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ONE PENNY.

Girls' Own Corner.

By
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SESSION PROGRAMME.

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Date.	BY MRS. GREENWOOD.				
	Opening Hymn.	S.C.R.	Mus. Reading.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn.
6	315	71	225	142	340
13	346	76 & 77	223	131	395
20	391	53	213	113	407
27	402	400	242	138	334

PEARLS.

APRIL, 6th.—It is well with men in proportion as they respect Truth. *J. S. Mill.*

APRIL, 13th.—The man who minds his own business has constant employment. *Cicero.*

APRIL, 20th.—You must remember it is not only laying hold of the rope; you must go on pulling. *George Eliot.*

APRIL, 27th.—When your opinion's not wanted, and you're not spoken to, don't you give an opinion, and don't you speak.

Dickens (Barnaby Rudge).

"Are good people as energetic as bad?" Supposing the above topic should form the basis for a correspondence column in "Our Corner," how many girls are prepared to write their thoughts on the above question? Sometimes I think the people we know best are energetic in every thing that tends for good, and no doubt the majority of replies would be on the side of the good folks. There are many women we know whose days are completely filled with work for others. One lady we all have heard about if she is not known to all personally, is fully occupied in good works, charitable efforts, directing sewing meetings, organising various things to bring in ways and means to help poor and needy people; in fact her brain is ever active for some good cause or other, and

there is nothing of any movement in her town, where she holds the highest position as Mayoress, but what she is consulted and her advice has been of incalculable service to many committees; there I have disclosed her identity and all of you will say, why that is Mrs. Venables, of Wallsall! Yes, guessed! We are all proud of her, because she is respected so much by people of every denomination and has never stinted her help to any who have asked for it, but more because she is a real good spiritualist, which is better than all. A trust in the spirit friends, like she has, is marvellously catching. Many good workers have cause to be glad of the cheering and encouraging words she has given them; for real 'homey' hospitality; for the stimulus to work for the right and true, and above all for the womanly, capable, business like, lady whose energy seems untiring even in the midst of delicate health.

Some day, perhaps, the Editor will give us a picture of this lady and then my readers will think of my reference to her as a splendid example of one who is energetic for good. Sometimes we find people who cease to be energetic for our spiritualism, when they are placed in high positions, but a noticeable example of the opposite is seen in our good friends, Councillor and Mrs. Venables. Every woman who values character must in this brief and all too scanty record of the very full and strenuous life of a sister, whose sympathies are ever on the side of the sick, suffering and deserving poor. Now girls! you have a chance to tell us of some other woman's life, and all will be glad to share the contrast in each one's experience and give a sympathetic interest to each record. Will you try?

Once to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood,
For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, Man's new Messiah,
Off'ring each the bloom or blight,—
And the choice goes by for ever
'Twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with Truth is noble,
When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
And 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave men chooses,
While the coward stands aside,
Till the multitude make virtue
Of the faith they had denied.

Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet 'tis Truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold;
And upon the throne be Wrong,—
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth Time within the shadow,
Keeping watch above his own.

Bluebell Guild.

OBJECT: To promote Gentleness, Kindness and Good Behaviour. Membership is open to all.

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

I am glad to learn from quite a number of my Bluebells how much they enjoyed my last two stories, and, like the little boy who had been given a toffee, that they wish for more.

The one I have chosen for this month's chat is of a different nature, but is equally good in its way, it is about

CHILD-LIFE.

How often do we hear mothers say complainingly, "do hush, child, you are too full of life and fun." To such mothers I would say:—Thank God for it. He who appointed our life knows for what purpose it was given. Have you mothers never noticed that the pathway of such as are full of life is sure to be marked by no ordinary trials! It is a wise bestowment from Him who seeth the end from the beginning. Deal tenderly with such; check not their innocent fun. Make their youthful days happy. Cloud not their sunny faces by drawing unnecessarily dark pictures of life; fill not their confiding heart with distrust towards their playmates.

Let them read, if they wish, love in human faces. Earth is not all a charnal-house of decayed hopes and blighted anticipations. God is love. Life is full of beauty. Study the starry, silent midnight with its glorious beauty; the silvery moon riding in majesty, or veiled in fleecy clouds; the gloriously radiant sun marching in brightness through the heavens; the sunset clouds tinted with the hues of the rainbow; the sunrise with its blush-rose colours, heralds of its promises to an expectant humanity; the towering rock, the silvery waters of the river, the flower-wreathed meadow, the leafy trees, and the warbling birds. All declare God is good, and the world is beautiful. Tell not the young sensitive heart that every cup of joy is drugged with poison; that beneath every fair flower in life's pathway a serpent is coiled ready to sting. Who among us could fearlessly again enter life, and cheerfully enjoy it with such a chart of woe and misery? God in His wisdom has hidden the future from our vision. "Give us this day our daily bread," is a wise petition. Shall the blessings of to-day be received with a frown and distrust because we know now not what to-morrow may bring us? That morrow we may never see; nor should we impatiently demand to know, whether for us it comes freighted with joy or sorrow.

I have read a story of three little trout, who, discontented and unhappy, desired each to have a wish that should be granted. The first wished for wings that it might fly; the second wished for a great amount of knowledge, and to understand all about hooks and nets that it might keep out of danger; the third, a poor ignorant fish, and not knowing what was best, wished that God would take care of it, and choose for it, and give it just what He saw was the best. So God gave wings to the first, and

delighted with its power to fly, it flew far, far away to a desert where it died of thirst. To the second He gave knowledge, and so it was all the time in fear and terror; it was afraid to go into deep waters lest the great fish should swallow it, and it was afraid to go into shallow water, lest it should dry up and leave it to famish. It dared not eat anything, lest a hook might be concealed in it, and so it pined away and died. But God took care of the third which trusted in Him, and kept it from all harm, even when it was surrounded with dangers.

My story carries with it its own moral. Let the buoyant-hearted, hopeful little mariner you love, launch his little barge on life's ocean, praying always the Great Pilot for a successful voyage and safe port.

I have received a nice letter from an old member of our Guild who has gone to live in far away Saskatchewan, Canada, which read as follows:—

"Dear Flora Belle,

Although I am at present just over 5,000 miles away from dear old England, I am still interested in THE LYCEUM BANNER, and especially in our 'Bluebell Page.' To-day I have been reading to the little boy where I live your story of 'The Old Man of the Sea,' and he was deeply interested in it. He asked so many questions about it until at last I could not answer him. I might say that the children where I live have no idea of Sunday School of any description, so when the opportunity presents itself I just read a few lines from my *Lyceum Manual*, and talk to them and teach them just a little of our Lyceum teachings. Here in Battleford we are not blest with a Lyceum and Society, because it is only a small place as yet. I very often talk on the subject here, and the people where I live are getting a bit interested. It is only since they lost a *dear little girl*, aged 15 months, that they have realised anything. At the time of her passing away I quite unconsciously went into one of the rooms singing, "There is no death in God's wide world." I did not know I had done so for a little time until Mr. Bennett asked me where I had learned that beautiful hymn. So, with pride, I told him, and from that we have had many chats about Spiritualism. There is only one thing I regret to see in the children around this town, and that is, they do not appear to care much for their parents, and they are not so mannerly as our English children."

"I shall write you again from here, and I shall continue to look forward to seeing your stories in the LYCEUM BANNER. So now, dear Flora Belle, I will have to conclude my letter to you. Wishing you every success in your glorious work. And although I am so far away I have my interest in the Lyceum still. I was a member of the Manchester, Maskell Street Lyceum for nearly 20 years. So with every good wish for success to crown all your efforts, I remain, one of your Bluebells.

MISS ANNIE CHEETWOOD,
c/o Mr. C. H. Bennett, Battleford, Saskatchewan,
Canada.

I am pleased to learn Miss Cheetwood still finds pleasure in our Bluebell Page. I shall be pleased to hear from her, and any other member who wish to write to me. It is always a pleasure to hear from members of our Guild.

Your loving sister,
FLORA BELLE.

INTUITION.

By Mrs. FRANCES KINGMAN.

CHAPTER XVI (Continued.)

For answer, Cutty clasped her to her heart, kissing her many times. Indeed, the embrace was so intense, that Lizzie exclaimed—

"Oh, Cutty! you're choking me!"

My darling Cutty had not forgotten the time when the world was strange and cold, all barren, without the knowledge of the light which had lifted her up to happiness. Once the earth was wide and dark, because she believed in hopeless graves and everlasting torment. Now her feet had entered the path leading to the 'promised land,' and her whole life had become radiant with expectation.

Lizzie remained to dine with us, and in the afternoon her mother came over. She appeared very unhappy and sad. When the girls had withdrawn I told Mrs. Holt Lizzie had told me the reason of her dismissal, and she sighed and said:—

"Mrs. Blake, what shall I do with her? I am obliged to bear all the trouble alone, for Mr. Holt says he is perfectly willing for her to have her intuitive belief. So there it is—and what is more mortifying, he will meet neither Mr. James nor Mr. Blaisdell to talk the affair over."

Just then the girls returned, and our conversation became suddenly changed. Cutty played some of her new music. Then Lizzie followed with a few simple ditties of a very lively and laughable character.

"There," said her mother, "it's her style. Anything that is simple!"

"Well, it isn't *figurative* mother, and 'tis why I like them."

We could but laugh, but I am so sorry for Mrs. Holt, she so little understands her lovely child. She is entertaining an angel unawares.

When Cutty and I were alone, she put her arms about my neck and said, "Please, just one question before we retire?"

"Well, Cutty dear, what is it?"

"What about this evil spirit that governs us? What does 'demon' mean?"

"Demon in the Greek, my dear, is '*daimon*,'—to know, a God." The learned ancients defined the term generally, 'the spirits of the dead,' a 'spirit either good or bad.' They believed every person to be governed by his or her daimon; we read of Socrates' daimon, and of Tasso's; of good and of bad daimons, who guarded and guided them."

"I thought it meant the devil. I used to believe he was a dreadful creature as pictured in the Bible."

"Many older persons than you, dear, have believed in his Satanic Majesty, who is depicted with hoofs, wings, horns and tail. I never accept evil as an absolute force."

"Is there not a difference between the responsibilities of persons?"

"Yes, dear, according to the gift is the amount to be rendered up. 'Of him to whom much is given, much will be required.'"

"Do you think the spirits of bad people try to influence us?"

"Yes, dear; I do not know why they should not, while we believe the souls of the good strive to make us happy."

"But why will God permit those wicked spirits to influence us?"

"Out of God's wisdom everything is allowed to exist. Jesus was tempted. Rising above temptation shows our moral strength and real virtue."

"Does like attract like?"

"Yes, dear; and we are safe if we will be. Good will not attract evil; here then is the great necessity of watching ourselves lest we harbour the poison-spot which shall gather more deadly poison to its bosom. The thorn and the rose grow side by side. We can pluck which we will. All things have their counter influences."

"Do you think we are morally weak when evil grasps us so closely?"

"Yes, dear; that is why we should be so careful not to place ourselves in a negative condition for it. When we feel evil thoughts creeping into our minds, and stirring our hearts with passions tempting us to do evil, we should do as Jesus did, bid them be gone."

"But can we always conquer, dear mother? Is not the good within us sometimes weak, and the evil so much stronger that it overpowers us?"

"Some, dear, may lack organic balance, and are quickly incensed to quarrel; for such we should have sympathy and the restraining influence of love; but never should they be allowed to think they are not fully responsible—that is, if they have the power to reason—for no one suffers from *absolute* control of bad influence. That spark of the Deity within each one is ever ready to be fanned into a flame if we only will take the trouble to try to fan it. And angel-hands through the shining heavens are reaching down to grasp our outstretched hands; and they fain would lead us up; and when we turn heedlessly away, oh! then, my darling, their blessed eyes are full of sorrow's mist."

"Oh, mother, mother," exclaimed Cutty, "if everybody would only remember this!" She gazed upward while she was speaking, and I saw that beautiful beaming in her eyes which had come of living near heaven. Oh! may the good Father spare her to enflower the pathway of humanity with the love which so spiritualises her daily life!

