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TO MY MOTHER.

BY WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

WHEN the icy hand of Death,  
Left me of thy love bereft,  
Wert thou conscious of the same,  
Didst thou hear me call thy name—  
In my Dreams?

They told me thou wert oh so bright,  
In a land that knows no night;  
That thou could'st not here return,  
Though my heart didst for thee yearn—  
In my Dreams.

Thou art near me though unseen,  
'Tis but the mist that lies between;  
If I grieve thee, do I pray,  
Point me out the better way—  
In my Dreams.

Keep thou near me by my side,  
Be my guardian and my guide;  
One more favour it is this,  
Let me feel a mother's kiss—  
In my Dreams.

Nelson.

WM. WALMSLEY.

[Specially contributed to the Lyceum Banner.]

## LORD OF HIMSELF.

BY ANNIE E. FITTON.

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

HE was possessed, as was Ralph, by a passionate longing to atone as far as lay in her power for the injury done him, the effects of which seemed so cruelly prolonged.

In passing down the staircase to give an order about the boy's dinner, she met Ralph, to her surprise, for he usually dined in town. He was coming swiftly up the stairs three and four at a bound, and as she glanced at his face, an exclamation of terror escaped her. Pale as death, with the curious fixidness of expression only too familiar to her, she saw with a pained sinking at her heart, that he was in one of his white heats of passion, and involuntarily she stepped aside as he flew past her. She heard him enter his room, heard the door banged to and violently locked, and slowly passing down the stairs she turned mechanically into the empty drawing-room and sinking into a chair, gave herself up to a few moments wondering speculation as to the cause of his sudden and stormy appearance.

Her first instinct was to go to him, but from past experience she knew it would be useless. And he was better alone for a time, alone to fight his battle with his own tempestuous nature, and face the trouble of whatever nature it might be which had overtaken him.

She roused herself at last, feeling with a slight shiver that a sudden cloud had dimmed the brightness of the sky. She dreaded Ralph's outbursts unspeakably. Identifying herself

with him, his troubles hers, she suffered with him, and sharing by the very force of her sympathy in the struggle which he made to master himself, she knew him as none other did, and knowing his weakness and his strength, could pity, encourage, and aid him.

The winter through which they had scarcely as yet emerged, had been unmarked by any outburst. He had seemed to be exercising more self-restraint. Chafing less at his uncongenial employment, and devoting his spare time, as much of it as was not engrossed by Guy, to aiding the Rector in some of his schemes for the amusement and elevation of the neighbourhood. She had hoped much from all this, and now, as she thought of the white set face which had flashed by her, unconscious seemingly of her presence, her heart ached with a sympathy she longed to express.

Upon her return to Guy's room she found him leaning eagerly upon his elbow. "Has Ralph come in?" Doris made a mute gesture. The boy looked keenly in her disturbed face.

"Is he in one of his precious funks Doris?"

"I am afraid so."

"I say! Whatever is the row this time? Did you ask him?"

"How could I, when he rushed past me as though he never even saw me?"

Guy flung himself back on his pillow with an impatient ejaculation. "Its something at that horrid old bank that has riled him. He hates it and so should I.

"Dont be silly Guy, the bank is right enough."

"Some of the folks in it are not though. Are you going to see what's up Doris?"

"Presently; he won't let me in now I know."

"You know nothing of the kind Doris, and you can calmly stand there and know that old Ralph's in trouble. Doris, I did not think it of you!" said the boy with a scornful lip.

Doris laughed in spite of her anxiety at the boy's indignant tone, but it was a laugh closely allied to tears, and her eyes looked very misty as she bent over him.

"Dear old boy, have patience and give me credit for a little feeling. If I worry Ralph now I shall defeat my own ends. I will run up presently when he has had time to calm down a bit."

With this promise the boy had to content himself, but he refused to settle down to his usual amusements, was restless and irritable, and when his sister, after a vain attempt to get speech with Ralph, who flatly refused to open his door, reported her failure, he turned upon her with a reproachful gaze, and his mother at that moment entering the room he exclaimed:

"Mother, do you know Ralph has come in and shut himself in his room?"

"No, has he? what is wrong now?" turning to Doris.

"I don't know, something wrong at the bank I suppose."

"And he is in one of his tempers?" said Mrs. Cardwell interrogatively.

"He is in trouble mother, and no one cares, and I am tied by the leg here," exclaimed the boy passionately.

"And pray whose doing it is that you are? You do well to make such a fuss about Ralph, who nearly killed you in one of his vile moods. Would you put yourself in his way again? Let him stay in his room, the best place for such a mad fellow."

And having thus delivered herself, Mrs. Cardwell quitted the room, leaving poor Guy crimson and almost speechless with indignation.

Dinner was a dreary function to Doris that day, and was got through in an oppressive silence which neither of the ladies felt inclined to break, for Doris was too uneasy to make any effort to sooth Mrs. Cardwell's ruffled plumes, who as usual was chafed beyond endurance by Guy's defence of Ralph.

Doris quitted the table as soon as common civility would permit, and made another effort to effect an entrance into Ralph's room. After a brief pause the door was unlocked, and entering, the girl looked anxiously at her brother, who confronted her with a look of appealing misery which went to her heart.

"Ralph my darling, what is it?" she whispered as she threw her arms round him.

"Doris, Doris, how can I tell you?" he exclaimed, clinging to her as one drowning clings to a floating spar.

"To be suspected of theft! I—oh, the disgrace, the humiliation!"

"Ralph, what are you talking of! you must be dreaming, have misunderstood—it is impossible!"

"It is a fact. Even my father doubts me."

"But I don't understand; what is it all about?" asked the bewildered Doris.

And bit by bit the story was told, of Lady Coventry's casket entrusted for greater safety to the bank, withdrawn as usual by her, her discovery that its contents had been tampered with, followed by her visit to the bank and the inquiry at once set on foot, with the unavoidable inference that someone on the premises must have abstracted the jewels. Who was the guilty person? Who had possessed the necessary facilities for so daring a deed?

As the inquiry proceeded it necessarily took a narrower range, and a few subtle suggestions from Fred to his father took root in congenial soil and bore their intended fruit. Mr. Cardwell at first indignantly repelled the insinuations which involved his son in the robbery. But bit by bit the evidence told against him. He clearly remembered the incidents of the day when the case was brought by Lady Coventry, remembered that his son was the person to whom it was handed over for replacement in its customary receptacle, and that the keys were sometimes in his possession. But what of all that—as well suspect himself or his partner. But the culprit must be found, the credit of the bank was at stake, and sending for Ralph he put him through a course of close questioning which left him as much in the dark as when he began. And then the junior partner took up the inquiry, and so irritated the youth with his inuendos that he lost all control of his tongue and temper, launched into a violent tirade against his uncle and his vile suspicions, and finally turned to his father with the point blank question, "Did he believe his son capable of such a deed?"

Thus appealed to, Mr. Cardwell, who at another time would have promptly negatived such an odious and insulting doubt, worried and annoyed by a mystery as baffling as it was injurious to his business reputation, influenced almost insensibly by his partner's insinuations, and chafed by the

high-handed tone of Ralph's remarks, hesitated, and in that moments wavering the hot-headed youth read a doubt that almost drove him frantic.

With the reproachful exclamation "You too!" spoken with a tragic intensity, Cæsar might have employed, poor indignant Ralph rushed from the room and from the bank.

Doris, seated in a low chair while her brother paced the room in his usual restless fashion, listened to the rapid and broken sentences in which the scene I have briefly outlined was detailed, and as he closed his recital, the misery in the young face touched her to the core.

"My poor boy," she exclaimed, and drawn to her by a craving for sympathy and confidence which overmastered his impulse to hold aloof and assert his dawning manhood, Ralph sank at her feet and grasping the outstretched hands he bowed his head upon her lap, and in spite of his efforts to control his emotion, the long pent up passion spent its force in a wild burst of stifled weeping.

*(To be Continued.)*

#### LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DEMONSTRATION.

THE seventh annual Lyceum Demonstration was held at Bury on Saturday, July 8th. Spiritualists and friends from different parts of Lancashire assembled to take part in our annual "Children's Day." About a quarter to four all the Lyceums had arrived, and Union Square then presented quite an animated appearance, with about 2000 spectators watching our movements very keenly. After being marshalled the combined Lyceums sang that beautiful hymn "Trust in God and do the Right," under the directorship of Mr. Braham. The Chief Marshall gave the order for the Lyceums to march to the music of the bands, when all stepped out beautifully to the strains of a lively air. I never saw them march better, and they did credit to themselves, and must have pleased their respective conductors who have given them a special training.

The following was the Order of Procession:—The Trustees of the Bury Society; Walkden Prize Brass Band; Chief Marshall, Mr. J. B. Longstaff; Mrs. Greenwood, Vice-president of the Lyceum Union; Mr. A. Kitson, Secretary, Lyceum Union; Mr. A. Wilkinson, Nelson, member of the Executive Committee; Mr. J. B. Tetlow, Pendleton, and others. Each Lyceum, as follows, being headed by its own banner and its members wearing distinctive coloured rosettes: Bury (violet rosettes), Manchester (blue), Royton (white), Collyhurst (primrose); Little Lever Brass Band; Broughton (Stuart tartan), Harpurhey (pink and amber), Rochdale (lavender), Pendleton (salmon), and Rawtenstall (blue and white). The junior marshalls were Messrs. Stafford (Broughton), Golding (Bury), T. Taylor (Collyhurst), Cheetwood (Manchester), Gibson (Pendleton), Alf. Smith (Harpurhey), Knott (Rochdale), Greaves (Royton), and Haworth (Rawtenstall).

The route taken was through the principal thoroughfares to the Fair-ground. Here the members of each Lyceum went through numerous marching and calisthenic exercises, which were very interesting, the Bury Society being conducted by Mr. R. Charnley. While the exercises were in progress a collection was taken, half of the proceeds of which will be given to the Bury Infirmary and the remainder to the demonstration fund. The procession was subsequently continued in reversed order to the Co-operative Hall, headed by the Little Lever Brass Band. At the hall tea was

catered for by the Co-operative Society, no fewer than 866 persons sitting down at the tables. Subsequently a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Golding, of Bury (president of the local society). Among those on the platform, in addition to the officers, &c., aforementioned, were Miss Burton, Messrs. J. Fletcher, P. Birketts, and John Swarbrick, of Bury.

