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## British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### 24th ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

Held in the Holborn Hall, Holborn Street, Hull,

On SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 10th & 11th, 1913

#### CONFERENCE MINUTES.

##### SATURDAY.

Mr. Reuben Latham in the chair. Mr. R. A. Owen in the vice-chair. Mr. Councillor John Venables, Treasurer; Mr. Alfred Kitson, Secretary; Mr. Wm. Johnson, Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, Mrs. L. Nurse, Mr. E. Keeling, Mr. H. Rau, Miss A. Hesp and Mr. T. H. Wright.

The President rang the Conference to attention at 6-25 p.m., and proceedings commenced with singing the hymn, "Welcome to All." Mr. J. J. Morse offered the invocation.

The President appointed the following:

*Messenger:* Mr. Birdsall, Bradford.

*Tellers:* Mr. Cowell-Pugh, Middlesbrough, Mr. Eaton, Blackpool.

*Minute Secretary:* Mr. T. H. Wright (by E.C.).

Mr. Ross, Daulby Hall, moved; seconded, Mr. Keeling (E.C.) "That the minutes be taken as read."—*Agreed.*

The President mentioned no invitation for E.C. meetings, advising the Delegates to take the matter into consideration, also that a resolution was passed at the last E.C., "That a motion be put on the Agenda in regard to having a Chartered Accountant as Auditor, the same having been omitted by the Secretary. He asked the privilege of the Conference to insert the same in the Agenda.

Mr. Beety (Leeds D.C.) moved, Mr. Clegg (London) seconded, "That we allow the same to be inserted in the Agenda."

Mr. Higham (N.E. Lanc. D.C.) moved an amendment that we do not; seconded by Mr. Harris (Rochdale D.C.)

42 for the amendment, 36 for the resolution.

##### DISCUSSION ON MINUTES.

Mr. Knott (Auditor), Mrs. Bentley (D.V. Manchester), asked questions re President's Manual.

The Secretary said the matter had been attended to.

Mr. Lloyd (Pendleton), Mr. Smythe (London), moved the confirmation of the Minutes.—*Carried.*

##### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of greeting from North London Spiritual Society. Mr. H. H. Kersey (Newcastle-on-Tyne). Telegram from Mr. Mason (past President), also Mr. R. H. Yates on behalf of Messenger Guild.

The President mentioned that Mrs. Brown, one of the workers of Hull Society was in the Hospital, and suggested we send greetings to her in person.

Mr. Holland (Blackburn) moved, Mr. Harris (Rochdale D.C.) seconded, "That the E.C. appoint someone to go and take a Bouquet of Flowers.—*Carried.*

##### ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Johnson (E.C.) moved, Mr. O'Neil seconded, "That it be taken as read."—*Carried.*

Mr. Knott (auditor) moved, Mrs. Nurse (E.C.) seconded, "That all future reports be published in the BANNER."—*Carried.*

Mr. Lloyd (Pendleton), moved, Mr. Hartley (Batley Carr), seconded, "That the report be adopted."—*Carried.*

##### LYCEUM BANNER REPORT.

Mr. Bentley (Manchester) moved, Mr. Holland (Blackburn) seconded, "That it be taken as read."—*Carried.*

Mr. O'Neil asked why there had been no new members of the Bluebell Guild inserted for a few months in the BANNER?

Mr. Kitson (Sec.), said "That it was the Lyceums fault, not his."

Messrs. Higham (N.E. Lanc. D.C.), Owen (E.C.), Bentley (Manchester), Ross (Liverpool), Aronovitch (Manchester), asked various questions, re decrease of BANNERS, and articles not now printed.

Satisfactory replies were made by the Editor.

Mr. Musgrove (Blackpool), moved, Mr. George (Liverpool D.C.), seconded, "That the LYCEUM BANNER report be adopted."—*Carried.*

##### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. Forsyth (North London), moved, Mr. Ross (Daulby Hall), seconded, "That the report be taken as read."—*Carried.*

Mr. Knott (auditor), stated that there were various items which were not correct, in so far that they were placed to their wrong department, &c.

Mr. Johnson (E.C.), Mr. Eaton (Blackpool), spoke relative to report.

Mr. Venables satisfactorily replied.

Mr. Musgrove (Blackpool), moved, Mr. Clegg (London) seconded, "That the Treasurer's report be adopted."—*Carried.*

##### PERMANENT SECRETARY FUND REPORT.

Moved, Mr. E. A. Keeling (E.C.), seconded, Mr. Venables (Treasurer), "That it be taken as read."—*Carried.*

Moved, Mr. George (Liverpool D.C.), seconded, Mr. France (Brighouse), "That the same be adopted."—*Carried.*

Delegates to S.N.U. International Conference report:

Mr. Kitson (Sec.), Mrs. Nurse (E.C.), gave an excellent digest of the work done.

Mr. Owen (E.C.), moved, and Mr. Ross (Daulby Hall), seconded, "Acceptance of same."—*Carried.*

##### AUDITORS' REPORT.

The auditors reported they were sorry they could not sign the Balance Sheets. The Secretary's Books were correct and in order, but the Treasurer's were not finished in the manner they would have liked. The Balances were all correct and Accounts also. The matter in dispute was the disposition of said amounts. They were sorry to have to withhold their signatures.

Moved, Mr. Keeling (E.C.), seconded, Mr. Harris Rochdale D.C.), "The acceptance of the auditors' report."—*Carried.*

Mr. Moorey (Blackburn), Mr. Knight (S.N.U. Rep.), spoke.

Mr. Keeling (E.C.), moved, Mr. Ross (Daulby Hall), seconded, "That we adjourn at 9 o'clock."

"Welcome" given by Lyceumists of Hull No. 1. Progressive Lyceum, on the occasion of the 24th Annual Conference of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, held in the Lecture Hall, Jarratt Street, May 10th and 11th, 1913.

##### OFFICERS' EDITION OF THE MANUAL.

Moved, Mr. France (Brighouse), seconded, Mr. Vickers (Sheffield D.C.), "That the report be taken as read."—*Carried.*

Mr. Knott (auditor), moved, Mr. Bentley (Manchester), seconded, "That it be an instruction to the Officers' Edition of Manual Sub-Committee now to insert: Naming, Marriage and Funeral Services.—*Agreed.*

Messrs. Aronovitch, Keeling, Kitson, Taylor (Tyneside), and Miss A. Hesp spoke to the same.

Mr. Harris (Rochdale D.C.), moved, Mr. Ross (Daulby Hall), seconded, "Confirmation of report."—*Carried.*

##### LIST OF ARISEN LYCEUMISTS READ BY THE SECRETARY.

Moved, Mr. Owen (E.C.), seconded, Mrs. Bentley (D.V. Manchester). A vote of remembrance to arisen workers and Lyceum Members, and of condolence to the bereaved.—*Carried Standing.*

##### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

4 officers, 7 E.C., 2 auditors, 9 D.V.'s, 13 D.C. representatives, 1 Hon. Member, 1 S.N.U. Rep., 81 Delegates, total 118.

Moved, Mr. Knott (auditor), seconded, Miss Hesp (E.C.), "The same to be accepted."—*Carried.*

## SUNDAY

The President opened the Conference at 10.5 a.m. The hymn "Open the door for the Children" was sung. Invocation, Mrs. L. Nurse (E.C.)

A beautiful welcome was then given by 12 children and their Conductor (Mrs. Leng), who had so well trained them. Each entered separately bearing a title, bowing graciously to the E.C. and then to the assembly, and repeating a verse commencing with the letter held. Finally the whole resulting in WELCOME TO HULL.

## WELCOME TO HULL.

We greet you each this morning  
With wishes all sincere;  
And we are all rejoicing  
To see you once more here.

Fountain Group.

Each one in this our greeting  
Throws out to you to-day —  
A loving thought of welcome  
On this great festal day.

Stream Group.

Long may you workers prosper  
For "the workers win," they say;  
Our faith in you is well founded,  
"Long may you live," we pray.

River Group.

Come what may you'll ne'er betray,  
Or the children's cause desert;  
To one and all, whether great or small,  
The children all come first.

Lake Group.

Oh, happy band of workers,  
You're recompense to-day—  
Is the sight of happy faces  
Gathered in bright array.

Sea Group.

Merry and thoughtful, young and old,  
One object now before them:  
To make you all feel just at home,  
At the "Third Port of the Kingdom."

Ocean Group.

Every tongue is tuned to praise,  
Every heart rejoices,  
Too see you in our midst to-day  
And hear your happy voices.

Shore Group.

To us the example that you set  
Is good for us to follow,  
And may each listener here to-day,  
Be a worker in the morrow.

Beacon Group.

Our Leaders and Conductor dear,  
The Delegates do welcome,  
From far and wide are gathered here  
Who, together meet so seldom.

Banner Group.

Hurrah! we shout for Lyceum work  
And all Lyceumists, too,  
Our Leader, the Executive,  
To many of us new.

Star Group.

Under "Three Crowns" to-day you stand,  
But we think it far more grand:  
That "Crowns of Light" some day we'll see  
Upon your Happy Band.

Excelsior Group.

Lights woven by the Spirit Friends,  
To whom you've shown the way  
Of peace, progression, happiness  
And "Welcome" their sweet lay.

Liberty Group.

Long may the Union reign I say,  
And long may you survive,  
To see the harvest of your work  
In which you've spent your lives.  
"Welcome to Hull," once more I say,  
Join with me, comrades dear,  
To make our Executive feel  
This is a record year.

Guardian.

—Mrs. S. A. HOGG.

Then they sang the hymn, "Welcome, thrice welcome." The welcome had been written by Mrs. Hogg, of Hull. After the welcome the children turned round to the E.C. and presented each member with a beautiful rose.

The President heartily thanked them for their loving and felicitous welcome, remarking that one of the little ones had, previously to entering the platform, had an accident, but had gone bravely through her portion.

President's Address:—Which was very suggestive and full of good points, amongst which he mentioned the sacrifice of Delegates attending the Conference in the furtherance of the Cause of the Children, was listened to with close attention.

Moved, Mrs. Bentley (D.V. Manchester), seconded, Mr. Harris (Rochdale D.C.), "That the President's address be accepted with thanks and that the same be printed simultaneously in the Spiritualists' Press."

## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

Fellow Members of the Union and Friends, it affords me the greatest possible pleasure to submit the Presidential Address for your consideration. But before I enter upon matters pertaining to the business concerns of our Union I would like to offer a welcome to all who have gathered to participate in the deliberations at this, our 24th Annual Conference of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

I would greet all delegates to this Conference in the same hearty spirit which has characterised the welcome of my predecessors in the Office I am proud to hold. I realise that sacrifice of personal desire is visible in the attendance of delegates to their Lyceum interests, especially among industrial workers, when a brief respite from daily toil offers opportunities for choice of recreation. I therefore desire to mark my appreciation of the whole-hearted interest which this assembly represents in our work. I would welcome the visitors amongst us to-day, who come to us from Organizations whose interests are identical with ours, and whose sympathy and support is shown in the representation of such Organizations with us to-day.

My message from this Conference is to all Lyceumists, and I ask all representatives to convey the message. It is that I gratefully recognise the good work done by all our active Lyceumists, and I would encourage each to pursue that course of action that will result in strengthening the manhood and womanhood of our nation by such conduct and intelligent display as shall reflect the greatest credit upon our Lyceum Movement and teachings.

In referring to the number of transitions to the Higher Life, which have taken place during 1913, I desire to convey the sympathies of all Lyceums through their representatives, to those families who have suffered bereavement, and to express the hope that a knowledge of our life on the spirit side may give that strength and consolation so needful to all who undergo the strain and trial of physical separation. While each transition has a special significance in family life, I feel I am justified in making personal reference to Mr. Jonah Clarke, of Newcastle, a past President of our Union, and Mr. J. J. Bennett, of Walsall, one of our past Auditors, whose service was deeply appreciated by our Union.

Next to our total physical loss, I am sorry to call attention to our temporary loss in the cessation of such a large number of Lyceums. I sincerely trust that in most cases, where lapses of Lyceums have occurred, the units will be able to find a home and welcome in existing Lyceums, and thus be actively retained to the Movement and the Union.

I am pleased to welcome to our Union the fourteen Lyceums which have been enrolled during the year.

