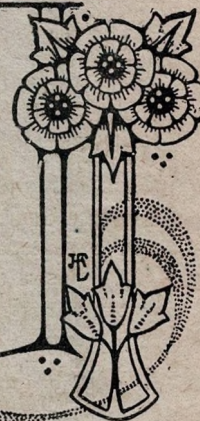


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## Lyceum Banner Portrait Gallery.

**MR. JOHN H. HORROCKS,**  
**Collyhurst, Manchester.**

It was with somewhat mixed feelings I received your request that Mr. Horrocks should submit a portrait and brief sketch of his work in connection with the Lyceum and Spiritualism generally. I was delighted and pleased, as was also our members, to receive your kind request, but on the other hand, I had misgivings as to the attitude of our subject, having known him over a long period, and knowing his very modest and reticent nature, I was very doubtful as to his willingness to submit to the ordeal, and it was only after much pressure that he was prevailed upon to consent.

My deficiencies are many, and I feel my inability to do justice either to my subject, or merit the confidence of our members, at whose request I have undertaken the work.

Our subject was born in the adjoining County Borough of Stockport, on February 8th, 1857, and was christened at the Stockport Parish Church. He was trained in the tenets and principles of the Church of England during the early years of his life.

At quite an early age he sustained a deep loss in the passing of his father. The family afterwards removed to Manchester.

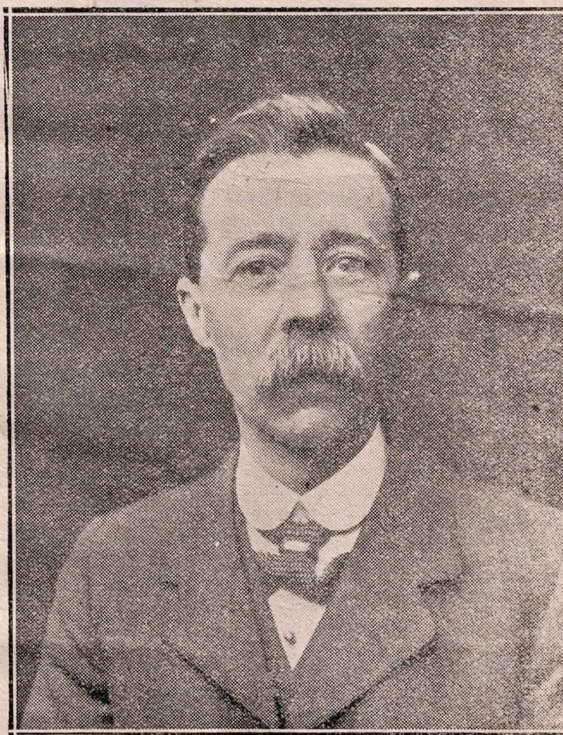
It will be upwards of forty years since Spiritualism was brought to the notice of the Horrocks family through an old pioneer worker, Mr. Smith, of Oldham, he was one amongst many who had the courage to speak that which they knew. They bore much of sneering and scorn, holding on their way with the consciousness that they had caught hold of a vital truth which nothing could put down. They could afford to meet, with calm feelings, any amount of ridicule, for they felt continually the reality and power of what was behind them. Our subject likewise became deeply interested in Spiritualism, and continued his investigations from about this time,

attending meetings at Tipping Street, Manchester; also he attended regularly meetings at the residence of Mr. R. A. Brown, of Manchester, on Sunday mornings. It was whilst attending a meeting at Tipping Street in November, 1886, he heard the announcement that a new Society was to be opened at Miles Platting on the following Sunday. Horrocks was deeply interested in this, and was present on the opening day of the Miles Platting Society of Spiritualists, William Street.

He there came in touch with men (and women too), many of whom he had met in his earlier investigations, who were brim full of that enthusiasm which so animated our earlier pioneers. He was put into office immediately, acting as Assistant Secretary to the late Mr. E. Ashworth, who was the first Secretary, under the presidency of the late Wm. Crutchley; soon afterwards taking over the full duties. Mr. Ashworth leaving Manchester to follow his employment. From this period onwards he has held from time to time all the offices in the conducting of a Society. Mr. Horrocks thinks the early years of the Society were the happiest and most fruitful in point of results of his long record of Society work, although the meetings were held under somewhat adverse conditions in the way of accommodation.

Up to this period, there was no Lyceum in Manchester. Mr. Crutchley having heard of the Lyceum system of training children, was determined to know more about it, and he, along with Mr. Boardman and Mr. Stewart, of Openshaw, accepted the invitation of Mr. Kitson to visit Batley Carr, there to see a complete Lyceum Session, and as a result of the visit two Lyceums were opened in Manchester. Our Openshaw friends being first off the mark, commencing in or about January, 1887, and Collyhurst in April of the same year. Mr. Horrocks was soon very active, acting as assistant Conductor to Mr. Crutchley, and afterwards held every office in connection with the school.

Mr. Horrocks at the present time holds the office of Treasurer in the Society, and is the Conductor of





the Lyceum, the latter position he has held for fourteen consecutive years, and has been most attentive to his duties and painstaking in all its details. I find on looking up the register that he has the remarkable attendance during the last seventeen years of fifty-one Sundays per year, and has not yet a late mark, and I believe the previous thirteen years would show an equally good record.

He has on many occasions represented his school as delegate to B.S.L.U. Conferences, also the Manchester and Salford Lyceum D.C., and was honoured by the latter body in the year 1909, being appointed to the Presidential Chair. Altogether a most remarkable record of activity and devotion to duty, the consistency of which in itself is unique.

I have been associated with Mr. Horrocks during nearly the whole of his Lyceum work, and whilst I do not in the least minimise his efforts as officer in the Society and School, I look upon his best work as that of an exemplar.

I feel I cannot do justice to what I should call his finely shaded character, his mental calmness, the absence of all egotism, a thorough tolerance of spirit, an entire absence of suspicion, and in particular his love of exact justice. His conduct of life being most simple and frugal, thrifty without being covetous, kind and generous without any display of profusion, and happy in his contented life, feeling that his riches lie not so much in his possessions, as in the fewness of his wants. Ever since I really came to know him I have held him in high esteem and regard as well as admiration. I do not know that I have ever met in public or private life a character more truly simple, noble and unselfish.

Five years ago Mr. Horrocks was the recipient of a testimonial at the hands of past and present scholars as a mark of their love and esteem, and a token of their appreciation of twenty-five years' faithful work. The presentation took the form of a very fine photograph of himself (the accompanying illustration being a facsimile).

Our subject has not developed any remarkable gift of mediumship, but has been very successful as a magnetic healer. He, along with Mr. Crutchley, did splendid work in healing by magnetising, making it part of the Lyceum Session, a work which he thinks might be revived. I could greatly enlarge on this phase of his work, but space will not permit.

Mr. Horrocks displays the same industry in his business, being employed in the staple industry of the county (cotton), having forty-six years' faithful service to his credit with his present employers, commanding the esteem of his employers and those who serve under him.

May I, in closing, say a word or two in respect to the great loss Mr. Horrocks has sustained in the passing on of his dear sister, Miss Horrocks, on March 30th. She was a source of inspiration to him, and assisted him unfailingly in all his efforts, sacrificing self always, feeling that his work was also her work. Mr. Horrocks has indeed sustained a severe blow—she was his life's companion.

As a final message from one who has devoted the best years of his life to the cause, he says:—"Is it not time for a halt to figure up sixty-nine years assets of modern Spiritualism, and ask why so many con-

vinced Spiritualists have gone over to other bodies teaching similar principles? Spiritualism, if it can rise to its privileges and responsibilities, has a very important function to play in connection with this present-day awakening of man to a consciousness of his physical powers. If its members are alive to their responsibilities, the Spiritualist Society should stand in the present and in the future as a steadying, balancing influence amongst the many movements which have for their object the study of the occult. So that all Spiritualists who have the future interests of humanity at heart will, in proportion as they understand the situation, co-operate in this particular function of the Spiritualistic movement by emphasising the importance for themselves and others of regarding as sacred the subtle forces of nature we are learning something about—sacred for the service of humanity, never to be used for the separate self at the expense of others—sacred for furthering the spiritual or unifying element of human nature, never to be used as a means of accumulating material wealth or personal power or fame. If we fail in this, other combinations of individuals will be found to do the work now offered to us. Before we attain this ideal, much that is of a very questionable nature will have to be eliminated from our movement."

That our friend may be long spared to work for the realisation of this ideal is the earnest wish of his sincere friend,

JOSEPH PARKINSON.

## The Chums' Page.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

My dear Chums,

Here is the list of Merit Card winners arranged as the postwoman brought the solutions:—Lily Roberts, Emma Firth, Elsie Stephens, W. T. Seddon, Annie Appleton, Annie Wild, Edith Hindle, Agnes Wilkinson, Thomas Walton, Frank Brown.

The answers are:—1, a railway engine. 2, Because they are stationary. 3, Three four-shilling pieces and a half-crown. 4, The church bell is the most obedient because it rings when it is told (toll'd), but the organ says "I'll be blown first." 5, Because it has a Cork in it. 6 Great Scott, Howitt, Burns. 7, When they are made into little Pats. 8, Because he is sure to keep dark about it. 9, Thanks. 10, Two N's, two O's, a L and a D, London. 11, Andrew. 12, Examination.

Annie Wild, Norman Haley and C. Bowskill sent answers to last month's puzzles; all earned Merit Cards, but the letters came too late to report. I have to close this page on the third Sunday in every month to ensure its appearance. This explanation will answer Annie's question. Quite a number of chums have found my mistake in No. 10 puzzle. Yes, Norman, we are both sorry we missed each other. I hope the Card has reached Holly Tree Villa, the home of a new chum. Lily's little rhyme has gone to the Editor; perhaps it will appear in the "Reciter." Emma has a little brother who has been very ill. He



is now very much better. I shall be glad to hear of Willie's mother and father being at Lyceum again. Elsie will see her puzzle appears. Some have to be altered a little to make the cards worth winning. W.T.S. has left home and town. He has found friends and a good home. I wish all the boys away were as comfortable. Your complaint about too little time for the Exam. is a general one. Saturday would be better if it could be arranged. Annie Appleton asks for a good book on Botany. There is a man living in Burnley who lectures at one of the Spiritualist Churches there twice a year. He is a Science Master and has written an elementary book on Botany. It is called "Botany for Beginners," by Ernest Evans, price two shillings, published by Macmillan & Co. It has a large number of illustrations, and easy to read. The "Look About You" Nature Books (seven in series, 6d. paper, 1/- cloth) are admirable books for Lyceum Group Lessons when joined with rambles. They are by T. W. Hoare, and published by T. C. & C. C. Jack.

The boys and girls of "Daulby" will be glad to know I enjoyed two happy visits there.

Edith hid her name, but I found it at last on the back. I wondered, Has she signed it with invisible ink? You can do it by writing with lemon-juice. When you want to read it, hold the paper close to the fire. Agnes is a new chum; thanks for the puzzles. We are far apart, Frank, but belong to one movement. Glad you like the Lyceum. The conundrums from Annie Pickles are welcome and made use of. I am also very glad to hear Thomas is going to the new Lyceum. It must be hard to have a Lyceum and no home for meeting. The General Secretary will be glad to learn you are re-opening.

This month's puzzles are:—

1. What is that which comes in the house black and white and goes out read all over? *Lily Roberts.*
2. What is that which occurs once in a minute, but is never found in a hundred years? *Elsie Stephens.*
3. What would a ball do when it stopped rolling? *Frank Brown.*
4. What is the most dangerous time of the year?
5. What is the difference between a diamond ring, a sigh and a donkey? *Agnes Wilkinson.*
6. Thomas Walton wants to know how many square yards of oilcloth is wanted to cover a floor five and a half yards square?
7. What was the name of the dog that licked the sores of Lazarus? *E.A.K.*
8. If Mr. Hill gave each of his children half-a-sovereign, why would he be like the rising sun in summer?
9. Which travels fastest, heat or cold?
10. When is money damp?
11. In what colour should you keep your promises?
12. What is the difference between an auction and sea-sickness?
13. What kind of a face should an auctioneer have?
14. What is that a man has not, never can have, and yet he can give it to a lady? *Annie Pickles.*

Two extra guesses are allowed this month. Nine correct answers win a Merit Card.

I now want to mention a matter for which there is

no room in our paper elsewhere. In the Editor's notes you will find the Lesson Plan. The first subject is Flowers. Will Conductors or other Lyceumists use this day to illustrate some flower and explain its meaning? Example, a daffodil: grows from onion-like bulb; long, narrow, entire, radical leaves; underground bulb is the stem, roots are adventitious; flowers solitary, yellow; its parts are, from the outside, bract, calyx, corolla, androecium, gynoecium, ovules (seed-case). Every part of this flower is in a layer of threes. Lesson: the roots draw from the soil, and give life to the bulb. The Lyceumists come from the various parts of the town, make the Lyceum and are trained into beautiful, attractive lives, filling the many parts of communal life, each according to their powers, all harmonizing to produce beneficial results for mankind and future generations.

