Lyceums.

The Secretary was elected delegate to U.D.C. meeting at Rawtenstall, on November 6th and 7th.

A good Open Session was held in the afternoon, conducted by the President, Mr. Simpson, when recitations were given by Miss O. Bell, Masters N. Haley and J. W. Plumb; solo by Mr. Midgley; duets by Mrs. and Master R. Hill; Misses L. Croft, E. Ward, Misses I. Hill and P. Plumb. The evening service was conducted by members of the Council.

Next meeting at Ivy Rooms, Sunday, November 14th.

BRADFORD DISTRICT LYCEUM COUNCIL.

SHIELD COMPETITION, 1915.

H. BARNES, Adjudicator.

Name of Lyceum.	Punctuality and Attendance	Singing	Reading	Pearls	Group Work	Marching	Callisthenics	Order & General Conduct	Total	No. on Register	Present	Late	Total	Minutes late in starting
Shipley	14	16	16	10	25	12	15	24	132	28	21	=	21	=
Ivy Rooms	6	16	15	17	30	9	17	21	131	62	30	=	30	=
Harker Street	16	16	15	15	20	13	14	20	129	18	16	=	16	=
Keighley	9	16	15	12	25	12	16	23	128	48	31	1	32	2
Boynton Street	7	13	13	15	22	13	14	25	122	59	27	2	29	2
Ofley Road	5	11	11	11	25	10	12	20	104	28	9	6	15	2
Windhill	10	12	15	8	15	11	12	21	104	31	13	6	10	=
Bankfoot	=	16	9	=	15	12	16	15	83	32	16	=	16	10
Possible marks...	20	20	20	20	30	20	20	50	180					

H. Barnes, Adjudicator.

Bradford and District Lyceum Council.

SHIELD COMPETITION, 1915.

BOLTON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Batten presided over our Council, held September 11th. All our Lyceums were represented and Associates and Lyceumists turned up in good numbers.

The minutes of last meeting and E.C. meeting were passed and confirmed, after a little discussion. The correspondence was accepted as read.

Resolved.—"That our demonstration be held at Radcliffe, on June 3rd, 1916, and each Lyceum elect a delegate, all to act jointly with Radcliffe, Ash Street, Lyceum's two delegates and D.C's. Secretary." Please forward at once your delegate's name and address to Secretary.

Our President gave a very earnest address and made a rousing appeal to Delegates and Lyceumists to become Associates. He also thanked Mr. Isherwood for the splendid way he had written his sketch for the LYCEUM BANNER, and pressed on the delegates to help our Bro. Mr. Hope the best way they can by a Lyceum effort.

The Treasurer's statement, showing a balance in hand of £5 15s. 6d., was accepted. As he wished to resign his post as Treasurer, we elected Mr. Isherwood, of Bradford Street Lyceum.

The D.V's. report was presented and accepted.

Resolved.—"That each Lyceum elects a representative, if they so desire, for the BANNER Portrait Gallery, and have their sketch written, to be submitted to the next D.C's. meeting, so that we shall be prepared for the next offer."

Resolved.—"That the interchange of Conductors shall take

place the first Sunday in each quarter."

Next D.C. meeting will be held at Commission Street, Dec. 11th and 12th. A hearty vote of thanks was passed unanimously to our Bradford Street friends for the excellent way in which they had catered for us. A most enjoyable social was spent by all.

Meetings for 1916:—March 11th and 12th, Bradford Street. June 3rd and 4th, Demonstration, Radcliffe. September 9th and 10th, Daisy Hill. December 9th, Open. ED. WALSH, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Half-yearly meeting held at Fleetwood, September 18th and 19th, 1915.

Meeting commenced at 3-30 p.m. with opening exercise 305.

President gave the invocation.

Mr. Swift (Accrington) and Mr. Pearson (Nelson) were elected credential officers.

The President gave an inspiring address, full of encouragement and enthusiasm, which was well received.

Minutes of last meeting passed and confirmed.

Secretary's report was brief. He remarked that many of the Lyceums did not send reports to the BANNER, and asked the delegates and all concerned to see that reports be sent. The report was accepted.

Correspondence accepted.

Treasurer's report was given, and although a slight deficit was shewn on quarter's work the report was considered satisfactory. Report accepted.

District Visitor's report. It was noted in the several reports that a continued state of progress and efficiency was being maintained and in a few cases under adverse circumstances.

The Credential Officers reported attendance of 10 Delegates, 1 Visitor, 4 E.C. Accepted.

Election of Assistant D.V.'s. President (Mrs. Pickles), Mrs. Poppleton and Mr. Swift were elected.

RE STUDY GROUPS.

Resolved.—"That the President and Secretary of N.E.L.L.D.C. meet President and Secretary of N.E.L.D.U. to formulate a scheme which would be to mutual advantage and report at next meeting."

Election of Delegates to U.D.C. President and Secretary elected.

Re Concert Party.—After discussion, and taking into consideration the conditions prevalent, the subject was dropped and next business moved.

Two places required for June and September meetings, 1916.

The Secretary was instructed to write Preston (Clerk's Yard), Burnley (Hammerton Street), Earby and Accrington (China Street).

Mr. Holland (Blackburn, Peter Street), raised the question of adopting a uniform time of starting in Lyceums.

After discussion, it was found to be impracticable at present.

Resolved.—"That the following resolution be forwarded to U.D.C. as notice of motion for next meeting:—"That the President of the B.S.L.U. be elected from the floor of Conference annually."

The meeting closed at 7-15 p.m. At 8 o'clock the Fleetwood friends had arranged a social, in which songs, games and dancing were heartily enjoyed. Songs were rendered by Madame Silverwood (Blackpool), Mrs. Littleton, Mr. Pearson (Nelson), Mr. Batley, Secretary, who also officiated as accompanist. Miss Alice Holt gave a recitation and Mrs. Moore (Conductor of Fleetwood Lyceum) acted as M.C.

During the evening Mr. Pickles proposed that best thanks be given to Fleetwood for the very able way in which we had been entertained. Remarking on the tastefully arranged decorations and the splendid tea. Mr. R. Latham suitably seconded.

On Sunday, the Lyceum Session was conducted by the President, and the several questions asked by the children on the readings, etc., were ably dealt with. Mr. Batley, the founder of Fleetwood Lyceum, conducted the marching and calisthenics. Mr. Tinker (Blackpool) led the Golden Chain, and words of encouragement to the Lyceum were given and the wish expressed for the well-being and progress of Fleetwood. Silvia Brooks, Fleetwood Lyceumist, proposed that the Fraternal Greetings be given to all visitors and their respective Lyceums.

In the evening, to a large congregation, the platform was occupied by the E.C., Mr. Pickles taking the chair. Mr. Latham gave the invocation, Mr. Chadwick addressed the meeting on the benefit of Lyceum training. Mr. Batley gave a few clairvoyant delineations. Mr. R. Pearson sang a solo.