It is also a matter for congratulation that the members of the Executive Council have been so happily circumstanced as to display great consistency in their attendances and work at Council meetings.

In approaching the financial aspect of our Union's work, I regret to announce a diminution of Lyceum Contributions. Although the item is not heavy, it is indicative of a reduction in our strength, and I would urge Lyceums to undertake some form of propaganda that shall, during the current year, produce a more salutary effect on their returns.

Regarding the general statement of accounts, it will strike you as singular that these are unsigned by the appointed Auditors. Our Auditors or other officers will do doubt be able to clear up these or other matters, which may be submitted by members of our Union.

The reduction of District Visitors' expenses by more than one-half, reveals a wondrous economy in this department of our work. I would like to personally acknowledge the good work done by these representatives of our Lyceum Movement.

Altogether, we have little to deplore in reference to the finances, and with one strong united pull, could quickly regain a gratifying position on our general accounts.

In glancing over the statistical returns, I note there are

nine Lyceums with over one hundred members each. Nelson still retaining the lead with one hundred and seventy eight. Four with one hundred and twenty each. One with one hundred and twenty three. One with one hundred and nineteen. One with one hundred and sixteen. One with one hundred and ten. In addition to these, sixty-eight Lyceums enjoy a membership varying from fifty to ninety-seven.

The Sub-Committee appointed to consider proposals for the Officers' Edition of Lyceum Manuals, have been engaged upon a somewhat delicate task, and their report indicates the stage now reached.

This Conference is likely to be historical in the annals of our Union. A number of important resolutions are submitted, bearing on the general constitution, the work of District Councils, and—most prominent of all—the Legalization of our Union.

In considering the resolutions re Constitution, I feel that the sincerity which prompts the resolutions will be supported by that wisdom and judgment which marks our highest interests and ideals.

Our District Councils have done very active and efficient service during the year, and I gratefully recognise their endeavours to maintain the strength and interest of Lyceums. The District Councils are a valuable asset in all our Union's work.

In referring to the great and important matter of Legalization, you have the clear statement of the Sub-Committee before you.

You will be called upon to discuss the merits of the propositions submitted, with the advantage of Counsel's opinion expressed clearly. I have no intention to try and bias the opinion of any member of our Union by any privileges I now enjoy, but I urge upon all the desirability of keeping one important factor in our work before you, namely, the spirit of UNITY, without which our forces must be weakened. This question of Legalization with all its relative effects, reaches into all the ramifications of our movement. Hence the necessity for calm deliberation, applying effectually the motto of which we are all justly proud—"In things essential: UNITY. In things doubtful, LIBERTY. In all things, CHARITY."

In concluding this brief address, permit me to thank you for the confidence you reposed in me a year ago when you honoured me by electing me your President. It has been a year of special and strenuous work for your Officers. I have tried to acquit myself in my office with that consistency and conscientiousness due to your confidence, and I can only trust I have merited your appreciation.

I would tender my thanks to all my colleagues on the Council for the close attention and keen interest displayed in the course of the fulfilment of duty, and finally, whatever may be the outcome of our deliberations and appointments to-day, may our combined efforts still further strengthen the great Cause we have at heart, the emancipation of childhood from creed and cant, and the greater dissemination of those beautiful truths and practises which are destined to constitute the only true salvation.

Yours fraternally,  
REUBEN LATHAM.  
President, 1912-13.

Mr. Knight (S.N.U. Rep.), spoke in reference to the returns of Members of Lyceums incorrect in regard to their numbers. Mr. Lord (Rochdale), Mr. Holland (Blackburn), also spoke.

Mr. Knott (auditor), moved, Mr. Edwards (auditor), seconded, "That the question of Lyceum returns be referred to the District Visitors of the Union."—*Carried*.

Mr. Edward (auditor), moved, Mr. Holland (Blackburn), seconded, "That we adjourn for dinner at 12-15 to 2 p.m."—*Carried*.

#### *Unfinished Business on the Agenda 1912.*

Mr. Keeling (E.C.), suggested this was not in order. "As the said business was left to the E.C. to do and report."

Mr. Owen then reported on behalf of the E.C. with their list of recommendations as follows:—

"In view of the motion on legalization, it was deemed advisable not to consider same."

II. *Agreed*. That Lyceums nominating persons for any office must satisfy themselves that their candidates are willing to serve in the capacity selected and fulfil the following constitutional requirements:

(1) Are members of a Lyceum in good financial standing with the B.S.L.U.

(2) Have made not less than 20 attendances at some Lyceum during the 12 months preceding the Conference.

(3) Will be accredited members of the Conference and be present thereat.

The above to be printed on the official nomination forms.

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

Mr. Keeling volunteers to undertake the task of inserting same in a copy of the *Manual*.

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

13.—*Against*. 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.—*Agreed*. Re invitations for Conference. No verbal invitations to be considered unless there are none in writing.

*Holborn Street Lyceum, Hull*.

15.—*Agreed*. 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. *Lyceum Union's Executive Council*.

16.—*Against*. That in the interest of the Union it is desirable that the Permanent Secretary's Fund be abolished.

*Bolton Lyceum District Council*.

17.—Approved of idea. E.C. too much business to deal with direct. Secretary instructed to refer matter to U.D.C. 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.—*Against*. That prices of Manuals be lowered to their original price. *Sheffield Lyceum District Council*.

Mr. Smythe (London), moved, Mr. Aronovitch (Manchester), seconded, "That the recommendations be accepted."—*Carried*.

Mr. Knott (auditor), Mr. Vickers (Sheffield D.V.), "That all matters relative to constitution be deleted.

Mr. Saxelby (Sheffield D.C.), Mr. Lord, Mr. Bentley, spoke.

64 for the resolution, 34 for amendment.

Elect place of next Conference.

Moved, Mr. Simpson (Darlington), seconded, Mrs. Bentley (D.V. Manchester), "There being no application, the matter be left in the hands of the E.C."—*Carried*.

Mr. Owen (E.C.), Mr. Johnson (E.C.), spoke on the matter.

Credentials report: 4 officers, 7 E.C., 2 auditors, 10 D.V., 13 D.C. Rep., 1 Hon. Member, 1 S.N.U. Rep., 84 Delegates, total 122.

Mr. Ross, (Daulby Hall), moved, Mr. Higham (N.E. Lanc.), seconded, "That the same be accepted."—*Carried*.

Previous to the collection, Miss Ina Hogg, one of the Lyceumists recited, asking for a good collection.

The following Scrutineers were appointed:

Messrs. J. Adamson (Daulby Hall), Cowell-Pugh (Middlesbrough), Simpson (Darlington), Ackroyd (Huddersfield D.V.), Coward (Ulverston).

#### S.N.U. DELEGATES TO BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE.

The following were nominated:

Messrs. Kitson (Sec.), Musgrove (Blackpool), Knott (auditors), Keeling (E.C.), Miss Hesp (E.C.).

Mr. Kitson and Miss Hesp were elected.

Mr. Johnson (E.C.), moved, Mr. Higham (N.E. Lanc. D.C.), seconded, "That Mrs. J. Greenwood be Secretary of the Permanent Secretary Fund.

*Date of next Conference.*

Mr. Owen (E.C.), moved, Mrs. Bentley (D.V. Manchester), seconded, "That the Conference be held on Whit-Saturday and Sunday, May 30th and 31st.

Amendment, moved, Mr. Harris (Rochdale D.C.), seconded, Mrs. Greenwood, "That it be second Saturday and Sunday in May.

*Resolution carried by large majority.*

Mrs. Venables having entered the Conference, the President tendered hearty greetings to her, and invited her to take a seat on the platform.

#### *Election of Auditors.*

Moved, Mr. Edwards (auditor), seconded, Mr. Harris (Rochdale D.C.), "That in the event of Mr. Knott being elected on the E.C., that the two nominations go to poll, and the highest number of votes received shall serve two years and the other one."—*Carried*.

PRESIDENT.—Mr. R. A. Owen, 15; Mr. R. Latham, 18; Miss Hesp, 16; Mrs. J. Greenwood, 5; Mr. E. A. Keeling, 13.

Mr. R. Latham was declared elected.

VICE-PRESIDENT.—Mr. R. A. Owen (elected), 82; Miss Hesp, 31.

TREASURER.—Mr. T. H. Wright.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Mrs. J. Greenwood, 65; Mr. H. Raw (first vote 39), 2nd 55; Mr. E. Vickers, 61; Mr. F. France, 16; Mr. Hargreaves (first vote 39) 2nd 57; Mr. A. Ross, 18; Mr. J. T. Apedale, 5; Mr. G. F. Knott, 51; Mr. P. Smythe, 25; Mr. J. P. Simpson, 7; Miss L. Mortimer, 14; Mr. D. E. Davies, 10; Mr. C. Lloyd, 6; Mrs. A. E. Bentley, 21; Mr. A. E. Beety, 7.

Elected, Mrs. J. Greenwood, Messrs. J. Vickers, G. F. Knott, and H. Hargreaves.

AUDITORS.—Mr. Will Edwards, 96 (two years); Mr. Hy. Birdsall, 13 (one year).

*Notice to Amend Constitution for United Lyceum District Council.*

Mr. Higham (N.E. Lancashire District), moved, Mr. Harris (Rochdale D.C.) seconded:

"That we accept the principle of the U.D.C."—*Carried.*

The following spoke for and against the motion: Messrs. Knott, Keeling, Harris, Owen, Beety France, George, and Knight.

#### MOTIONS.

"*The Lyceum Banner.*"

Moved by Mr. Ross (Daulby Hall), seconded, Mr. Adamson (Daulby Hall), "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."

Mr. Aronovitch (Manchester), Mr. Knott (Auditor), Mr. George (Liverpool D.C.), spoke to the resolution. Mr. Kitson (Secretary), replied to the discussion and gave a short history of his Editorship of same.

The motion was lost, 43 for, 44 against.

That no paper be read at future Conferences until all business on the Agenda is finished.

This was moved by Mr. Lord (Rochdale), seconded by Mr. Harris (Rochdale).—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. Keeling (E.C.), seconded by Mrs. Nurse (E.C.), that the E.C. Motion "Legislation of the Lyceum Union" be now taken.—*Carried.*

The President (Mr. Latham), then asked for the ruling of the Conference *re* Article 16.

It was agreed to adopt the three-fourths majority on this question.

Mr. Keeling (E.C.), moved on behalf of the E.C., Mr. Bentley (Manchester), seconded:

"That this Conference of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union hereby resolve to form the Union into an Incorporated Company (limited by guarantee and not having a share capital), without the word 'Limited,' and instructs the Executive Council to take all the necessary steps to accomplish that end."

*As an Amendment.*

Mr. Adamson (Daulby Hall), moved, Mr. Ross (Daulby Hall), seconded: "That the Lyceum Union become Legalized with the word 'Limited.'"

Messrs. Owen, Knott, Edwards, George, and Aronovitch spoke to the same. The amendment was lost by one vote, 42 for 43 against.

The resolution was then put as a substantive motion, when the voting was 52 for, against 50.

The resolution was declared lost, not having received the three-fourths majority.

Mr. Hargreaves (Nelson) moved, Mr. Holland (Rochdale) seconded: "That we avail ourselves of the Trust Deeds of the Spiritualists' National Union, Limited."

An animated discussion then took place, the real purport of the question being often lost by the thought of the word "Legalised."

Mrs. Pickles (Burnley), Messrs. Harris, Moorey, Lord, Edwards, Smythe, George, T. H. Wright, Keeling, and Knight, took part in the discussion.

The voting was, for 63, against 39.

The same was declared lost owing to not receiving a three-fourths majority.

*Motions, re Temperance, etc.*

Mr. Owen (E.C.) moved, Mr. Ross (Daulby Hall) seconded, "That the remaining motions be deferred to the next Conference."—*Carried.*

Mr. Keeling (E.C.) moved, Mr. Forsyth (London) seconded, "That our best thanks be tendered to local friends."—*Carried.*

Mr. Owen (E.C.) moved, Mr. Beety (Leeds D.C.) seconded, "That our best thanks be extended to the retiring E.C. members, especially to the Treasurer, for his long and well sustained services as President, E.C. Member, and last, but not least, as Treasurer."—*Carried.*

(Signed) T. H. WRIGHT,  
Minute Secretary.

