L. Hill, L. Besant, W. H. Johnson, S. Hall, A. Besant, G. Thompson, and Alice Naylor. The president said well done, you are a credit to yourselves, teachers, and leaders; in years to come you may be parted by many miles of sea or land, but you will never forget taking part in this Anniversary. Mrs. Naylor conducted the singing in her usual style, and Master C. V. Hodgman made a capital organist. September 10th Mrs. Shannon's little guide, "Neva," one who has always given advice and instructions to Mrs. Naylor how to conduct our Lyceum, had the honour to distribute 26 prizes to the children. There was three first prize-winners, M. J. Thurston, Alice Naylor, G. Naylor; and sixteen seconds, and seven thirds, and to crown all, Mr. Naylor, conductor, and Mr. Benyon, secretary, were presented with one of the best Manual, and Mrs. Naylor with a Spiritual Songster, after which, Sarah Hall, a little girl dressed all in white, most gracefully came forward and presented Mrs. Naylor with a beautiful bouquet of white flowers with the best thanks from the Lyceum for her past services, trusting that she will long be spared to carry on the grand work. Mrs. Naylor was too overjoyed to respond, but she rose and thanked all the Lyceumists, and said she hoped that every one of their lives would be as pure and useful as the flowers she had received. I am pleased to say our Lyceum is in a good and prosperous condition.—T. Benyon, Secretary.

Stockport.—In connection with the Society's Harvest Festival, a fully attended open-air session were held under most trying conditions. A strong cold gale blowing leaves from *Manuals*, and other little frolics of stormy weather are not the best factors for Lyceum work. A desire to keep faith with the public and to take up a collection for the *Lyceum Home* determined us to stick to duty, and carry out a much curtailed programme. Mrs. Griffin spoke briefly on "The children and Spiritualism," and was the recipient of a choice bouquet of flowers presented by Miss Marston on behalf of the Lyceum. Ten shillings from a limited audience was collected which amount is ready to be forwarded. Where? At the evening service the Lyceum was again to the front, the Mayoress of Stockport gracefully acknowledging the gift of a magnificent bouquet from us at the hands of little Miss L. Pickthall. We are all in our different spheres pegging away at an operetta gem for holidays at the end of the year.

## DISTRICT VISITORS' REPORTS.

### Leeds District.

Rothwell is still maintaining its excellent degree of efficiency.

Batley.—Sorry to find a poor attendance. Otherwise conduct and interest in the lessons were good.

Armley is still on the up grade, but lack groups. The same remarks apply to Wakefield Lyceum.

Cleckheaton.—Still improving, but devote too much time to marching. If it was devoted to groups much more good would be achieved.—James Kitson, D.V.

Rawtenstall.—We held an Annual Open Sessions again as usual on Sunday, September 10th. Excellent attendances. Ed. G. Barnes gave us two readings again. Recitations were also given by Miss Sarah Ann Maden. Singing, very good. We are progressing very nicely and still hope to continue doing so.—A.S.

London.—Battersea Spiritualist Church—The Lyceum and Band of Hope excursion to Riddlesdown were great successes. Many good friends aided us financially, especially Mrs. Russell Davies who contributed £10, which, with our much appreciated donations and the sum from sale of tickets raised a fund £18 10s. 8½d, from which after all expenses were paid, there was a balance left of 9s. 5½d. In concluding his report, which came to hand too late for our September issue. Mr. Boddington says, "most enjoyable were both outings and everyone felt refreshed, gladdened and more strongly united by sympathetic bonds, by reason of their closer acquaintance with each other.

### Halifax and Huddersfield District.

Huddersfield—On Sunday, July 22nd, I visited the Peter Street Lyceum. Very punctual. Singing and marching very good. A well conducted Lyceum. Great credit due to the Conductor. The behaviour manifest throughout the Lyceum was excellent.

Slaithwaite, August 6th, singing, marching and calisthenics very well done, by a small number of scholars. Nicely conducted Lyceum but very unpunctual, which is a great drawback in any Lyceum, I hope in this Lyceum they will try to improve on the above.

Elland.—Singing fair, recitations very good, marching and calisthenics very well done. Well conducted Lyceum and a fair number of scholars present. Good behaviour, which speaks well for the Conductor.

Halifax.—Raven Street, September 3rd, Harvest Festival. A marvellous improvement in this Lyceum, singing good, recitations well responded to, a good number of scholars. Marching and calisthenics well gone through. One of the best conducted Lyceums in the district, a credit to the officers and the members.

Sowerby Bridge, September 3rd., afternoon singing good, marching and calisthenics very good. Recitations good, and also good instruction from the conductor. Behaviour not very good, though a well conducted Lyceum and a good number of scholars.

West Vale.—September 17th. Very punctual. Singing good no marching or calisthenics. Recitations very good. A small number of scholars but very good behaviour. Capital instruction given to the scholars. A very well conducted Lyceum.

Brighouse.—Singing very fair. Response to the recitations good. Marching and calisthenics good. A fair number of scholars but not the best behaviour. This Lyceum could be improved by a little more energy.—S. Thornton, D.V.

