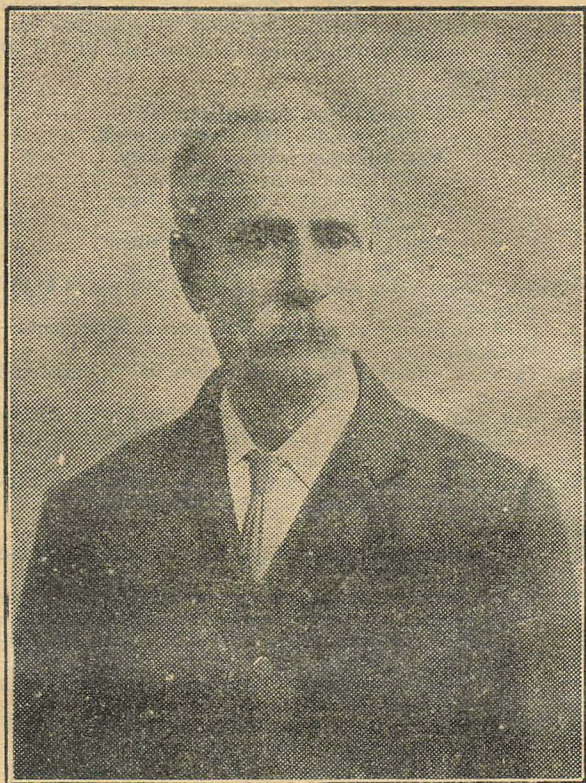


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Henry Wigley of Belper.

How I first became acquainted with Spiritualism.

In 1865 I went as an apprentice to the Wheeldon Bros., Belper, who had already been investigating the subject, it being introduced to them by Dr. A. Baldwin.

At that time I was attending the Baptist Sunday School, and my respected teacher knew of the subject, but he never breathed it in school. Eventually I became a member of the Baptist Church. When the subject of religion came up in the shop, I took up my side of the question, and I was invited to go to a seance and see for myself whether there was anything in it or not.

My first seance was at Mr. Henry Wheeldon's home (uncle to the Wheeldon Bros., Henry, George, and William). I got proof that there was something worth finding out. I have seen their small stand follow Miss Wheeldon to the kitchen door of its own accord without anyone human touching it. After attending meetings with Miss Wheeldon, and Mrs. Hitchcock who came occasionally from Nottingham, sometimes accompanied by her husband, Mr. Jedediah Hitchcock, and grand times we had with them; they gave us our first insight into the Lyceum system: its teachings and calisthenics.

The first public medium I was privileged to hear was Mr. W. Wallace (London), Pioneer Missionary Medium, at Derby, and I got something to think about; his subject was on the Spiritual Spheres. My ideas got a rude shaking regarding Heaven and Hell and the life in the spheres.

About this time I tried to persuade my wife to go with me to the meetings, and Mr. and Mrs. Jessop called one night and together we prevailed on her to go with us. The meeting that night was at Henry Blounts on the Butts. At this meeting Uncle Henry Wheeldon had a vision of his wife and her spirit home, it was so real to him he wondered we could not see it.

The same night my wife said during the sitting, "I do feel funny, I feel as though I could go to sleep." So we told her to give way and she would be alright. She was in a state of coma during the meeting, and from that time we began to sit at home and at the meetings, and many varied experiences we have had through her mediumship.

At this time in the history of Spiritualism, in Belper at any rate, nothing much was known about conditions required for different kinds of manifestations, and in conjunction with the spirit friends we had to find out the best way to get the required phenomena. I have seen our three-legged round table quite unexpectedly tilt at an angle that, under ordinary circumstances the tea things must have fallen off. In the excitement of the moment I picked up our child, Arthur, and put him on the table, with the same result. At this period we had all manner of spirits manifesting, but there was always a lesson to be learned by us from the spirits manifesting. They were interesting and pleasant times and we made progress in the different kinds of phenomena.

During this time public meetings were being held occasionally with Dr. Sexton and Mrs. Cora L. V. Tappan, now Mrs. Richmond, a splendid American medium, in the old Court Room. At these I was selling literature, being agent for James Burns, of London, Publisher of the "Medium and Daybreak." After these meetings, earnest enquirers wanted to know more about the subject, so it was thought it was time to open a place for investigators, and a house was taken in the George Inn Yard, Bridge Street (now pulled down). There we had some wonderful phenomena. Several mediums were found by the spirits for different kinds of phenomena. Mr. J. Booth would have made a good physical medium, we have seen him tied in a cabinet and the moment the light was put out, the cord binding him would be thrown out. At these seances my wife, Mrs. Wigley, would be lifted bodily in her chair on to the table by spirit power; and we used to have knocks as with a sledge hammer, down to the tiniest traps. My wife had one peculiar control at that time, a lion tamer who had been killed by his lions during a performance at Bolton, used to manifest and go through the performance through my wife, and we could hear the patter of the lion running across the room; and at the end she would suddenly drop down as though she had been scalped. Mr. W. P. Adshhead, the Wheeldon Bros., the Smedley Bros., Mr. Lowry and others used to attend these seances. When Mr. Mitchell, the tenant, left the town we had a few meetings in our house where we had two materialised hands, large and small, at the same time. Our house being too small, Mr. W. P. Adshhead opened a room in his warehouse in Campbell Street, where Mrs. Wigley was the medium for physical phenomena. A cabinet was made with folding doors and an aperture at the top which was left open. A seat was fixed across and Mrs. Wigley was tied round the waist and neck to staples in the wall behind. Her feet were placed in a padded box and her hands fixed in stocks and padlocked, and a piece of thread tied to them and passed through the nick of the doors to some one in the circle. A bell, tambourine, drum, fairybells, sticks, &c., would be used by the spirits keeping time with the singing and thrown out of the cabinet, and materialised hand and arm would appear out of the aperture, Mrs. Wigley being still bound and in deep trance at the close of the seance.

We had Miss Kate Wood in Derbyshire, when we had full form materialisations (see "Reminiscences," by Mr. A. Smedley). We also had Dr. Monk in Derbyshire, likewise Mrs. Everett, of London, with whom we had the privilege of sitting several times, we heard and saw at these seances the direct voice, direct writing, lights, perfumes, and grand messages and advice from the spirit friends manifesting through her mediumship. During one of Mrs. Hitchcock's visits her foreign guide, Rosa, brought a young foreign spirit called Lilly, who became attached to Mrs. Wigley and used to do a deal at the above seances.

We have cause to be thankful for her companionship through

life, for she and my wife's sister Elizabeth, have been my guardian angels right up to the present time. And I am grateful for their guidance and help and advice during my late illness about two years ago, after being given up by two Drs. My wife took me in hand and carried out their instructions. I have been told several times at the Hall by various mediums that my time is not yet; that I have still some more work to do for the children. *I wish to be made worthy.* We had seances for some time, when it was thought we ought to give to the world an opportunity to get some of the knowledge we were getting. And Mr. W. P. Adshhead opened another room at Brookside for public meetings, where a Society was formed which was the first in Belper. Here we had some of the best speakers of the times. Mr. Clegg Wright, Mr. W. J. Colville, Mr. Morse, Mr. Wallis, Victor Wilde and others. It was here the Lyceum was started by Mr. Urban Smedley, Mr. H. White, Mr. A. Bodell, Mr. H. Wigley, Mr. E. Robinson, Mr. T. F. Smedley, and others, and glorious times we had. The place got too small and it was thought advisable to look out for somewhere else.

Our esteemed friend, Mrs. Selina Ford-Smedley, said she would have a place built if the congregation would furnish it. As it happened to be built in the Jubilee year, it was called 'Jubilee Hall,' thinking it would take better under that name. I wish it had been called what it is now, the Spiritualist Church. We had not been worshipping there very long when Mrs. Groom prophesied that we should have to extend our borders, and surely we did so. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smedley, our esteemed president, and wife, had the place enlarged by adding the present platform and organ, and vestry, &c. We were very thankful for their kindness. Other members did what they could to make the place what it is. Wheeldon Bros. gave the choir stalls. I am pleased to say we are going on very nicely now. Our thanks are due to all the Past Presidents and Officers for their valued services, not forgetting the present officers and friends.

The Education Scheme.

THE RECENT EXAMINATIONS.

This month are given the questions set for each of the five Grades at the Education Examinations held last month. Each candidate will thus be able to see what kind of questions had to be answered by the candidates for the other Grades; and each Tutor should find the full set of questions useful when the studies for the next exams. begin.

QUESTIONS SET.

GRADE I.

(Answer Questions 1 & 2, and three of the others.)

1. Say what you know of Andrew Jackson Davis.
2. M.R. 211—"There is no high, no low, except in spiritual attainments." What do you think this means?
3. Say what you know about Children in Spirit Life.
4. Tell the story of Charles B. Rosna, as learned by the Fox family.
5. Name the Principles of Modern Spiritualism, and explain one.
6. Give your idea of the lesson taught by M.R. 208—"Home Affections."
7. S.C.R. 93, verse 2. If asked, in the Lyceum, to explain: "Work is prayer if done for God, Prayer which God, delighted, hears."—What would you say?

GRADE II.

(Answer Questions 1 & 2, and three of the others.)

1. Name the Principles of Spiritualism, and explain two of them.
2. M.R. 218—"Let love and truth and peace alone Hold human hearts in thrall."—Give your idea of the meaning of these two lines.
3. What does Spiritualism teach regarding two of the following:—
(1) Human rights are spiritual needs;
(2) Our duty is to obey the Laws of Being;
(3) Babes survive in Spirit life.—?
4. S.C.R. 78.—Explain:—
(1) "... give THE "CURSE" a flat denial";
(2) "And not depend on any scheme by which their sins to shirk";
(3) "This glorious scheme is not a dream, but of angelic birth."

5. G.C.R. 148. State briefly, in your own words, what this G.C.R. tells us of A. J. Davis's vision of the Summerland.
6. M.R. 210:—"And our guide is the glory that shines through the tomb."—What do you think this means?
7. G.C.R. 137. How is Spiritualism (a) a science, (b) a philosophy and (c) a religion? (Answer in your own words, or quote from the LYCEUM MANUAL.)

GRADE III.

(Answer Questions 1 & 2, and three of the others.)

1. What are the VITAL differences between the teaching of Orthodox Christianity and Spiritualism on (1) standard of Truth, (2) ascent of man and (3) the Spirit world?
2. S.C.R. 4, v. 2.
"If you are too weak to journey
Up the mountain steep and high,
You can stand within the valley
While the multitudes go by;
You can chant in happy measure
As they slowly pass along—
Though they may forget the singer,
They will not forget the song."

Write a "Connective Reading" of about 100 words to follow this verse.

3. Give the history of the English Lyceum Movement.
4. What relation has earth-life to Spirit-life?
5. In what ways can men and women be "moral heroes" and "moral heroines"?
6. Say what you can about two of the following Phases of Mediumship:—(1) Inspiration, (2) Trance, (3) Clair-audience and (4) Clairvoyance.
7. M.R. 212. What do you think is meant by—"Never, walking heavenward, can we walk alone"?

GRADE IV.

(All the questions must be attempted. The LYCEUM MANUAL may be used.)

1. Your Conductor has asked you to conduct the Lyceum next Sunday, and to prepare the Session programme.
(a) What hymns and readings, etc., would you select from the MANUAL?
(b) State briefly the connective teaching running through the selected pieces.—(15 marks.)
2. (a) Write out the Invocation you would use; and (b) write out the Benediction.—(10 marks.)
3. You are invited to attend a Lyceum, and give a 10 minutes' address on the G.C.R. 136. Write down a copy of your notes for this address.—(15 marks.)
4. Explain S.C.R. 1, as you would to a Liberty Group. (15 marks.)
5. If asked to lead a Group which was considering the first "Conductor" part of M.R. 210, what points would you bring to the notice of the Lyceumists?—(15 marks.)
6. Write an essay on "Science and Philosophy" (as affecting, and affected by, Spiritualism).—(15 marks.)
7. Name four phases of Mediumship, and discuss one of them.—(15 marks.)

GRADE V.

(Answer Question 1, and three of the others.)

1. Discuss the following statement, from the religious, ethical and philosophical standpoints:—"The Spiritualist who would Build Up a philosophy of Spiritualism must do so After a Study of Mediumship, which is the basis of the phenomena from whose occurrence all deductions must be drawn."
2. Give an account of any physical phenomena which you have witnessed or studied, and from which you have gained evidence of:—
(1) The existence of an unknown force used externally to the medium and beyond his, or her, control;
(?) The existence of an intelligent director who may or may not be dependent on the mentalities of the medium and sitters;
(3) The evidence of the identity of that controlling intelligence with some discarnate entity.
3. Assume that you have been invited to give an address to a body of new investigators on Trance Mediumship. How would you explain the process, and the difficulties of Control?
4. We read that—"Fundamentally the Christian is a

Spiritualist—Much More of a Spiritualist than the ordinary Spiritualist."—How far do you agree or disagree with the foregoing? Give reasons for your opinions.