#### SUNDAY EVENING'S MEETING.

There was a good attendance in the Lecture Hall, Jarratt Street.

It had been suggested that the children should repeat the pretty "Welcome to Hull" as given in the morning, which had to be reluctantly abandoned for want of time.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of hymn "Courage, brother." After which Mr. A. Kitson offered the invocation.

The President, Mr. Reuben Latham, referred to their convictions as Spiritualists, that there is no death, and that it was possible, under suitable conditions, to hold communion with the dear departed. These convictions, being contrary to popular opinion, brought them into conflict with orthodox teachings, and caused them to have to endure a large amount of persecution which they would not have to do were they not fully convinced of the truths and principles for which Spiritualism stood.

Mr. Owen, Vice-President, was introduced to the meeting as the able and valuable colleague of the President, to whom he was deeply indebted for valuable services rendered.

Mr. Owen said he desired to speak on three important points. First, they came there to speak to the Lyceumists in Hull, to encourage them in the good work they were doing, not only for the children of to-day, but for others that would come after them. Second, they came to make an appeal to the Spiritualists of Hull to lend a helping hand in training the children in accordance with the teachings of Spiritualism. Third, he wanted to appeal to the outsider not to give credence to the outrageous reports that had been and were being circulated concerning Spiritualists, without first fully satisfying themselves as to the accuracy of the reports. He closed a thoughtful address by reciting the lines beginning with "Our Lyceum, 'tis of thee, sweet band of liberty, of thee we sing."

Mr. Vickers, of Sheffield, one of the newly elected members of the Executive, said that the Lyceum was a great movement, greater than is realised by the majority of Lyceumists. Spiritualism is a science because it is a truth. Children should be taught the facts of Spiritualism, so as to be able to maintain the same when they came in contact with those trained at the Universities. He recommended them to study the sciences of clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc., then they would be in a position to face the opposition of the learned, with credit to the Movement and honour to themselves.

Mr. Keeling, in a spirited speech, referred to the local agitation and the ordeal that Spiritualists had been going through. They had been charged with being immoral, insane, and infidel,—three "i's." And what were those charges based on? They were based on the authority of the Bible. He wondered how many of their accusers knew how their Bible was compiled? How it was changed and altered from time to time to suit the fancies and prejudices of its compilers? He wondered how many of them had read its contents and had noticed how immoral some of them were? If it were immoral to teach people to live up to their highest and best conceptions of their duty to God and humanity, then he stood convicted of immorality. If it were insane to teach people to prove all things and hold fast to that which was good, then he stood convicted of insanity. If it were infidel to demand proofs, logic, and reason, for doctrinal tenets which were a libel on the wisdom and goodness of God, then he stood convicted of infidelity. In conclusion he invited his hearers to investigate the claims of Spiritualism, study its teachings, and decide those issues for themselves.

Mr. Knott was introduced as one of the late Auditors and now a member of the Executive. Mr. Knott, in his very able speech, touched on the assumed authority of the priest, and added that when the priest attempted to punish people because of the exercise of their natural gifts, it was proved that priesthood was decadent. He affirmed that nature finds and endows her own priests, those who are qualified to teach and lead the people in the paths of peace and righteousness. The priesthood had paid more attention to the letters of the law, and had lost the spirit of the message for which the people longed. A period of spirit revival had set in, and it was open to all who desired to have the spirit visitants in their own homes. He advised them to cultivate the home circle, learn

what the spirits have to teach, and they would be able to declare it to the world. In conclusion he appealed to the strong Lyceums to extend a hand of help to the weak ones.

Mr Hargreaves (Nelson) was introduced to the meeting as not only being newly elected on the Executive, but the Conductor of the largest Lyceum in England.

Mr. Hargreaves said, among other things in his spirited address, that previous to becoming connected with Spiritualism he had drifted into materialism, although he had been trained as a Roman Catholic. He had gradually lost all faith in the belief in a God or an after life. Spiritualism had not only proved to him the continuity of life, and surrounded him in his daily life with a cloud of witnesses, such as Mrs. Britten and Mr. Swindlehurst, but it had revealed hidden powers and forces within his own organism by which he was able to give health and strength to the weak and suffering. His speech was full of soul-stirring truths.

Miss Hesp remarked upon the precious gift given to the world in children. Did the world realise how very precious the children were? Every word spoken and every action performed in their presence helped in the unfolding of either good or bad principles in the child who heard or saw. The children in their care to-day, were as precious flowers upon the tree of life. She pleaded that these precious human flowers should be tended with due care and shielded as much as possible from the adverse winds and bitter frosts of selfishness and cold indifference, so that the result might be the perfect fruit of true manhood and noble womanhood.

Mr. Johnson, in a rousing speech, referred to the crude theological teachings he received as a boy which filled his young mind with the fear of God, and the dread of the Devil. A great change had come over the world during the last forty-six years, during which he had been connected with Spiritualism. They had been teaching people to love God instead of fear him. The Devil was dead, and the fires of hell had died out. The worst hell there was to fear was that of a guilty conscience, with its consuming fires of remorse.

After the taking up of the collection, and the singing of "Never give up the Right Way," Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, in a brief address, said that she had been thinking during the years she had been serving on the Executive Council she had seen these young men and young women grow up from boyhood and girlhood and take their place on the Executive, and in turn become active workers in the Cause. The arisen men and women, the pioneers of the Movement, were the moving powers behind all their labours on behalf of the children, and they themselves were but the instruments in their hands. In conclusion she paid a warm tribute of gratitude to her spirit guide, inspirer, and helper, "Earnest."

Mrs. Nurse referred to the good the teachings of Spiritualism had done for her, and how the spirit people had helped her up from the darkness of ignorance into the light of truth and knowledge. They had been charged with practising "free love." All love was "free." The loving mother's heart was ever ready to answer the call for help. The love of the reformer was "free" to the downtrodden and the oppressed. The world was in need of their love being freely expended in order to make it what God intended it to be, "a heaven on earth."

Mr. James Knight referred to Mr. Johnson's early training and experiences as being similar to those of his own. And he deplored the blighting effect of the old theological teachings in his childhood's days, which had robbed him of the sunshine and joy of those precious early years.

Mr. Morse was reminded of his first visit in 1869 to the first Lyceum in England, which was opened at Nottingham. At that time he never dreamed of the Movement growing and expanding in the manner which he found to-day. Mr. Keeling had referred to the three "i's." He wished to refer to another class of three "i's," first, Inquirers, second, Independents, and third, International. They were inquirers after the truth wherever it may be found. They were Independent of all priestly authority that would set a barrier to their researches for the truth and human progress. They were International in their efforts to aid and bless humanity, for recognising the broad principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, there were no aliens to the kingdom of heaven. In conclusion, he paid a warm tribute to the sterling merits of their retiring Treasurer, Mr. Councillor John Venables, who as a pronounced Spiritualist had been elected for the second time to the high civic position of Mayor of the ancient borough of Walsall, and was ably supported by Mrs. Venables, whose good works for the needy and suffering had endeared her to the inhabitants of Walsall (Applause).

After the usual votes of thanks, the splendid meeting was

brought to a close with a hymn and benediction.

ALFRED KITSON, General Secretary.

#### MONDAY'S PICNIC.

About 70 of the Delegates left by the 9-15 train to Hornsey. It was a glorious day, warm and sunny. We wended our way up and down the sea shore, drinking in the pure ozone, and thus revivifying ourselves after the close confinement of Conference Sessions. It was decided to dine at one o'clock altogether; so instructions were sent on in advance, wending our way on the cliffs, finally gathering together in a field corner, where hymns were sung. Mr. Knight then gave a botanical descriptive talk on the daisy. Mr. Musgrave then gave a phrenological delineation of the noble head of our new Treasurer, his delineation being very telling and correct. Then we wended our way through the beautiful village of Hornsey to dinner, where a capital repast was provided, and which all were in a perfect condition to participate of. Before arriving some of the juniors were complaining of the length of the walk. After dinner the Men's and also the Children's Cripple Home were visited, leaving for Hull at 3-20. Then the parting of the ways came, various trains being caught, about 30 of the Lancashire and Yorkshire delegates had tea together, and then went by the 6-40, a special corridor coach being engaged. The journey was a pleasant one, discussion and chaff being the order of the journey. This Conference has been, considering the many cross currents at work, a very pleasant and harmonious one, everyone apparently trying to make it so; and platonic friendship amongst the juniors on Monday especially were very much to the fore, and resulting in the cementing of pure friendships betwixt the two great parts of human nature.

### Our Book Table.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE UNSEEN.

London: C. W. Daniel, Ltd., 3, Amen Corner, E.C. p.p.251 and index. Art paper covers, 1/- net, cloth 2/- net.

The messages are from an arisen mother to her children and husband, and evidence a mother's loving solicitude for the welfare and happiness of those dear to her on earth, which the change called death cannot sever or in any way quench. The clearer vision of the spirit enables her to see the spiritual value of earthly trials, and the silver lining behind them, and so she is able to comfort and cheer those dear to her. Much valuable information is given concerning the nature of the spirit life that will be helpful to our readers who are interested in the articles appearing in our pages under the title of AFTER DEATH, WHAT? There is also indicated possible revelations concerning the higher spirit realms, and visits to other worlds or earths than ours in God's great and grand universe for educational purposes. A fine portrait of the ascended mother is given as a frontispiece. We heartily recommend this book to our readers.

THE ANIMALS' FRIEND, Price 2d., is full of good things and pretty portraits of various kinds of animals and birds which are dear to home life. All interested in the Bluebell Guild should read the Animals' Friend.

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June 8	407	81	221	136	406
June 15	403	79	239	126	386
June 22	402	75	236	141	387
June 29	88	82	235	129	375

\*Tune. 25 Bristol.

## Pearls.

- JUNE 1—"Royal deeds may make long destinies for multitudes."—*G. Eliot.*
- JUNE 8—"Life is a great bundle of little things."—*O. W. Holmes.*
- JUNE 15—"An acre of performance is worth a whole land of promise."—*Howell.*
- JUNE 22—"Faults in the life breed errors in the brain."—*Cowper.*
- JUNE 29—"I would rather make my name than inherit it."—*Thackeray.*

What a blessing it is to have a happy disposition; to be able to detect the silver lining in the dark clouds sometimes surrounding us; and to know how to dispense sunshine to others, and thus brighten their way. I think such people must have a big fund of imagination; the sort of folks who are subject to brown studies and dreams, who leave the irksome duties and dingy environments to travel in spirit, and in their day-dreams bring back "Sunshafts" that brighten up their lives. Andrew Dodds must be one of those cheery individuals—a poet by nature he sees in nature all that is possible to make life bearable. His verses often appear in the "Daily Citizen"—here is a sample.

### THE SUNSHAFT.

I'm here, in a city office pent,  
When athwart my ledger a sunshaft falls;  
For me a wireless message sent  
From the great, green woods where the black-  
bird calls.

I see green fields in a sweet May moon  
Lying broad-bosomed in the sun,  
And I hear the lark's wild throbbing tune,  
And my years in the city are all undone.

And I'm down where the tapering poplars rise,  
And I see the swallows about the mill;  
And I laugh aloud to the open skies  
As I cross the ford and go up the hill.

And I'm on again by the woodland track,  
And the cuckoo calls from somewhere near;  
And I hear a gruff voice at my back,  
And I'm back again in my office here.

ANDREW DODDS.

We women may be, and ought to be, sunshafts all the time. What would the men do without us? or if we were constantly grumpy how unpleasant for them and ourselves too. Have you noticed the different sorts of women you meet in a day? If not do so. It will be as good as a mirror and certainly help you to regulate your own affairs.