Halifax.—Winding Road, September 10th. Singing good. Recitations very good. A well conducted Lyceum. Not as punctual as they should be. A large and prosperous Lyceum on the whole.

### N.E. Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

I have again much pleasure in giving a report of my work as District Visitor.

Colne.—Sorry to find this Lyceum not quite up to usual mark, expect better results next time.

Bury Lyceum and Demonstration came next, where we were pleased to find our good Bro. Kitson along with Mrs. Greenwood in atttendance. The demonstration being simply a marvel, what with bands, banners, and the children with happy smiling faces, blending with the loving care of parents with the dresses of the children, gave one new life. Then followed the Tea and Meeting with presentation of Silver Jubilee Medal to Brother Longstaffe. Sunday found us at the Lyceum; we we were delighted to see a good attendance and close attention to duties, not forgetting the splendid Choir and Violinist.

Nelson, North Street, continuous to flourish, the present room being much too small.

Nelson, Pendle Street.—This Lyceum is in a very fair way, 50 being present at the time of visit. Efforts at Marching and Calisthenics very good for new Lyceum.

Blackpool of course was made up chiefly by visitors from other Lyceums. A good attendance, and the usual smiles and greetings made everybody feel happy and cheerful. This being the busy part of the season most of the Blackpool friends had to be looking after the comforts of the visitors.

N.E. Lancashire Lyceum District Council Meeting was held at the North Street Room, Nelson, on Sept. 3rd, when business was completed at the morning session, leaving the afternoon and evening for special services on behalf of the Lyceum Work. Brief, Bright, and Brotherly addresses were given at each service by the Delegates, and were much enjoyed by those present.

Burnley, North Street.—This Lyceum seems to be in a very healthy condition, attendance, marching, calisthenics, and conduct very good. Since my last visit a New Organ has been put in, which made a great improvement to the singing, the Organist doing credit to the Splendid Instrument.

A. Wilkinson.

Friendleigh—"How are you, old man? I hear you are writing for the papers now. Do you get many checks?" Littlerleigh—"Checks! I call them throwdowns."

"I hear that Baglemmer's wife is suing for a divorce, and they hav'nt been married a year." "Oh, well, she only married him to get him to buy her a bicycle."

Wagman—"My wife says I'm a veritable kidnapper." Friend—"Id' resent that if I were you." Wagman—Why resent it? That's a tribute to my ability to put the baby to sleep."

"Papa," he began, "what's an optimist?" "It's a fool," replied the father, "whom everyone thinks a wise person." "And what's a pessimist?" "A wise person whom everyone thinks a fool."

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### LESSON VII.

### CONSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY FOR MEDIUMISTIC OR SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

As there are many species of constitution in the human family, as there are differences of species in animals and birds, each creature having its natural sphere of action and limitation of functions, according to its organism, so, diversity of gifts is consequent on variety in human anatomy and brain physiology, and each of these species in the grades of human development, from the lowest caste negro, to the most gifted spiritualette medium, resemble the distinct keys upon the piano, and all are equally necessary to produce harmony, though each contribute a different note.

This difference in constitution of human beings is termed *The Temperaments*. The dark bony swarthy constitution with tawny complexion and high cheek-bones has much more physical density than a person possessing a fair ruddy and full-blooded form and physique, and who are better adapted for materialisations than their darker and more bony relations. The fleshy plethoric individuals, who are of pale complexions with dark hair are more readily developed for trance and personating mediumship. The person who has more classical features and delicate outlines in physognomy and pear-shaped features, with fine skin and hair and activity of body and mind, will manifest their higher gifts, as clairvoyance, clairaudience, and inspiration. As feeling is the primary function of human life, and possessed originally by every being, it is common to all constitutions, and being the most in requisition in earth life, it is generally possessed in the higher degree of susceptability than any of the other faculties; for instance, the thousands of persons who are born blind, deaf, or dumb, are generally possessed of a keener sense of feeling, which apparently discounts their other disadvantages, while many fish, insects, and other creatures have much better feeling, hearing, and sight, taste or smell, and as feeling is such a common function and predominates over all others throughout creation, it is not to be wondered at, that psychometry, which is its counterpart in trancedental feeling, and is correspondingly more prevalent in its awakenings, though in different degrees of species of temperament.

*(To be continued.)*

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's idea is alike novel, and most useful. Ten valuable prizes will be given to the ten largest distributors at Christmas, and a possible surplus for the Lyceum Union during the next year if the distribution is very large.—ADVT.

MR. MORSE is busily engaged in re-arranging his famous Lantern Lecture for the coming season. He is separating it into two distinct lectures, as a number of new views are being prepared. One lecture will be devoted to American Spiritualism, while the other will be devoted entirely to Spiritualism in Great Britain. Each lecture will conclude with a fine series of slides pertaining to Materialism, slate writing, spirit photographs and other phenomena. Bookings are already fixed for Dover, Bootle, Liverpool, and other places. Write soon and secure a date.

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## BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

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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 Unon 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 addresaed as above, and where reply's are needed a stamped and addressed envelope should be sent.

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