5. How do the teachings of Spiritualism "demonstrate that evolution proceeds on its uninterrupted path in other planes of existence beyond that inhabited by incarnate spirits."?

MARKING SCHEME.

(i) *Marks per question.*—For Grades I, II & III, there are 20 marks allowed as the maximum for each of the five questions.

For Grade IV, see the number given with each question.

For Grade V, each of the four questions can score 25 marks.

The possible total, in each Grade, is 100.

(ii) *Classes and Passes (1922.)*

Distinction	90 to 100%	Second Class	55 to 69%
Honours	80 to 89%	Third Class	40 to 54%
First Class	70 to 79%	Failure, less than	40%

EXAMINERS (1922).

Grade V.—Mr. E. W. Oaten, of Manchester.

Grade IV.—Mrs. Street, of Reading.

Grade III.—Mr. W. G. Gush, of Huddersfield.

Mr. J. Haigh, of Huddersfield.

Grade II.—Mrs. Gordon, of London.

Mr. C. J. Williams, of London.

Mrs. Mack, of Runcorn.

Mr. G. A. Mack, of Runcorn.

Grade I.—Mrs. Greenwood, of Hebden Bridge.

Miss Halliday, of Halifax.

Mr. W. Burrows, of Halifax.

Mr. J. Bell, of Stockport.

Mr. J. Jackson, of Reading.

Mr. J. M. Stewart, of Glasgow.

Mr. J. Shaw, of Glasgow.

Mr. D. Hamilton, of Glasgow.

ENTRANTS AND SITTERS.

Entrants.—The Education Secretary desires to correct the list given last month. The corrections are:—

(i) Entered for Grade II, 341.

(ii) Entered for Grade I, 276.

(iii) Total Entries, 1,327.

(iv) Entered from Area A, 219.

(v) Entered from Tyneside D.C., 204.

(vi) Lyceums taking Exams., 112.

Sitters.—The actual numbers of sitters (per Grade, Area, D.C., and Lyceums), will be given next month (as this article has had to be written at the time of the examinations being held.)

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

Many Lyceumists not taking the exams. last year but sitting this, have enquired about the marking of the papers. For their benefit, we repeat what was said a year ago—the same being still true. (The system is faithfully carried out in every detail, in spite of rumours to the contrary. No Examiner can possibly know whose papers he, or she, has received. The Education Secretary would welcome the doubters to help her to remove and arrange the slips, and sort the papers according to ages of candidates before despatch to Examiners; and to sort the papers and re-attach the slips—after the papers have been marked. The days of labour involved by the repeated handling and sorting of over a thousand papers would convince the doubters and cynics for all time!)

THE MARKING OF THE PAPERS.

(i) The papers of candidates of the *same age* in Grades I, II and III, will be marked by the same *examiner*, to ensure complete fairness.

(ii) The examiners will adopt the same standard of marking, working according to the Committee's instructions sent on to them.

(iii) No examiner knows whose papers he (or she) is marking. Therefore there is perfectly impartial and uniform assessment of marks. The Education Secretary *removes the slips* from the candidates' papers *before* despatching them to the examiners. Therefore there are *no names*, only numbers, on the papers sent out.

When the marked papers are returned, the Secretary sorts out and re-attaches the respective slips to learn names of candidates and can then enter up results, and prepare the lists.

District Visitors' Reports.

Jan. 8th. I visited Princess Road Lyceum, good attendance and attention; singing and responses good, recitations were particularly good. Marching and Calisthenics much improved. Altogether a bright and elevating session; prompt close.

Jan. 15th. Along with Miss Elliott I visited West High Street, started just a little late. Fair attendance, quite a number of Lyceumists were sick. Good responses, singing, etc. The Marching and calisthenics were excellent. This Lyceum is small but certainly good.

Jan. 22nd. Morning. I paid a visit to Moston Lyceum, prompt start, good attendance. Readings, responses, along with singing were very good. Marching and calisthenics were smart. The music on this morning was very much out of the ordinary. The whole of the session was invigorating; prompt close.

Jan. 22nd, Afternoon. I made just another call at Pendleton Lyceum, prompt start, good attendance, attention broken only by one or two late comers. Reading, singing and reciting was very good. Marching and calisthenics will soon be improved. A good Lyceum having many energetic members.

Jan. 29th. I went to Cheetham Hill, this is a fine little Lyceum and the children take their offices very well. Marching and calisthenics were very smartly done. A very good session throughout these Lyceumists are certainly progressive.

Jan. 29th, Afternoon. I visited Raby Street, Moss Side, they had a very fine session. The responses to recitations and solos were very good, especially from the children. Splendid attendance and good attention.—Miss A. Sharples, D.V.

ELLAND, Southgate.—January 18th, 19th and 21st. Held Sale of Work for the benefit of our Building Fund. The sale was opened the first night by the young Lyceumists, who gave cantata, "The Fairy Ring." Second night opened by the Matrons; elder Lyceumists as the "Star Troupe" provided concert. Third night opened by Mr. Waddington, of Bradford; concert by a female impersonator, also of Bradford. Each and every one worked shoulder to shoulder, thus making our Sale of Work a great success, proving that the workers win. February 5th, Open Session, conducted by Miss Hesselden. Songs and recitations by the following Lyceumists:—Edith King, Florrie Rae, Annie Aspinall, Doris Caldwell, Mrs. Naylor, Mr. Sadler, Thomas Aspinall, John Rae and Freddy Fox.—Elsie Green, Sec.

BIRTHS, IN MEMORIA, AND MARRIAGES.

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. In Memoriam for any previous year will be charged 1/- for 24 words, and 6d. for additional 9 words. Poetry 6d. per line.

BIRTH.

To Mrs. Roy Banks, née Gladys Kelly, Brighton, on Sunday, January 29th, the gift of a daughter,—Gloria.

IN MEMORIAM.

BIRKENHEAD.—We regret to record one of our little Lyceumists, William Hirst, passed to the Higher Life, Jan. 5th, 1922. Aged 5 years.

DEWSBURY.—Passed to the Higher Life on Feb. 17th, 1922, after a long illness. Mr. J. Colbeck, aged 57. Late Secretary to Lyceum and Church and D.V. Leeds L.D. Council. When active a faithful worker in our glorious cause and was highly respected by all who knew him.

GRIMSBY.—In loving memory of Alice Maud Jewitt, who passed to the Higher Life, March 15th, 1921.—From Irene and Dan. Jewitt.

"God folds them in His bosom
Thro' all the happy hours;
He gathers to His own dear home
The well-belov'd of ours."

SOUTH SHIELDS, Fowler St.—Passed to the Higher Life on Jan. 26th, 1922, Mr. Bell, beloved husband of Mrs. Bell, who is a prominent worker in the above Lyceum.

Is there a Scientific Case for Immortality?

ASSERTIONS OF THE MATERIALIST EXAMINED.
REDEMPTION CONSISTS OF SELF-EXPRESSION OF
GOD IN MAN.

J. RUTHERFORD, Roker-by-the-Sea.

A great soul will be strong to live, as well as strong to think. Does he lack organ or medium to impart his truths? He can still fall back on this elemental force of living them. This is a total fact. Thinking is a partial act. Let the grandeur of justice shine in his affairs. Let the beauty of affection cheer his lowly roof.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

In the creation of the spiritual world, in which man has to work in Union with God, there have been sufferings of which animals can have no idea. In the tuning of the instruments discords have shrieked loud, and strings have often snapped. When seen from this aspect, such work of collaboration between man and God has seemed as though meaninglessly malevolent. Because of the ideal that there is in the heart of this creation, every mistake and misfit has come as a stab and the world of soul has bled and groaned. Freedom has often taken the negative course to prove that it is freedom—and man has suffered and God with him, so that His world of spirit might come out of its bath of fire, naked and pure radiating light in all its limbs like a divine child. The history of the earth is the history of earthquakes and floods and volcanic fires, and yet, through it all, it is the history of the green fields and bubbling streams, of beauty and of prolific life. Our greatest hope is in this, that suffering is there. It is the language of imperfection. Its very utterance carries in it the trust in the perfect, like the baby's cry which would be dumb if it had no faith in the mother. This suffering has driven man with his prayer to knock at the gate of the infinite in him, the divine, thus revealing his deepest instinct, his unreasoning faith in the reality of the ideal,—the faith shown in the readiness for death in the renunciation of all that belongs to the self. God's life flowing in its outpour of self-giving has touched man's life which is also abroad in its career of freedom. When the discord rings out, man cries—Help me to pass through the unreal to the real.—SIR RABINDRANATH TAGORE, the Indian Seer and Poet.

All enlightened spiritualists desire to see our Lyceumists blossom and bear fruit by being in possession of great and elevating ideas, and of being able ultimately of taking their part in the Mission of "opening the eyes of the blind." We grow by the spiritual food which we assimilate. Our young people therefore must be fed not on commonplace talk, but on basic principles—principles embodying the integral inspirations of the inmost spirit. It is a fact that there are individuals who grow smaller before our eyes; they are wrapped up in themselves; while there are others who as plainly grow larger. Their interests expand; they take in more of the concerns of other men; they care for ideas and aims and persons; they have been learning; they have in one word grown. And those others have shrunk. The man who possesses spiritual intuition in harmony with his power of reason sees that Redemption—to use a so-called orthodox word—of man is effected *only in and through the self-expression of God in him.* The triumph is to

"Enter life which is eternal, pass through the gate of indifference into the palace of light;

Give away all that you have, become poor and without possessions—and behold! you shall be lord and sovereign of all things."

This is the simple and complete teaching of the Prophet of Nazareth.

The late William James, who was professor of philosophy at Harvard University, and one of the most able authors on psychology, has dealt with the broken connection which unhappily sometimes exists between the inner divine principle—the spirit and the outward organism. The radiant inner rays of divine light are often coloured or distorted by the defective physical medium through which they pass.

"Life like a dome of many coloured glass
Stains the white radiance of eternity.

(SHELLEY).

Professor James on this says—"As the white radiance comes through the dome, with all sorts of stainings and distortion imprinted on it by the glass, or as the air now comes through my

glottis—determined and limited in its force and quality of its vibrations by the peculiarities of those vocal chords which form its gate of egress and shape it into my personal voice, even so the genuine matter of reality, the life of souls, as it is in its fulness, will break through our several brains into this world in all sorts of restricted forms, and with all the imperfections and queer-nesses that characterise our finite individualities here below. According to the state in which the brain finds itself, the barrier of its obstructiveness may also be supposed to rise or fall."

It is the teaching of our leader, A. J. Davis, that there is no real efficient force in the universe but spirit, and no real independent existence but the Universal Mind. "All laws, principles and compositions are from some great unchangeable, inexhaustible Fountain of Truth." The commonplace Secularist, whose conception of God is that of a personal being sitting on a throne, calls this pantheism, but it is a different pantheism from the pantheism which sublimates the Supreme into an all-pervading unconscious force. God can never,—either here or hereafter,—be visible to the external senses. The poet, who on this theme is a prophet, compared to the obsessed, ignorant theologian,—exhibits real inspiration in these lines:

"Yet high above the limits of my seeing,
And folded far within the inmost heart,
And deep below the deeps of conscious being
Thy splendour shineth; there, O God, thou art."

Only the emancipated soul sees God in Nature. Our Lyceumists must therefore be guarded against the anthropomorphic idea of the Creator. In consequence of having been imbued with this low conception, thousands of our soldiers during the great war, as well as immense numbers of our people at home, became utter sceptics in regard to the very existence of the Supreme. Philosophic Spiritualism restores faith in the Real Presence. True, the mystery of this Real Presence deepens, but the conviction of it deepens also. "Of all points of faith," says the eloquent John Henry Newman, "the being of a God is encompassed with most difficulty and borne in upon our minds with most power." The old Hebrew Bible is very emphatic on this truth: "Canst thou by searching find out God?" "It is high as heaven: what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?" Is it not positively the lack of spirituality of mind in the common and popular sects that causes them to bow in abject homage to ancient traets, traditions, and priests? The mugwumps have no genuine appreciation of the grandeur of the Seer of Nazareth; they selfishly regard him merely as a scapegoat, and their "faith" is rightly designated by rationalists as "Scapegoatism." There is certainly nothing of Christianity in it.

The kingdom of God is within us. This is the final and all sufficient authority. Jesus of Nazareth indulges in no dreams of a renovated world without, till he has flung his appeal to the man within; looks here for the creative and vital forces to make all things new. Although we accept no final external authority, we see in sacred books, spirit messages, churches, etc., some helps to enlightenment. Modern Spiritualism establishes, on the scientific plane, the truth of the immortality of the individual soul. Mrs. Richmond, one of our most inspired speakers, lucidly defines phenomenal spiritualism as "the raised letters of the alphabet for the blind." The "Inner Light" which is higher than all external demonstrations, gives the soul to itself—gives Wisdom and Truth.