CHAPTER XVII.

Mrs. Holt has been over and says Lizzie is complaining of a bad headache. I returned with her and found the dear little girl lying upon the sofa in her mother's chamber looking really ill. Her eyes were very bright, and her cheeks flushed deep red. I advised that the physician be called immediately, for a terrible fear of typhoid seized my whole being. I kissed the precious child and asked her if she felt very sick. She answered:

"Please don't tell mother, she will feel so bad; but it seems as though I should go pretty soon. I have been thinking about it all the while. Do you think Dr. Wilkinson will tell me if it is so, Mrs. Blake?"

"Do you feel alarmed, Lizzie? You do not want to die."

"Oh!" she smiled and lifted her head from the pillow, "that isn't it, only I have so much to do if I

am going. No, Mrs. Blake, I am not afraid; what have I to fear? Lots of angels are waiting to welcome me. I really believe Cutty's father, mother, and brother are there, and your brother Charles, and my aunt and cousin; and who do you think I believe will get hold of my hand first if I go?"

A thrill sped swiftly through my frame. Would she see him first? Grasp his hand before me? I was impatient for a moment. "Cœcil," I whispered. She bowed her head and smiled.

(To be continued.)

[Important Conference matter has crowded out our serial stories.—Ed.]

The Socialists Leading the Way to Universal Peace.

FRENCH AND GERMAN SOCIALISTS JOINT MANIFESTO.

Below we print the full text of the manifesto which has been published simultaneously in the leading organs of Socialist opinion in France and Germany. It is signed by the executive officers and Parliamentary representatives of the two great Socialist parties, headed by Herr Bebel in Germany, and M. Jaurès in France.

Behind this memorable document stands the opinion of the overwhelming masses of the workers of the two countries.

The sinister designs of the warmongers are well understood on both sides of the frontier. The people fling back the challenge at those who, for their own selfish ends, will not hesitate to deluge two nations and all Europe, if they could, with blood.

The Franco-German peace manifesto states:—

"French and German Socialists protest with one voice against the endless armaments, which exhaust their peoples, force them to neglect the most precious problems of civilisation, aggravate and reciprocate distrust, and instead of assuring peace excite to conflicts which may lead to a universal catastrophe, and which bring with them the misery and the destruction of the masses.

"The Socialists of the two countries have the right to look upon themselves as interpreters of the feeling both of the German and the French peoples when they affirm that the mass of both peoples by a crushing majority wish for peace, and that they hate war. It is the governing classes which from both sides of the frontier artificially provoke instead of combating national antagonism, stir up mutual hostility, and in that way divert the peoples in both countries from their efforts of civilisation and from their fight for freedom.

"To assure the maintenance of peace, the independence of the nations, and the progress of the democracy in both countries, the Socialists demand that all the conflicts between the peoples should be settled by arbitration treaties. In their opinion settlement of International questions by resorting to violence is a barbarism and a disgrace to humanity.

"They demand that the standing army, which

constitutes a permanent danger for the nations, should be replaced by national militia organised on democratic lines and having no other object save defence.

"If at last, notwithstanding their passionate opposition, new military burdens are laid on the shoulders of the nations, the Socialists of both countries undertake with all their energies to see that those burdens are laid on the propertied and rich classes. The Socialists of Germany and France have already, by their conduct in the past, unmasked the double and perfidious game of the Jingoists and the military contractors of both nations, who, in France, make statements concerning the supposed acquiescence of German Socialists in military expenditure, and in Germany make similar statements concerning the attitude of French Socialists.

"A common fight against Jingoism on both sides of the frontier, and a common effort for pacific and friendly relations between the nations must end this fooling of the people. The same cry against war, the same condemnation of this "armed" peace, rings out simultaneously in both countries. Under the same flag of the International, based on the freedom and independence assured to each nation, the French and German Socialists pursue with growing vigour their fight against insatiable militarism, and for a lasting peace among the nations."

Daily Citizen, March 4th.

PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND, 1913.

The following subscriptions have been duly acknowledged, and the Lyceums thanked:—Batley Carr, 10/-; Heaton and Byker Lyceum, 5/-; Mr. Kitson, 10/-; Widnes Lyceum, 2/-; Wellington, N.Z., 20/-.

It is good to hear from our New Zealand comrades, and to accept their donation of 20/- towards the fund. Thus do we feel the real tie of affection for our children's cause, and our good wishes go out to those who are trying to form Lyceums in far-away lands. May their hands be strengthened.

JESSY GREENWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

Ashleigh, Hebden Bridge.

In Memoria.

Ordinary intimations will be inserted as follows:—Not exceeding twenty-four words, Free. 6d. will be charged for every additional nine words. Poetry 6d. per line. Payment must accompany all intimations of more than 24 words, or they cannot be inserted.

LEIGH (Brown Street).—Passed to the higher life on March 9th, Gladys Martin, age 9 years. Our material loss her spiritual gain. Spiritualist funeral.—J. Hurdus (Sec.).

Wedding.

BLACKPOOL.—A pretty wedding was solemnized on March 19th, by Mr. Swan, between J. V. Stott and M. E. Webster, both Lyceumists and Choir Members. Mr. and Mrs. Stott shortly leave for Canada.—F. Bird.

Barbarism Towards Birds.

LORD CURZON'S INDICTMENT OF FASHION.

Lord Curzon, presiding at the annual meeting of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds the other day, uttered a powerful indictment against modern barbarism towards bird life, particularly as practised in the interests of fashion.

Six bird sales, he said, were held in London in 1911, and at three of these sales 41,000 humming birds were sold, while in the same number of sales 20,700 birds of paradise were sold as well as 129,000 egrets.

Were they required for the health, comfort, or convenience of any man or woman? No; they were simply required to pander to the vanity of women or to the idiocy of man.

"If a rare bird such as a buzzard or a bittern turned up in any neighbourhood, did the whole countryside constitute itself a sort of bodyguard for the protection of that rare specimen? No, the local "sportsman" shouldered his gun, went out to stalk the unsuspecting prey, slaughtered it, and wrote to the local paper to boast of his glorious achievement.

"Why should not the great landowners," asked Lord Curzon, in conclusion, "have bird sanctuaries for the birds, instead of filling their coverts with wretched pheasants to be driven to the guns once or twice a year?"

ULVERSTON.—Sunday, March 9th, Special Services. Afternoon, after the opening exercises and songs and recitations, a Spring Flower Service, compiled by the officers, was rendered, the boys having formed into line with their flags. Three of the eldest heralded the advent of spring by singing, "Now the winter storms are over," whereupon "Spring," represented by Miss Selina Miller, marched into the room, accompanied by 12 of the youngest girls, representing respectively, Snowdrops, Crocuses, Daffodils, Celandines, Daisies & Violets, each carrying a basket of the flowers represented. Spring and her attendant flowers spoke their lines and performed their parts admirably. The grouping with the boys at the close, after their "Flag-March," when all sang "Heart Flowers," being most effective and gave the utmost pleasure to a good congregation. Evening, songs and recitations were rendered, and an address from Mr. Alfred Kitson brought to a close a successful day.—J. E. Coward, Secretary.

Questions and Answers.

Under this head Lyceumists may ask questions bearing on the teachings of the "Lyceum Manual" and matters appertaining to the Lyceum Movement in general. All correspondents must give their full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith with the Editor. Letters should be addressed to the Question and Answer Department, the Offices of the Lyceum Banner, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Dewsbury.

QUESTIONS.—Will you please explain through the LYCEUM BANNER, what are the "subjects of the soul," as per G.C.R. 129, "THE SENSES," where in the first part for the conductor it reads as follows: "Thy soul is the monarch of thy frame, suffer not its subjects to rebel against it." And also the last part for the Conductor which reads, "Preserve thy soul in moderation, teach thy spirit to be attentive to its good, so shall these, its ministers, be always to thee conveyances of truth." Can you tell us the difference between the soul and the spirit?

(MISS) A. HAUGHTON, Rishton.

ANSWERS.—In this recitation the author likens the "soul" to a monarch, or ruler over a kingdom (the

human body). The senses (seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling and feeling) are likened to the subjects, and the advice is for the Ruler not to allow the subjects to rebel and rule the monarch, but that the monarch, or soul, shall rule the subjects, and so decide what shall be taken as food and liquid to sustain the kingdom, or body. And so of all the other senses which are needed to preserve the kingdom. "Preserve thy soul, etc." Here we have a different meaning attached to the word "soul." In the first case it is likened to a monarch or ruler, in the latter case it is used to represent the needs and wants of the physical body, and being used in this double sense leads to confusion. "Teach thy spirit," or thy subjects or senses to be attentive to its (the body's) good, so shall these, its ministers, be always to the (monarch, ruler or soul) conveyances of truth. The difference between soul and spirit is, the "soul" is the God portion of our nature, the Divine spark. The "spirit" is the body or temple used by the soul to manifest itself in and through both in this world and the spirit world.—EDITOR.

For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

MY DEAR CHUMS,

Some months ago I gave you some puzzles. As you have had something very serious to read from me I am offering a change that will be welcome to you, and I am returning to puzzledom. Here they are. Now, boys, see how many you can do. The answers will be published next month.

1. Why should travellers in a desert never starve?
2. Who is the oldest woman?
3. Why is sympathy like blind-man's buff?
4. Why is a five pound note more valuable than five pounds in sovereigns?
5. Divide two by five and leave a thousand.
6. I went in the fields and got it, and when I had it I could'nt find it, so I took it home with me because I could'nt lose it. What was it?
7. What is the longest word in the Dictionary?
8. Why is a railway like a blanket?
9. Why is a fire-place like Westminster Abbey?
10. When is a door not a door?
11. Tell me a girl's name of six letters which reads the same backwards!
12. What would you cut at both ends to make it longer?
13. What word is both sour and sweet?
14. Why does a woman choose a man named William for a husband?
15. What is the difference between an orphan, a bald-headed man and an ape?
16. Make a square and divide it into nine equal squares. In each square place one of the following figures, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, in such a position that each line of three figures shall come to the same amount every time from top to bottom, side to side, and corner to corner.
17. Draw on a plain piece of paper an eight-inch

square. Then divide into sixty-four squares, by ruling lines an inch apart. Now take a pair of scissors and so cut the square as to make sixty-four squares of similar size.

18. A man left seventeen horses to his three sons. To the eldest he gave one half, to the next one-third and to the youngest one-ninth. The sons could not do this without sacrificing one of the horses. A horseman came up and settled the matter for them. How did he do it?

19. In what year did Christmas Day and New year's Day come in the same year.

20. In the following lines are hidden one of the B.S.L.U.'s publications. Can you tell me which it is?

A tailor measures by the ell,
Now why I cannot tell,
You see I don't know, ask the swell,
Why he makes clothes so well;
You know he makes and presses them,
This knight of seam and hem.

A bee flew in the farm yard
From over the hay fields,
But the hen takes no regard,
The hen no fear yields
When he, the bee, is about;
If you are there, look out!

Send all answers to me at 22, Gowers Street, Rochdale.

LEGALIZATION OF UNION.

The special committee appointed by the Executive Council to "take steps" to effect legalization have interviewed Manchester and Liverpool solicitors and a deputation from the S.N.U. to get all necessary information on the two main methods suggested by the majority and the minority of members of Conference. The following correspondence puts as clearly as possible a summary of the results:—

COPY OF STATEMENT TO SOLICITOR IN LIVERPOOL.

There are two Unions—

1. The Spiritualists' National Union, Limited—being a union of Spiritualist Churches, Societies, and similar subsidiary bodies.
2. The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union—being a union of Lyceums (Spiritualist Sunday Schools) mainly carried on attached to or in connection with the Societies, etc., forming the S.N.U. Ltd., and other similar bodies not in membership with that Company.

It is now proposed to form the Lyceum Union into a legal corporation either with or without the word Limited—preferably the latter. The B.S.L.U. is at present in representative membership with the S.N.U. Ltd.