What must it be like to be always with a nagging woman, "witter! witter! witter!" over every little thing until her face says "nagger" to you; or a doleful, sorrowful woman who never forgets death days, funerals, sicknesses, sees impending trouble in every sign of pain, a face that says woe is me! woe! woe! Lively isn't it? To think of seeing that 365 days every year is enough to make a man elope with his neighbour. Then there is the woman who minds everybody's business except her own. Talk and gossip and tattle, whose face gradually assumes the narrow profile, thin nose, perky lips, and through her glasses she is looking for things which never mean good to others. One pities her. How refreshing to meet a healthy, high souled woman who has a grip on life and its duties which at once make her an example for others. She inspires to imitation, fires you with an enthusiasm for usefulness, and acts generally as a tonic. She is the woman who would say, "I must do my share in keeping the home going," and, if capable of following a business, would do so if necessary. There is nothing like work for keeping people up to the mark, and good honest labour in any profession is to be regarded as valuable to both worker and master. We women have much to do to prepare ourselves for the great business of the world, to take rightful place therein, and prove ourselves capable citizens. This always begins at home. Read the following:

### HINTS.

A sad little girl sat under a tree.  
"I'm so lonely, so lonely, so lonely!" sighed she;  
"Oh, why won't somebody play with me?"  
But no one came but a green froggie.  
"Doncher grump, doncher grump, doncher  
grump!" said he.  
The sad little girl sat under the tree.  
"But what shall I do to be gay?" sighed she.  
"I wish somebody would please tell me!"  
And no one did—but a bumblebee.  
"Be bizzee, be bizzee, be bizzee!" said he.  
Rebecca D. Moore.

A happy home is the greatest compensation for outside worries that I know. The heart can unburden there and be sure of a sympathetic hearing. Plans for the future and the carrying out of our ideals receive their first impulse and recognition in the home.

The homebirds look to the making of the nest and line it with their thoughts of love and care for others, and there is no happier time in the lives of married people than when the children come. Children's voices in the home are true music to their parents.

This is true to nature as is shown in the following little poem by Andrew Dodds.

#### THE ROBIN'S NEST.

What do you think I found to-day  
When wand'ring in the wood?  
The cosy nest of a wee redbreast,  
Full of a gaping brood.  
And where d'you think the nest was in,  
With its young ones gaping wide?  
An old, old kettle of rusty tin  
That lay upon its side.  
And oh it made such a sweet wee home,  
With the ivy trailing round,  
And woodbine o'er, and its little door  
One step up from the ground.

ANDREW DODDS.

## Bluebell Guild.

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

MY DEAR BLUEBELLS,

I do hope all of you have spent a most enjoyable Whitsuntide.

I know most boys and girls look forward very longingly for Whitsuntide to come, perhaps more than they do for Christmas, and all its festive joys, because it is customary, at Whitsuntide for parents to make special efforts to cloth their boys in new suits, and girls in new dresses etc., when they look as clean and prim as a "New Penny."

But if it chanced to be a wet Whitsuntide, and mother says Mary cannot have on her new dress, nor John his new suit, then the weather suddenly looks more gloomy and miserable than ever, and tear drops of keen disappointment suddenly start into the eyes and mingle with the rain drops. Beautiful sunny faces are spoiled with little "fisses" rubbing weeping eyes. And, oh! dear, how it did rain on the Friday before Whit-Sunday, and how it made people grumble about the wet weather. It made my heart ache at the thought of your disappointment. And then it suddenly ceased to rain, and the warm sunshine made everything look so fresh and clean, for the grass, trees, and flowers, looked so green and fresh after their bath; the birds sang, and the sparrows greeted each other on the house tops with a "jim, jim," and I felt so delighted that I clapped my hands for joy, and said how glad I was that my Bluebells would be able to wear their new dresses and pretty hats, and have their Lyceum processions, and then play in the fields, and feast on milk and buns, and race and romp and skip, and play in the green fields.

And I thought how the fine weather also meant similar joys and pleasures for other boys and girls who are not members of our Guild, but we wish them happiness just the same.

I wonder how many of my dear Bluebell Guild members thanked their mothers for all the loving care, and anxiety she had bestowed on the problem of how best to cloth her boys and girls so that they might look nice for Whitsuntide? And how many gave mother a kiss, and how many pairs of arms twined round mother's neck and gave her a "squeeze" as a token of love and gratitude? These are little things which don't cost a half-penny, but oh! they are so precious to mother's loving heart.

Do you ever think about the many sacrifices mothers make for their children? I am glad to learn people are beginning to think more about their mothers, and are agreeing to have a "Mothers' Sunday." The good people of America have fixed on the second Sunday in May, and their House of Parliament where they make the Laws, have passed a Law dedicating the second Sunday in May each year as "Mothers' Day." The Lyceums in America had a special programme for "Mothers' Day." Perhaps our Editor will arrange for all our Lyceums to have a special programme next year. The following are the rules to be observed:

To wear a white flower as a token of love and respect for mother; to visit her, if possible; to write her a letter expressive of love; if she has passed away, to place a single white flower such as a narcissus or carnation upon her grave, and give a few minutes for reflection, and call up thoughts of mother, treasure her memory, and pray for a deeper reverence and kind regard, and see where we stand in mother's estimation.

These rules are for grown up people, but I would like all members of the Bluebell Guild to follow them in future as they will "promote gentleness, kindness, and good behaviour," which are the Objects our Guild stands for.

Miss Connie Brown of Kingston-on-Thames Lyceum has written me a nice letter, in which she encloses a number of new members. While thanking Miss Brown for her good wishes, we bespeak a hearty welcome for the new members.

#### KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

- 3414 Miss Kate Bowskill.
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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.

We devote much space of this issue to the proceedings of the Lyceum Conference, which is now a matter of history. We beg to tender our thanks to Mr. Thomas H. Wright, the Minutes Secretary to the Conference, for his official report of the business proceedings which we are able to present to our readers.

The local friends, both Society and Lyceum, worked hard to make the occasion a success, and provide every comfort for the delegates. The catering was all that could be desired, both Saturday and Sunday.

We are able to give our readers the full text of the children's Welcome on the Sunday morning, but we are unable to reproduce the pretty picture they made on the rostrum.

Last month we offered a few remarks on the Sheffield Lyceum District Council Examination Scheme, and the nature of the subjects set the students at the April examination. This month we are able to present our readers with a copy of one of the student's (a girl) efforts, by which they will be able to judge of the good educational work that is being done.

Other centres are also doing good work on educational lines. The Syllabuses before us of the Glasgow Liberty Group of the Berkeley Street Lyceum; the Nelson Lyceum Liberty Group; and the Leeds Study Group are all excellent. "To each according to his needs, from each according to his capacity," is the excellent motto on the Nelson Syllabus.

Another feature of Lyceum activity comes from Newcastle-on-Tyne, Rutherford Street. The Hon. Sec., Mr. G. S. Dawson, sends us a card of the "runs" arranged for Saturdays and Wednesdays, from April to September, of their Cycling and Rambling Club. We trust they will adopt the Clarion Scouts' scheme

of holding short open-air meetings and so spread our teachings. Our hymn sheets containing silver chain, golden chain recitations, and a musical reading, along with the import of the hymns would form handy matter on which to speak and invite the attention of the people. This was one of the plans intended for the Peace Brigade had it met with the support hoped for.

The Society and Lyceum at Earby are going ahead. They have recently moved from their hall in Aspen Lane, into a larger hall situated in Green-end Avenue. Although a young Lyceum Mr. Clark readily disposes of three dozen copies of the LYCEUM BANNER monthly. We wish them continued success.

We have had the rare pleasure of an interview with the American indefatigable Lyceum Advocate, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, the able Editor of *The Progressive Thinker*, Chicago. We found our good friend and co-worker as full of enthusiasm and projects to promulgate the Lyceum Cause in the United States of America as ever. We trust she may long be spared to champion the Lyceum Cause in the land of its origin.

*The International Psychic Gazette* for May contains an excellent portrait of Mr. J. J. Morse, Editor of the *Two Worlds*, and past President of the Lyceum Union, along with a Phrenological Delineation by Prof. J. Millott Severn, who contributed a series of articles to the LYCEUM BANNER on Phrenology some four or five years ago. The same issue also contains a portrait and sketch of Dr. J. M. Peebles, and an article from the doctor's pen on Theology, Reincarnation, and Karma. Study Groups will find the contents of the May issue highly edifying.

Perhaps the following question, sent by a Lyceum Secretary will find a sympathetic echo in the bosoms of other secretaries, and so we give it here, with the reply, for their guidance. The name is withheld.

Dear Sir,

"If it would be no bother to you would you explain Rule No. 3 to me. My Special Report (he had, also, one marked Ordinary Report.—Editor) did not exceed 120 words, and I cannot understand why you have not put it in the LYCEUM BANNER, Yours etc."

Editor's Reply :

By "Special Report," is meant a report that contains more than 120 words, and the writer is willing to pay for the extra words. If a correspondent sends on two Lyceum Reports for one month, whose combined words are more than 120 they are treated as one report, and all extra words are charged for at the rate as stated in Rule 3.

PENDLETON (Ford Lane).—I am pleased to report steady progress at our Lyceum. Our conductor, Mr. Lilliot, has again accepted office. He intends that the young Lyceumist shall have work to do, and the future of Ford Lane Lyceum is now certainly in the hands of the young ones under our Conductor's guardian care. I trust that each Lyceumist will have for their motto "The Workers Win," and stick to it. On May 16th we held an open day for Lyceumists, which was followed by a tea party and a social evening, and it was a huge success. The children had a free night, and the adults terminated the evening with dancing and recitations, etc.—Joseph Green, Secretary.

## THE LYCEUM RECITER.

### THE STAR THAT FELL OUT OF BED.

I saw a little star fall out  
 Of bed the other night,  
 I hope it didn't hurt itself—  
 It gave me such a fright.  
 To see it tumble all the way,  
 My heart gave quite a jump;  
 But though I saw it, plain as plain,  
 I didn't hear it bump.

I saw it fall, and thought I knew  
 The very place, but though  
 I ran to pick it up as fast  
 As ever I could go,  
 And went down on my hands and knees  
 And hunted everywhere  
 Among the gooseberry bushes and  
 The currants, 'twas not there.

I do hope someone saw it fall  
 And noticed where it fell,  
 And went and picked it up and kissed  
 The place to make it well;  
 But, Mother Stars, lest any more  
 Fall out of bed at night,  
 Be sure you don't forget to tuck  
 Your baby stars up tight.

### TWO LITTLE BOYS.

Little Don't-Know-Where-It-Is,  
 Lost 'most everything that's his;  
 Lost his ball and lost his bat,  
 Can't tell where he put his hat;  
 Had a top the other day,  
 But it's gone the self-same way;  
 Left his football on the lawn,  
 Wants it now, but lo! it's gone;  
 Thought he brought in all his toys  
 After playing with the boys,  
 But he's hunted high and low,  
 Where they are he doesn't know;  
 Had some skates and knows right where  
 They should be, but they're not there.  
 O how many woes are his—  
 Little Don't-Know-Where-It-Is!

Little Puts-His-Things-Away  
 Has no trouble, night or day;  
 Knows right where to go and look  
 For his cap upon the hook;  
 Toys are brought inside and then  
 He can find them all again;  
 Has a little attic space  
 Where his playthings are in place;  
 Always puts his things away  
 When he comes in from his play;  
 Always knows just where to look  
 For his not-quite-finished book;

When the ice comes, never wastes  
 Half a day to find his skates;  
 He gains many an hour of play—  
 Little Puts-His-Things-Away!

### ONLY A BABY!

Only a baby sweet and fair,  
 With a mass of softest golden hair,  
 A laughing mouth, a dimpled chin,  
 A heart that is pure as snow within.  
 Sent from the realms of Heaven above,  
 To bask in the joy of a mother's love.

Only a baby, who claims your care,  
 Your daily toil, and evening prayer,  
 A little soul to train aright—  
 A heart to know the meaning of right.  
 Two little feet to romp and play,  
 For thee to guide in the narrow way.

Only a baby, but, oh! so dear,  
 That the heart is chilled with the awful fear  
 That the little one may go before,  
 And tread the paths it trod of yore,  
 Before it left its rest above,  
 To bask in the joy of a mother's love.

Only a baby, a little child,  
 By turns wilful, weak, and wild;  
 But dearly beloved, despite its pranks,  
 And the care bestowed without word of thanks.  
 For the baby dwells in the mother's heart,  
 And not even death the bond can part.

### CARED FOR NOBODY.

This is the song the miller sang,  
 The selfish miller of Dee;  
 "I care for nobody, no, not I,  
 And nobody cares for me."  
 He ate and drank, and worked and slept,  
 Money and land had he,  
 But never a poorer mortal slept  
 Than the selfish miller of Dee.

