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Lyceum Banner Portrait Gallery.

Mr. C. BARRINGTON,
Tottenham Lyceum, London.

Mr. Barrington is one of the many thinkers who, born and reared in Christianity, have found in Spiritualism something inspiring and satisfying which the old orthodoxy had failed to supply, and, throwing off all mental and spiritual shackles, embraced the new religion of liberty with an ardour which manifested in progressive effort and devoted labour. Born in Salford, from an early age he attended the Wood Street Mission Hall in Manchester, where his regularity was rewarded with several prizes. But at the age 17 he accompanied his brother to a meeting at Tipping Street, Ardwick, and after that Christianity could not hold him. He determined to go again, and to investigate the new hope that had been revealed to him. That the investigation was satisfactory is proved by his present position and work. His investigation continued until business compelled his removal to Blackpool, where he joined the local Society and became an active worker, often presiding at the meetings held in the Liberal Club, Church Street. Here he first began to develop mediumship, and in the course of his development received many wonderful and convincing proofs of Spirit return and communion. Returning to Manchester, he rejoined Tipping Street, and became a member of the committee, as Bookstall and Door-keeper and Conductor of the members' circle. Finally he moved to London, where he joined the Tottenham Society, on several occasions occupying the Sunday evening platform as a speaker and clairvoyant.

In interviewing our District Representatives for these sketches, I have found that the phase of Spiritualism or Spiritualistic work which attracted them to

our Cause is illuminative of their characters. Mr. Barrington is a cool, clear thinker, and at Ardwick it was our philosophy that attracted him, and made him an investigator. Then, when he first came into contact with Lyceum work, again at Ardwick, the cause of attraction lay in the marching and calisthenics. Need I say that Mr. Barrington is an enthusiastic believer in these exercises, and that Tottenham Lyceumists are noted for the high standard of their drill? As an Ardwick Lyceumist, our subject was of great assistance at Blackpool when they decided to open a Lyceum, becoming Guardian of the new body. Returning to his first love, he was elected Secretary of Tipping Street Lyceum, and held the post until he came to London. It is a regrettable fact that London Societies have been very slow to realise the importance of the Lyceum Movement to Spiritualism as a propagandist body, but there were some Societies sufficiently progressive to be preparing for the future, and Tottenham was in the van. Tottenham Lyceum soon secured Mr. Barrington's services as Conductor, and he has held the post many times since.

When the London District Council was formed at the close of 1909, he was one of the leading spirits, and held the post of Treasurer for 18 months. The spade work of those early months prepared the foundations of the Council's present successful work. The Council's minutes contain many votes of thanks for special and valuable services rendered. Having retired from the Council, except as a delegate, Mr. Barrington now confines his energies to Lyceum work, and his influence contributes materially to the general all-round efficiency of Tottenham. He has been his Lyceum's delegate to the B.S.L.U. Conference on more than one occasion.

National honours have been won by many who have not done more for Spiritualism and the Lyceum Movement, but Mr. Barrington prefers local to national endeavour, and his years in our Cause have been



devoted to quiet, unassuming work, not apparent to the casual eye, but nevertheless of extreme value; and Tottenham (and London generally) have every reason to be thankful that business calls brought him to make his home in the south.

A. T. CONNOR.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

The Management Committee of the above Union held its quarterly meeting at Yeadon, on October 12th, as per announcement. The Public Hall in which the Society holds its services will seat about 1,000 persons. The members of the Management Committee were greeted by Mr. S. S. Smith, who is the Society's Secretary; and who is also one of the Lyceum Conductors. The other Conductor is Miss Emily Slater, a promising young lady of inspirational abilities.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been carefully considered and dealt with, correspondence from the following were dealt with: Mr. J. K. Jones about the Lyceum at Heeley, and inviting the Management Committee to Attercliffe next January; Miss Ada Elkin, concerning G. Manning's case; Mrs. Greenwood, concerning the Trust Deed; Cardiff (two letters), Treherbert and Caerau, and Mr. Lewis, all relating to the formation of a Lyceum District Council for South Wales; Mr. Harry Edwards, concerning the Conscientious Objectors and the Management Committee's move in their behalf; Mr. Williams about Mr. Clegg's expenses (with a verbal statement to the effect that the matter would now probably drop); Mr. Higham, M.P., about G. Manning's case.