It is well that our Lyceumists should also know the points in favour of immortal life. All the properties of the thinking principle, remembrance, imagination, love, conscience, volition, are irrespective of time; are characterised by nothing seasonal; are incapable of disease, fracture or decay. The materialist physiologist is hypnotised by mere physical appearances. He says, "Not only consciousness, but every stirring of life, depends on functions that go out like a flame when nourishment is cut off. The phenomena of consciousness correspond, element for element, to the operations of special parts of the brain. The destruction of any piece of apparatus involves the loss of someone or other of the vital operations; and the consequence is that, as far as life extends, we have before us only an organic function, not an expression of that imaginary entity the soul. This fundamental proposition carries with it the denial of the immortality of the soul, since, where no soul exists, its mortality or immortality cannot be raised as a question." This clearly means that death entirely finishes us. Only physical substance, he assumes, exists, and nature can completely divorce its elements.

It is a gross assumption that only "physical substance" exists. Nothing in physiology or chemistry, in their present stage, will account for consciousness or volition. Most of the arguments used by materialists to prove that a life after death is impossible may be paralleled by arguments quite as potent to show that the life of the foetus cannot be continued after separation from the placenta. Nothing that the materialist can advance in support of the theory of annihilation has one-thousandth part of the weight which science affords of the existence of an ethereal medium fitting the infinite space and permeating every particle of matter, whether organic or inorganic. That this ethereal substratum perdures in the human body throughout life is so nearly demonstrated as so obscure a phenomena can be, by the undoubted fact of personal identity, while the gross material of the bodily structure is constantly undergoing a process of decomposition and decay. While the tissues of the body have changed several times in the course of a long life, the ethereal substratum—the "spiritual substance"—remains the same. There is no evidence to show that the ethereal medium is a compound substance, or that its decomposition is possible; scientific evidence is altogether in favour of its indestructibility. "Build," says Dr. A. J. Davis, "the two sides of an arch of unimprovable materials which can not decompose, then put in an indestructible Keystone, and architecturally your fabric would be eternal in its duration." In further illustrating the force of this point, he continues—"One of the perpendicular walls of your arch will represent the positive, the other the negative, principle. Now here are two equal walls, but there is nothing as yet to bind and hold the opposing but friendly sides together as one structure. This condition will represent, scientifically, the situation and destiny of the organic mind. But with man's mental arch Nature puts a Keystone. And this glorious arch, with its Keystone of impersonal principles (love, will, wisdom) will stand for ever. The reason why a structure thus beginning can not end is, that the elements composing it are not the elements of decomposition. The spiritual department is the *Keystone of the immortal arch*. The child of the conjugated brains—Love and Intellect—is Wisdom. Our Seer proceeds to show that the Spirit of God animates or enters the infant spiritual body when the human foetus is within twelve weeks of birth. Thus the spiritual body of man stands apart from all creatures below him. He is a higher expression of God and a fuller revelation of His nature than the life of the plant or the animal.

"Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be never; Never was time it was not; End and Beginning are dreams, Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the spirit for ever;

Death hath not touched it at all, dead though the house of it seems."

(BHAVAGVAD-GITA).

Over the whole world and through its warp and woof, in every man's own self, this divine spirit inspires without ceasing. At times the man catches something of it, as he may catch the far-off murmur of the sea or the whisper of birds in the tree tops, while he plods along his chosen road to the work or pleasure that has living interest for him; but still that interest dominates. The ear of his mind is deaf, like the ear of his soul. Yet there are men to whom a good day comes, bringing the shock of change. Something or other—a flash of insight, the memory of a quoted poem, even the look on another man's face, causes a new response. The spirit is not only light to the understanding: it is also motive and guide to the will. Its agency affects not only the knowledge but the practice of the truth. By it we are filled with high aspirations and moved to good deeds. By this power we see many an uneducated individual exhibit a depth of spiritual insight which puts to shame the wisdom of the world.

The existence of the Supreme, and incarnation of the Supreme in Humanity constitute the basis of personal immortality. And if Spiritualism stands its ground and holds its own the controversy on this question is at an end. So far Spiritualism has scored an immense victory in spite of hyper-critics and prejudiced people. One of the most wonderful proofs is undoubtedly that of the return of Myers, the philosopher and poet. Mr. A. J. Edmunds, M.A., who is Secretary of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and one of the most eminent American Higher Critics, and author of "Studies in the Christian Religion" "Buddhist and Christian Parallels," "The Gospel of Mark," etc., etc., says, in his able criticism of the Myers' proof—"It is my deliberate conviction that the Return of Myers will rank

some day with the rise of the Christian religion. While I agree with my friend, James Hyslop, that we must not tie ourselves to aristocratic spirits too much, yet only some such superior being, a public character, a picturesque personality, can win the universal favour of mankind; and I predict that before this century closes two picturesque personalities whom I have met in the flesh will rank with Peter and Paul. And their names are Richard Hodgson and Frederic Myers." Our Seer, A. J. Davis, has fully set out in his "Great Harmonia" the believer's arguments regarding the immortal life. His own "formula" stands in these words: "That the soul of man (including the spirit) possesses internal and self-tending affinities stronger and more positive than any that are external; in a word, that there is no attraction outside of man, superior in strength to that which pervades and prevails within." This is well established by the external evidences of phenomenal spiritualism. In this way we enable the earnest student to see the beauty and wonders of the world. He is taught while in this sublunary sphere, not that he himself may eat and drink, and obtain gain, but that the generations that are to come may live saner and happier lives.

"Is there one in all the world who does not desire to be divinely beautiful?

To have the most perfect body—unerring skill, strength, limpid clearness of mind, as of the sunlight over the hills, To radiate love wherever he goes, to move in and out, accepted?

The secret lies close to you, so close

You are that person; it lies close to you, so close—deep down within—

But in time it shall come forth and be revealed.

Not by accumulating riches, but by giving away what you have,

Shall you become beautiful;

You must undo the wrappings, not case yourself in fresh ones; Not by multiplying clothes shall you make your body sound and healthy, but rather by discarding them;

Not by multiplying knowledge shall you beautify your mind; It is not the food that you eat that has to vivify you, but you that have to vivify the food.

Always emergence, and the parting of the veils for the hidden to appear

When the body which thou now hast falls away, another body shall be prepared beneath,

And beneath that again another.

Always that which appears last in time is first, and the cause of all—and not that which appears first."

(EDWARD CARPENTER).

TO SECRETARIES OF CHURCHES AND LYCEUMS.

It was not the intention of the Editor to ever issue a personal note in the LYCEUM BANNER. He now finds it necessary, to continue his work efficiently as General Secretary of the B.S.L.U and Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER, to cancel all Speaking Engagements booked with various Churches and Lyceums. He reluctantly finds this step necessary to regain normal health and meet the growing needs of the B.S.L.U.

REVIEW.

"The Wide World Magazine" for March contains a record of certain happenings in Cornwall some years ago. The uninitiated may read it purely as a "ghost" story, but to the student who is seriously studying the laws of the emanating forces of Spiritualistic experiences will find corroborative evidence of the powers of spirits in the next realm of consciousness to take any shape or size they may desire for the operation of any specific intention.

The clairvoyant often sees a form enveloped in drapery and not being recognized, the spirit will immediately assume the fac-simile of the last earthly garments worn by the spirit before leaving the mortal body.

When we understand the power to appear as a child and as a grown person, it partly opens the door to explain the possibility of spirits appearing as gnomes, fairies or sprites. These methods have often been used where there was something in the mind of the humans who are visited to cause them to be afraid of seeing grown spirit-people.

This may explain the story which is plainly told in the Cornish style.

There are other interesting tales and adventures in the issue.

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A Glimpse of Spiritualism.

Many people are prepared to witness illusions and will pay money to watch the conjurers and illusions produced for their entertainment. Very often the introductions to mysteries happen in this way and a biased judgment is formed. When a real mystery confronts them it is considered the result of an illusion, legerdemain or conjuring.

This explanation occurs to the minds of many people who witness some spiritual phenomena for the first time, but a second thought will quickly convey the knowledge that there is often an entire absence of apparatus through which the startling evidence of mysterious happenings are produced.

A marvellous "ghost" can be produced by deftly arranged lights and a sheet of glass, which is proved to be an optical illusion of a living being. The "ghost" will walk through solid objects, tables, chairs and screens placed about a stage within the range of the projection of the original man who is below the stage.

The mind of an individual who has witnessed such things and comes in contact with spiritualistic phenomena has to work off the ideas produced by witnessing the entertaining novelties such as are described above, and knowing how these things are done, he will find there are many things in Spiritualism which cannot be explained by any act of conjuring or illusion.

There were twin babies born into a home some years ago. They died immediately they were born. Their bodies were buried in a small churchyard. Two years passed away . . . Sitting quietly in the home with the family round the fire, all were quietly reading until one of them, unnoticed by the others, laid the book on her knee. She gazed in the fire for a time and then closed her eyes. The readers were a little startled to hear the voice of a man, speaking through the lips of the woman with closed eyes and saying, "Good Evening, friends."

The books were laid aside and the greeting was quietly acknowledged.

The strange voice continued, "I have come to-night to tell you of the presence of two babes who left your home two years ago. You lived many miles from this house in those days. The children are now brought by us to visit the home of the parents who gave them birth. We wish you to share with us the naming of these infants and suggest you will accord to us certain facilities which will result in pleasure to us all."

Without repeating all the spirit said, the request was for the use of the best room in the house on a future day, some months having to elapse before the appointed time arrived.

One of the family had to leave the house on the following day turn to the left and walk until he came to a group of gardens. The man who owned the fifth garden was to be requested to grow, and be paid for a bed of forget-me-nots to be delivered at the home on the morning of the appointed day.

When the day arrived the gardener delivered his promise and the mother of the children placed the forget-me-nots in a small cot which was placed on the hearthrug before an empty fire-grate. The door was then locked for an hour, during which

time the spirits held a naming service at which no humans were present.

After the hour had elapsed, the family entered the room and the mother's clairvoyant eyes were opened. She gazed with the reawakened charm of a mother's love at the two children. "Oh!" she said, "Can't you see them," but the others who stood around could not see the twins, but they could see the impression in the cot similar to what many people have seen when they have taken a walk in the country and laid in the tall grass for a rest and risen up to see their impression left on the grass. This was what was seen by those who were not clairvoyant when they looked down in the cot. The forget-me-nots lay crushed by the impression of the spirit-bodies of these two children who had never had a separate existence in earth-life.

There was proof that children grow in spirit life, their bodies have weight, and they have an attraction for those people in whose home they were born.

The pedlar at Hydesville, whose body was buried in the cellar, knocked on the bedroom wall by the means of his spirit-body; the twins proved to those around the cot that the Hydesville happenings were true and the people in that home obtained personal corroboration of those facts.

A little service was held that night and the father kissed his children who had been dead and were now found to be alive with baby love towards their parents. Attendant spirits spoke words of helpful inspiration and told of the conditions of homes and life in the spirit-world.

The Lyceum exists for the display of the knowledge of the after-death conditions and an explanation of the human and spiritual powers we all possess. We have opened the door for a great spiritual revelation and a happy religion of continued fraternal fellowship exists for all who desire the sweet companionship of those who precede us in the higher sphere of life. This life is largely an illusion until we face and know the realities of spirit-communion.

The Face of the Earth

BY THE WONDERMAN.

THE CRUST OF THE EARTH.

You have seen how the Earth was made out of a great fiery cloud. As the cloud cooled the vapours became liquid, then solid. The outside became cool and dry first, so that a crust was made all round the earth. Inside the crust there is still a great fiery furnace. The farther we dig into the crust, the hotter we find it.

THE FACE THAT CHANGES.

The face of the earth always has been and continues changing. There are men living to-day who can remember when certain towns now a few miles from the sea, were once prosperous ports, and when spots now covered by the sea were once green fields or even roads. These great changes have been slowly going on every minute of the day,—Nature's way is slow and sure.

Think once more of the making of the earth. As it cooled it would shrink and the crust would be too big to fit it smoothly. So parts of the crust would sink and water would rush in and cover it. This part of the crust is the bottom of the sea. Think how the peel of a shrivelled apple wrinkles to fit it. The earth's crust would become folded just the same. The parts pushed up would become long mountain ranges, valleys being formed between the ranges. The earth is still cooling and such changes are gradually going on now. It happens sometimes that what was once the bottom of the sea is gradually raised up so that the water runs from it, and it becomes dry land again. The dry land on which we now live has been at the bottom of the sea many times. Yes, the land now covered by our houses, churches, theatres and workshops was once covered by the sea. This is what Tennyson meant when he wrote:

"There rolls the deep, where grew the tree;
O earth, what changes thou hast seen!
There, where the long street runs, has been
The stillness of the central sea.
The hills are shadows, and they flow
From form to form, and nothing stands;
They melt like mist, the solid lands,
Like clouds they shape themselves and go."

ROCKS MADE FROM FIRE.