The President conducted the after meeting.

We trust that the visit of the Council will prove of benefit to the Lyceum and Society, and that the fire of enthusiasm

was kindled and the progress of the Lyceum assured. The E.C. tender their thanks to all workers for the accommodation and the hearty welcome accorded. E. T. BATLEY, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held its quarterly meeting at 25, Bath Street, Glasgow, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Mr. Stewart presided over a fair attendance. The minutes of last meeting were read by the Secretary and adopted. D.V.'s report showed Scottish Lyceums to be in a good state of efficiency and numbers somewhat similar to last report—300 total members. While Dumfermline has closed meantime, owing to the collapse of the Society, the Dumfermline delegate pointed out to the meeting that the Lyceum was in a healthy condition, but, of course, had to give up when the Society could no longer give them the use of a hall. The Treasurer's report was very disappointing and showed that he had practically no balance in hand whatever, but as some collections had still to come to hand from one or two Lyceums, the matter will soon be remedied. Discussion took place on finance, and it was agreed to augment the funds of the Council by each Lyceum organizing concerts specially for District Council benefit.

On the Sunday some of the delegates visited the Glasgow Lyceums, and much interest was aroused by short addresses by the delegates. DAN URQUART, Scottish D.V.

SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council meeting held at Attercliffe, September 12th. Mr. J. K. Jones occupied the chair.

Mr. Vickers, the President of the B.S.L.U., was once again with us, which was a pleasure to the Council.

Lyceums represented were Attercliffe, Heeley, Mexboro', West Melton, Chesterfield and Rotherham.

After the minutes and correspondence had been gone through, the Council welcomed Mr. Whittles, late of Burnley Lyceum, as an Associate of the Council.

The Committee for the Whitsuntide Demonstration was selected to draw up the scheme and all arrangements for it.

Owing to Mr. Chapple being unable to follow up the duty of delegate to U.D.C., Mr. J. K. Jones was elected in his place.

The D.V. report was then read and accepted.

The Education report was then given, which was of a very satisfactory nature, showing that the work that is being done in the Sheffield District is having a good effect.

It was also decided that all nominations for officers of the Council for next Council year shall be in the Secretary's hands not later than February 12th, 1916.

On Saturday, November 17th, the Council is holding a concert, in aid of the Council fund. Any one who feels desirous of giving the Council a helping hand can do so by sending it on to the Secretary.

The afternoon Open Session was one of the best we have had, the response for pearls was excellent. The evening service was conducted by Mr. Welch, Mr. Humphire, and Mr. Vickers, thus ending a profitable and enjoyable day.

E. WIMPENNY, Sec.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held at Royton Church on Sept. 11th, when the following Lyceums were represented:—Bacup, Mr. Kershaw; Rochdale (Regent Street), Mr. Nurse and Mrs. Spencer; Royton (Union Street), Mr. Chisnall and Mr. A. Lord (Secretary); Royton (Spring Gardens), Mr. Barrow and Miss Garside; Heywood, Mr. Jas. Lord, President, and Mr. Barley; Rochdale (Penn Street), Mr. Holt and Mrs. Lingard; Oldham (Coronation Street), Mr. Hirst and Mr. Buckley; Oldham (Union Street), Mr. Fallows and Mr. Grimes; and Todmorden (Eagle Street), Mr. Robinson. Letters of regret were received from Middleton, Littleborough and Todmorden (Halifax Road), *re* their inability to attend. Mr. Lord, Secretary, and Mr. J. Nurse were appointed as delegates to the U.D.C. meeting at Rawtenstall. After a most successful meeting, from a business standpoint, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Royton friends for their hospitality. An invitation given to hold our next meeting at the Oldham (Coronation Street) Church.—Arthur Lord, Secretary.

THE UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The next meeting of the above Council will be held at the Rawtenstall Spiritual Church, Back Ormerod Street, on Saturday and Sunday, November 6th and 7th. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge. Business to commence at 6-30 p.m. Delegates travelling *via* Manchester must enquire at Victoria Station for a Bacup train *via* Bury and Ramsbottom. If circumstances permit some of the delegates will be required to visit the following Lyceums for the morning session, Bacup, Accrington (Abbey Street), and Accrington (China Street).

ORDER OF BUSINESS MEETING.

1, Opening Hymn; 2, Invocation; 3, Elect Chairman; 4, Minutes; 5, Correspondence; 6, Motions.

No. 1.—“That any person having served three terms (six years) upon the E.C. of the B.S.L.U. shall not be eligible for at least 12 months.”—*Manchester D.C.*

No. 2.—“That two members from each group of four shall retire each year and be not eligible for re-election. For the first two years the ineligible members to be those who secured the lowest number of votes at the Conference when their group was elected. In the event of any eligible retiring member or members not being re-elected the candidate or candidates replacing such member or members shall only serve for the period that the defeated candidates would have served if re-elected.

“Replacing” candidates to be deemed those who received the lowest number of votes among those who were successful.—*Liverpool D.C.*

No. 3.—A similar motion to the above motions is being proposed by the South East Lancashire District Council. The text of the motion has not been sent in yet.

No. 4.—“That a standing orders committee be appointed to arrange the agenda for all future Conferences.”—*Liverpool D.C.*

No. 5.—“That a sub-committee be appointed from the E.C. to solicit and consider amendments to the Constitution.”—*Liverpool D.C.*

No. 6.—“That the President of the B.S.L.U. be elected from the floor of the Conference annually.”—*North East Lancashire D.C.*

No. 7.—Elect new Secretary (I am not prepared to take it on again).

No. 8.—Place of next meeting, select.

No. 9.—Vote of thanks to local friends.

I shall esteem it a favour if all delegates will notify Mr. G. T. Duckworth, 16, Hargreaves Street, Rawtenstall, that they require accommodation for the week-end (state how long) on or before October 23rd.

J. E. ELLIOTT, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Empress Hall).—On Saturday, September 4th, we held a party in a field lent by one of our members. Mrs. Gregson opened the party and was presented with a bouquet by Miss D. Dobson, our youngest Lyceumist. Two stalls, laden with both useful and fancy articles, were soon emptied by our generous visitors. The Lyceum managed a bran tub, weighing machine, ice cream, and several smaller items, their efforts realising £3 17s. 6d. Tea was provided, after which we were taken through Mrs. Brown's gardens and greenhouses. Towards dusk the party closed, all being satisfied with our united efforts, which resulted in an addition of over £20 to our building fund. We have thus raised £50 in four months.—*Ada Lawton, Conductor.*

BRIGHTON (Manchester Street).—On August 29th we held our Lyceum day, which was an unqualified success, Mr. Cager presiding. The following contributed most excellent papers in the morning: Miss C. Goodwin, Althea Mansell, Willie Jacobs, and Mr. R. Banks, to a most appreciative audience. Messrs. Arthur Scoggins and Fred Curry gave violin and pianoforte solos respectively. Mr. Curry kindly presiding at the organ at all the services. Mr. G. H. Clark invoked a blessing on the evening service, after which Misses A. Scoggins and Lulu Mansell submitted their papers, which were well received, along with Mr. C. Severn and Mr. Arthur Scoggins' excellent efforts. Mr. H. Everitt, our President, most ably rendered a violin solo, “The Broken Melody,” followed effectively by Miss Iris Clark, who sang most sweetly. On September 10th Mr. C. Severn completed his paper to the Liberty Group on “Violins and their Construction.”