After tea the signing of the Trust Deeds by the Trustees present was proceeded with. The signatures of the two absent trustees was duly arranged for.

The Secretary's General Report showed there was only one Lyceum in the Union whose contributions were owing, namely, Stalybridge. Another edition of No. 3 hymn sheets was recommended. Also, another supply of the Lyceum Badge; over 3,000 badges having been sold during the year. Over 4,000 *Lyceum Manuals* had been sold. The sales of the other goods were equally good. The Sales of the LYCEUM BANNER were gratifying, averaging 5,000 copies per month.

The following Lyceums were granted membership: Bedlington, Derby (Forester Street), Sale, Ferndale (Glam.), and Saltaire; the last two conditionally.

The Treasurer's report, and the Education Committee's report, were duly presented, considered, and passed.

Typed copies of G. Manning's case had been sent to the Home Secretary, and the various M.P.'s. representing the districts in which the various members of

the Management Committee resided; T. W. Wilson, Esq., M.P., having promised to bring the case before the House of Commons.

It was decided to publish the Lists of Lyceums quarterly instead of monthly, so as to allow more pages per month for other matter. February, May, August, and November were the months elected for the publication of the Lists of Lyceums.

In order to make the Lists of Lyceums as complete as possible it was decided that the names and addresses of both Secretary and District Visitor should appear at the head of each Lyceum District, along with the name and address of the representative of each area; and last, but not least, the letter signifying the area in which each Lyceum is situated be prefixed to each Lyceum.

The edition of Grade II. Hand Book was decided upon.

It was also decided to appeal to the Manchester Lyceum District Council to arrange for the holding of the 1910 Lyceum Conference in Manchester, as being most centrally situated for reaching under very restricted railway service.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Yeadon Temperance Hall had been engaged for the Sunday, and there the children gathered for their morning session, along with the members of the Management Committee. Miss Hesp conducted, and after the opening exercises, George H. Teale, Esq., J.P., and Chairman of the Yeadon Urban District Council extended a hearty welcome to the Management Committee and trusted the visit would be a pleasant and successful one.

The President suitably acknowledged the welcome, and returned thanks for the good wishes expressed. The session was then resumed, and proceeded in its even tone; the various items being well rendered. After the physical exercises Messrs. Williams (London), and Harding (Wakefield) briefly addressed the gathering.

The afternoon's open session was of a more amplified nature. Miss Hesp prefaced the proceedings by a brief address on the aims and objects of the Management Committee's visit so as to put the friends gathered into touch with the movement, and then followed the respective chain recitations, etc.

The marching and calisthenics excited much attention and murmurs of appreciation. Then followed a solo; and several recitations; all ably rendered. Mr. Batten and Mr. Wright (Treasurer) gave brief addresses. The President, on behalf of the Management Committee, returned thanks to the Yeadon friends for the very cordial reception and generous hospitality accorded them, after which the session was closed.

EVENING MEETING.

There was a good gathering to listen to the various speakers. G. H. Teale, Esq., J.P., in the chair. After the opening exercises the Chairman said that during the past week many remarks of surprise had been made at his consenting to preside over that meeting. He wished to say that any movement that had for its object the betterment of human life had his sympathy. Though he was unable to accept all the claims of the Spiritualists he must recognise the fact that humanity had ever longed to know "If a man die, shall he live again?" He then proceeded to quote "Hamlet" to show how, in Shakespeare's days, thought had centred on the condition of the departed. So he asked those present to give to each and all shades of thought credit for trying to do their best.

Mr. Williams (London) said it was 16 or 17 years since he came into contact with Spiritualism, and that was in Leeds. So it was like coming home, being at Yeadon. He then proceeded to speak on "The Purpose of Life," and said that "if we try to live up to our principles, it helps us to lead better and truer lives than we otherwise should do." Each one has the Divine Spark within his or her self and it was his or her object to lead people to the unfoldment of their Divine Nature.