The Chairman said that everything had passed off very successfully, and he trusted that they would be able to hand over something to the treasurer of the demonstration. (Applause.)—Mr. Taylor introduced Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, the late president of the union, as one of the most ardent workers on behalf of their 14 Lyceums during the last seven years. (Applause.)—Mrs. Greenwood, after expressing the pleasure it gave her to be present that night, said they all agreed in doing honour to those who laboured in behalf of the children. She had been requested that night to make a presentation to Mr. J. B. Longstaff, of Manchester, in recognition of the work he had done for the Lyceums. Mr. Longstaff would never look upon that silver medallion of the society without remembering that day, that hour, and those friends. She trusted he would continue to cherish the same strong feelings for the Lyceum movement as he had shown in the past, and that he would feel that it was the angel world that was directing him in his efforts. There was not a single officer in any Lyceum but what was doing his duty and making it possible for others to take up higher work. She, therefore, urged them to go on with their duty and the angel world would bless them.—At this point Miss Ethel Waters (a young girl) handed over to Mr. Longstaff a large bouquet which he presented to Mrs. Greenwood on behalf of the Lyceums. Mrs. Greenwood, after plucking out a beautiful red rose, spoke to the young girl and said that she was one of the flowers of the Lyceum. She afterwards, during a solemn and silent moment or too, pinned the silver medal on Mr. Longstaff's breast.

Mr. Longstaff then said:—"Brother and sister Lyceumists and friends, I scarcely know how to express myself in regard to the very high value you have placed upon my humble efforts. I have only done my duty as a Lyceumist, and hoped to continue in the good work. Allow me to thank the delegates and friends who had subscribed for the gift." (Applause.) I may say that the Committee or who had this secret in hand could have chosen no one in the Lyceum Union whom I esteem more than Mrs. Greenwood. Amount collected on the Fair Ground amounted to £2 11s. 6d.

Mr. Kitson (secretary of the Lyceum Union) said he was certain, from what he had seen that day, that the demonstration would leave behind it a lasting impression for good. He had been asked which had been the nicest Lyceum (Laughter). He thought they had all been the nicest. (Laughter and applause.) America was the birthplace not only of Spiritualism but of the Lyceum movement, but their American friends were simply astounded at the solidarity of the movement in England. They said that England was a little place, but it was a little good one. (Applause.) He would have to forward a glowing account to headquarters of that day's proceedings, upon the success of which he congratulated one and all. (Applause.) Mr. J. B. Tetlow (Pendleton) and Mr. Wilkinson (Nelson) also spoke. On leaving the room Mr. Longstaff was told that an Illuminated Address would be given to him also, but it was not ready. The musical portion was well rendered by the choirs of the Bury, Rochdale, and Rawtenstall Choirs. Miss Clough officiating as accompanist.



## Our Daisies' Page.

Edited by Daisy Dimple.

MY DEAR DAISIES,—I often wish that our Daisy page was large enough to enable me to print some of the very nice letters I receive from so many kind friends, a great many friends whom I have never seen, and who only know me through our Daisy page. I think you would enjoy reading them as much as I do myself. Since I wrote the last Daisy page I have received one or two of the very best letters that were ever sent me, and which gave me more surprise and pleasure than ever I have had before, and it is about these letters that I am now going to tell you.

One lady writes a nice letter about the Daisies in her Lyceum Group, who often speak about Daisy Dimple and want to know how old she is; they think she must be quite old because she writes such nice stories. But Daisy is not "quite old," if I know what "quite old" means. I was reading a book the other day which said that a man is as old as he is really is in years, but a woman is just as old as she feels, and I have been thinking a lot about it ever since, and it does not matter how very old I might be, because if I feel as young as a Daisy when I write the Daisy page, then I must be really a very young Daisy, and must be only about seven or eight years old, because that is just the age I feel myself to be, but to tell you the truth I am a bit older, because there are two figures in my age, and you can easily guess that I am under 100 years old.

But do you know, I have seen big men and big women who were big enough and old enough to be fathers and mothers, and wise enough to be Lyceum Conductors, and Speakers, and Presidents, have the same feeling that I have been writing about, and that instead of being forty, fifty, and nearly sixty years old as they really were, have been only eight, ten, and twelve years old in feeling, and I never thought such old people could feel so young until mother took me to Blackpool and I saw them all on the roundabouts, and swings, and in the gipsy tents, on Monday morning. And if you want to smile as happily as Daisy Dimple did, just imagine you see some of the ladies and gentlemen whose names you see in the BANNER and other papers, and who sometimes visit the Lyceums and make nice speeches and tell us nice tales, all sitting on the horses and lions, and in the coaches of a roundabout, and going round and round whilst the steam organ plays out "Sweet Rosy O'Grady."

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But I have some nicer letters to tell you about, whilst I was dressing myself one morning I heard some letters being pushed through the letter box of the front door; without waiting until I had finished dressing, I went down and picked them up, there was one addressed to Daisy; I soon opened it, read it and now you can read it for yourselves.

### MR. JOHN AINSWORTH TO DAISY DIMPLE.

DEAR DAISY DIMPLE,—I have purchased a house at 48, Ribble Road, Central Drive, Blackpool, for £340, free from ground rent, containing sitting room, kitchen, scullery, also wash-house and four bedrooms. Over the wash-house another bedroom could be built, and a bath fixed in the wash-house. I have purchased this solely with the view of ultimately handing it over, with all the furniture, books, etc., to trustees for a "LYCEUM HOME OF REST," etc., and may partially endow it. In the meantime I would allow it to be used RENT FREE for that purpose of course, I keeping possession, and using part of it as a residence during my life-time (one bedroom only required for self). There is now only the question of providing some one to look after it, etc. I now leave it for your Lyceum Committee to decide upon the best course to adopt, apart from, or in connection with my offer. I propose to call it "Lyceum House" or home.—Yours truly,  
JNO. AINSWORTH.

42, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,  
LONGSIGHT, MANCHESTER, JULY 20TH, 1899.

When I had finished reading it I could scarcely believe it true. I ran upstairs to Bob's room, and nearly pulled him out of bed, giving him quite a fright.

"What's the matter now Daisy?" "Oh, heaps, just look at this." Bob took the letter, read it through, turned it upside down to see if it could be read another way, looked at the back, read it through again, examined the envelope, read it through once more, and aloud, studied each line, read each sentence two or three times, and then said, "It seems all right, Daisy, and splendid news for you; you should send it to Mr. Todd at once, he will be delighted, and so will everybody else.

Bob would not let me disturb Mother, though I wanted to tell her all about it; so I went to my own room and wrote a letter and sent a copy of Mr. Ainsworth's letter to Mr. Todd [I did not send Mr. Ainsworth's letter, I want to keep that for myself and have it framed], and was just going out to post it when mother came downstairs.

"Where are you going, Daisy?"

"Oh, mother, I have had such a delightful letter from a gentleman, and I am just going now to post a letter."

"You are surely never going out in that condition, you have not fastened any of your skirts, you have no dress on, and no stockings, only your slippers, and your hair all frowsy."

"Oh, mother, I have forgotten to dress myself, I am so excited," and then I showed her my letter.

Mother was astonished as well as delighted, and knew the state of my mind better than I could tell her, for she quickly said, "I can well understand your excitement, go and dress yourself quickly, and come in to breakfast and I will talk it over with you.

You will think I dressed myself very quickly, but I did not do so. None of the buttons would go into the right button-hole, the hooks got into the wrong eyes, and had all to be undone and fastened again. The strings got into knots before they were properly tied, and my left shoe got on to the right foot, and had it not been that I was so pleased I should have been awfully vexed, but it was only amusing.

Mother thought I would not be able to do any lessons if I went to school, because I would not be able to give my mind to them, so she said I could take holiday for the day, which I was quite willing to do, and spent the whole

morning writing letters to my friends, and not forgetting a very nice one to Mr. Ainsworth, telling him how pleased you all would be when you got to know about his generous gift.

But greater surprises were in store for me, Mr. Todd had received a letter from Mr. Ainsworth, the same as mine, and Mr. Ainsworth also sent another letter, containing an invitation to go to his home at Manchester and stay a day or two, so that he could talk with me about the Lyceum Home.

Don't you think it was exceedingly kind of him to take so much interest in our Lyceum Daisies and to send the invitation? I took it as an honour, not only to me, but to every Lyceumist in the country. And mother allowed me to go. It was a splendid ride in the train, beautiful sunshine outside, and a lot of sunshine inside as well, and I only hoped all the time that the Home would bring as much sunshine into other lives as the thoughts alone were bringing into mine. It was late in the afternoon when I got to the end of my journey, and as the house was directly opposite the railway station I easily found my way. I had asked Mother how I was to do and what I was to say when visiting a gentleman's house for the first time, so when the lady came to the door I asked for Mr. Ainsworth and gave her a pretty little card out of the case of cards which Bob gave me on my birthday, and on the card was

Miss Daisy Dimple.

When the lady looked at it she said "Oh, we have been expecting you, but did not expect such a sweet young maiden coming to visit us as you are."

"I know I am very young," I said, "but there is nobody can grow older quicker than I do."

Then she showed me into a very nice room, and as she closed the door, I saw a gentleman rising out of his chair to greet me. I made courtesy as we do when we dance the quadrilles at the Golden Group, and very soon I found he was Mr. Ainsworth, and such a nice man too.

After tea, he asked me such a lot of questions (but I asked him far more). So many that I cannot remember them all.