N.B.—Mention must be made of the splendid services of the band.—*C. Moorey, Secretary.*

TORONTO, DOVERCOURT.—On Sunday we held a demonstration of the Lyceum. The evening was devoted to showing the Lyceum method. Golden chain recitation 108. Musical reading 232 was taken by the Lyceum. “The Presence of Angels” was recited by Mary Parke, Theo Williamson; “Invitation to Lyceum” recited by Lily Stier and Harry Ape-dale. Anthem, “Love is the Key Note,” which was sent to us by our old friends Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Castleford, was rendered by choir. Recitation by Marjorie Lennard; Mrs. Triller Whittaker, Misses Whittaker and Hobson, Mr. Deeks and Mr. Brooks contributed to the musical part. Mr. Johnson gave a very encouraging speech. Series of marching and calisthenics were gone through, which brought great applause

from audience. Mrs. Stier in her brief remarks urged mothers to send their children to the Lyceum. Closing hymn, “Our Lyceum 'tis of thee.”—*Polly Stier, Secretary.*

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after September 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, October 27th, to ensure insertion in the November issue.

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

ACCRINGTON (Abbey Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, September 5th. Opening hymn 370, Silver Chain 84, Musical Reading 241. “Welcome to Angels,” Miss Redmond; “Get up Early,” Miss Parkinson; “The Unseen World,” Miss Smith. Songs, Mrs. Eastwood, 401, J. Hargreaves, E. Parkinson, B. Redmond, 378. Calisthenics and marching. A good session was closed with hymn 383. Mr. Eastwood conducted.—*J. Redmond, Sec.*

ACCRINGTON (China Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, September 5th, when about 50 were present. Invocation by Mr. Pincott. S.C. No. 89, by Freeda Greenhalgh. M.R. No. 211 by Miss Lena Crabtree. Very able comment on same by Will Edwards. Song No. 344 by Miss Nellie Ormerod. S.C. No. 79 by Alice Marfleet. Song by Miss Ivy Walsh, of Horwich. M.R. No. 221 by Mr. T. Chambers, sung by request of an arisen brother who passed to the higher life August 31st, 1915. Marching led by Alice Gorton, calisthenics led by Freeda Greenhalgh. We closed our Lyceum with song 389.—*H. Marfleet, Sec.*

BELPER (Jubilee Hall).—On Sunday, September 10th, we held our Harvest Thanksgiving Services, at which Mr. Vincent Morris, of Nottingham, gave two very instructive addresses. The choir beautifully rendered the anthem, “Praise the Lord O Jerusalem.” Miss Litchfield favoured us with a solo, “The Two Cities.” The meetings were well attended and enjoyed. The sale of the harvest was a huge success. On Tuesday, the 21st, we held a social and dance in honour of Lieut. Smedley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Smedley, Wellington, New Zealand. Lieut. Smedley holds rank with the Auckland Mounted Rifles, New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and is visiting friends here during a convalescent period, having been in action at the Dardenelles.—*J. H. Hawkins, Sec.*

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—On August 29th we had another Lyceum Sunday, and the addresses were given by three Lyceumists, Miss Wilkins, Mr. Isherwood, and Mr. Pilkington. Miss Webster gave clairvoyance, and the choir rendered several selections very beautifully. The Bolton Lyceum District Council held their quarterly meeting in our church on September 11th, when a good number sat down to the tea provided, and enjoyed the social that followed. On Sunday, the 10th, we held our Harvest Thanksgiving, which was very successful, the church being tastefully decorated by Lyceumists. A fruit banquet on the Monday terminated a splendid festival. The Lyceum is still progressing, enrolling new members, and doing splendid work in a cheerful and whole-hearted way.—*J. Grindrod, Sec.*

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, August 29th, we held our Open Session. There was a large number of friends present. The marching and calisthenics were taken. We were afterwards favoured with a recital by Master Stanley Lightbown; a solo by Miss May Smith, and a pianoforte solo by Mr. J. Entwistle. The session passed very pleasantly for

all, closing with a few words from Mr. Delsart, and our President, Mr. Ward.—Lucy Edwards, Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH (Wilberforce Hall).—We opened our Lyceum on September 5th. The following is a list of officers: Conductor, Mr. A. E. Taylor; Guardian of Groups, Mr. W. Taylor; Treasurer, Mrs. F. T. Blake; Secretary and pianist, Miss E. Blake; Conductor of music, marching and calisthenics, Mr. J. W. Cox; Captain of the Guards, Mrs. E. Mann; Corp Leaders, Mesdames A. E. Taylor and Hayker. It was decided to adopt the Constitution in the *Lyceum Manual*. It was further agreed that there shall be no appeal made to the parent society for funds to equip the Lyceum, the amount necessary for this purpose to be found through the Lyceum's own efforts, and by direct donations from interested friends.—Miss E. Blake, Sec.

BRADFORD, EAST BOWLING (Harker Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, September 5th, when the following items were duly rendered: Recitations, Misses Alice Berry, Lily Long, Mary and Edith Wilford, and Master Stanley Long; solos, Misses Annie Ward (384 from the *Manual*), Hannah and Mary Snaith (332 from the *Manual*); Mr. Wills, 347 also from the *Manual*. Master Leonard Wilford played an organ selection, which was very well appreciated, and the pearls were also very good.—R. Wilkinson, Secretary.

BRADFORD, IVY ROOMS (Carlisle Road).—On Sunday, September 5th, we had the usual Open Sessions. Mr. Bristow was the conductor, and the following friends contributed to make it a success: Solo, Mr. Barnes, "Bright Spirit Star"; recitation, Miss Simpson, "Rest," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox; violin solo, Miss South, accompanied by Miss E. Broadley on the piano. Recital, Miss E. Hogg. Reading, Mr. Simpson. Much pleasure was produced by the pieces rendered, the violin solo lifting you almost to the seventh heaven, calling for an encore that was very well rendered. Mr. Barnes was the drill instructor; Miss Simpson the accompanist. We are still hoping our Lyceum is a good one, but we want a few more children.—J. P. Simpson.

BRADFORD (Boynton Street).—We held our Open Session in the morning of September 5th. Recitations by J. W. Plum, Olive and A. Bell, Lily Croft, E. Ward, and A. Polard. Songs by Miss Illinworth, Miss Plum, and R. Hill. In the afternoon and evening we held our Harvest Festival, when Mrs. Hays was the speaker; Mr. J. A. Cross presided. We had the help of a string band, conducted by Mr. Wilson, of Cleckheaton. Organist, Mr. Armitage. Solos were rendered by Mesdames Slater, Factasall, Miss Hill, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Stevens. We had a very enjoyable day.—Mr. Greenough.

BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.—I regret to report that owing to pressing duties our assistant conductor, Miss Johnson, has had to resign her position. Her interest in the Lyceum work has for her the love and esteem of the Lyceumists, who much regret her absence. A. E. Sampson has been elected her successor. Mr. Hill-Tanner is an ardent worker, and has promised to relate a story to the Lyceum, and has promised a prize to the Lyceumist who prepares the best account of the story.—A. E. Sampson, Sec.

BURY, KING STREET (off Rochdale Road).—On Saturday, September 4th, the Band of Hope held their monthly social, a fair attendance and very enjoyable evening was spent; refreshments being served during the evening. On Sunday, September 12th, we held our Harvest Festival, when we had a grand display of fruits, flowers, etc. In the afternoon we had a service of song, Mr. Frank Hepworth reading the connective readings. In the evening Mr. Hepworth again occupied our platform, and gave a splendid address. A very successful day being the result.—Jos. Wood, Sec.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA.—We held our Open Session on September 5th, Mr. Hill acting as conductor. An excellent programme was rendered before the largest audience we have ever had. The soloists were Miss G. Copeland, Miss Brown, Mrs. Garrard, and Miss A. Garrard. The pearls were the best heard in our Lyceum. Miss W. Hill recited, "What have you done to-day?" Several new marches were successfully tried. Mr. Brown gave a short address upon Lyceum work. The singing of the Lyceum hymns was one of the features of the session. In every way this was our most successful meeting, and the officers are delighted at the progress that is being made. We intend holding our first annual picnic on September 11th, when we hope to have an enjoyable time.—W. Brown, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, September 12th, we held our usual Open Session, and I am pleased to report that it was quite up to the usual standard, and that we have not had any falling off during the summer months. The following gave

recitations: Sidney Slater, Richard Chatton, Doris Briggs, Violet Chatton, Alice Delicate, Lena Elliot, Evelyn Elliot, Cissie Driver, Francis Slater, and Joseph Hobster.—Edwin H. Widdowson, Sec.

DURBAN, NATAL, S.A.—On Monday last we held our picnic at Clairwood, an estate eight miles from here. We made the journey by horse trolleys, which left the Lyceum at 8 a.m., and on arrival at Clairwood all heartily enjoyed a good breakfast. The day was beautiful, the spot an ideal one. Sports were got through in the forenoon. After lunch games were indulged in. At 4-15 we commenced our return journey, all having spent a happy day. I may mention that amongst our guests was Miss Brown, of London, who is travelling to Australia by the S.S. "Benalla," which had to put into Durban owing to a fire breaking out in the cargo.—Thos. J. W. Wheatley, Sec.

FLEETWOOD (Kemp Street).—On Saturday, September 18th, a large gathering was held in our Church, the occasion being the visit of the N.E.L.L.D.C. A grand social was held in the evening, those contributing to the programme being Mr. Pearson (Nelson), Madame Silverwood (Blackpool), Mrs. Dennerley (Bury), and Mr. Batley. Recitation, Alice Holt. Our Lyceum Session on Sunday being conducted by the President of the Council. Mr. Batley conducted the marching. During the evening our platform was occupied by the E.C. when some helpful advice was given to all. It has been a week-end which we shall never forget, the words which have been spoken to us have inspired us to go on with fresh determination. Our thanks to all Lyceumists who worked so hard.—J. J. Moore, Sec.

FOLESHILL.—We had a grand day for our Lyceum outing to Stoneleigh Park, and everyone who went spent a most enjoyable time. At our Open Session Reggie and Winnie Oughton gave recitations, and Mav and Julie Oughton gave songs. Malcolm Bambrick said "The Sea." Esme and Margery Neal both recited beautiful pieces, the titles being respectively "Choosing a Name" and "Life's Purpose." Alice Staite said "The Burial of Sir John Moore," and Raymond Bambrick "The Lamplighter"; Florrie Lucas gave a recitation entitled "It's Queer." Julie May and Winnie Oughton sang "La Marseillaise" in French. We are pleased to observe the increasing number of Lyceumists.—G. Starr Bambrick.

GLASGOW (Bath Street).—On Sunday, 19th September, we had a visit from Mr. Urquhart, District Visitor for Scotland. Mr. J. M. Shewart conducted, and we had a very good session, with a fine selection of pearls from the boys and girls; also from a few of the adults present. Miss Lizzie Yuill gave a solo, and Miss and Master G. Hunter a duet. Mr. Urquhart gave us some very encouraging words, exhorting us to keep up a high standard of excellence. Mr. Murray, of Dundee, and Mr. Robinson, of Edinburgh, also gave us a few words. Mr. W. H. Evans, of Merthyr Tydvil, afterwards read a paper to the Liberty Group on "Literature of Spiritualism," which was very well received.—James Shaw, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD (Off Westwell Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, September 5th, when the Silver Chain was led Mrs. Hall; the musical reading by Louie Holt, Ada Waterhouse, and Rachel Baxter, and the Golden Chain was led by Mr. Gilleran. We then went through the marching and calisthenics, afterwards the following scholars entertained us to recitations; Annie and John Robert, and Willie Thornley; solos were rendered by Edith Bullen and Florrie Owen. Our conductor read us a very interesting story which I think made up a very pleasant session.—Louis Holt, Sec.

HAMILTON, E., ONTARIO, CANADA.—On Sunday, August 29th, the Lyceum took the evening's service. Mr. Gretton was in the chair. Mrs. Frost offered the invocation. Short addresses were delivered by the Chairman and Mr. Harrison. Miss Selina Etchells sang "Into thy hands." Mrs. Earith and Mrs. Frost contributed readings. Mr. Harry Gretton officiated at the piano. Greetings from all our Lyceum members.—Miss Selina Etchells.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—The Lyceum is only in an indifferent way. The war has depleted the male side, and with removals the Lyceum has few members. Another loss must be noticed in the removal of our Treasurer and his wife to Guildford, Kent. Mr. Nevor Smith was an exceedingly useful member, and his leaving is felt keenly by the Society and Lyceum; also his wife. Both were good attenders and willing helpers. If all Lyceumists whom we have trained do for other Lyceums as well as here we shall feel somewhat consoled. A fine Harvest Service was held on Sunday, the 19th, the speaker being Mrs. Cannock, of London. Our boys at the Front are remembered at each service.