Mr. Lawrence (Tyneside) briefly dealt with the growth of the Lyceum Movement; its membership in officers and scholars; its various District Councils; the whole combined into a Union whose membership extended to Australia, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand, so that it exerted a world-wide influence on the training and education of adults and children.

Mr. Harding (Wakefield) testified to the great blessing the Lyceum teachings had been to him. He referred to the physical loss of his eldest daughter, and how he had been comforted and cheered by her spirit message, and his consciousness of her presence by his clairvoyant vision. He appealed to the people present to send their children to the Lyceum.

After another solo, Mr. Kitson addressed the meeting. The President gave a short, but earnest address on how to hold communion with the spirit people, and so gain conviction of their presence.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the splendid efforts of the day to a close.

ALFRED KITSON, Gen. Sec.

Book Reviews.

WHAT IS SPIRITUALISM? By Horace Leaf (Hon. Sec., the Spiritualists' Education Council). 192 pages, price 5/-. Publishers: Cecil Palmer and Hayward, Oakley House, Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1.

The book before us is a clear, concise presentation of what Spiritualism stands for. Mr. Leaf ably reviews the objections raised by such able opponents as Prof. Tyndall, Mr. Edward Clodd, and Dr. W. J. Carpenter, and arrays against them the testimony of such eminent scientists as Sir William Crookes, Sir Oliver Lodge, Dr. W. J. Crawford and Cesare Lombroso. On page 55 we note a printer's error, where the earthly vocation of the Hydesville knocker is stated as being that of a "cobbler," instead of a "pedlar." On page 96 we would suggest that it would be better to say that Scientists were wrong, than that "Science was wrong." On pages 66 and 67, in reference to seeking to hold spirit communication, the Author gives some valuable advice. He says: "Two things, however, are necessary—a knowledge how to proceed and sincerity of purpose." The contents is bound in cloth, well printed in good, clear type.

Bluebell Guild.

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

CONDUCTED BY MARY E. KITSON, B.A.

MOTTO FOR THE MONTH:—

"It is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness, or speaking a true word, or making a friend."

Ruskin.

My dear Bluebells and readers all,—

The past month has brought me many and varied letters from some of you; and I feel it would interest the rest of you to read extracts from them, for they are all interesting and helpful.

Firstly, you will all be very glad, with me, to learn that our Bluebell, Walter Spooner, about whose illness I told you some time ago, is on the high road to recovery, and has himself sent me a letter from the hospital at Great Yarmouth, where he is awaiting his discharge. Our good wishes for a bright future go out to him.

Next, let me welcome five more members from Wolverhampton, whom I am pleased to enroll as Bluebells.

Our earnest worker, Mr. Geo. Wm. Sharpe (of Birmingham), has been very ill, but we were glad to learn from a recent letter that he is now almost well again. He gives greetings to all Bluebells, especially the new members from Wolverhampton and Chester. Then he says, "Now I should like to know from some of our young Bluebells if they can understand my talks;—I hope the older ones do. I find it is harder for me to simplify the symbol's meaning than I at first anticipated; and I know I have gone a little above a young child's mind, and probably "Mr. Critic" will say I have used too many "big words." All I can say is, I have done my best."

Well, as we have Bluebells of all ages, I don't think Mr. Sharpe need trouble any more;—as the "grown-ups" need catering for, as well as the tots.

Then came a long and interesting letter from Miss Lily Roe (Bolton), expressing beautiful thoughts about our last motto, and telling about a dear little pet. This is what she says,—

"While reading your interesting chat in the BANNER, especially where you mention about the pets, it brought back recollections of our little bird. While mother was ill, prior to her passing away, she had a little bird given to her to keep her company. It was a bonny little thing, and no matter how loudly the piano was played or how high we sang, Dick was heard above them all. Every Sunday morning he had his bath, and he quite enjoyed it, I can tell you. He used to sing away when it was being prepared, and he did not half splash! We had to cover the couch and chair, anything that was near the cage. But when mother died he did not sing once afterwards. No matter how we spoke or whistled, we could not get him to sing. And just one week later we found him dead at the bottom of the cage. You see he had fretted himself away. So you see it just shows that animals, etc., can be affectionate, just as we are."