And then he told me all about the house for a home of rest and what he intended doing. I cannot possibly tell you half of what we talked about, but he said he was going to make a

#### PRESENT OF THE HOUSE

to the Lyceum Union as soon as ever they decided to take it. And that he would build another bed-room over the kitchen, and also put a bath into the house, and that every room would be nicely furnished, there would be carpets, and chairs, beds, couches, tables, and a whole catalogue of things, then he pointed to the beautiful pictures hanging on the walls, and said they would all be sent to the Home. Then he showed me the large bookcase packed full of splendid books, and said they were all to be sent to Blackpool to go into the Home, and about twice as many more books which he had packed away. Then there was another surprise when he led me into another lovely room, and said, all the furniture in it was for the Home including

#### A SPLENDID PIANO,

some more beautiful pictures and portraits, and a new

mandoline and other small musical instruments, also a lot of music books, which had been bought that day, purposely for the Home. I don't know what made me do it, but whilst he was standing talking and smiling, I jumped on to a chair and threw my arms around his neck and kissed him. Would not you have done the same, if you were a little girl?

When we had sat down again, he said, "Now Daisy, I am not going to wait until I die before presenting this furniture, but as soon as ever the Home is ready to be used, I will make the Lyceum Union

#### A FREE GIFT OF EVERYTHING,

and I don't care how soon they can get ready to take it over."

Then we talked about how soon everything could be got ready, and hoped that the Lyceum Union Committee would go on with their part of the arrangements so as to be all ready for

#### AN OPENING CEREMONY

by next Eastertide. (Easter Sunday is on April 15th.)

Then Mr. Ainsworth asked about a very important matter, which had not yet been spoken of, and that was about the funds to keep the home going after it had once been opened, and I told him that I had not overlooked such an important matter, and how the whole of the Lyceums were going to help in raising the funds, and that quite a number of friends had already promised to support the Home, then he said that he was not going to be left out in the cold, and that he would give a sovereign every year in Daisy Dimple's own Collecting Book.

Well! we got on so famously together and planned so many things that really we did not leave very much for the Lyceum Union Officers to finish, and I only hope that they will be able to agree to all the things we decided on.

What a long time I was in going to sleep that night. I could not help thinking and thinking about the Home, and what a happy place it might be made for so many boys and girls every year, but when I did fall asleep I had a dream about being in a room of a house, everything in the room was bright, warm and comfortable, but outside there was an awful storm, and the sea was dashing right up against the wall of the house, and the spray flying on to the windows of the room where I was sitting. Then I saw a flock of young sea birds, struggling against the wind and waves, but unable to make any progress, after a while they fell on to the sea quite exhausted and ready to die; soon they were blown by the wind right underneath the windows where I sat, and then I opened the window, and reached out as far as I could and lifted the birds one by one into the room, and laid them near the fire, and gave them some food. Very soon they all recovered and began hopping and flying about the room. When I opened the window again the storm had ceased, and the birds all flew out making such a loud noise, as much as to say, "We are all right again, and are much obliged for your kindness.

When I got home I told mother about my dream and she said it was a very nice one.

What a long letter this has been, I hope our Editor will not cut it to pieces, to tell the truth I believe he is just as pleased as any of us, and likes Daisy pages as much as any one. I wonder if he is always just as old as he feels. I believe so. Well! before we finish our page we must have some cheers for Mr. Ainsworth and the Lyceum Children's Home, so now, all together, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!

Your loving friend,

DAISY DIMPLE.

## Lyceum Prize Essay.

OUR LYCEUM,

BY MISS N. HOWARTH.

NOTE.—The following was adjudged the First Prize in Class A. for competitors under 14 years of age, in an essay competition promoted by the North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

OUR Lyceum is the means of teaching the children that "They should do unto others as they would have others do unto them." The conductor and officers devote their time for the benefit of "Our Lyceum." I like going to the Lyceum because we are taught to treat all alike, whether rich or poor, for if they are poor they cannot help it. Many a poor boy and girl suffers through the conduct of their parents.

Our conductor teaches us a series of exercises which, if practiced with energy, helps to strengthen the body. We are also taught to be obedient and kind to our parents, brothers, and sisters. They also tell us not to throw stones at animals, or to rob birds nests. We are taught to be respectful in person and habits. They teach us that we should serve God and put our trust in Him in all our troubles, and he will help us the way he thinks best for us. Our conductor and officers have been very kind in thinking about our comfort, for they have brought many things for us, and I think we ought to be thankful for them. When we go to the Lyceum we ought to be determined we will try and do all we can for them for it will have cost them a great deal of money to procure things for us. They have also bought us a lot of books, called the *Lyceum Manual*, which has pretty hymns in, besides gold and silver chain recitations, and also musical readings.

Sometimes children say recitations for which prizes are given; this is to cultivate the memory of the children. Sometimes a good lesson may be learnt from them. Every month we have what is called 'open sessions' when any one can get up and conduct a gold or silver chain recitation. This is the means of bringing the Lyceum scholars out as conductors and leaders of the Lyceum. It is very nice to see little children of about five or six years old going through their exercises as well as the big ones. When a new scholar comes to the Lyceum we should be civil and gentle to them until they have learnt our exercises for they are very difficult at first, but they are easy when we once get into them. We should try to be punctual and attend regularly, for "Punctuality is the soul of all business."

If any of the Lyceum scholars are ill, we send two young ladies to go and visit them, and I think it is very kind of them, for the children will think they are thought something about, even if they are ill. Sometimes a Visitor comes to our Lyceum to see how we are getting on, and how we obey our leaders, and by this we are able to see how one another are getting along; that is why we should try to learn our exercises well, and be obedient to our leaders, for I am sure it will please them to know that the visitor has carried a good report back. I am sure the Lyceums are doing the work which God would have them do, for the doors are open to admit anyone whether rich or poor. If we follow the Lyceum teachings we shall grow up to be good men and women. We are taught something good and instructive, so that when we grow up we shall not be ignorant. I think it was a good day when the Lyceum was begun, and I'm sure we ought to thank Mr. Andrew Jackson Davis for doing so, for it has done many good things for the people.

We cordially invite Secretaries of Lyceums to send us a list of announcements or reports of all Anniversaries, Special Services, Picnics, Trips, Entertainments, Parties, etc., for insertion. The same will be printed free, and must reach us NOT LATER THAN THE 23RD OF EACH MONTH.

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### OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

**Daisy Dimple's Home.** The scheme of a Convalescent Home for Lyceumists, originally propounded in the LYCEUM BANNER, by Daisy Dimple, is, apparently, much nearer realization than many of us supposed. This will be good news to all lovers of true philanthropy, and will answer the question: what benevolent work are Spiritualists doing? By a pardonable anxiety, on the part of some of the friends of this effort, to obtain early publicity of the new facts that have recently come out, the BANNER has been deprived of the opportunity of being the first to make known the happy turn that affairs in this connection have taken. But, as this is the Official Journal of our Union, and the only paper devoted to Lyceum work in the United Kingdom, we feel an, probably unintentional, injustice has been done us. The BANNER has no objection to use simultaneously with its contemporaries any items of Lyceum news, but it does object to be passed over altogether. Our policy has steadily been not to intrude on the domain of any journal, but to work with each, and such will always be our course. However, we will never stand in the way of announcing, or aiding in, any good work, on a mere matter of punctilio, so we have the utmost pleasure in now, though somewhat late, publishing on another page the letter of our old and valued friend, Mr. John Ainsworth, which all will be delighted to read. It reached us on July 22nd, but we were requested not to use it then, though, as it is now public property, we feel at liberty to do so. It is to be hoped that the Union will take it up, and see that it is carried out on a firm and lasting basis. If so, no more fitting crown to the Lyceum cause or our Union can be found. In common with all lovers of the children, the BANNER heartily wishes the scheme the fullest measure of a speedy realization and ultimate success.

**Aunt Editha to her Friends.** THE BANNER calls special attention to what Aunt Editha has to say to her friends this month, in the GOLDEN GROUP, on another page. She writes plainly, but we are sure, kindly. At least she remains consistent to her original plans, and in these days of shilly-shallying consistency is not to be despised. Her GROUP has effected much good, and the examples of Sunderland and Burnley, Hammerton Street Lyceum, in forming a local GOLDEN GROUP, are evidences that she has not laboured in vain. Her monthly contributions to these pages have always the right ring about them, and constantly inculcate lessons that are of value to all our members. Let us have local GROUPS all over the country, they will do much good, and if conducted on the lines she writes about each month they will become excellent training centres, showing the young folks how to conduct public work, and thus fitting them still further to take up the duties of Lyceum and society alike.

**Our Editor again.** The elders of the movement have again shown their kindness and appreciation of our Editor's services to the cause. The late Conference of the Spiritualists National Federation, at Blackpool, re-electing him as President of the National Conference for 1900. He has the honour of breaking all records. He polled the heaviest votes ever cast for a member of the Executive, or for a President of the Conference, and is, we believe, the only occupant of the Chair that has ever been re-elected at the close of his term. The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union is now in the position of having its President holding the two highest offices it is in the power of our two national organisations to bestow. His thirty years of public service is thus rewarded by the publicly expressed confidence of the cause at large. His office at the late meeting of the Conference was no sinecure, but he discharged his duties with evident satisfaction to all present.

**Mr. H. E. Howes.** The BANNER desires to express to Mr. H. E. Howes, the esteemed President of the Blackpool Spiritualists Church, alike on its own behalf, as well as that of all its readers, the utmost sympathy with him in the earthly loss of his beloved wife, who departed to the Summerland on the morning of Saturday the 15th of last month. The intimation reached the office by the courtesy of Mr. W. J. Leeder, who conducted the interment services. There was a large concourse present thereat, and numerous fine floral offerings were sent, including beautiful wreaths sent respectively by the Church, and Councillor and Mrs. Butterworth.

### ITEMETTES.

89 degrees in the shade!

THE Editor feels that writing is warm work.

THE temperature reminds one of pleasant days in New York, Boston, Washington, and other places in 'the States.'

THAT Silver Medal was the right thing, given to the right man. Bro. Longstaff deserved it fully.

ONE shilling and sixpence will send a BANNER post free for one year to a friend in any part of the world. Send us your subscriptions.

MEETINGS, Lectures? oh, no! Let us rest by babbling brooks, or under shady trees. No, no 'babbling,' please,—we get far too much of it.

LANCASHIRE has done well again. Read about the Demonstration at Bury. Bros. Kitson and Longstaff have the BANNER's thanks for the excellent accounts sent us.

THE Bradford Spiritual and Progressive Free Church has opened a new Lyceum. It promises to be a great success. Another step in the right direction. Forward Bradford!