The Sub-Committee of the B.S.L.U. who have in hand the legalization of that body are of opinion that there are three methods by which that end may be accomplished:—

1. Independent legalization as a legal corporation with the word limited—limited by guarantee and not having a capital divided into shares.
2. Same as No. 1., but without the word limited.
3. By Trust Deed under the S.N.U. Ltd.

QUESTION.—Which of these methods would you recommend, bearing in mind the following points:—

The B.S.L.U. is the oldest body; the most prosperous body; the larger body; and desire to maintain all the essentials of independent action which they have hitherto enjoyed.

NOTE.—An influential section of the Lyceum movement are of opinion that the last may be accomplished by a comprehensive Trust Deed under the S.N.U. Ltd.

Do you think such is the case; or to put the question more fully. If the B.S.L.U. obtained legal status via a Trust Deed under the S.N.U. Ltd., could the deed be drafted so as to ensure full and complete legislative, financial, and administrative management and control being vested in the B.S.L.U. Annual or other Conference?

If the B.S.L.U. legalize as a separate legal corporation, either with or without the word "limited," would a Trust Deed be required for the acceptance, management, and control of any or every legacy or gift either of money or property?

Will you give an approximate estimate of the cost under each of the three suggested methods, with an outline of how they are made up?

[COPY OF REPLY FROM SOLICITOR.] RE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

We have looked into this matter and having regard to the various points we thought it well to obtain the opinion of Counsel as to the best method of carrying out the wishes of your Union. We hand you herewith a copy of the opinion and perhaps you will consider the same and let us have instructions in the matter.

COUNSEL'S OPINION.

In my opinion the only methods practically available of obtaining incorporation for this Society are:—

- (1) Incorporation under the Companies (Consolidation) Act 1908 using the word "Limited" and if desired having the limit by guarantee.
- (2) Incorporation under the Companies (Consolidation) Act 1908 (limited by guarantee if desired) after obtaining the license of the Board of Trade under section 20 of that Act to dispense with the use of the word "Limited."

The first of the above methods is the most simple and the least expensive, and on the whole will probably be most satisfactory, inasmuch as the direction and management are uncontrolled, provided the usual and necessary returns are made to the Companies Registrar.

There are some advantages, however, about the second method which are worth consideration, and also some disadvantages which must be taken into account.

The advantages of the second method are:—

- (a) Permission to drop the word "Limited."
- (b) Dispensation with the obligation of publishing its name and of sending lists of members and directors and managers to the Registrar.

The disadvantages are:—

- (a) The Board of Trade insists on the use of the word "Incorporated" or some similar word at the end of the name.
- (b) The expense of obtaining the license of the Board of Trade is from £10 10 0 to £12 12 0.
- (c) The conditions on which the Board of Trade grants the license involve the insertion in the Memorandum of Association of clauses preventing the payment of any dividends or the distri-

bution of any profits among the Members, and providing that in the event of winding up the assets shall be transferred to some other Institution having objects similar to the objects of the Society or to some charitable object.

- (d) The possibility of the Charity Commissioners setting up a claim that any land or other property owned or acquired by the Society form a Charitable Endowment, and accordingly that they cannot be sold or dealt with except after obtaining the consent of the Commissioners.

On the whole, as indicated above, I am inclined to think the former method the more advantageous; if however, it is particularly desired to avoid the use of the word "Limited" and the conditions imposed by the Board of Trade are considered unobjectionable the second method is quite practicable and is quite as effective as being a true incorporation as the former method, giving the Company or Society **full power to hold property and deal with it** (subject to clause (d) above) **without the intervention of any Trustee** also the power to accept, manage or control legacies and gifts of all kinds.

I do not think that anything done by means of a Trust Deed would be effective to attain what is desired. A Trust Deed will not operate to incorporate the Society or to make it a Legal Corporation in any way, and a Trust Deed under the Spiritualists' National Union Limited would appear to me to make the Lyceum Union always more or less an adjunct to and dependent on the Spiritualists' National Union. In my opinion there would always be a tendency for the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union to lose its individuality in that of the Spiritualists' National Union Limited, and it would be impossible to secure full and complete legislative, financial, or administrative management and control.

I would therefore not advise the adoption of a Trust Deed, inasmuch as one or the other of the former methods is far better adapted to accomplish what is desired and preserves the individuality as well as the independence and authority of the Society.

The above agrees with advice from Manchester solicitors and with legal text-book.

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TREASURER.

Mr. J. Venables (Walsall), Mr. T. H. Wright (Sowerby Bridge); Mrs. Jessy Greenwood (Hebden Bridge).

NOTE.—Mr. J. Venables consents to stand on the condition only that the Lyceum Union's books be audited by a chartered accountant.

AUDITOR.

Mr. W. Edwards (Accrington), Mr. H. Birdsall (Bradford).

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Mrs. Jessy Greenwood (Hebden Bridge), Mr. T. H. Wright (Sowerby Bridge) Mr. H. Rau (Bradford), Mr. J. Tinker (Hr. Broughton), Mr. R. A. Owen (Liverpool), Mr. Ernest Vickers (Sheffield), Mr. R. Latham (Burnley), Mr. Fred France (Brig-house), Mr. H. Hargreaves (Nelson), Mr. A. Ross (Liverpool), Mr. Apedaile (York), Mr. James Elliott (Nelson), Mr G. Fred. Knott (Rochdale), Mr. Percy Smythe (London), Mr. J. P. Simpson (Bradford), Mr. W. Johnson (Hyde), Miss Lizzie Mortimer (Batley Carr), Mr. D. R. Davies (Newcastle), Mr. T. Simpson (Darlington), Mr. C. Lloyd (Pendleton), Mr. George Smith (Hull), Mrs. A. E. Bentley (Manchester), Mr. A. E. Beety (Wakefield), and Mr. Alfred Law (Mossley).

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Secretary.

MAGAZINES RECEIVED.

The Philosophical Digest, formerly "The Open Forum." A monthly periodical devoted to physical, social, moral, psychic, spiritual and occult science and philosophical research. Editor and proprietor, Raycine C. Sargent; Associate Editors, J. M. Peebles, M.D., D. W. Hull and O. G. Elmergreen. Office, 312, Denny Buildings, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. Yearly subscription, one dollar; six months, 75c.; single copy, 10c.

The Kalpaka. A monthly magazine devoted to science, psychology, philosophy, metaphysics, occultism, etc. Editor and Proprietor, D. T. Sanjivi, M.A., etc. Yearly subscription, 4/- Office, Tinnevely, South India.

Self-Culture. A monthly magazine devoted to physical, mental, moral, psychic, spiritual and occult sciences and philosophies. Editor and Publisher, Dr. K. T. Ramasami, D.Sc., etc. Yearly subscription, 4/- Office, Kizhanattam, Tinnevely District, South India.

Clairaudience, or "How to hear the voices of the so-called dead," by J. M. Peebles, M.D., M.A., etc., price 10c. This is a helpful pamphlet, treating of the various phases of clairvoyance, ancient and modern, quoting cases where life has been saved, etc., by warnings of the spirit voice, citing cases of great men and women who heard spirit voices and how they were guided by them.

War, Its Horrors and Benefits, by J. M. Peebles, M.D., etc., 10c. This is a timely treatise on the horrors and barbarism of wars. I wish all our young men and young women would read and study its contents, and so be well fortified against the deadly war plague.

The General Principles and Standard Teachings of Spiritualism, by J. M. Peebles, M.D., M.A., etc., price 25c. This excellent pamphlet is dedicated to the venerable doctor's travelling companion and literary associate, Mr. R. P. Sudall, well known to Darwen and Glasgow Lyceumists as an energetic worker. The following selection of the titles will indicate the scope and value of the book. "Heroes and warriors made Gods," "Spiritualism—not Spiritism," "How are these words used by the learned?" "What the scriptural writers said of Jesus, the great medium," "Some spiritual teachings," "The Christ spirit of healing in all ages," "Spiritualism is the true Christian Religion," "No creed, no fixed form of faith," "Spiritualism is a straight affirmation," "Spiritualism broad and all encircling," "Communicating message bearers," "Spiritualism both levels and exalts." Address, The Peebles Publishing Co., 5719, Fayette Street, Los Angeles, Cal., U.S.A.

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LYCEUM MOTTO FOR 1913.

“All religion has relation to life, and the life of religion is to do good.”

Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The Lyceum Conference will soon be here. The friends at Hull are working with a will to make the gathering a memorable success. Full particulars of the Hall, dinner and teas will be given in our next issue.

A full list of District Visitors and Delegates is being furnished to Mr. George Smith, 24, Barmston Street, Hull, who has kindly undertaken the billeting arrangements. All delegates who are anxious to learn where they will be entertained should write Mr. Smith, enclosing a *stamped* envelope for reply.

Credentials will be supplied, through Lyceum Secretaries, to delegates, along with copies of the Annual Reports and Balance Sheets, as soon as the latter are printed.

Elsewhere will be found a full list of Notices of Motions, precedence being given to those left over from last year's agenda; and also to the sub-committee's report on Legalization. As all the items are *sub-judice*, we place them before our readers without comment, leaving all free to use their own judgments.

WANTED.

The following copies of the LYCEUM BANNER are wanted to complete the volumes:—Sept., 1902; May, 1903; July, 1905; Jan., 1906; and Nov., 1907. Any reader having any or all of the above copies to dispose of should communicate with Miss W. Mather, 4, Hartley Street, Ulverston.

We are pleased to hear a Lyceum was inaugurated in Sunderland on Sunday, March 23rd. We trust it will have a long and useful career. The South Benwell Spiritual Church are considering the advisability of opening a Lyceum. We trust they will decide to “Open the door for the children.”

The Manchester, Collyhurst Street Lyceum, are losing a number of earnest workers who are going out to Australia. The following particulars have been kindly supplied to the LYCEUM BANNER:—Mr. M. Jessop, along with his son Herbert, and daughter Lillian; Mrs. Jessop's sister and baby, and her sister-in-law leave Tilbury Docks on April 1st on the s.s. *Port Macquarie* (Melbourne Line). Miss Jeffrey and her cousin Rosie, along with Mrs. Hassall and three sons—Tom, Harold and John—sail on April 17th on the s.s. *Benalla* (P. & O. Branch Service).

Keighley is also losing two of its members, Miss M. Pollard and Miss Peacock, who sail for Melbourne on April 24th on the s.s. *Milteades* (Aberdeen Line). The LYCEUM BANNER wishes the above friends *bon voyage*, and success. We hope to hear from them from time to time.

The interest, surprise and enthusiasm manifested in the lecture on “The rise and progress of the Lyceum cause in England,” given by the Lyceum Union's General Secretary at Keighley, led to the suggestion that it would be very helpful and educational for the same address to be given to the representatives of each Lyceum District. As these are mainly composed of Lyceum Officers who are needed in their own Lyceums on the Sundays, it would be advisable to hold the special meetings on the Saturday evenings. Will Lyceum District Secretaries who are desirous of availing themselves of the suggestion, please communicate with the General Secretary.

Our offer of *free copies* of the LYCEUM BANNER has been accepted by a number of Lyceums. The offer is open for the remaining two months in the quarter—May and June. Those who increase their order by 6 copies will receive an extra 6 *free*; and those who increase their order by 12 copies will receive an extra 12 *free* for May and June.

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The Executive Council will hold its next quarterly meeting at the Spiritual Church, North Street, Burnley, on April 12th. Lyceums wishing to join the above Union should send in their applications at once.

On Sunday, April 13th, an Open Session will be held at 9-30 a.m., and services at 3-0 p.m. and 6 p.m. to be addressed by the Officers and Members of the Council.

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THE LYCEUM AND PLATFORM.

Dear Sir,—So "Student" has sarcastically given me up as a bad lot! A most admirable thing to do when one has not the argument for an attack on the subject of discussion.

He is an example of the numerous Spiritualists who, rather than help, hinder any serious or sceptical thought.

Why is there a continual deploring over the fact that so many, on reaching the age of reason, begin to leave our Lyceums? There is no sense in sighing over the matter; there is a definite and legitimate cause for the circumstance.