So he lived alone, he had no kin;  
 And in all the countryside  
 There wasn't a mortal cared a pin  
 Whether he lived or he died.  
 The women gave him never a smile,  
 The men had nothing to say,  
 No friend ere crossed his garden stile,  
 No stranger wished him good-day.

To share our life is to double our life;  
 And what if it double its care?  
 Loving can lighten the hardest strife,  
 Loving can make it fair.  
 Better to love, though love should die,  
 Than say, like the miller of Dee,  
 "I care for nobody, no, not I,  
 And nobody cares for me."

LILLIE E. BARR.

## For the Boys.

Conducted by Geo. Fred Knott.

MY DEAR CHUMS,

As there is very little space for our portion of the "Banner" this month, I am content to give a few hidden names of prominent workers in the Lyceum Movement for your solution. Here they are. Send your answers to the address below.

- (1) I call at hamlets to spread the cause.
- (2) The men row energetically, because the boat is keeling over.
- (3) My visit to the socialistic town of Milwalkee lingers long in my memory.
- (4) The tiled wards of the Hornsea Cripples Home are very clean.
- (5) Take care of your health, especially just now.
- (6) In the green woods we found the poetical traveller resting on his kit, sonnet-writing.

Here is the answer to April puzzle, No. 18; cut away the twenty-four top squares with a pair of scissors and rule a pencil mark from one corner to the opposite corner. Now cut through this line with the scissors. Next take the other forty squares and count five squares along the top row of eight squares, and make a pencil mark at the end of the fifth square. Make another pencil mark at the end of the third square of the bottom row. Rule a line between these two pencil points. Cut along this line and you will then have four pieces. Place these pieces in the form of an oblong and you will be able to count sixty-five squares.

Dear Boys! never forget the angels can see everything you do.

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT,  
22, Gowers St., Rochdale.

### After Death What?

[Under this head will appear a series of spirit-communications describing some of the experiences of people on their entrance into spirit-life, which the reader may find both interesting and helpful.—Ed.]

#### SPIRITUAL ASPECT OF CLOTHING.

We have slightly referred to the spiritual counterpart of your clothing. We will now deal more fully with the matter.

We spirit people see the spiritual counterpart of your garments saturated with the magnetism of your thoughts, and as the nature of your thoughts alters the spiritual appearance of your garments, they do not long remain just as they were when you bought them; in fact, they become quite changed into the appearance of something very different by reason of the magnetism of the wearer, for this magnetism is of the nature of matter, and is radiated as naturally as flowers radiate perfume, by everyone in the flesh, and it forms itself into an oval shape around the physical body, and bears the characteristic qualities of the individual state, and in this way the magnetic state of the clothes come to represent his character

and thoughts. The magnetism which each person throws off is not necessarily created by the body alone, but the spirit is answerable for the thoughts with which it is permeated; and if these thoughts are good, the person who is affected by the magnetism is influenced for good. Thus, clothes in the spirit world serve the double purpose of clothing the spirit body and indicating the spiritual state of the person wearing them. To a spirit who is on the same spiritual plane of progress as the one in earth life, the clothes appear just as fresh and pretty as they do to you, because he sees the actual counterparts of the clothing—silk or cotton, broad cloth or shoddy, as the case may be; this is owing to the law of affinity of conditions. This may be difficult for you to understand. But it is equally difficult for you to understand why one beerified person cannot smell another one in a similar state, nor a smoker smell another smoker, nor yet the more common fact that two persons who have partaken of strong-flavoured food, such as onions, cannot smell each other, such may be said to be in affinity in their physical state. The same law holds good in the spiritual state. But to a spirit who is advanced *beyond* the conditions of the one we have been speaking of, the latter's clothes merely show that he is in a certain spiritual condition. The original garments may be costly and rich, but the wearer, if impoverished in good thoughts and feelings towards mankind, will appear to the observer as being enveloped in rags, and not beautifully attired as *you* see him. Every evil thought, every envious feeling, every greedy impulse, every practice of deception, every burst of anger, and every wrong done against another tends to give the spirit's clothing the appearance of rags, no matter what the quality of the earthly garments. By this you will see the spirit world's value of people is not that of worldly position, or worldly possessions, but the amount of kindly acts, good deeds, and generous feelings that are daily indulged in. These facts are of vital importance to humanity in general, and Spiritualists in particular. For being a Spiritualist does not indicate that your spiritual nature is refined. Knowing that spirit people can communicate with you is no passport to their presence in spirit life. Advocating the claims of Spiritualism will not aid you in the least, unless you refine your spiritual nature on the lines indicated. With this slight digression we will return to the consideration of personal magnetism.

This magnetism, being in the nature of matter, permeates not only your clothing, but the articles you handle, so that the psychometrist who is sensitive to its presence and nature can tell the history of a ring, watch, pencil case, gloves, etc., by merely handling the articles. It also permeates the furniture and walls of your homes where you live. Since all minds do not agree in thought, so also the magnetism which different people throw off does not always blend. Some persons have a magnetism that is particularly inharmonious to others, and both persons feel uncomfortable in the other's presence, and if compelled to remain there, the weaker and more sensitive of the two must ultimately suffer in health of body and mind.

#### THE POWER OF GOOD THOUGHTS.

As the thoughts of the mind tinge the magnetism

which the body radiates, and this affects other persons who are present, you will readily see how good or harm may be done to such persons according to the manner in which they harmonise with the latter's thoughts, or the reverse. Thus you see how advisable it is to keep your thoughts pure—and the same obligation lies upon us spirit people—in order that you may not be the means of doing injury to others. On the other hand, it is equally true that a man may unconsciously do a considerable amount of good in the world by simply living a good life, and thus influencing others, not only by his example, but also by his personal magnetism, which is beneficial to the morally diseased with whom he comes in contact. An equal amount of good may be done by a man who leads a pure life in the midst of the impure, as by one who gives away thousands of pounds in charity. One bestows spiritual benefits, and the other material benefits.

### PEACE ON EARTH TO MEN OF GOOD WILL. NATIONAL SERVICE.

Addressing a large meeting at Merthyr on May 1st, Mr. J. Keir Hardie made the following remarks concerning National Service:—

“To-day there was a good deal of talk about national service, which meant that every healthy young man would be trained how to use arms. **Surely there were higher forms of national service than learning the art of wholesale murder.** (Loud applause.) If he wanted to perform national service, and had the power of a dictator, he would get for every man, woman and child a security of the necessaries of life. (Applause.)

**The highest form of national service was not military service, but social service.** If it was right to compel persons to join the Army to defend the homes and lives of capitalists, then they could strike to compel every workman to join the army of Labour to fight for better times and better conditions, and for the time when they and their children would enter into their inheritance. (Loud applause.)”

### GERMAN WORKERS' MESSAGE TO ENGLAND.

#### “WE STAND FOR PEACE.”

To-day's, May 1st, was the most imposing Labour Day demonstration that has ever taken place in Hamburg. In brilliant weather the huge procession started punctually at one o'clock. It took three and a half hours to pass a given point. Over 300,000 men and women took part in it, making with interested spectators almost half a million. All the trades of the city were fully represented, even the domestic servants, and shop assistants and clerks. A great impression was made upon the public at the mass meeting at Steilshop, near Hamburg. Many speeches were delivered in favour of better conditions for the workers, and against the armaments policy of the Government.

Two resolutions were unanimously carried. The first was in favour of an eight-hour day, the second against increased armaments and the exploitation of the masses. “**We stand,**” the resolution declared,

“for international peace, especially for friendship with England and France.”

*Daily Citizen*, May 2nd.

### In Memoria.

Ordinary intimations will be inserted as follows:—  
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BRADFORD. (Otley Rd.) In loving memory of Mrs. Hale, wife of D. W. Hale, who passed to the higher life June 25th, 1912.

Though we lay beneath the ground  
The form of mother dear,  
We know her spirit hovers round,  
And mingles with us here.  
Her home may be in heaven above,  
Yet oft to us below,  
She will return to breathe her love,  
The angels (have) told us so.

Mr. Hale and family, 80, Cartwright Terr. Bradford.

ACCRINGTON. (China St.) Passed to the higher life Mr. Frank A. Thompson, whose mortal remains were interred on May 15th, Mr. Ormerod Officiating.  
R. Ashworth, Secretary.

JARROW. Passed to the higher life on April 23rd, Eliza, the beloved wife of Arthur Graham, late of London. Interred at Jarrow Cemetery on April 27th. The procession was headed by the Lyceumists and a large number of Spiritualists and friends followed. She was an ardent worker in the Lyceum, and will live in the memory of all who knew her.

Mrs. Poole, Secy.

GLASGOW. (Berkeley St.) It is with the deepest regret I have to announce the transition to the higher life, on May 14th, of Mr. T. Scott, one of our esteemed Conductors.

C. Roehead.

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[We are urgently requested to print the following copy of the Examination Paper that has gained the greatest number of marks in the examination held on Thursday, April 3rd, 1913, time, 7-30 to 9-30. The "Lyceum Banner" begs to congratulate both the Board of Management and the Student.—Editor, L.B.]

SHEFFIELD SPIRITUALISTS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

EDUCATION SCHEME.

Candidate's full name—Helena Appleby.

Candidate's full address—16, Birdwell Road, Grimesthorpe, Sheffield.

Name of Lyceum—Attercliffe. Grade—Ordinary.

Examination Officials—Ernest W. Oaten, H. J. Webster.

No. 4.—Give a brief idea of the Nebular Hypothesis.

Nebulae are great masses of molten gaseous matter and there are thousands of them in space, some, perhaps, covering millions of miles. Whilst a nebula is revolving on its axis, large portions of gaseous matter are trying to separate from the rest and when centrifugal force is thrown off, and, at a certain distance from the parent nebula, revolves on its own axis and also revolves round the parent nebula. These are known as planets, while minor bodies which revolve round planets are called moons. This is exactly how our earth was formed, it being thrown off the sun at a distance of 93 million miles, while in an incandescent state, and therefore it revolves round our sun at the rate of once each year.

9.—Write a short account of the Mineral Kingdom.

To give a clear account of the mineral kingdom, one must first study the Nebular Hypothesis, which I have before explained.

When our earth was thrown off the sun it gradually commenced to cool, and also shrink; thus in cooling, the outer parts began to harden and form a crust, leaving the inside hot. We have proof of this by the volcanic eruptions and hot springs; also this proves that the earth's crust is still hardening, as the eruptions are not at all frequent as they were in olden times. As in the nebula, large portions were trying to separate from the rest, so, in the interior of our earth the molten, gaseous matter is trying to force its way through the earth's crust, and if there is a weak part in the crust it makes a volcanic eruption; if otherwise, the matter gradually solidifies, making what is known as a mineral vein. The first parts of our earth to cool were the poles, and it is probable that life began there.

No. 3.—What was the reason and purpose of A. J. Davis opening the Lyceum in New York?

The Spiritualist Sunday Schools, or Lyceums, as they are called, were formed by Andrew Jackson Davis for the upliftment of humanity.

A. J. Davis was a great spirit seer, and he saw spirit children going through their lessons in the Spirit World, doing their marches and calisthenics, etc., thus seeing such beautiful things, and knowing the way children in the Summerland were taught, that he was inspired to impart his knowledge to those on this earth plane, that they may be enlightened and educated in a like manner. He therefore opened Lyceums, and they have spread widely in almost every country on this globe.

The Lyceum is to promote harmony, and where harmony reigns, it must be Heaven; so the Lyceum is to bring Heaven upon earth. It also teaches us that we are all brothers and sisters, that we must do to others as we would that they should do to us, and with this feeling in our hearts we must indeed make the world better for our having been in it. This, then, is the mission which A. J. Davis has carried by introducing Lyceums, and so we can speak highly of him, for the world will also in the near future speak of him with great reverence. The Lyceum teachings also tell us that there is no death, but one continued existence, through which we progress higher and higher, bringing out the Godlikeness within us.

No. 12.—Is Spiritualism a Religion?