Pearls: Choose and explain the pearls you like best in the Lyceum Programme. Here is mine:—"Immortality is a grand reality, and truth will live when nations have fallen into decay." Temperance in all things:—The temperate zones are those parts between the equatorial, tropical parts and the polar seas. Mentally an even mind, calmness, balance. (A. J. Davis's Magic Staff).

Children:—Human birds of immortality born to inherit the gardens of the spheres. Ours to cherish, guard, guide and love. Theirs to respond and tend our easy passage to immortal consciousness in after-life.

Courage:—To speak the truth, defend a principle, live a religion, meet evil and turn its course from misdirected goodness, blindness and error, into paths of virtue, wisdom and truth.

My last words this month are for a constant chum of this page. He is now in Wormwood Scrubbs prison for his religious convictions. If I had known of his trial I may have helped him. Two Lyceumists I know have obtained exemptions. He might have done the same. His quiet courage does Willie Nixon credit.

Your sincere chum,

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT.

22, Gower Street, Rochdale.

[The above article was crowded out of our last issue.—EDITOR.]

## Bluebell Guild.

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MOTTO FOR THE MONTH:

"Each for all, and all for each."

My dear Bluebells and Readers all,—

Fourteen new members have joined our ranks since last I wrote to you, and to them I give a warm welcome.

I overheard a whisper from one Bluebell not long ago, "I would like to write to Flora Belle, but I don't know what to write about;" and the thought occurred to me that perhaps that was the reason why



so many of our Bluebells "lay low and say nothing." Why, my dear members all, what *can't* you write about. Tell us why you are a Lyceumist, or give us an account of a good session or special event at your Lyceum; or express your thoughts about our motto or our object; or write a short story illustrating them or any of our Lyceum teachings; or tell us how you think Lyceums, etc., could be improved; or— Oh, there's no end to the list! To a willing and interested mind ideas galore will present themselves.

For example, our faithful and splendid worker, Doris Ward (of Horwich), in a kind letter (enclosing a beautiful Easter card, for all of which I give you my sincere thanks, dear), expresses the following thoughts on last month's motto:—"He who faithfully fulfils small duties can be trusted with great ones." She writes:—"Our motto for this month is a very good one, and applies to all Lyceumists, even the youngest of us. If any of our elders ask us to do something, let us do it with a willing heart, and if we are capable of accomplishing small things, in time we shall be qualified to do great ones. If we do the best our circumstances allow, the Angels can do no more, and when we reach that Summerland of Love and Light our Father God will say unto us, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the harvest of thy labours.'"

The only other letters received this month are one from Annie Frost (Horwich), showing interest in our Guild; and two from Walter Spooner, doing his "bit" far away from home and dear ones. Evidently his thoughts and interests are still with the Lyceum and its teachings and all connected with it; and we are very pleased to have his letters, and wish him all good luck.

#### WHO WAS IT?

It was Monday morning, and an hour before school-time. Little Brother nudged Older Brother in bed and said: "It's time to get up!" Both jumped out quickly, and somehow there was a great deal of noise and bustle; a chair was knocked over, a boot clattered down the stairs, and two doors were banged, before the brothers arrived in the kitchen. Of course it didn't matter that mother lay ill in bed in the next room; even if she heard she wouldn't mind; for what could she expect of Seven-year-old and Eleven-year-Old. Not quietness, now, could she?

Downstairs, Little Brother wouldn't hurry at all, and just watched Older Brother light the fire (more banging and bustle and noise, for ashes *won't* somehow be poked out quietly!) Then when Older Brother wanted to clean his boots Little Brother was *just beginning* to use the brushes, and sharp words were spoken. Little Brother whimpered and went on cleaning his boots, whilst Older Brother prepared breakfast. When Eleven-year-Old—having at last got the brushes and used them to good effect on the boots—wanted to wash and dress, Seven-year-Old was *just beginning* to wash himself. Older Brother had to wait again, and lost his temper; result—Little Brother felt ill-used and wept bitterly, and later, two cross little boys set out to school and deemed everything and everybody dull and stupid and bad-tempered that day.

Who was it? Not *you*—oh no; for you are a Bluebell, and so see every chance of *helping*, and take it.

Had *you* been Little Brother, mother's rest would *not* have been broken by noise, for you'd have spoken and moved *so* quietly! Had *you* been Little Brother, you'd have helped to get all needed for the fire and for the breakfast, and you'd have been so quick in cleaning your boots and washing yourself; and two smiling little boys would have set out to school and deemed everything and everybody interesting and pleasing that day! If *you* had been Little Brother,—but you see, you weren't! Who was? I wonder!

I will end my chat this month by giving you a recitation that I think will appeal to you as Bluebells.

#### DOROTHY'S GUESTS.

Little Dorothy D. gave a party one day;

Would you like to know who were invited?

When I tell you their names, I am sure you will say,

They are friends who should never be slighted.

The first guest to arrive was Miss Ought-to-Obeey;

She walked hand in hand with Miss Cheerful.

Bright Miss Happy came skipping along the same way,

Passing by in the street poor Miss Tearful.

Miss Polite and Miss Kind came in one large coupé;

Dear Miss Gentle was waiting to meet them;

And Miss Thankful—who sometimes forgot what to say—

With the sweetest of smiles went to greet them.

Close to Dorothy's side two dear friends ever stay—

Calm Miss Truthful, whom nothing confuses,

And that sweet little peacemaker, *Love*, who each day

Takes the pain out of somebody's bruises.

Oh, so merry they were! Dolly often declared,

Even though she should live to be forty,

If with these lovely friends every day could be shared,

She felt she would never be naughty.

#### DEWSBURY LYCEUM.

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| 4394 | Miss Ada Phillips.   | 4401 | Miss Mary E. Oldroyd. |
| 4395 | Miss Edith Pennock.  | 4402 | Miss Hetty Poole.     |
| 4396 | Miss Gladys Batley.  | 4403 | Master Arthur Scott.  |
| 4397 | Miss Ethel Hudson.   | 4404 | Master Willie Poole.  |
| 4398 | Miss Doris Poole.    | 4405 | Master Harold Byron.  |

#### Bluebells Desiring Correspondents.

4. Mr. J. R. Charnley (35), of Radcliffe Lyceum.
13. David Porter (12), of Hull Lyceum.
14. Jack Armitage (13), of Hull Lyceum.
18. Miss Prudence Cuffin (19), of Radcliffe Lyceum.
19. Sidney Laws (13), of Gateshead Lyceum (desires an overseas correspondent).
22. Miss Olive E. Baxter (16), of Slaithwaite Lyceum.
26. Miss Florence Hope (18), of Crewe Lyceum.
27. Mr. Alfred Bramall (22), of Slaithwaite Lyceum.
28. Mr. Thompson Brough (26), of Ossett Lyceum.
29. Miss Annie Frost (16), of Horwich Lyceum.

#### Rules for joining our Correspondence List.

All who desire to be placed on it must be not less than 10 years old; and must be a member of the Guild. Will all who wish to correspond with other Bluebells please write giving (1) name in full; (2)



age; (3) Lyceum; (4) Guild number, and (5) private address. Post the letter marked "Bluebell Correspondent" to me.

After much thought, I have decided on the following method of introducing correspondents to each other. Each month will be given a list of those desiring a correspondent and who have not got one. Also I shall give age and Lyceum, so that others can choose one suitable in age, and know the locality of the chosen one, in order that one of a near district shall not be chosen if a "far-away friend" is desired, and *vice-versa*.

To be introduced to your Bluebell friend, therefore, please observe the following rules:—

1. Read the list each month till you find a congenial member.
2. Then write your letter to that one.
3. Seal it up in an envelope, and write on it your chosen correspondent's name. (It will be sent, *unopened*, on to that one).
4. Put a penny stamp on the envelope.
5. Enclose it in another envelope addressed to myself, c/o the Editor,—and put in this a note bearing your own name and address.

On receiving it I shall address it to the person desired; and take your name and that of your correspondent off the list; as having obtained a friend with whom to exchange notes and ideas about Lyceum work; the Guild; your Lyceums, district, family, home, self, etc., etc.

[The above article was crowded out of our last issue.—EDITOR.]

P.S.—All the preceding was written for you to read in May's "Banner," Bluebells; and then limited space would not permit of its being inserted. Since writing it, I've been pleased to receive photos from Walter Spooner; also a letter about "Hope" from Doris Ward, and a thoughtful letter about the Bluebells' aims, from Willie Hodgson (Slaithwaite). I regret space forbids my giving these letters, but "better luck next time," I hope, so please write again.

Then came a kind letter from "Clare," bringing also two stories, which I shall have pleasure in giving to you in our next "Banner," if the Editor can spare us room for them.

With all best wishes to each one,

Your loving sister,  
FLORA BELLIE.

### The Right View of Life.

MRS. ELLEN E. MANN, Bournemouth.

Only along the path of knowledge will come the complete understanding of the right view of life. We cannot have a full and complete realisation of life until all our energies are directed to the *one object* of learning the right way of living and, when we have discovered that, to live up to this understanding. When grasping the firm belief that after physical death we still survive in the spiritual body that, this being the case, we must build up our characters while on the earth-plane.

All are liable to err and make mistakes, but by tutoring ourselves to live up to the very highest and best, we cannot long, say, even for many hours,

follow the wrong turning without enduring mental torture too great for words. When we are growing daily into a better and nobler environment, no one can deviate from the right path without acute suffering of soul. We come back again, we have to do so, to the point we went wrong, and start afresh, which is naturally anguish to the evolving nature. The little things of life tempt us mostly to err from the right path, not the greater.

Let us consider this for a moment! Are we going forward, or are we taking even half a step backward? The reply will come from our inward consciousness. If we cannot find any satisfactory answer to this momentous question, there is something at fault, which must be remedied ere we proceed on life's journey.

A good plan is to pull ourselves up occasionally, and ask: "Are we carrying out in our every day life all the principles we intended to do in the past? Are we falling off in some way from our original intention?" This method would find many of us, I fear, in the stream of some current that requires to run a bit stronger and straighter, instead of being sullen, or eddying round and round.

In following the right view of life there is only one method, which is to keep straight forward and onward. If we have tarried on the road, if we have fallen slightly from the path of our soul's knowledge of what is right, let us return quickly, put it straight, take up the broken thread, and we shall then have the happiness of a quiet peaceful mind, fully and completely restored to its equilibrium and purpose of life's true value. We ought to live for one thing alone, to help those we come into contact with, namely, the sorrowing, the suffering ones, and those also on a lower plane of consciousness than ourselves. If we thus cheerfully give our services to others, then we shall find through working in *that groove* perfect satisfaction, because love and unselfishness being the keynote of the right way to live, one cannot then feel really dissatisfied, but, instead of that, full of joyful comprehension.

### In Memoria, etc.

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.

OLDHAM. One of our sisters, in the name of Mrs. Ward, of Siddal Street, has recently passed over to the Summer-land.—L. Travis.

BRADFORD.—In loving memory of Mrs. Hale, the beloved wife of Mr. W. Hale, who passed to the Higher Life, June 25th, 1912.

Though we have laid beneath the ground  
The form of mother dear,  
We know her spirit hovers round  
And mingles with us here.  
Her home may be in heaven above,  
Yet oft to us below  
She will return to breathe her love,  
The angels told us so.

BURNLEY (North Street).—Private Abraham Hoole, R.A.M.C., died of gun shot wounds, May 7th, 31 years of age. An old Lyceumist.—Beatrice Wrigley, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—In loving memory of Esther (Ettie), the beloved daughter of Joseph and Annie Moore, who passed to the



higher life June 13th, 1916. Ever remembered. From Father, Mother, Freda and Ida.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—April 2nd, 1917. Passed to higher life, Corporal Leonard Goldsmith, from wounds received in France. Treasurer for the Lyceum and organist. Aged 20 years.—J. Wicks, Sec.

NELSON.—It is with deepest sympathy that I report the passing to the higher life of Private John Illingworth, who was killed in action on April 12th, in his 23rd year. He was a Lyceumist, choir and athletic club member, and one of the delegates to Lyceum Conference, held at Glasgow, 1914.—F. Pearson, Sec.

## Girls' Own Corner.

By Mrs. JESSY GREENWOOD.



Since last month's talk on Home Circles I have heard some very interesting accounts of messages transmitted through mediums in various homes, which emphasise the need for more of these home gatherings. I should be glad to receive the opinions of some of these "silent witnesses" of their ideas of the best way to train sensitives in clairvoyance. Existing Home Circles might take up this thought with their friends and pass on the replies to me for this Corner.

We will continue the beautiful thoughts of the delightful visitant to the Home Circle in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, Birmingham, viz., "Nita."

"Imagination is but the effort of putting into form the inspirations received. Inspirations come from without, imagination works from within: the two meet and then splendid results are achieved, or, in other words, the spirit within bursts through the flesh to reach the spirit without, thus great work is achieved."—"Nita."

"Every fact that makes an impression upon the mind leaves a mark and is there ready to be recalled."

"Let the soul be placid and still like a deep pool. The ripples on the surface come and for the time spoil the wonderful mirror, but soon pass away and disappear."