In my letters, I have tried to point out what that cause is, and once again I say there is scope for a vast improvement in Lyceum organisation and teaching.—J. R. Latham.

[This controversy is now closed.—ED. L.B.]

MRS. DELLA E. DAVIS RETURNS THANKS.

Dear Editor and Friend,—I desire to extend, through the columns of your LYCEUM BANNER, my most grateful thanks and acknowledgment for the many thoughtful and much prized resolutions of greetings in honour of the Lyceum Jubilee, which come to me from the several English Lyceums, their officers and members, and to express my sincere and earnest appreciation for their loyalty to the cause, and for their loving tribute to my beloved husband, as the FOUNDER of THE CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM on earth.

Upon the waves of magnetic light is wafted his smiling encouragement and trustful love to each and all.

In the tie fraternal,

DELLA E. DAVIS.

LETTER OF THANKS.

Dear Mr. Kitson,—I am instructed by my Committee to thank all the friends from Burnley, North Street, Church and the Brierfield Church, as well as the friends of our own Church, who took part in the ramble to Wycollar on Good Friday. Close upon 150 persons journeyed to Wycollar, the greater portion of them coming from Burnley and Brierfield. The good feeling that was manifest throughout the whole day, and especially at the social in the evening, at the Vernon Street Church, made one feel that there's something still to work for. Unity is the pass word of to-day, and Strength the pass word of to-morrow. This manifestation of Unity was especially gratifying, since at this period of our history there is such a strong tendency towards separation and independent authority. When it was suggested to Mr. Latham that the money derived from the social at the evening should be shared by the churches represented, he said, "There's no necessity for it; isn't this as much our church as yours; it's all for the good of the Cause. We will give you (Vernon Street) the opportunity of returning the compliment to the other churches."

That's the kind of feeling we want to see throughout the whole movement, then we shall cease repining and reproving.

There's no doubt that when the opportunity is given, Nelson will not be slow to accept it and make it a right royal occasion.

I hope each person will accept this letter in the same spirit in which it is sent, and that I am not intruding too much upon the space of the BANNER.

J. E. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

On behalf of the Committee.

TRUE WORTH.

"True worth is in being, not seeming—
In doing each day that goes by
Some little good—not in the dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.
For whatever men say in blindness,
And spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

We get back our mete as we measure—
We cannot do wrong and feel right,
Nor can we give pain and gain pleasure—
For justice avenges each slight.
The air for the wing of the sparrow,
The bush for the robin and wren,
But always the path that is narrow
And straight for the children of men."

SPECIAL REPORT.

DAISY HILL.—We opened the month with classes, which have created a new atmosphere and new thought amongst our Lyceumists, and shows progress is ours for the trying. On March 23rd we held our Open Session in the Carnegie Hall, Mr. Blackshaw, President, Leigh Spiritualist Church, and Mr. Batten, President, Bolton Lyceum District Council, conducting in the afternoon. In the evening Mr. Blackshaw took for his subject, "The Lyceum, its initiation, teachings and object." Mr. Batten, "Spiritualism and Unity v. Christ, the Bible and Trinity." Miss Cranks, of Leigh, conducted the after circle, giving some splendid clairvoyance, almost every delineation being recognized. We had a splendid day financially and everybody enjoyed themselves. I wish to thank all Lyceumists and friends from surrounding Lyceums for their attendance and help.—Will H. Towers, Secretary.

THE LYCEUM CONFERENCE,

TO BE HELD AT HULL, MAY 10TH AND 11TH, 1913.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

Unfinished Business on the Agenda, 1912.

AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

No. 1.—(a) That the title of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union be amended by omitting the word "British" and merely calling it "The Spiritualists' Lyceum Union."

No. 2.—That a new office of Chairman be created in the B.S.L.U. The Chairman to hold office for three years, with power to be re-elected.

Liverpool Lyceum District Council.

No. 3.—(a) That Article XI., page 6, delete the words "The President and the Vice-President must have served on the Executive Council for at least one year."

(b) That the first part of Article XI. of the B.S.L.U. Constitution be amended to read as follows: All officers of the Union excepting the General Secretary, together with four members of the Executive Council, shall retire annually (and any person who has served for two periods shall not be eligible for re-election until 12 months have elapsed). All other persons shall be eligible for re-election by ballot providing, etc.

Heywood Lyceum.

No. 4.—(a) That where more than two candidates go to the vote for any single office the principle of the second ballot shall govern the election.

AMENDMENTS TO LYCEUMS CONSTITUTION.

No. 5.—(a) Article V. says, re voting, children over 12 to select officers. We wish you to put on the agenda that Liberty Group and over have the privilege, not children, in selecting officers, as we think our conductor, etc., will be voted for on merit, rather than likes and dislikes from the children.

Lancaster Lyceum.

(b) Article V., page 10, raise the age from 12 to 14 years.

North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION.

No. 6.—(a) That we, as a Lyceum, request the Conference in session, to strike out of the Constitution the rule which prohibits associate members from being eligible for office. And we, in the future, give to associate members all rights, usages, privileges, etc., equal to delegates. *Mrs. Wallace, Secretary.*

(b) That the paragraph dealing with Associate members in Article VII. of the Constitution for District Councils, be deleted.

Heywood Lyceum.

No. 7.—That clause (e) Article II. of the Constitution for District Councils be amended to read as follows:

"Such other methods as may be approved by the Executive of the Lyceum Union, or an Annual Conference."

No. 8.—That District Councils pay as membership of the B.S.L.U. a tax equal to the capitation tax of the Lyceums—Example: If a D.C. has 12 Lyceums on its register, then on present basis of 1d. per member the D.C. would pay 1/- per annum as members' dues.

No. 9.—That each Lyceum on the Register of a District Council pays a membership due of 1/- per annum.

AMENDMENTS TO BYE-LAWS.

No. 10.—(a) That the Lyceum Contributions be 5/- for those Lyceums who have not more than 50 names on the Lyceum Register, 10/- for those who have over 50 but not more than 100; and 15/- for all those who have more than 100, and that Bye-law V. be altered accordingly.

(b) That the capitation tax of members' dues be increased from 1d. to 2d. per Lyceum member.

GENERAL MOTIONS.

No. 11.—That each member of the Executive Council, at the commencement of each Conference, shall give a written statement from the Secretary of his or her Lyceum to the Secretary

of the Union, that he or she has made the sufficient number of Lyceum attendances according to Constitution.

12.—(a) That Lyceum Manual be printed with expression marks in the margin. *North Street, Burnley.*
Hammerton Street, Burnley.

(b) That all hymns in the Lyceum Manual be punctuated and graded as in Songster. *Nelson Lyceum.*

13.—That an Interim Consultative Conference be held annually, at which shall be considered and discussed only papers, subjects, and questions relating to the welfare and development of Lyceums and the Lyceum movement.

14.—Re invitations for Conference. No verbal invitations to be considered unless there are none in writing.

15.—That fourteen days' notice be given in writing to the General Secretary of all questions to be raised in the Conference relating to the business of any Conference, except the last one. *Holborn Street Lyceum, Hull.*
Lyceum Union's Executive Council.

No. 16.—That in the interest of the Union it is desirable that the Permanent Secretary's Fund be abolished. *Bolton Lyceum District Council.*

No. 17.—That the B.S.L.U. hold a National Annual Examination in conjunction with classes organised by District Councils, Certificates being given upon results. Syllabus and teachers to be sanctioned by the Executive Council.

18.—That prices of Manuals be lowered to their original price. *Sheffield Lyceum District Council.*

NEW MOTIONS TO HAND, 1913.

THE LYCEUM BANNER.

1st.—That being of the opinion that there prevails a general feeling of dissatisfaction *re* the contents of THE LYCEUM BANNER, this Conference instruct the Executive Council to appoint a Sub-Committee to take steps immediately to have the question fully considered.

W. J. Adamson, Secretary, Liverpool, Daulby Street.

SUGGESTED CONSTITUTION FOR UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Article 1. Title.

The name of this Council shall be "The Spiritualists' United Lyceum District Council."

Article 2. Objects.

The objects of this Council are to promote the welfare of the Lyceum movement generally by:

- (a) Moveable Council Meetings to be held in the months of February and November, the latter to be termed the "Annual Meeting."
- (b) Assisting in the formation of Lyceums and District Councils.
- (c) Securing a uniform adherence to the methods of formation, direction, and working as laid down in the constitution for Lyceums adopted by the B.S.L.U.
- (d) The presentation of an Annual Report to the B.S.L.U. Executive Committee for their consideration.
- (e) Such other methods as may be found necessary.

Article 3. Formation.

The U.D.C. shall be composed of representatives from each District Council affiliated with the B.S.L.U. Any affiliated D.C. can join this Council by instructing the secretary to place its name on the roll, such instruction shall imply assent to this constitution.

Article 4. Membership.

Representatives to the U.D.C. meetings shall be appointed annually by the various D.C.'s. Each D.C. is entitled to send not more than 2 delegates, excepting when the U.D.C. Secretary is a member; in such instance 3 delegates will be permissible, including the Secretary.

Article 5. Officers.

That a Secretary shall be elected from amongst the delegates present at the Annual Meeting, and eligible for re-election if an active Lyceumist, and whose Lyceum is in good financial standing with the B.S.L.U.

Article 6. Delegates.

That two representatives to the B.S.L.U. conferences shall be elected at the February meetin.

Article 7. Finance.

Expenses incurred shall be defrayed by each affiliated D.C. paying an equal share. The secretary shall also be remunerated for any loss of time in attending the meetings.

Article 8. Business.

General business shall be introduced to the Council by motions only. Notice of same shall be sent to the Secretary 28 days prior to each meeting.

Article 9. Debate.

As the United District Council is a deliberative assembly,

each delegate shall be limited to one speech on each subject, not exceeding five minutes duration, except the mover of a resolution, who shall have ten, with a right of five minutes reply.

Article 10. Revision of Constitution.

The Articles of this Constitution shall only be amended at the November or February meeting of the United District Council by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present thereat, but not oftener than once in five years as per Article XVIII., page 8. Written notices duly setting forth the proposed amendments, alterations or additions, must be in the Secretary's hands previous to the United District Council Meeting to be dealt with at the following meeting of the Council, but copies of such must be supplied to the Secretaries of all the other District Councils for their consideration and decision. *N.E.L.L.D.C.*

That no paper be read or essay at future Conferences until all business on the agenda is finished. *Heywood Lyceum.*

That we avail ourselves of the Trust deeds of the Spiritualist National Union, Ltd. *North-East Lancashire D.C.*

That this Conference of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, views with deep concern the amount of misery and evil caused by the sale of intoxicating liquors, and would urge upon the Government the necessity of introducing into Parliament during the present session, a bill curtailing the sale of such intoxicating liquors, either by shortening the hours when such are sold, or reducing the number of licensed premises.

Burnley, Hammerton Street.

That this Lyceum would urge the necessity of the Conference providing some facility for discussing the Temperance Question at its Conferences annually. *Burnley, Hammerton Street.*

CONDITIONS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Lyceums desirous of inviting the Annual Conference of 1914 are requested to note the terms are as follows:—

1. That the Lyceum Union take all receipts and pay all expenses.
2. That all arrangements for halls, posters, and hymn sheets must be submitted to the Union's Executive Council through the Union's Secretary before they are put in hand.
3. That local friends provide free hospitality for the officers, Executive, and the delegates. *ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.*

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting in connection with the above Council was held on Saturday, March 15th, 1913, at Hammerton Street Church, Burnley. Mr. H. Hargreaves, President of the Council, presided, and gave a brief address. The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were accepted as a correct record.

A letter was read from Northgate Lyceum, Blackburn, calling into question the action of some of the members of the E.C., and it was resolved, That the action of the E.C. be endorsed.

The Secretary presented his Annual Report, which showed a considerable falling off in the number of scholars and a decrease of two Lyceums.

