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MR. WM. CHISNALL.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this month another Lyceum worker, and at my request for a sketch of his life, I received the following information:—"I was born at Royton, on May 22nd, 1857. I was early in life trained in the principles of the Christian Religion, and at the age of 16 years was accepted a member of the Primitive Methodist Church, in the town of my birth. I remained a member for 18 years, serving as a teacher, secretary, and trustee (in which capacity I remain at present), also class leader, steward to the Society for a number of years, always taking an interest in the work of the Society and school. About seven years ago, I was induced to attend a Spiritualists' Circle, at the Temple Society, Oldham, although at the time I thought it sinful to associate with such people, always having an idea that it was of the Evil one. I listened to the discourse, which was of a spiritual nature, and it gave me food for thought in my quiet moments. Listening to Clairvoyant descriptions (which were something new to me), I had a dear friend described to me, also many striking incidents which had occurred in connection with our friendship with each other, so that I felt convinced that there was something that I had yet to learn of the Life hereafter, and that something I was determined to know, if possible. Thus it was that I was influenced to attend other meetings, private and public, when opportunity presented itself, until at last I commenced at home a circle of investigation, and realising the proof of the return of spirit, I determined to free myself of my former beliefs, and give forth in its place what was, and is to me, "the one thing needful," that the Nazarene spoke about. I felt it my duty to use my influence and power to spread



MR. WILLIAM CHISNALL.

the cause in my own town. This was suggested to a friend of mine, who was interested in the matter, and along with a few other friends we commenced the present society at Royton, amidst great opposition, and we are still progressing. It was no easy task for me to sever my connection with the Church of my early days, for it meant the loss of many friends and acquaintances, and taking upon myself the scorn and ridicule which is at times hurled at us by those who have yet to learn the grand lessons which the Spirits give to those who earnestly seek to know the truth. After establishing ourselves as a Society, I felt there was something short, the children were still outside, and the door must be opened for them. I am glad to say that the children were soon gathered in, and it gives me great pleasure to train them in the principles of our cause. The Children's Progressive Lyceum movement has always the first call upon my services. I have been

President of the Royton Society since its commencement, five years ago (with the exception of six months), which position I still retain; District Visitor for the South-East Lancashire Spiritualists' Progressive Lyceums; and was one of the first delegates to respond to the call of Mr. Longstaff in connection with the Lancashire Lyceum Demonstration."

Such men as Mr. Chisnall form the back-bone of Lyceum workers in Lancashire, and I recollect when he walked as a Marshal by my side, when on the occasion of the Lyceum Demonstration at Royton, in 1894, we passed the Schools' procession of that town, how keenly and scornfully they looked at us, especially the parsons; but our friend smiled at them, for he has realized that no grander cause than the Lyceum movement can be promulgated. May God speed his endeavour to help our children in all kinds of reform is the wish of his friend and co-worker.

J. B. LONGSTAFF.

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Your loving friend, DAISY DIMPLE.

What Three Children heard under an Oak.

BY FLORENCE MORSE.

Author of *Tommy the Bootblack*; *Daisy: an Autobiography*; *My First Patient*; *Some Cats I have known*, etc., etc.

CHAPTER III.—Continued.

THE SPARROWS ADVENTURE.

"Yes, but more frightened than hurt. None of my bones were broken, and the next morning, after I had eaten the crumbs and seed given to me, I thought I would look round. It was a funny place; there were a lot of chairs and a big table. How the people managed to get about in it I don't know. Of course I could hop under or fly over them all, but they could not. They were very kind to me though, and I really had quite a pleasant time while I was there. There was one thing I could never understand, and that was the two large holes in the wall at one side of the room. I could see through them, but every time I tried to fly through something stopped me."

"They were windows made of glass," said Teddy, "and you can't go through glass."

"I don't know anything about that," answered the sparrow, "but one morning I flew to the window and found I could get through it, so I looked round at the people, who had taken such good care of me, said good-bye (it only sounded like tweet to them), and flew home to my mother's nest."

"I remained in the city all the winter, but when the bright spring days came I went into the country; last spring I came here."

"Are you going to stay here?" asked Dora.

"I think so, it is delightful in this wood, so quiet and so sunny."

"But it won't be sunny when winter comes."

"I know that, but there is plenty of places to shelter in, and the people living near always throw plenty of crumbs for the birds. Good-bye little people, I must go now, but I want you to remember one thing, if you find a dead bird, be sure it is dead before you give it to a cat," then with a lively "tweet, tweet," he spread his wings and flew away.

"Are you ready to come home, children?" called nurse.

"Yes, I want my tea," replied Teddy.

The next day at dinner Mamma said.

"How would you all like to go to a Circus? you would like it, I'll take you this evening."

"That's jolly," from Teddy.

"I should like it ever so much," said Dora.

"Youse a lovely Mamma," declared Edie.

When tea was over, they all started for the Circus, which was being held in a large tent just outside the village. They arrived early, so obtained seats right in the front, right opposite the entrance to the ring. How they did enjoy it all. The bare-back riding filled Teddy with a desire to join a Circus and become a rider at once, but when some acrobats performed all kinds of wonderful things suspended from the roof, he decided that that was the only profession worth belonging to. About half-way through the performance Teddy and Dora made a funny discovery, underneath the seat was Stumpy, as still as a mouse. How he came there no one knew, neither of the children said anything about him, for they were afraid he would be turned out.

After the Acrobats had finished, a long table was carried into the ring, some tiny chairs and ladders were placed upon

it, then three hampers. A kind looking man and a fair haired girl opened the hampers and out jumped six small fox terriers who, at a word from the man, jumped and begged, climbed ladders, sat on the chairs, and turned somersalts over them.

Suddenly Stumpy, who had watched everything, gave a loud bark of delight, jumped over the barrier, sprang on to the table and walked across it on his front legs to where the girl was standing. Everybody laughed, but in spite of Teddy's cry of "Stumpy, Stumpy," he stayed on the table until the dogs entertainment was finished.

When the performance concluded, Mamma and the children enquired for Stumpy, he was brought to them by the dog trainer, who in reply to Mamma's apology for his bad behaviour said:—

"He is very much like a dog I lost two or three years ago but his tail is much shorter, but he has evidently been a performing dog at one time."

"How can we find out if he is your dog?" answered Mamma, "he is not really ours, he was a stray dog that the children took a fancy to, so we have allowed them to keep him."

"I will call him by the name my little girls gave him and then see if he can do one special trick she taught him."

"Punch, you are a bad dog."

Down on to the ground went Stumpy covering his eyes with his jaws.

"Yes, he is my dog," said the fair haired girl, "I am so glad to have him back."

The three children said "good-bye" to Stumpy sadly and Edie cried all the way home. The man and Stumpy walked with them to the gate of their house, and as they passed under an oak on the way Stumpy said "Don't cry, I'll come here again some time and talk to you all again," and Mamma and the man wondered what he was growling at, but they did not know what Three Children heard under an Oak!

THE END.

THE BANNER'S LETTER BOX.

A Letter from the Mound City.

DEAR EDITORS.—I give you greeting from the Mound City, where I have been working for the good cause of Spiritualism these past two months. I am pleased to report I have found a thriving Lyceum here, in connection with the Society. They have a regular attendance of about 60 children, and 40 adults. The marching and calisthenics are excellent, but their greatest drawback is the want of suitable books for lessons. I have suggested to them "Spiritualism for the Young" and the LYCEUM BANNER, and I am authorised to subscribe for a dozen copies of the BANNER for 6 months, for which I enclose Money Order herein. During January and February I was in Buffalo, N. Y., and Indianapolis, Ind., where there are fine Lyceums in both Cities. I know you will be glad to hear that the American Spiritualists are at last waking up to a sense of their duty towards the Young. With best wishes for the success of the Banner and its Editors, I remain, brother worker,

T. GRIMSHAW.

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The cheapest buttons in the world are the small glass ones, which come from Bohemia, and of which about 25,000 can be bought for one shilling.

Next Month: The Adventures of Solomon!



Our Daisies' Page

Edited by Daisy Dimple.

MY DEAR DAISIES:—As our Story which commenced last month is so long, I think I must not "talk" any this time, but just finish the Story, and next month perhaps I may have something even more interesting.

THE LITTLE DANCER.

(Continued.)

THE opening of the pantomime was fast approaching, and Ethel's time was very much taken up with rehearsals, her father, too, was very busy, for there was a great deal to do. Ethel's success was becoming more and more assured, everybody was loud in her praise, her name was printed in bold letters on all the bills, and numbers of gorgeous pictures were to be seen on the walls and in the shops, promising wonderful things on her behalf, and how eagerly she hoped that nothing would step in to prevent her "first appearance."

For a week past Ethel's mother had not been well, but all hoped she would be well enough to go and see the first public success of the child she loved so well. There was only a week to wait now, and that would soon be gone she thought, but one night when she and her father got home they found a neighbour in their kitchen, who approached them immediately they entered. "Hallo! Mrs. Dunn, what's the matter?" Your wife is very ill, Mr. Bates, and doctor says it's fever." And so it turned out to be, for fever was prevalent in that locality, and had done much mischief. This was a sad blow both to Tom and Ethel, nor was it the worst, for in three days the mother breathed her last, as, resting in the arms of her husband she kissed her darling Ethel, knowing that it would be the last kiss she would give on this earth, and so she passed away. The grief of father and child knew no bound. Both were desirous of cancelling the engagements regarding Ethel's appearance in the pantomime. The manager, whilst full of sympathy to them both, was furious when they suggested her retirement, and everybody in the Theatre, whilst showing all the kindness they could, urged them to keep the engagements entered into, not only with the manager, but with the public who were eagerly waiting to see the new fairy favorite.

The few remaining days went all too quickly now, and the day which at last dawned, and was to have been the brightest day of Ethel's life, was of necessity to be also the saddest. Before noon, the earthly body of the loving mother and wife was laid away quietly in the cemetery. A number of the people at the Theatre came out of sympathy to the father and child, and though there were no wreaths or flowers, as tokens of "fashionable" sympathy, yet there were wreaths of love and flowers of sympathy abounding in the hearts of three who stood at the grave side. Two were visible, and one invisible, and had Ethel's eyes not been so filled with tears, she would possibly have seen, had she looked up

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Evening came, and with downcast hearts Ethel and her father were in their places. All was excitement, bustle, and

turmoil. The people were crowding into the Theatre, the boys in the gallery were shouting and whistling, and throwing orange peel on to the heads of the people down below. It was nearly time to commence, and the ladies and gentlemen were rapidly filling up the boxes and circles, the band was getting ready, and making most discordant noises in tuning up. On the stage, and amongst the scenery, painters, carpenters, plumbers, call boys, acrobats, funny men and women, good fairies, evil spirits, witches, kings, queens, princes, princesses, lords and ladies, singers and dancers, were all jostling about after their various duties, and such a whirl of excitement was in the air, that poor Ethel, sick at heart, wished she was out of it. But it was not for long, for soon the pantomime commenced, and went on swimmingly. Ethel's dance had to take place in the Grand Ball Room Scene, in the presence of the Royal Family and the Court, before the twelve o'clock dance when Cinderella has to leave the Ball. This time had now come, and Ethel, who had to appear as a "Fairy Visitor," was waiting at the side of the stage, dressed in such brilliant array as almost turned the queen green with envy.

With a thick shawl over her shoulders to keep her warm she waited with palpitating heart, listening for the sound of the Heralds' trumpets which would announce her entry. Suddenly the sounds came, her father stooped to kiss her and she felt the hot tear which fell; her heart gave a bound, but she had learned her part well: with sylph-like grace she tripped on to the stage, her face, which had been pale with grief, now became a beautiful rosy colour with excitement, the glare of the thousands of gas lights almost blinded her, the cheers of the vast audience nearly unnerved her, but her heart was in her duty, her thoughts never went beyond the boards which her feet had to cover.

Her father had left the stage and rushed round to the back of the crowd in the theatre, so as to get a better view of his own "Fairy." As he looked upon her graceful figure, his eyes seemed to say "Can that be my Ethel? My own child, her mother's darling, holding this vast audience spell-bound and breathless? Yes! it was! Oh if he could only have had his dear wife there now, to share his joy," his cup of blessing would be complete. In his excitement he strained every nerve, and for support had clutched the back of a seat with an iron grip. No one in that vast audience had noticed his peculiar manner, for all eyes were as strongly centered on the tiny object on the stage as were his own. Then she finished, he suddenly came to himself and rushed around to the stage to welcome her off. The prolonged cheers and hurrahs from the people were most deafening. The gallery boys whistled and shouted louder than ever, nobody in the pit remembered the insults of the orange peel, the ladies and gentlemen in the circles clapped their hands and waved their handkerchiefs. The King and Queen on the throne joined in the applause, and the Prince and Cinderella, forgetting all court dignity, were actually kissing each other in their pleasure. The Manager had come from his private box to compliment Ethel, and all was din and delightful uproar. Nor did it seem likely to stop. Everything in the pantomime was forgotten for the moment, all that was wanted was the re-appearance of the "Fairy dancer."

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SAM SIMSON'S "HORROR PARTY."

Specially written for the LYCEUM BANNER by EDITH K. RENDLE.