A question was asked about the "Light" that spirits come with? Nita's reply: "When a very progressive spirit comes into the so-called lower spheres, their light comes before them to cleanse, purify and brighten the place—as you would for a visit to your home of a prince or a duke. It is their personality, power, or aura coming before them to prepare the way."

Another question was equally interesting, as follows:—"We asked about Progression in the Spirit World, and the relation of the spirit spheres to each other." The reply was:—"The progression of spirituality means merely the transforming of the spiritual particles of the soul body—not a casting of a shell as in physical death. It is like the eating of food in the physical life of nature—if you eat coarse food the particles of your body are coarsened and degraded; or if disease enters the body, it permeates the whole by transforming each particle—and similarly on the higher side, spirituality permeates the whole body by transforming the particles."

An important question was asked, which no doubt has exercised the minds of parents who have little ones in spirit life. "We asked her," says Mr. Cook, "about the life of the children—our children—in spirit land—Denzil died six weeks of age, now 12; Valere died at 3½ years, now 9 years." Nita said: "They are learning the lessons of life under the guidance of Grace—their spirit mother and guardian and others, which they would have learned in their earth experiences had they lived to the allotted span. They are taken into surroundings where they can learn the lessons from experience—the cultivation of the virtues, the development of the attributes of a good soul—the right use of influences, and the main lesson of true charity. These are lessons they have to learn. They have their own home and domestic labours to attend to as well. They receive instruction in the ethics of true morality, but not as you give it to your students, their lessons are made a pleasure, not a task. They have to learn the value of influences rather than of achievements—the question of motives rather than results—and above all, how best to accomplish the most good for others, not for themselves. This is how education proceeds with us. You must remember always that there are no tasks or punishments or rewards as you know them, and no force is used; but the underlying idea of persuasion for the sake of good is one cheap incentive to education. Everything has to be done by the student for himself. He is guided as to how and why, but has to do it himself. The consciousness of having accomplished something, however small or great, is the reward."

The benedictions used by this sweet soul are very choice. "My blessing be with you. God's blessing I ask for you. His peace be with you. Amen."

Again:—"God is good, and good for you is the best prayer I can offer. God bless you and me. Amen."



Again:—"And now I leave you with my blessing. May God bless us all. May peace and love abide with us. Amen."

In conjunction with the reply *re* education in spirit life, the following pearl was given:—"It is the result of the wrong training which has been for so long given to children that the supernatural is mysterious and miraculous, whereas it is simply the continuation of the natural life here on the earth."

Two messages from another spirit friend called *Mary de Sailes* must suffice for this month's chat:—

"Let thy love envelope every soul with whom thou comest into contact. Thy light shall be a clear living flame, giving light and life to many. Bear bravely all the small troubles of life. Take no thought for the morrow, where thou art there also are we, seeking to help and direct thee."

"Let your efforts be as the gentle wind that brings freshness and invigorating life to tired nature, that works gently, yet accomplishes all—without bustle or noise."

[The above article was crowded out of our last issue.—EDITOR.]

## Correspondence.

### Re "THE GREATEST ROOM IN THE WORLD."

DEAR MR. KITSON,—It is wonderful how a small incident will lead to a large discussion. I would like to express an opinion on the subject, *re* "The greatest room in the world is the room for improvement." I think sometimes a nice rub, or, a little honest criticism, does good, if offered in a good spirit. It will be a difficult task for any one to find a perfect Lyceum on this earth. Earth-life is but the preparity of the "Perfect." Progress is sure when each Lyceum and Lyceumist strive to put their own house in order, in obeying good desires to help those less fortunate than themselves. In reference to the book entitled "The Life of Jesus," I would say, seeing that the teachings of the orthodox Sunday Schools are not in agreement with what spirit people reveal to us concerning personal responsibility, it is absolutely necessary that we strive to train our children in the God-like qualities of unselfishness, nobility, and purity. If we desire the spirit of unselfishness to grow uppermost in their hearts, why draw a line concerning books of old "Pioneers," who have won for us religious freedom, whether it be Jesus, or any other? A Lyceumist, in my opinion, requires a broad knowledge and must be willing to receive "Truth," no matter from what source it cometh. As Spiritualists, we don't say to our Lyceumists: "Don't go to such a place or you are no child of ours." Ah, no, rather would we say: "Learn the many lessons of life, whether from examples or personal experience, that thou mayest the better shun its evils, and help to bring about that lasting reformation of 'Peace, goodwill to all men.'"

ADA ELKIN.

[Letters for the "Banner" should be written on one side only of the paper.—EDITOR.]

SIR,—I find a letter from a "Lyceumist" which appeared in the "LYCEUM BANNER" dated 6th May, 1917. I quite agree and am of the same opinion; we do not require the name, Jesus, brought to our Lyceums; it has been misleading all along the ages. As Spiritualists, it is time that we kept to our own teachings, which are so elevating and plainly expounded in the Lyceum Manual. When I took an interest in the Church of England and was Superintendent of the Sunday School for 12 years, the teachings were taken from the "Prayer Book." I greatly valued it at that time, but joining the Lyceum (am deeply sorry to state there is none at present) I found in the "Lyceum Manual" something far superior than any "Prayer Book." The teachings of the Manual gave me greater satisfaction, and a solid foundation; something to live for. The children should be taught to live the best of lives, and then the world in which we live would be far better than what is. I am at a loss to understand why so many Spiritualists' Churches are without Lyceums. We shall never succeed in this, our religion, until we have a reform in our Churches and take an

interest in our children, that the future generations will understand what Spiritualism is.

Wishing you every blessing and success in this glorious work is my earnest prayer.—Yours truly, D. MORGAN,

Ashton-under-Lyne.

DEAR MR. KITSON,—I shall be much obliged if you will allow a little space in the "BANNER" in which to give vent to my feelings respecting the Pearl, "The greatest room in the world is the room for improvement," and the "Life of Jesus." Being present at the Lyceum when this incident occurred, I think it would be far better if the leaders of our movement, when holding such prominent positions, would try and show our younger scholars a better example of their qualifications than advising the children to study the "Life of Jesus Christ." I do not wish to publish this official's name, but when the person was asked to come in the Liberty Group she simply ignored the Conductor and walked out of the School, being unable to give (I should say) any foundation for advising such a book. I think that this and the other case I mentioned in my letter is nothing else but a spiteful act to prevent another Lyceum getting on a firm footing. The Conductor did his best to explain the case, and I think that before we appoint such leaders as these it is time we had their abilities proved, then we should be able to have these ridiculous acts put a stop to.—JOSEPH GREGORY, a Leigh Lyceumist.

### A LETTER FROM FRANCE.

DEAR MR. KITSON,—It is now so very long since we either of us heard any news of each other, although of course, through the "BANNER," I am still able to glean how the "Cause" is progressing, but beyond that—"SILENCE." May I hope that it has only been a matter for want of thought that I have never heard from any of my (one time) colleagues and friends connected with the Union, or that my address has not been known to them? My zeal for the movement is as great as ever it was, but unfortunately, it is inactive by present time conditions and surroundings. But please God and the loved ones beyond (who, I am proud to say, can still make their presence felt to me), I shall continue my work and support when I return. Please convey my fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists and Spiritualists in general, with success to the "BANNER," and hoping that someone will spare a few moments to drop a cheery word to not only a one-time Lyceumist, but a staunch one for life by conviction. Thanking you in anticipation of a reply, with kindest regards to you and yours.

Yours very sincerely,

40140, Cpl. H. C. DOBBY.

Headquarters, 1st Lincolns, B.E.F., France.

[Our friend has not been forgotten. On several occasions we were asked for his address and were unable to supply it. It is with pleasure we are now able to give it to our readers.—EDITOR.]

## Spiritualists' National Union.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN LONDON.

During the visit of the above to London, April 27-30, special attention was given to Lyceum work, and to each Society participating, at which a Lyceum is held, Lyceum workers were allocated to that Society. These were Brixton, Fulham, Manor Park, and Peckham.

At Brixton, Mrs. Jessie Greenwood and Mr. R. A. Owen attended the afternoon session. They enjoyed it and expressed their appreciation of the leadership of Miss Boddington, in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Staton, the Conductor.

Mr. E. A. Keeling attended the Fulham Lyceum, and addressed the Liberty Group on "Principles." They had a good time and thoroughly enjoyed the address and discussion.

Messrs. R. H. Yates and Coun. J. T. Ward went to Manor Park, where a good session was held, and the friends there will long remember their visit.

At Peckham a good session was held. Mr. Richards conducted. Five of the E.C. members being present, viz.: Messrs. Oaten, Hey, Wright, Todd, and Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Clegg and Mr. Forsyth were also there.

Mr. Oaten (President, S.N.U.) performed the interesting ceremony of naming one infant, and several members of the Lyceum, beneath an arch of flags (the Lyceum Colours). The delineations he gave to each one should be of great use to them, as they grow to manhood and womanhood.

Altogether a grand session.

These visits should go a long way toward the strengthening of the ties between Lyceums and the parent societies.

C. J. WILLIAMS.



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## Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The Lyceum Conference was held in an ideal hall, splendidly appointed. The catering was excellent and evoked words of praise and marvel at the excellency of the menu, and the moderate price charged. The weather, also, was ideal, and sorely tempted the delegates to prolong their visit.

There was a little storm cloud in the Conference on the Saturday, which arose during the discussion of the Legalization question. One was reminded of the lines, "Never a storm, but the tainted air needs it. Never a storm, but the sunshine succeeds it. Each has a lesson, and he alone reads it rightly who takes it and makes it his guide." The sunshine *did* succeed it, and we hope the lesson will have been learned, and a repetition of it will not be needed.

The poor facilities for travelling, coupled with the exorbitant railway fares, was the cause of a reduced attendance, and the absence of many familiar faces. The consideration of the Lyceum Union's finances caused several Lyceum District Visitors to absent themselves from the Conference. One of them very considerably sent his 2/6 for the collections.

The Welcome given by the children to the Conference was neat, pretty and effective without being too elaborate, and will be a bright memory spot for many a long day.

The combined Lyceums held their sessions, both morning and afternoon, in one of the lesser halls, thus giving visitors a chance of seeing the Lyceum in active operation. The children were happy and the visitors were delighted.

In the Statistical returns appearing in our last issue, No. 76, Harwood, should have been Horwich. By the way, this Lyceum of 12 officers and 60 scholars has increased its orders for LYCEUM BANNERS from seven

dozen copies for May to ten dozen for June. The Horwich friends are enthusiastic, they are not satisfied with supplying a free copy to each Lyceumist's home, but they canvass the town, and the work people in the factories. We shall be pleased to learn of other Lyceumists adopting the plan. It is good propaganda work.

We are pleased to report the opening of Lyceums at Doncaster (Spring Gardens), Hetton-le-Hole (Co. Durham), Newton Heath, and Richmond. We hope to be favoured, in due course, with particulars of places of meeting, and time of sessions, to insert in our Lists of Lyceums.

Quite a number of Lyceum Secretaries have overlooked the date when reports should reach this office, June 20th, as specified in Rule 4—at the head of Lyceum Reports; they have also overlooked the [No LYCEUM REPORTS for the JUNE ISSUE] interspersed among the reports in our last issue. We are sorry for them, as they have been at the trouble of sending reports which we cannot insert for want of space. Will the following Lyceums please accept the above as the reason for the non-appearance of their reports? Accrington (China Street), Birmingham (Small Heath), Blackburn, Birkenhead, Bradford (Bankfoot), Burnley (North Street), Cardiff, Coventry (Foleshill), Hirst, Huddersfield (St. Peter Street), Hyde, Jarrow, Leigh, London (Fulham), Manchester (Openshaw), Nelson, Oldham (Elliott Street), Pontypridd (Norton Bridge), Preston (Lancaster Road), Rawtenstall, Sheffield (Gifford Road), and Stockport.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALL Lyceum Publications are raised 25 per cent., or 3d. in the shilling, on and after June 11th. By order.

Labels suitable for inserting in Lyceum Prize Books may now be obtained at the following rates: 12 labels for 4d.; 25 for 7d.; 50 for 1/1; and 100 for 1/6. The Lyceum Union's Office, 19, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

Lyceum Secretaries please note that the Lyceum Union's Executive Council has

RESOLVED.—That all Lyceums allowing their unpaid LYCEUM BANNER accounts to reach nine months will forfeit all future credit, and must thereafter prepay for all LYCEUM BANNERS they order.

Will non-Union Lyceums please note the following increase in the prices of the *Lyceum Manual*? Stiff boards from 12/- to 15/-; Limp cloth from 14/6 to 20/-; Full cloth from 16/6 to 24/-; Cloth with leather corners from 21/6 to 36/-; Full roan (gilt) from 36/- to 48/-, and the *Officers' Manual* from 30/- to 40/-.

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## THE LYCEUM RECITER.

### "WHAT'S THE USE?"

Did you ever in your travels meet a man along this line,

When you told him of your projects, hopes and plans to help mankind,

Have him argue to discourage, and to think up an excuse

Just to get you in his power by the lazy, "What's the use?"

He will say, "You need not worry, take things easy while you can."