Doris Ward (Horwich), our faithful Bluebell, writes interestingly about the motto; and the question of wearing furs, feathers, etc. Doris is a wee bit

troubled over it, and doubts the practicability (get the dictionary!) of our doing without the same. I wish I could present every Bluebell and Lyceumist with a copy of a little book (by Ralph Waldo Trine) called "Every Living Creature," for it clears up the question splendidly.

As for those of us who like to be warm and cosy in our clothes (and who doesn't) there are beautiful furry coats, necklets, etc., that are *not* animals' skins, but *woven* materials, made to imitate the furs;—and in this case I approve of, and patronise, imitations. As for hat-trimmings, so many pretty artificial flowers, and ornaments of beads, "leather-paper," etc., are obtainable, that fathers, and wings, and birds' heads, and birds are *not* essential.

No, I'm not going to the length of saying that no one ought to eat meat, or wear leather boots,—for, as a body, we are far-off the time when we shall be civilised and learned enough to live to be strong and healthy without animal food,—but I hope for the training to that end. But, whilst animals are killed for our sustenance, I do hold that a quick and painless death should be theirs.

Well, more of that matter latter,—now let me give you extracts from Mr. Wm. Lindsay's letter (Edinburgh), about our last motto. He says:

"The motto gives some of the essential factors that should help to call forth and develop the qualities that are inherited in every earnest and sincere mind who wishes to make the world a happier and brighter place than it is at present. When we look round and see the misery, etc., that exists to-day, surely it is our duty to endeavour to alleviate and succour those who are needing a helping hand. By doing so we are not only sacrificing ourselves, but by extending our good works we are obeying the command which our Master spoke of, 'Bear ye one another's burdens.' To do this we must give a word of cheer and a comforting word to our neighbours who look upon life with a different aspect. We must think more of others than we think of ourselves. To my mind life is what we make it, and by helping the lives of others we will see things in a clearer light than we do at present."

Last March, Lulu Cager (of Brighton) sent a delightful story for our Page, but as it was a Christmas tale, I've reserved it until the appropriate time, and mean to give you it next month, so look out in December's issue for "Rosa's Dream."

With fraternal greetings,

Your loving sister, FLORA BELLE.

NEW MEMBERS.

WOLVERHAMPTON LYCEUM.

4573 Harry Careless.	4576 Tommie Hurdley.
4574 Gladys Hurdley.	4577 Ethel Cooper.
4575 Daisy Johnson.	

Girls' Own Corner.

BY MRS. GREENWOOD.

What funny things happen to people sometimes, especially when seeking fun and amusement. The following narrative will cause many a smile, but not half the laughter it caused to those immediately concerned.

Tea-cup and card reading,—harmless pastime enough,—is where the story begins. A young lady, not a spiritualist, but certainly a psychic, by the medium of the cards, prophesied certain things, among which came a disappointment that would cause considerable irritation as well as fun. The incident passed and as the fulfilment was at a seaside holiday

resort, we had better transfer our thoughts to a lodging house. The time was early morning, getting dressed for breakfast, and the heroine of the play was lacing her boots, when, to her utter consternation, she found she had odd boots on. Think what it meant—a black cloth top and a blue one!—it was screamingly funny, and if you could have heard the screams of laughter from the other ladies accompanying her, you too would have joined in. It was necessary to shut the bedroom door for fear the rest of the house would be alarmed. How to act next was a difficult problem, but soon got over, a pair of shoes were loaned and then the party sallied out to buy a pair of new boots.

The memory of it all has caused many a hearty laugh at the expense of the lady, who took it all in good part and laughed as heartily as the rest.

There are instances on record of remarkable things being given by such means as tea-cups, cards, crystals, etc., showing a power which merely uses such things for purposes of concentration. One case, which should interest Bible students, and especially those who are so bitterly opposed to people who practice clairvoyance, etc., is spoken of in the history of the Patriarch Joseph, where it says "he divined with the cup" (Genesis, 44 chap., verse 5). Such things are simply a means to an end and the practice, or vogue, dates back to very early times. Not long ago I was interested in watching a lady manipulating sand on a large tray, and the different formations it assumed were wonderful; and as it was interpreted as belonging to war movements, it had a rather deeper interest than mere "fortune telling."