Did you ever hear of a "Horror Party"? I never did until a few weeks ago, when I read an account of one in Father's newspaper. A "Horror Party" is one where each guest brings the thing he or she dislikes more than anything else in the world. The party I read about was very tame I think. One of the guests brought with him a black cat. He said he couldn't bear black cats, but the lady who gave the party kept the poor thing, I am glad to say. One girl brought a slipper, which used to hurt her very much; she said it had been a perfect 'horror' for the last six months. I suppose the silly thing had tried to make her feet look small. Nearly all girls wear tight shoes, I notice, and then stick their feet out for you to admire them; and if you say, "What a small foot," they scream out "Why these shoes are miles and miles too big!"

I know what girls are, for I have a big sister.

Well, I was going to tell you. I had a birthday last week, and mother had allowed me to invite a few friends.

You see, I was rather tired of the birthday parties I had always had—tea with cake, then little pianoforte pieces played by girls who generally broke down in the middle of it, and girls nearly always choose "The Maiden's Prayer," or "The Fairy Wedding," and the boys as a rule recite "Casabianca," or else "The Wreck of the Hesperus," or "Half a league onward." So I thought I would have something fresh; I would have a 'Horror Party.' I told everyone who was coming to bring *the worst thing they liked*; and a few—a very few chaps whom I could trust, I put up to a thing or two, for I meant we should have some fun.

We all looked so nice having tea in our Sunday clothes. Milly, my big sister, looked beautiful. I told her she would do to squeeze through a crowd; but I heard old Greenaway, her sweetheart, say, "How lovely you are, my darling!"

"Ah, old chap," I said "you'd be sure to say that, if you saw her with her hair in crackers every morning!"

Milly laughed and said, "Don't try to be funny Sam. There was once a little boy who tried all his might to be funny, but his brain was not equal to it, and he *died*!"

But the look she gave me, shewed she meant to have her revenge on me. Never mind; I had my innings first. During tea-time, first one would burst out laughing, and another would nearly choke trying *not* to laugh. They were thinking of the "horrors" they had brought to show.

After tea, we all went into the play-room where the "horrors" were in parcels on the table.

The girls were allowed to undo their parcels first.

One little girl brought a scratchy slate pencil. She said it made her tooth ache when she wrote with it. Now I always try to get a pencil that squeaks, so I got her to give it to me. Won't old Goggles be wild when he hears it in school!

Another girl shewed us a Welsh doll. She said it made her dream. I asked her to give me that doll, but she wouldn't, I wanted to put it in Timid Tinkle's bed. He sleeps in our dormitory. Never mind, I chipped the nose of the ugly thing.

A very little girl brought some candied peel. She said, "Me don't yike it, me takes all ne narky peel out of me cake!"

I wish I had sat next to her at tea-time.

All the girls brought the same kind of nonsense. Mother and Father seemed really interested, and Milly and Mr. Greenaway *pretended* to be, all the time squeezing each others hands under the table. I saw them.

He had some real fun when the boy's turn came.

First, Joseph Hall began to undo a big parcel, and I wondered what larks; but he only brought out a slate and pen, pen and ink, and a whole pile of school books. I didn't see any joke in this, but the grown-up folks seemed to, and laughed like anything.

When Willie Menzies opened his box; out flew a huge bat, which whirled round and round, and knocked up against Milly who screamed awfully until the thing flew out of the window. Father laughed all the time, so I thought to myself "I shall be all right I can see, Dad *will* enjoy *my* horrors."

I don't think I quite understood Father until the day was over, though.

Bert Bingham shewed a grey mouse in a trap, and everyone said, "What pretty eyes!" "The innocent creature!" "How can you have a horror of a tiny animal like that?"

But, when Willie Menzies accidentally for the purpose, knocked over the trap, and let the mouse escape, more than one person had a horror of that tiny animal. Of course, Milly must make a fuss, and then faint. I believe she only did it as an excuse to go behind the folding doors and spoon with old Greenaway.

Milly did not know she had taken one of *my* horrors with her. As it was my birthday, I thought I was justified in having two horrors; so, a little while before, I had quietly put some finely chopped hair down her neck. That was to pay her for the look she gave me, when she tried to snub me before the company.

When Milly 'came to,' she joined us round the table again. She was just in time to see Ted and Dick Elsdon open two little boxes.

Out of Ted's box there flew a lovely big cockchafer that buzzed round and settled on old Greenaway's hair. Milly thinks that man so good, but I can tell her I heard him whisper a wicked swear just then.

From Dick's box there crawled the largest and shiniest black beetle I ever saw. Such a beauty.

Some of the girls cried, and wanted to go home to their mothers.

Father didn't seem to appreciate the fun at all, strangely enough. Even when I put my second horror—some pepper—in the fire, he did not seem amused, and yet it was really funny to hear everyone sneezing and coughing, and not being able to stop.

I noticed Milly kept getting as red as a lobster, and fidgetting. She said something to mother, who whispered to father, Father *looked* at me, and Milly went out of the room. Milly did not come back again until supper was nearly over, and the jelly gone. When she *did* come, she looked all fresh, as though she had just come out of the bath. I rather guess she had, and she had on another frock.

After the party was over, Father invited me into his study. He said, as I had so freely distributed my 'horrors' or caused them to be distributed, with such keen relish; he had reserved something special in that line, which, he said, with my delicate and extraordinary sense of humor, I might perhaps be able to appreciate.

I can't say much about that—my feelings will not allow me to. But, this I can say, that awful experience gave me an idea. It is this, at the next "horror party," I shall shew Dad's nobby walking stick, a piece of dry bread, and a cup of cold water.

Next Month: The Adventures of Solomon!



MR. THOMAS G. NEWMAN.

WE present our readers in the above portrait with the counterfeit presentment of Mr. Thomas G. Newman, the Editor, Publisher, and Proprietor of *The Philosophical Journal*, published in San Francisco, California. Mr. Newman is an Englishman, a Somersetshire man, in fact. He has resided in the States for many years, and has had a wide experience of newspaper editing and publishing, previous to taking charge of the journal named above. The Editor of the BANNER received many kindly courtesies from our brother, and he sends to him his heartiest good wishes. Our readers will be pleased to see "what manner of man it is," that presides over so ably and well-conducted a sheet as is the *Journal*, for it is a power in the work with our co-believers across the ocean. Mr. Newman is a special and high authority on Bees and Bee-keeping, and has visited this country in connection with international meetings concerning such subjects. An advertisement of the *Journal* appears on the last page.

WHAT OUR LYCEUMS ARE DOING.

IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES.—Reports arriving at the BANNER Office after the 24th of the month cannot be guaranteed insertion in the next issue.

BOLTON.—The Lyceum Anniversary was held on March 14th. Mr. Mason, president of the Lyceum Union, gave good and helping addresses, which shewed to the audience Lyceum work in its true light. Miss Whitely gave very good Clairvoyance. We heartily thank all who did their best to make it a success.—[TOO LATE FOR APRIL.]

COLNE.—The Colne Spiritualists' Children's Progressive Lyceum celebrated the 49th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on Sunday, March 28th, when the programme included the following special items: Recitation, "The Angels are near," by Miss Robinson. Solo, "The Angels come to me," by Miss Sarah Alice Bean. Reading by the Conductor, entitled: "The commencement of Modern Spiritualism," from "Outlines of Spiritualism," by Mr. Alf. Kitson. Dialogue, "A Chat about the objects and aims of the GOLDEN GROUP," by Masters Jos. Wood and Edward

Hebblethwaite. Presentation of 16 GOLDEN GROUP Certificates, with suitable remarks to the recipients to be steadfast to their promises, by the Conductor. Recitation, "Awakened by the Angels," by Miss Middleditch. Solo, "Angels keep me in the light;" by Miss Florence Catley. The Conductor here compared the position of Spiritualists to that of the Catholics of Canada, whom Archbishop Longeigh has told, that they must vote in the election as the Church dictates, or their bodies will not be buried in consecrated ground. After taking up a collection of ten shillings for the Indian Famine Fund, the proceedings were closed with the Benediction. Quite a number of visitors were present.

LONDON, (Edmonton).—We had a grand tea and entertainment on Tuesday, April 20th, when about 60 children sat down to tea; afterwards there were games in a field close by. Then, at eight o'clock, we returned to our hall and finished the evening with songs and recitations, from friends and the children. Messrs. Rose and Clapham gave us some splendid selections with the flute and zither. We have now 50 members, and hope soon to have 50 more.—SECRETARY.

MANCHESTER (Tipping Street).—April 4th, Half-yearly Meeting and Election of Officers. Conductor, Mr. G. E. Braham; assistant conductors, Messrs. Longstaff and Taylor; treasurer, Mr. J. Cheetwood; secretary, Mr. G. Leigh. Sunday, April 18th, conductor, Mr. Braham. Mr. J. J. Morse, who kindly paid us a visit, along with Mr. Orr, Mr. Swindlehurst, Mr. Gibson and several other friends, watched the Children go through their Marching and Calisthenics, Musical Reading, Silver and Golden Chain Recitations. Mr. Morse addressed the Children and in his loving manner pointed out some good ideas, and cheered the Officers up with his encouraging words, to go on with the grand and noble work. The children then sang "Hurrah for our Glorious Banner." Mr. Swindlehurst gave the Benediction, which brought our happy morning to a close; trusting the day will not be long when we shall have the pleasure of seeing Mr. Morse once again.—MR. G. LEIGH.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.—On Sunday, March 28th, the Newport Crescent Lyceum held a Service of Song, the particular service selected being "For ever True," which was excellently rendered. The connective readings were given by Miss Mary Bessant. The collection was towards the annual Whit-Monday Excursion for the Children.

PENDLETON (Spiritual Church, Cobden Street).—Party and Concert in honour of the visit of delegates of the Lancashire Lyceum Demonstration, on Saturday, March 27th, 1897. About 150 friends sat down to a capital tea; after tea a meeting was held, when it was decided to engage the celebrated Moss Rose Reed Band, also the Armoury for the tea meeting. A Sub-Committee chose the hymns to be sung at this year's demonstration. Mr. Gibson, chairman, then gave an address of welcome to our visitors, followed by a Concert by the Pendleton Lyceum. The usual vote of thanks closed a successful gathering.—J. B. LONGSTAFF, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The delegates comprising this Council held their Meeting for business at Bury, on March 27th, 1897. After business a tea was provided, followed by an entertainment consisting of songs, recitations and dances; also a very laughable farce which was performed by the Rochdale Dramatic Society. During the evening, Mr. Mason, of Burnley, distributed prizes to a number of Lyceumists for good attendance. Short addresses were also given by Mr. Knight, of Bolton and Mr. Ridehalgh, of Bacup. Mr. Chisnall, of Royton (District Visitor for the Council) presided.—J. W. RILEY.

STOCKPORT.—“The Gipsy Heiress,” a musical burlesque, written and composed specially for the Lyceum by Mr. J. R. Wych, musical director, was performed with great success on March 30th and 31st, and April 3rd, by some 40 Lyceumists, Mr. G. Halsall acting as stage manager. *The Stockport Express* thus comments “The performance of this original nautical burlesque on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Spiritualists’ Hall was well attended. Many were curious to know what the composer (Mr. J. R. Wych) had written in the way of dialogue and music; such were by no means disappointed, their most sanguine expectations being realised. Hearty applause bore testimony to the excellent acting, good music, and realistic effects. The dance and chorus of gipsies in their camp, the storm scene with full chorus, and the raging elements in fierce play were well arranged and carried out. The costumes were in correct taste, the scenery appropriate, and the singing and dialogue so well sustained that doubtless the author was perfectly satisfied.” Some excellent photos of the leading performers were taken in groups and costumes.—T.E.

SUNDERLAND.—Our Lyceum is still progressive. On Sunday, March 28th, we supplied the Sunday Evening Service for the Society. The friends were delighted with our progress. Two members of the Liberty Group thanked Miss S. Gatt for her kindness in making and presenting the Lyceum with new badges for the members and officers. The Conductor gave an address on “The Story of Hydesville,” which was most interesting.



MR. HARRISON D. BARRETT.

THE above portrait is that of Mr. Harrison D. Barrett, who has just assumed the Editorship of the *Banner of Light*, the oldest Spiritualist newspaper in the world. Mr. Barrett and the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER have been close friends for over sixteen years past, and at a time when our good brother was debating what course he should take, his decision was practically the result of the advice of the writer of these lines. The consequences were, our friend was retained in our Cause, became an able—as he is a cultured—exponent of our philosophy, was unanimously elected, and re-elected, four times, as President of the

American National Association of Spiritualists’, and has now taken a further step in his progress, by becoming the Editor of the leading transatlantic journal devoted to our cause. The London BANNER sends hearty greetings to its Boston Brother, and wishes it, and its new director, long life and prosperity. If our readers will turn to our last page, they will find full particulars of the periodical in question.

THE BANNER OF FREEDOM.

Words by Mr. Isaac Pickthall.

Music by Mr. Wych.

Hear duty’s call, “There’s work for all!”

The young as well as old;

The harvest white—a pretty sight—

Waits for the sickle cold.