Spiritualism is a religion, for anything which helps to bring out the man's true worth and to make him live a good life is religion. This is precisely what Spiritualism does. First, it rids us of the fear of death, for we know our friends still

live, for we have great proof, as they make their presence known in various ways. It also teaches us to live as near to God as we possibly can, and this is the highest ideal of the Spiritualist. Spiritualism has no creeds or dogmas, but it accepts any true word spoken, for truth is everlasting, but its principles are Personal Responsibility, the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and Compensation and Retribution for the Good or Evil Done on Earth.

No. 5.—Write a short account of two of the following:—Joan of Arc, Bruno, Socrates, Galileo, and Buddha.

Buddha was the son of an Indian King. He was born 500 years B.C. He was known as Guatama until he became the Enlightened One, and he was the 25th Buddha. About ten years after his marriage, he gave up his throne and set off on his quest for peace. He thought that self-sacrifice and meditation were good for peace, so he lived the life of a hermit, and also fasted. When he was worn out by fasting, and had to take to his proper food, his disciples forsook him, but he conquered his grief and began to preach to the people. He claimed that he knew the cause of sorrow, and the cure for it, and that all his teachings he got by his own reason and intuition. He lived long enough to see his teachings spread all over India, and he fully believed in another life beyond the tomb.

Galileo was a scientist. He discovered the ring of Saturn, the Satellites of Jupiter, and spots on the sun. He also introduced thermometers, magnets and telescopes. He was brought before the State and made to contradict his own theory, namely, the superiority of the Copernican theory over the Ptolemaic, but after his trial he arose saying: It (the earth) does move, nevertheless.

No. 8.—Give a short account of the earliest types of man.

The first man known was the Java man, who had very little or no clothing, and who lived in caves. He was far more animal than human, having large features and very little brain capacity. He killed the animals he fed on with the rudest weapons he could find in the shape of stones. Next came the Paleolithic man, who had a little more intelligence than the Java man, for he made his weapons of flint and stone, but little is known of him either, for seldom are man's bones found as fossils, only the weapons have been left behind, together with the bones of animals, which have been found in stalagmite caves, which give us an idea of the time in which they lived. Of course, as time went on, man became more intelligent, and so the Neolithic who came next made knives and forks, and other useful things out of horns and bones of animals. He also made needles out of bone, and their weapons were made of flint, bound by the skin of animals. He was evidently a farmer, too, for grains of corn have been found in old earthenware pots. So we go on as time advances with beings more intelligent than the last, until we get, step by step, to the present age.

## SPECIAL REPORTS.

Under this heading, Lyceums whose reports exceed 120 words, may have them inserted in full by enclosing 6d. for every extra nine words.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, April 27th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, when we had as speaker Mrs. Jessy Greenwood. In the morning we held an ordinary session, concluding with one or two recitations. In the afternoon the session was repeated, and Mrs. Greenwood distributed prizes, giving each recipient an inspiring message, after which recitations and musical items again brought an interesting session to a close. In the evening a dialogue welcoming Mrs. Greenwood and visitors was nicely recited by seven little Lyceumists. Mrs. Greenwood then gave a most encouraging address, while the service was considerably brightened by Lyceumists rendering special songs and quartettes. The items throughout the day were contributed by the following:—Recitations, Ada, Evelyn, Amelia and Lena Elliot, Florrie and Alice Smith, Doris Briggs, Edith Herrot, Rosie Phillips, Ethel Calow, Ethel Wale, Florrie Marsh, Harry Morley, Jeannie Driver, Lillie Marriot, and wee Rene Marriot. Piano-forte solos, Horace Cartledge and Hilda Welch. Violin solo, Ernest Hobster. We feel greatly encouraged by Mrs. Greenwood's visit.—Edwin Widdowson, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SPIRITUAL ALLIANCE (Bentinck Rd.). On Sunday, May 4th, a most successful and enjoyable Open

Session was held, there being a record attendance for an Open Session. Solos were very ably rendered by the Misses M. Holt, M. Straw and M. Woodward; recitations by M. Purdy, F. Stanley, E. Farneth and Geo. Garratt. During the session the little son of Mr. F. Jarvis, our assistant conductor, was very ably dedicated (Frederick Edward, Peace being given as a spirit name) by Miss Swadden and the Lyceum, for this reason one of our members having special marches given by the spirit people, forming the word "Love" in their marching; also the Crescent March, in which position they stood for the dedication, singing at the commencement "Open the door for the children," and at the close an anthem entitled "Sweetly sing the Children." Marching and calisthenics being done up to our usual standard, the best. A few remarks from Mrs. Mycroft, of Burton, and Mr. Ashworth, brought a very successful session to a close.—A. H. Coles, Secretary.

**SOUTH SHIELDS** (South Eldon Street).—The above Lyceum was opened on May 4th at 2-30 p.m., by Mr. Wm. Woodall, Conductor, assisted by Mesdames Young and Bell; Messrs. Clift, Palmer, and also Mr. Davies, Secretary, Tyne-side Lyceum District Council. Opening hymn "Open the door for the Children;" invocation by Conductor; S.C.R. 29, "Think gently of the erring," led by Mr. Clift; M.R. 211, "Be kind to others," led by Mrs. Bell; G.C.R. 148, "The Origin of the Lyceum," led by Mr. Palmer. Ella Woodall recited some texts; Florrie Parker, solo, "When he Cometh;" Isabella Woodall, solo, "The Happy Spirit Land;" Florrie Henderson recited, "The Spirit Sailor Boy;" Eliza Woodall, solo, "No Night There." Mesdames Young and Bell, Mr. Clift, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Davies spoke encouraging words concerning the Lyceum. The following were elected: Guardian, Mrs. Bewick; Treasurer, Mrs. Parker; Organist, Mr. Solomon; Leaders, Mr. Hogg and Miss E. Woodall. Number present, 6 adults, 30 children, and 14 visitors.—Wm. Woodall, Conductor and Secretary.

## Correspondence.

Dear Sir.—According to our delegates' report of Conference proceedings, there was a statement made by *Mr. Knight* (who accompanied Mrs. Bentley on her official visit as D.V. on May 4th), to the effect that we had more scholars on our books than we had paid for. This is quite true, as we have made great progress since February. The returns sent in were correct for the year ending December, 1912. I think it is very unfair for such statements to be made before making enquiries at the proper places, and by the proper person (the D.V.), and I am sure it is very discouraging to workers who have proved to be very energetic in their endeavours to build up a Lyceum, which a few months ago was in danger of becoming extinct. I am very much surprised that one of our delegates did not get up and challenge the statement.—Yours fraternally,

T. MYATT, Conductor, Openshaw Lyceum.

23, Eleanor Street, Droylesden.

### LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held on June 28th and 29th, at York. The business meeting will be held at 3-30 on June 28th at High Ousegate Rooms. Will all Lyceums in the Council please make an effort to be represented, as business of an important nature will be transacted. On Sunday, June 29th, the three Lyceums in York will unite for massed open sessions, morning and afternoon. The evening service will be conducted by delegates to the Council in the High Ousegate Rooms. Will delegates requiring accommodation for Saturday night please write to the Secretary as soon as possible.—A. Hesp, Secretary.

### LIVERPOOL LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting will be held at the Victoria Assembly Rooms, Seacombe, at 3-0 p.m., Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Tea will be supplied at 6d. each to all who wish to attend.

Sunday services: Open Session at 2 p.m. Evening services conducted by delegates.

Saturday's Agenda: (a) Session Competition; (b) request that Lyceums in the District pay 1/- per annum towards the maintenance of the above D.C.; (c) that judge or judges receive their travelling expenses to the quarterly meetings of the above D.C.; (d) Conference.

The seventh annual picnic will be held at Gateacre (Cheshire Lines Railway), on Saturday, June 28th. Tea will be supplied to adults at 9d. each, and children 6d. each.

Tea tickets may be obtained from any of the Lyceum Secretaries in the "District," or from the undersigned. Will Lyceums who are not able to attend as a body please note that individual Lyceumists and visitors are equally welcome.

Pavilion in case of rain. Ask for Jellicoe's, Vernon Lodge, Haleswood Place, Gateacre.—George A. Mack, Secretary.

### SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council will hold its next quarterly meeting on Sunday, June the 1st, in the Rotherham Spiritual Church, (Percy Street).

The officers of the Council would like all Lyceums in the District to be well represented; the Council will take services all day. An important agenda will be discussed. Business to commence at eleven o'clock.—C.H.S.

## An Appeal.

### IN AID OF THE LYCEUM BRASS BAND.

TO THE EDITOR—*Dear Sir*—The Hirst Lyceum is starting a Brass Band, the first Lyceum or Spiritualist Band in the World, to be called The Hirst Lyceum Band. May we count on your co-operation, and would you open a subscription list in the Banner towards buying the instruments? We have over a dozen musicians in the Lyceum now, and plenty more are willing to learn. May we appeal to all friends to send subscriptions, no matter how small, P.O.'s., or Stamps to George Roy, Hon. Sec. Hirst Lyceum, 83, Beatrice St., Hirst, Ashington, via Morpeth.

## 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 May 23rd.

**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, June 25th, to ensure insertion in the July 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).—An Open Session took place on May 4th. A splendid attendance. Mrs. Fazakerly named the baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. Birch, Harold Clifford, spirit name, Sunflower. "Open the door for the Children" being sung. Solos by Mrs. Chambers and Miss N. Ormerod; duet by R. Ashworth and Miss Crabtree. Splendid session throughout, our old conductor having recovered from a long illness.—R. Ashworth.

**BLACKBURN** (St. Peter Street).—On Sunday morning, April 27th, we had Mr. Elliott, adjudicator, and Miss Baldwin, District Visitor, with us, and in spite of the inclemency of the weather we had a very good session. In the afternoon we held our Open Session, attendance good. Marching, calisthenics, and rod drills were nicely gone through. Recitation was given by Miss E. Martin; solo by Mrs. Derbyshire. Pearls were also good. We had with us about 25 of the Conference delegates for special business. In the evening Mr. Will Edwards, Mr. Hargreaves, Mr. Moorey, and Mr. Pickles gave short addresses. There was also the naming of a baby, earth name,

Richard Ashden, spirit name, Light. Mrs. Pickles had the pleasure of naming the baby.—J. Savage, Secretary.

**BOLTON** (Bradford Street).—On May 17th our Society gave a farewell social to Mr. Lowe, their late Treasurer. The following took part: Songs, Mr. Dowling, Mrs. Crompton, and Miss Parkinson. Recitation, Mr. Hulme; Duet, Misses Crompton and Tylesley; piano, Mr. Ridings. Mr. Batten made a presentation on behalf of the Society to Mr. Lowe. Miss Metcalfe, on behalf of the Lyceum, to son and daughter of the above, J. E. and Gladys Lowe. A good evening finished up by singing "Auld Lang Syne," and cheers for Mr. Lowe and family. On Sunday, 18th, our Open Session was held, speaker, Mrs. Greenwood. Recitations, musical readings by Lyceumists and Mrs. Greenwood. A good number present. We keep losing Lyceumists by emigration.—William Flanagan, Secretary.

**BRADFORD** (Tong Street).—We had a very successful Open Session on Sunday, May 4th, Conductor, Mr. Rau, pianist, Miss Louisa Rau, when the following took part: Recitations by Master Wilfred Tuersley, Willie Wadsworth, George Worsman, and Mrs. Gomersall, a lady of 79 years. Songs from the *Manual*, Mr. Rau "Home, Sweet Home"; Mr. Fred Bilsbury, "Angel Care"; Miss Ida Fearnley, "When the rosy beams of Morning." All were listened to very attentively, but I was rather disappointed that more of our scholars did not take part. We held our Whitsuntide treat on Saturday the 17th, and had a very fair gathering. There were the usual games and some exciting races, and everybody received a prize.—Mr. Tuersley, Secretary.

**BRIGHTON** (Manchester Street).—Some brilliant sessions have been held this month. May 11th was Floral Sunday, and proved a fitting welcome to Mr. T. O. Todd (past President B.S.L.U.) who addressed us with becoming ease and grace. So delighted were we that he was pressed into service on the 18th, and promises to continue for a time. Mr. Robert Peebles Soudall also spoke. Full social programmes, far in advance of any yet previously attempted for quality and effect, have been rendered by scholars and friends under the care and guidance of Mrs. Meikle, our hard working musical conductor.—Herbert Everett, Secretary.