HIRST.—On Sunday, September 5th, we held our Open Session, when pearls and recitations were said by the following:—Annie Montgomery, Minnie Johnston, Ruth Minto, Lizzie and Nellie Ainsley, Geo. Roy, Dossie Stranghan and Beatrice Davison. Solos by Laura Richardson and Thomas Elliott. Marching and calisthenics good. Letters from late Lyceumists who are at the Front were read, Corporal Fotheringham, Private J. Crook and Seaman Griffiths. This closed a good session. Sunday previous Mrs. Read, Jesmond, visited our Lyceum and gave some good and encouraging remarks to the children, which were much appreciated.—A. M. Stoddart.

HOLLINWOOD (Byron Street).—On Sunday, September 12th, the Manchester District Visitor, together with our congenial friend, Mr. Knight, paid us another visit, and a happy time was spent in their company. The Harvest Festival was held on Sunday, September 10th. Medium for the day, Mrs. Todd, of Rochdale, subject, "The Harvest is great, but the labourers few." Mr. J. Dent presided. Every seat was filled, which made our hearts rejoice. Mr. W. Settle and Master Harold Ball rendered "Seeds of Promise." Monday, a tea, circle and social (medium, Mr. Gardener), when a sale of fruit and vegetables was held. Wishing success to all Lyceums.—F. Taylor, Secretary.

HULL (Holborn Hall).—On Sunday, September 12th, we had the naming of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton (two Lyceumists), which was given the name of Lily, to be known in other spheres as "Faith." Mr. Smith very ably performed the ceremony. Our Liberty Group has been discussing Mediumship for two Sundays. On the 10th Mr. Firth, of Halifax, kindly gave his views on the subject, thus helping us to form other ideas, for which we are grateful.—C.H.

LANCASTER.—Our Lyceum is working very well under its cramped conditions. We certainly miss the marches and calisthenics, but in fine weather we go marching into the country, the Leaders carrying the little ones, and many a lesson our Conductor gives us on the route. Our Open Session was made interesting by the following, with recitations and solos:—Lilian Coupland, Edith Pearson, Eva Towers, Hilda Verden, Miss Making and Mrs. Preston. A surprise was sprung upon Miss S. A. Bilsborough (who has left Lancaster for Preston) when we presented her with one of the best *Manuals*, as a slight token of our esteem. We regret the loss of another Leader, Mr. John Bleasdale, who has joined the R.A.M.C.—J. Saylor.

LEEDS (Bethel Street).—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, at our harvest festival, in the afternoon, we held our Open Session, which was well attended by Lyceum scholars, friends and parents. The marching and calisthenics were watched with keen interest. Recitations were said by Leonard McLean and Mary Playforth. Grace Bradley sang a solo. Duets were sung by Elsie Beckwith, Rosy Appleyard, Alice Robinson and Mary Playforth. Our Conductor, Miss F. Woodhead, and our brother, Mr. Pettit, sang "No night there." A pleasant time spent together. In the evening our Lyceum Choir rendered a Service of Song, entitled "Harvest Blessings," conducted by Mr. A. Beckwith. Solos were sung by Mary Playforth, Emily Haynes, Elsie Beckwith. The Church was full.—A. Beckwith, Sec.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On Sept. 5th we had our Open Session, and in the evening the Lyceum gave a Service of Song, entitled "In Heaven's Name." Connective readings by our Conductor, Miss A. Clarke. Solos by Master A. Veary; duet by Miss D. Goldsmith and Miss U. Waterton; duet by Mr. R. Bomerand Miss D. Goldsmith. Miss Revell ably conducted.—Mr. J. Wicks, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, we held our Open Session, when Mrs. Whitmore, assisted by Mr. Watts, conducted the same. After the opening exercises, marching and calisthenics were taken, under the leadership of Mr. Reggie Bowmer, after which we were favoured by solos from Miss Martha Weaver, Bert Veary, Mrs. Whitmore and Mr. Hurst. A duet from Winnie Russell and Edith Tuckwood was well appreciated. Recitations were given by Jackie Jones, Nellie Buckle and Lily Buckle. There was a good attendance of scholars, the Adult Study Group, under the leadership of Mr. Jones, once more showing up splendidly.—F. C. Smith, Sec.

LINCOLN.—Sunday, Sept. 5th, Open Session. The children excelled themselves in both recitations and singing. They must have tried very hard to make the session such a success. Bro. Wooten Harvey spoke to us for a short time on "The Peace Brigade." On Sept. 4th we held our annual treat. We could not go away owing to the war. It was such a glorious day and we enjoyed ourselves very much. We had games, racing and skipping out in the open, and tea at the school, and a prize was given to each child before leaving for home. On Sunday, Sept. 12th, we had the unveiling of a Banner which was presented to us by Mr. Cotton, one of our Lyceumists.—A. Parkinson.

LONDON, BATTERSEA.—On August 28th we held our Summer Outing, when 43 of us journeyed to Bostel Woods, where we met the Plumstead Lyceum and spent a most enjoyable time together. Our outing was well appreciated, as could be seen on the following Sunday by the attendance of 51 children. We also had with us Private A. Brooking, who conducted the Lyceum and spoke a few encouraging words to us. On Sept. 5th we were visited by Mr. L. White, who told us of his work in the East End, which was very interesting. I am pleased to say that the only two of our Lyceumists who have joined the colours are keeping to the teaching of Spiritualism by not taking up arms.—Eva F. Ashley.

LONDON, HOLLOWAY.—I am pleased to say we are making progress. We started our Study Group on Sunday, Sept. 5th. We held our Open Session on Sunday, Sept. 10th, and had with us Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, and Mr. Richards, of L.L.D.C., also many friends from other Lyceums. The District Council took over the evening service, and they put very plainly the need of the Lyceum for the children.—J.T.

LONDON, MANOR PARK.—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, we held our Open Session. The marching, calisthenics and individual efforts were well rendered, followed by an address from Mr. White, which we all thoroughly enjoyed, in which he told us how the spirit of a boy saved his father's life whilst under the influence of strong drink. I am pleased to be able to report that the general progress of our Lyceum is quite satisfactory, and that the attendance, which was not quite up to the average a few weeks ago, is improving.—L. Goater, Sec.

LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Wednesday, August 25th, we held our Annual Outing, with many thanks to the kind friends who so generously supplied the needful, at Oakshott, in glorious weather, and one and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We held our Open Session on Sept. 5th, when Mr. Stinson kindly obliged us with an address on "Be Ready," which was duly appreciated. We had individual efforts from the following girls:—Piano, Edna Hustwick, Edie Hodgins and Katie Bowskill; recitation, Ivy Lewis, and a song from Florrie Brown, accompanied by Connie Brown on the piano. Pearls were numerous also. Now, lads, wake up and "be ready" next session.—F. J. Miles, Secretary.

LONDON, PECKHAM.—We are still making progress and new members. On Sunday, Sept. 10th, we held our Open Session. Efforts by Audrey Smith, Jack Richards, Norman Williams and Julia Chance, all giving recitations; Ruby Wilkins and Bruce Clarkson, musical items, all being well appreciated. We had a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to Mrs. Campbell Smith, a successful Circle was held at her house in aid of the Lyceum, and another one will be announced shortly for the same cause, that lady being very interested in our work, especially the Lyceum. A seance will be held at the Hall on Saturday, Oct. 13th, for Lyceum, at 8. Silver collection. All are welcome.—S. Clarkson, Secretary.