Bare the strong arm, with love kept warm,

Nor fear the storm or rain;

Ripe is the seed, on hill and mead—

Reap now the golden grain!

REFRAIN.—Unfurl, unfurl, the Banner of Freedom
God, our God, his children will lead on

Injustice reigns in earth’s domains,

The hero of the hour;

Might still is right—in man’s dull sight—

And Tyrants hold the power!

Base errors fade in darkest shade,

Before the breath of Truth;

God will uphold those who unfold

His Love in early youth!

The Spirits dear, from Love’s own sphere,

Bring Peace and Joy to all;

Patient they wait at Heaven’s gate,

And “Forward! brothers,” call.

Forth to the fight, uphold the Right!

Nor turn ye from the fray?

God will prevail! He cannot fail!

Though weak ones often stray.

Strike sure and fast, loud blow the blast,

As perish Lust and Greed!

Enthroned the Wise! Falsehood despise!

And bow no more to Creed!

Beauty and Love, from realms above,

Break in upon the soul;

Inspire each heart to take its part,

And free the fettered thrall!

Give the world Light! Diviner Sight!

To pierce the mortal veil;

Open the door to that blest shore,

Where blows no storm or gale.

Lift from the deep the sad, who weep,

In anguish and despair;

Show them “their own”—in wisdom grown—

Arrayed in garments fair!

Your Banners raise! with songs of praise!

Heedless of scorn or jeer;

Dare to be brave, the world to save,

From Error’s gloom and fear!

The angels bright, in robes of white,

Smile on your Leaders true;

Your Duty done! the Victory won!

They wait to Welcome you!

Next Month: The Adventures of Solomon!

SYLLABUS OF LESSONS FOR MAY.

SUNDAY, MAY 9th.

Invocation.

In this our hour of the mutual mingling of our aspirations, let us each try to lift our souls a little higher, let us strive to come closer together in the bonds of brotherly fellowship. By so doing we shall come nearer to the Angel world, and be better able to respond to its inspirations. Come to us, beloved ones, baptise us with thy love and wisdom, and with thy kind and wise counsel lead us in the ways of righteous living and noble thinking, so that we may better serve our fellows, come nearer to thee, and wisely live our lives on earth.

LYCEUM LESSON.

Subject—"SPIRITUALISTS AND THE BIBLE."

Outline.—Spiritualists do not reject the Bible. They do not accept it as an infallible revelation from God. They look upon it as one of the Religious histories of the race. Their attitude is that of the higher criticism. They do not feel it necessary to "explain away" what are called the Miracles. They consider such things are more or less correct accounts of what we call Spiritual manifestations. They consider that the various "books" are by various authors and were written at different times. Nearly all the Prophets and Apostles were mediums. Read in the light of other knowledge the Bible is an instructive blending of Fact, Poetry, History, and inspiration not unmingled with error and fiction.

GROUP LESSONS.

Senior Groups. Subject—"MIRACLES."

In the common way in which the word is used there are no miracles. Yet, when we consider the wonders of nature everything seems a miracle. God has no need to work wonders to prove he is God. Yet how wonderful all nature is. Miracles are the attempts of childish minds to explain what they cannot understand. Unchanging Law governs all things, in the invisible as well as in visible universe. Whenever an alleged miracle is investigated you will find that it is just the same kind of thing that has been done by our spirit friends in our circles, many and many times. The real explanation of miracles is that they were spiritual manifestations, produced by spirits in former ages, just as similar things are produced to-day.

Junior Groups. Subject—"THE GOLDEN RULE."

What is the Golden Rule? Why is it called so? Do you always try to live up to it? If not, why not? How do you feel within yourself when you do put it into practise? If every one practised it would it be possible for nations to go to war? Is it possible to obey it in trade, at home, in your work, and at all times? Should we upbraid those who do not obey it? Do Spiritualists live in accordance with it more than any other people? What do you think would be the result if all people conformed to the spirit of the Golden Rule?

SUNDAY, MAY 16th.

Invocation.

Uplift us on the wings of inspiration dear spirit friends. Lead us out into the flower decked paths of knowledge, open our eyes to the beauties of life in all its infinite glory, and attune our souls to the divine harmonies of eternal truth. We would come into closer fellowship with thee this day, and we know this can only be if we will strive to uplift our lives nearer to thee. Help us, then, we pray, that we may grow strong in mind and soul, be of better service to our companions, and so earn happiness here and hereafter.

LYCEUM LESSON.

Subject—"WHERE DO WE DIFFER FROM THE CHRISTIAN?"

Outline.—The Christian claims to walk by faith. The Spiritualist says he walks by Knowledge. The Christian says that man needs an intercessor with God. The Spiritualist asserts that man can work out his own life with the powers God has given him for that purpose. The Spiritualist denies that any other man is the keeper of his conscience. The Spiritualist does not accept the statement that there is a specially inspired work that contains the only revelation of the Deity. A belief in the universal and continued prevalence of inspiration, the non-infallibility of any book or person; the necessity of personal effort, independent of any vicarious sacrifice, are among a few of the points that mark our differences from our orthodox brethren.

GROUP LESSONS.

Senior Groups. Subject—"WHY SHOULD WE LIVE GOOD LIVES."

Goodness is true greatness. The truly great and good are the blessed of this world. If we live good lives we encourage goodness in others. To do so is the surest way to reform the evil of the world. If all were good, policemen, judges, jails, workhouses and asylums would soon be unnecessary. It pays to be good, in health, happiness, the esteem and affection of others, and in the good it is to the world at large. Strive after a good life, it will bring you honour and happiness.

Junior Groups. Subject—"TRUTHFULNESS."

Outline.—The truth always goes the farthest. A lie once told can never be called back. The telling of a lie may make you unhappy all your life. Truthfulness is the true foundation of trustworthiness. Never be afraid of the truth. If you have done wrong admit it without any prevarication, it is your best atonement, be truthful at all costs, and the world will honour and respect you.

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd.

Invocation.

Great Spirit of Life, Almighty soul of Being, once more we strive to come into the presence of thy sublime truths, as revealed in the realms of life on this plane and all others. May we so strive as to become worthy students, and diligent workers, that we may be worthy of all thou has endowed us with, and the eternal heritage thou has prepared for us beyond the veil of mortal life. We thank thee for all we have enjoyed or suffered, for in all things we feel thou art there, ruling for our progress and welfare. May the good angels attend us, blessing us and comforting us, day after day ever more.

LYCEUM LESSON. Subject—"THIS WORLD OR THE NEXT."

Outline.—It is not good to put all ones thoughts upon the world to come. This world has its duties, and while we live here we should fulfill them. No good comes of neglecting this life. Those who so do become morbid in mind and unhealthy in body. Spiritualism is the healthy gospel of doing present duties first. All we do has an eternal relationship, and its consequences overtake us sooner or later. If we do right here, and live well in this world it will surely be well with us in the next world.

GROUP LESSONS.

Senior Groups. Subject—"DUTY OR PLEASURE."

Outline.—To have a nice time is good, but pleasure must not usurp duty. If our elders neglected their duties that they might enjoy their pleasures, what would become of us? There would be no food, no light, no coal, no trains, no clothes. Pleasure before duty is always wrong, when duty is done then is the time for pleasure. It is not always pleasant to have to do one's duty, but it is always a pleasure to know you have done it. So, Duty first and Pleasure afterwards.

Junior Groups. Subject—"OBEDIENCE."

Outline.—Obedience is necessary to us all. You must learn to obey, before you are capable of commanding. Obedience is expressed through nature. The planets obey the laws that govern them. Plants and animals obey the laws of their existence. All natural phenomena obey the laws governing their operations. Obedience makes life easier. Cultivate a habit of obedience, and as you grow older you will see its advantages.

SUNDAY, MAY 30th.

Invocation.

We turn our hearts to the loving angels of the higher life, and entreat their presence with us once again. We will endeavour to profit by their ministry, and strive to live the wiser and better for it. May we all feel their inspirations in our hearts and minds, and as we unite in the exercises of the hour may the sweet unity of spirit that the angels manifest in their own fair home be with us here to-day.

LYCEUM LESSON. Subject—"HABITS."

Outline.—Habits grow from small beginnings. In time they become overpowering. Some very bad habits are those of swearing, smoking, drinking, gambling, boasting, lying, cheating. These often begin in little things, but grow so great and powerful that they ruin many a life. Check all bad habits directly you are aware of their existence. There are habits of belief, of dress and deportment, some of which are highly objectionable. Seek to uproot all evil habits, and plant good ones in their stead. Habitually tell the truth, be honest, be sober, be virtuous, and such habits will be an honour to you.

GROUP LESSONS.

Senior Groups. Subject—"CONDUCT."

Outline.—Conduct in life is of the greatest importance. If you are known for your steady, upright and honest conduct you will never want for friends. If the contrary is the case your conduct will drive away even the most patient of friends. Conduct yourself respectfully to those older than yourself, frankly to those of your own age, and kindly to those younger than yourself. Do not ape your elders, wait until you have had experience and have reached a proper age, before you put on the conduct of a man. If you do not you make yourself ridiculous. Conduct, habits and character are the best capital to begin life upon.

Junior Groups. Subject—"JUST FOR FUN."

Outline.—Never do an unkind thing "just for fun." Cruelty just for fun is abominable. To do dangerous things for fun, is really shameful. Never tell stories, just for fun, or the habit will grow upon you. Never smoke, chew, snuff, drink or do anything that is wrong, just for fun. Many lives have been ruined by such thoughtlessness.

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- ** Friends who send us newspapers would considerably enhance the favour by marking the particular passages to which they desire to call our attention.

The Lyceum Banner.

MAY, 1897.

OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

About the Conference. ANOTHER Conference is at hand, and once again Yorkshire is honoured by the presence of the workers for our children. For it is an honour to receive the faithful toilers in the cause of childhoods welfare. No doubt that Bradford will do its very utmost to promote the complete success of the coming Conference, and if all will unite to close the local meetings on the Sunday evening, St. Georges Hall will contain its full five thousand people. The speakers selected are all Spiritualists, all have wide and long sustained reputations for ability, eloquence and zeal, and several are long and well tried workers in the Lyceum cause. What with speech and song, a bill of fare will be presented that will be equal to the best our Union has yet presented. So, let the word go round:—Support the Union's Demonstration by your presence, on Sunday evening. But don't forget Saturdays tea and entertainment, either! Fill the Temperance Hall full to over-flowing. You will get more than full value for the small price charged.

The Conference Meetings. THERE will be two Conference meetings as usual. Morning and afternoon. Promptitude and punctuality must be the watchwords. Begin at the time announced, time saved is opportunity gained. There does not appear much that can raise discussion, in either the Secretary's report, or the balance

sheet, and as every one will see both in the BANNER, a week before the Conference, all can fully digest their contents, and come prepared with whatever questions are needed. Once again our Secretary remarks he cannot get all the statistical returns sent to him, twenty-five per cent of our secretaries having failed to attend to the matter. Every return not sent in means a loss of over one penny to the Union. Secretaries should try to avoid wasting the Union's funds by their inattentions. The Agenda.—Outside the normal order of business the agenda only contains four notices of motions. Two of them are questions concerning the constitution of the Union, the third only raises a point of importance to Lyceum work. No doubt the assembled delegates will be heartily in accord with the spirit of the Belper motion, but it will remain as now, for each Lyceum to carry out the matter or not, as they deem best, even if it is passed.

A Few Pressing Requirements. Among the really practical and pressing requirements of Lyceum work, a series of text books upon Spiritualist facts, phenomena and philosophy, is not the least. Books that are "up-to-date," on the relations between Spiritualism and the latest knowledge on Physiology, Psychology, Religion, Morals, Sociology and General Reform. If our Lyceums are to succeed in making useful men and women we must feed our children with good nutritious mental food. Another need, of great importance, is a new and extended series of physical exercises, including wand and ring exercises, barbel exercises, bean bag exercises, calisthenic and marching movements. To keep the physical body healthy is one way to prevent vice and intemperance overcoming us. Also, a uniform set of attendance registers, containing a uniform system of marking for attendance, behaviour, and progress, is badly needed. A uniform scheme of badges for officers and members, of banners and flags, of group names, and Lyceum formation, are all absolutely necessary. These are all matters the executive should think about and undertake. If neglected private enterprise will assuredly step in to do what the public body should take in hand. The publishing committee should be a trading committee as well. A central Depot, in Bradford, Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, or some suitable city, should be established, and a permanent Union Secretary be appointed to make its conducting part of his official duties. Let us make, print, and publish and sell to ourselves, and apply all profits arising to the continual improvement of Lyceum work. Let us cease to waste time in discussing mere trivialities, and put all our energies into things that will strengthen the noble work we have in hand: the training of our boys and girls into a better manhood and womanhood than many a parent, through bad training in youth, failed to realise.

Certainly! Quite a number of enquiries have reached the BANNER asking if the Editor will be at the Conference? Of course he will! It is his place and duty, for he will take the full Official Report of the proceedings, which will appear in the BANNER for June. He has a special reason for coming, too, as he desires to meet all the Conductors that may be there. He wants to interview them on a matter of importance. He will also bring AUNT EDITHA'S Roll Book, for inspection by the delegates. Oh! yes, the Editor will be there, sure enough. Like many others he sacrifices a Sunday's fee, and pays his own travelling expenses as well, still, he will be there. Certainly.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE ABOVE BODY WILL BE HELD IN

Milton Hall, Rebecca Street, Westgate, Bradford,

ON SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, 1897.