And he seldom stops to think of his poor brother, suff'ring man,

Should you ask him why he doesn't turn his thoughts from actions loose,

He will answer you in this wise, "Life's for pleasure, what's the use?"

We must make this world better by our having lived in it,

Have a reason for your actions then, and work as you see fit;

But be patient and persistent, watching out lest any ruse

Should divert you from the true course by some morbid, "What's the use?"

E.K.E.

### GOOD MORNING.

Good morning, dear children, and how do you do,  
This beautiful day bright and fair?

The flowers and the grasses are nodding to you,  
And breathing the perfume of prayer.

Did you notice the robin out there in the tree,  
His song almost bursting his throat?

Did you quite understand all his musical glee?  
His mate did, I'm sure, every note.

There are voices about us, melodious and sweet,  
All over earth's wonderful land,

And lives that are living close down at our feet  
Whose language we don't understand.

But there are lives purer and fairer than these,  
That walk by our side every day;

Their footsteps are noiseless as midsummer breeze  
That roams over valleys away.

They bring us pure lessons from heavenly shrine,  
And murmur soft words in our ear;

But we are so deaf to these voices divine,  
That oft'-times we fail e'en to hear.

'Tis soul that must listen, 'tis soul that must see,  
To know these bright visitors true,

O, may all your lives in such harmony be,  
That angels may whisper to you.

"Good morning, dear children, good morning" they say.

May each one reply in good cheer,

"Good morning, sweet angels, from over the way,  
We're glad for your presence so dear."

EMMA TRAIN.

### HOW TO FILL OUR CHURCHES.

'Tis very sad to look around

And see those empty pews.

A method, sure, of filling them

Would prove most welcome news.

Of plans and schemes there is no end,

Suggestions quite a store;

Yet still the masses enter not

Within the sacred door.

Now, I've a plan that will not fail;

Then listen, I beseech.

If you would see our churches filled,

Just practise what you preach.

Then banish cant and make-believe,

To thine own self be true—

Do unto others as ye would

That they should do to you.

And not alone by precept fine,

But by example too.

Away with shams and all pretence,

Be honest through and through.

'Tis not enough your chants and prayers,

In vain your formal speech,

Unless you take the further step,

And practise what you preach.

Religion stands for brotherhood,

Not one day in the week,

But all the seven. Louder than words

Let all your actions speak.

Once let the Church resolve to be

To its religion true,

And then I'm bold enough to say

You'll find no empty pew.

And if you really mean to strive

The folks outside to reach,

Then go to work the surest way—

Just practise what you preach.

### STRAIGHT.

He who serves the common weal

Must not see, or hear, or feel;

For the wolves are on his track,

And the hounds are at his back;

Speed he must at any cost,

If he falter, he is lost;

Till the victory is won

Straight the course that he must run.

He who serves the common weal

Must not see, or hear, or feel;

For a feast his lovers make,

Lure him back his ease to take;

Feast of friendship and of flowers,

Underneath the sheltering bowers;

If he falter, he will flee,

Ease is not for such as he;

Till the victory is won

Straight the course that he must run.

KATE B. SHERWOOD, in "Queensland Worker."



## The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### THE 28TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HELD IN THE

METROPOLE HALL, HULL,

On SATURDAY, MAY 26th, and SUNDAY, MAY 27th, 1917.

#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS—SATURDAY.

Mr. George Frederick Knott (President) occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Mr. Ernest Vickers (Vice-President), Mr. Thomas H. Wright (Treasurer), Mr. Alfred Kitson (General Secretary), Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Pickles, Miss Hesp, Mr. Latham, Mr. Clegg, Members of the Executive Council. The proceedings commenced at 3.10 p.m. with the hymn "Life is Onward," after which Mr. Thomas H. Wright offered the invocation.

#### CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

The President made the following appointments:—

Messenger, Miss Watson (Hull); Tellers, Mr. Williams (London), and Mr. Hall (Tyneside); Mr. Ernest A. Keeling (Liverpool),—appointed by the Executive.

The minutes of the last Conference were taken as read, and finally adopted.

Proposed Mr. J. K. Jones, seconded Mr. Apedaile, and **Resolved**, "That the report of S.N.U. Annual Meeting as presented by Mr. G. F. Knott be accepted."

The report of the Education Committee was presented by Miss A. Hesp, who in supplementing the printed report, reported that 120 students sat for the examination, which resulted as follows:—

Full marks, 5 students; Honours, 18 (including 5 full marks);

First Class, 37; Second Class, 49; Failed, 16.

Proposed Mr. Holland, seconded Mr. R. A. Owen, and **Resolved**, "That the report be accepted."

In the discussion arising, the distinguished success gained by students from Bolton (Bradford Street), was drawn attention to, and several delegates expressed the opinion that the question paper was too complex for young children.

Proposed Mr. Geo. Mack, seconded Mr. A. T. Connor, and **Resolved**, "That the report be adopted."

The Credential Committee reported the presence of 4 Officers, 7 E.C. Members, 1 Auditor, 5 D.V.'s, 7 D.C. Representatives, 38 Delegates, and 1 S.N.U. Representative. Total—63.

Proposed Mr. R. H. Yates, seconded Mr. R. A. Owen, and **Resolved** "That the report be adopted."

The Conference adjourned for tea from 5 to 6 o'clock.

Resumption Song, "Welcome Angels," Invocation by Mrs. Pickles.

The Legalisation Committee Report was presented as printed, by Mr. R. A. Owen, and it was agreed that the report be accepted.

Proposed Mrs. Pickles, seconded Mr. Shuttleworth, "That the report be adopted and we proceed to elect Trustees." A protracted discussion ensued, much of which was of an acrimonious nature. The President ruled that it was in order to nominate additional persons as Trustees.

Proposed Mr. W. Edwards, seconded Mr. Shuttleworth, and **Resolved**, "That Mr. Latham be added to the list of nominees."

Proposed Mrs. J. Greenwood, seconded Mr. Beatty, "That Mr. J. Venables and Mr. A. Kitson be added to the list of nominees." Mrs. Greenwood stated that she had satisfied herself that it was quite legal for a paid servant to act in the capacity of Trustee. Carried 37 votes for, 2 against.

Proposed Mr. Mack, seconded Mrs. Keeling, and **agreed**, "That nominations be closed."

Proposed Mr. Shuttleworth, seconded Mr. Illingworth, "That the Trustees be now appointed." Mr. R. H. Yates protested against the closure of the discussion and accused the Legalisation Committee of withholding material information. The proposition was **agreed to**.

Mr. R. A. Owen replied to the discussion and the vote on the motion to adopt the report and appoint Trustees was carried by 45 votes to 6.

Proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mr. E. A. Keeling, "That the number of Trustees be three."

Amendment moved by Mr. J. K. Jones, seconded Mr. Barnes, "That the number of Trustees be six." For amendment 31, against 23. Carried unanimously as a substantive proposition.

The President appointed the following as scrutineers:—Miss A. Broadley, Mr. G. Mack, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Hopper.

The voting for Trustees resulted as follows:—

Mr. A. Kitson, 46; Mr. R. Latham, 39; Mr. E. A. Keeling, 36; Mrs. J. Greenwood, 33; Mr. F. Knott, 33; Mr. R. A. Owen, 27; Mr. H. T. Batten, 27; Mr. E. Vickers, 25; Mr. J. Venables, 24; Mr. G. Smith, 22; Mr. J. Winning, 13; Mr. J. Forsyth, 13; Mr. J. Smith, 2.

Mr. R. A. Owen withdrew in favour of Mr. H. T. Batten, and Mrs. Greenwood, Messrs. Kitson, Latham, Keeling, Knott, and Batten were declared duly elected.

Proposed Mr. Connor, seconded Mr. Holland, "That the Legalisation Committee be given the duty of drawing up a Trust Deed, with plenary powers to set up the necessary Trust."

Amendment proposed by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Barrington, "That the Legalisation Committee prepare a Trust Deed and submit it to next Conference."

Some discussion followed and Mr. Keeling and Mr. Latham both gave notice of further amendments. Mr. Yates withdrew his amendment, and Mr. Latham proposed and Mr. Barrington seconded a new amendment, "That the Legalisation Committee formulate a Trust Deed, which, when completed, shall appear for one month in the 'Banner.' Any amendment to the Trust Deed shall be sent to the Secretary of Legalisation Committee within one month, for consideration." For amendment 20, against 27.

Amendment proposed by Mr. E. A. Keeling, seconded by Mr. Hayward, "That the Legalisation Committee set up Trust Deed and submit same to the movement, for criticism and suggestions, through the pages of the 'Lyceum Banner,' in the event of its being ready prior to next Conference; if not, they shall submit it to the Conference for confirmation." For amendment 20, against 16.

Substantive motion 30 for, 1 against.

The Credential Committee reported an addition of one to the Delegates.

Proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mr. T. Holland, "That the Conference be held next Whitsuntide providing that, hostilities not having concluded by January 10th, 1918, the Executive Committee be empowered to suspend Article 3, Clause A." For, 4; against, 35.

Amendment proposed Mr. Latham, seconded Mr. Barrington, "That we proceed to elect place and date of next Conference. If in the wisdom of the Executive Council during the interim it is found undesirable to hold such Conference, their decision be published in the official organ, the 'Lyceum Banner.'"

For, 41; against, 6.

Substantive proposition—For, 46; against, 1.

Conference adjourned, 9 p.m.

The Conference was opened on Sunday morning at 10.10.

A welcome was extended by the massed local Lyceums, singing Lyceum Song, "Welcome, thrice welcome," and five children reciting a verse each of a poem of welcome. This was supplemented by a few words from each of the Lyceum Conductors and the presentation of flowers to members of the Executive Council.

#### THE LYCEUMS' WELCOME—"P.E.A.C.E."

Prithee, all, all delegates and friends

The Conference attending,  
A hearty Welcome to you all  
We are to-day extending.

Earth's trials often melt away  
When angels' whispers, stealing,  
Remind us in their gentle way  
Of A. J. Davis' teachings.

Among your thoughts on duty bent  
May his influence steal so sweetly,  
Reminding all the Children's Cause  
Wants handling swift and neatly.

Cull inspirations' bright and free,  
Brought by loved ones high and lowly,  
Who loved the Cause as well as ye,  
E'en though they move more slowly.

Enough for us, you're here to-day,  
In loving converse blending,  
And, when you've finished, may you find  
"Peace on Earth" your end attending.

—Mrs. S. A. Hogg (Hull).

The President responded in suitable terms and, the Lyceums having withdrawn to an adjoining room, the Conference proceeded by singing "Again we've met," Mr. Stair offering an invocation.



Proposed Mr. W. Edwards, seconded Mr. Harding, and **Resolved**, "That the Conference send a representative to the massed Lyceum session."

Proposed Mrs. Greenwood, seconded Mrs. Hogg, and **Resolved**, "That Mr. Horsfall be appointed representative."

The President read his address in the course of which he referred to the work of the Education Committee, the Ainsworth Trust, the advance in price of the Union's publications, the suspension of visits by D.V.'s, the cost of the "Lyceum Banner," the generosity and foresight of Messrs. Wadsworth & Co., and the importance of the Witchcraft Act Amendment work of the Spiritualists' National Union. He suggested that the Conference should consider the advisability of recommending the Education Committee to institute a three years' course of study.

### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

Hull Conference, B.S.L.U., May 27th, 1917.

Fellow Members of the Executive Council, Lyceumists and Friends,

The past year has been a busy one. The various Committees appointed by the Conference and Executive Council have faced their labours in a zealous spirit.

The Education Committee are grateful for the enthusiastic efforts and integrity of the tutors, and the perseverance of a larger number of students who have taken the syllabus and sat for the examination; supervisors, writers of explanatory articles in the "Lyceum Banner," and Examiners have all blended to enhance the educational aspect of our Movement.

Legal processes are somewhat lethargic in their fulfilment. Despite this fact, the Ainsworth Trust nears completion. Much headway has been made towards finding a solution of the Union's legal position.

I wish here to pay tribute to the efforts of the various members of the Council. They have all done their utmost to strengthen the ties that bind us together, and made the Presidential position a task of pleasure.

Facts and figures, gains and losses are given in the various reports. The price of "Lyceum Manuals" to non-affiliated Lyceums has been increased. For nearly three years the cost of labour, materials, postages, etc., have constantly been increasing. Up to the present time no extra charge has been made for the Union's publications. We are in a position (thanks to the stability and acumen of past Committees) to meet slight losses.

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| During 1913 there was a gain of | £65 8 2½  |
| During 1914 there was a gain of | £34 10 5½ |
| During 1915 there was a loss of | £56 5 2½  |
| During 1916 there was a loss of | £59 5 7½  |

During the period covered there has been a gradual increase in the sales, yet a gain of £65 has been changed to a loss of £59, making a difference to the Union of £124 on the pre-war year of 1913 and 1916.

The Executive Council now deem it advisable to increase, pro rata to cost, the price of the Union's publications. The "Lyceum Banner" must now be curtailed in size or increased in price. There is a shortage of paper; its cost has increased 70 per cent. in a few weeks. District Visitors have been asked to suspend their visits until after the Conference, to save the expense.