READ our Union Secretary's excellent Notes in this issue. Bro Kitson is indefatigable, alike as a worker, and a writer. Big-hearted brainy, and energetic, he is a model worker.

Will our Secretaries please read the standing notice in heavy type at the top of the Editorial page. We cannot guarantee the insertions of reports that reach us after the 23rd of the month.

Bro. T. O. Todd is issuing a further edition of Hudson Tuttle's "Life in Two Spheres." It is a charming work, and can be had from this office, post free, for 1s. 8d.

Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, and her father, Mr. B. B. Hill, are guests of Mrs. Morse's Hotel. Look out next month for an article from Mrs. Cadwalladers pen, "In Dutchland."

The S.N.F. Conference at Blackpool scored a record. Some anticipated an inquest, but it turned out a funeral! No resurrection of the buried troubles is desired. Let the Bazaar balance sheet rest in peace. Amen.

Bradford is aiming at unity among its Lyceums. It has formed a Bradford District Lyceum Union. Good. But why not call it a District Council? The term Union is already used for the National body. Two Richmonds in the field may lead to confusion. Bro. C. E. Rigby, the Secretary, has our thanks for his report.

BIRTH.—Hodgson; On the 11th of July, at 126, Milcote Road, Smethwick, Birmingham, Catherine, wife of Brian Hodgson, of a son. Both healthy, strong, and well. A successful materialization! The BANNER congratulates the parents, and wishes health and happiness to the new comer.

We have in stock an excellently arranged Library Card for use in Lyceum Libraries. It is ruled for twelve months, with spaces for member's number, the name of the Group, and the Lyceum, and the Leaders' names, of the borrowers group. It is printed in blue, on both sides, and can be supplied at 1/9 per 100, postage free.

If you want to be up-to-date, and in touch with the Lyceum movement in all parts of the United Kingdom, send your reports to the LYCEUM BANNER, the only journal devoted to Lyceum work in this Country, and which is sold in ninety per cent. of our Lyceums. Reports and announcements are all inserted free. Special advertisements at low rates.

Two Essays this month. Miss Emily M. Dexter, of Cobden Hall, Nottingham, writes capitally on "The Battles of Daily Life." While Miss Emily Ashworth, of Acerrington; won the first prize in Class A., of the Competition promoted by the N.E.L. D.C. with her well-written paper on "Our Lyceum." Nothing like stimulating our Lyceumists; but, how about the young men? Ladies this time, gentlemen next?

THE NEW TRACTARIANISM.—Our old and indefatigable friend, Bevan Harris, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham, has sent us a sample case of his Tract Distribution enterprise. It is full of good things, neatly cased, and marvellously cheap. Send him 3d. for a sample case, and give the contents to any enquiring friends. Bro. Harris' idea is alike novel, and most useful.

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

PRESIDENT: MR. J. J. MORSE.  
SPIRITUALISTS' HALL, RUBY STREET, WISBECH.  
THE EXECUTIVE OF THE B.S.L.U.,  
WILL MAKE ITS QUARTERLY VISITATION  
AS ABOVE  
ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH & 6TH, 1899,

TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS

WILL BE HELD

ON SUNDAY, AT 2-30 AND 6-30 P.M.,  
ADDRESSES WILL BE GIVEN BY  
MR. J. MORSE, President, London; MR. JNO. VENABLES, Past  
President, Walsall; MRS. H. NAYLOR, Middlesborough;  
MR. S. S. CHISWELL, Liverpool; MR. T. O. TODD, Sunderland;  
and MR. ALBERT WILKINSON, Nelson.

A PUBLIC LYCEUM SESSION.

will be held at 10 a.m., on Sunday, at which the Executive of the Union will be present and address the gathering.

The Saturday Evening will be devoted to Executive business.

Collections in aid of the Executive travelling expenses will be made. Alfred Kitson, Secy., B.S.L.U.  
Wm. Hill, Hon. Secy., Wisbech Lyceum.

The Riddler's Corner.

EDITED BY J. HARRY BUNN.

DEAR RIDDLERS.—This month I have a very brief "Corner" for you as nearly all the contributors have gone holiday making. The successful solvers are—Frank Arrow, T. A. Man, and W. A. Watson. The correct answers to the July riddles are as follows:—

Mr. Cooke's contributions:  
Monophone: *Hair, Hare, Heir.* Reversion: *Tops (spot).*  
Enigma: *The Sky.*

Mr. Jockel's contributions:  
Conundrum: *The Railway Lines.*

Miss Bolton's contribution:  
Conundrum: *The Milk builds up the body; the "Lyceum Banner" builds up the mind.*

Mr. A. Currill's contribution:  
Verbal Charade: *Derby.*

Mr. Cooke of Rishton has sent us a perfect set of riddles according to Class One (See page 21 of the February issue last year). They are as follows:—

ALPHAGRAM.

A two-wheeled carriage which horses drag;  
Change head and I'm the tribe of the stag.

OMEGRAM.

A group of musicians, change my tail;  
To save your money I never fail.

ENCYCLOGRAM.

A simple flower as soft as silk,  
Change a letter, I store butter and milk.

JOHN COOKE.

All this year there has been such a number of contributions rolling in, that my prize puzzles have been held over. But now there is just room for one. It is an

ENIGMA.

APPERTAINING TO THE FUTURE.

My whole on this crude earth has ne'er been seen;  
Yet, when the millennium dawns of which we dream,  
In beauty will be born upon this sphere  
This root word, whose meaning, yet not clear,  
Will then be apparent to all who love—  
It manifests the absolute, it cometh from above.

Three small prizes, as usual, to the first three solvers who send in correct answers to all the riddles to below address.

J. HARRY BUNN.

83, Blenheim Road, Reading-on-Thames.

DR. J. M. PEEBLES is as hard at work as ever. From a copy of the "Battle Creek Daily Moon," just to hand, we find he conducted the Dedicatory Services at the opening meetings of the First Society of Spiritualists, Battle Creek, Michigan, on Sunday, July 2nd, thus again taking up the work he was engaged in "Some thirty-five, or forty years ago," in the same city. We have only room for the following, but pertinent, extracts from our good friend's address. Says the Doctor: "Spiritualism must be differentiated from spiritism. The terminologies of the two words absolutely necessitate, as every scholar knows, entirely different meanings. Chinese, Indians, and Utah Mormons are spiritists, believing in spirit communications. Most of the African tribes of the Dark Continent worship demons and believe in spirit converse, but certainly they are not intelligent and religious spiritualists. But Spiritualism, originating in God, who is a spirit, and grounded in man's moral nature, is a substantial fact, and infinitely more—a fact plus reason and conscience—a fact afire with testimonies and beautiful messages from the loved beyond—a fact relating to moral and religious culture—a sublime spiritual truth ultimating in consecration to the good, the beautiful and the heavenly."

# The Golden Group.

FOUNDED 1890.

CONDUCTED BY AUNT EDITHA.

MOTTO:—LOVE, TEMPERANCE, PURITY.

**Membership.**—Membership in the GOLDEN GROUP is open to all who belong to a Spiritualist Progressive Lyceum.

**Rules.**—I. That I will endeavour to be kind and loving to all human beings, and every living thing. II. That I will try to be temperate in all things, and strive to abstain from using intoxicants and tobacco. III. That I will not use profane or vulgar language.

**Certificates.**—Every Member upon joining must apply for a Certificate of Membership. To obtain this you must either send direct to AUNT EDITHA, or hand to your Secretary, One Penny to cover the carriage of Certificate. All names of Members will be published in the LYCEUM BANNER every month.

**Special Notices.**—AUNT EDITHA will be glad to receive short letters from Members of the GOLDEN GROUP upon anything they think would interest the GROUP.

OUR JULY ASSEMBLY.—No. LXXVI.

MY report in last month's BANNER brought the records of our meetings up to the June assembly, closing with the account of our late picnic. I will now tell you about the July meeting.

But first of all I want to say a few words to my faithful Groupites, and the Fathers, Mothers and Friends of our children everywhere.

The GOLDEN GROUP is now nearly nine years old, and though its growth has, on the whole, been fairly satisfactory, yet it ought to be much larger than it is. The main objects we have in view are to inculcate a love of Virtue, Kindness and Temperateness in the minds of our young people. To create a band of Mercy and Gentleness among our Lyceumists that shall show those who are outside our great Spiritualist movement that we are all trying to put in practice the virtues inculcated in our *Manual*, and the teachings we get from our beloved spirit friends. The conditions of membership are very simple, and it only costs one penny, there are no other fees, dues or subscriptions whatever. For that penny each member receives a handsome illustrated Certificate of Membership, on which is a large picture, in colour, of the Hydesville Cottage in which our cause had its origin in 1848, made from the beautiful ideal picture of Johns, the celebrated medium artist of Boston, U.S. Aunt Editha has always taught Temperance, Kindness, and the avoidance of Cruelty, Smoking, Swearing, and the cultivation of all the virtues that adorn our lives. Some of my friends have utterly refused to help me in my work because I would not make the GROUP into a Total Abstinence Society! This has always seemed to me a most unwise attitude for them to take. To refuse to help an admittedly good work, because it does not include something that you think it should, is nearly approaching bigotry, and that is entirely contradictory to all the teachings of Freedom of opinion, and Liberty of conscience that we are taught by our spirit friends. There is that excellent institution, the Band of Hope, for all who wish to join a Total Abstinence body, and many Lyceums have a Band of Hope attached to them. But Teetotalism is not the only virtue we must strive to cultivate, nor is it the only thing that will make children or grown up people honest, loving or generous. The habits of smoking and chewing are as objectionable as intemperance to many people, and far too common in our Lyceums. But, be that as it may, I have always set my face against the taking of 'Pledges' by young folks, who do not always understand what so doing means. My three rules open the way to all that those who differ from me are striving to accomplish, and the

selfrighteousness that refuses to help in any work that does not go in the directions that some Reformers assert is the only right way, is neither commendable or spiritual. I know that the GROUP has been the means of very great good, it has helped many, and will be the means of helping many more. So, I again ask Parents, Conductors and Leaders of our Lyceumists to give me their support, to sink dogmatic objections, and try to aid me in building up an effort that has only one aim,—the teaching of the principles of our Motto—Love, Temperance and Purity.