PRESIDENT: MR. WILLIAM MASON, BURNLEY.

Proceedings to Commence promptly at 10 a.m. Delegates will be admitted to the Reserved Seats on presenting their Credentials.

REFRESHMENTS at moderate prices will be provided at the Hall, between the meetings of the Conference.

IN THE EVENING

A Grand Public Demonstration

WILL BE HELD

IN ST. GEORGE'S HALL

(SEATING CAPACITY, 5,000).

Chair to be taken at Six o'clock p.m. ADDRESSES will be delivered by the following eminent Speakers:—

Mr. J. ARMITAGE, Batley Carr.	Mr. B. H. BRADBURY, Morley
Mr. S. S. CHISWELL, Liverpool.	Mr. W. JOHNSON, Hyde.
Mrs. J. GREENWOOD, Sowerby Bridge.	Mr. H. A. KERSEY, Newcastle-Tyne.
Mr. ALF. KITSON, Dewsbury,	Mr. J. J. MORSE, London (Editor of the <i>Lyceum Banner</i> .)
Mr. JAMES SWINDLEHURST, Preston.	Mr. THOMAS OLMAN TODD, Sunderland.

ON SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, 1897,

A Public Delegates'-Welcome Meeting

WILL BE HELD IN THE

TEMPERANCE HALL, LEEDS ROAD.

Substantial Meat Tea at 5 p.m. Tickets 9d.

AFTER TEA

A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT

WILL BE GIVEN BY THE

Halifax Spiritualists' Dramatic Society.

During the Evening there will be SPEECHES OF WELCOME TO THE DELEGATES.

Tickets for Entertainment—Area, 6d.; Gallery, 3d.

BUSINESS.

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF MOTIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DELEGATES.

MOTIONS.

- 1.—*Amendment to the Constitution*:—"That in Article 6, paragraph 1, the "1st of February" be substituted for "March 14th"; and that in paragraph 3, "December 31st" be substituted for "March 31st," and "February 1st" for "April 14th." *Recommended by the Executive Committee.*
- 2.—"That Lyceum Union District Visitors (when not representing

any Lyceum or District Council, and the said District Council not otherwise represented) be acknowledged as Officers of the Union, and be entitled to a vote at a Conference of that assembly." *From the Halifax and Huddersfield District Council, per Mrs. J. Greenwood.*

- 3.—"That the Conference officially recognises the desirability of definite instruction, in the Lyceums, in the principles of Total Abstinence, from all intoxicants, and cordially recommends the formation of Juvenile Temperance Societies in connection therewith." *From Belper Lyceum, per Mr. A. Smedley.*
- 4.—"That the new Code of Exercises for Lyceums be provided as early as possible by the Union." *From the South-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, per Mr. J. W. Riley, Cor. Sec.*

Delegates from a distance requiring Sleeping Accommodation should write Mr. J. Jackson, 372, Harewood Street, Bradford, enclosing directed Post Card for reply.

Order of Business.

- 1—Call to order. 2—Hymn and Invocation. 3—*Pro tem.* appointments. 4—Minutes of last Conference, 5—Correspondence. 6—Secretary's Report. 7—Treasurer's Report. 8—Reports of Special Committees. 9—Election of Officers and Auditors. 10—Place of next Conference. 11—Collection. 12—Open Council: (a) General Motions; (b) Motions arising out of the Business of the Conference. 13—Votes of thanks to local Societies. 14—Hymn and Benediction.

ANNUAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED

TO THE

B. S. L. U. CONFERENCE,

TO BE HELD AT BRADFORD, MAY 9TH, 1897.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND FRIENDS:—In presenting my Annual Report for your consideration, I am pleased to be able to assure you that it is one of marked progress. Greater activity is discernable on all sides; deeper interest is manifested in the work, both inside and outside the Lyceum ranks. It is gratifying to find the conviction gaining ground that no Society work is complete that does not provide for the instruction of its members' children. We are largely indebted to Mr. Swindlehurst, the Missionary medium, and the Associate mediums, for this pleasing result, for they have advocated the Lyceum Cause whenever an opportunity offered itself; also *The Two Worlds*, whose pages have always been open for our pleadings, and whose editor has made seasonable notes and comments on the subject. The LYCEUM BANNER has more than maintained its excellent and able advocacy during the past year, and now that its Editor has returned from his labours abroad, we may look for its pages being further enriched with the ripe fruit he has gleaned in other lands.

I have visited eight Lyceums during the year to speak at Lyceum Anniversaries, strengthen and encourage the weak and faltering, and inaugurate new Lyceums. In all cases the Lyceum Cause has been pleaded, and services freely given for the benefit of the Cause.

Speakers have been appealed to, both through the *Two Worlds*, and individually by circular, and their promise of continued interest in and advocacy of the work obtained.

DISTRICT VISITORS have been very active, as their Reports show, though some of them were appointed late in the year, and therefore they are unable to show as good results as they otherwise would. The reports are growing so large that I purpose publishing them quarterly, which will greatly relieve the yearly Reports and keep the Lyceums better informed, and more constant touch with their work.

DISTRICT COUNCILS.—Our esteemed President has been very active in promulgating this important scheme for the

better management and more effective working of our Lyceums. Two more Councils have been started, viz.: South-East Lancashire, and Halifax and Huddersfield. The planning of the mutual visits has been greatly assisted by the ingenious plan drafted by Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, of Clitheroe; the same can be obtained of Mr. T. O. Todd, Sunderland, at 2s. 6d. per 100, which will save a lot of routine work for the secretaries. I am very hopeful of several more being started during the present year.

NEW MEMBERS.—The following Lyceums have become members of the Union, and have had Certificates sent them:—Liversedge; Penn Street, Rochdale; Guy Street, Burnley; Walton Street Church and St. James' Church, Bradford; Normanton Road and Traffic Street, Derby; Northampton; Pendle Street, Nelson; Leigh; Salford; Stockport; Grange Road, Middlesboro'; Rothwell; Bootle; and Bloomsbury, Birmingham. Total, 16. I may here note that 103 have been enrolled since its formation in 1890, but unfortunately 19 of these have lapsed for lack of workers, which leaves the present membership at 84. This is a gain of 11 during the year.

LYCEUMS OPENED:—The following Lyceums have been opened, Bloomsbury Society, Birmingham; Bootle; Walton Street Church and St. James' Church, Bradford; Guy Street, Burnley; Normanton Road and Traffic Street, Derby; Leigh; Grange Road, Middlesboro'; Pendle Street, Nelson; Northampton; Penn Street, Rochdale; Rothwell; and Salford (the above have joined the Union); Ashton-under-Lyne; Northgate, Blackburn; three in London, viz.: Beech Hall, Edmonton; Canning Town; and Stratford; and Ash Lodge, Manchester.

LYCEUMS CLOSED.—Swiss Hall, Cardiff; Heaton and Byker; Stalybridge; and Windhill, Shipley (these were members of the Union); Barnoldswick; South Shields; and Oldham Road, Manchester. Present number of Lyceum is 97, as against 84 last year.

STATISTICS.—I am very sorry I have again failed to obtain a full return from all the Lyceums. Some of the secretaries and conductors do not seem to appreciate the value of these. On April 15th, I had to remind 32 secretaries that their returns were not to hand, but even this was not sufficient to hand, but even this was not sufficient to induce all of them to send them on. The totals from the 71 Lyceums who have made returns are as follows:—Officers, 669; Members, 3,686. If we take these as a fair average of the remaining 26 then we shall have 903 Officers and 5,038 Members, or a total of 5,941.

With an earnest hope and fervent wish that better results will be achieved during the current year, and that full returns will be obtained, I remain yours faithfully,

ALFRED KITSON, Secretary.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

With respect to my report as District Visitor I am sorry to say that the report will not be as good as I should have liked. It is not from want of interest, but a lack of time. The Secretaryship of the Yorkshire Union takes up a considerable portion of my time, and the Amalgamated Societies, of which I am the honorary Secretary, has been a great undertaking. I am sorry to say I have been unable to visit all Lyceums in my District.

WALTON STREET.—I am pleased to note that Walton Street has re-opened. I have visited them twice, and instructed them to the best of my ability, and conducted the Lyceum once. They have a number of young men and

women who seem very much interested, and seem to be going on nicely.

ST. JAMES' Lyceum has also been re-opened, and on their second Sunday I paid them a visit and found some very old workers had come forward to assist in its development. It was decided to form a committee, over which I had the honour of presiding, and from the manner in which officers were elected I judge that its progress will not be slow if unity can be maintained.

SHIPLEY was going on very nicely on my last visit, but rather short of elder workers.

WINDHILL Lyceum I found to be improving, and after conducting them and making the Session as interesting as possible, it seemed to re-invigorate them. I found some months after a difference had arisen in the Society, and the Lyceum had been closed. I may say here that I cannot imagine any greater misfortune than Spiritualists neglecting the support of Lyceums, which tends to mar the progress of our Cause.

TEMPERANCE HALL.—From enquiries this Lyceum is continuing nicely.

BOYNTON STREET, through unceasing efforts, have got a beautiful room to hold their Lyceum in, and if the present condition exists, success is sure.

OTLEY ROAD Lyceum seems to be on the improve. Little differences seem to creep into the Lyceum and mars greatly its progress, but it is again reviving.

MILTON HALL Lyceum has been somewhat barely attended, but a great change has taken place in the Society which will undoubtedly have a good effect on the Lyceum ere long.

KEIGHLEY Lyceum seems well supported, and great help is received from the Society.

YEADON Lyceum, unfortunately, is short of workers. There is a great scope for good to be done and made permanent.

I am sorry indeed to find that there is such a great lack of workers from the Societies to the Lyceums. It is not the children who are scarce, but elders; and to this I would draw the attention of the Union in its next conference. The great question is, How to retain our elder scholars? If this is overcome there will be no difficulty in retaining the children. I am sorry I have been unsuccessful in re-opening Spicer Street Lyceum, but I feel sure that it will come about yet. You will be aware that the Amalgamated Societies have done good work lately, and have decided to make all arrangements for the Conference, and what I have left short in my work as District Visitor, I am going to make up in making the Conference a great success. As the Secretary of the Committee I am determined that the Conference of 1897 shall be the best ever held, and the success we had with the 49th Anniversary proves clearly to us the attendance at the Conference will be very great. Our Honourable President, Mr. Mason, has written to me several times with respect to establishing a District Council, but I have been unable to bring about the desired result. The great work that has been undertaken in this District makes it impracticable as yet, but after the Conference Committee has done with Conference arrangements I will draw up the Council desired. I may say the Amalgamated Committee is composed of three delegates from each Society, two of them representing the Society and one the Lyceum, so that we are all interested with each other. I am extremely sorry my report is so poor, and if the Conference desires a change in its visitor, I am willing to be replaced, as I recognise the fact that so important a position should not be neglected. Expenses *nil*. Fraternaly yours, JOHN JACKSON, D.V.

BURNLEY DISTRICT.

BURNLEY (Hammerton St.)—Opening punctual, readings and calisthenics moderate, marching and attendance, good; conduct moderate.

BURNLEY (North Street)—Opening punctual, readings, exercises, attendance and conduct moderate.

BURNLEY (Guy St.)—Opening very late, readings good, marching and calisthenics moderate; attendance and conduct good. Since my last visit this Lyceum has been closed.

BLACKBURN (Freckleton St.)—Opening punctual, readings moderate, exercises good; attendance and conduct moderate.

BARNOLDSWICK.—This Lyceum is closed through the prolonged mill strike, which caused a lack of workers.

COLNE.—Opening punctual, readings and exercises very good, attendance moderate, conduct very good.

CLITHEROE.—Opening very late, reading and conduct good, exercises moderate, attendance fair.

DARWEN.—Opening very late, readings and attendance moderate, exercises and conduct good.

NELSON (Bradley Fold.)—Opening punctual, readings, exercises and attendance moderate, conduct good.

NELSON (Pendle Street).—This Lyceum was re-opening. Attendance only fair: I tried to encourage them to go on with the work, which they have done, and have since joined the District Council.

RAWTENSTALL.—Opening punctual, readings good, exercises fair, attendance and conduct very good.

ACCRINGTON (Temple, China-Street and the Tabernacle), BLACKPOOL and PRESTON.—I have not had time to visit.

EDMOND JAS. WHITAKER, D.V.

HALIFAX DISTRICT.

BRIGHOUSE.—I visited this Lyceum on November 8th, and found them at work; present 64. I was a few minutes late. The silver and golden-chain recitations were well gone through. The musical reading was well done, the singing was hearty, the female voices especially good. Marching fairly well done, calisthenics gone through with vigour (bells are used), shewing the conductor, Mr. Crowther, to have good capabilities in that direction. No groups were formed, but speeches were given by one or two leading workers. They have a good supply of books, but not as many efficient teachers as they would like. The attentiveness of the scholars shows them to be a healthy and progressive Lyceum. A little improvement might be made if some of the elder scholars were more punctual.