**BURY**.—On May 4th we held our Lyceum Open Session, which was very well attended. Mr. P. Wallace was our speaker for the day, and he gave two addresses in the afternoon and evening. Songs were given by Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Hay and Mr. Roberts. Duets by Mrs. Duckworth and Mr. Howarth, and the Sisters Henderson. A recitation was also given by Mr. Wallace, and readings by Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Gregory. We had a very enjoyable session. On Whit-Friday we took part in the annual procession of the Sunday Schools. The Bury Concertina Band led our procession. After the procession we returned to school for refreshments, which was followed by a very enjoyable afternoon spent in a field.—Edith Kaye, Secretary.

**CHADDERTON** (off Brook Street).—On Whit-Friday we had a ramble to Dog Hill Pleasure Grounds, along with Oldham (Coronation Street) Lyceumists, and we spent a pleasant time. I am sorry to report a decrease in our elders, but we still have the children, and we mean to work on their behalf, as "The Workers win."—Mrs. M. Oldfield, Secretary, pro. tem.

**CREWE** (Mill Street).—We held our anniversary services on May 18th. Mr. G. Mathieson presented the prizes for good attendances. Excellent attendance at all meetings. A good concert was arranged, the following taking part: Misses F. Wood, G. Hassall, G. Mottram, K. Owen, M. Baggally, D. Kinsey, A. Buxton, and A. Hope, and Mrs. Buxton, Messrs. E. Johnson, S. Davies, F. Homer, and J. Spencer. Messrs. E. Bibbington, G. Baggaley, D. Williams, E. Reay, and A. Smith. Misses P. and C. Gawthorne gave a fine performance of "Wanted a Wife." Miss A. Buxton also sang on Sunday evening with pleasing effect. Mr. P. Gawthorne conducted and trained the children.—M. Martin, Secretary.

**DARLINGTON** (High Northgate).—We have now removed to our new hall, which is very comfortable, but we feel a bit strange yet. On Thursday night, 15th, we had a social for adults and children, and a jolly evening was spent in games, etc. Songs were sung by Messrs. Nicholson and Park. On Sunday morning, 18th, after the session, there was a presentation to one of our members, Master Freestone, who is leaving for Canada on the 21st. Our Conductor, in presenting him with a *Lyceum Manual*, expressed the sympathy of the Lyceum at having to part with one of our oldest members, and wished him God-speed and success in his new sphere. We closed by

sing "God be with you till we meet again."—A. E. Welding, Secretary.

**DARWEN**.—We held our anniversary on May 4th. A good number were present at the Open Lyceum Session. Mr. H. G. Hey, of Halifax, was the speaker for the day. Collections just over £12. On May 5th about 120 attended a social to bid farewell to two of our Lyceum workers, Misses Bury and Hewitt, who sailed for Canada on May 16th. The social consisted of songs, recitations, games, violin solo and dancing. Refreshments were served during the evening. Mr. Harwood, on behalf of the Society and Lyceum, presented to both workers dressing and writing cases. Each suitably responded. Both were good workers in the Lyceum. Miss Bury (No. 1 conductor), and Miss Hewitt (No. 2 conductor) will be greatly missed.—J. Nightingale, Secretary.

**EARBY** (Green-end Avenue).—On Sunday, May 10th, we held our Open Session in our new hall. Readings from the *Manual* by L. Foulds, E. Swindle, Misses Ward, England, Sculthorpe, Woolf, and C. Eastwood gave suitable recitations. S. Hopkinson and B. Ward rendered a duet from the *Manual*, "Kind Words." There was not a large attendance on account of the weather being fine. Mr. G. E. Bradley was conductor, and his daughter, Anne Broadley, was organist.—J. W. Clark, Secretary.

**GREAT HARWOOD**.—We held our Open Session on Sunday. The silver chain was led by Fred Hindle, the musical reading by Louie Holt, the golden chain by Mrs. Groves. Recitations were rendered by William Thornley, Mrs. Groves, and Nora Wrigley. A solo was rendered by Mr. Baxter, with readings between each verse, read by L. Holt, Alice Anderton, and Nora Wrigley. A solo was also rendered by Master Herbert Baxter.—Miss P. Birtwistle, Secretary.

**HALIFAX** (Alma Street).—On May 4th, we held our usual Open Session, when the following took part: Recitations, Misses A. Marshall, H. Thornton, A. Thompson, and L. Burrows. Song, Miss D. Akroyd. Pianoforte solo, Miss J. Sunderland. Reading, P. Chapman. Duet, Mr. Thornton and H. Burrows. Misses J. Sunderland and L. Thornton proved able accompanists. May 18th, election of officers: Conductor, W. Burrows; Assistant Conductors, Miss E. Taylor and H. Burrows; Secretary, F. Townsend; Treasurer, H. Burrows; Musical Directors, Miss F. Taylor and J. T. Fawthorpe; Guardians, Miss E. Marshall and P. Chapman; Card Collectors, A. Chapman and E. Midgley; Librarian, A. Chapman; Leaders of Groups, Messrs. Wilby, Smedley, W. Burrows, H. Murrows, H. Holroyd, H. Slater, and Misses L. Taylor, E. Taylor, A. Burton, and E. Highley.—W. Burrows,

**JARROW** (Market Square).—On Sunday, May 18th, we held our Lyceum Sunday. There was a good attendance, both in the afternoon and evening. Mr. Davies, Secretary of the Tyneside District Council, occupied our platform, and made an earnest appeal to the parents on behalf of the children to support us in the grand work we are doing. We spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening. Mrs. Hodgson and Mr. Abbott sang a duet entitled "Open the door for the Children." Recitations by Misses Irene Wake and Ivy Hodgson, and Master Sydney Doyle sang a solo. We hope the appeal will bear fruit, and that our Lyceum will still continue to flourish.—Mrs. Poole, Secretary.

**LANCASTER** (Collegian Rooms).—On Sunday, May 4th, we held our open session. We had a large attendance, and recitations were given by our late Conductor, Mr. Dawes, Misses E. Thompson and May Askew. Solo by our ever willing nightingale, Miss L. Askew. Trio, Misses L. Kirk, E. and E. Hennady, three Lyceumists under 11 years of age. We were also favoured with the presence of our old and faithful worker, Mrs. Jewitt, who has just arrived back from Canada, after a trying illness. Mr. Kirk presented two books to Lyceumists for the best attempt at calisthenics, open to children under 10 years old. We had the conductor from the Liverpool Lyceum on May 11th.—R. Clarkson, Corresponding Secretary.

**LEICESTER** (Queen Street).—May 4th we held our anniversary services under the conductorship of Miss A. Clark, when we had Mr. T. Timson as our speaker, who gave addresses on "The work of Lyceums in the past, present, and some aspects of the future." The welcomes were given by Miss Chater, Miss Goldsmith, and Master H. Moore. Solos by Mrs. Jewitt, Miss Goldsmith, Miss Chater. Recitations by Miss E. Wicks, Masters H. Wicks and B. Veary. Afternoon, Mr. T. Timson gave the prizes to the Lyceumists. In the evening we were favoured by a short address by Mrs. Place Veary, along with our brother Mr. Timson. May 5th Mr. T. Timson gave a

lantern lecture. We had a record attendance both Sunday and Monday.—J. Wicks, Secretary.

**LITTLEBOROUGH** (Hartley Street).—On Whit-Friday we had a picnic to Heywood Park, where we spent a very enjoyable day. We had a hearty reception at the Heywood Lyceum Hall in William Street, where we had a very good tea provided by the Lyceum scholars and friends. We numbered about 35 in all.—John Crowther, Secretary.

**LIVERPOOL** (Romer Road).—On Sunday, May 4th, we held our Open Session, when readings, songs, recitations, pearls, etc., were given by the Misses Higham, Williams, Hale, and Mrs. Higham, and Messrs. Roberts, Meadam, Owens, A. Cretney, and R. Cretney. On Sunday, May 18th, Mrs. A. Bentley named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Blake. The mother has been a Lyceumist for many years, and took a very active part in our sessions. We wish our young brother George long life and happiness, that he may be a star of light in the home of his parents.—W. J. Cretney, Hon. Secretary.

**LONDON, KINGSTON-ON-THAMES**.—Our Sessions during the month have been very interesting. questions often being asked by the scholars, and I feel this to be a good sign, because when questions are asked it shows the young minds want to know. At our Open Session, 4th May, I was pleased with the whole session. Marching, calisthenics, pearls and their meanings, and individual efforts were well above the average. Our speaker was Mrs. Stockwell, and we enjoyed her talk very much. Mr. Bowskill presented the Bluebell Guild Certificates with a kindly word of advice to each new Bluebell. We had an increase in the adult attendance, who were highly delighted with the Open Session.—J. W. Humphreys, Conductor.

**LONDON, MANOR PARK**.—On April 25th Mr. Self favoured us with a lantern entertainment, the proceeds going towards the Lyceum Outing, which will take place on Saturday, June 29th. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Beecham, Miss J. Beecham, Miss Harrison, and Miss G. Harrison. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody present. On May 4th we had our monthly open session, Mrs. Beecham giving an interesting address. On May 11th individual efforts were plentiful, and the attendance was good. Mr. Harrell read an extract from the "Lyceum Banner," then gave a lesson on same. On May 18th the first part of session was conducted by Mr. Sarfas, then scholars divided into their own groups, Mr. Beecham taking Liberty Group, Mr. Puxley, Intermediate Group, and Miss Harrison, the Infants' Group.—C. Harrison, Secretary.

**LONDON, PLAISTOW** (Braemar Road).—On April 27th this Lyceum received a visit from the London District Council, and all were encouraged by the remarks given by the speakers during the Lyceum session. Mr. Smyth, the President, and Mr. Brooking, gave two very interesting addresses. Miss Morris also spoke and remarked she was pleased to note the improvement in the Lyceumists. Our District Visitor was brimming over with good advice, introducing the four-fold pledge, and urged all to form good habits. Mr. Williams also spoke in a bright and pleasing manner. This has been an eventful day for our Lyceum. Mr. and Mrs. Titmass, together with Mrs. and Mr. Askins provided tea, to whom our thanks are due. Lyceums steadily improving in attendances.—G. T. Askins, Secretary.

**SOUTH LONDON, PECKHAM** (Lausanne Hall).—On May 4th we had a real spiritual and most impressive ceremony, viz, the christening of Mr. and Mrs. Underwood's baby, performed by Mrs. Clegg, who in company with her husband delivered a most appropriate address. Mr. Symes, also another ardent worker followed, with some very interesting remarks to the children. Miss Glenny, the soloist on this occasion, sang "The Gift," which was enjoyed by all. The individual efforts and pearls was both plentiful and good. The session was followed with a tea, which was apparently enjoyed. It is hoped that the event will cause an impetus for the future progress of the Lyceum.—S. Clarkson, Secretary.

**LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD**.—This Lyceum still progresses in a gratifying manner and most enjoyable sessions are held. The scholars take a keen interest in their pearls and individual effort. On Wednesday, May 14th a most successful social was held to raise funds to take the scholars to the King's Hall Demonstration, and the following kindly contributed to the harmony: Messrs. Willmott, Powell, Travers, Travena, Lark, Miss C. Willmott, Mrs. Smith and Hilda. Miss Willmott's rendering of a piece from "Maritana" was well received, as also "Come Sing to Me,"

by Miss and Mr. Willmott. Mr. Travers made a splendid accompanist. Dancing and games were engaged in and a fine evening was closed at 11:30 with "Auld Lang Syne."—H. Watthey, Secretary.

**MANCHESTER, ARDWICK** (Maskell Street).—During the last month I have pleasure in stating that the attendances have been very good at our Lyceum. We have had several visitors which we are always pleased to see. At our trip to Middlewood on Whit-Friday we had a very nice gathering of children and elders. I feel sure everyone enjoyed the day very much. We were sorry that there was not as many elders present with us as was expected, but hope they will make up for it some future date. On May 18th at our Session we had recited to us by one of our youngest members "My Shadow," which was well appreciated. I hope that we shall improve with recitations during the coming month.—S. Sharp, Secretary.