The Latin word for fire is ignis, and so rocks which have been

made from fire are called igneous rocks. These were the deepest layers of the earth's crust, formed in the hottest parts. In many parts we find these igneous rocks at the surface because some disturbance has taken place in the earth's crust. Igneous rocks were formed before other rocks and are the hardest kinds of rock. Granite is made of tiny crystals, like the crystals of which sugar and snow are made. Pumice stone, which you use to take stains off your fingers, is an igneous rock. It was made by the action of tremendous heat, ages and ages ago, long before there were any living creatures on the earth at all.

ROCKS MADE BY WATER.

The Latin word for water is aqua, so we call rocks made under the influence of water, aqueous. Water is one of the greatest forces in the shaping of the earth's crust. You know how easily water dissolves solids such as sugar and salt. Moving water dissolves things, carries others along with it and drops them in another place, so changing the face of the earth. Many rocks have been made by the movement of water. The sea and its tides make sand which when pressed and held together makes sandstone. Water also helps to make shingle, clay and gravel. Chalk cliffs are made of the tiny bodies or creatures who lived in the sea. All these aqueous rocks are softer than igneous rocks.

HOW WATER MOVES ABOUT.

Since the earth was cool enough to have liquid upon it, water has been moving about on it. We know how the deep hollows in the earth's crust became covered with water, so that seas were formed. The water in the seas is called salt water because it has a lot of salt dissolved in it. All day the sun's warmth is sucking up much water from the sea but it cannot suck up the salt.

If you take a saucerful of salt water and leave it in the sunshine, after a time you will find the water has disappeared and left only a thin layer of salt. The water has gone into the air. It has evaporated or changed into vapour. The water vapour forms clouds which are moved along by the wind. When the clouds are cooled, the vapour changes back into drops of water, which fall down to the earth as rain. The rain is fresh water though it was once sea water. When the rain falls, it must run to as low a level as it can; so it makes little streams which run to a lower level to join into a river which flows into the sea. So the water which was drawn out of the sea into the air returns again.

THE SALT IN THE SEA.

"All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers came thither they return again." This is quite true. The sea is never quite full because all the time the rivers are bringing water into the sea, the sun is making some of the water evaporate.

Why is sea water salt? When the seas were first made, the water must have been quite fresh. All the rivers on earth are washing part of the land into the sea. They have been busy dissolving solids all the way to the sea. Every year the sea is becoming more and more salt. Clever men have tried to calculate the age of the earth by measuring the amount of salt which rivers carry down to the sea, and the amount of salt in the sea.

WHAT RIVERS DO.

It is easy to understand how cliffs are formed at the seaside when we watch the sea dashing against the land day after day, dissolving some rocks and breaking off huge boulders. Yet far inland we find high cliffs and deep valleys which look as though a mighty rush of water had scooped out a deep gorge. Rivers eat away their banks, cutting deeper and deeper into the earth until they have worn out a ravine or gorge. This process is not sudden but is going on every minute. Nearer the sea, the rivers wind in and out because the water must flow down all the time, they cut away the rocks at the side and sometimes near the sea, form a wide plain.

FAIRY CAVES MADE BY WATER.

In some parts of England are beautiful caves with wonderful pillars of rock made by water. From the roof hang some things like icicles and underneath, on the ground, are small columns of the same rock pointing up to them. These icicle like things grow little by little until they meet in the middle and form a beautiful coloumn which seems to hold up the roof of the cave. As the water trickles through the rock, it dissolves the rock but when it reaches the roof of the cave and reaches the air the rock in the water becomes separated. The water drops leaving be-

hind it the rock it had dissolved. Some drops reach the floor and then give up the limestone they had dissolved. So, little by little the columns grow, some of them forming weird shapes, making the caverns look like the haunts of fairies and goblins.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robinson. Blackburn.

The 2nd day of January, 1922 was a great day at the Spiritualist Temple, St. Peter Street, Blackburn, for on that day a Special Tea Party and Concert was held to celebrate the clearance from debt of the Temple. The President produced the Deeds and Promissory Notes, the last of which was paid off on Friday the 30th December, 1921, and the Temple was declared out of debt.

Amongst those taking part in the celebrations were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robinson. Both seemed to be in good health, and both helped at the Tea Tables, but on Thursday Morning, the 5th January, Mr. Robinson had to leave his work through illness, and died the following day. The shock of Herbert's death was too much for his wife. She had to be put to bed and died the Friday following, just one week after her husband. This has been a sad double blow to the Church and Lyceum, for both of them had all their lives been connected with, and were consistent members of Lyceum and Church. They have left one son to bemoan their loss, but he has already been adopted by kindly friends.

At the age of 13, Mrs. Robinson, then Janet Bailey, was one of the most reliable Clairvoyants in Lancashire. When she was quite a girl, her fame as a clairvoyant had spread to London. Mr. W. T. Stead wrote me asking if he might have an interview with her. I arranged a meeting one Saturday evening, and on the Sunday I took Janet over to Burnley where Mr. Stead was speaking at one of the Congregational Churches. We were entertained to dinner and tea by a Burnley Solicitor. After each meal we had a seance for Clairvoyance, and I well remember how delighted Mr. Stead was when Janet described his Father in the Library of the house in which Mr. Stead senior used to live.

At a later date I took Janet, at Mr. Stead's request, to Didsbury College, Manchester, where Mr. Stead was giving an Address to the Nonconformist students in Manchester.

After the Address we had a seance in one of the rooms of the College, Janet again being the medium. She began her description by telling a gentleman (who was acting as host to Mr. Stead) of a man she saw by his side, ending by giving the full name of the spirit. The man was completely bewildered, never having heard anything of this sort before, and he ejaculated "That is my wife's father you are talking about, but how can he be here, seeing he is dead." She next described the spirit of a young woman to one of the students, but he denied all knowledge of her.

Janet then said, "The woman was a dressmaker, for she is shewing me dress patterns, and she says you know all about her, but will not acknowledge her."

Turning to another student, she said, "I see a most beautiful ship, everything is newly painted and the sails are all white and new. The ship is in a foreign country, I know it is, because I have never seen trees and houses like these in England. Everything has gone well with the ship for some time, but now I see it in the midst of a great storm, the sails which a short time ago looked so well are now torn to ribbons and the ship appears as if it were going to sink."

The student asked "Can you see anyone on that ship." After a few moment's silence Janet replied, "No, there is no one on the ship." The student then said "This is a most wonderful description, the Captain of that ship is a great friend of mine, and this morning I received a letter from him in which he describes the loss of the ship exactly as this girl has done." During the seance an elderly gentleman had come into the room, and was sitting on the sofa near the door, when Janet turned to him and described an old lady she saw standing by his side, she described with great minuteness the kind of dress the old lady generally wore, and laid great stress on a very beautiful black silk shawl she used to wear across her shoulders, and to a little black jet brooch with which she pinned the shawl. Carved on this brooch was a name which Janet gave to the gentleman.

At this he lifted up his hands and said. "I always thought my mother was in heaven, but to my surprise I find she is with me in this room this afternoon."

On another occasion when Mr. Stead was on a visit to my house, I got Janet to come and give a seance. At this seance she

described to Mr. Stead the spirit of a man she saw, wearing leather clothes, and who repeatedly used the words "Bless the Lord." She told Mr. Stead that the man she was describing was telling her that he, Mr. Stead, had a pistol which formerly belonged to him. Whereupon Mr. Stead told us "that the only pistol he had or ever had, was formerly owned by Oliver Cromwell."

Janet often occupied the platform, her clairvoyance giving great satisfaction.

Mr. Herbert Robinson was a son of Mr. Stephen Robinson, an old stalwart, who lately passed over, and one of those who laid one of the foundation stones of the Temple in 1901.

R. WOLSTENHOLME.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

No reports of Guild Classes and their work have come to us during the past month, and only one letter about a permanent badge. As it was the final month for the study and revision of examination work, probably most Guild members were busily engaged, and had no time to give to other matters.

Now that the examinations are over, Guild Classes can devote their energies to other interests for a time. The Leader will welcome accounts of activities; opinions; suggestions, etc.

OUR MEMBERS.

At the time of writing (19th February), there are 1162 members, representing 114 Lyceums. Of these, 523 entered for the Education Examinations; and we are hoping that quite a big percentage of this number will have actually taken the examinations, will be successful, and will become eligible for the next higher badge. We hope that next year every member, not yet a Freeman, will take the examination, and so keep promises made.

OUR NATURE ARTICLE.

SEEDLINGS.

(By MARGARET E. LAWTON).

Springtime is growing time, and the seeds which were scattered last autumn are now growing up into plants. These seeds are very wonderful! Look at an apple pip, and think how it may grow into a great tree, and give to the world a yearly crop of apples! The nuts, the pips of the apple, orange, and lemon, the date stones, the peas and beans, the grains of wheat, oats, and barley, are all seeds. Each one holds a baby plant, and the food which will enable the plant to grow until it is strong enough to keep itself.

The most interesting way of studying the seeds is to plant them, and watch their growth. Line a glass-jar with blotting-paper, put seeds between the paper and the glass, and fill up the jar with sawdust, moss or sponge, which must be kept moist but not too wet. Peas and broad beans grow well, and so do maize, wheat or barley grains, and mustard and cress seeds. Some other seeds—particularly date "stones" and some nuts—grow too slowly to be very interesting.

Let us first notice peas or beans. After a few days in the jar, the seed-coat bursts, and a pointed white root appears. No matter which way the seed is placed, that root persists in growing downwards. Try putting the seeds upside down and see what happens! The tender root tip is protected by a little cap. Just behind the cap the root is covered with fine hairs. It is through these hairs that the root absorbs the moisture. Now the shoot commences to grow. So far it has been lying between the two halves of the seed. Each half is a seed-leaf, and contains food for the growing plant. Now the shoot pushes the seed-leaves apart and grows upwards. At first the shoot is bent to protect the tip, but soon it straightens and as it grows the green leaves unfold. Meanwhile the root has continued growing and now that it may claim more soil room, rootlets are growing from the first root. They are just like the first main root, but spread outwards, and in time, they, too, will bear more rootlets. All this time the plant has been using the food from the seed-leaves, so

that these are growing thinner. As the proper green leaves commence making food, the seed leaves become useless and shrivel up.

Now let us look at the mustard or cress. These seeds grow well on damp flannel on a plate. These tiny seeds contain very little food so that the two seed-leaves are like green leaves folded up in the seed. As in the pea the root grows first, but this time, it is a fine and slender root. Then the two seed leaves grow from the seed case, and quickly become green and make food to enable the tiny shoot to grow. This shoot lies between the seed leaves. When cress is grown for food, it is usually cut when only the seed-leaves have unfolded. The true leaves come later, and are of a different shape.

The seedlings of most trees send their seed-leaves up into the air, as the first leaves, to make food. The beech, sycamore, ash and elm seedlings are of this kind, and may often be found growing near the trees in woods, during the summer. In these seedlings the seed-leaves are small and oval shaped, and not at all like the leaves which will come later when the plant is older.

Experiment for yourself to see if any of the seeds will grow without water, without soil, in the darkness, with the seed-leaves removed, or without air. The results are very interesting and show that all seeds need moisture, air and some warmth, and that later the plants need light. A good gardener gives his plants all these conditions, but the wild plants are continually struggling for them, and it is this struggle for life which makes them so interesting and wonderful.

THE EGO AND EVOLUTION.

By Mrs. M. MACK, Runcorn.

I am responding to Mr. Connor's request for my ideas on the above subject, but if I occupied the whole of the space of the BANNER, I am afraid that it would not be sufficient to allow me to do so fully, or to recount the happenings which have led up to them. Without these facts, I do not think that anyone whose thoughts do not run in the same groove, will be able to understand or appreciate my ideas. I am willing to be misunderstood by the many, in the hope that a few will understand and benefit, and I am willing to discuss privately with those who desire an interchange of ideas for mutual benefit.

I do not believe in reincarnation, nor yet do I agree with the idea that the ego is formed at the same time as the body from the accumulated experiences and attributes of the progenitors. The latter hypothesis seems to me to be absolutely unjust, because it conveys the idea that the ego becomes possessed of good and bad attributes, which it has never merited. My idea is that the ego is cognisant of the body it is going to inhabit and the environment in which that body will be situated on the earth, before embodiment actually takes place.

I believe that the life of the human and animal kingdoms emanate from one source, because I believe that there is only one source of all life, and that is God. From God, I believe that there emanate several different streams of life, the two main streams being those of the animal and human. From the first stream are drawn the life forces which animate the bodies of animals, and which are re-absorbed into that stream upon, or soon after, death, unless the re-absorption be arrested by a higher intelligence. I have this belief in spite of the fact that I have seen clairvoyantly visions of animals. The second stream consists of human life. I use the term "human" for want of a better word, although strictly speaking "human" only refers to the highest form of life on the earth-plane.

A few lines from Wordsworth's "Ode on Intimations of Immortality" will perhaps give my idea of our birth into this life.

"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting;
The Soul that rises with us, our life's star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar.
Not in entire forgetfulness
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come,
From God, who is our home."