HUDDERSFIELD (Brook St.)—I visited this on December 6th, and was pained to find the scholars so unpunctual. Mr. Briggs, conductor, offered the invocation, and the scholars repeated it after him, which added to the devotional exercise. Responses to the recitations were nicely given; marching good and varied, there being plenty of room. The calisthenics were led by a young lady, and ably gone through. After a recitation by a little girl, classes were formed. This Lyceum would benefit by the addition of a few more capable teachers. The general conduct during session was excellent; present, about 40.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—I visited this Lyceum on January 23rd, and was pleased to find they commenced punctually at 10 a.m. with a small number of scholars, which was augmented by late comers. The responses were good; the conductor, Mrs. Greenwood, commented on difficult words and explained them, which seems to be a necessity if children are to get the full benefit of the silver and golden-chain recitations. No classes in the morning. At 2 o'clock a

good muster; after marching and calisthenics, classes occupied the afternoon. All seemed to be attentive.

SLAITHWAITE.—Visited on February 6th, opened at 10-30, 20 scholars present, who were augmented by 6 late scholars. There is about 60 on the registers. The exercises, silver and golden-chain recitations, and musical reading very good. Open session followed, when short speeches were made by the senior members on "The LYCEUM BANNER." The opinion of certain individuals was that the BANNER ought to contain more subjects suitable for the teachers.

WEST VALE.—I visited this place on February 28th. Session was opened at 10-20, 12 scholars present. The silver and golden chain recitations fairly well responded to by the scholars, the conductor, Mr. Smith, commenting on each very feelingly and exhaustively. Exercises very nicely done. No classes were formed. It seems rather uphill work for our West Vale friends to struggle Sunday after Sunday with such few scholars.

ELLAND.—I visited this Lyceum on March 14th. The session commenced at 10-20, 36 scholars present, who were augmented by 10 later ones. The responses and exercises very good, all taking part. Classes were formed. LIBERTY GROUP discussed the questions of Mesmerism and Thought Transference. This Lyceum is conducted by Mr. Hirst, and seems to be in a healthy condition.

HUDDERSFIELD (St. Peter St.)—Commenced at 10-18, 36 scholars present, on the register, 60. The responses to the silver and golden-chain recitations, good. Musical reading was moderate, the singing being slow. The exercises are different to any other in the district, being of a military style, and many movements gone through showed careful training. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much. Calisthenics with bells were very creditably gone through. Classes were formed, books used were *Outlines of Spiritualism* and *Physiology*.

HALIFAX No. 2 (Raven St.)—Visited 28th March, Lyceum opened at 10-30, present, 20, late, 2. The responses to silver and golden chain recitations were the best I have heard. Musical reading fairly good. This Lyceum is badly off for a Musical Director, which would lend more charm to the sessions. Exercises fairly good, being done to the strains of a concertina. General conduct good.

HALIFAX No. 1 (Winding Rd.)—This Lyceum I cannot report as I otherwise would if I was not the Conductor. We have generally from 100 to 120 present, and not having room enough to exercise altogether, we have to divide into two sections, so that we have to curtail our programme in other directions. Visitors from other places are surprised that we do not use the *Lyceum Manuals*, but it is a fact that they have never been brought into general use here, and we have only adopted open session once a month during the present year. The physical exercises and classes, with occasional short speeches, have mostly been adopted. Our subjects in Liberty Group consist of discussions on general topics, such as animal magnetism, spiritualism and mediumship, and kindred subjects. Other groups take *Physiology*, *Phrenology* and the Bible, but *Outlines of Spiritualism* is most frequently used.

In conclusion, I find in every Lyceum one, or a few earnest workers, but all are of opinion that Lyceums are short of efficient teachers. I wish we could devise a means to get over this difficulty, for it is a pity to see the good efforts of the few not backed up by an efficient number of workers.

JOHN WILLEY, D.V.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

ARMLEY.—When I visited this Lyceum on the 12th of July, 1896, I was sorry to find the members of the Society indifferent to the welfare of the children. There are good facilities for a splendid Lyceum, which might be made the back-bone of the Cause if they had more workers. Behaviour and responses were good. I was asked to address the Lyceum, and in doing so I recommended them to commence earlier and have Group Lessons, and try to win more workers to them.

NORMANTON.—When I visited Normanton on September 12th. I was delighted to find them in such good form, though there is a lack of workers. But Miss Holmes, the conductor, has hit on a way out of the difficulty by training those who are able to read to select the various recitations and take the lead in them, while she superintends the whole and presides at the organ; I found the responses good, and a deep interest manifested throughout the Session. On being invited to address the Lyceum I advised them on certain matters in order to bring them into harmony with the movement.

CLECKHEATON.—On my visit here on October 18th, I was sorry to find them in a very low state. The numbers had dwindled down to a few. On inquiry I found the cause to be lack of workers and indifference. On being invited I addressed them and gave them all the advice I could on how to improve their Lyceum, and promised if they would make an effort I would visit them again soon, which I did on November 15th, and was pleased to find their numbers doubled. I was requested to conduct the Session, the result of which inspired them with new hope and courage.

OSSETT.—On visiting this Lyceum on November 8th, I was pleased to find a nice, well behaved, though small Lyceum. I was again desired to address them, and in doing so I tried to point out the aim and object of the Lyceum as being to teach us how to live our true lives, developing our own natural gifts and talents; and to put our teachings and lessons into practice during the week.

BATLEY.—I visited this Lyceum on December 13th, and found their numbers small, but very good, deep interest being manifested throughout the Session. I was pleased to have an opportunity of seeing their Groups in Session, being able to judge of the quality of their lessons, which I found well suited to their years. **LIBERTY GROUP** read and freely discussed Biblical Spiritualism out of "Outlines of Spiritualism," and a very profitable lesson it was. I am informed that their Lyceum is too small to accommodate them in the afternoon Sessions.

MORLEY.—I visited this one on January 24th, and found it in excellent condition. It is well officered and conducted; in fact it seems to be the mainstay of the cause in Morley. I had again the pleasure of seeing the groups in session, and found deep interest manifested in their various lessons. This Lyceum is in a good flourishing state.

LIVERSEDGE.—I visited this place on February 7th. I was pleased to find a great improvement made since my previous one. Good order and attention to the responses prevailed. I was invited to address the Lyceum, and dwelt on the good to be derived from the exercises, and the necessity of *living* the lessons we receive from Sunday to Sunday.

HECKMONDWIKE.—I visited Heckmondwike on March 7th, and was pleased to find the high excellence fully maintained, the *Banner Lesson Plan* was followed. Attention is given to the calling forth of the talents of the members in singing

and reciting. I was again invited to address them, which prevented me from seeing the quality of their group lessons.

ROTHWELL.—This is a newly-opened Lyceum. I visited them on March 21st. It promises to become a good Lyceum, as there is plenty of earnestness manifested in it by the Society. I explained the Lyceum system to them, and advised them on matters generally.

LEEDS (Psychological Hall.)—This I visited on March 28th, and was pleased to find the excellence of conduct and officering fully maintained. It being the 49th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, group lessons were dispensed with, and Mr. MacDonald (local) spoke very acceptably on the same. I was also invited to mount the rostrum and address them.

DEWSBURY is making good progress. The hall is too small for us. The Lyceum continues to be well officered; the sessions are good throughout, special attention being given to the group lessons, which have become highly interesting and edifying.

BATLEY CARR I have not visited, deeming it unnecessary seeing that the General Secretary of the Union is the Conductor. I am informed the excellence of their sessions is fully maintained, but their Room is too small for the afternoon sessions. In conclusion, I wish to say the outlook is decidedly brighter than any previous year, and on the whole there is a decided progress. **JAMES KITSON, D.V.**

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

BOOTLE.—I have much pleasure in reporting that there are now two Lyceums in my district, one having been opened during the year in connection with the Spiritualists society at Bootle. Mr. J. J. Parr is the Conductor, and Mr. J. Hollinrake is the Secretary. It has been named "The Bootle Children's Progressive Lyceum," and has one session at 11 a.m.; they have the support and sympathy of the members of the society, and when I visited them I found them in comfortable quarters, at the Masonic Hall, Bootle, looking very happy and very much in earnest, and I confidently expect to see them grow steadily and surely. A few of the children were originally members of the Lyceum at Daulby Hall, and while the Liverpool Lyceum was sorry to lose them, they were delighted that a Lyceum had been provided for them nearer their homes, and where their influence might be exerted amongst their daily associates.

LIVERPOOL.—The Liverpool Children's Progressive Lyceum, No. 1, meeting at Daulby Hall, 14, Daulby Street, every Sunday morning at 11, maintains the position it has occupied for several years. It is well officered by ladies and gentlemen whose whole energies are centred in the work. The exercises are intelligently gone through; and the members, being alive to the advantages the Lyceum method affords them, are regular and attentive. A very pleasing feature is the constant attendance of quite a number of the members of the Society, who take the liveliest interest in the Children's Movement. I visit this Lyceum very regularly, and take my share in the pleasure it affords.

S. S. CHISWELL, D.V.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

TIPPING STREET.—I visited them twice and they are a very nice Lyceum, though they do not seem to increase many in numbers. They have about 70 members on the book; average attendance, 50; but they are hoping to improve under the able conductorship of Mr. G. Braham.

OPENSHAW.—Splendid session, over 100 being present. They have 140 names on the register; 80 took part in marching and calisthenics, which were gone through very well indeed. They have so many recitations that the males and females recite on alternate Sundays. I wish there was a few more in the District like this.

COLLYHURST.—Good Lyceum, 70 being present. Marching and calisthenics very good; splendid singing and good music from the organ by Mr. Smith. Five Groups formed, and Mr. Taylor leader of LIBERTY GROUP.

GREY STREET.—Fair Lyceum; rather small in numbers, would do better if they could get more leaders. Marching good, calisthenics moderate.

STOCKPORT.—Conductor, Mr. Edward. Good Lyceum; plenty of willing leaders. About 60 took part in the session; marching and calisthenics very good; good order maintained.

ASHTON.—A young Lyceum doing very well indeed, 50 being present. Several recitations, marching and calisthenics very fair; very good order indeed, never seen better.

SALFORD.—Re-opened November 15th, doing very well, 25 taking part on the opening day. Conductor, Mr. Bracegirdle.

CHEETHAM.—New Lyceum started on February 7th, 30 present, very good for a beginning. Not been able to visit again, although promised, but I hear they are doing very well.—I will not charge the "Lyceum Union" with my expenses, as they are not very heavy. J. SIMKIN, D.V.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

BELPER.—I visited this Lyceum on Sunday, November 22nd. At the morning session 32 were present, in the afternoon 70 were present. The usual programme was the order, and I was delighted with the beautiful time manifested in all their movements. I am sure every credit is due to all Officers engaged in this noble work. The Belper Lyceum is the best by far that I have seen in my District, and I hope they will keep the standard of excellence that they have attained.

NOTTINGHAM.—I visited Nottingham on January 17th. It being the day for election of officers, I had no opportunity of reviewing them, but judging from the Officers elected they should make headway, which I sincerely hope they will. Present, about 50, but, the number will be doubled on my next visit.

WALSALL.—I visited the above on Sunday, February 14th. This Lyceum is short of workers, but is hopeful of success, and I am sure *will* make progress. They have beautiful accommodation for a full Lyceum, and I believe *will* become one of the best in the Midlands. I am in deep sympathy with those upon whose shoulders this noble work falls, and I am sure success awaits them.

SMETHWICK.—I visited Smethwick on Sunday, March 21st. This Lyceum is in a very healthy condition, but tied for room. They have a nice library which seems to be well stocked with literature of an ennobling character. Great praise is due to Miss George for the excellent way she has trained the children in the physical exercises; every moment was harmonious. Wm. Hy. LOTE, D.V.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT No. 1.

As to the work of the various Lyceums in my district, I am not in a position to give a full account, as you are aware of the heavy affliction I have had to pass through since my appointment. However, I will report as far as opportunity has occurred.

HOLLINWOOD.—I visited this Lyceum on December 27th. They seemed to me to be in very fair condition; very attentive to the instructions of the conductor, but crippled

for want of room. I introduced the question of a District Council, and the committee seemed quite favourable to the formation of such.

BARTLAM PLACE, OLDHAM was visited on January 3rd. Being the holiday time, we were rather late in commencing session. Very attentive to the readings and responses, but there is room for improvement in marching and calisthenics. This Lyceum might become a power for good if a little more help was given by the parent society, but being all of one age or there about there seemed a little indifference or want of respect to the officers. I think a little discretion in the election of officers in our Lyceums would greatly improve them.

REGENT HALL was the place of a short visit on January 17th. They seem to be in a very good condition, marching and calisthenics well done; very attentive to their instructors.