The advice of Messrs. Wadsworth & Co. on the rise of prices and other business matters deserves the special thanks of the Conference.

The Union is now in possession of its own office, and the General Secretary will be able to sleep without a nightmare of books and papers surrounding him. I hope you will support his suggested war-bonus. I have found him a very painstaking official.

The Witchcraft Amendment Appeal deserves your increased support.

I would like the Education Committee to adopt a three years' course of study, with standard text-book or books to cover the course. We should provide for the leaders of Lyceums the opportunity of obtaining knowledge. In the world of sport, those who are most proficient stay longest at the game. The Lyceum teaches the laws of the game of life, makes you proficient to lead our Movement in the future, and leaves to the Eternal Empire, His decision.

All hail the day when "Horatio need no longer keep the bridge" and sailors no longer drown. Our androcentric (man-made) culture is at fault\* for our horrible international blunders. We want not man-made, but human laws. The psychic, as well as the physical loss or gain of the ages is transmitted to the

child. The last and noblest step in the life-process we call Education. Education is social motherhood. That section of our race which stays at home is to-day the sustaining power of the life of the Lyceum Movement. Death plucks the leaves: the trees live on.

To meet freely, to talk, discuss, exchange and compare ideas is a general human need. Those who do not know they need it, need it most. Some friends draw out the best that is in us. The human soul is built for the love and service of the whole world.

I look with pleasure to that happy time when our young men shall meet again the young women in the Lyceums. Olive Schreiner dreams of a happy future, listen!—"The ancient Chaldean seer had a vision of a Garden of Eden which lay in a remote past. It was dreamed that man and woman once lived in joy and fellowship, till woman ate of the tree of knowledge and gave to man to eat; and that both were driven forth to wander, to toil in bitterness; because they had eaten of the fruit.

"We also have a dream of a garden; but it lies in a distant future. We dream that woman shall eat of the tree of knowledge together with man, and that side by side and hand close to hand, through ages of much toil and labour, they shall together raise about them an Eden nobler than any Chaldean dreamed of; an Eden created by their own labour, and made beautiful by their own fellowship. We see a new heaven and a new earth but therein dwells love—the love of comrades and co-workers." May the ideal become real.

A. J. Davis gave us the Lyceum System. Lyceums are the Spiritualist Colleges on earth. The members provide the machinery and the denizens of the spirit-world are the motive power. Every adult owes a duty to the child. The advice of our founder gave us love as the source, wisdom as the application, and harmony as the result of our deliberations.

When by the vibrations of sound we use a musical instrument to convey our thoughts and feelings and invoke a sense of accord and unity, may we realise the human instrument is capable of vibrating in time with the Holy Spirit, who is the source of our being. There are many little known powers in the depths of the human soul coming to us through the blessed gift of mediumship. The holy thrill of angelic love dawns on our awakening souls and the cadence of the spiritual zephyrs lift us to the abstract thoughts and powers of spirituality. When you return to your local work may you feel the presence of these powers making you feel you are necessary links in the grand eternal progressive chain of life and strengthen your efforts in the interests of our beloved cause and the children entrusted to your care and guidance.

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT.

Proposed Mr. T. Holland, seconded Miss A. Broadley, and **Resolved**, "That the address be accepted and offered to the Spiritualist Press for publication."

Proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mr. J. K. Jones, "That Lyceums be only visited on application: Lyceums requiring visits to apply to the Secretary of the D.C., where one exists, and in other cases to the General Secretary, who shall arrange for the visit on grounds economical and yet efficient. And further, that the E.C. be instructed to advance prices of publications to meet the increased cost." Votes for, 40; against, 2.

Proposed Mr. E. A. Keeling, seconded Mrs. Keeling, and **Resolved**, "That this Conference record its deep appreciation of the action of Messrs. Wadsworth & Co., in guarding the interests of the Union, and tender to them most sincere thanks."

Proposed Mr. E. A. Keeling, seconded Mr. T. Holland, and **Resolved**, "That this Conference recommend the Education Sub-Committee to consider the adoption of a three years' course of study."

Proposed Mr. J. K. Jones, seconded Mrs. Keeling, and **Resolved**, "That this Conference heartily support the amendment of the Witchcraft Act, and pledges itself to give its practical help to the achievement of the object."

Mr. Yates accepted an invitation to address the Conference on the work and purpose of the S.N.U. Parliamentary Sub-Committee.

The General Secretary read the list of names of arisen Lyceumists and a standing vote of sympathy with surviving relatives was recorded.

Standing orders were here resumed and the Conference resumed the consideration of next year's Conference.

Proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mrs. Beatty, and **Resolved**, "That the Conference next year be held at Whitsuntide."

Proposed Mr. Latham, seconded Mr. T. Holland, "That next year's Conference be held at Blackpool and delegates pay for their own entertainment."

Amendment proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mrs. Green-

\*C. P. Gilman.



wood, "That invitations for holding next year's Conference be solicited from Lyceums and the decision left to the Executive Council." For amendment, 48; against, 8.

Mr. R. H. Yates was appointed scrutineer in place of Mr. G. Mack, who was a candidate for position as Auditor.

Mr. Beatty protested on behalf of his Lyceum against the shortness of time allowed for nominations to be sent in.

The voting for Officers and Executive Council resulted as follows:—

|                                                 |                |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>President</b> —Mr. G. F. Knott               | 26*            |
| Miss A. Hesp                                    | 14             |
| Mr. E. A. Keeling                               | 12             |
| Mrs. M. E. Pickles                              | 11             |
| <b>Vice-President</b> —Miss A. Hesp             | 25*            |
| Mrs. J. Greenwood                               | 14             |
| Mrs. M. E. Pickles                              | 13             |
| Mr. E. Vickers                                  | 9              |
| <b>Treasurer</b> —Mr. T. H. Wright (unopposed). |                |
| <b>Executive Council</b> —                      |                |
| Mr. H. T. Batten                                | 45*            |
| Mrs. J. Greenwood                               | 44*            |
| Mr. E. Vickers                                  | 42*            |
| Mrs. M. E. Pickles                              | 35*            |
| Mr. R. A. Owen                                  | 34*            |
| Mr. J. K. Jones                                 | 30             |
| Mrs. S. A. Hogg                                 | 24             |
| Mrs. E. Begg                                    | 18             |
| Miss M. L. Stair                                | 18             |
| <b>Auditors</b> —Mr. W. Edwards                 | 49             |
| Mr. G. A. Mack                                  | 11 (one year). |

Candidates marked \* elected.

It was agreed that the President-Elect and the General Secretary be appointed as representative members of the S.N.U.L.

#### Dinner Adjournment.

Opening Song, "Welcome to Angels."

A letter from Mrs. L. Nurse was read by the President, in which she conveyed greetings.

Proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mr. Clegg, and **Resolved**, "That the Secretary be instructed to reply conveying reciprocal messages of goodwill."

Proposed Mr. E. A. Keeling, seconded Mr. W. Edwards, and **Resolved**, "That this Conference send its sincere sympathy to Mr. Pincott in his most regrettable affliction."

Proposed Mr. W. Edwards, seconded Mr. T. H. Wright, and **Resolved**, "That this Conference tender its grateful thanks to Mr. Swift, for assistance given in auditing the Union's books."

Proposed Mr. Williams, seconded Mr. Connor, "That General Motions be considered prior to Constitution Amendments." For, 26; against, 21.

The following motions from South Shields (Fowler Street), were ruled out of order by the President, owing to no representative being present in Conference:

No. 3.—That the B.S.L.U. be asked to put in the new edition of the Lyceum Manual the marks of expression in the hymns similar to those in the Spiritual Songster, as we think that it would be a great aid in training and conducive to better and more effective singing generally.

No. 4.—That the B.S.L.U. be asked to consider the advisability of binding the new edition of Lyceum Manuals in double leaves instead of single leaves.—SOUTH SHIELDS (Fowler Street), per Mr. Norman E. Ainley.

Proposed Mr. E. A. Keeling, seconded Mrs. R. Latham:

That we recommend to the Conference that a donation be made of £50 to the S.N.U. to help it in its financial difficulties. A Rider was moved by Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded by Mrs. Keeling—to add "on condition that the S.N.U. raise a similar sum by the 31st December, 1917."

For the Rider, 11; against, "overwhelming."

Mr. W. Edwards proposed to amend the amount to £25, but failed to obtain a seconder. The proposition was then unanimously agreed to.

Proposed Mr. E. A. Keeling, seconded Mr. Williams:

That the E.C. recommend the granting of a war bonus to the General Secretary at the rate of 10/- a week. The resolution to be retrospective to May, 1916.—THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. Amendment proposed by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Apedaile, "That the amount be £1." For, 27; against 29.

Amendment proposed by Mr. G. Mack, seconded by Mrs. Hogg, "That this Conference grant a bonus to the General Secretary at the rate of 10/- per week, the bonus to be retrospective to May, 1916, and to be prospective to the drawing up of the new agreement, the object in view being to incorporate

an increase in salary of at least this amount, in the new agreement." For, 49; against, 3.

Amendment proposed by Mr. Yates, seconded by Miss Grindrod, "That the amount be 15/-." For, 24; against, 31.

The substantive motion was carried unanimously.

The following motion was not considered, action having already been taken on the Legalisation Committee report:

That this Conference instructs the incoming Executive to proceed to appoint Trustees as per Article 16 of the Constitution.—LIVERPOOL LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mrs. Keeling: RE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS—"That only certain vital principles in the Constitution Amendments be considered and decided upon by the delegates assembled, the general re-arrangement, etc., be left to a specially appointed Committee for completion." For, 37; against, 2.

Mr. Shuttleworth (Darwen) registered an emphatic protest against the items not being taken seriatim, and said he would use all legal means possible to upset the findings of the Conference.

A list of principles considered to be vital were submitted to the President.

Proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mr. Mack, "That the Committee consist of five members, at least three of whom shall be persons who acted as D.C. delegates to the United Council Meetings. Carried.

| Nominations       | Voting.      |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Mr. E. A. Keeling | 42 (elected) |
| Mr. Connor        | 41 (elected) |
| Mr. H. T. Batten  | 24 (elected) |
| Miss Hesp         | 13           |
| Mr. Hall          | 8            |
| Mr. Oliver        | 4            |
| Mr. Shuttleworth  | 30 (elected) |
| Miss Hesp         | 18 (elected) |
| Mr. Hall          | 17           |
| Mr. J. K. Jones   | 11           |
| Mr. Mack          | 6            |
| Mr. Oliver        | 6            |

#### CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS.

Article I.—Deletion of "British," **withdrawn**.

Article IV.—Title "Management," for, 33; against 9. Proposed Mr. Latham, seconded Miss A. Broadley, "That 'consisting of' in third line be replaced by 'or.' For, 12; against, 14.

Proposed Mr. Latham, seconded Mr. Holland, "That the question of election of the Management Committee from Electoral Areas, shall be upon the principle of proportionate representation, and not upon the geographical principle." For, 21; against, 28.

The amendment as printed was then put:

That Article IV. be called MANAGEMENT, and be amended to read as follows:—"The Officers of the Union shall be:—President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, who, together with an Executive Council, consisting of representatives from electoral areas, as provided for in the Bye-laws, shall form the Management Committee."

For, 31; against, 11.

Proposed Mr. Owen, seconded Mr. Keeling, and **Resolved**, "That in the event of business not being concluded by 5 o'clock, the remainder be referred to the Committee."

Proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mrs. Keeling, and **Resolved**, "That two new sections be added to Article VIII., viz. :—(e) Committee representatives. (f) Trustees."

Proposed Mr. Barley (Rochdale D.C.), seconded Mr. E. A. Keeling:

Bye-law 5. Delete Section 3, 2 and 3, and insert:—

"Section 1. Lyceums applying for membership shall pay a fee of 5/- for each 50, or part of 50, names on their register, which, in the event of their application being declined, shall be returned, less the difference for any goods supplied at membership prices.

Section 2. Members' subscriptions shall be based upon the annual return made to the General Secretary and shall be 5/- for each 50, or part of 50, names so returned. They shall be due on the first day of January in each year."

Amendment proposed Mr. Beety, seconded Mr. A. T. Connor, "That Lyceums applying for membership shall pay a fee of 5/- for the first 50, and 1/- for each additional 10." For, 2; against, 28.

Amendment proposed Mr. W. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Illingworth, "That the amount be twopence per Lyceumist." For, 8; against, 35.

The printed proposition was then put and carried, with one dissentient.



Proposed Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded Mr. Barnes, and **Resolved**, "That in paragraph 3, line 3, of the new District Council, Article 3, be amended by inserting the words 'a two-thirds majority' between 'by' and 'vote.'"

It was **Agreed** "That the U.D.C. Constitution be left to the Special Committee."

Proposed Mr. Williams, seconded Mr. Barley, and unanimously **Resolved**, "That the Constitution Committee be given full authority to consider and set up the new Constitution. Opportunity to be given to Lyceums and District Councils to send in suggestions and criticisms up to August 30th."