LONDON, PLAISTOW (Braemar Road).—On Sept. 5th we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, who, I am sorry to say, gave their farewell addresses to the Lyceum. The addresses were to the children, who were greatly interested. A *Lyceum Manual* was presented to them on behalf of the Lyceum. We also had the ceremony of naming the baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Trumble, on Sept. 9th. The spirit name of Lily was bestowed on the baby.—Miss T. Manning, Secretary.

LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—On Sept. 5th we had a visit from those old and earnest workers, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, D.V. Mr. Clegg conducted the session, when efforts were up to the standard. On Sept. 12th Mr. and Mrs. Barker (of Hull Lyceum) were with us, and spoke encouragingly to the scholars. Mr. Craft conducted. On Sept. 10th, Mr. P. Smythe (of Battersea Lyceum), who was to take the evening service, paid the Lyceum a visit, which was greatly appreciated. We are always delighted to have the speakers pay us a visit. Any worker for the children will be heartily welcomed at our sessions, as workers are so much needed just now.—H. Watthey, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, ARDWICK (Maskell Street).—This Lyceum is still making progress, several new members having been enrolled recently. Our Group Classes are intently followed by the various members. On Sunday, Sept. 10th, we held our Anniversary, both morning and evening. Mr. Johnson, of Ford Lane Lyceum, spoke on the G.C.R., and a young lady Lyceumist from the same Lyceum recited for us "Billy's rose" in a very dramatic manner, which elicited loud applause. Recitations were also given by G. McClelland, H. Stirling, Beatie Stirling and Margaret Poulton. Altogether it was a great success.—Albert E. Jones, Secretary.

MANCHESTER (OPENSHEW).—We held our first Open Session since it was newly organised. The attendance was

fair, orderly and attentive to a marked degree, and responses to silver and golden chains good; whilst harmony was a pronounced factor in the whole session. The following recitations were given in a clear and firm manner:—Miss Jessie Campbell, Annie Campbell, Master John Owen, Richard Tobin, Stanley Winsom, Thomas Winsom and Harold Openshaw. Mr. Buckley conducted. At the night session, Mrs. Owen and Mr. Taberner gave addresses in an able and instructive manner. Mr. Winsom ably occupied the chair.—Mrs. Owen, Secretary.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princes Road).—On Sept. 12th we held our Anniversary. Mrs. Forrest was too ill to attend and our good friend, Mr. Knight, kindly came forward and gave his services. In the afternoon we had marching and calisthenics, which were fairly well gone through. In the evening we had solos and recitations, the latter all selected from Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Mr. Knight also gave a short, but very nice address. The day came to a close only too soon. We send good wishes to all.—Dora Parker, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, WEST GORTON.—We held our Open Sessions on the 5th Sept., and had a good attendance. The programme was ably assisted by the members rendering solos, recitations, etc., and the Conductor giving his remarks in the form of a short address. The remarks included:—A welcome to all; why the Lyceum should be supported; its relationship to the world's commerce, materially and spiritually; its effects on warfare; the compulsion of being a Spiritualist, knowingly or not; how to learn (Lyceum training class development, and platform as a furtherance). Also hoping that the Gorton Lyceum would be shortly a worthy district spiritual Sunday school, by numbers and knowledge.—R. E. Griffiths, Secretary.

MANSFIELD (Westgate).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, Sept. 5th, when we occupied the whole of the afternoon, as our speaker for the occasion was too ill to attend. After the marching and calisthenics, which were performed, we had a number of pearls, followed by the following recitations:—E. Watson, "The Butterfly in the Church"; Nellie Holmes, "Only a Drop"; PhyHis Vardy, "Up in a Swing." Our Conductor, Mrs. Cox, made a few suitable remarks and brought the session to a close with hymn and prayer.—W. H. Vardy, Secretary.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Waterloo Road).—The names of the new officers elected are:—Mr. Edwards, Conductor; Mr. Robson, Assistant; Mrs. T. Harrison, Guardian; Mr. Geo. Mattock, Librarian; Mr. Cartwright, Treasurer; Mr. Harrison, Captain of Guards; Mr. Ed. Edwards, Thos. Drew and Albert Edwards, Guards; Mr. Robson, Musical Conductor; Mr. Walton, Organist; Miss Olive Wells, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. George Mattock and William Smithies, Leaders of Groups; Harry Lofthouse, Registrar. On Sunday, Sept. 5th, we had a very pleasing duty to perform in christening the child of Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright, it being named Arthur.—E.W.B., Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, HEATON AND BYKER.—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Patterson. Recitations by Arnold Patterson, Lavina Wardle, Mary Wardle, John Wardle, Marjory Whitfield, Lily Taylor, Annie Dixon and Mr. Eke. Solos by Alice and Lily Eke. Musical reading, 223 *Manual*, "Ministering Angels," led by Mr. Eke and Alice Eke.—Mrs. Robt. Hunter, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Rutherford Street).—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, we held our Anniversary Services, when nearly all the members took part. We had also short addresses from Mr. J. Lawrence and Mrs. Campbell. On Sunday, Sept. 12th, the following were elected for the ensuing year:—Conductor, G. S. Dawson; Guardian, R. Finley; Secretary, Alex. Dawson; Treasurer, D. Curtis; Musical Conductor, Ernest Curtis; Guards, Miss Sinton and J. W. Anderson; Auditors, Mrs. Campbell and R. Finley; Leaders, G. S. Dawson, Mrs. Anderson, Miss S. Skelton and Mrs. Finley. We have seven members on active service, and several on war service who are working almost every Sunday, so that our attendance of late has not been up to the standard.—Alex. Dawson, Secretary.

NORMANTON.—On Sunday, August 29th, our Lyceum scholars rendered a Service of Song, entitled "Mother's last words." The narrative was read in fine style by Mr. J. Rothery, the President of our Lyceum. Solos were also rendered by Doris Severn, Minnie Rogers and Mrs. Hick. Mrs. Severn ably presided. Praise is due to the children for the able manner in which they rendered the hymns, considering they are so young and few in number. C. R. Illingworth, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Bentnick Road).—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, we held our Lyceum Day. In the afternoon we had an Open Session, conducted by Mr. W. B. Stowe. Duets, solos and recitations were ably rendered. Pearls good, marching and calisthenics much enjoyed by all. We had a welcome visit from our

fellow Lyceumist, Miss Bertha Cadman, whose words were most encouraging. In the evening, by request, we repeated our Anniversary Service. Mr. T. W. Marsters, took the chair. A "Patriotic" dialogue, written specially for the occasion by our President, Mrs. Beacher Stow, was given by six Lyceumists. Both services were much appreciated. Our best thanks are due to Miss Swadden (Conductor), Mr. J. Llewelyn, Choir Master, and good audiences and good collections.—Mabel Reade.