BOLTON was my place of visit on January 24th. It was a bitter cold morning, the beautiful snow carpeting the earth, making one feel the need of a good warm fire to drive away the cold, and a kind word to cheer one up, and all this was found in the Bolton Lyceum. Although a stranger amongst them, at the request of the elders I led them through their readings and responses, as their conductor was absent through sickness. Mr. F. Jackson, the secretary, led the marching and calisthenics, which was accompanied by sweet music from the piano by Mr. E. Pilkington. At the close, I addressed the children, and introduced the subject of the District Council, which was received with every satisfaction. Thus ended a very pleasant and most desired session, all seemed to be of one mind; a brotherly feeling seemed to prevail amongst them.

PENN STREET, ROCHDALE, was visited on February 28th, and a pleasant gathering we had together, it being their open session. The readings and responses, marching and calisthenics, recitations and songs, were very creditably gone through. At the close I put before them the objects of the District Council, and after a few questions were answered a very favourable impression seemed to be the result.

HEYWOOD was the place of visit on March 21st. Sorry to find them in the position they are in at present. Attendance very small; very good in marching and exercises. At the close I endeavoured to speak in encouraging tones, urging them to become missionaries as it were, trying to lead others to their Lyceums who attended no place.

WILLIAM CHISNALL, D. V.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The reason I have not sent my report before now is because I had intended visiting the Sheffield Hollis Hall Lyceum, so that I could send latest particulars, but owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I have not been able to do so. In my opinion, if more workers could be induced to take up the Lyceum work in Sheffield there would soon be a greater attendance of children, and the Sessions would be more encouraging to all concerned.

PARKGATE Lyceum has not made much progress in numbers during the past year, but the Sessions are always bright and cheerful. The introduction of the "charm bells" has made the children take a greater interest in the calisthenics. Although the Lyceum has suffered a severe loss owing to the transition of our respected brother, Peter John Lidgett, who was Conductor, the children and Leaders realise that he may still help them in their endeavours as they strive for truth and knowledge. I hope the newly-appointed Conductor will be as energetic and preserving in the Lyceum work as our Brother was. Brother Lidgett was

the appointed delegate to the Lyceum Conference last year. The Societies I have visited and tried to induce to form Lyceums are as follows:—Attercliffe and Longsett Road, Sheffield; also Mexboro' and Barnsley, and from statements made by the members of these Societies, with one exception, I believe they will soon have Lyceums connected with them; also Rotherham, as they realise the inconsistency of their children being taught doctrines which they know to be fallacious, while they are endeavouring to teach a philosophy based on ever-recurring facts which contradict and flatly deny the teachings their children are receiving.

ATTERCLIFFE still has no place where they can have a Lyceum, as the authorities will not the Vestry Hall to be used as a Sunday School. The friends at Attercliffe are doing their best to raise funds for a Hall of their own, then I have no doubt a Lyceum will be commenced, as the members seem anxious that their children should be taught to understand Spiritualism while young.

My expenses have been paid by the Societies I have visited. I hope in my next report I shall be able to state that each of the Societies in Sheffield District have Lyceums in connection with them. Yours sincerely,
SAMUEL FEATHERSTONE, D.V.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

So far as Lyceum work is concerned, the past year has been an exceedingly busy one for myself. Although I cannot report very favourably upon the Tyneside district as a whole, yet there are bright spots which give hope for some better results than hitherto.

NEWCASTLE continues much the same as before, so far as regards numbers and working methods. Considerable changes have taken place in the ranks of the Officers which are bound to affect it for a short while, but its prospect is a good one.

ASHINGTON.—Have not been able to visit this centre. Their isolation prevents fraternising, and hence they feel the want of assistance from outside sources.

HEATON AND BYKER.—Lyceum has been closed for want of interest. The smallness of the room militated against their success. Newcastle Lyceum can cover this ground.

SUNDERLAND is doing remarkably well. Since last report they have entered their New Room, which is well adapted to their requirements. The Lyceum is well equipped. It also has a week-night meeting, which creates even greater interest on the part of the young people.

There is every prospect of a Lyceum being opened at Spennymoor, and as the Gateshead friends possess a good hall, I am hoping that they will take up the question.

THOMAS OLMAN TODD, D.V.

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALIST'S LYCEUM UNION

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1897.

GENERAL FUND.

1896.		<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
March 31—	To Balance in Treasurer's hands	..	..	2	11	2
May 10—	„ Conference Collections	..	..	5	6	7½
„ „	„ Donation, Mr. J. J. Morse	..	..	1	1	0
June 26—	„ „ Mrs. F. M. Sutton	..	..	0	5	0
1897.						
March 31—	„ Contributions	..	..	21	6	3
„ „	„ Donation Mr. Alfred Kitson	..	..	7	0	0
				£37	10	0½

GENERAL FUND—(Continued.)

1897		<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Feb. 13—	By Committee Travelling Expenses	..	..	2	5	11
March 31—	„ District Visitors	..	..	2	11	0½
„ „	„ Official	..	..	2	1	8
„ „	„ Stationery	..	..	3	12	5½
„ „	„ Postage Stamps	..	..	4	5	6
„ „	„ Sundries	..	..	1	4	3
„ „	„ Secretary's Salary	..	..	12	0	0
Balance in Treasurer's hands				..	..	9 9 2½
				£37	10	0½

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT re "OUTLINES OF SPIRITUALISM."

1896.		<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
March 31—	To Balance in Treasurer's hands	..	..	72	6	1
1897.						
Feb. 28—	„ Donation, Milton Hall, Bradford, per Mrs. Raine	..	..	0	16	3
March 31—	„ Sales	..	..	8	19	9
„ „	„ Interest	..	..	1	4	0
				£83	6	1

1896.		<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
By Messrs. Billows & Co., Binding 100 Copies in Gilt				..	..	4 0 0
May 10—	„ Lyceum Banner, for advertising space	..	..	5	0	0
June	„ Committee Travelling Expenses	..	..	1	1	7
Aug.	„ Advertisement	..	..	0	7	0
1897.						
March 31—	„ Correspondence	0	5	4½
„ „	„ Sundries	0	18	6
„ Balance in Treasurer's hands				71 13 7½
				£83	6	1

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BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

ANNUAL RETURNS TO THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT BRADFORD, MAY 9th, 1897.

No.	Names of Lyceums.	No. on Register		Average attendance		Sessions per Sunday
		Officers.	Members.	Officers.	Members.	
1	Accrington, China Street	9	54	7	33	1
2	Accrington, Whalley Road	6	104	6	58	1
3	Accrington, The Temple	8	42	6	36	1
4	Armley	12	47	..	..	1
5	Bacup	..	40	..	35	1
6	Barrow-in-Furness	8	40	6	28	2
7	Batley Carr	9	40	8	27	2
8	Batley	8	46	6	17	2
9	Belper	16	79	9	70	2
10	Birmingham, Bloomsbury	..	40	..	25	1
11	Birmingham, Smethwick	10	46	8	34	1
12	Blackburn, Freckleton St.	12	78	9	58	1
13	Blackpool	..	..	..	..	..
14	Bolton	..	..	..	..	..
15	Bootle	5	25	4	18	1
16	Bradford, Rebecca St.	14	52	12	34	1
17	Bradford, Otley Road	..	..	..	..	..
18	Bradford, Boynton Street	15	42	12	38	1
19	Bradford, Temperance Hall	..	..	..	..	..
20	Bradford, Walton Street	12	50	9	36	1
21	Bradford, St. James's Church	10	32	10	26	1
22	Brighouse	12	78	9	61	2
23	Burnley, Hammerton Street	17	141	11	69	1
24	Burnley North Street	10	90	7	50	1
25	Burnley, Grey Street	7	63	7	40	1
26	Bury	9	38	7	36	1
27	Cleckheaton	..	..	..	..	..

ANNUAL RETURNS (Continued).

28 Clitheroe	4	31	4	21	1
29 Colne	38	60	13	32	1
30 Darwin .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
31 Derby, 1, Normanton Road..	..	..	..	..	..
32 Derby, Traffic Street ..	..	..	..	..	..
33 Dewsbury	13	70	7	30	2
34 Elland	13	60	9	43	1
35 Halifax	22	184	16	170	1
36 Heckmondwike .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
37 Heywood .. .. .	..	40	..	27	1
38 Hollingwood	6	27	5	19	1
39 Huddersfield, Brook Street ..	15	39	12	18	1
40 Huddersfield, St. Peter Street	6	35	6	32	1
41 Hyde	10	70	8	60	1
42 Keighley	5	45	3	36	2
43 Leeds, Psychological Hall ..	12	69	10	47	1
44 Leigh .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
45 Liverpool, Dawlby Hall ..	16	69	14	50	1
46 Liversedge	11	26	8	22	1
47 London, Surrey Masonic Hall	2	11	2	10	1
48 Macclesfield	7	33	6	24	1
49 Manchester, Temperance Hall ..	..	..	..	..	..
50 Manchester Psychological Hall	10	117	8	94	1
51 Manchester, West Gorton ..	..	..	..	..	..
52 Middlesboro' Newport Road	8	50	6	30	2
53 Middlesboro' Grange Road, W.	7	43	6	34	2
54 Millom	3	25	2	17	1
55 Morley	17	59	12	35	1
56 Nelson, Bradley Fold ..	16	44	7	28	1
57 Nelson, Pendle Street ..	4	30	3	27	1
58 Newcastle-on-Tyne ..	18	43	13	25	1
59 Normanton	5	35	2	27	1
60 Northampton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
61 Nottingham	22	55	20	45	1
62 Oldham, Bartlam Place ..	8	60	4	34	1
63 Ossett	6	18	6	14	1
64 Parkgate .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
65 Patricroft	4	26	3	15	1
66 Pendleton	13	74	7	40	1
67 Preston	4	76	4	70	1
68 Rawtenstall	15	66	11	55	1
69 Rochdale, Bailey Street ..	6	40	5	19	1
70 Lothdale, Penn Street ..	..	..	..	..	..
71 Rothwell	5	20	5	18	1
72 Royton	5	50	3	34	1
73 Salford .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
74 Sheffield .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
75 Shipley	7	43	5	28	1
76 Slaithwaite	17	20	10	11	1
77 Sowerby Bridge	15	53	10	41	2
78 Stockport	9	76	8	60	1
79 Sunderland	3	30	3	27	1
80 Walsall .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
81 West Vale	4	10	2	14	1
82 Whitworth	5	40	3	25	1
83 Wisbech .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
84 Yeadon .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
NON-FEDERATED LYCEUMS.					
85 Ashington .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
86 Ashton-under-Lynde ..	14	60	8	46	1
87 Bedworth	5	19	4	18	1
88 Blackburn, North Gate ..	1	26	1	8	1
89 Bishop Auckland .. .. .	..	15	2	12	1
90 Cardiff, St. John's Hall ..	..	..	..	..	..
91 Glasgow .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
92 London, Beech Hall Edmonton	..	..	..	..	..
93 London, Canning Town ..	..	..	..	..	..
94 London, Stratford	4	46	..	..	..
95 Manchester, Ash Lodge ..	..	..	..	..	..
Cheetham	6	21	6	17	1
96 Openshaw	12	130	11	89	1
97 Rochdale, Regent Hall ..	..	..	..	..	..

Those Lyceums with blanks opposite their names have not sent in their returns up to date April 23rd. A. KIRTON, Secretary.

The salary of a captain of a transatlantic liner is £1,000 a year. The wages of the men are £4 5s. per month.

Next Month: The Adventures of Solomon!

THE GOLDEN GROUP.

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES.—By the time you will read these lines the Conference will be meeting in Bradford. But we won't bother ourselves about that, as that is for the grown-up folks. Of course, it is necessary for you to take a little interest in it, for at that gathering the Conductors and Leaders, the District Visitors, and the Officials of our British Lyceum Union meet each year to talk over what they think will improve our Lyceums. And what talkers some of them are! Auntie thinks the gentlemen can talk quite as much as they say the ladies do! But they are all so much in earnest, and there is so much to say and so little time to say it in, that Auntie wonders however they get it all done in the time. Well, as you will see all about it in the other part of the paper, Auntie will turn to things that are more interesting to young folks.

As the particulars of the Conference doings will take up a lot of room I am not able to give you such a long letter as last month's. So let me do the best I can, and those whom I cannot oblige this time must wait a little longer for their letters to appear. The first place shall be given to a nice little letter from dear Edith Carr, of Bury. But Auntie does not remember having put Edith's name on the Roll, so I suppose she wants to join? If that is the case, Edith, you must send up to me a penny stamp to pay for your Certificate, when it will be sent you, and your name published in the next list. Auntie feels Edith is a dear little girl, and that you will all like to read her pretty letter, so Mr. Printer, please put here,

A LETTER FROM EDITH CARR.

DEAR AUNT EDITHA.—I am pleased to add to the number in the GOLDEN GROUP. I do love to read the BANNER, and I always look for Daisy Dimple. I am only a little girl, nine years old, but I hope some day to be able to do some good work in our Lyceum. I am trying to do some little acts of kindness, as Mamma says it will make me feel happier than being a selfish girl; your loving little Niece,

EDITH CARR.

15, Cecil Street, April 11th.