And now a word to my faithful Groupites, themselves, the whole Thirteen Hundred and Fifty-three of them! I want you to send me your letters for publication in the BANNER. Write to me about anything you think will be of interest to your fellow members. Tell us how you like your Lyceums; what good things you had done, or that you know that your fellows have done. Tell me what you would like done in your Lyceums, if you think there is anything that can be improved upon. Write me as to what you think about our three Rules; and if you have any pets that do anything funny or remarkable, write to me about it, and your letters shall always be printed. Remember I have promised to give a Bronze Jubilee Medal to the one who is the Two Thousandth Member, and I will also give a copy of Hudson's Tuttle's "Life in Two Spheres" to the Secretary who sends me the list of names containing the two thousandth name. So now, let me expect to have a batch of names to publish next month, as well as some of your nice little letters also.

Now to business. Our July Session was well attended, but beyond the reading of the Minutes there was no business done. The July Assembly was quite a novelty in its way, for the heat was so excessive that we held it on the lawn. The G. S. regretted to report that no names had been submitted for membership. The Grand Conductor then announced that the meeting was closed, and that all were invited to consider the gathering as a Garden Party, given by her, at which there was much clapping of hands. Master Johnny had arranged a number of Chinese lanterns among the trees, and he had erected two flag staffs, on one of which there was the Union Jack, and on the other the Stars and Stripes. He then produced a large basket, out of which he handed a pretty buttonhole of flowers to all present, tied up in red, white and blue ribbons, which elicited unlimited ohs! from the recipients. Then he said he had got some friends of his to give us some music, when a string band made its appearance, and the company were told that they could indulge in dancing on the lawn. Johnny acted as M.C., and very soon the dancing was in full swing. Then another surprise awaited the Group! Tables were placed under the trees, and on the white cloths there was soon put an abundant supply of strawberries, cakes, ice cream and lemonade, to which all were invited. After justice had been done to these things there was more dancing, and we finally broke up after singing "My Lyceum 'Tis of Thee," and three rousing cheers for Aunt Editha and Master Johnny.—AUNT EDITHA.

JULY.

Number on the Poll 1353.

THE Editors will be glad if our Secretaries will take proper care in writing their reports. A clairvoyant is needed at times to supply omissions of necessary details. Write out in full such words as Street, and Road—instead of writing 'St.' or 'Rd.' State days, and give dates, when important meetings are referred to, and remember such little things as commas and full stops! When reporting 'Anniversaries' state if its first, second or what year it is. Sometimes our only clue as to where a report comes from is just the post mark on the envelope! Remember this is the School Board age!

## LYCEUM NOTES AND COMMENTS.—No. LXV.

BY ALFRED KITSON, SECY., B.S.L.U.

**L**YCEUM has been opened in connection with the Progressive Spiritualists' Free Church, meeting at Sunbridge-road, Bradford. This makes five Lyceums in Bradford, all of which are members of the Union.

The Hull Lyceum celebrated its first Anniversary on July 16th, and signalized the same by deciding to join the Union. I was agreeably surprised to find them in such a healthy condition. They have a well lighted Hall on the ground floor, capable of seating over 300. The marching and calisthenics were ably conducted by Mr. Gelder, late of Halifax. The afternoon and evening services were presided over by Mr. Robinson. The audiences were attentive and appreciative, to a degree. The addresses on the Lyceum work were frequently applauded. They are suffering a great loss in the removal of Mr. Wright to Grimsby, where he intends opening a Lyceum as early as possible. I had the honour of presenting him with a black marble clock, on behalf of the Society and Lyceum.

It is with pleasure I record the recent decision of the Lyceum at Tipping Street, Manchester, to rejoin the Union. I hope this is a prelude to the other non-affiliated Lyceums joining. Would it not be much better for the movement if it was united in one compact whole, than having a portion standing aloof as at present?

The Children's Effort of the National Bazaar of last year realised the sum of £25 10s. 11d., Not £7 19s. 9d., as printed in the Bazaar accounts.

The National Federation Conference at Blackpool was a record gathering. I was pleased to again meet Mrs. Mary E. Cadwallader, and her venerable father, Mr. B. B. Hill, and also Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grimshaw, of America. I remember Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw when they were members of the Hammerton-st. Lyceum, Burnley.

I was pleased to notice in the Presidential address at the National Conference a reference to the importance of Lyceum work. The apathy and opposition of some Societies in the Lyceum work were commented on, and I trust will act as a timely corrective of the evil.

The National Federation Conference has decided to instruct its Executive to confer with the Executive of the B.S.L.U., with a view to drawing up a basis of agreement that shall be equitable to both Lyceums and Societies. This is a move in the right direction, and, if successful, will give greater security to Lyceum prosperity, and produce harmony and peace, to the lasting benefit of both parties.

The propaganda meetings held by the B.S.L.U. Executive, have been so successful and highly appreciated, that the National Federation, on the motion of our esteemed Past-President, Mr. John Venables, decided that its Executive should go and do likewise.

I congratulate our highly esteemed friend, Mr. J. J. Morse, President of the B.S.L.U., on his re-election as the President of the S.N.F. Conference for 1900.

The Lancashire Lyceums' Demonstration at Bury, on July 8th, was a splendid success. The seven Lyceums assembled, with the exception of Rochdale, were each headed with a splendid silk banner bearing the name of the Lyceum, and an appropriate picture of spirit guardianship. Thus, Bury's banner represented on one side a cradle containing the sick child with the anxious mother kneeling by its side; and on the other side a spirit form, directing the mother to look upward to the source of all strength and divine help. The

Banners of the several Manchester Lyceums, in the order they are named, represented the following subjects: Tipping-street, a spirit protecting two children gathering flowers on the edge of a precipice; Collyhurst, an angel guarding three children gathering flowers; Higher Broughton, a spirit warning children who are rushing down a flight of cellar steps at the bottom of which is a well; Pendleton, two angels hovering o'er children gathering flowers on the banks of a swift stream; the Rawtenstall Banner depicted a spirit-mother carrying a child in her left arm, and leading a forlorn little boy by the right hand; Rochdale had its Banner, too, which although of less pretentious appearances, yet proclaimed the names of both Society and Lyceum.

The exercises over, the order of the procession reformed in was reverse order, and thus marched to the large Co-operative Hall, where a good tea was quickly served. I was delighted to see the wants of the little ones attended to first by their own officers. Great credit is due to Mr. J. B. Longstaff and the Executive for the excellent marshalling and general arrangements.

A public meeting was held in the evening at which, Mr. Longstaff was presented with a silver Jubilee Medal, by our good friend Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, on behalf of the combined Lyceums and friends. This was the signal for loud applause. Then Mrs. Greenwood was the recipient of a large bouquet, presented by a little girl, which added another surprise to the occasion. A pleasant hour was past, under the presidency of Mr. Golding. Short speeches, interspersed with glees by the Bury and Rawtenstall choirs being the order of the occasion.

Sunday morning found me at the Bury Lyceum, along with Mr. A. Wilkinson, who is a member of the Executive. It is quite evident that the hall is too small to accommodate all the members of the Lyceum. The open session was good; the order being maintained. Mr. Wilkinson made a splendid speech to the children and also spoke well to the parents at the evening service. All seemed highly pleased with the results.

DEWSBURY PROGRESSIVE CHURCH, (Bond Street.)—The Anniversary Services will be held in the Victoria Hall, Town Hall, on September 10th, 1899. Mr. Will Phillips, Editor *Two Worlds*, will deliver Addresses, Afternoon: 'Spiritualism the Revealer;' Evening, 'Christ—the Saviour.' Special hymns and anthems will be sung by the Lyceum scholars. Collections after each service; balcony, silver collection. Saturday, September 9th, a Ham Tea, Entertainment and Social. Tea on tables at 4-30; Entertainment at 7 o'clock. Prices 9d, 6d, 4d, Entertainment only, 3d. each. On Sunday morning, at 10-30, the Lyceum will hold an open session. Friends come to the Lyceum—is the angels call, and we give all a hearty welcome.—J. E. ARCHER.

LATE. — MANCHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL. — Representatives from several Lyceums met at the Collyhurst Spiritual Church on the 3rd. inst., and unanimously resolved that a Lyceum District Council be formed for Manchester and District. The following officers were elected: Mr. Thomas Taylor, president; Miss Lawrence, treasurer; Mr. Percy Bewick, district visitor, and Mr. Edward Stafford, 11, Eskrigge-street, Hightown, corresponding secretary. Higher Broughton Lyceum has kindly offered its room for the first Tea Meeting, to be held on August 19th. We should like the presence of as many delegates and friends as can possibly come, so as to make this meeting a success. Tickets, 6d. each. A Social Gathering will be held after tea.

## Lyceum Essay.

### THE BATTLES OF DAILY LIFE.

By EMILY M. DEXTER, Cobden Hall Lyceum, Nottingham.

FELLOW LYCEUMISTS AND FRIENDS.—All the battles are not fought on the battlefield, amidst the roar of cannon and the gleam of swords, beneath the blood-stained banner. Oh! no, there are glorious battles fought and won in daily life, and it is of these I wish to speak. When I went to Sunday-school we used to sing a hymn which I liked very much, but this is the part that attracted me most:—

“When deep within our swelling hearts, the thoughts of pride and anger rise,  
When bitter words are on our tongues, and tears of passion in our eyes,  
Then we may stay the hasty blow, and we may check the hasty word,  
Give gentle answer back again, and fight a battle for our Lord.”

I think we all might do well to act upon the sentiment put forward in those words. We all know that it is very hard to be good at times, but let us be determined to conquer ourselves, do not forget that every victory will make it easier to win at another time. We all have our faults and failings, some I will admit have more than others, but it does not matter to us what the faults of our friends are, we have nothing to do with their shortcomings, only so far as we can help them by kindness and love to overcome the same. Let us try to hide the faults of others and conquer our own. Now let us speak for a short time of the enemies arrayed against us on this great battlefield of life. Let us see if we cannot find out their mode of attack, so that we may be fully prepared for their onslaught.