OLDHAM (Union Street).—During the month we have had good sessions. Recitations have been given by Frances Rooks, Winnie Rooks, Melassa Rooks, Mrs. Hargreaves, Sidney Pointon; and solos by Alice Baguley, Frances Rooks, Annie Chappell, Hannah Baguley, Elsie Pointon, Annie James, Mrs. J. Woods, Mrs. Wm. James, Albert Fallows, Robert Roberts, John Woods, Richard Woods and Sam Dearnley. Our Liberty Group have had a lesson by John Woods, on "Advice to a man that wants to get on," which was very interesting. We are sorry to say that we have lost Mr. Wm. James for a time, as he has gone to do his duty with the R.A.M.C. in this great war.—F. Grimes, Secretary.

PONTYPRIDD (River Street).—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, we held our Open Session. We had a fairly good attendance. During the absence of our President, Mr. W. Rydon conducted our service. Recitations were given by Dolly Green, Doris Everleigh, Gladys Ricardo, Gwen Hanks, Kitty Bowden, Irene Bowden, Florence Bowden, also by Stanley Bowden, Willie Mountjoy, Alfred Sellers and George Davies. Mr. Sweetman, our old secretary, also recited, and we were all very pleased to see that he still takes an interest in the Lyceum and its work. We had a very pleasant afternoon session.—Florence Bowden, Secretary.

PRESTON (Clarke's Yard).—On Sunday, August 29th, we held our Harvest Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Batley, of Oswaldtwistle, were present. Mrs. Batley as D.V. On the 30th, the fruit was distributed at a social. Four Lyceumists took part in a Temperance sketch, entitled "In slippery places," which seemed to give pleasure to those present. On Sept. 5th we had our Open Session. Recitations were given by Lizzie Chambers, Florrie Chambers, Mabel Cartmell and Hilda Moorby; also songs by Mr. Bert Tomlinson, Miss Moorby and Miss Beetham.—Ellen Savage, Secretary.

PRESTON (Lancaster Road).—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, we held our Open Session. There was a large attendance, including many visitors. The silver and golden chains were well commented upon, as also was the musical reading by Mrs. Guest. There were also some good pearls given. Recitations were given by D. Rae and L. Latham, of Brierfield. Solos were rendered by Miss Clarke and Miss Nellie Anyon, a welcome visitor amongst us. A piano solo was given by Miss Hazel and a duet by Mrs. Guest and Miss Walker, and A. Hodson gave a reading. We had a good time together and hope all Lyceums had the same.—Wm. Rae, Secretary.

RAWTENSTALL (Back Ormerod Street).—Open Session held Sept. 5th, conducted by Mr. J. H. Howarth, one of our old members. He questioned the scholars concerning the Lyceum teachings, in order to ascertain what progress they were making. The calisthenics were ably conducted by Mr. Wilson, who commended the scholars on the same, and their good marching. Pearls were given by a few of the scholars. Every one enjoyed the session.—G. T. Duckworth, Secretary.

READING (16, Blgrave Street).—I am glad to report another month of progress. Our Lyceum still grows and great interest is manifested in the children's work. On Saturday, August 28th, we went for a delightful river trip to Henley, where tea was partaken of in the open air. Afterwards a short time was devoted to sports. When journeying home the prizes for sports were presented. The happy time we spent drew us all closer together in the bonds of love and fellowship. Many thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Street for arranging this lovely outing; also to Miss Mason for helping the funds of the Lyceum by giving a public seance.—Robert Deadman.

ROCHDALE (Penn Street).—On Sunday evening, Sept. 19th, we held our quarterly Open Sessions before a large congregation. Silver chain recitation was conducted by Miss Edith Robinshaw; musical readings by several Lyceumists, and one golden chain by Mr. Holt, our Superintendent. Marching and calisthenics were ably conducted by Mr. Ernest Berry and Mr. Wilfred Benson, respectively. Miss Hilda Mills and Mr. Wilfred Benson were leaders of the marching. Pearls were afterwards given, and recitations were nicely said by Miss Annie Brown, Elsie Taylor, Elsie Staniforth, Mr. John Hitchon, and John Lomas. A sola was sweetly rendered by Miss Janey Isherwood, and a duet by Miss Elsie and Master Joe Brown. Thus came to a close a very successful evening.—Mary Taylor, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Regent St.).—On September 5th, we held our Open Session; Mrs. Spencer Conducted; Opening hymn 334. *Manual*; Invocation Mrs. Firth. S.C.R. 37 *Manual*; the readings led by Emma Firth, Rarris Cowen, Ada Wiid. M.R. 237. *Manual*, the connective readings were taken by James Martin, John Firth, Lily Cowen, and Olive Lilley. G.C.R. was conducted by Mr. John Nurse. Pearls were given by several Lyceumists. Solos; were sung by Emma Hill, S. A. Dearden, Lily Cowen, Bessie Whitehead, Emma Firth and Mr. Granville Kay (Heywood Lyceum). Duets by Lizzie Dean, A. R. Spencer; and Ivy Brown. A few remarks were made by Mr. Lord (Heywood Lyceum). Closing hymn 320 *Manual*, and prayer by Mrs. Martin.—John Firth.

ROYTON (Spring Garden St.).—On Sunday Sept 12th. we had a service of song entitled "Ministering Spirits" rendered by Mr. G. Wilson, of Oldham, in a very effective manner. A solo was given by Miss Garside "God Home and Spirit Land." The service was well attended, and this being our first one in new Hall I am sure it is very encouraging or us. Clairvoyance was given in the after meeting by Mrs. Jones of Royton, which was also well attended.—P. Barrow, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD (Heeley).—On Sunday, August 20th, Miss Grace Thickett gave a paper in the Liberty Group, on "God." Mr. Humphries (Rotherham) and Mr. E. Vickers made some remarks on the subject. We held our Open Session on Sunday, September 12th. The attendance was not up to the usual standard. The following junior Lyceumists gave recitations: Alice Whitehead, Nellie Beardoe, Hilda Furniss, Rose Sanders, Jack Porter and Arthur Oliver.—Geo. Stevenson, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, CENTRAL (Paradise Square).—On Sunday, Sept. 5th, we held our Open Session, at which recitations were rendered by F. Romanes, G. Hare, E. Hare, C. Spooner and Mr. M. Watkinson. E. Barton rendered a solo, entitled "God folds them in His bosom," in memoriam of the passing on of a little child in connection with members of our Lyceum. A duet was also given by N. Fleetwood and E. Average. On Sunday, Sept. 12th, our Liberty Group was taken by Mr. Stewart, the subject being "The curse of creeds," which he tried to explain in a most able manner, also causing a little discussion to take place, which was very interesting to all present, and also giving each of us something to think over and investigate for ourselves.—G. Hare, Secretary.