Proposed Mr. H. T. Batten, seconded Mrs. Keeling, and **Resolved**, "That the best thanks of this Conference be accorded to all retiring Officers for work done, and to local friends for generous hospitality."

The final Credential Committee report was: Officers, 4; Executive Council, 7; Auditor, 1; D.V.'s, 6; D.C.Reps., 7; Delegates, 39; S.N.U. Rep., 1; Total—65.

### SUNDAY EVENING.

There was a good gathering at the evening meeting, Mr. Geo. Fredk. Knott in the chair, who was supported by the Officers and members of the Executive Council.

After the singing of the "Children's Day Welcome," Mr. Thomas H. Wright (Treasurer) offered the Invocation.

The President expressed his pleasure at meeting the friends of Hull on that occasion; and thanked them for the warm hospitality. He was pleased to affirm that there is no death. Human hearts were pining for facts which would enable them to say, "there is no death." But they could have the facts by searching prayerfully for them. He then introduced Mr. Willis and Miss Bentley, members of the Melrose Musical Party, to sing a duet, "Love Divine." After apologising for the absence of Miss Hesp, who had been taken ill, he invited Mrs. Pickles to address the meeting.

Mrs. Pickles said that perhaps there were many in the audience who would like to know something concerning the teachings they were able to give the children. She would, as a woman and a mother, impress on them their opportunities of improving the human race by giving healthy bodies and well-balanced minds to their offspring as being one of the best equipments for daily life. They were trying to better the world by teaching children their moral responsibilities and giving them the truth that shall make them free from all that will cramp their minds and aspirations. She brought her address to a close by reciting the lines beginning, "I will steer my barque where the waves roll dark."

Mr. Batten, of Bolton, was introduced as the newly-elected member on the E.C.

Mr. Batten said he was out for the children's welfare because he realised that the progressive movements of the world depend on how we train and educate the rising generation. This being so, it was necessary that we placed our facts of the immortality of the soul within their reach. He would point out to intending investigators that God's laws are immutable. That being so, the marvellous things concerning the ministry of angels said to have taken place in the past can be enjoyed to-day if they sought for it in the right frame of mind. He advised them to cultivate the ministry of angels in their own homes, and learn of the angels that there is no death. They would also learn that there is no vicarious atonement, but as people sow, so will they reap.

Misses Willis and Oswen rendered, "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

Mrs. Greenwood was then called upon to perform the ceremony of naming a baby, which excited some degree of curiosity as, instead of using water, flowers were adopted. Mrs. Greenwood then passed under the control of her guide and spoke very impressively on the sacred duty of parentage. All great men and women who had left their names written on the pages of history as being reformers and benefactors to the human race had made their entrance on life's stage as helpless as the little child that had just been named. Parents would do well to remember that fact and learn to treasure and train their children as being possible reformers, and the world of humanity would be the better for it.

Miss Bentley favoured the meeting with singing "The Veil."

Mrs. Stair, as the representative of the Spiritualists' National Union, pleaded for the support of the audience of the Fund of Benevolence, to help those pioneers of the movement who had grown old and feeble in its service for a long number of years, when persecution was more rampant and bitter than it is to-day. Out of a total of 26 pensioners that were being assisted financially, 22 of them were over 70 years of age. A retiring collection was subsequently taken.

Mr. Keeling, in a rousing speech, said he had been specially

marked on the examination sheet as a "Budding propagandist," that being so, he ought to have been called upon to have "budded" the evening meeting, and not to deliver the last speech. He assumed that if each parent present were to come into possession in the morning of £100, they would scan the financial columns of the daily papers in order to ascertain the best means of investing their money. He wondered how many of them gave five minutes thought on how best to invest the immortal talents, to train and unfold the capabilities of their children, which were priceless? Many parents disposed their responsibilities on the lines, that the teachings that were good enough for my father are good enough for me and my children; good enough for grandfather, good enough for me and my grandchildren. That was not the way the world's progress was secured. All the adverse conditions that hindered and hampered the unfolding of their aspirations were not good enough for him, and they were not good enough for his child. He intended to do all he could to remove them and give his child a chance of unfolding and expressing the best that was in it. He appealed to all parents present to join with him in removing all that tended to hinder human progress. (Applause).

Miss Bentley and Master Donald Atkinson very sweetly rendered "The Perfect Day."

A hymn and benediction brought the meeting to an end.

## THE AWAKENING OF A SOUL.

BY THOMAS H. WRIGHT.

### CHAPTER X.

(Continued from page 76).

"Isn't it curious, Mr. Woods," said the doctor, "people sing of a happy land over there, and yet, no matter how poor they are, they prefer to stop here. Well, I must compliment you upon your skill in attending to William here. You must have had experience in dressing gunshot wounds?"

"Yes, I have," replied Mr. Woods, "living in the country, one cannot always send for a doctor."

"Certainly not; there is nothing like practical experience for training a man. Thanks to you and his good constitution, your man will live to fight another day. It is a pity your little girl didn't finish Jim off. It would have been a good riddance, but it would have troubled her little soul. I remember having to attend him once; he cursed and swore at me to such an extent that I told him if he didn't stop I would doctor his medicine so that he would never speak again, and that he would be a living, silent man. He stared at me, and I looked straight at him; it was a struggle of wills, but at last, his shifty eyes sunk, and he gave in; after that, he was as quiet as a lamb, and I was surprised at the knowledge he possessed. I found out by his conversation that he had had a good education, but by drink and bad companions, he had gradually sunk to what he is. I feel sorry for him sometimes, when I think what he might have been. He is God's child; he has a soul which is perfect, a part of the great oversoul, the divine life which permeates all things, it has only got covered up by the husks of an animal life; some day, when, I cannot say, it may blossom out like the rose, and become as pure as driven snow. It will come, in God's good time, I feel sure, for no soul will be eternally lost. Evolution is the keynote to all progress; spirit will be cleansed by love permeating through it. But an end to this philosophising, Mr. Woods. You have caught me napping; it is not often I give vent to my thoughts on such subjects, but talking of Jim set me off." While this conversation had been going on, the girls had been busy preparing lunch, for Beatty knew that the doctor would



be in a hurry to get away, as soon as his work was done. She knew by past experience what he preferred, and when he entered the kitchen, at Mr. Woods' invitation, he said: "Ah! my dear little forget-me-not, you have not forgotten my little peculiarities. Now I do like something nice and tasty, and better still, I do love someone who is little and sweet, to prepare it for me; I tell my dear wife many times I am waiting so patiently for her to enter the promised rest, for I know a little songster whom I think I could persuade to sit at my table, and sing sweet songs, while I drink her health," and leaning back in his chair, he laughed heartily. Beatty, pretending to be cross, said: "For shame, Dr. Hey, why, you are old enough to be my father."

"Better for that, my dear, I should have a faithful wife to look after me in my old age; why, bless you, I should live until I was over a hundred, I couldn't die for looking at you."

"I wish Mrs. Hey was here, she would box your ears for you, you naughty man."

"No, my dear, it would only be a curtain lecture; a soporific; I should sleep like a top after it." But, putting all joking aside, you will all have to be on your guard, they have not spotted the human leopard yet; I almost wish someone would *spot* him in a good position, so they would be able to place him.

"When is the wedding coming off, Mr. Woods?" he asked, looking as serious as a judge.

"Whose, doctor?" replied Mr. Woods.

"Why, don't you know; well you are slow, I mean this young lady of yours."

At this there was a loud shout of laughter, and Beatty's face went the colour of a carnation.

"Doctor, doctor, do hush, you are too bad; I will pay you out for this."

"Oh, I am sorry if I have offended you, but I thought it was arranged, and I want to be in at it, so don't forget the poor old doctor."

"But there is no wedding arranged, nor likely to be, doctor, you are mistaken this time," answered Mr. Woods.

Ah, my dear sir, you must forgive an old man, who for once has been premature; but you will not forget me, will you, when it does come off?"

"I will,—if you don't stop it doctor; I shall do something desperate," cried Beatty, "it is too bad."

"Never mind, little one, it is only my chaff. When I come into the country, I must let it off, but you will not forget." At this, Beatty rushed out of the room, amidst the laughter of them all.

Edith had seen the doctor look slyly at Harry, and then at Beatty. He had noticed that Harry could not keep his eyes off Beatty, and had drawn his own conclusions.

"Well, I must away," he exclaimed, "urgent cases are needing my attention." As he was riding off, he spied Beatty watching him through the window, with a smile; he called out, "Now don't forget." He had hardly got away, when they saw him turn back, and calling to Mr. Woods, he said.

"With my joking I have forgotten to deliver a message; Mr. Lyons wished me to tell you all that they cannot come until to-morrow; I called at Vardons' as I came along, and told them, and they wished me to tell you. That's all, good-bye. And off he rode at full speed.

## CHAPTER XI.

### THE ASTONISHMENT OF MR. WOODS.

After Dr. Hey's departure, Mr. Woods returned to his work, for he had now double work to do, and no time to waste. Beatty had also to make up for lost time, if she intended to be at liberty the day following, and so be able to enjoy herself, without the thought of work undone and neglected. She loved to be ahead, and her enjoyment then was the greater. She therefore left Edith and Harry to look after the wounded man, keeping him company, also to fan his brow, and keep the flies, which were very numerous, from troubling him, so that he could sleep peacefully. These two chatted awhile on various subjects of no moment, Harry's thoughts being too much occupied with the busy one in the kitchen, so he proved a poor help to the conversation with Edith.

At last, he said: "I am going to see what our hostess is doing, and—and—," then he stopped.

"And what, Harry? Don't be afraid to tell me."

"You are in too big a hurry; wait until I have finished, and have a chat with her."

"Is that all?" she queried, looking straight into his eyes.

"Yes, but it is an important chat. Ta, ta, for a short while, but don't be alarmed if you see me riding away, trying to break my neck."

"You won't do that," for, with a woman's intuition, she had guessed his intentions, and was pleased accordingly.

"Good luck to you," she said, but he had disappeared.

Beatty was very busy making some dainty fruit pies, and at the same time she was softly humming to herself a love ditty, so that she did not hear Harry enter. He gently stepped up to her, and whispered in her ear, "A penny for your thoughts." She turned quickly round, and then laughed when she saw who it was.

"You quite startled me; I thought I was going to be captured again; once in a while is sufficient. I don't want to have you all rushing off to my rescue again, you might be tempted to leave me to my fate and put me down as a general nuisance."

While she was talking, Harry had sat down on the edge of the table, looking at her, but suddenly be-  
thinking what he had come for, he became bashful and nervous, breaking out into a perspiration, and felt as if he would faint. He left the table and sat down in the first chair he came across; he felt safer now that he was at ease.

"My word, it is hot," he said, as he mopped his forehead with his handkerchief.

"What? Hot! You must be frightened if you feel hot to-day; it must be the reaction after yesterday; your nerves are unstrung, I shall have to prescribe for you; let me see, you must return home at once and go to bed until to-morrow dinner time."

"Thanks, very much, but I prefer to stay here for the present and rest, it would be too much exertion at present," replied Harry.

"What lovely weather we are having; are you sorry you came to visit this part of the globe? It will have been so quiet, so different from what you have been used to; for my own part I love it. I shall never leave it to go and live in a town, with all its



bustle and noise, pushing and crushing, its miseries and wickedness."

"But," replied Harry, "if you ever get married, you might have to leave and go where your husband wanted you."

"No, I could not leave father; so long as he lives I shall stay with him, to comfort and take care of him in his declining years. I should decline to be married if it should mean leaving dad."

"Are you not afraid, after what you have experienced?"

(To be continued).

### A Fund for the Amendment of the Witchcraft and Vagrancy Acts.

WHEREAS the above Acts were conceived and enacted at a period of gross superstition, and are being interpreted and administered as applicable to present day psychic phenomena, and are unjust and vexatious to the Spiritualists, and

WHEREAS similar psychic phenomena are recorded in the Bible which is the text-book of the Church of England as by Law Established, the above Acts unjustly discriminate between ancient and modern psychic phenomena, and also

WHEREAS the SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION, LTD., in Conference assembled at Glasgow on July 1st, 1916. *Resolved* to raise a Fund to be applied solely to amending the Witchcraft and Vagrancy Acts so as to recognise genuine psychics—better known as mediums for communications between the spirit world and this—and at the same time protect the public from the wiles and devices of imposters, the Executive of the BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION in Council assembled at Sowerby Bridge on July 8th, 1916, *Resolved* to open a LYCEUM BANNER FUND in support of the National Fund, and to head the List with a donation of FIVE POUNDS. All Lyceums are earnestly requested to send their donations to THE LYCEUM BANNER. The total amount will be handed over to the S.N.U. as the Lyceum movement's donation to help reform these unjust Laws.

#### DONATIONS.

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| Amount previously acknowledged               | £13 16 0 |
| Dewsbury Society and Lyceum (third donation) | 0 10 0   |
| Ossett Society and Lyceum                    | 0 10 0   |

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ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary.