In my idea, the ego is a divine flame, a part of the Eternal Flame of life. When the infant flame is divided from the Parent Flame, it is perfect in itself, as the seed of a plant is perfect, but capable of absorbing and expanding, as the seed absorbs and expands to form the expressed perfection of the fully grown plant. After the first separation of the infant flame from the Divine Flame, it again divides into two,—the male and the female.

When the ego has divided into its two halves, then each part

goes on its separate journey in order that it may become experienced in manifesting through a body, and so it draws round itself atoms of force, until it is clothed. How or where this first experiment is conducted is one of the things that I am trying to understand; but in the light of my present knowledge, my idea is that it is done by the concentration of the ego in the atmosphere of a planet, the nature of the constituent elements of which are specially adapted for the purpose, and that the body thus formed manifests and functions upon that planet. This first material (as we may call it) manifestation of the ego is largely occupied by becoming used to its body. Then it discards this body, as we discard our bodies, but it is not now a naked flame. It has a psychic body formed from its first material body. During its occupancy of this psychic body, it learns of and atones for, the mistakes it made while manifesting on the planet. When it has rectified all its mistakes, and gathered together all the knowledge it requires for a further physical existence, it is swept into the magnetic currents of another planet, whose inhabitants specialise in some particular manifestation of the divine power, such as music, art, science, the development of love, truth, social intercourse, and philosophy. The same process of embodiment, life, and the death of the physical body is gone through, with an after-life for the psychic body. In these after-lives, the two halves of the ego often meet and compare experiences, but the length of their intercourse depends upon the state of advancement of each part. After the divine attributes have been expanded in various lives on different planets the atmospheres of which are suited to the expansion of these attributes, the ego undergoes its last and final embodiment in a physical body, on the earth-plane. Here, the main thing to be developed is, in my estimation, what the "Lyceum Manual" calls "Backbone." We have to develop courage to stand up for what we consider to be right, in any department of life, against all odds.

When this body is cast off, and the ego manifests through the spirit body, we know that according to its development, so is the refinement of the spirit body. As the ego progresses, the spirit body grows more and more ethereal, and the soul flame is seen more and more in the rays of light which emanate from such an advanced being, until it becomes too bright for human eyes to look upon. Then the two halves will have expanded sufficiently to recognise and fully appreciate each other. This is the final reunion and further progress is now possible on a co-operative basis. Until this final reunion, neither of the parts is complete or perfect, neither can it become so, until after the final reunion. The desire for a spiritual union or mating, which is so often disappointed in the marriages on the earth-plane, is, I think, the call of the soul for its other half. When the accumulated wisdom of both parts is joined together, then many things, previously misunderstood, are realised in their true perspective.

In weighing up this subject, I think that it is necessary to know much about the spiritual nature of man.

The difference of man from the animal world carries more weight with me than the resemblance, although I realise that there are many statements that I have made which a great many people will think need elucidating, but space forbids my doing so here; and I must refer readers back to my opening paragraph.

(This article closes this subject as far as the Guild Page is concerned.—LEADER.)

MR. BARTHOLOMEW WESTGARTH.

On January 20th of this year there passed to the Higher Life one of the pioneers of the Lyceum Movement in the North of England, in Mr. Bart. Westgarth, in his 73rd year. He commenced the Heaton and Byker Lyceum in 1900, was its first conductor, and was, I believe, conductor for nearly 20 years. His love of children was his most prominent characteristic, and there are many who have passed through this Lyceum in almost all parts of the world who will remember and revere his name.

He was for 30 years a noted Herbalist and Magnetic Healer, being well-known throughout the Northern Counties for his successful treatment of the suffering. It is, however, as a Worker in the Cause of Spiritualism that he will be best remembered. For many years, at great sacrifice of his time and energy, he gave his best to keep the flag of Spiritualism flying in this district, often under most trying circumstances.

The B.S.L.U. honoured our late conductor by presenting his

photo and an appreciation of his efforts for the children in the LYCEUM BANNER. We who are left to carry on the work he so much loved, realise that it is our duty to do our utmost to ensure that his work has not been done in vain, and his example will be an incentive to aspire to higher things.

A.N.F.

Four young Lyceumists complied with the request for letters and they were all very nice and pleased the lady who asked to see them. As there was no space to spare to insert the letters last month, the Editor sent them to the lady to read. The children who wrote the letters were Misses Helen Jones, Ivy Middleton, Edith Smith and Master John Hart. A reply letter has been sent to all of them and they will often think of the first letter they wrote to the Lyceum "Banner."

[Many articles and letters are held over till next issue.—Ed.]

District Council Reports.

UNITED DISTRICTS' COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The United Lyceum Districts' Council will hold the Half-Yearly Meeting on Sat. and Sun., March 11th and 12th. Sat. Business Meetings held in the Collyhurst Church.

Business: Minutes, Correspondence, Financial Statement, President's Address, Delegate to B.S.L.U. Conference, Business and nominations for same.

Notices of Motions, Question of D.V.'s relationship to B.S.L.U. and D.C.'s Internal Education Scheme.

To Amend Art. 5., Sub-Sec. B. Add after Section d "The D.C. Executive shall be composed of the Officers, and such other members as the Council may deem advisable."

New Para. to Arts. Sub-Sec. B.:

"That any delegate who is unable to make the requisite attendances for business reasons, shall be deemed eligible for Office—if actually interested in Lyceum work."

To Amend Article IV Management. "That Area representation be abolished"—"The M.C. shall consist of 10 members including Sec., Treas., and Advisor who shall elect their own President and Vice-President." Article X to read "General Sec. to be elected for a period of not less than five (5) years and the Treasurer for a period of not less than three (3) years."

Motion re £2000 Effort. "That the £2000 Effort be turned into a Trading Dept. Ltd., and that £1 shares be allotted for each £ subscribed."

That Lyceums join the D.C. first but shall become members of the B.S.L.U. within six months of the D.C. affiliation, and that D.C.'s recommend Lyceums for membership of B.S.L.U.

Will all D.C. Secs. make their financial and numerical returns to me as early as possible. All delegates to this meeting who have not written Miss Sharples re entertainment, please do so at once.

J.S.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above named Council was held in Bradford St. Spiritualist Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Mr. Walsh, president, in the chair, welcomed a very good number of delegates and associates; Minutes of previous meeting were passed as read. Correspondence was accepted. Our President, Mr. Walsh, gave his address; he made a most eloquent appeal to the delegates to urge their respective Lyceums to adopt the Education Scheme with greater energy, and the Lyceums who have not already taken up the scheme to consider the great opportunity being lost. Treasurer gave his report, which was not very bright, pointing out that we were a few shillings in debt, and urged us to consider ways and means of getting our funds up a little. The auditor, Mr. Powers, gave his report and stated the Books were in good order. Mr. Charnley, D.V., reported that he had given all Lyceums a visit with the exception of Daisy Hill, which he was expecting to give a visit very shortly. He reported great progress was being made and was pleased with the interest that was being taken in our local Education Scheme by the young Lyceumists under ten years of age.

Election of Officers: Pres., Mr. Hibbert, Bolton; Sec., Mr. E. Woodward, Daisy Hill; Treas., Mrs. Johnson, Bolton;

D.V., Mr. F. Jones, Horwich; Auditors, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Jos. Powers; Adjudicator, Mr. Shuttleworth, Darwen.

Proposed by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hibbert, that our best thanks be tendered to our worthy President, Mr. Walsh, for his good services with the Council, it was also proposed that Secretary write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Worthington and family on the loss of their son, Tom.

A vote of thanks was passed to the local friends for their kind hospitality and generous welcome. A Social in aid of the B.L.D.C. fund brought a very pleasant day to a close.—Ernest Woodward.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

Annual Meeting held at Laisterdyke on Sunday, Feb. 11th; all Officers and a good number of delegates being present. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting passed and confirmed, also Minutes of last meeting adopted; Correspondence passed; President's Report, decided to keep it on record; Secretary's Report; District Visitors' Report; Balance Sheet; Auditors' report, were all passed.

Election of Officers:—President, Mr. Hudson; Vice-President Mr. Simpson; Treasurer, Mr. Naylor; Secretary, Mr. Aked; D. V. Miss Stair; Auditors, Mr. Thistlethwaite, Mr. Cole; Judges for Shield and Drill Competition, Mr. E. Aked, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Sharpe. Judging will commence second Sunday in April under same rules as last year. No Judging on First Sunday in the month.

Affiliation fee of 4s. per year each Lyceum, to be paid to the B.L.D.C.

Delegate to next U.D.C. Meeting, Miss Stair. B.S.L.U. Annual Conference Delegate, Mr. E. Aked. Result of our Field Day, showing income of £45 5s. 9d., and a balance of £2 10s. 6d., the Council thanking all Lyceums for the help that was given to the success.

Decided not to hold Field Day in 1922 but to once again create a Fund and have our next Field Day in 1923.

Decided that Interchange of Conductors be left to each Lyceum.

Open Session was held in the afternoon when the naming of a child took place and enjoyed by all present; we had a good evening service. Mr. Aked was in the Chair. Addresses were given by Miss Stair, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Naylor. Vote of thanks to our Laisterdyke friends brought a good day to a close.—E. Aked, Sec.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council was held on February 11th at Runcorn Spiritualist Church, Ashridge Street. Mr. G. A. Mack presided. Minutes of last meeting were adopted. Correspondence and Reports were accepted. Instead of the usual election of officers taking place, a Reconstruction Committee was formed, Mr. Keeling was elected President and Mr. Mack Secretary. United Demonstration held over for the present. It was decided to abolish Sunday Meetings for the next 12 months., Mrs. Mack was elected as Delegate to B.S.L.U. Conference. Mr. Brown as U.D.C. Delegate. A hearty vote of thanks was given to local friends.—Emily Clitheroe, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting was held on Sat., Feb. 4th, 1922, at Ford Lane. The following Lyceums were present: Pendleton, Maskell St., Newton Heath, Salford, Princess Rd., Collyhurst, Moston, Moss Side, New Manchester, Cheetham Hill, also the newly elected Lyceum, Eccles. The President, Miss Elliott, in the Chair. Miss Sharple, D.V., gave the invocation. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting were given by Mr. C. Lloyd and accepted. Financial accounts by our Treas. Mr. Bentley, were passed also auditors report accepted. Correspondence also accepted. A vote was given to all retiring officers also to our President for her splendid address which was agreed to be sent to the BANNER. Mr. Knight was elected in the chair for the election of officers which resulted as follows: President, Miss Elliott; Vice Pres., Mrs. Bentley; Sec., Mr. Hood; Treas. Mr. Kay; D. V., Miss A. Sharples; Ass. D.V. Mrs. Gerbison and Miss Hall; Auditors, Mr. Betts and Mr. Barrett.; Delegates to U.D.C. Conference, Miss Elliott. Also agreed that the Manchester and District Council give the B.S.L.U. MC. every assistance to hold conference in Manchester. A vote of thanks was given to Pendleton Church Committee for having made splendid arrangements for our meeting and grand Social Evening brought meeting to a close.—C. A. Lloyd, Sec. pro. tem.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

The above Council held their Annual Meeting at Hillgate Lyceum, Stockport, on Sat., Feby. 4th, 1922. There were present 26 Associate Members and Delegates from Macclesfield, Ashton, Hyde, Glossop and Stockport. The following were made Associate Members: Mrs. Pimblot, Mrs. Rushton and Mr. Leigh of Macclesfield, also Mrs. Bromley of Stockport. Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting were accepted with the following alterations: Moved that we recommend to the U.D.C. that Area representation be abolished and that M.C. consist of 10 members including Sec., Treas., and Adviser, who will elect their own President and Vice President; also that Art. X., Election of Officers, should read "General Sec. to be elected for a period of not less than 5 years and Treasurer for not less than 3 years.