One of the strongest of our enemies is the giant, ‘Temper,’ that cruel blighter of our happiness, who steals our senses, and makes us give utterance to words that rend the hearts of our nearest and dearest, and in our calmer moments, makes us a prey to the bitterest remorse, and severest self-reproach—which is not lessened by the fact that they can never be recalled, nor the sting which they have planted withdrawn. This enemy dogs our steps wherever we go, ever on the lookout for a chance to pounce upon us, and make us forget love, friendship, respect, and duty, in our unreasonable passion. If we wish to conquer this enemy we must have patience and perseverance, and when we feel his hot breath on our cheeks and his sharp words on our tongues, let us think again, with clenched hands and fast closed teeth, determined not to let ourselves be betrayed into doing his unreasonable behests. He will then retire baffled from the field, and ours will be the victory, for although we may not kill him straight off, it may, indeed, take many long, hard struggles to do that, yet every time he is overcome he will become weaker and weaker, until at last he lies dead at our feet, and the shadow of his dark form haunts us no more. On the other hand, if we do not overcome him he will soon conquer us, and in some unguarded moment may ruin our whole life here, and cast a shadow on the life to come.

The next enemy that I shall mention is a Dwarf, but he is a sturdy little fellow for all that; he has great strength, and can hold the strongest man in his fetters. He is always stretching out his mean little hands, and crying in his miserable, dissatisfied voice, ‘me! me!’ Woe to the man who listens to that voice, for very soon he will become its abject slave, and his life a wretched dissatisfaction. He will be unable to think a noble thought, still less able to perform

a noble action, for when his better nature is awakened by some fallen brother’s sad lot, and he would fain stretch forth the helping hand, ‘Selfishness,’ that ugly little dwarf, *will* be heard above the voice of better nature, putting forth his first claim, and the consideration of so much self-denial. Where this enemy has dominion, nothing but misery, meanness, and unhappiness abound. How shall we conquer him? How shall we rid ourselves of his undesirable company? Take for our motto the words:—

“Live for self, and life is vain!  
Live for others, life is gain.”

Firmly determined to give no thought to self, but let all our efforts be to make others happy, and the voice of selfishness will grow fainter and fainter, until it is lost altogether; and instead of dissatisfaction we shall gain satisfaction; instead of misery, we shall gain happiness; instead of being unloving and unlovable, we shall be loving and lovable, and life will yield constant pleasure. So shall we have conquered another enemy.

Then the enemy, ‘Disobedience,’ is very troublesome. How many a boy and girl have lost their lives through wayward disobedience. This enemy takes possession of us, when our views are opposed by someone wiser than ourselves, telling us we have a perfect right to do as we please, and not listen to the warning voice of our elders; and we often allow this enemy to lead us in his chains, with the most disastrous consequence to our well-being. If we would break away from disobedience, we must do as the voice of experience tells us, and not what we in our ignorance think best. When experience and time have taught us their lesson, we shall be in a position to command, but never can we expect to be obeyed until we have learned willingly to obey. ‘Procrastination’ is another enemy we have to battle with. This enemy steals our leisure, and makes our work an endless drag. It breaks up domestic happiness in a woman, and makes a ne’er-do-well of a man in business, in fact it robs life of its pleasure, and makes our highest duty a heavy toil. Oh! let us strike the timely blow, and conquer this enemy while we are yet young. Let us for the sake of those we hold dear, bid them ‘begone.’ Let us take the sword of strong-will, and cut him down, so that he may not cast his blight upon our lives and homes. May we always try in the strength of God to do right, with the blessed help of our spirit-friends.

## The Monthly Record.

### SPECIAL REPORT.

#### BRADFORD DISTRICT LYCEUM UNION.

On Saturday evening, July 8th, a public meeting of the above body was held in the Heber-street Church, Keighley. The Executive had already met and elected the following officers: Mr. L. Yeardon, president; Mr. C. E. Rigby, secretary; Mrs. Raine, treasurer; Mr. Jas. Seaton, district visitor.

Mr. J. H. Smith, past-president, took the chair, and after a hymn followed by an invocation by Mr. Will Phillips, explained that their object was to get the Lyceums into closer touch with each other for the promotion of social intercourse, and for the purpose of getting the churches to take greater interest in Lyceum work. They had had many struggles in their endeavour to bring Lyceum work to the front. He had seen the time when directly he proposed in committee meeting the consideration of Lyceum work the members of committee took up their hats and walked out. Keighley,

however, had always recognised the necessity for Lyceum work, and were among the first in the field of that work. Now they saw the result of their endeavours in the large number of Lyceums and the interest taken in their work. He was pleased to be able to report that they had a balance in hand, after all expenses had been met, of 11s. 2½d.

Mr. Peter Lee then gave a humorous and interesting address. He spoke of the marvellous power of human speech, and the wonderful tenacity of human memory. The great necessity of caring for the children was dealt with, and Mr. Lee spoke of the splendid work which had been done by some friends of his in Manchester, who were not Spiritualists, but who had started Saturday evening concerts in the slums, at which concerts the children were provided with a good meal for one penny. [Why not induce all Lyceumists to become members of Aunt Editha's GOLDEN GROUP, which is formed to promote these very objects.—EDITORS.] He hinted that it was possible for Spiritualists to take a lesson from orthodox friends. Children were wondrous imitators, and parents and teachers could not be too careful of the examples set before the young.

Mr. Yeardon spoke of the great necessity for all Spiritualists to stand for the discountenancing of gambling and all other vices.

Mrs. Thistlethwaite then sang 'Queen of the Earth,' and answered to an encore, sang 'The Better Land.'

Mr. Will Phillips briefly addressed the audience on the advisability of leading rather than driving children.

Miss J. Whitaker gave a splendid recitation in the Yorkshire dialect, entitled 'Fault-finding,' and in response to an encore gave that grand picture-poem, 'The Lifeboat.'

The meeting was very successful, and the collection amounted to 16s. 8d.

### LYCEUM REPORTS.

**BIRMINGHAM, B.S.L.U.**—On Sunday, July 2nd, we held our first quarterly open session at the Masonic Hall. We had a very fair audience, in spite of the rain, which, however, did not damp our spirits, for we had a very enjoyable time. Hymns and chain recitations were taken part in by all. Our little ones had quite a race to be the first, among the aspirants were Thomas Terry, and Annie Hands, Edith Evans, Matrice Rooke, and Marion Knibb, the latter being only six years old. Marching and calisthenics, ably conducted by Miss Harrison, were much appreciated by the audience. Miss Lily Davis filled her usual office of pianist. Since we held our formal opening (May 14th) we have added 21 to our members roll, having now 52 members, considering the short time we have been at work, this is very satisfactory, and shows the need there was for a Lyceum. It is pleasing to note that our efforts have not merely attracted the little children, varying in age from 4 years to 13, but also the older ones of both sexes. We have divided them into four groups, viz.,—"River" Group, aged 4 to 8, "Shore" Group, 9 to 10, "Banner" Group, 11 to 14, "Excelsior" Group, 15 and upwards, each group having about the same number of members. The groups have been chosen from A. J. Davis' "Lyceum Manual," the colours have been taken from the same source, each member wears a distinctive badge during the session; the flags for marching are of various colours, each having the meaning of its colour worked upon it, thus bringing some lessons of truth before the children during their recreation.—C.D.

**BRADFORD, Spiritual Progressive Free Church, Sunbridge Road.**—On Sunday, July 16th, a Lyceum was established in

connection with this Church. The opening invocation was impressively given by that local veteran, Mr. Henry Long; after which Mr. John Jackson, the conductor, explained the methods of Lyceum work, and the special advantages of the system over the monotonous routine of orthodox Sunday Schools. After a number of musical and other selections from the *Manual*, and the calisthenic exercises had been gone through in the usual manner, a happy morning's session was closed by short addresses from Messrs. Gavin, Hallas, and Long, and Miss Taylor. An excellent start has been made and we believe a very promising future is before us.—D.G.

**BURY.**—Sunday, June 25th, we held our second open session. Our Lyceumists occupying the whole of the day. The proceedings included Violin Solo by Mr. John Swarbrick, Recitations and Solos by Misses Jackson, E. Carr, E. Smith, P. Chadwick, H. and C. Chadwick, E. Kay, J. Kay, M. Jennings, C. Jennings, T. Jennings, A. Kershaw, M. Kershaw, A. A. Golding, and J. Lindley. Addresses by Miss Burton, Messrs. Towler, Howarth, Crompton, Charnley, Kershaw, and Chadwick. Quartettes by Misses Smith and Kershaw, Messrs. Belts and Swarbrick. Mr. J. Fletcher conducted. An Anthem by the choir was nicely rendered. Miss Clough presided at the harmonium. Mr. Golding, our conductor and president, occupying the chair all day. Marching and exercises well conducted by our leader, Mr. R. Charaley. As every one did their very best, great praise is due to all. July 8th, the annual Manchester and District Demonstration was held here—of which too much cannot be said; our Lyceumists join in thanking everyone for the part they took in making it such a grand success. July 9th was another of our red-letter days at Bury, when we had the great pleasure of having with us our grand and noble worker for the children, Mr. Alfred Kitson, and also our new Executive member, Mr. A. Wilkinson, who both addressed the children at the morning session, and parents at night. Mr. Kitson occupied the chair afternoon and evening. We hope the time is not far distant when we may have the opportunity of entertaining the whole of our Lyceum Executive, and having a right royal day.—A.B.

A Band of Hope Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 3rd, Miss Chadwick, vice-president, presiding. An Entertainment was given consisting of Songs by Miss M. Jennings, S. Jennings, A. Kershaw, Prudence Chadwick, Davis, and Ormerod; recitations by Miss M. Kershaw and Mr. H. Jackson; reading by Miss Hannah Chadwick, and a dialogue entitled "How we cured a drunken husband," was well given by Misses Jennings, Aston, and Ormerod, and Messrs. Howarth, Swarbrick and Jackson. The Band of Hope is still progressing, nine pledges being taken, making the grand total of 86 members. There was a good attendance, about 120 persons being present. The next Band of Hope Meeting will be held on Monday, August 7th, 1899. Admission free.—H. JACKSON, Sec.