There is a divine power in each of us; it is the evidence of an indwelling spirit which ever goes beyond its narrow confine, the body, and sees, feels, hears, and knows much that to the physical senses are invisible—so that the more sensitive one is, the easier are such fine vibrations registered, and *one knows* by the means used what they be, therefore it is our duty to use such powers with discretion, understanding the alliance there is with the spiritual nature and its expression to the outer world along those wonderful lines of contact—the nerves.

I see no harm in using such means, as indicated above, for legitimate development of psychic powers, but, so far, I see no connection with money getting for such purposes. I prefer to think it is *not* spiritualism as commonly understood, so that it should not be associated with that religion as belonging in any way to its phenomena. The law punishes people who are caught in the act of fortune-telling with heavy fines and sometimes imprisonment, which, of course, is a very unpleasant experience.

The S.N.U. through its Parliamentary Committee and more particularly its hard-working secretary, Mr. R. H. Yates, is seeking to free the movement of spiritualism from the trammels of such unequal and unfair operations, and a Petition is on the way requiring all the signatures we can get in order to press our claim for liberty of thought in religious matters and to be acknowledged as a religious body. Remember! Every Lyceumist capable of signing, i.e., 16 years of age, *must do so*. It is your future liberty that is at stake, so don't act like some of your fathers and mothers in the past, who were careless and often thoughtless, don't let it slide; sign, and get others to

sign. I must mention one name that should make every lad throw up his cap in appreciation of the man's efforts to get spiritualism acknowledged as a religion. Mr. Ernest W. Oaten has stood in the police court on our behalf, and is still waiting the verdict. Girls honour his efforts by following up the matter and sign the *Petition*—don't forget.

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Correspondence.

It must be fully understood that the Editor does not necessarily endorse the views of correspondents whose letters are published from time to time in these columns. Correspondents must send name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

In order to avoid delay or the necessity of curtailment, it is requested that letters to the Editor be made as brief as possible.

SOME BIBLICAL TEACHINGS.

To the Editor, LYCEUM BANNER.

Sir,—I read with somewhat mixed feelings E. Manchester's and Samuel Holdsworth's letters in the August BANNER, *re* "Astounded's" contribution. Both contributors refer to certain Biblical quotations, contained in "*Our Manual*," and why not? the extracts are worthy of imbibing. Personally I do not see anything to be confused about. I contend it is easy to discriminate that which is logical and consistent with a broad-minded teaching, as our *Lyceum Manual* is. Both E. Manchester and S. Holdsworth seem to me to be trying to excuse the introduction of quotations that do savour of the vicarious atonement. One is "confused," the other "does not know much about it." Well, it's time they did, if they have been in the Lyceum Movement any length of time. Why not study the Life of Jesus the same as we would study any other great reformer's life's work? It is when we begin looking upon Jesus from a theological conception that we are on the wrong track.

Neither have we any creeds, but individual dogmas plenty. It is the inclination towards theology and to use A.J.D.'s "Most Outrageous Imposition and Falsehood," which we are desirous of eliminating from our lives, particularly the pliable mind of our children.

That latter statement of S. Holdsworth does not sound very nice to my ears. I think it the bounden duty of even the Musical Conductor of a Lyceum to make it his or her business to find out something about these things.

I still contend that the quotation referred to in "Astounded's" letter, "ought not to have been used at a Lyceum Session," as part thereof.

I love all mankind, and I trust no one will take offence at the tone of this letter. The whole and sole intention is to try and learn and if possible teach.

Follow the *Manual* in thought, word and deed, and there will little all our life.

Yours for Unity and Brotherhood,
SAPPER S. R. GOODMAN,

W.R./506071, I.W.T.R.E., British Army,
France.

PEACE AND WAR.

To the Editor, LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—In pursuing this subject of Peace I have the support of the first Minister of the Realm, Mr. Lloyd George, who, on August 7th, in the House of Commons, said, "There are people in every country who regard any effort to make peace as in itself dishonourable and treasonable to their country. That attitude must be steadfastly discouraged."

Each of the three letters in the September issue of the BANNER stirred me very deeply, because of their containing many false statements and unjust insinuations, due, no doubt, more to want of thought than want of heart.