### Lyceum District Council Reports.

#### BOLTON LYCEUMS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A meeting of this Council will be held at Horwich, Beatrice Street, on Saturday, June 9th, at 3 p.m. Business:—(a) Minutes. (b) Correspondence. (c) President's Address. (d) Reports: (i.) Treasurer's; (ii.) Sub-Committee's Report; (iii.) Conference Delegate's Report. (e) Open Council. Tea will be provided and it is hoped all associates and Delegates will attend.  
MAY GRINDROD, Secretary.

#### BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meeting held at Shipley, on Sunday, May 6th. President, Mr. Jackson, in the chair. Lyceums represented: Shipley,

Keighley, Ivy Rooms, Otley Road, Boynton Street, Harker Street, and Bankfoot. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. It was resolved, That a letter of condolence be sent to Mr. Arthur Midgley, to show our sympathy towards him in the loss of his dear wife, who was an associate member. Correspondence was then read. Mr. Jackson, the President, resigned his position on account of business taking him to the South. It was accepted with regret. It was resolved, That Mr. Jackson become an honorary life member of the Council. Mr. E. Aked was elected secretary. The next meeting will be held at Ivy Rooms, on June 24th. It was resolved, That quarterly and annual meetings be held at each Lyceum in due order, and interim meetings as possible. It was resolved, That we accept invitation to have Council meeting at Otley Road, on Sunday, August 5th. An Open Session was held in the afternoon, conducted by Mr. Simpson, and was well attended and much enjoyed by all. Evening service also well attended, Miss Stair being in the chair. Addresses were given by Mr. Naylor, Mr. Teal and Mr. Simpson. Vote of thanks to our Shipley friends brought an enjoyable day to a close. E. AKED, Secretary.

#### LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Executive of the above Council held its monthly conference at Fulham, on Sunday, 20th May. The session, which was conducted by Mr. J. Forsyth (President, L.L.D.C.), was bright, interesting and instructive, and the Liberty Group was addressed by Mr. Connor, who opened a discussion on "Progressive Lyceum Work."

Mr. Forsyth presided at the business meeting, which was mostly devoted to a discussion of the Constitution Amendments. It was also decided to submit the following proposals to the Lyceums:—(1) "That a uniform system of progressive drill shall be adopted by all London Lyceums, and shall be adhered to in the Sunday sessions; such system to be selected at the quarterly meeting in June." (2) "That the Council's Education Scheme be put immediately into operation, and the various Lyceums instructed to make a frequent use of the Golden Chains, etc., selected by the Education Committee for study."

The quarterly meeting of the Council will be held at Woolwich and Plumstead Lyceum on Sunday, 10th June.

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Sec.

#### NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council will hold its next quarterly meeting at Darwen on Saturday, June 16th, at 3 p.m.

Will delegates please note business very important.

H. HOPPER, Hon. Sec.

#### SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the above Council was held in Bramhall Lane Hall (Heeley), on May 20th, 1917. Opening hymn, "He liveth long who liveth well." Mr. J. J. Hobster, of Chesterfield, gave the invocation. Owing to the absence of the Secretary, Mr. C. E. Welch was elected Secretary for the day. Lyceums represented were Attercliffe, Chesterfield, Heeley and Rotherham, with two representatives from the Sheffield District Committee. The minutes of the last meeting, correspondence and reports were accepted and confirmed. The resignation of the Secretary was accepted.

We were informed by one of the S.D.C. members that Doncaster (Spring Garden Society) had opened a Lyceum in connection with same, and is progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. Haseldine proposed, Mr. Jacques seconded, "That Mr. J. K. Jones, of Attercliffe, be our representative for the Portrait Gallery in the Lyceum Banner."

Election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:—President, Mr. J. K. Jones; Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Oliver; Secretary, Mr. C. E. Welch; Treasurer, Mr. C. Haseldine; District Visitor, Mr. C. E. Welch; Representative to the S.D.C. monthly meetings, Mr. S. Smith; Auditors, Messrs. J. J. Hobster and S. Smith. New associates accepted were Mrs. Thickett and Mrs. Bayley, Messrs. Rands, Oliver and Haseldine. Six new associates were accepted at our last meeting, making eleven at two meetings!

The evening service was presided over by our President. Addresses were given by Council members. Solo by Miss E. Peat, of Rotherham. The President thanked the members of Society and Committee for entertaining and the use of hall, also Mr. Rawlinson for foregoing his date booked with the Society. This brought a successful day to a close. Total collection 10s. 0d., which was divided between Society and Council. Associates' contributions amounted to 11s.

CHARLES E. WELCH, Sec.



# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

INSTITUTED AT OLDHAM, MAY, 1890.

President: Mr. Geo. Fred. Knott, 22, Gowers Street, Rochdale.

Treasurer: Mr. Thomas H. Wright, 10, Victoria Avenue, Sowerby Bridge.

Secretary: Mr. Alfred Kitson, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, near Dewsbury.

## Secretaries' Addresses of the Lyceum District Councils.

**Bolton.**—Miss May Grindrod, 83, Higher Bridge-street, Bolton.  
**Bradford.**—Secretary, Mr. E. Aked, 28, Milverton Field Villas, Gilstead, nr. Bingley.  
**Halifax and Huddersfield.**—Sec., Mr. W. Burrows, 29, Kliffen Place, Coronation road, Halifax.  
**Leeds.**—Sec., Nellie Ingle, 11, Vinery grove, York road, Leeds.  
**Liverpool.**—Sec., Mrs. George A. Mack, 19, Haverall Street, Runcorn.  
**London.**—Sec., Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, E. 7.  
**Manchester.**—Sec. Mr. George Ellis, 27, Albion-street, Pendlebury, Manchester.

**North-East Lancashire.**—Mr. H. Hopper, 65, Victoria St., Mill Hill, Blackburn.  
**Nottingham.**—Miss Victoria G. Raynor, 112, Gregory Boulevard.  
**Sheffield.**—Sec., Mr. Charles E. Welch, 19, St. Helens street, Chesterfield.  
**Scotland.**—Sec., Miss Neilson, 18, Hugh Millar Place, Edinburgh.  
**South East Lancashire.**—Mr. Archie Barley, 24, Hill-street, Heywood.  
**Teeside.**—Mr. W. Cowell-Pugh, 61, St. Paul's-rd., Middlesbrough.  
**Tyneside.**—Miss Lawrence, 387, Shields-road.

## United District Councils.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. M. E. Pickles, 5, Ivan Street, Colne Road, Burnley.

## List of Lyceums and Lyceum Secretaries in the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

**Accrington.** Rechabites' Hall, Abbey-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Whittles, 58, Paxton-street.  
**Accrington.** China-street, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. T. Fazakerley, 37, Cross-street, Oswaldtwistle.  
**Auckland, N.Z.** Karangahape-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. H. Jones, c/o Mr. Burnett, 87, Symonds-street, Auckland, N.Z.  
**Bacup.** Hall street, Burnley road, 10 a.m. Mr. Arthur Embrey, 9, Toismorden road.  
**Barnoldswick.** West End Spiritual Temple, 10 and 1-30. Mrs. G. Francis, 5, Bankfield Street, Coates, nr. Colne.  
**Barnsley.** George-yard, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. C. Hunt, 18, Freeman-street.  
**Barrow-in-Furness.** Abbey-road, Empress Hall, Holker-st., 10-30 and 2. Miss Eliz. Lawton, 14, Park Avenue.  
**Barrow-in-Furness.** Dalkeith-street, 10 and 2. Mr. Roderick Brown, 49, Harrison street.  
**Batley Carr.** Carr street, 10 and 2. Miss Lizzie Mortimer, 27, Hall road, Staincliffe, Batley.  
**Beiper.** Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.  
**Belfast.** Whitehall Buildings, 13, Ann-street, 3 p.m. Mr. James P. Skelton, 621, Lisburn-road.  
**Birkenhead.** 46, Bridge-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Fred C. Williams, 4, Hinson street.  
**Birmingham.** Handsworth 58, Villa-road, 3 p.m. Miss Emily Ashford, 260, Frederick-road, Aston Manor-road, Handsworth.  
**Birmingham.** Small Heath, 495, Coventry-road, 11 a.m. Mr. J. H. Sharpe, 15, Wordsworth-road, Small Heath.  
**Blackburn.** St. Peter Street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. Edward Naylor, 32, Nab Lane.  
**Blackpool.** Albert-road, 9-30 a.m. Mr. Herbert Swan, 125, George street.  
**Bolton.** Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Miss Elsie Sheldon, 15, Meredith street, Great Lever.  
**Bolton.** Deane-road, 10 a.m., Mr. James Berry, 1, Pleasant View, Darcy Lever.  
**Bolton.** Henry-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Lowther Turner, 55, Bridgeman Place.  
**Bradford.** Boynton-street, 10-45 and 1-45. Mrs. C. Bairstow, 47, Copthorne street, Dirkhill.  
**Bradford.** Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. P. Simpson, 29, Young-street, Gillington.  
**Bradford.** East Bowling, Wakefield-road, Harker street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Polly Stead, 319, Bowling Hall road.  
**Bradford.** Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Miss Lily Harrison, 236, Undercliffe-street.  
**Bradford.** Bankfoot, Manchester road, 10-30 and 2, p.m., Miss Ada Fernibough, 167, Park Side Road.  
**Brierfield.** Colne-road, 10 a.m. Miss Edith Kettlewell, 19, King Street, nr. Burnley.  
**Brighouse.** Commercial-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mrs. James Crossley, 3, Bryan-place, Rastrick.  
**Brighouse.** Martia-street, 10 and 2. Miss Emily Crowther, 18, Rogerson Square, Bonnegate-road.  
**Brighton.** The Academy, 1, Upper North-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. H. J. Everett, 27, Montpelier Crescent.  
**Brisbane.** Queensland, Australia, Wickham-street, 2-30 p.m. Miss Minnie Reichold, London-road, Clayfield.  
**Burnley.** Hammerton-street, 10 a.m., Mr. T. Hopkins, 92, Brougham street.  
**Burnley.** North-street, 9-30 a.m. Mrs. Beatrice Wrigley, 1, Merton street, Stoneyholme, Burnley.  
**Burton-on-Trent.** Hominglow-road, 10 45 a.m. Mr. J. Castle, 72, Dallam street.  
**Bury.** 66, King-street, Rochdale-road 10 and 1-45. Miss Florrie Kaye, 15, Pine street, Rochdale-road.  
**Calgary.** 2 p.m. Mr. William Brown 2910, 17A, street, Calgary, S.E. Alberta, Canada.  
**Cardiff.** Castle-street, 2-45 p.m. Mr O. Evans, 3, Ladysmith Road, Penylan, Cardiff.  
**Castleford.** Lower Oxford-street, 10-15 and 1-30, Mr. Herbert Hemsworth, 14, Rhodes-street, High-town.  
**Chester.** Commonhall-street, 10-30, Mrs. N. Stevenson, 84, Francis street.  
**Chesterfield.** Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 and 2-15. Mr. John J. Hobster, 71, Sheffield road.  
**Chester-le-Street.** Front-street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Wright, 121, Front-street.  
**Cleckheaton.** Old Robin, Westgate, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. W. W. Benson, 11, Claremont street.  
**Clitheroe.** Salford-street, 10 a.m. Miss Carrie Ormerod, 14, Whalley Road.  
**Colne.** Cloth-hall, 10 a.m. Mrs. Barnes, 9, Lune-street.  
**Coventry.** Bull-street (off Hertford-street), 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Mrs. A. Cattell, 62, St. Patrick's road.  
**Crewe.** Mill-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. P. Gawthorne, 24, Samuel-street.  
**Daley Hill.** Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Daniel Hope, 152, Lower Leigh road.  
**Darlington.** Bondgate, 10-30 a.m. Miss Winnie Airey, Sylvan Grove, Linden Avenue.  
**Darlington.** High Northgate, 10-30 a.m. Mr. R. P. Christopher, Manor House, Great Budon.  
**Darwen.** Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 47, Heys lane.  
**Dearnley.** Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mr. Taylor, Spiritual Temple, Littleborough.  
**Derby.** Charnwood-street, 9-45 and 2 p.m. Mr H Wade, 2, Cockpit-hill, Marleidge.  
**Dewsbury.** Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Miss Lily G. Kitson, 104, Leeds road.  
**Dundee.** Overgate, Operative Hall, 1 p.m. Mr. James Lawson, 129, Hawkhill.  
**Dundee.** Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Miss Mary Hutton, 5, Kinnard-street.  
**Dunston-on-Tyne.** Ellison road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. W. Secken, 152, Westminster-street, Gateshead.  
**Durban, Natal, S.A.** Cathedral Road, (534, P.O. Box), 11 a.m. Mr. T. J. W. Wheatley, 3, Hampson Grove.  
**Earby.** Green-end Avenue 10 and 1-45. Miss A. J. Warrington, 13, Mostyn Avenue, near Colne.  
**Edinburgh.** 77, Queens-street, 1 p.m. Miss Winifred Copley, 149, Constitution street, Leith.  
**Fenton.** 80, Market-street, 2 p.m. Mr. J. S. Brickell, 13, St. Clair-street, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent.  
**Fleetwood.** Kemp-st., 2-0 p.m. Mr. J. C. Waller, 210, Lord-street.  
**Foleshill.** Broad street, 10-45 a.m. Mr. G. Starr Bambrick, 46, Nicholls street, Coventry.  
**Gateshead.** Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. M. Mather, 47, Claremont, North Ave.  
**Geelong.** Rapie street, 3 p.m. Mr. A. Taylor, 36, Russell street, Chilwell, Geelong, Vic., Australia.  
**Glasgow.** 25, Bath street, 4 p.m., Miss Bolton, 16, Govanhill-street.  
**Glasgow.** S.M.U. Royal Institute, West Campbell street, 1 p.m. Mr. W. Webster, 24, Westbury-street, St. George's road.  
**Great Harwood.** West Well-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Luie Holt, 4, Poplar avenue, near Blackburn.  
**Grimsby.** Strand-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mrs. Nicol, 50, Julian street.  
**Gurney Valley.** 2 p.m. Mr. J. Cheesmond, 58, Gurney Valley, near Bishop Auckland.  
**Halifax.** Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Percy Chapman, 17, Wilson-street, Commercial-road.  
**Halifax.** Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. Levi Blackburn, 16, Luton-street, Queen's-road.  
**Hamilton, Ont., Canada.** Farrars Hall, Barton St. E. 2-45. Miss Selina Etheells, 1070, Barton-street, E.  
**Hanley.** Percy-street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. S. Britain, 27, Albion street.  
**Hebden Bridge.** Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Eileen Smith, Beechwood View.  
**Heywood.** William-street, 10 and 1-45. Miss Gertrude Hulme, 5, Bridge-street.  
**Hirst.** Equitable Stores Hall, 2-30 p.m. Mr. N. Shears, 125, Catherine Street, Ashington, via Morpeth.  
**Hollinwood.** Byrom-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Nellie Parr, 2, Snowden street, Hathershaw, Oldham.  
**Horwich.** Beattie-street, 10 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. Walsh, 45, Tomlinson street, near Bolton.  
**Huddersfield.** Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Miss Hilda Allured, 33, Midland Street, Hillhouse.  
**Huddersfield.** St. Peter-street, 10-30 a.m. & 2-30 p.m. Mr. Norman Sellars, 20, Osborne street, Moldgreen.  
**Hull.** Hessel road, Eastbourne street, 1-43 to 3 p.m. Mr. J. A. Buckton, 43, Tadman street.  
**Hull.** Holborn Hall, Holborn street, Witham, 10-30 a.m. and 2-30. Miss Lena Smith, 24, Barnston street.  
**Hyde.** Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. S. Armitage, 29, Swain-street.  
**Jarrow.** Market-square, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. A. Hudson, 8, Gray-street.  
**Johannesburg.** 11 a.m. Trades' Hall, Commission-street, Mr. Vernon Hart.  
**Kelghley.** Heber-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. William Hudson, 20, Mannville road.  
**Kruger'sdrop.** Kruger-street, 3 p.m. Mrs. L. Eastmure, 3, Stunmaaker-street, Monument Hill Transvaal, South Africa.  
**Lancaster.** George-street Chambers, 10-30 a.m. Miss Hornby, c/o Mrs. Wilson, 11, Cable-street.  
**Leeds.** Amley, Theaker-lane, 2 p.m. Miss Mabel Allerton, 26, High Bank, Farsley.  
**Leeds.** Bethel-street, 2 p.m., Mr. H. C. Brown, 66, Pemberton-street, Hunslet.  
**Leeds.** Cookridge street (Psycho), 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. A. Gascoigne, 11, Kendall-place, Park lane.  
**Leeds.** Roxburgh-road, 16, Selborne-place, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. C. Butler, 4, Mariners' road, Dewsbury road.  
**Leicester.** Queen-street, 11-0 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 10, Curzon-street.  
**Leicester.** Silver-street, Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Alfred Cartwright, 67, Maynard Road.  
**Leigh.** The Avenue, 10 a.m. Mr. T. Gregory, 18, Brackley street, Lancs.  
**Lincoln.** Progressive Hall Coultham street, 10-15 a.m. Mrs. H. C. Dobby, Stanley House, Sansthorpe street.  
**Littleborough.** Hartley-street, 10-0 a.m. Mr. John Crowther, 2, Clough Head.  
**Littletown.** Well-street, 2 p.m. Miss A. Hirst, Well-street, Littletown, nr. Liversedge.  
**Liverpool.** Danby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. C. Thompson, 43, Clifton-road, Tue Brook.  
**Liverpool.** 2, Romer-road, Kensington, 3 p.m. Miss E. Mayers, 428, Park-road, Dingle.  
**London.** Battersea, Park road, Henley street, 3 p.m. Mr. Percy Smyth, 30, Homefield road, Chiswick, W. 4.  
**London.** Fulham, S.W., 12, Letti ce-street, Munster-rd, 3 p.m. Miss W. E. Drew, 55, Winchendon-road, Fulham, S.W. 6.  
**London.** Upper Holloway, N., Grovedale road, 3 p.m. Mr. John Taylor, 51, St. Pauls-road, Camden Town, N.W. 1.  
**London.** Kingston-on-Thames, Bishop's Hall, Thames-street, 3 p.m. Mr. F. J. Miles, 7, Cambridge road, Teddington.  
**London, E.** Manor Park, Shrewsbury-road, 3 p.m. Mrs. Elsie Stoner, 23, Twyford-road, Ilford Essex.  
**London.** Peckham, Lansanne-road, 3 p.m. Miss Vera Smith, 68, Fenwick road, Peckham bye, S.E. 15.  
**London, E.** Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Miss T. Manning, 10, Kharoutm road, Plaistow, 13.  
**London, E.** Stratford, Idmiston-road, 3 p.m., Mrs. A. Greenwood, 70, Hazeldene-rd., Goodmayes, Essex.  
**London.** Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Mr. W. H. Almond, 64, Springfield-road, South Tottenham, N. 15.  
**London.** Woolwich and Plumstead, Villas road, 3-0 p.m. Mrs. F. Watthey, 4, Albatross st., Plumstead, 18.  
**Longton.** Stone-road, 2 p.m. Mr. Hugh McCartney, 67, Stainer street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Tren.  
**Macclesfield.** Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Denis Potts, 21, Station street.  
**Manchester.** Ardwick, 38, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Albert C. Grimsditch, 14, Carlisle-street Beswick.  
**Manchester.** Crescent road, Cheetham hill, 10-30 Mr. Charles Adshad, 23, Bank street.  
**Manchester.** Collyhurst, Oldham-road, 10 a.m. Mr. J. Parkinson, 77, York street Blackley.