(2) Resolved that Sec. write to Sec. of U.D.C. asking that £200 Effort be turned into a Trading Dept. and £1 Shares allotted for money subscribed. Correspondence having been dealt with by the above matters, was accepted. The President in his address said that a little more interest on the part of delegates to make more headway would show that we were doing something in the interests of all Lyceums. Reports: (1) Treasurer gave financial report which showed a balance of £6 5s. 1½d., this being 15s. 6d. more than the previous year which is most creditable under the prevailing circumstances. (2) Auditors report stated that the Books were most satisfactory and they hoped the Council would be able to obtain more Lyceums and Associate Members to stabilize their position. (3) D.V. reported Glossop Lyceum progressing and the method of conducting very good. Mr. Parfitt reported Baker St. had re-opened and it was resolved that the Sec. write to Baker St. and invite them to send a delegate to next Council Meeting with view to rejoining Council. The following Officers were elected: President, Mr. Dransfield (Ashton); Vice-President, Mr. Marston (Stockport); Treasurer, Mr. Bowden (Hyde) Secretary, Mr. Gill (Stockport); Asst. Sec., Miss Maltby (Glossop) D.V., Mrs. Ennion (Stockport); Auditor, Mr. Belcher (Hyde); Delegate to B.S.L.U., Mr. Parfitt (Stockport); Delegate to U.D.C., Mrs. Ennion, (Stockport). Minutes of E.C. read and confirmed. Resolved that a Sub-Committee of 7 be appointed to deal with Introduction of uniform method of calisthenics. The following were appointed Mrs. Ennion, Mrs. Pimblot, Mr. Bowden, Mr. Dransfield, Mrs. Turner, Mr. France and Mr. Gill. Recommendation from E.C. (a) that a Bell be purchased and that E.C. be responsible for arranging Scheme for competition; (b) That E.C. recommendation be adopted and a prize be given by Council to child under 14 years of age who obtains highest marks in Education Scheme, to take effect in Feby. examination, 1923. Moved and seconded that matter be left to E.C. re D.V.'s report to U.D.C. Resolved that we adopt the report submitted. Open Council: (a) Moved and seconded that any delegate desirous of introducing new business must send the same in writing to Sec. to be placed on Agenda; (b) Notice of Motion from Stockport Central, "That all travelling expenses of delegates to Council be pooled." Next Meeting at Ashton on Sat., May 6th, 1922. Collection realised 6s. 2d. Resolved that Minute re Officers. Expenses be put into operation an Treasurer shall adopt system as suggested A hearty vote of thanks was given to local friends for their excellent arrangements and also to the Officers for their services during the past year. The meeting then closed at 8 p.m.—H. Gill, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE. REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council held the Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 18th, in the North Street Lyceum, Burnley. Mrs. M. E. Pickles presided, supported by Messrs. Battersby, Ball and Shuttleworth.

Minutes of last meeting adopted. English Class suspended owing to the times. Correspondence re Conference. Resolved we move that Conference be held either before or after Whitsuntide. President's address accepted and recommended for publication. Resolved that in future all expenses be pooled. Election of officers:—President, M. E. Pickles; Treasurer, J. B. Battersby; Secretary, J. Shuttleworth; D.V., Geo. H. Wagner; Auditors, W. Rae and W. E. Mason.

Nominations for Area Representatives:—Mrs. M. E. Pickles and Mrs. Nurse; Credential Officers: Messrs. H. C. Stephenson and S. Harwood.

Treasurer's report, balance sheet and auditors' report accepted.

Re Camp funds: Same to be banked in N.E. Lancashire's name. Suggested amendments adopted. J. B. Battersby appointed U.D.C. delegate. Area representative's report given by F. F. Ball, who spoke *re* National Finances and the success of the £2,000 effort; of the need of fuller sympathy between Lyceums and the National Executive, *re* retrospective fees and defaulting Lyceums.

Votes of thanks were given to North Street friends for their hospitality.

Credential report:—E.C. 3, area representative 1, delegates 31, associates 7, visitors 10, fraternal delegate 1; total 53.

Pooling, 14/6 per Lyceum.

Report accepted. Notice of Motion: "That the associates have direct representation on the E.C. and that when same is elected such election shall be by a postal ballot."

J.S., Sec.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Another year has passed and we meet again as representatives of a forward and progressive movement which has for its object the creation of facilities for the expanding powers of child life.

Some of us may be overgrown children, some of us stunted physically, mentally and spiritually, but in the system which we have is an ever open door for development on all lines.

Six years have passed in quick succession since I stepped into this position. I took it with trembling, conscious of my own meagre knowledge of the movement I had grown to love, yet confident as time sped along that I should have help from those still working for us in their broader sphere of activity.

I know now, in my riper experience, they have never failed us and that I, just for a time, as all other workers, was just an instrument selected to carry on the work they are so intimately connected with, which is proving an education to so many thousands. Our principles are exactly the same as they have always been, but we change the methods according to growth and added experience.

Sometimes we appear to be very restless and there is an under current working which appals us when we become conscious of it, but every true Lyceumist is ready to grasp those grains of truth which come with the upheaval, and still carry on in the assimilation of such, until higher and more exalted conditions are built.

A thought finds its way to the earnest worker, that every seed sown will sometime come to the light of day in all its flowering beauty, to be seen and probably worn by some child in the future, linking that worker up to child life here, with all its purity, innocence and affection, to such a degree that, from the very first act of sowing, an ennobling principle is obtained which helps to mould us to that perfection we are all striving for.

I desire to draw your attention especially to one clause in the Constitution. Sub-section C, Art. 8, reads:—No amendment or law shall ever be passed affecting the religious opinions or social standing of any officer or member, etc. We are agreed mostly that what we stand for as Lyceumists must be studied, and such subjects for study shall be in conformity with the Principles of Spiritualism and Lyceumism, and that we cross out the words religious opinions.

Personally, to keep our movement clear of creeds and dogmas, I am of the opinion that our Spiritualism is sufficient, without tacking on to it Christ in any shape or form.

Our philosophy is all embracing as a science of life, and we cannot, if we have carried the name of being progressive, adopt methods almost 2,000 years old.

It is a slight and an insult on science itself to attempt it, and I would advise leaders to inculcate in the child's mind our seven principles, so that in the future the Lyceum training will carry with every girl and boy a living testimony to our proven facts.

I say, work hard and incessantly to find the true ideal, then adhere to it strictly until time and progress proves that again we must advance, and building upon those ideals of the past we shall attain to still higher and holier perfection.

We are drawing very near the Conference again and some of us are beginning to feel its very vibrations. The call of the Lyceum is stronger to me than ever, and as I quietly glide to a back seat, I know that I can still be of service in a different way, and that one essential thing for us to do is to see that we have live workers at the head, untiring in their labours on the children's behalf, but when we have placed them there, to give them our whole-hearted support.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting was held at Rotherham, on Sunday, February 12th. Mr. J. K. Jones presided. A very representative meeting. Credential report. Officers 4, delegates 12, associates 4, visitors 6; total 26.

Election of officers:—President, Mr. J. K. Jones; Vice-President, Mr. H. Heath; Secretary, Mr. Welch; D.V., Mr. Hopkins; Area Representative, Mr. J. Bell.

All Lyceums are progressing favourably according to reports. Suggested demonstration to be held at Sheffield, August 19th, 1922. Committee: Messrs. Jones, Rawlinson and Saxelby. Balance sheet was presented and accepted, shewing a balance in hand of 18s. 9½d. Ten new associates were enrolled during the day.

Open Session was conducted by Mr. J. K. Jones, assisted by delegates; it was a glorious session and well attended. Mr. Rands welcomed the Council to Rotherham.

Evening service was conducted by Mr. Jones, assisted by Miss Batty, Misses Smith, Heath, Hopkins and Saxelby.

CHAS. H. SAXELBY.

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The above-mentioned Council held their Annual Conference at Middlesbrough Society, on Sunday, February 12th, 1922. Mr. Brown was in the chair. A hearty and sincere welcome was extended to Council and friends by Mr. Roeder, the Lyceum Conductor. The President, in replying, stated that Council was always sure of a welcome at Middlesbrough. Mr. R. Barnes and Mr. G. Hart were elected as Tellers; Mr. W. Barnes and Mr. W. Hart as Secretaries.

The following remarks are extracts from the President's address:—

- (a) The Conference was one of the red-letter days in the progress of Spiritualism.
- (b) We had met on behalf of the children and to work in their interests.
- (c) We had passed through a very bad time since last Annual Conference and hoped 1922 would be brighter.

Minutes of previous Council Meeting and E.C. Meeting held on November 6th, 1921, at Cecil Street, Stockton, were read and accepted. Reports were given by Treasurer and Secretary, and also accepted. District Visitor reported he had been unable to visit any Lyceum during the preceding quarter. The results of the election of officers were as follows:—Mr. G. Neale (Stockton), President; Mr. G. Edwards (Redcar), Treasurer; E. W. Buckingham, Secretary; Mr. Foster, District Visitor; Mr. A. Edwards (Middlesbrough), Mr. C. Wilson (Darlington), Auditors; Mr. Riley (Shildon), E. W. Buckingham (Middlesbrough), Representatives for B.S.L.U., U.D.C., and Tyneside D.C. At this stage arrangements were made for the next Field Day. Date of the Demonstration, August 1st, and to be held at Middlesbrough. It was finally decided that the Secretary of each Lyceum be elected to work in conjunction with the E.C. in making all preparations for the day. Future Conferences will be held at Brunswick Street, Stockton, on 2nd Sunday in May, at West Hartlepool, in August; not decided as yet for November; at Middlesbrough in February, 1923. A vote of thanks was extended to all retiring officers, including Mr. Brown (late President).

The roll call recorded only one Lyceum in the district not represented; an excellent attendance. Associates present 42, delegates 17, representatives 8.

The Council in the afternoon attended the Lyceum. The room was packed to overflowing. A great need of a larger room. Fairly good response to roll call. Readings, recitations, solos, duets, etc., were fair. The children were addressed by Mr. Brown, Mr. Neale and Mr. Edwards. On the whole we spent an enjoyable day.

LONDON, Clapham.—On Tuesday evening, January 31st, we celebrated our 4th Annual New Year Party, with the record attendance of nearly 200 visitors. The children performed a play, "The Waxworks Revel," with marked success. A huge Christmas Tree added to the evening's pleasure, after which dancing and a concert finished a most delightful party. Our artistes were all Lyceumists. Miss Gwen Heritage, Miss Veneer, and Master H. Burnard contributed individual efforts.—A. C. Duke.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

BARROW, Ramsden St.—We held our Open Session and Annual Prize distribution when we spent a good time together. The Lyceumists responded well with recitations, pearls and solos. The following took part: Daisy Groves, Edith Nock, Ethel Huddleston, Freda Brown, Walter Groves, Whitridge Chisholm, Tom Frankland, John Brierley and George Walker. Mr. Will Edwards of Accrington spoke for a short time and then presented the Prizes. Our Conductor, Mr. R. Brown, conducted the session. We extend our greetings to all Lyceums.—Mrs. Nock, Sec.

CALGARY, Canada.—Jan. 29th was a great day for the Calgary First Lyceum, celebrating as we did "Andrew Jackson Davisy Day," and the starting of the Lyceum 6 years ago in Calgary. All the officers officiating at that time were invited and took over their old duties for the day, and helped to make a pleasant reunion. Number present 57.

Mr. Baxendale, conductor, read a letter of kindly greeting from Mr. Brown, an old member, but now working in another corner of the Master's Vineyard.

Announcements for the week: We have a Night Meeting, Ladies Circle, Healing Circle and a Sunbeam Club, which meet on Friday Evenings.

We are proud of the little tots who filled the programme, as they are always ready to entertain us at any time. Mr. Hill took over the marching and calisthenics, for which we had to make a larger space than usual. Mr. Wingfield musical director for the session, kindly accompanied for the whole Programme. Closing remarks from Mr. Baxendale, with all good wishes for the future concluded a most enjoyable afternoon. We are hoping that this New Year will see many such reunions amongst us realizing that "Unity is Strength," and each person a necessary link in the great chain of human brotherhood, and harmonious fellowship.—Mrs. Cooke, Sec.

JARROW.—On Feb. 12th we held our Annual Election of Officers: Conductor, Mr. Hardwick; Ass. Con., Mr. J. Lamb; Sec., Mrs. R. Overton; Treas., Mr. G. Riches; Guardian, Mr. W. Harrison; Capt. of Guards, Mr. R. Overton; Guards, Miss J. Bigley and W. Lamb; Librarian, Miss M. Bigley; Musical Con., Mr. Riches; Assist. Mr. J. Lamb; Auditors, Mr. Harrison and Mrs. French; Group Leaders, Liberty, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Overton, Mr. Hardwick, Mrs. Smith, Mr. J. Lamb, Mrs. French and Mr. Riches.

There has been good progress made in our Lyceum, thanks to all who put their hearts into the work for the children.—Mrs. R. Overton, Sec.

LANCASTER.—On Feb. 12th we held our Anniversary and Prize Distribution, when Mr. G. F. Knott presented prizes to 46 scholars and for every one of whom he had a cheery word and a pleasant smile. A goodly number of parents and friends were present when Mr. Knott took us in Silver Chain recitation "There must be something wrong," and his explanations and answers to questions thereon were both lucid and instructive, after which we were treated to some fine renderings by Miss M. Dawson, Miss Alma Coupland, Annie Smith, Alice Parkinson, Master K. Parkinson and Mr. G. Kirk.

In the evening we held a Mass Meeting, but the attendance was only moderate. Mrs. Freeman favoured us with a solo and Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Jowett with a duet, which were very much appreciated. Mr. Knott then spoke on "Life in the Spirit World," to an interested audience and altogether a pleasant Sunday was spent, and I can only reciprocate Mr. Knott's own words,—"I wish the address could have gone on longer." Mr. F. F. Ball presided.—W. H. Freeman, Sec.