STOCKPORT LYCEUM CHURCH.—A most enjoyable evening was spent on Sept. 4th, in a social evening. Miss F. Pickthall played the piano, assisted by Mr. Hallworth with his violin. During the month, a framed portrait of Private A. Ennion, one of our Lyceumists who fell in France, has been placed on our walls. It was subscribed by Lyceumists and friends.—J. H. Marston.

SILDON (Newlands Avenue).—On Sunday, Sept. 12th, we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Smith, and well attended by scholars. Pearls were given by J. Johnson, J. Wilson, Mr. Riley, Alice Kirkbride, S. A. Smith, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Evans. Recitations were given by J. Johnson, A. Hutchinson, E. Hunter, E. Hutchinson, M. E. Clarey, S. A. Smith and A. Riley. There was also a duet by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Wilson. The marching and calisthenics were nicely gone through, and instead of having groups Mr. A. Kitson gave a lengthy address to the Lyceum, which we all enjoyed. This brought a pleasant session to a close.—J. M. Kirkbride, Secretary.

SOUTHAMPTON (Cavendish Grove).—On Sept. 5th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Penton. We had a large number of Lyceumists and friends present. After a few pearls, followed a beautiful duet by Misses Allen and K. Long. Recitation, Mascot Swinborne. Solos, Misses Roberts, Allen and Long. Recitation, Mrs. Saunders. Calisthenics led by Winnie Trimmer; marching by Marie Allen. Before closing, Mr. Blake, of Bournemouth, addressed the children. We would like to thank those ladies who took part in giving so much pleasure on this occasion. We are holding our Anniversary on October 10th, when we hope the parents will make an effort to attend to watch the progress of their children.—Alice Wattle.

SOUTHPORT (Hawkshead Street).—We held our Open Session on Sept. 5th, conducted by Mrs. Peel. "Children's Day Welcome" was the opening hymn. Silver chain recitation 42, also golden chain recitation 135, were rendered very well, the first being conducted by Private Oates, the second by Mr. Woaten. Many comments were made on both. Marching and calisthenics were next entered into, after which we had a nice programme of pearls, recitations, etc., amongst which were pearls by Nora Fletcher, Silvia Denton, Ivy Leish and visitors. A recitation by Beulah Barke, entitled "To Florence Nightingale," and one by Elsie Jessop, called "Influence." A reading was given by Mr. Devereax. We then sang heartily

together "Angels lead my footsteps," which brought a good session to a conclusion.—E. Jessop, Secretary.

SOUTH SHIELDS (Fowler Street).—On Sept. 12th, Mrs. Dagg, on behalf of the Lyceumists, made a small presentation to two of our Lyceumists who had just lately been married. After saying a few appropriate remarks Mrs. Dagg presented Mrs. Harbit (née Miss Atkinson) with a jam dish and spoon, and Mrs. Carson (née Miss Henderson) with a jelly dish. The most hearty congratulations and good wishes go to both young ladies and their husbands, and all Lyceumists hope that they may long enjoy married life. We have several Lyceumists now with the colours, viz., Privates Leyton, Carson, Calbe, Elliot and Patterson, and we all hope that they may return safe and sound to their friends.—N. E. Ainley, Hon. Secretary.

TODMORDEN (Eagle Street).—Sept. 10th being Lyceum Sunday, a special week-end was arranged, the proceeds to be handed over to the Church Building Fund. Mr. James Buckley, of Grindleton, was engaged to conduct the services. We had a series of three services, commencing Saturday evening, the 18th Sept., when the gifted clairaudience of Mr. Buckley was the delight of all present. On the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 19th, Open Sesion was held. Misses Bertha Lee and Emily Marshall contributed to the service by way of elocution. Also calisthenics by the scholars. The subject for the session was "The use of spirit in material life," which was ably dealt with in the form of a paper by Mr. Buckley.—Miss M. Robinson, Secretary. [Please observe Rule 3.—EDITOR.]

WAIHI, NEW ZEALAND.—Yesterday we held our Open Session, when quite a large number of adults and Lyceumists were present. Pearls and recitations were given by most of the scholars and a song was very well rendered by little Winnie Pike. An exceptionally good recitation was given by Miss Hilda Hearn, so good indeed that much applause was given. Mr. Page gave a short encouraging address, while Mr. Lewis spoke a few words to the children. All visitors were well pleased with the session, and at the close of it several new members were enrolled. We seem to be progressing much more favourably now than we were some months ago.—Winnie Morton, Secretary.

WELLINGTON, N.Z.—We held our Mid-winter Social on Monday, 26th, at which everyone spent a very pleasant evening. The choir opened with a song, followed by a monologue by Mr. Miles (Conductor). Address by Mrs. Miles. Recitations by Leah Cook, Eric Miles, Ruby Waring and Violet Johnson; song and recitation by Albert Porter; pianoforte solo, Miss Wright; dialogue by Mesdames Potts, Miles, Stenning and Sutcliffe, Misses Johnson, Rose R. Waring and Burnette. Quite a new idea was introduced in the selling by auction of two of the Lyceum members. It caused great amusement and helped to swell the funds. We had games for the younger ones, which I think were more enjoyed by the adults.—Alfred G. Miles, Secretary.

WEST MELTON.—On Sunday, Sept 10th, we held our Open Session, when there was a good attendance, several strangers to the Lyceum work being present. We had recitations from Lily Staley, Mrs. Staley, Mr. Kenning, Mr. Harper and Mr. Porter. There was a good response when pearls were asked for. During the evening services the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kenning was dedicated to our cause. Mrs. Roberts, an ardent worker from Wombwell, gave it the earthly name Hilda, spirit name "Pearl." Six Lyceum scholars took part, and are to be presented with a Lyceum Badge as a memento. Each child performed its duties well. There is a continued improvement all round.—W. Rawlinson.

YORK (Cromwell Road).—It is with pleasure we announce that the children of our Lyceum once again had their annual treat on Sept. 1st. Mr. Rowntree kindly lent us the "Homestead" grounds. Owing to it raining heavily, we had tea and sports in the pavilion. It was so arranged that each child had one or more prizes. We all spent a most enjoyable time. Some of the children remarked that they liked it much better than their usual trip to Scarborough. After cheers for Mr. Rowntree and the teachers, each child was given a packet of sweets.—J. Banks, Secretary.

YORK (St. Saviourgate).—On Sept. 5th we held our Open Session Sunday. The services throughout the day were conducted by local Lyceumists. Recitations, solos and marchings were given in the afternoon, and a paper given by Mrs. Leatham in the evening. We had exceptionally good attendances throughout the day, which is very encouraging, both to children and officers. May the Lyceums throughout the land stand firm during the present-day crisis, and so give to the people messages of hope and goodwill, and show them what we are striving for, and may the Lyceum movement prosper and so overcome might with right.—Charles Rich, Secretary.