**Manchester, Gorton, 3, Hyde road, 2-3 p.m.** Mr. Harry Bispham, 4, Birch-street, West Gorton.

**Manchester, Moston, Ashley-lane, 10-30, Miss Markham, 66, Junction street, Mossall, Newton Heath.**

**Manchester, Higher Openshaw, Alhambra Buildings, Bank St., 2-45 p.m.** Mr. W. Jackson, 6, Wesley Street, Openshaw.

**Manchester, Openshaw, 915, Ashton Old-rd., 2-30** Mrs. Owen, 1, Harrop-street, Abbey Hey, Gorton.

**Manchester, Pendleton, Ford-lane, 10-30 and 2-15** Mrs. Royle, 518, Wardley-lane, Swinton.

**Manchester, Salford (Central), High street, off Cross Lane, 10-30 a.m.** Mr. S. Butler, 7, Gordon-street, Pendleton.

**Manchester, South Princess-road, 2-30 p.m.** Miss Phyllis Jackson, 40, Ayres-road, Old Trafford.

**Mansfield, Quaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m.** Mr. Wm Winfield, 49, Howard-road.

**Mexborough, Central Hall, West street, 10-15 and 2 p.m.** Mr. E. Wimpenny, Tickhill Square, Denaby Main, near Rotherham.

**Middleton, Gilmour-street, 10-15 a.m.** Mr. John Liddle, 108, H. Townley-street, near Manchester.

**Middlesbrough, 57, Grange-road, West, 2-30 p.m.** Mr. E. W. Buckingham, 43, Surrey-street.

**Millom, Holborn Hill, Main-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Miss Ruth Dixon, 197, Devonshire-road.

**Mossley, Abbey-road, 10-30 and 1-45, Miss Fanny Pinder, 8, Back Stanley-road, Micklehurst.**

**Nelson, Vernon-street, 10 a.m.** Mrs. Florrie Pearson, 107, Sackville-street, Brierfield, Burnley.

**New Bedford, North End, 10 a.m.** Mrs. Lily Meeking, 62, Central Avenue, Mass, U.S.A.

**Newcastle-on-Tyne, Benwell Co-op Hall, 2-30.** Mr. E. Mangham, 160, Farndale-road.

**Newcastle-on-Tyne, Heaton & Byker, Potts St., 2-30 p.m.** Mrs. R. Hunter, 36, Mowbray-street, Heaton.

**Newcastle-on-Tyne, Rutherford Street, 2-30 p.m.** Mr. Alex. Dawson, 105, Simonside terrace, Heaton.

**Newcastle-on-Tyne, Wallsend, Station road, 2-30 p.m.** Miss Newsome, 41, Leslie-st., Wallsend.

**Normanton, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m.** Mr. C. R. Illingworth, 7, Claremont terrace.

**North Shields, Ripon Hall, 42, Stanley-street, W. 2-30, Mr. John Leak, 32, Donkin-terrace.**

**Nottingham, Hyson Green, Beutnick Road Board School, 10-45 and 2.** Miss M. Oakley, 13, Berridge-road, Sherwood Rise.

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**Nottingham, [Mechanics' Hall], Burton-st., 2-30 p.m.** Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briar-street, Meadows.

**Nottingham, (Gladstone Hall), Lamartin st., 2-30** A. Shipley, 45, Hungerhill-road.

**Nottingham, Parliament-st., 10-30 a.m.** Mrs. Annie Cox, 92, Blackstone street, Meadows.

**Oldham, Elliott-st., 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m.** Mrs. Lillian Travis, 38, Chamber road.

**Oldham, Union Street 10 and 2-30.** Mr. John Woods, 7, Bexley street, Werneth.

**Ossett, Dale-street, 1-45 p.m.** Mr. Ernest White, 19, Rycroft street.

**Padtham, Ightenhill-st., 10 a.m.** Miss Sanders, 44, Milton street, near Burnley.

**Pontypridd, River-street, 2-30 p.m.** Mr. Wm. Phasasant, 55, Mound-road, Maesycod.

**Preston, Central, Clarke's-yard, 10 a.m.** Miss Gertrude Cartmell, 11, Acregate-lane, South.

**Preston, Central Buildings, Lancaster-road, 10-30** Miss Florence Hazel, 191, Tulketh Brow, Ashton.

**Radcliffe, Ash street, 10-30 a.m.** Mr. John R. Charnley, 4, Stanley st., Whitefield, near Manchester.

**Radcliffe, Sion street, 10-30 a.m.** Master A. E. Maudsley, 1, Wright-street, near Manchester.

**Rawtenstall, Back Ormerod-st., 10-15 a.m.** Mr. J. H. Haworth, 1, Victoria street, Cloughfold.

**Reading, The New Hall, 16, Blagrove-street, 3 p.m.** Mr. Stanley Wm. Taylor, 13, De-Montford road.

**Rishton, Eachill-rd., 10-30 a.m.** Miss Winnie Jones, 29, Clarke street, near Blackburn.

**Rochdale, Penn-st., 10 a.m.** Mr. Albert Wright, 4, Regent street.

**Rochdale, Regent-st., 10 a.m. and 2.** Mr. Thomas Dixon, 183, Whitehall street.

**Rotherham, Percy-st., 10-30 a.m.** Miss E. Peat, 51 St. Ann's-road.

**Royston, Union-st., 10-30 a.m.** Miss Annie Haslam, 89, High Barn street, near Oldham.

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**St. Helens, 121, Church-st., 10-30 a.m.** Miss Gladys Atkinson, 20, Woodville-street.

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**Southport, Wright-street, 10-30 a.m.** Mr. W. H. Peel, 20, Cypress-road.

**South Shields, Fowler Street, 2-30.** Mr. G. E. Ainley, Woodside Cottage, Harton.

**South Shields, Robinson-st., 2-30 p.m.** Mr. Robert Neve, 55, H. S. Edward-street.

**South Shields, South Eldon-street, 2-30 p.m.** Mr. G. Mair, 252, South Palmerston-street.

**Sowerby Bridge, Hollins-lane, 2 p.m.** Mr. Harry Wright, 10, Victoria Avenue.

**Stalybridge, 13, Chapel-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m.** Miss B. Croft, 5, Compton street.

**Stockport, 24, Wellington Rd South, 10-0 and 2-0.** Mr. J. Marston, 223, Chestergate.

**Stockton-on-Tees, New Brunswick-st., 10-45 a.m.** Mr. E. Rotham, 19, Beaconsfield street, Norton-on-Tees.

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**Elland, 10-0 a.m. and 1-45 p.m.** Mr. G. Sadler, 38, Langdale street.

**Eastwood, Hill Top, 10-30 and 1-45.** Mr. R. Slater, Coronation Villas, Hill Top, Eastwood, Notts.

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