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LONDON, Plaistow.—On Jan. 28th we held our Annual Tea, Social and Prize Distribution. The tea was generously provided by members of the Lyceum, Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Trumble, and Mrs. Manning. All enjoyed a good tea. We could not forget Mrs. Matheson, a friend of the children, who gave a large case of oranges, to the delight of all present and to whom all give thanks for her kindness. We thank our entertainers, Miss

Lee, who danced, sang and recited well, and her sister, who played for us at the piano. We also praise our little Lyceumist Maggie Buchanan, five years of age, who has a remarkable talent for reciting together with actions. Others who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were: Miss Causeway and Miss Dickenson, solos; Master Frank Giles, Violin Solo with accompaniment by his brother Master Charles Giles; Dialogue by Misses Dorothy and Marjorie Pearson and other good efforts, were put forward by Lyceumists of all ages. Last but not least, all looked eagerly forwards to the Special Item of the Evening, when Mr. Connor, Secretary of the L.L.D.C., presented the Prizes, 49 in all. Miss Ethel Read again took the Attendance Medal, for the 2nd year with congratulations. Mr. Connor then addressed the children, making a promise regarding the Education Scheme. We thank him for his help and kindness. Mr. R. Manning, who has again been elected conductor, closed the evening with his remarks, giving a good record of the past year. Hoping we may keep it for this year.—Thirza Manning, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Maskell Street.—On 30th January, we held our Annual Meeting and the following Officers were elected:—Conductor, Miss Blakely; Assist. Con., Mr. W. Peak and Mr. H. Jones; Sec., Mr. G. Dixon; Treas., Miss Maslin; Mus. Con., Mr. Holden; Assist. Mus. Con., Miss Sharp; Marching Con., Mr. G. Dixon; Leaders, Mr. H. Jones and Miss Hudson; Guardians, Tom Jones (Boys), Marion Tracy (Girls); Librarian, Olive Robinson; Auditors, Mr. H. Jones and Mr. Holden. We hope to see a great increase in numbers this year.—G. A. Dixon.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Fowler St.—On Jan 29th and 30th, Mr. Alfred Kitson, of Batley, visited our Church. He conducted our Lyceum Session and explained to us S.C.R. "The Divine Order," which was well appreciated. In the evening the subject of his address was "Spiritual Gifts—the New Testament," and on Monday evening,—"Is the Bible opposed to Spiritualism." All the services were very interesting and instructive.—E. Short.

WIGAN.—Friday, Feb. 10th, we held our Annual Social and Prize Distribution. Prizes were presented by Mr. Belshaw, our oldest Lyceumist; who in turn received a slight token of the high esteem in which he is held.

Our Anniversary, Feb. 12th. Open Session conducted by Mr. Kitson. At 6-30 Mr. Kitson gave a very interesting address on: "The Religion of Spiritualism." The Social and Anniversary were a marked success, showing great progress in our Lyceum work.—W. Rossiter, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after Feb. 22nd.

RULE 3.—Lyceums taking 1 dozen copies are allowed free insertion of 25 words; 2 dozen 50 words; 3 dozen, 75 words; 4 dozen copies or over, 100 words.

Additional words to be paid for at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. This Rule does not apply to Lyceums numbering fewer than 30 members.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than March 22nd, to ensure insertion in the April issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Argyle Street.—We held our Open Session with great success. At evening service, with the help from the church, we had recitations, solos, duets and also an organ recital by our organist. Marching and calisthenics excellently displayed.—George G. Farnworth, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—We held our Open Sessions on February 5th, which were very well conducted. Invocation by the Secretary and opening hymn 338. In the evening we held a service of song, called "Spirit Return," which was nicely rendered. Mr. Birtwell was at the organ and Mr. Cook was the conductor. Mr. Chambers was the reader.—S. J. Woolmington, Sec.

BACUP.—Open Session, February 5th. Pearls, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Tattersall, Mrs. Ridehalgh, Mrs. Carter, Miss Alexander, Mr. Ridehalgh and Mr. Lord. Recitations, Miss Taylor and Mrs. Ridehalgh. Duets, Mr. and Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Carter and Miss Rhodes, Mr. Ridehalgh and Mrs. Ridehalgh, Miss Tempest and Mrs. Ridehalgh.

BARNOLDSWICK, West End.—On Saturday, February 4th, we held our Tea Party and Prize Distribution, in charge of our Conductor, Mr. G. Bradley, who has been in the Movement over 30 years. Recitations were given by the following:—L. Hartley, Reggie Hartley, Elsie Lund, May Lund, Mr. Hall and Mr. G. Slater. Songs were given by Miss Ella Woffenden and Mrs. Harwood, which were a great success. 63 prizes were distributed.

On Sunday, February 5th, we had our Open Sessions in the Albert Hall, as the Temple is too small for a combine with Earby Lyceum. After evening service our noble pioneer took the Circle. We have had a fine week-end, both spiritually and financially. Trusting our noble friends who have passed the border line to further our progress.—R. W. Shuttleworth.

BARROW (Dalkeith Street).—On January 29th we had a successful Lyceum Day. An enjoyable Open Session was held in the afternoon, when clairvoyance was given by Mrs. Fowler. Lyceumists occupied the platform at night, when a number of papers were read. A pleasing musical programme was given at each session.—B. Walker.

BEDWORTH.—Open Session, February 12th. Recitations given by Mabel Wood, Phyllis Alsop, Irene Tebbits, Katherine Gravette and Edith Adams. Beacon Group rendered a Lyceum hymn.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Open Session on February 5th, conducted by Mr. Taylor. Recitations were given by Evie Williams, George Holehouse, Arthur Cooper. Reading by Lily Leighton. Solo by Miss Rooley. Also 15 pearls, with good explanations. Good session, well attended. We have had our Prize Distribution; also our Annual Tea Party.—Mrs. M. E. Thompson, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On Sunday, January 29th, we had a visit from the E.C. of the National Union. In the afternoon we held our usual Open Session, opening with hymn 371, silver chain 48, M.R. 235, G.C. 138. The marching and calisthenics were very well rendered, over 100 taking part. Then followed the naming of another Lyceumist by Mrs. Jamrack, of London. An excellent programme was given by our scholars and two friends from Darwen. Mrs. Jamrack spoke a few encouraging words and gave the whole Lyceum something to think of. This session was voted one of the best we have had. In the evening we had the Prince's Theatre, where a splendid audience heard some good addresses by members of the E.C.—Mrs. A. Robinson.

BRADFORD, Boynton Street.—On February 5th we held our Open Session. A solo and recitations were given by the scholars. We spent a nice time together.—R. Ward, Sec.

BRADFORD, Harker Street.—We held our Open Session on February 5th and had a good time. Recitations, readings, solos and duets were given by the scholars.—Miss P. Stead, Sec.

BRIGHTON, North Gardens.—Sessions continue cheerful and well attended. Special visit of Mr. Cager, our D.V., who spoke a few encouraging words, which were appreciated by all. February 12th we welcomed Mr. Percy Street (the new President of the S.C.S.L.D.C.) amongst us. Social programme for the month well sustained by younger members.—H.J.E.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On January 29th we held our Lyceum Day, and it was a great success. In the morning we had our usual session, and in the afternoon an Open Session. We had a record attendance and the session was well conducted. In the evening the Lyceumists rendered a service of song, entitled "Into the Light," which was read by our Conductor, Miss Annie Crossley, who did good work all day. All Lyceumists took their parts well and proved to be a progressive Lyceum. It was a day which will be long remembered.—Frank Duckworth, Sec.

BURNLEY, North Street.—On February 5th, 1922, we held our monthly Open Session. These occasions are, I think, to be greatly recommended from an educational standpoint. Our children, I am pleased to say, are showing a keen interest in studying and rendering recitations and songs, which help to develop both talents and memories.

On Saturday, January 28th, we held a Fancy Dress Carnival in our Church, on which occasion Mrs. Pickles presented to us the Silver Shield. Our Conductor for 1921, Miss May Ingham, received it and very gracefully responded. We send our hearty greetings to all Lyceums.—Emily Poppleton, Sec.

BURY.—On January 1st we held our Open Session. Good attendance. Friends from Heywood and Radcliffe. Pearls,

recitations, songs, etc., very good. January 2nd, Annual Tea Party, good attendance. Lyceumists gave "The Brown Mouse"; also songs, recitations, duets, dances. A very good time together.—Mrs. Norris, Sec.

CARDIFF, Central.—Officers for 1922:—Conductress, Miss Adams; Assistant, Miss Davies; Guardian, Miss Marshall; Secretary, Mr. Dawson; Treasurer, Miss Ida Baen; Auditors, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Haste; Captain of Guards, Miss Winnie Baen; Guards, James Dawson and Alf. Bagwell; Musical Conductress, Miss Tarr; Assistant, Miss Ruby Baen; Leaders, Miss Adams, Miss Little, Miss Ida Baen and Mr. Haste.—Alexr. Dawson, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—On Saturday, January 28th, the young men held their Annual Tea and Concert. The large gathering, after having a good tea, settled down to enjoy a splendid concert given by the young men. The distribution of prizes was made during the interval. We had a Lyceum Day on the 29th. Open Session in the afternoon. A very happy time and most instructive. In the evening several Lyceumists took part in the service and were given an attentive hearing by the good audience present.—E. Wilson, Sec.

DONCASTER, Wood Street.—We held our Open Session on February 5th. The session was conducted by Miss Violet Batty; invocation given by Miss Bertha Moseley. After an enjoyable hour, it was brought to a close by Miss Agnes Johnson. We are progressing fine. The following officers were elected:—Conductor, Mr. C. Batty; Assistant, Mr. H. Taylor; Musical Conductor, Mr. S. Webb; Treasurer, Mrs. Gosling; Secretary, Miss V. L. Batty; Delegates, Miss V. Batty and Miss B. Moseley; Captain of Guards, Mr. Trout; Guardian, Miss F. Moseley.—Miss V. Batty, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—On February 12th we held our Open Session. Opening hymn 407. Songs and recitations were given by W. Shuttleworth, G. Shaw, A. Wintersgill, L. Foulds, L. Millward, F. Astley, M. Robinson, H. Eastwood, M. Astley, M. Nichol and A. Dawson. Closing hymn 312. A good session was spent.—F. Astley, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—On February 5th we held our Open Session. The readings were gone through by various scholars. S.C., Mrs. Hudson; M.R., Mrs. Hall, Mrs. J. Hodgson and Alice Hopper; G.C., Wilson Howarth. Recitations were given by Edgar Hudson, Alice Owen, John Robert Thornley and Alice Howarth. Solos by Mrs. Hudson and Ada Frankland.—Ada Waterhouse, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Open Session held 5th February. The weather being unsuitable members present did their best to make it bright. Mr. G. Cole ably conducted. Solo rendered by Miss E. Cole and the recitations by Misses I. Jewitt and B. Barron were well received. Pearls also were given.—Mollie Barron, Sec.

HORWICH, Beatrice Street.—On February 11th we had a Tea Party and Concert, in aid of our Building Fund. It proved to be a great success. The concert was given by outside friends, so in time to come we hope to draw more friends into our ranks. The Spiritualists and Lyceumists of Horwich are all looking forward to the time when we shall have a Church of our own, but we shall never forget the good times we have had in our humble room in Beatrice Street. We hope that all Spiritualists will band themselves together, for we realise that Union is strength.—Annie Purchas, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter's Street.—On February 5th we held our Open Session and Annual Prizegiving. There was a splendid gathering of friends to witness the scholars receive rewards for their efforts of the past year. Recitations, solos and duets were given by the scholars. The prizes were presented by our Conductor, Mrs. Oliver. Our Assistant Conductor, Miss A. Woodside, presented the Conductor's prize. After the prizes had been distributed the Secretary, on behalf of the Lyceum, presented Mrs. Oliver with a writing attaché case in appreciation of her good work during the time she has held the office.

HULL, Metropole Hall.—Pleased to report progress in our Lyceum. We held Open Session, February 6th, when the younger Lyceumists came forward briskly with solos and recitations. We had a visit from Mrs. Begg on February 19th, who joined our Liberty Group in discussion on S.C.R. No. 1. Regret to report the passing on of Miss Elsie Bird, aged 27.—G.M.

KEIGHLEY.—We held our Annual Meeting on January 28th and the following were elected as officers:—Conductor, T. Robinson; Assistants, A. Midgley, J. Midgley and E. Sharpe; Guardians, A. Sabey, A. Wood, E. Sharpe and W. Jacques; Treasurer, W. Thistlethwaite; Secretary, S. Hudson; Captains of Marching, E. and W. Summers; Leaders, O. Teale and N. Spencer; Musical Directors, O. Wood and W. Thistlethwaite.—S. Hudson, Sec.

LEIGH, Avenue.—On February 1st we held our Prize Distribution; 40 children were present. An enjoyable evening was spent together.—J.G.

LONDON, Tottenham.—Since last writing we have celebrated, in the most joyous fashion, our New Year's Party, which went off extra well and was too soon over. Mr. and Mrs. Clegg gave us a surprise by their unexpected visit and consequently our happiness was more than complete. For this year's examination we had, unfortunately, only five candidates sitting, but hope they all passed; they certainly did their best. We are eagerly expecting the results now.—O.M.