Among her letters one morning Auntie received one signed "B.B.," with the simple address of "Hyde Park, London, W" on it! Evidently the writer knows about the GOLDEN GROUP, for not only does he refer to it in his letter, but he also speaks of it in the *Two Worlds* as well. He mentions the numbers on the Roll, and has an appreciative word to say for Miss Morse's story. No doubt you have all read that story, and been much interested and amused at what the animals said under that oak tree? Well, I am running away from "B.B." and his letter, so let me return to it. The story is about a,—no, Auntie will let you read it for yourselves. So now give attention to,

A LETTER AND DOG STORY FROM "B.B."

DEAR AUNT EDITHA.—When reading the very comical story about the cat, the cook and the dog, in your letter of last month, I was reminded of a story, I read some time ago, which is well authenticated, and knowing how interested are your nephews and nieces in stories about animals, I give it as near as possible in the master's friends own words:—"Tim" was a well-bred, good-tempered bull-terrier, who was sent out to his friends in India quite young. He very quickly learnt the usual tricks, but one of his chief accomplishments was to carry a note to his master and bring back the answer. He had to go some distance to the office, and he would make his way through the crowd of persons and office people, much to their astonishment. He would wait for the answer to be given to him, and then trot back to me. Occasionally, if the weather were very hot, and I sent him more than once in the course of the morning, instead of coming back to me he would slink off into a cool corner of the office and lie down, with the note carefully in his mouth, until discovered by his master. The old Chobdar would say solemnly to him—"God has given him

the body of a dog, but he has the sense (akle) of a man." "Tim" really appeared to have the faculty of counting, for when two horses were brought round to the door of a morning he knew at once that he was to accompany us; when only one came he would put on an air of submissive resignation, wait to see his master start, and then come to see if I was ready for a walk. When we went down to Bombay 'Tim' was taken out by the dog-boy. On his return he would rush through all the rooms looking for his master. If he did not find him he would go to the hatstand and stand looking at the hats as if counting them; then, having apparently satisfied himself that one was missing, he would lie down at the top of the stairs watching for his master. I have seen him do this many times. He was most devoted to us! He was always fed once a day at our dinner; if we went out to dinner "Tim" was tied up, with his food put close to him; but he would not touch it until our return." I am very interested in the worthy work which our Editor, Mr. Morse, is doing for the Lyceum cause in this country, and if you think it would be interesting, and could persuade the editor to print them I should like to write about my visits to the different Lyceums in the country.

I remain, yours very truly, B. B.

Hyde Park, London, W., April 11th, 1897.

Auntie has a good friend at Colne, and he, like our President, Mr. Mason, of Burnley, is a devoted admirer of the GOLDEN GROUP, as are hundreds of others in the United Kingdom, the United States, and the Colonies. Our friend, Mr. Wm. Hy. Baldwin, who is the Conductor of the Colne Lyceum, has sent me a Dialogue, all about the GOLDEN GROUP, and as it brings out many nice points in our work, I am printing it this month. Auntie is very pleased to read that Mr. Baldwin raises his voice against smoking by our Leaders at, or near, our Lyceums. Smoking, with its spitting and offensive smell, is at best a disgusting habit. While its dangers to health, in the form of cancer on the lips, tongue, throat and stomach are sufficient to warn people against it. Smoking is as bad as drinking, and the two usually go together. Every girl should say that no sweet-heart shall kiss her if he smokes, and if all my teetotal friends would wage as good a fight against tobacco as they do against alcohol, I should admire them all the more. Now the Dialogue will interest you, so here it is:

"A CHAT ABOUT THE OBJECTS AND AIMS OF THE GOLDEN GROUP."

By Wm. Hy. Baldwin.

GEORGE: Well, Harry, I suppose you are going to the Lyceum this morning?

HARRY: Yes, I am, George, and shall be very glad if you will go with me.

GEORGE: I have often thought I would like to go, and I think I will accept your invitation this morning. But, first of all, can you give me an idea of this morning's proceedings there?

HARRY: Yes, we are celebrating the 49th Anniversary of "Modern Spiritualism," and the members of the GOLDEN GROUP will receive their Certificates. I think it will be very interesting and instructive, and that you will be well repaid for your visit.

GEORGE: Alright, Harry, that we shall see, and, now, tell me about the objects and aims of the GOLDEN GROUP?

HARRY: Yes, George, I will try my best to do so. Its motto is: "LOVE, TEMPERANCE, AND PURITY," its aim is to cultivate the same in its members. Membership is open to all who attend a Spiritualist Progressive Lyceum; also to anyone who takes an active part or sympathetic interest in its work. All that is required is an assent to the Rules governing the Group, and an earnest endeavour to live up to its motto, namely: "LOVE, TEMPERANCE, AND PURITY."

GEORGE: That seems to me to be a very good motto, Harry, and I begin to think that I would like to know more of it. I think I'd like to become a member. But please tell me first, what the rules are?

HARRY: Gladly, George, No. 1 is: "THAT I WILL ENDEAVOUR TO BE KIND AND LOVING TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS, AND EVERY LIVING THING."

GEORGE: That is a good rule, Harry, I think the only one that can ever bring humanity to a practical brotherhood, as is so much talked about, but I am sorry to say it is so little practised. Now, tell me the next one please.

HARRY: No. 2 is: "THAT I WILL ALWAYS TRY TO BE TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS, AND STRIVE TO ABSTAIN FROM USING INTOXICANTS AND TOBACCO."

GEORGE: That, also, is a good rule, Harry, also one that needs more practising. As, for instance, I have seen some of your Leaders smoking where I think they should not, as it does not seem right to be doing so around a place of worship, especially when children are about. It is a bad example, and I think they may take a lesson from their orthodox friends. Besides, smokers never seem to think that they are infringing on the rights of others by compelling them to breathe their noxious smoke.

HARRY: Yes, George, I quite agree with you, you also know that the boys say that if it is right for their leaders, or even parents, to smoke, it is right for them to do so. You see they ought to think that because others do wrong it does not make it right for them to do wrong also. If we all did otherwise there would never be any progression and no reformers. As for example, I may mention an instance of a local preacher whom I knew personally. He had been advised by the doctor to smoke, but he gave it up because of some boys who were reproved for smoking, saying, that if it was right for their local preacher and teacher to smoke, it was right for them. He could not bear to think that he was leading them astray by his example, so you see he gave it up for their sake.

GEORGE: I think he was a good man, just such a one as we need, because example certainly goes further than precept, especially in the eyes of young people. I think matters are very similar with respect to intoxicants. Boys, or young men, seem to think that to indulge in them makes them into men. But I do not think so. Such doings only tend to degrade them, and the more they indulge the farther they fall away from true manliness. Of course, we may allow a little as a medicine, but even then people ought to be careful and only take it when ordered by a doctor. Then, when they are better, leave it alone, but they seem to always need it after, so that I think its use becomes habitual to them, and it would be better to leave it entirely alone, especially when other things can be taken instead that will bring about the results needed.

HARRY: I quite agree with you, George, in that respect, for I think that a glass of warm milk, or a good cup of cocoa, and a walk in the fresh air in the beautiful country, are far more invigorating than a glass of beer or spirits.

GEORGE: Yes, Harry, and beside this, people forget that they are defiling their bodies, which are the Temples of God. But now you will please tell me the next rule.

HARRY: The last one is No. 3, and is that "I WILL NOT USE PROFANE OR VULGAR LANGUAGE."

GEORGE: That also is a very good rule, as I think people too frequently degrade their spiritual natures by indulging in low and vile expressions; I quite agree with the law in trying to put it down, for sensitive natures are too often hurt by the disgusting talk we hear in our streets and elsewhere.

HARRY: That is so, George, and it only remains for me to tell you that every member receives a Certificate when joining, and that the Group is conducted by Aunt Editha, who invites all her nephews and nieces to write her short letters that will interest the Group. For this purpose there is space allotted for matter pertaining to the "GOLDEN GROUP" in our LYCEUM BANNER, which is our monthly magazine. Besides this, their names are written in a "Big Book," which is shown at the Lyceum Conferences each year.

GEORGE: That will do now Harry. I am much obliged to you; and I think I will commemorate the 49th Anniversary by giving in my name to join and help along the GOLDEN GROUP.

Now I must bid you good-bye for this month, and hope to meet you all again in June. So no more, now, from your ever loving,

AUNT EDITHA.

THE KITSON TESTIMONIAL.

FINAL STATEMENT.

Newcastle Lyceum	.. .. .	£1 7 8
Huddersfield Lyceum, Brook St.	.. .. .	.. 0 3 0
Bradford, Temperance Hall Society and Lyceum.	.. .. .	0 10 0
West Vale Lyceum 0 8 0
Mr. C. W. Wallis 0 5 0
Mrs. Wallis 0 5 0
Mrs. Kees-Record 0 3 0
Mr. Birkett 0 2 6
P. L. 0 1 0
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Total	£	36 0 0

EDITORIAL VISITS.

During the past month the Editor, as usual, has been on his travels, and as what he has seen may be of some interest to our faithful Bannerites, he will write out for them a few of his jottings on the road.

His first visit was in Nottingham, but he was not able to visit the Lyceum there, owing to other duties preventing. But, on making enquiry, he was glad to know that things are much better there now, owing mainly to the presence of some old time Liverpool workers, and an infusion of new blood into the work. The Lyceum lately assisted in the services at the Masonic Hall, very acceptably too. Services of Song, Cantatas, and other like matters, are now quite frequent. But the cry is we want workers!

The next place visited was Manchester, where the writer went in response to an invitation to preside over the Good-Friday demonstration, in celebration of the 49th Anniversary of modern Spiritualism. The affair was not only a gigantic success, but the record event of the series, of which the late one was the sixth. A capital tea, well served, and of excellent quality, was partaken of by upwards of 500 people, the large numbers present necessitating a second service. The Demonstration meeting was attended by quite 800 persons, who presented a noble and inspiring sight. The proceedings consisted of a speech, songs, and music, the artistes all acquitting themselves finely. Our old friend, Mrs. Britten, received an ovation, a perfect hurricane of cheers welcoming her to the platform. Mr. Wallis, also, called out a regular tornado of applause for his fervid and vigorous repudiation of orthodoxy, the Devil, and all their works; and Mr. John Lamont, aided by Mr. W. Johnson, succeeded in obtaining, as a result of a stirring appeal to the people, a sum of £3 1s. for the O.P.S. Sick Benefit and Pension Funds. Quite a number of BANNERS were sold, and the Editor received many warm congratulations upon his appearance in Manchester, from many Lyceum workers who were present.

On Easter Sunday morning a visit was paid to the Tipping Street Lyceum, in accordance with an invitation extended to the visitor. The members, it was stated did not turn up in their accustomed numbers, owing to the holidays, but, nevertheless, upwards of sixty were present. The usual exercises were gone through, the singing and reading being, on the whole, satisfactory. Three little Misses gave recitations, Ethel Dempster, the title of whose piece did not transpire, followed by Bessie Shawcross and Annie Cheetwood who respectively gave: "Trampling down the Daisies," and "The Wanderer," each doing very well. The marching and calisthenics were creditably performed, and showed how painstaking and careful had been the training given to them. The visitor had to make a few remarks, which were most attentively listened to and heartily applauded. It was a very enjoyable visit, and the local workers deserve every credit for their faithfulness and zeal.

The Editor was accompanied by his host Mr. A. W. Orr, of Didsbury, and he was glad to meet in the Lyceum Mr. Jas. Swindlehurst, Mr. J. B. Longstaff, and many other faithful workers.

The Editor's visit to Manchester closed with a large and enthusiastic meeting on the Sunday evening, at the Coal Exchange Hall, which was completely filled, Mr. F. Tomlinson of Eccles, presiding. These meetings are under the auspices of the Central Manchester Sunday Services Committee, of which Mr. A. W. Orr is secretary, and he was also the host

of the visitor during his stay, and to whom let me return my hearty thanks for all his kindnesses.

Back again to London, and then on to Newcastle-on-Tyne, when on Sunday, April 25th, the Editor visited the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lyceum, and found an attendance of upwards of sixty present. Mr. W. Moore is the conductor, and Miss Cora Martin the guardian. They have each been trained up in the Lyceum, it is now their honour and privilege to preside over. The usual exercises were gone through, and there was an evident desire to do things well. The general attention was not as good as it should be, though, but in other respects a very creditable showing was made. Lessons were dispensed with, the Editor being invited to address the Lyceum instead. In doing so he pointed out several little items for the common good, and narrated some of his observations made in Lyceums in the United States.

Well, as we have a very full paper I must reserve sundry other matters. THE EDITOR.

THE BANNER'S BOOK BOX.

SOMETHING NEW, BY ANNIE COLLINS. Cloth, illustrated. 1s.
COMMON AILMENTS AND THEIR CURES, BY DR. ANDREW WILSON. Stiff Covers. 1s. London; George Rodway, Bart Street, W. C.

The first of these two works is a pretty little allegory for children, concerning Guardian Angels, and is founded on the ideas that Spiritualism has made familiar to writers of semi-religious stories. It is prettily written, and of course makes Jesus the central figure in the narrative. The illustrations, of which there are four full page ones, are not the least attractive feature of the booklet.