**Huddersfield, (Brook Street.)**—The following are the principal officers elected to serve for the ensuing six months from July to December. Conductors, Messrs. Briggs and Powell; Guardians, Misses Dawson and Jessop; Musical Director, Miss Smith; Conductors of Calisthenics, Miss Lena France and Messrs. T. White and Powell; Treasurer, Miss E. Entwistle; Secretary, Mr. Harry Westerley. A full corps of Group Leaders were also elected.

**LEICESTER, (Queen Street.)**—We had our treat on July 8th, taking the Lyceumists to Thurnby, a small village near Leicester. The children enjoyed themselves immensely. July 9th, the prizes were given away by Mesdames Clark,

Nottingham; and Twelvetree, of our Society. There were thirty-one prizes and the little ones had a good share of them.—A. W. BURROW, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Bradford.—The Lyceum is progressing very satisfactorially. The average attendance numbers thirty-five. The Higher Broughton Lyceum is arranging to pay us a fraternal visit very soon. At a recent meeting the following officers were elected: Conductor, J. Lowe; Assistant Conductor, Miss Ida Pearson; Leaders of Groups, Miss Eyard and W. Tonge; Captain of Guards, Willie Selway; Guards, W. and E. Tonge; Musical Director, R. Lansome; Assistants, A. Tweedale, W. S. Bradley, and Miss L. Tweedale; Secretary, W. Selway; Treasurer, S. Page; Guardian to roll call, Miss Olive Pearson.

MANCHESTER, (Hilton Street).—The Unfurling of the Banner for the Higher Broughton Spiritualist's Society was performed by Mrs. Fitton, of Hightown, at the Hilton Street Rooms on Saturday, June 9th, under most auspicious conditions. The proceedings opened with a meat tea to which about 130 sat down; Mr. Stafford, the principal mover in the banner scheme, took the chair. After the Chairman and Messrs. Jackson, Stafford, Brummitt and Rotherham had spoken, the latter called on Mrs. Fitton to unfurl the Banner, which she did in a most becoming manner. Messrs. Smith, J. Tinker, Mrs. M. H. Wallis, and Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, of Sowerby Bridge, delivered short addresses, and the meeting closed with the performance of the Operetta: "The Beauteous Babes," admirably rendered, in costume, by Misses B. Tinker, E. Smith, E. Stafford, L. Cruise and Master J. Smith; Master Tinker was the piano accompanist. Misses Pollitt, Garner and Rotherham ably rendered songs. The services were continued on the following Sunday, when Mrs. Peters, who gave her services, was listened to by large audiences. Her address had special reference to the children, and she also gave admirable delineations of psychic surroundings.—W. H. CRUISE. [NOTE. This report was sent to Mr. Kitson on July 22nd, instead of to the BANNER office direct. Please note that all reports and communications, for this paper must, in every case, be sent to us direct, so as to avoid delays.—EDITORS.]

MANCHESTER, (Tipping Street).—On Sunday, June 25th, we held our Anniversary Services, which were a great success. At the afternoon meeting the Lyceumists went through the marching and calisthenics in a very able manner, receiving much applause from the audience. Solos were given by Bessie Shawcross, and Harriet Roughsedge; recitations by E. Britland, A. Sims, Gertie Maslin, and Miss Tabener. Mrs. Bateman, of Hyde, gave the scholars some very encouraging words. In the evening Mr. Smith, of the Higher Broughton Lyceum gave a short, but interesting address; one of our Lyceumists, Mr. Poulion, also gave his first public address and we all wish him every success, and hope it will not be long e'er we hear him again; he also sang a solo "The Mystic Veil," after which Mrs. Bateman delivered a short address and Miss Bateman gave clairvoyance. I wish to thank all the friends who helped to make it a success.—C. BARRINGTON.

MIDDLESBRO, (Boundary Road).—We had our annual trip on June 28th; this year Newton-under-Rosbery was the place selected. About 40 scholars and 20 adults spent a pleasant day, the children were provided with a good tea, after which nuts and sweets was distributed amongst them and games of different sorts indulged in. We returned home about 9 o'clock, all being pleased with the day's outing.—THOS. BEYNON, 7, Spring St., Middlesbro'-on-Tees.

MILLOM.—On Sunday, July 9th, we had our Lyceum Anniversary. Our Conductor, Mr. Richardson, gave good addresses afternoon and evening. The clairvoyance by Miss Halyard, of Hallinwood, was all recognized. On Monday we had our tea party, at which 100 sat down. In the evening Mr. Richardson and Miss Halyard again took the platform, and the meeting was a success, and we thank them for their kind services.—J. TODD.

NELSON (North Street).—On July 1st, we had made arrangements for a field day, but, owing to rain, we had buns and coffee in the room, and enjoyed ourselves in games, &c. Over 200 present. We were enabled to have our field day on July 8th, when a procession of over 200 marched from the Lyceum to the field. We had buns and coffee at 4-30, and enjoyed ourselves with the usual field day games till 9-30. The bun and coffee on both occasions being free to children under 14, adults paying 2d. We had quite a number from the Lyceums at Hammerton and North Streets, Burnley, a few from Colne, and the whole of the Pendle Street Lyceum, Nelson, they all having been invited previously. The young men from Hammerton Street proved victorious in a cricket match with us. We thank all members and friends who so generously responded to our appeal for help, thereby enabling us to record a balance in hand.—E. KIRBY, Sec.

OLDHAM, (Bartlam Place).—On Sunday, July 16th, we held a Lyceum day. Afternoon, open session, a crowded audience. Marching and calisthenics done very creditably, care and precision being exercised. The responses need especial attention, expression and modulation being at times neglected. Recitations by Misses E. Ashworth, A. Potter and Taylor. Solo by Miss A. Ashworth. Mr. Smith, of Higher Broughton, gave a few pleasing and instructive remarks with respect to Lyceum work. Evening, the Lyceumists rendered a Service of Song, entitled "In Heaven's Name," by Walter Booth, when their musical abilities were heard to advantage. A singular coincidence is reported, viz: that both collections were exactly the same, 15s. 7d. During the past month we have had our annual election of officers, when the following were elected: Conductor, Mr. Frank Shaw; Assistant Conductors, Miss A. Entwistle and Mr. N. Spencer; Secretary, Mr. Wm. Horsman; Guardians, Miss A. Ashworth and Mr. Wm. Bradley; two Assistant Guardians, five Sick Visitors and eight Leaders of the Groups. We have 146 names on the register, with an average attendance per session of 100. We are progressing very favourably, and I sincerely hope that sweet peace and harmony which is so essential to the welfare of any Lyceum will be the all-pervading influence of the future.—F. SHAW, Conductor.

WEST VALE.—We held our first picnic on Saturday, July 8th, to Mr. Iredale's, Jagger Green. The weather was fine there was a large number present from Halifax and Huddersfield. We left Mr. Iredale's about 9-30, spending a pleasant afternoon.—G.E.B.

#### THE B.S.L.U. AT WISBECH.

YOUR attention is specially directed to the announcement elsewhere of the visit of the Executive to Wisbech. The President, Mr. J. J. Morse, will be present, and the full strength of the Executive is expected to support him. A business meeting will be held on the Saturday evening.

# Lyceum Anniversary.

## HUDDERSFIELD.

THE Anniversary of the Brook Street Lyceum, Huddersfield, was held on Sunday, June 25th. In the morning we had an Open Session, which was well attended, and the marching and calisthenics showed a decided improvement. Mr. T. O. Todd, of Sunderland, who was with us for the day, addressed the Lyceum in the morning, and again at the afternoon and evening public services. His remarks on each occasion were extremely interesting and instructive. Our audiences were large, and the financial results successful.—  
HARRY L. WESTERLEY.

### O.P.S. FUNDS ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET.

To the Editors of The LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Editors.—I have much pleasure in presenting the readers of the LYCEUM BANNER, on behalf of the Council of the O.P.S. Funds, the Fifth Annual Balance Sheet. I desire to heartily thank all who have helped forward this benevolent work, either by contributions or personal service, and earnestly hope that, under the auspices of the Spiritualists National Federation, it will be carried to still more successful issues.—Yours sincerely, Mrs. M. H. Wallis, Hon. Sec. 62, Station Rd., Church End, Finchley, London, N., July 22nd, 1899.

#### ORDER OF PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALISTS SICK, BENEFIT, & PENSION FUNDS.

##### BALANCE SHEET.

June 30th, 1898, to June 30th, 1899.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Cash in hand of Treas.	9 15 3	Amt. due to Sec. June /98	0 4 5
Contributions received as per Mr. J. J. Morse's Account	42 5 4	Pension to Mr. W. Wallis	18 0 0
As per Mrs. Wallis' A/c	11 5 8	"    Rev. C. Ware	18 0 0
		"    Mrs. Keyworth	3 0 0
		"    Mrs. Kinchlea	3 10 0
		Donated to Mr. Barnes	
		Fund .. .. .	5 2 0
		Assistance in special	
		Instances .. .. .	9 0 0
		Incidental expenses	
		Mr. Morse 13/3½	
		Mrs. Wallis 6/-	0 19 3½
		Cash in hand of Treas.	5 8 4½
		"    "    Sec.	0 2 2
	<u>£63 6 3</u>		<u>£63 6 3</u>

#### MRS. BARNES' PENSION FUND.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Cash in hand of Mrs. Clarke	0 3 0	Paid to Mrs. Barnes	12 10 0
Rec. per Mrs. Clarke's A/c	7 17 6	Cash in hand of Mrs. Clarke	0 12 6
Donated from General Fund, per Mrs. Morse	0 2 0		
"    Mrs. Wallis	5 0 0		
	<u>£13 2 6</u>		<u>£13 2 6</u>

Audited and found correct, as per vouchers, &c.  
THOMAS BLYTON, Accountant.  
London, July 22nd, 1899.

PAPERS RECEIVED.—"Star Lore"—"The Herald of Health"—"The Banner of Light"—"The Light of Truth"—"The Progressive Thinker"—"The Better Way"—"The Religio-Philosophical Journal"—"Light"—"The Two Worlds"—"The Lyceum"—"Psyche"—"The Messenger"—"The Harbinger of Light"—"The Eastbourne Standard"—"The Torch"—"The Humanitarian"—"The Coming Day."