The Annual Balance Sheet was accepted. The reports of the D.V. and the Assistant D.V.'s were given and accepted. Mr. Higham gave report of the U.D.C. meeting held at Sheffield, and it was approved. Mr. Elliott gave the Educational report.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. H. Hargreaves, Nelson; Secretary, Mr. R. Ashworth, Accrington; Treasurer, Mr. T. Chadwick, Nelson; District Visitor, Mr. R. Latham, Burnley; Auditors, Messrs. Elliott (Nelson) and Holland (Blackburn).

Mr. Higham was elected Representative to the B.S.L.U. Conference at Hull.

Mrs. Poppleton (Burnley), Mr. Driver (Colne), and Miss Baldwin (Burnley) were elected assistant D.V.'s for the quarter.

Resolved—That a letter of condolence be sent to the family of our arisen Brother, Mr. E. Richards, late Conductor of Hammerton Street Lyceum.

The best thanks of the Council were tendered to Mr. W. Mason, of Burnley (who is leaving the district) for his past services.

The following notices of amendment to constitution were ordered to be sent:—

That Article XI., page 6, delete the words "The President and the Vice-President must have served on the Executive Council for at least one year."

Also Article V., Lyceum Constitution, page 10, raise the age from 12 to 14 years.

A letter was read from Mr. Hanson G. Hey, on the question of Legalisation, which created a good discussion, and it was resolved that the Delegates attending Conference be called

together to discuss the Legalisation question. Time and place left in hands of E.C.

A discussion ensued on the question of holding a Demonstration this year, and it was decided that one be held at some outside place, and that all matters of arrangements be left in the hands of the E.C.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Hammerton Street friends for their kind invitation and entertainment. Votes of thanks were tendered to past officers for their services. Mr. Higham suitably responded.

The next Council meeting being held at Earby, it was resolved, That we meet at 3 o'clock and have a ramble, and the business meeting start at 6 o'clock.

The following Lyceums were represented:—Nelson, Clayton-le-Moors, Great Harwood, Darwen, North Street, Burnley, Rawtenstall, St. Peter Street, Blackburn, Blackpool, Rishton, Hammerton Street, Burnley, Padiham, Clima Street, Accrington, Colne, Earby.
GEO. C. HIGHAM.

THE BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council was held at Keighley on Sunday, March 2nd, Miss Pollard in the chair.

It was resolved "That we do not support any examination organised by the B.S.L.U."

The rules for our "Silver Shield Competition" were discussed, and decided to use the same as last year. All to be examined in the morning. To commence the first Sunday in April and finish on or before the last Sunday in August. First Sunday in each month excepted, owing to Open Sessions. All Lyceums to make a collection, to defray the judges' expenses, the first Sunday after they have been examined.

The Secretary was elected Delegate to Y.U. at Leeds on March 9th.

It was agreed to invite three Lyceum members to speak at the next meeting—Mrs. Ramsden, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Carter were invited.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Ramsden, Boynton Street, Bradford; Vice-President, Miss Preston, Ivy Rooms, Bradford; Secretary, H. Birdsall, Otley Road, Bradford; Treasurer, Mr. Haley, Boynton Street, Bradford; D.V., Miss Stair, Keighley; Auditors, Mr. Oldfield, Shipley, and Mr. Lightowler, Otley Road, Bradford. The best thanks were accorded to retiring officers. A splendid Open Session was held in the afternoon, about 100 being present. Miss Fossey conducted. The following took part:—Misses C. Ackroyd, L. Smith, Mary Walker, Doris Hugill, S. Kay, Olive Teale, Stair and Ackroyd, Mrs. E. Shackleton and Tom Schofield.

In the evening Miss Pollard occupied the chair, and introduced the new officers. Short addresses were given by Mr. Rau, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Ramsden and Miss Stair. Clairvoyance by Mr. Carter. Miss Pollard rendered a solo, "Dream of Heaven." The best thanks were given to our Keighley friends for their kind hospitality.
H. BIRDSALL.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council will be held at Halifax, Alma Street, Lyceum, on Sunday, April 20th, 1913, at 10-30 a.m. prompt. The usual business will transpire, also election of officers. The following are nominated:—President, Mr. W. Burrows, of Halifax; Mr. W. H. Peel, of Huddersfield. Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. Burrows, Mr. T. H. Wright. Secretary, Mr. Fred France. Treasurer, Mr. H. Holroyd. D.V., Mr. S. Ackroyd. Auditors, Mr. Hart, Mr. Willoughby and Mr. Wilby. The question of annual demonstration will also arise. A good representation of delegates and associates will add to the success of our meeting.
FRED FRANCE, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council was held at Heckmondwike on Saturday, March 1st. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the correspondence was accepted in the usual way.

The York Cromwell Road Lyceum was given a unanimous welcome into the Council. The Lyceum Visitor's report, Statistical Return report, Delegate to U.D.C. report and Secretary's report were given, and accepted.

Much discussion arose on the forthcoming "Merit Competition," and various ways of raising money for the same were suggested. All Lyceums in the Council are asked to work shoulder to shoulder in the effort to raise money for competition expenses. Lyceums are free to adopt what scheme is most adaptable to themselves; all moneys raised for competition expenses to be sent to Secretary not later than April 30th.

Mr. France, of Brighouse, has accepted the position of

Adjudicator for the Competition.

The result of the annual election of officers is as follows:—Mr. Hartley (Batley Carr), President; Miss Hesp (Leeds Psycho), Secretary; Mr. Colbeck (Dewsbury), Treasurer; Mr. Beety (Wakefield), District Visitor.
A. HESP, Sec.

LIVERPOOL LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council was held at Liverpool, Daulby Hall, on March 15th, the President, Mr. R. A. Owen in the chair. There were 18 present, viz., 4 officers, the Adjudicator of the Session Competition, 8 delegates, representing 6 Lyceums, 3 associates, and 2 visitors.

Lyceum.	SINGING.				READING.				GROUPE.				MARCHING.				CALISTHENICS.				GENERAL.				TOTAL.
	Discipline.	Expression.	Time.	Tone.	Expression.	Articulation.	Time.	Educational.	Quality.	Precision and Order.	Time and Spontaneity.	Carriage.	Accuracy.	Grace.	Time.	Spirituality.	Intelligence.	Symmetry and Balance.	Spontaneity.						
Maximum marks	100	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	1000				
Saccombe	70	20	35	30	30	35	25	30	35	35	35	20	30	40	40	30	25	35	30	30	630				
Liverpool, Daulby Hall	60	30	35	30	25	35	30	30	40	20	30	20	40	20	40	30	30	25	40	30	610				
Widnes	70	25	30	20	30	20	35	30	35	45	40	20	20	30	20	30	20	25	30	30	595				
Chester	60	25	25	10	15	25	15	35	40	35	35	40	40	45	45	20	10	15	10	495					
Crewe	60	25	25	15	10	20	20	30	40	25	20	20	40	20	30	30	20	25	10	475					
Birkenhead	30	20	25	10	10	20	20	25	25	40	20	20	40	25	30	30	20	30	15	460					
Earlestown	60	20	30	15	15	25	20	—	—	35	15	20	45	40	30	25	20	15	15	415					
Wigan	40	20	15	15	10	10	15	20	25	35	20	25	40	15	25	30	25	20	10	415					
Average per Lyceum	56½	23½	27½	18½	21½	25	22½	25	30	33½	26½	23½	37	29½	32½	28½	23½	24½	20	528½					

HENRY WALKER, Secretary.

ERNEST A. KEELING, Adjudicator.

LIVERPOOL LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.
SESSION COMPETITION, 1912.

The various reports were discussed and accepted. The report of the Adjudicator of the Session Competition, shown below, created great interest, a special report being sent to each Lyceum.

The following were elected to serve for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. R. A. Owen, Daulby Hall; District Visitor, Mr. G. Mathison, Birkenhead; Treasurer, Mr. John Thompson, Seacombe; Secretary, Mr. Geo. A. Mack, Widnes; Judge for Session Competition, Mr. E. A. Keeling, Daulby Hall; Auditors, Messrs. J. C. Thompson (Daulby Hall) and G. Robb, Birkenhead.

The annual picnic will be held at either Hunts Cross or Gateacre, in June, probably the 28th. Due advice will be given.

Votes of thanks to the Daulby Hall Lyceum for use of room and to the retiring officers were passed. HENRY WALKER.

LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Our Annual Meeting and Demonstration was held at King's Hall, London Road, on Sunday, 16th March, 1913, and 8 Lyceums nobly responded to our endeavours to make this a crowning success. With our combined efforts we undoubtedly succeeded. Commencing with "Open the door for the children," Mrs. Boddington, of Battersea, gave the invocation, then hymn, "Welcome, thrice welcome," and all through the session the Lyceumists showed how thorough had been their teaching in the hands of the London Conductors. The Conductors assisted Mr. P. Smyth, the President, by taking the S.C.R., G.C.R. and musical readings. The pearls were well given by the Lyceumists, and credit is due to Woolwich and Plumstead Lyceums for the way in which they explained their pearls when giving them, shewing that they are taught to understand what they are talking about. The individual efforts were excellently rendered, and so enthusiastic had been the Lyceums in giving the best, that we were obliged to curtail them, much to the regret of all present. Marching and calisthenics were conducted by Mr. Chester, who, by the able way in which he carried out his duties, showed up the quality of London in this particular part of the session. As marshal of stewards Mr. S. Williams was greatly assisted in his work by the promptness of Lyceums in taking the places allotted to them without any confusion, showing again how the teachings of the Lyceum were carried out. Mr. Symons gave the benediction. It is to be hoped that this fine effort will be a means of stimulating Lyceums to a much greater degree than in the past. Then let each of us remember Longfellow's last verse of the Psalm of Life:—

"Then let us all be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait."

ALEX. BROOKING.

ROCHDALE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, March 1st, at Regent Hall, Rochdale, Mr. G. F. Knott, President, in the chair. After the adoption of the minutes a prolonged discussion arose on the Correspondence, from which we trust much good will result. The reports, District Visitor's, President's, and U.D.C. Sheffield Meeting, were approved, with hearty thanks. After discussion, the motion that Royton have the Demonstration was lost, the amendment that we hold a United Picnic and Field Day carried. It was decided that it take place on June 21st, 1913, and the venue be the Larkhill Pleasure Grounds, near Oldham. Lyceums to make own arrangements regarding teas. All Lyceums will please learn by heart Chain Recitations 79 and 104 in *Manual*. Acting on the D.V. report, it was decided that Bacup Lyceum go through marching and calisthenic evolutions alone on that day, as an object lesson. Conference business arose, and it was decided to support the Nelson Conference's decision, re B.S.L.U. Legalisation. It was decided that District Secretary be our Delegate and use his discretion in voting on other matters. President and Secretary to deal with the matter of Bury's resignation, and that they interview committee. Same two officials to frame reply to our late D.V.'s letter, who is now in Richmond, Australia, and working in that Lyceum. All Lyceums in the R.D.C. will please accept Mr. Taylor's and Richmond Lyceum's fraternal greetings. Every delegate present thoroughly appreciated Mr. Taylor's keen interest in the Council by his early communication. Votes of thanks to

the Rochdale Lyceum, and the acceptance of other fraternal greetings, brought us to the end of the agenda. Next meeting will take place at Elliott Street, Oldham, on Saturday, June 7th, 1913, when we hope to have a full representation, and suggestions that will benefit, not only our own district, but the whole movement generally. Pleased to notice that there is a feeling in the Council, and deeply rooted, that useful propaganda work will bring successful and far-reaching results. Our motto now is forward, and it seems to be more than a mere sentiment. May we individually and collectively endeavour to make it so. AMOS HARRIS, Secretary.

THE TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above held its Annual Meeting and election of officers at Ashington on Easter Sunday, March 23rd, 1913, with Delegates representing nine Lyceums. Three Lyceums not being represented. Also present a large percentage of associates. Mr. J. Rodgers welcomed all present, with special favour to Mr. T. Simpson, Delegate from the Teeside D.C. The various reports were accepted, and motions for the demonstrating and for the formation of Educational Classes were passed. The President announced the Gateshead Lyceum as the first in honours for the Shield, the same being received with acclamation. The election results were:—President, Mr. A. Brinklow (Rutherford Street); Vice-President, Mrs. A. Poole (Jarrow); Treasurer, Mr. J. Lawrence (Heaton); District Visitor, Mr. W. Hall (Gateshead); Secretary and Delegate, Mr. D. R. Davies (Royal Arcade); Auditors, Messrs. Hunter and Ronaldson (Heaton); Judges, Messrs. Brinklow and Herd. This being the final for the first year of our Shield Competition, we forward the results of the twelve Lyceums on the roll for publication.