In the second of the above named books Dr. Andrew Wilson has compiled a very excellent volume indeed. The matter was originally published in the form of Articles contributed to *Lloyd's Newspaper*, and are now gathered into book form, making nearly 260 pages of most valuable information, that would be cheap at six times the price charged for the book. The following extract from the Preface states the purposes of the work so well that it is quoted for the reader's guidance: "The book is intended simply as an extension of the principle of ambulance or 'first aid' teaching to the recognition and relief of common ailments. I deem it as important that people should be taught to recognise the symptoms of common ailments, as to be able to apply the means of stopping bleeding or for relieving a case of choking." This would be a useful class book in the Lyceum, and should find a place in every house.

N. B.—All works reviewed in the BANNER can always be supplied to the order of all who wish to procure them.

The number of the *Humanitarian* for April is an unusually good one,—that is to say, there is hardly an essay in it which in one way or another will not repay careful reading. It has as a frontispiece a portrait of the late Jules Simon, who was a member of the French Academy and a great politician and reformer; the last chapter of one of his works "Duty" translated by Richard Arthur is given the first place in the magazine, but perhaps the most interesting to Spiritualists is the article "Is a belief in the Supernatural necessary to Progress?" by Isabel Esmond, which will give all readers food for thought even if they may not be ready to accept the truth with regard to the position of the Church at this period. We sincerely sympathise with the Editor in the passing on of her beloved husband, John Bidulph Martin, which occurred on March 20th, at Los Palmas, Grand Canary. Mr. Martin's services in the conducting of this excellent monthly magazine were invaluable; amongst the many positions he held, the Presidency of the Royal Statistical Society is worthy of note. B. B.

THE *Two Worlds*, Manchester, gave this journal another of its genial notices lately, commendatory on the March number. Our contemporary quoted one of the lessons from the Lesson Plan, and cordially endorsed the utility of that department. We are obliged, and, in return, would say that our friendly commentator is in every way worthy of the support of its ever-increasing body of readers. As a popular and representative organ the "Two Worlds" stands above all question. Long may it so continue, and Bro. Wallis be retained as its able and hard-working Editor.

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

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

- ACCRINGTON—China street, at 10-30. Mr. W. Fish, 7 Lodge terrace, Oswaldtwistle.
- ACCRINGTON—Whalley road, 10 and 2-30. Miss A. Williams, 45, Pendle street.
- ACCRINGTON—The Temple, 10-30 and 2-30. Miss Barnes, 17, Frederick street.
- ARMLEY—Mistress lane. Mr. H. W. Brett, 38, Harrow street, Wortley, Leeds.
- BACUP—Meeting room, Victoria Hall, Market street. Miss Hurst, 16, Pembroke street.
- BARROW-IN-FURNESS—Lyceum Hall. Mr. James Holden, 12, Dalkeith street.
- BATLEY CARR—Town street, 10 and 2. Miss M. Carver, c/o Mrs. Kitson, Bromley road, Hanging Heaton, near Dewsbury.
- BATLEY—Wellington street, at 10 and 1-45. Mr. Joseph Colbeck, Wood street.
- BELPER—Jubilee Hall, at 10 and 2. Mr. Alfred Bodell, Brook Cottage.
- BIRMINGHAM—Blossomsbury, at 11, Miss C. Roberts, c/o Mr. R. F. Martineau, 10, Highfield road, Edgbaston.
- BIRMINGHAM—Smethwick, Central Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. H. E. Kent, 231, Dudley road, Birmingham.
- BLACKBURN—Spiritualists' Hall, Freckleton street, at 9-30. Mr. J. W. Moss, 228, South view, Wensley street.
- BLACKPOOL—Liberal Club, Church street, 9-30 a.m. Mr. Thomas Rigby, 43, Cookson street.
- BOLTON—Bradford street, 10 a.m. Fred. Jackson, 4, Waldecks street.
- BOOTLE—11 a.m., Mr. Jas. Hollinrake, 92, Argos road, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
- BRADFORD—Rebecca street, 10 a.m. Mrs. Raine, 6, Paddock row.
- BRADFORD—Otley road, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Arnold, 69, Southampton st., off Otley rd.
- BRADFORD—Boynton street, 10 a.m. (No advice).
- BRADFORD—Temperance Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Wm. Snaith, 39, Harewood street.
- BRADFORD—Walton street, Hall lane, 9-30. Mr. J. Seaton, 34, Holling terrace, Holling road.
- BRADFORD—St. James Church, 10 a.m. Mr. J. H. Smith, 227, Leeds road.
- BRIGHOUSE—Martin street, 10 a.m. Mr. George Crowther, 45, Rogerson square, Waring green.
- BURNLEY—Hammerton street, 9-30. Miss Mary Wrathall, 73, Sandy Gate.
- BURNLEY—Spiritual Hall, North street, 9-30. Mr. J. Banks, 12, Bush street.
- BURNLEY—Guy street, 10 a.m. Mr. Ernest Hargreaves, 24, Hambleton view, Haberg-ham.
- BURY—At 10 a.m. Mr. P. Birkett, 93, Walshaw road, Elton, Bury.
- CLECKHEATON—Walker st., Northgate, 9-45. Mr. Ernest Nuttall, 2, Alfred st., Moor end.
- CLITHEROE—Liberal Club, Wellgate, 9-30. Miss A. Ware, 115, Woone lane.
- COLNE—Cloth Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. Henry Morrison, 19, Clifford street.
- DARWEN—Church Bank street, 9-30 a.m. Mr. J. Harwood, 28, Hindle street.
- DERBY—1a, Normanton road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Roe, 1, Burton road.
- DERBY—Traffic street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Richardson, 15, Drury lane.
- DEWSBURY—Bond street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. R. Wimpenny, 6, Stapleton buildings, Vulcan road.
- ELLAND—10 a.m. Mr. Fred Smith, 28, Catherine street.
- HALIFAX—Winding road. Mr. F. Townsend 27, Heywood place.
- HECKMOND WIKE—Assembly Room, Thomas street, 10 a.m. Mr. Sam Crowther, Norrithorpe, Liversedge.
- HEYWOOD—Moss fold, 10-15 a.m. Mr. J. Entwistle, 34, Bedford street.
- HOLLINGWOOD—10-15 a.m. Mr. Alex. Porteous, 35, Drury lane.
- HUDDERSFIELD—Brook street, Mr. H. L. Westerby, 7, Manchester road.
- HUDDERSFIELD—St. Peter street, Mr. John Wilson, 37, Manchester road.
- HYDE—Mount street, 10 a.m. Miss Lydia Meakin, 17, Church street.
- KEIGHLEY—Heber st. Spiritual Temple, 10 and 1-30. Mr. Shackleton, 11, Acre street, Knowle park.
- LEEDS—Psychological Hall, 10 a.m. Miss Hayes, 63, Stony Rock lane.
- LEIGH—Newton street, 10 a.m. Mr. J. H. Ogden, 60, Lord street.
- LIVERPOOL—Daulby Hall, Daulby street, 11 a.m. Mr. E. A. Keeling, 7, Wesley street.
- LIVERSEDEGE—10 a.m. Mr. R. Hodgson, 3, Birkett street, Cleckheaton.
- LONDON—Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, New road, 3 p.m. Mr. J. Kenyon, 21, Grumant road, Peckham, S.E.
- MACCLESFIELD—Cumberland street, 10 and 2-30. Mr. G. Challinor, 43, Peel street.
- MANCHESTER—Temperance Hall, Tipping street, Ardwick, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. E. Braham, 5, Rial street, Hulme, Manchester.
- MANCHESTER—Psychological Hall, Collyhurst road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Reginald Whiteman, 64, Thorpe street, Newton Heath.
- MANCHESTER—West Gorton Labour Hall, 24, Grey street, Longsight, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Wright, 232a, New Branch street, Longsight.
- MIDDLESBORO—Newport road, C. H. Roeder, 51, Russel street.
- MIDDLESBOROUGH—77, Grange road West, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. Naylor, 77, Grange road West.
- MILMO—At 10 and 2. Mr. R. Tyson, 1, Moor end.
- MORLEY—Church street, 10 and 1-45. Miss Louisa Taylor, 65, Clarence street, Albert road.
- NELSON—Bradley fold, 10 a.m. Mr. Wm. Walmsley, 223, Leeds road.
- NELSON—Pendle street, 10-30. Mr. G. C. Harwood, 16, Belgrave street, Brierfield.
- NEWCASTLE—Good Templars' Hall, Clayton street, 2-30. Mr. Gerald Martin, 205, High Clara street, New Benwell.
- NORMANTON—Queen street, 10 a.m. Miss L. Holmes, 12, High street.
- NORTHAMPTON—St. Michael road, 2 p.m. Mr. A. Ward, 42, St. Giles street.
- NOTTINGHAM—Morley house, Shakespeare street, 2-30. Mr. L. Shipley, 342, Alfred street North.
- OLDHAM—Bartlam place, Horsedge street, 10 a.m. Mr. Charles Shaw, 64, Hanson street, Green Acres.
- OSSETT, (THE GREEN)—10 a.m. Miss Hilda Peace, Healey New Mill.
- PARKGATE—Spiritual Temple, Ashwood road, 10 a.m. Mr. John Drower, 21, Loyd street, Parkgate, near Rotherham.
- PATRICROFT—New lane, Winton, 10 and 1-30. Mr. Edwards, 17, Hampson street, Winton.
- PENDLETON—Hall of Progress, Cobden street, 10-30 and 1-30. Mr. J. Johnson, 12, Bell street.
- PRESTON—9-45 a.m. Miss C. Parkinson, 6, Sefton street.
- RAWTENSTALL—Back Ormerod st., 10-30. Mr. J. E. Barnes, 19, Rosevale, Cloughfold.
- ROCHDALE—Bailey street, 10 a.m. Mr. R. Hay, 35, Mere lane, Further side.
- ROCHDALE—Penn street, 10 a.m. Mr. R. Lawson, 8, Meanwood road.
- ROTHWELL—Near Leeds, 10 a.m. Mr. A. T. Hoyle, 3, Melbourne court, Carlton lane.
- ROYTON—10 a.m. Mr. Hilton Buckley, 7, Cooper square, Royton, near Oldham.
- SALFORD—Co-operative Stores, Chapel street, 10 a.m. Mr. J. Braegirdle, 9, Park place, Cross lane.
- SHEFFIELD—Hollis Hall, Bridge street, Mrs. H. E. Wright, 78, Andover street.
- SHIPLEY—10 a.m. Mr. Luther Tillotson, 28, Fair Bank, Cragg road, Windhill.
- SLAITHWAITE—Laith lane, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Thos. W. Hoyle, 4, Blakestone, Slaithwaite, near Huddersfield.
- SOWERBY BRIDGE—Miss A. M. Holroyde, Tull lane.
- STOCKPORT—Spiritual Hall, Wellington road, Mr. Arthur Boulton, 116, Daw bank.
- SUNDERLAND—27, Ann street, 11 a.m. Mr. T. O. Todd, 7, Winifred terrace.
- WALSALL—Central Hall, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. J. J. Bennet, 52, Blue lane West.
- WEST VALE—Green lane, 10 a.m. Mr. F. C. Ingram, Green lane, West Vale, near Halifax.
- WHITWORTH—Market street, 10 a.m. Mr. Albert White, Post Office, nr. Rochdale.
- WISBECH—Lecture Room, Public Hall, 2-15. Mr. Wm. Hill, junr., 31, Albert street.
- YEADON—Town Side, 9-30. Mr. J. Green, Lombard street, Little London, Rawdon, near Leeds.

OTHER LYCEUMS.

- ASHINGTON COLLIERY—Northumberland, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Elliot, 60, Fourth row, Ashington, Morpeth, Northumberland.
- ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE—10 a.m. Mr. C. Cooper, 328, Whitelands road.
- BEDWORTH—10 a.m. Mr. J. T. Taylor, Grove villa, Hob lane, Bedworth, near Nuneaton.
- BLACKBURN—Northgate, Mr. Henry Callan, 64, Carlisle street.
- BISHOP AUCKLAND—10 a.m. Mr. Borlace, 91, Gurney villa.
- CARDIFF—St. John's Hall, St. John's square, 2-45 p.m. No advice of Secretary.
- GLASGOW—4, Carlton place, 5 p.m. Secretary, Mr. W. McDonald, 9, Carfin street, Govanhill.
- LONDON—Beech Hall, Hyde lane, Edmonton, Mrs. Durant, 6, Carolina cottages, Town road, Lower Edmonton.
- LONDON—Canning Town, 2, Fords Park road, 10-45 a.m.
- LONDON—Stratford, 13, Fowler road, Forest Gate, 3 p.m. Mr. Jas. Humphrey, 6, Mary lane park, Stratford.
- MANCHESTER—Cheetham, Ash Lodge, Halliwell Lane, 10 till 12. No advice of Sec.
- MANCHESTER—Gorton I.L.P. Rooms, Ainsworth street, Clowes street, 2-30.
- OPENSHAW—Granville Hall, 2 p.m. Mr. John Shaw, 120, Ogden lane.
- ROCHDALE—Regent Hall, 9-45 a.m. Mr. Fred Knott, 1, Albert Roysds street.
- SPENNYMOOR—Victoria Hall, Mr. Henry Barker, 10, King William street, Tudhoe Grange, Co. Durham.

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