STOCKPORT AND COLNE.—These two Lyceums held splendid special meetings on July 29th and 30th respectively. Full reports will appear in the BANNER for next month, through the courtesy of *The Two Worlds*, to which paper the reports were sent in error.

# Lyceum District Councils.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.—The annual Council Meeting was held at Rishton, on June 24th, with Mr. W. Mason, President, in the chair. The Secretary's, Treasurer's and Visitor's reports were submitted to the meeting and adopted. It was decided that in future the Council Meetings should be held on Sundays, to be followed in the evening by public meeting, to be addressed by members of the Council, and devoted to Lyceum work. It was also decided to have another United Demonstration in 1900. The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, viz: Mr. Wm. Mason, President; Mr. Thos. Wilkinson, Secretary; Mr. G. Haworth, Treasurer; Mr. A. Wilkinson, District Visitor; Messrs. Swire and Kirby, Auditors. In the Essay Competition, Miss N. Haworth, Accrington, in Class A., and Mr. J. Crossley, Burnley, in Class C., were successful competitors. No entries were received for Class B. After business, a most enjoyable tea was partaken of by delegates and friends, followed by a capital miscellaneous Entertainment. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the Darwen friends for their kind entertainment.—THOS. WILKINSON, Hon. Secretary.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.—We held our Annual Meeting at Raven Street, Halifax. The Lyceums represented were Brighouse, Elland, Halifax No. 2, Huddersfield (Peter Street), Sowerby Bridge, Slaithwaite, and West Vale. After the ordinary business had been transacted the election of Officers resulted as follows: President, \*Mr. Wilson, Huddersfield; Treasurer, \*Mr. Booth, Sowerby Bridge; Secretary, G. E. Baker, West Vale; District Visitor, Mr. Thornton, Brighouse; Auditors, \*Mr. Wilby and \*Miss R. Briggs, Halifax.—\*Re-elected. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers for their services during the past twelve months.—G. E. BAKER, Secretary.

# The "Banner" Letter Box.

FROM MRS. M. J. PLACE.

DEAR EDITORS.—Will you be kind enough to allow me to express my heartfelt gratitude to the many loving friends who have so generously responded to the appeal on my behalf personally I did not expect this spontaneous expression of sympathy with me in my time of trouble. I feel my love and interest in the movement has been quickened by this practical carrying out of the teachings of Spiritualism.

Dear friends, I do thank you all so much for your love and sympathy.—Yours fraternally,  
55, Coventry Street, Leicester.  
July 10th, 1899.

M. J. PLACE.

LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE.—Hon. Treasurer Mr. G. Braham; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. B. Longstaff, 28, Cato Street, Moss Side, Manchester; Committee: (Manchester)—Messrs. Braham and Cheetwood; (Collyhurst)—Mr. T. Taylor and Miss E. Lawrence; (Bury)—Messrs. P. Birkett and A. E. Kershaw; (Royton)—Miss Stansfield and Mr. W. Smith; (Rochdale)—Messrs. Johnston and Knott; (Rawtenstall)—Messrs. Haworth and —; (Harpurhey)—Mr. Alf. Smith and Miss Stoddard; (Broughton)—Mr. Stafford and Miss Garner; (Pendleton)—Messrs. O'Neill and Wardle.

TOO LATE. EXETER.—Our first outing on July 26th. There were nineteen children, and seven adults. We spent a very enjoyable day at Teignmouth.—L. WILKINGS.

## HUDSON TUTTLE ON LYCEUM PAPERS.

OUR esteemed friend, Hudson Tuttle, recently published in the *Religio-Philosophical Journal*, of San Francisco, Cal., a letter bearing upon the issue of the *Lyceum*, a journal published in the United States for Lyceums. He said so much that is appropriate to the LYCEUM BANNER that we print those portions of his letter *apropos* to our own case. We thank Brother Tuttle for his unconscious tribute to our own work. He says: "Constantly has the cry gone up that a paper for the Progressive Lyceum was needed. No one felt strong enough to take the matter in hand. For a long time at least, such a paper could at best be expected to no more than meet its expenses. There was no publishing fund, no gratuities, and whoever undertook the enterprise must do so expecting to give time and means, and look for reward in the good accomplished."

Then, in another place, he says, what is equally true in our cases that, "Spiritualists who provide themselves with their favorite papers, should not forget this one for their children, and perhaps they will find it one of the most interesting for themselves."

The only way that is open to them to help in disseminating Spiritualism among the young is by assisting in the circulation, of this the only paper devoted to the work. It is not only for the Progressive Lyceum, it is a paper that will be enjoyed by every child.

The self-devotion of its editor and publisher should be recognized by Spiritualists, and by no means can they do so more effectually than by sending subscriptions."

This journal is now in the ninth year of its existence. By strenuous exertions, and much self-sacrifice, its circulation has been doubled since its commencement. But, still, the loss incurred has not been cleared off, in spite of the loyal support accorded, while no one connected with it is a penny the richer. We do not complain, we simply state facts.

## The Junior Spiritualists' Club of Great Britain.

FOUNDED 1898.

## LIST OF OFFICERS.

President: Mr. J. J. Vango, 61, Blenheim Crescent, Ladbroke Grove, London, W.

Vice-President: Mr. J. J. Morse, 26, Osnaburgh-street, London, N.W.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss F. Porter, 124, Kensington Park-rd., London, W.

Committee: Miss McCreadie, Mrs. J. Parker, and Mr. H. W. Bradshaw.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Florence Morse, 26, Osnaburgh-st., London, N.W.

## HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Harrison D. Barrett, Esq., President American Spiritualists' National Association, Boston, U.S.

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Mrs. Carrie P. Pratt, Helping Hand Fund, Boston, Mass., U.S.

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George Spriggs, Esq., Melbourne, Australia.

## ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Club is composed of Members and Associates, who in return for their subscriptions are provided without further charge with:—

1.—A weekly meeting at which is presented either clairvoyance, trance, and normal lectures, papers and essays, palmistry, musical evenings, and once each quarter a Club Social, including refreshments, to which members can introduce visitors for a nominal charge payable by the member. No visitor being allowed to purchase tickets or pay for admission to any ordinary meeting of the Club.

2.—The Club arranges for lectures from, or receptions to, any distinguished visitors to London—native or foreign.

3.—Each year a Club Concert and Dance is provided for which special arrangements are made.

As a means of social intercourse, the study of spiritual problems and the providing of healthy recreation, the Club has become a distinct success. Further particulars and terms of membership in the Club can be obtained from,

FLORENCE MORSE, Hon. Sec.,  
26, Osnaburgh Street, London, N.W.

## BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

FOUNDED, MAY, 1890.

## Officers for 1899-1900.

President—

Mr. J. J. MORSE, Florence House, Osnaburgh Street, London, N.W.

Past President—

Mr. JNO. VENABLES, Hydesville, Foden Road, Walsall.

Treasurer—

Mr. J. SUTCLIFFE, Sowerby Street, Sowerby Bridge.

Secretary—

Mr. ALFRED KITSON, Royd Street, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

Executive:

Mrs. H. NAYLOR, 33, Prince Arthur Street, Middlesborough.

Mr. S. S. CHISWELL, 11 and 13, Renshaw Street, Liverpool.

Mr. T. O. TODD, 7, Winifred Terrace, Sunderland.

Mr. ALBERT WILKINSON, 10, Percy Street, Nelson.

The Plans, Purposes and Objects of the Union will, in part, be better understood by the following short extracts from its Constitution:—

## OBJECTS.

The objects of this Lyceum Union are to promote the welfare of the Lyceum Movement, by (a) An Annual Movable Conference; (b) District Assemblages, when and where necessary; (c) Extending the work in new directions; (d) Bringing Lyceums into closer sympathy, and promoting greater uniformity in the manner of working them; (e) Encouraging the publication of suitable literature; and (f) Such other methods as may be found necessary.

## UNION.

The Union shall be a Federal Union of the Progressive Lyceums of the United Kingdom. Any Progressive Lyceum can join this Union by instructing the Secretary to place its name on the roll; such instruction shall imply assent to this Constitution. The Union charges no fee for entrance. The rate of subscription from each Lyceum enrolled is one penny for every name on the Lyceum register, to be paid in advance. When this is paid the Lyceum is entitled to full benefits.

## ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Union offers distinctive advantages to its Members in the form of special cheap terms for books, such as Outlines of Spiritualism; The Spiritual Songster; and The Lyceum Manual.

## REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Representatives to the Annual Conference shall be duly appointed by the various Lyceums joining the Union. Those Lyceums which have under 50 members on their register shall be entitled to send one delegate; those who have over 50, but under 100, shall be entitled to send two delegates; and those who have over 100 shall be entitled to send three delegates; which number shall be the limit of representation allowed to any one Lyceum.

## EXECUTIVE.

There shall be three Officers, viz.: a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be elected annually at the Conference. There shall also be a Committee of four others, elected annually by the Conference.

## CERTIFICATES.

A Certificate of Enrolment, printed in colours, duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Union, and a copy of the Constitution of a Lyceum, is duly furnished, free of charge, to every Lyceum on entering the Union.

The Secretary of the Union will at all times willingly furnish further information as to joining the Union, and as to its methods of work, and the advantages it can offer. While he will also be pleased to arrange for visits to institute new, revive lapsed, or encourage existing Lyceums, in any part of the kingdom. All communications to be addressed as above, and where reply's are needed a stamped and addressed envelope should be sent.

## THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

## DISTRICT COUNCILS.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.—Secretary, Mr. H. Ainsworth, 9, Morley Street, Garnett Street, Bradford, Yorks.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.—Secretary, Mr. G. E. Baker, West Vale.

LEEDS DISTRICT.—Secretary, Mr. J. W. Webster, 9, Progress Terrace, Mount Pleasant, Leeds.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.—Secretary. No information.

NORTH-EAST-LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.—Mr. Thos. Wilkinson, 13, Salt Hill Terrace, Clitheroe.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.—Secretary. No information.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.—Secretary. No information.

\* \* Will District Council Secretaries please supply all omissions or corrections so that above list may be completed.