**MANCHESTER** (Harpurhey).—On Sunday, May 4th, we held our annual Lyceum day. Ordinary session at 10:30, Open Session at 2:30; both being very well attended both by Lyceumists of our own and visitors from other Lyceums. Solos being rendered by Miss E. Smith, Miss Longworth, and Mr. Hood. Recitations by Mary Brooks, Annie Hood, Ethel Broadfield, Beatrice Allen, Emma Norris, Bella Walton, Hetty Duncan, Joe Walton, W. Chadwick, F. Lord, and T. Walton. At 6:30 our speaker, Mrs. Shearsmith, late conductor of the Crewe Lyceum (but am pleased to say now one of our own), the lesson taken being G.C. 136. After the lesson Mr. Hood sang a solo entitled, "Lend me your aid." Mrs. Shearsmith spoke on "Spiritualism and the good derived therefrom."—G. A. Hood, Secretary.

**SOUTH MANCHESTER** (Princess Hall).—We are pleased to say our morning session is progressing nicely, also to know that our Manchester Council of delegates are to hold monthly meetings, which eventually will, we trust, bring all workers closer together, and thus benefit each Lyceum. The Conference is past, and we welcome Mr. Reuben Latham again as President, wishing him and all co-workers a successful year and a rich harvest. Whit-Friday, a happy party of 43 young members, along with our Conductor, Mr. Aronovich, elders and friends, 81 in all, spent a delightful day at Marple, being well catered for at Mrs. Sutton's, Old Hall Farm. We sincerely wish that all Lyceumists have had like pleasure and a happy Whitsuntide.—Maud M. Harrison, Secretary.

**MIDDLESBROUGH**.—On Sunday, May 4th, we held our Open Session as usual. We had with us on May 11th Mr. Clare. On May 18th we had with us Mr. Aaron Wilkinson, also our former District Visitor, Mrs. Naylor. Miss Kitson took the golden chain recitation, and afterwards spoke a few words to the children on it. Mr. J. Mattock, one of our delegates to the Conference, gave us a most excellent report of the business which was carried on.—Minnie Bessant, Secretary.

**NEWCASTLE, BENWELL**.—On April 27th we held a special Open Session for the naming of Mrs. Lindridge's baby, Mrs. Thirlwell ably officiating. The baby's earthly name was Lilian, and Rose the spirit name. On May 4th we held our regular Open Session. We had a very large attendance. We went through the regular routine except the group lessons. Our speaker was Mr. Lawrence, of Heaton, who complimented the children and leaders on the splendid way in which the session was carried through, after which he gave us a very interesting lecture entitled "Be sure your transgressions will find you out." We have a very feeling letter read from an old Lyceumist who is now in Canada.—D. McCallum, Secretary.

**NEWCASTLE, HEATON**.—On Sunday, May 4th, we held our Open Session, Mr. Ronaldson conducting. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Those who gave recitations were Ralph Eke, Beatrice Eke, Nellie Scope, Joe Wooten, Willie Wooten, Lily Eke, Alice Eke, and Nellie Hetherington. Solos by Misses E. Guy, Jennie Hughes, and Mable Blair. We were pleased to have Mr. Hunter with us again. He closed with prayer.—Joseph Benn, Secretary.

**NEWCASTLE, RUTHERFORD STREET**.—Our Open Session held May 4th we had a good response from Lyceumists. Solos by Misses E. Elnos, G. A. Dawson, E. Curtis, Macfadden. Recitations, Miss A. Chambers, Miss Stokoe. Pearls, Misses E. Elnos and Clague, Masters E. Curtis, R. Finley, Mrs. Finley, and P. Wardle. Mandolin solo was given by Maggie Taylor. And then we had a presentation to sisters Miss A. and E. Chambers by the Lyceum, with two

*Manuals*, as a momento of those across the waters, and in closing our session we had hymn 341. We also held on May 12th a tea and social, which was a good one, everyone enjoying themselves and highly delighted in the manner it was carried out. Thanking those who assisted our officials in the work.—R. Wardle, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, WALLSEND.—We held our anniversary service on Sunday, May 11th. Mr. James Lawrence, of Newcastle, presiding. We had a splendid programme. Recitations were given by Alice Jackson, Margaret Carlin, Ella Robson, Annie Robson, Clara Dixon, Agnes Innes, Annie Dixon, Alice McIntosh, Lily Adams, Gertie Innes, Christina Finlay, Mary J. Pallis, Arthur Emmerson, Albert Shyffer, Robertson Jackson, Ernest Finlay, and Robert Adams. Solos were rendered by Adam Dixon entitled "Swiftly time is bearing us away," and Arthur Emmerson entitled "Open the door for the Children." We had a duet by Alice Jackson and Albert Wright, entitled "Over the River of Light," which was much appreciated. Everybody was so delighted with the efforts of the children that the Society have asked for a repetition of the programme on June 22nd.—(Miss) Annie Lawrence, Secretary.

OLDHAM (Coronation Street).—On Whit-Friday our Lyceumists, along with Chadderton Lyceumists, had a ramble to Doghill Pleasure Grounds. The afternoon was devoted to songs, games, and dancing. On Monday, May 19th, we had a ramble to Stamford Park, Ashton. We had a pleasant time together. I am pleased to report that we are still making progress. Our officers are trying to make our Lyceum one of the best in Oldham. We realise that if we want to get the best out of our scholars we shall have to give them the best education. Our LYCEUM BANNER and *Lyceum Manual* contains the best of educational teachings that we know of up to the present time. "The Workers Win."—H. Buckley.

B.S.L.U. PERTH BRANCH, LITERARY INSTITUTE (Hay Street) WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—On Sunday, April 20th, we held a Floral Dedication Service of three infants to the Higher Life, their names being Ronald Carter, Clifford Adams, and Gladys Arnold. Mrs. Mitchell officiated in a very creditable manner. All the Lyceumists present placed a flower on each child, at the same time reciting a pearl. The spirit names of the three children were Vulcan, Light, and Grace respectively. Everything passed off in a very pleasing way. The Lyceum Committee presented Mrs. Mitchell with a *Lyceum Manual*, suitably inscribed. Our Lyceum is progressing, but we have plenty of room for more members, having now one of the best halls in the city.—A. Carter, Secretary.

PONTYPRIDD (River Street).—On May 4th we held our Open Session, when the following children and adults took part: Recitations, Doris Eveleigh, Georgina James, Agnes Williams, Florrie Bowden, Willie Matthews, Stanley Bowden; solos, Dollie Snow, Alice James, and Mrs. Matthews; duets, Mrs. Rowlands and Mrs. Williams; speech by Mr. Collins; organ solo, Mr. Matthews; the whole being interspersed with selections by the choir. It was a very pleasant afternoon and the attendance was good.—S. Sweetman.

READING.—On April 27th, Miss Mason, subject, "True Heroism." A duet was sweetly rendered by Miss Connie and Florrie Brett, "Over the River of Light." May 4th, Dr. Rankin being speaker, made a few remarks upon the following subject "So say a kind word when you can." May 11th, Miss Connie Brett, subject, "Freedom." Solo, Miss Gladys Lovelock. May 18th, Miss Winnie Taylor, subject, "The Religion of Humanity." Solo, Miss Gladys Lovelock. "Favourite hymns my mother used to sing," which was rendered with much feeling. Papers given during the last few months have been of excellent merit, showing clearly that we have good talent among our own members. The progress all round is very encouraging and satisfactory.—S. Wm. Taylor, Secretary.

ROCHDALE (Regent Street).—On Sunday, May 4th, we had a splendid Open Session, Miss Alice Hesp, of Leeds, was the speaker. In the afternoon she gave an address on "Friendship," and in the evening she conducted the G.C.R. "A Ladder of Light." Pearls were given by Ivy Brown, A. R. Spencer, A. Isherwood, Mr. Cowen, G. and L. Dean, W. and A. Lilley, E. and J. Firth, and T. Rainor; Recitations were said by Emma Firth, entitled, "Grammar"; John Firth gave Shakespeare's "Mark Antony's Oration in Julius Caesar"; Winnifred Lilley, "The Mole and the Lizard"; and Arthur Lilley, a little boy six years old, recited "The Pear Tree," which received a hearty encore, and recited by request "A Windy Night." A solo was also sung by Miss Emma Holt. Mr. James Martin was the pianist; and the marching and calis-

thenics were conducted by Mr. George Jenkinson and Mrs. Frank Brown. Ned Lord conducted the session.—John Firth, Secretary.

ROTHERHAM.—On May 4th we rendered a service of song entitled, "Ministering Spirits," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, but was not as well attended as we should have liked it to have been. One of our Lyceumists, Francis Harrad, had the misfortune to be knocked down by a motor car on Saturday, May 17th, and is now lying in the Rotherham Hospital. We all extend our sympathy and love to our unfortunate sister, and all wish for a speedy recovery so that she will be able to take her place again our Lyceum. We are having the Sheffield Lyceum District Council with us on Sunday, June 1st, when we hope all will have a good time together.

SHEFFIELD, HEELEY.—On Sunday, May 4th, we held our usual Open Session, with an attendance of about 90 Lyceumists. Recitations and solos were given by a good number of members. We were also favoured with a visit from Mrs. Chapman, our speaker for the day, who gave some encouraging remarks, both to Lyceumists and officers. On Whit-Monday we held our usual outing, about 100 children and parents journeying to Greenhill. During the day games were indulged in. After tea we all journeyed back to the Society's room, where further games and oranges and biscuits were distributed to the children. We brought the day to a close at nine o'clock, when all expressed that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were all tired out.—George H. Magness, Secretary.

STOCKTON.—On May 4th we had an Open Session, which was very well attended. I am pleased to say that we have a few more adults in our Liberty Group. Recitations were given by Mrs. Christopher, L. Harrison, Lily Williams, and Hilda Jones. Pearls, Mrs. Christopher and Hilda Jones. Solo by Mr. Christopher. Mr. Brown gave some encouraging remarks to the Lyceum, which was greatly appreciated.—H. H. Westbrook, Secretary.

STOCKPORT (Lyceum Church).—Our Annual Prize Distribution took place on Saturday, May 3rd, preceded by a Jumble Sale. It was our first since we had become our own controllers. The prizes were distributed by Mr. Bateson, who has supported us financially for many years. Our Conductor pleaded for support, ably supported by Mr. Brown, our President; also Mr. Bateson, who gave a reminiscent speech of his training as scholar and teacher in the orthodox. The prizes were restricted to Lyceumists under 14 years of age. The books were kindly given and subscribed by elder Lyceumists and friends. We trust that the children will repay by supporting with their endeavours and presence.—J. Marston.

SUNDERLAND (Derwent Street).—On Tuesday, May 20th, we held a coffee supper, at which about 80 persons attended. The evening was spent in a social manner, dancing and games being indulged in. Several of the Lyceumists contributed to the programme. All the officers assisted to make the evening a success. Mrs. Elliott presided and Messrs. R. Short and H. McCluney were the accompanists. A most enjoyable evening was spent. I am pleased to report progress in the work of our Lyceum. We have with us the conductor of the late Lyceum in Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. We all appreciate his efforts to build up a strong Lyceum in this town.—E. Kelly, Secretary.

TODMORDEN, PATMOS.—On Sunday, May 4th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. At 10.30 we held an Open Session, when the following scholars gave an interesting programme. Miss Cissie Clapham recited, "Father Gilligham." Miss Firth, song; Miss Jones, song. Miss B. Lee and Miss L. Sutcliffe, duet. Mr. A. J. Scholfield, reading, "The coming of Spring." At 2.30 we had the service of song "Rest at Last," rendered by the scholars. The reading should have been given by Mrs. Thompson, of Accrington, but owing to family illness she was unable to come. Her place was ably filled by Mrs. Henley, of Manchester, who also gave a good address at the evening service. The collections realized £5 10s. as against £4 18s. last year.—Frank Pratt, Secretary.

WAIHI, NEW ZEALAND.—We held our annual election of officers on April 7th, the following being elected: Miss Winnie Morton, Conductor; Mr. R. R. Lewis, Assistant Conductor; Miss Blanche Grange, Secretary and Treasurer; Master Ralph Lewis, Librarian; Miss Chambers, Musical Conductor. At our Open Session recitations and pearls were given by the children. Master Norman Morton, aged 5, recited his piece very well for one so young.—Miss Blanche Grange.