D. R. DAVIES, Hon. Sec.

LYCEUM.	Singing.	Reading.	Individual effort.	Marching.	Calisthenics	Groups on	Order.	Actual Marks	Possible Marks
1 Gateshead ...	12	11	14	12	13	15	10	86	100
2 Royal Arcade ...	15	15	14	14	15	—	10	83	100
3 Heaton and Bkyer ...	15	15	13	—	15	15	7	80	100
4 Rutherford Street ...	12	10	10	10	10	15	10	77	100
5 Jarrow ...	12	10	15	15	10	—	10	72	100
6 Hirst ...	12	10	15	13	13	—	8	71	100
7 Benwell ...	10	10	15	15	—	10	7	67	100
8 Ashington ...	10	10	8	12	12	—	10	62	100
9 Fowler Street ...	14	12	10	—	—	14	12	62	100
10 Wallsend ...	12	10	9	8	10	—	8	57	100
11 King Street ...	5	5	15	10	10	—	7	52	100
12 Robinson Street ...	8	11	8	10	—	—	8	45	100

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after March 28th.

RULE 3.—Ordinary reports must not exceed 120 words. Special reports will be inserted as follows: The first 120 words free of charge. All above that number will be inserted at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. Payment must accompany all special reports or they will be cut down and inserted as ordinary reports.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, April 23rd, to ensure insertion in the May issue.

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

ACCRINGTON (China Street).—We had an Open Session on Sunday, March 2nd, when the following took part:—Recitations, Misses Nellie Tapper, Florrie Unthank, Freda Greenhalgh, Lily Fazakerley, Mrs. Tapper, Masters Harold Tapper and Willie Smith. Solos by Alice Gorton ("Life is onward") and Mr. J. Shuttleworth. Over 40 present. The session was good.—R. Ashworth, Secretary.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—On February 15th we had a Tea Party, Entertainment and Prize Distribution. About 150 sat down to tea, which was heartily enjoyed. The entertainment, taking the part of a pantomime, entitled "Cinderella," was capably rendered by members of the Lyceum. We heartily thank all workers who gave their services and made it a grand success. The prizes were given out by Miss Allen and Mrs. Wilkinson, Conductors for 1912. We held our Open Session on February 23rd. Attendance, marching, calisthenics and rod drills were very good. Recitations were rendered by Misses S. Entwistle, E. Hopper. Soloists, Misses Crutchley and Ormerod. I hope the children will give more recitations in future, so that the report will be better next month.—J. Savage, Secretary.

BLACKPOOL.—On Wednesday, February 26th, we held our Annual Tea and Prize Distribution, about 360 sitting down to tea. Afterwards, the children, under the directorship of Mesdames Dixon and Procter, gave an excellent entertainment, followed by a tableau, entitled "The British Empire," in which all Lyceumists took part. During the interval, 28 prizes were distributed to the scholars. Wednesday, March 12th, we held a Social and Farewell Party to six of our Lyceumists, who are leaving for Canada. Each of our departing friends were made recipients of a best *Manual* and enlarged photograph of "The British Empire" Tableau. Mesdames Dixon and Procter also received a framed photograph and Mr. Hobbs a gold tie-pin for their services.—Fred Bird, Secretary.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—On Sunday, February 23rd, we held our first quarterly Open Session in 1913. There was a large and appreciative audience. We were pleased to have present with us Mr. Keeling, of Liverpool, who gave us some kind and encouraging remarks. He also gave a splendid address in the evening. On Saturday, March 15th, we held a grand cob-web social. There was a large attendance present, who indulged in singing, dancing, and games. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much, but the great feature of the evening was the unravelling of the cob-web, which caused much amusement, both to string holders and lookers on. It was an immense success.—Wm. Smith, Secretary.

BOLTON (Commission Street).—On Sunday, March 2nd, we held our Lyceum Anniversary and Prize Distribution. Mr. Beech, of Ashton, was the speaker. We had visitors from the Lyceums in the district, who helped to make it a success. The marching and calisthenics were a credit to the Conductors, Mr. Robinson and Miss Neild. We also had a number of recitations and a solo by our members, so we had a good time together. Our numbers are increasing every Sunday. I hope this may continue.—A. Hadfield, Secretary.

BRADFORD, IVY ROOMS (Carlisle Road).—Grand Open Session on Sunday morning, March 2nd. Songs and recitations were given by friends and Lyceumists. Miss Gladys Grey gave a pianoforte solo, which was very much appreciated. Miss Thurlow and Mrs. Fearnley recited and sung, also Frank Simpson, Worsley and William Simpson gave very interesting recitations. Mr. Bristow gave a very interesting address, closing a very interesting session. The interest of the Liberty Group is very much awakened, and the questions and answers given by them from time to time shows a marked improvement. Truly our Lyceum is growing in intelligence, if not in great numbers. Our motto is "Progression for all."—J. P. Simpson, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Otley Road).—We held our usual Open Session on Sunday, March 2nd. Master Moorhouse gave us a recitation, entitled "Sleepless Son." Mr. Hale then sang a solo out of the *Manual*, "Are they not ministering spirits" (357). Trio by J. Crabtree, W. and J. W. Hale, "Shall we know each other there?" (347). Our Conductor, Mr. Horn, gave a reading from the *Manual*, "The golden side" (58), and then explained it to the scholars. Taking all into consideration, we passed an enjoyable session together.—W. Hale, Secretary.

BRADFORD (Boynton Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, March 2nd, when the following took part:—Recita-

tions were given by the Misses Hilda Thornton, Annie Ward, Eleanor Lodge. Masters N. Haley and Willie Fenton gave recitations in the afternoon, and Mr. Chambers gave a short, instructive address, and Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Thornton gave a duet, "No night there." Several of the older members were away at Keighley, it being the yearly meeting of the Bradford Lyceum District Council. We held our Lyceum Tea and Prize Distribution on Saturday, March 1st, when Mr. R. Davies was called upon to distribute 33 prizes. A few encouraging remarks were given by him to each recipient. After tea a concert was given by the Lyceumists, which was well appreciated.—A. E. Carter.

BRIERFIELD.—On Sunday morning, March 16th, our Lyceum held a United Session in the Conservative Assembly Rooms, when we entertained Burnley, North Street, Lyceum, who were paying a return visit. About 200 persons assembled, including many friends from Nelson. Miss Hudson, our Conductor, in opening, extended a welcome to the visitors, after which the usual programme was gone through. After an interesting discussion on "Self-Abnegation," Mrs. Pickles, of North Street, described a vision of a group of spirit children, who held a Banner, upon which were inscribed the message, "Combination of forces is great strength." In the centre of the group was our founder and leader, A. J. Davis. Mr. Reuben Latham, in thanking Brierfield, proposed a United Ramble.

BRIGHOUSE (Commercial Street).—On March 1st and 3rd we held our Sale of Work. Mesdames France and Helliwell declared the sale open first day. Mr. France presided. The sale was provided, of which about 50 persons partook. The sale was again opened on Monday by Mrs. Bottomley, of Sowerby Bridge, Mrs. France presiding. The ladies had charge of the following stalls:—Drapery, Mesdames Dransfield, Naylor, Allen; Fancy, Misses Sheard, Flintiff, Briggs; Refreshment, Mesdames Woodland, Shaw, Allen, Hoyle; Advert., Misses Holroyd, Poole, Suttle; Sweet Stall, Misses Woodhead, Hoyle; Borderland, Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Bottomley. Songs were sung by T. France, H. Crossley, L. Poole. Recitations by H. Wilson, L. Holroyd, L. Poole. Flintiff's Band was in attendance. Sale realized £50.—J. Crossley, Hon. Secretary.

BRIGHTON.—We held our 6th Annual Tea and Social on Thursday, March 6th. All the officers assisted at the tea, and then followed a delightfully varied programme, the feature of which was a cantata, "Fairy Music" (Löhr), sung by a chorus of pretty girls, led by Miss Zoë Brigden, who, with Miss L. Goodwin, took the solo parts. Indeed, Miss Brigden had a great deal to do with the enjoyment of the evening, for besides her individual contributions she trained the children for several of theirs. Mrs. Meikle, who accompanied throughout, entirely organized and arranged the musical programme, assisted by Miss Zoë Brigden, while the other arrangements were in the hands of the joint Conductors.—Herbert Everett, Secretary.

BURNLEY (North Street).—On Sunday, March 2nd, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. Our speaker was Mr. Ernest A. Keeling, of Liverpool, and the clairvoyant was one of our Conductors, Mrs. Pickles. The attendance was just fair, and the whole day very enjoyable. On March 16th we paid the return visit to Brierfield Lyceum. The Assembly Room, which they had obtained for the occasion, was packed. The session was conducted in a very enthusiastic manner, and the whole affair was a huge success. Their Conductor, Miss F. Hudson, gave a hearty welcome on behalf of the Brierfield Lyceumists, to North Street, and also the friends from Nelson. Among the second prize winners in last month's issue were the following omissions:—Wm. Brooks, Conductor; Annie Pickles and Alfred M. Latham.—John C. Y. Laycock, Secretary.

BURY (King Street).—On Saturday, March 15th, we held our Annual Lyceum Tea Party and Prize Distribution. About 60 persons sat down to tea. After tea the prizes were presented by our President, Mrs. Hepworth. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner, songs, games and dancing being indulged in. Songs were given by Mr. E. Tuckworth and R. Chadwick; duet by Miss May Hepworth and Mr. S. Horworth; readings by Master W. Kaye, Miss C. Henderson and Miss E. E. Mills. The whole proceedings seemed well appreciated by those who attended.—Mr. E. Roberts, Hon. Sec.

CHADDERTON.—On Sunday, March 2nd, we held our usual Open Session in the afternoon and evening. Solos and recitations were given by Miss Thornton, Miss Birtles, Grace

Rogers and Florrie Evans. A good response to pearls from the Oldham, Coronation Street, Lyceumists. Marching and calisthenics done in a creditable manner. Very pleasing sessions throughout. We thank our friends from Luzley Brook and Coronation Street for helping to make our sessions a success.—W. Davies, Secretary.

CROMPTON.—On Saturday, March 1st, we held a farewell party for one of our members, who is going to Canada. The room was crowded with members and friends. The young men of our Lyceum presented Mr. Marsden with a travelling rug, dressing case, hymn book, and a *Manual*. Mr. Taylor made the presentation. Songs were given by Messrs. Talbot, Bardsley, Clegg, Walter Marsden and Joe Marsden. Recitations by Miss Hodson. The evening soon passed away, all the members and Mr. Joe Marsden's friends wishing him a pleasant voyage and success to attain his efforts.—John Thomas Clegg, Secretary.

GLASGOW (Berkeley Street).—On Monday, 17th March, the Literary Society and Peace Brigade held a joint social, the occasion being the closing of the winter session. A very enjoyable evening was passed, solos and recitations being nicely rendered. We held our Open Session on Sunday, March 23rd. Mr. T. Driffe presided, and there was a splendid attendance. Mr. Galloway, who was the speaker, held the interest of the boys and girls, while he told them a story in his own quaint manner. Solos were sung by Mr. Hamilton and Mrs. B. Rainy; and recitations by the Misses Smith. A quartette was also rendered. The session was one of the brightest we have held.—C. S. Roehad, Secretary.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on Sunday, March 2nd. The silver chain was led by Mr. Baxter. The musical reading by Louie Holt, Richard Leaver, and Alice Anderton. The golden chain by Mrs. Groves. A solo by Herbert Baxter. We had also readings from Will Thornley, Arthur Holt, Herbert Baxter, Nora Wrigley, Alice Anderton, and Louie Holt. Mr. Baxter sang a verse of Hymn 409 between every reading, each verse being appropriate to every reading. Taking all into consideration we had a very enjoyable session. I would ask for a better attendance from the scholars in the future.—Miss P. Birtwistle, Secretary.