LONDON, Wimbledon Lyceum.—On January 21st we held our Annual Tea, Social and Prize Distribution. An excellent tea was served, and the prizes were distributed by our esteemed friend, Mrs. Lewis. This was followed by games and music. A ventriloquial sketch by one of our members, assisted by "Jimmie," was greatly appreciated, especially by the children. A vote of thanks to all concerned in inaugurating the social was proposed by Mr. R. A. Bush, our President. A most enjoyable evening.—V. Morgan, Sec.

LONDON, Woolwich and Plumstead.—We are still progressing, although sickness has been rife. Pearls well maintained and explanations given. We have enrolled five new scholars during the month. Greetings to Lyceumists everywhere.—H. Watthey, Sec. *pro tem.*

MARSDEN.—On January 28th we held the Lyceumists' Annual Tea and Concert. We had a jolly time, the younger ones giving a musical play, "Old Susan's Fairies"; the elders a sketch, "Three Blind Mice." Songs and cornet solos, and various items. We continued our week-end by holding Andrew J. Davis Day on the Sunday. Mr. Ackroyd, of Huddersfield, presented prizes for attendance during the past year, 24 Lyceumists receiving prizes.—Martha Varley, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road West.—We have celebrated 50th Anniversary of opening of Lyceum Movement. Mrs. Lofthouse read a brief article on "Lifework of A. J. Davis." After usual procedure, nine young Lyceumists performed the A. J. Davis March, well done and supervised by Miss V. Bonsor. This service was continued on February 5th. Hymns and reading fair. Pearls good. Solo by L. Ford and M. Newton. Duets by M. Craddock and Ida Scott. Recitations by A. Scott, M. Abbott, M. Brown and Alice Bartlett. Every credit due to our Musical Conductor, Miss V. Bonsor, in way she trained the children.—Albert H. Colbourne, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Rutherford Street.—On February 5th we held our Open Session, when we had a very interesting ceremony in the naming of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicol, ably conducted by Mr. Huckleby, one of our own Lyceumists, who gave it the name of Lilian and the spirit name of "Peace." Appropriate solos were rendered by Lyceum members, while the Lyceum all joined in singing "Hand in hand with Angels," and the youngest children marched round and placed a flower on the child. That it may be spared to enjoy the Lyceum training is the wish of us all. There was a good attendance, hoping it may continue.—E. Wilkinson, Sec.

NEW MANCHESTER.—On February 5th we held our usual Groups, when Mr. Bell gave to the Liberty Group a lecture on the "Principles of the Bible." There was much discussion, and it was decided to go through each book in turn, starting with the Creation or new era, on February 19th and alternate Sundays.—G. W. Barratt, Sec.

NEWPORT, MON., Central.—On January 29th we had a Naming Ceremony, in which our Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Hillman, named the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Doreen, spirit name "Muresa." Soloist Miss Young. A very pleasant time was spent. On February 1st we held our Open Session, which was very well attended. Songs, Kitty Rowe, "Clap your hands for joy"; Iris Higgins, "Sweet little fellow," which were very good and enjoyed. Recitations by Willie Rowe, Leslie Folkes, Horatio James, Sophie James. Pearls by Ivor

Gamlin, Iris Higgins, George Smith, Leslie Folkes, Horatio James, Jack Read, Gladys Pugh, Mr. Taylor, Hilda Rowe, Vida Pitman, Helen Smith, Harold Moore, Mrs. Curtis, Mr. Folkes, Mr. Read and little Godfrey Rowe. Every one had a good time.—H. Folkes, Sec.

PRESTON, Lancaster Road.—We held our Open Session on February 5th. We had a most enjoyable session. We were favoured with recitations, solos, duets, etc., by many Lyceumists. The various readings, marches and calisthenics were gone through in a very nice manner, and good discussion with the readings. A grand session, which wound up with pearls.—R. Smalley, Sec.

QUARMBY.—On the 2th February we again held our Open Session. Pearls and recitations were rendered by Lyceumists. It was a very enjoyable session.—Alice Ollerenshaw.

READING.—It gives me some pleasure to report that during the last three months our progress has been steady and sure. The majority of the lessons given have been prepared by comparatively new scholars and show a high standard of moral and spiritual development, which is indeed pleasing.—C. R. Churn, Sec.

SHAW, Lyon Street.—On Saturday, February 11th, the above Lyceum held their Annual Tea Party and Prize Day, which was very well attended, 100 sitting down to tea. A very pleasant evening was spent with dancing, singing and dialogues. Mr. Lord, of Heywood, presented the prizes to the Lyceumists and gave some very encouraging remarks. A very successful day.

On Sunday, February 12th, the Lyceum Anniversary was held. In the evening an Open Session was held and very well attended. Collections good. On February 19th the election of officers took place.—H.G.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—On January 29th, we held our Lyceum Propaganda Day. Open Sessions 2-30 and 6-30. Very interesting sessions. On February 5th we held our Open Session. A good attendance.—Geo. Porter, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, High Shields.—January 28th we had a splendid and instructive address from Mr. Kitson, on "The Lyceum and its needs"; everyone delighted. 28th Anniversary of the Lyceum movement conducted by Mrs. Hall, of Gateshead, assisted by Mr. Hall, D.V. A splendid session. We have been delighted with an increase of interest in the Lyceum shown by adults during this month. Individual effort has been very good; too many names to mention in the space at our disposal. Altogether things are going on satisfactorily.—Wm. Woodall.

STOCKTON, Cecil Street.—On February 5th we held our Open Session. We had a large attendance of scholars. There was the usual shower of pearls and recitations, which were followed by solos and duets. Altogether we spent an enjoyable session, under the able conductorship of Mr. Neale. Our motto is "To do good."—Geo. Neale, Jun., Sec.

WALSALL.—The Walsall Spiritualists' Lyceum held a successful Social in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, on Wednesday, January 18th. Tea was provided, and this was followed by an entertainment, given by Lyceumists. Sweets, fruit and crackers were very kindly provided by Mrs. Keay, Mrs. Aldridge and Mr. Oswin. Father Christmas arrived and distributed presents to the children. The prizes for attendance during the year 1921 were presented by Mrs. Keay. A large number of parents were present and a most enjoyable time was spent by all.—I. Jones.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—We held our Annual Election of Officers on February 5th, when the following officers were chosen:—Conductor, Mrs. Toft; Vice-Conductor, Miss Peacock; Musical Conductor, Miss Elwin; Treasurer, Mr. A. Ward; Secretary, Mr. J. Robbie; Captain of Guards, Sidney Coates; Guard, Norman Hunter. Our Lyceum is growing and gives us good promise for the coming year.—James Robbie, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—We held our Open Session on February 5th, and a very nice time we had. Our Lyceum is slowly, but surely, growing, and before long we hope to have a large school. Recitations and pearls were given by the following children:—Doris Penaluna, Connie Gray, Maud Elliott, Lizzie Stacey, Emma Thoratton, Mrs. Staley, Harriet Turner, Olga Mawson, May Staley, Horace Saville and Thomas Paskell. Calisthenics were given very successfully by Miss Dorothy Elliott. God bless our Lyceum, may its progress be ever onward towards that which is good.—H. Elliott, Sec.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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Birmingham District.

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- J Birmingham, Handsworth, 53, Villa-road, 3 p.m. Mr. J. Maybury, 41, Mardock-rd., Handsworth
- J Birmingham, King's Heath, Tindall St Schools 11-3 a.m. Mr. T. R. Fletcher, 19 Honor-street, Moseley
- J Birmingham, Saitley, Alum Rock Road, 3 p.m. Mr. W. Page, 188 Wright-road, Saltley Birmingham
- J Coventry, Bull-street (off Hertford-street), 3-0 to 4-3 p.m. Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-street, Queensland avenue
- J Coventry, Broadgate 3-3 p.m. Mr. J. Dalrymple, 1 Moorhill-road
- J Feolshill, Broad street, 10-45 a.m. Mrs. E. Hutton, 278 Longford-road, Longford, nr. Coventry
- J Walsall, Temperance Hall, Freer-street 2-30 p.m. Mr. D. Allen, 29, Willows-road
- J Wolverhampton, School-street, 2 p.m. Mr. A. Hodges, 66 Curzon-street
- J Wolverhampton, Temple-street, 2-15. Mr. C. E. Hughes, 13 Cousin's-street

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- D Bolton, Deane road, 10-30 a.m. Miss S. Concannon, 2 Blackburn road
- D Bolton, Henri-street, 10-15. Mr. L. Turner, 55 Bridgeman-pace
- D Bury, 66, King-street, Rochdale-road 10 and 1-45 Mrs. Norris, 5 Hopkington-street, Elton Bury
- D Daisy Hill, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Withington, 3 Wood-street Westhoughton nr. Bolton
- D Horwich, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss A. Purchas, 108 Lea-Lane Horwich
- D Radcliffe, Railway-street, 10-30. Mr. J. Butterworth, 1, Church street East

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- F Bradford, Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m. Mr W. Simpson, 29, Yung street, Girdlington
- F Bradford, East Bowling, Wakefield-road, Harker street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss G. Bzealey, 9 Coventry street, Wakefield road
- F Bradford, 432, Manchester-road, 10-30 and 1-45 Mr. F. Ling, 5, Tichborne road W. Bowling
- F Bradford, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Miss H. Raistrick, 64, Dover street.
- F Bradford, Laisterdyke, Killing 1 road, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Babbs 3, Dundas-street Listerdyke
- F Kelghley, Heber-street, 10 and 1-30. Miss F. Hudson, 29 Fell Lane.
- F Shipley, 122, court, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 28, St. Paul's road
- F Windhill, Schoolhill, 10-30 and 1-30 p.m. Miss E. Alderson, 57, Avondale road
- F Yeodan, Town Hall, 10 and 1-45. Mr. G. W. Elliott, 17, Ivegate, nr. Leeds
- F Skipton, Mr. W. Reynolds, 11, Cumberland street.

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- F Brighouse, Martin-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mrs. G. Crowther, 13 Church street, Raistrick
- F Elland, Southgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss Elsie Green, 10, James street
- F Halifax, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. R. Holroyd, Staincliffe, Francis-street
- F Halifax, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. L. Blackburn, 16, Luton-street, Queen's Road
- F Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss F. Houlston, Brunswick-street.
- F Huddersfield, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Miss D. Allured, 37, Midland street
- F Huddersfield, St. Peter-street, 10-30 a.m. & 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Hirst, 18, Newhouse-place, Highfields-road, Huddersfield
- F Marsden, Oliver Lane, 10-30 and 2-0. Miss M. Valey, The Chain

- V Quarmby, Quarmby road, 10-30 and 2. Miss A. A. Ollermshaw, 152, Acree-street, Laidley, nr. Huddersfield
- F Sialthwaite, Laith-lans, 10-15 a.m. Mr. F. Barrett, 474, Spurn Point, Linthwaite, near Huddersfield
- F Sowerby Bridge, 4 Milns-lans, 9-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. John Teal, Hoyle House
- F West Vale, Halifax, Green Lane, 10 and 1-45. Miss C. Eastwood, 12, Haigh Street, Greenland, Halifax

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- E Batley Carr, Carr street, 10 and 2. Mr. W. Womersley, 112, Oaks-rd.
- E Castleford, Lower Oxford-street, 10 15 a.m. Miss Mary Allott 8 Parker-street, Half Acres, Castleford
- E Dewsbury, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. E. Wilson, 7, Reform street, Westboro', Dewsbury
- E Hackenshaw, Towar-street, 2 p.m. Miss R. Wainbl-fon, 2, Wellington street, Union road
- E Hull, Dairycoates, Dee-street, H-ale-road, 1-45 p.m. Mr. A. E. Cook, 3 Alma Avenue, E. Linburgh-street.
- E Hull, Holborn Hall, H lburn-street. Witham, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. A. Millson, 8, Arthur's-terrace, Court-ney-street, Holderness-road
- E Hull, Metro-ole Hall 2-0. Mr. Martin, 61 Walker's Square, Sykes-street
- E Leeds, Armsley, Theaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. W. Akroyd, 112 Canal-road, Armsley
- E Leeds, Rockingham-street, Wa e Lane (Psycho), 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. L. Moo e, 58 To-n an est. Bramley, Leeds
- E Leeds, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss M. Huley, 7, Copperfield place, Cross Green lane
- E Leeds, Roxburgh-road 16, Seiborne place, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mrs. Manuel, 57, Bewardley-street, Dewsbury-road
- E Littletown, Wall-street, 2 p.m. Miss A. Hirst, Wall-street, Littletown, nr. Liversedge.
- E Moorthorpe, Barnsley-road, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. G. O. Kelly, 53, Wesley-street, Moorthorpe, South Elmsall, nr. Pontefract
- E Normanton, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Z. Walker, 14, Wakefield-road
- E Wakefield, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side entrance) 1-45. Mr. J. T. Hargate, 8 Don-caster Road.
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- D Warrington, Sankey street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. James Lawton, 7 Hewitt-street.
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