HALIFAX (Alma Street).—In connection with our Church "At-Homes," on Sunday, February 23rd, we gave two Open Sessions. In the morning session, which was not well attended, the following took part: Recitations, Misses A. Marshall, H. Thornton. Reading by Miss I. Sutcliffe. Song by Miss D. Akroyd. Afternoon session was very well attended, when the following again took part: Recitations, Misses A. Marshall, H. Thornton, C. Whiteley. Reading by Miss G. Lightfoot. Duets by Misses E. Mitchell and R. Wood, and J. Sunderland and D. Akroyd. Marching and calisthenics were given at both services. In the afternoon Mrs. Crowther, of Liversedge, gave a few encouraging remarks both to the Lyceumists and friends. Miss J. Sunderland was a very able accompanist at both services.—W. Burrows, Conductor.

Huddersfield (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday, March 2nd, we held our usual Open Session, which was very well attended by the Lyceum scholars and friends. We had for our Conductor Mr. Fielding, the President of the Lyceum. Recitations, readings, and solos were nicely rendered by the Lyceum scholars. Marching and calisthenics conducted by W. W. Wallace were very well done. After marching, etc., a "naming" took place, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Midgley, two Lyceum scholars. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Rastall. There was a good attendance at the evening service, which was conducted by four of our Lyceum scholars.—John Midgley, Secretary.

LANCASTER (Collegian Rooms).—Our Open Session, March 2nd, we had a very large attendance to witness the presentation of a clock to our friend and worker, Mrs. Preston. We were then favoured with recitations from E. Thompson, L. Kirk and J. Kirk. Solos, Mr. Bratherton "I will come home when the ebb tide flows"; Mr. Clarkson, "Pass it on." Duet, Mr. and Miss Bratherton "Only Tired." Trio, Mrs. Preston, Messrs. Jones and Kirk. A short march and exercises brought our Lyceum to a close.

CORRECTION.—Annie Sayle won First Prize for our Building Fund, not Jennie Kirk, as was stated in last month's BANNER.—R. Clarkson, Corr. Secretary.

LEEDS (Easy Road).—We had a meat and potatoe pie supper and entertainment on March 1st, conducted by the male

members of the Lyceum. We were well rewarded for our efforts and will be able to hand over a nice sum to the Treasurer towards the children's Whit-week trip. We were assisted by our friends from the Psycho, Miss Jordan, Miss Allison, and others. We indulged in games and dancing and was very successful.—H. Brown, Secretary.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On March 2nd, we held our Open Session under the Conductorship of Mr. Cook, when the following Lyceumists took part: Solos by Miss D. Goldsmith, 357 *Manual*; Miss Heath, 385 *Manual*. Duet by Miss Chater and Miss Wright, 382 *Manual*. Song, Master Very, 403 *Manual*. Duet by Masters Cartwright and H. Moore, 378 *Manual*. Recitations by Misses Goldsmith, E. Wicks, Masters H. Wicks and A. Wicks. Short address by Mrs. Jewett, which was appreciated by all. On the 9th Miss A. Clark took over the Conductorship, and Mr. Robertson Assistant Conductor. Miss Leverington Leader. We are making good progress. John Wicks, Secretary.

LEIGH (Brown Street).—On Saturday, February 22nd, we held our annual Prize Distribution and Entertainment. Prizes were given to forty-two of our Lyceum scholars. Mrs. Blackshaw distributing the prizes. Afterwards an entertainment was given by the junior members entitled "The Fairy Ring." We heartily thank Mrs. Blackshaw for the manner and pains taken in training the children. Afterwards the senior members gave a sketch entitled "my Wife's Relations," under the leadership of Mr. Blackshaw. This bringing an enjoyable evening to a close.—J. Hurdus, Secretary.

LONDON, FULHAM.—I am very pleased to report that this Lyceum is still progressing. We were very glad to welcome back three of our old Lyceumists. Our annual party was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The younger members each received a present, after which they went home, whilst the elder ones had dancing, in which about fifty took part. A delightful evening was brought to a close at about 11 o'clock. On March 16th, twenty Lyceumists were present at the Lyceum Demonstration held at King's Hall, and were highly honoured by being chosen as leaders in the marching and calisthenics. We are all trying for the gold and silver medals offered by our good friend Mr. Hurndale, of the King's Hall.—Eva Ashley.

NORTH LONDON, HOLLOWAY.—During the month progress has been made, and all Lyceumists are to be congratulated on their pearls, marching and calisthenics. On March 16th, twenty-six Lyceumists and nine members of our Church journeyed to the King's Hall, to take part in the Annual Demonstration, under the auspices of the London District Council, and spent a most enjoyable time. We also received a surprise, Mrs. Forsyth presented a beautiful banner to us, the ground is royal blue silk, with the rainbow of many colours, done with an olive branch in silver, and the words "Onward, Upward, Heavenward," worked most exquisitely. We are proud to be the possessors of two banners, showing how friends take an interest in our school.—J. Forsyth, Conductor.

LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Open Session, March 2nd, attendance and the session good. The following gave individual efforts: Edith Hodgins, Pianoforte solo; Irene and Victoria Beresford, Violet Gould, and Clifford Brown, recitations; John and Ivy Chambers each a solo. Florrie Brown and Edna Huskwith, a duet. Mr. Clements gave us instruction on "Duty and Obedience." March 16th, the elders attended the Annual Meeting of the London District Lyceums. It was a real treat to be able to be with so many Lyceumists, and to join in the demonstration of our marches and calisthenics with so many. It must have gladdened the hearts of our Lyceum District Council as it did our's to be with them all.—J.W.H., Conductor.

LONDON, MANOR PARK.—This centre plods on the 'even tenor of its way,' despite occasional earnest appeals from the platform for augmented numbers, we do not grow in proportional ratio to efforts spent. On the 9th inst we were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Selve, officers of the Woolwich and Plumstead Lyceum, ostensibly to arrange a free Lantern Lecture to entertain the children, and generally help us. Date of entertainment, Wednesday, April 23rd. The treasurer and secretary attended the Annual Demonstration of Lyceums at King's Hall, on the 16th inst. On the following Sunday were related to a full session the general impressions received at the Demonstration. Mrs. Beecham rendered the address.—Miss Harrison, Hon. Secretary.

SOUTH LONDON, PECKHAM (Lausanne Hall).—We are pleased to report progress at this Lyceum. On Thursday, March 13th, we held a very successful Concert and Fairy Play through the patient instruction of Mrs. Scott, entitled "Her Majesty of May," principal parts being taken by the Misses Richards, Smallwood, Cowtam, Clarkson, Evans, Worrell, Waby, and Good, assisted by Shepherds, Milkmaids, Fairies, and special dresses and scenery. We had a most enjoyable time, it being such a success that we are repeating it on May-day by request of several friends. On Sunday, March 16th, we spent an enjoyable time at King's Hall, where all the London Lyceums demonstrated. Pearls and individual efforts being given by two from each Lyceum.—S. Clarkson.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, February 23rd, we had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Self from Woolwich, who kindly brought a Magic Lantern with them and gave us a fine set of pictures illustrating the Life of Christ. While the pictures were being shown, solos were sung from them by Mr. Firth (Ora Pro Nobis), Mr. Hannaford (The Lost Chord), and Mrs. Hassell (The Star of Bethlehem). There was a splendid attendance, and we closed a very enjoyable afternoon by singing "Angels lead my footsteps."—C. Hassell, Secretary.

LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—Our last Open Session was a fine meeting. Pearls and recitations being plentiful, also songs by Misses Willmott and Drury, which were well rendered; and song by Master L. Selfe one of our youngest scholars. This Lyceum was well represented at the Annual Demonstration at King's Hall, which visit was much enjoyed. We, in common with many other Lyceums, lack support of Parent Societies. It will be a great day when all Lyceums and Societies band themselves together for their mutual advancement. May that day come speedily.—H. Wathey, Hon. Secretary.

LUZLEY BROOK.—On Sunday, March 16th, we held our Open Session, afternoon at 3 and evening at 6-30. Songs were given by Miss Grinrod and Mr. T. Day. Recitations by Miss Ivy Wainwright and Wilfred Wainwright; also by one of our Chadderton friends, Miss Eva Thornton. Pearls were also plentiful, and on the whole we had a good session. Mr. Lester, the one time district visitor, was our speaker, and he spoke on Lyceum work, also on "Equality of Opportunity." He gave us some very good advice which, if we carry out, we cannot miss but come out a very successful Lyceum. Also we are intending holding our Lyceum Tea Party, April 12th.—T. Stevens, Secretary.

MANCHESTER, COLLYHURST.—Open Session, March 23rd. Bright and hearty singing, readings, responses, and exercises. Recitations by A. Pearce, A. Wild, L. Anyon, E. Carr, and G. Ashton. E. Anyon sang effectively. We are losing three of our most active workers, in Mr. Jessop, Herbert and Lilian Jessop, who sail for Melbourne, on April 1st. We have been somewhat unfortunate in this respect of late and can ill afford to lose such consistent workers. Mr. Horrocks, on behalf of the Lyceum, presented to them tokens of our appreciation of their efforts, and wished them a God speed and prosperous future. Mr. Jessop in expressing thanks, said he put the Lyceum before anything in the movement, and wherever he went he always attended the Lyceum.—J. Parkinson, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Road).—Our Open Services, Sunday, March 9th, were well attended, afternoon, good response of recitals. Evening, our Conductor, Mr. Aronovich, presided, and gave a few brief remarks full of inspiring thought. Mrs. Gilbert gave an elevating address, on "Children." Our scheme to have the hymns and recitals to harmonise with the subject was a very pleasing success. Great credit is due to all who so beautifully rendered solos and recitals. A very appreciative audience made it a most happy event. March 12th, we had a Social Gathering of friends, who partook of a nicely prepared tea, after which dancing was indulged in. It proved a most sociable success and financial gain. Next Social and Dance, April 30th.—Maud M. Harrison, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, BENWELL (Co-operative Hall).—On Sunday, March 2nd, our Open Session, we had a Dedication Service to our young Lyceumist, Miss Eleanor Kathaleen Beatrice Ridley, who a year ago received her name in the Lyceum. Mrs. Macdonald, who performed the ceremony, asked the children questions concerning their young Lyceumist. The child was presented with an A.J.D. Badge by the Conductor, Mr. Dodgson. Flowers and various other tokens were presented by the Lyceumists. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Dodgson and Mr. Macfadden. Mr. Hamilton was asked to say a few words to the Lyceum. After the session, which was a very pleasant one, we held our Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers.—Wm. Stock.

NEWCASTLE, BYKER (Potts Street).—On Sunday, March 2nd, we held our Open Session which proved to be the best we have had for years. The Children responded to the invitation of the Conductor right heartily, with the result that seventeen recitations; a dialogue by members of the Eke family, and solos by Misses Hughes and Guy were beautifully rendered. Next came the presentation of prizes for attendance, and the beautiful books gave great delight to the recipients. Then Mr. Ronaldson presented to Lily Eke, the youngest worker in the Lyceum, a lovely doll which had been dressed by Mrs. Ronaldson. Mr. Ronaldson was elected as Conductor, and Mrs. Hughes, Assistant Conductor, whilst Mr. Benn was elected Secretary.—J.R.

NEWCASTLE (Royal Arcade).—On March 16th, we had our annual prize giving service, and had a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. MacDonald gave us a very good address upon the training of children, also gave the children their prizes. Mr. Kersey gave three prizes for the most marks for singing and reciting in the year, which were won by Miss Flossie Latham, Miss L. Willis, and Miss M. Latham. The service was enjoyed by all. On Good Friday we had an "At-Home," which was well attended. We had a solo by Miss A. Adams; recitation by Mrs. Moore; and songs by Mr. Moore, Mr. A. Currie, Mr. Bain, and Miss Ellison. All seemed to enjoy themselves.—T. H. Willis, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (Rutherford Street).—On March 2nd, our Open Session was conducted by A. Dawson; and sister Sheppard, our Guardian, appointed one Lyceumist for the calisthenics, which was carried out successfully. The pearls, solos and recitations were rendered by Polly Wardle, Jennie Dorwood, Miss Duckworth, Mrs. Finley, Master Curtis, and G. S. Dawson. On the 23rd, Edith Elnor, Cissy Chambers, Misses Blanche, and Beatrice, McFaddon, Mrs. Finley, Wardle, Master Curtis and Finley. There was also a presentation of two books by our Conductor on behalf of brother J. Laurance for highest attendance and punctuality to Edith Elnor, and Master E. Curtis respectfully, which were received with great thanks to our brother J. Laurance. It being Easter Sunday, eggs were handed out by one of our youngest Lyceumists to all present.—A. Wardle, Secretary.

NOTTINGHAM (Parliament Street).—A farewell session was held on Sunday, March 23rd, on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lester leaving England. Invitations were sent to the Gladstone Hall, Mechanic's Hall, Alliance, and the Harwarden Lyceums, which were all represented. Mr. Cartwright presiding. Solos were rendered by Miss Swaddon and Doris Hawks, a recitation by Miss Hather, a musical reading was rendered by all the Lyceums, entitled "Scatter Seeds of Kindness." Mr. Cartwright spoke a few words, and then asked Mr. T. Masters to speak, which he did; and afterwards had the honour in presenting the little gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Lester from the Lyceum. Farewell speeches were given to Mr. and Mrs. Lester. An enjoyable session was held.—Harold Hewitt, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Wednesday, March 19th, we held our monthly Lyceum Open Session, which was a success. Solos were sung by Miss B. Frankland, Miss E. Frankland, and Mr. J. Trippear. Recitation by Pearl Frankland. Pearls were also given by the Lyceumists. A grand display of marching and calisthenics was gone through, under the conductorship of Mr. C. Dunkerley. Inspirational music was played by Herbert Buckley, the well-known Musical Medium. Mr. Lester, of Oldham, gave a forcible address "On the Lyceum movement," showing to us that we ought to be proud of our religion. Lyceumists were present from other Lyceums. After the session, a very pleasant social was held, which consisted of songs, games and dancing.—H. Buckley.

PRESTON (Clark's Yard).—We celebrated our anniversary on March 16th. Mr. R. Latham was present as D.V. The silver chain, No. 27, "There's room in the World," brought forward different opinions, our visitor joining with us in the discussion. Our Conductor, Mrs. Wilson, at the afternoon service, spoke on the "Origin of the Lyceum." Mrs. Marginson gave Clairvoyance, and a few children recited. In the evening a Demonstration was held, many people being present, some, strangers to Spiritualism. Beatrice Pask and Jack Cartmell recited from the *Manual*. March 2nd, open Sunday. Recitations by Alice and Nellie Spencer, Annie Collis, M. A. Marginson, Mabel Cartmell, Eunice Kay, Annie Parkinson, Willie Holt, Will Beetham, Misses Cartmell and Savage. Songs by Rena Collis and Mrs. Marginson.—Miss Savage, Secretary.

READING.—We are enjoying a series of short addresses given by elder members of this Lyceum, which are proving a great success. First, Dr. Rankin, subject, "Education," which was followed by Miss Lovelock, subject, "Happiness." Solo, Gladys Lovelock. Mr. Arthur Lawrence, subject, "Man and Destiny." Solo, Miss Lovelock. Mr. Stanley Taylor, subject, "Peace." Miss K. Mason gave her experiences, "How she became a Spiritualist," also sang a solo. We intend to continue taking different subjects each Sunday.—S. Wm. Taylor, Secretary.

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RISHTON.—On February 22nd we held our Lyceum Tea Party and Distribution of Prizes. About 90 sat down to tea, and there was about 120 present at the Social, when the 35 prizes were given by one of our old workers, Miss Dent. Mr. Fletcher played for dancing and also sang for us. We also had recitations from a large number of our Lyceum scholars, and a song from a little boy who is only two years' old. On Sunday, March 9th, Miss Dent named a baby girl and gave her the name of Elsie, and her spirit name was "Sunshine."—Alice Haughton, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Regent Street).—On March 2nd, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. In the afternoon we had an Open Session, our friend the Editor, Alfred Kitson, was the speaker, he took for his subject "The Teachings of Spiritualism," G.C. 136 *Manual*. Marching and calisthenics were conducted by Mr. W. Briggs and Mr. J. Farrow. Recitations were said by Master John Firth, entitled "The Seven Stages," and Miss Emma Firth, entitled "Half-past Eight." We were also pleased to see our friends, Mr. Amos Harris, the secretary of the R.D.C., and Misses Bryan, and a lady friend from Bacup. Mr. Kitson gave a solo from the *Manual*, No. 20; Mr. Harris also gave us a song on our own Lyceum. Mr. A. Barlow was the pianist, and Mr. J. W. Nurse presided. Pearls were also given by several scholars.—John Firth, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM.—On March 1st, we held a splendid concert in aid of our Lyceum funds, when the Barnoakstone Trio and the Apollo Dramatic Club gave us some fine sketches and humorous songs. The concert was organised by Mr. Thomas Ellis, to whom we all extend our best thanks, trusting that this is only the forerunner of more good times to come. We held our Open Session on Sunday, March 2nd, when a good number of friends and scholars attended. We had recitations from Misses Chappel, Vernon, Elsie and Ruby Hossell, Mr. Chappel and John Smith. On Sunday, March 9th, we had our District Visitor with us. His attendance being much appreciated.

ROYTON (Union Street).—We held our Open Session on March 2nd in our new rooms, under the Conductorship of Mr. Chisnall. Splendid session throughout. Duets were sung by Misses May Haslam and Roebottom, and Greaves and May Roebottom. Recitation by Miss C. Thomas. Marching was conducted by Mr. Greaves. Calisthenics by Miss Annie Haslam. Very good day was spent under the musical directorship of Miss Ruth Harvey.—Bertha Clarke, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, ATTERCLIFFE.—On Sunday, March 2nd, the Sheffield District Council held their meeting in our Church, so we had an Open Session in the afternoon, when several delegates took part. Recitations by Lily and Polly Sharman, Violet Jarvis, Doris Hughes, G. H. Easthope, and Fred Williams. Mrs. Johnson, Conductor, also presented the prizes for last year. On Good Friday, March 21st, the elders of the Lyceum gave a grand cantata entitled "Sherwood's Queen," which was a huge success, everyone expressing themselves as delighted. The principal characters were ably represented by Misses Rayner and Appleby, Mrs. Waller, Messrs. Whiteley, Oaten, Dunn, Gravson, Gale, Webster, Johnson and Master T. Smith.—F. Whiteley, Secretary.

SHEFFIELD, HEELEY.—On Good Friday we held our Annual Tea and Concert, a good number of parents and children sitting down to a good tea, which was followed by a good concert. A special feature of the concert being a play given by our young Lyceumists entitled "The Dissatisfied Fairy." Miss F. Evans taking the part of the Fairy Queen, and Miss Flo Vernon taking the part of the dissatisfied Fairy; both characters being very well played. We are indebted to two of our young ladies, Misses B. Gamble and A. Evans, for the trouble and time they took with the children. After the concert we finished the evening with games. A gentleman being

present gave us a few conjuring tricks with cards, which very much amused those present.—G. H. Magness, Secretary.

STOCKTON.—On March 9th we had an Open Session. A large gathering of Lyceumists which were gathered in love and sympathy. Solo by Miss Elsie Jones, recitation by Lily Williams; pearls, Doris Jones, Mrs. Christopher, and Miss Christopher. In the evening the Lyceum gave a service of song entitled, "The Abbey Bells," under the conductorship of Mr. Christopher, which proved a great success to the audience. Solos by Miss Elsie Jones, Miss Sidebotham, Lily Williams, and T. Brown. The organist was Miss Christopher, and Violin accompaniment by Mr. R. Christopher.—H. W. Westbrook, Secretary.

TODMORDEN, PATMOS.—On March 2nd, we had a splendid Open Session, the following programme being well rendered: No. 14, *Manual*, Mr. Sam Wilson, song. Readings, 110 *Manual*, Miss Uttley; 99 *Manual*, Evelyn Eastwood and Annie Lee. Recitations, "The Order of Valour," Gertrude Howarth; "The Gypsy Man," Emily Marshall, and Elsie Dale. Trio 383 *Manual*, Ruth Sutcliffe, G. Howarth and Elsie Howarth. Duet, 314 *Manual*, Mabel Howarth and Florrie Dale. Silver chain reading, Ruth Sutcliffe, and G. Howarth. Recitation, "Well of St. Keeve," E. Eastwood. Duet, 35 *Manual*, Ruth Sutcliffe and Elsie Howarth. Recitation, Annie Lee. Song, 306 *Manual*, Miss Uttley. I am pleased to say our scholars enjoy their sessions and respond very well.—Frank Pratt, Secretary.

WIDNES.—The fourth anniversary was held on March 9th. Daulby Hall Lyceum, Liverpool, through their visitation scheme, kindly sent Messrs. Adamson and Ross, to conduct the whole of the services. Miss Salt acted as Musical Conductor. The other Lyceumists who took part at the different meetings were:—Misses H. Andrews, S. Andrews, P. Andrews, Cardin, Cliffe, Kaves, Lewis and Mr. J. Pckering. The services were fairly well attended, but we are hoping that there will now be increased interest taken in the Lyceum, and that all Spiritualists in the district will see to their children attending the Lyceum, also themselves when possible.

WINDHILL (School Hill).—We held our Annual Election of Officers on Sunday, March 2nd, and had a very good attendance. Marching and calisthenics were very nicely gone through. The following officers were elected: Secretary Mr. J. Brown; Assistant Secretary, Miss A. Copley; Treasurer, Mr. A. Copley; Guardian, Miss F. Sheard; Calisthenic Conductor, Mr. H. Baldwin; 1st and 2nd Leaders, Miss F. Inman and Miss M. Brusby and Mr. J. Hartill and Mr. J. Brown; Back Leaders, Miss A. Crapper and Master T. Wright. We closed by singing hymn 223 in the *Lyceum Manual*.—J. Brown, Hon. Secretary.

WINNIPEG (Polson Avenue).—I am pleased to report that our Lyceum is still going strong, and we are doing great work both with calisthenics and pearls, it is so grand to sit and hear some of the pearls that our youngsters give, for they would give credit to a larger Lyceum than ours.—John Parkinson, Secretary.

YORK (Cromwell Road).—We had our usual Lyceum session on March 2nd, a good number of scholars and adults attending. The singing, marching and calisthenics were excellent. There were also plenty of recitations; those reciting were Miss Ida Reed, Polly Stier, Dorothy and Nancy Phillips, Gertrude Hudson, Majorie Matthews, Maud and Nellie Metcalfe, also George, Harry, Willie and Joe Metcalfe, and Cyril Ransley. There was also a little discussion through our assistant Conductor, Miss Lily Stier, asking a question. Many of the Lyceumists speaking their minds on the subject. I hope that all Lyceumists will take an interest in their Lyceum as we do at Cromwell Road. "The Workers' Win" is our motto.—E. Stier, Secretary.

YORK, HIGH OUSEGATE.—Splendid conditions, and beautiful influences marked our first Quarterly Open Session, held on Sunday, March 16th, as a red letter day in the history of our Lyceum. The services were conducted throughout the day by our Conductor, Mrs. Boynton, with great credit, and each Lyceumist individually contributed to the success of the day by rendering of songs, solos, pearls, or recitations. One notable feature was the strength of feeling displayed by Parent Church in helping on to success. May we always have that unity of feeling between Church and Lyceum portrayed, and we are assured of success in our Spiritual career. Prizes were also distributed, when each Lyceumist secured a prize, which is very encouraging to workers.—Charles Rich, Sec.