Mr. Miles, of New Zealand, says, in effect, that Roy Banks is a coward and is concerned only about his personal safety. That is an unkind and unjust statement, and Mr. Miles ought to apologise for it. I don't know Roy Banks, but if he is like any of the hundreds of Conscientious Objectors that I have met, then he is a credit to our Lyceum Movement. These C.O.'s are neither heroes nor cowards, nor do they ask the public for pity or sympathy. Like their soldier brother, they have a belief, for which they are prepared to suffer, and for which many have suffered, even unto death. In every country they are to be found, and are dealt with everywhere with more or less stringency. Recently, in America, a Baptist minister got ten years for refusing to allow his church to be used for a patriotic meeting, and at the same time, in the same country, forty C.O.'s. were sentenced to penal servitude for life because they would not take up arms and kill. This sentence, owing, no doubt, to a wave of pity sweeping over the minds of the authorities was commuted to *Twenty-five years hard labour*. In Canada and New Zealand similar reports are to hand, while here at home, since the passing of the Military Service Acts, nearly six thousand young men have been arrested and court-martialled for refusing to be soldiers. Many have been court-martialled five times and are now doing their third year of imprisonment.

The brutalities that these men have endured few will credit: kicked and mercilessly beaten, crucified to the wheels of a gun carriage under a broiling hot sun, dragged through ponds of foul water, to say nothing of the mental torture caused by the jeers and sneers of the officers in charge. So severe has the prison treatment been that many have died, while a great number have gone insane. Yet, notwithstanding all that, and the obliquy and loss of friends, thousands of young men gladly face it rather than bow the knee to militarism. Speaking about these men, Captain Gwynne, M.P., says: "There is one thing that nobody can deny them, and that is courage, the most difficult form of courage in the world, the courage of the individual against the crowd. . . . That is the courage that makes for freedom."

Re German atrocities, let me say that no one detests more strongly than I the sinking of defenceless merchant vessels, etc., etc., but has our own country not been instrumental in sending a large number of our brave sailor lads to a watery grave through the lowering of the Plimsol line? Then, is it more culpable to sink ships than to send sailors out in vessels with life boats in such a rotten state that on touching the water they fall to pieces? Yes, let us, with all the vehemence possible, denounce outrages, but see that we do not connive at what is happening under our very noses. To me war is the greatest outrage against civilization. Is it less outrageous to kill young lads in their teens than women and children? It is perfectly appalling to see how callously we submit to the murdering of the flower and bloom of the manhood of the world. Look at the casualty list for the month of May. It averaged per week 42,000. Yet, despite that and the fact that we are in the fourth year of war, Mr. Barker is disgusted when we talk of Peace. He wants to see Germany completely thrashed. Well, his wish may be gratified, but, if it is, a permanent peace will not be established at the same time on such a basis. It will be a dictated peace and will contain the seeds of future wars. Napoleon dictated peace and disarmament to Prussia, yet, seven years afterwards, Prussia entered Paris in triumph.

Yours truly,

JOHN WINNING,
13, Barclay Street, Springburn, Glasgow.

PEACE BY NEGOTIATION.

To the Editor, LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Mr. Kitson,—I have read with some disgust and wonderment three letters dealing with "Peace Resolutions," mentioned in the August number of the LYCEUM BANNER. One written by J. R. Barker, one by W. Hall, Jr., and one by Alfred

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Lyceum Notes and Comments.

The following note from an old Nottingham Lyceumist, Mr. Alfred H. Coles, now in Salonica, will be a welcome item to his many friends:—"It is with pleasure that I write these few lines, as I still get our valued monthly paper, THE LYCEUM BANNER, through my old and valued friend, Miss Swadden. It gives me much pleasure as I read its contents to see that, although so many of the male members of various Lyceums are now serving with His Majesty's Forces, the Lyceum Movement is going quite strong which, in itself, speaks volumes for the good work that is being done by the sturdy and trusted few that have been left behind."

In the *Northern Daily Telegraph* of Thursday, October 17th, under the heading "Photo Phenomenon," appears the following, "Master Entwistle, son of P. C. Entwistle, of St. Peter Street, Blackburn, had his photograph taken at a local photographer's. When the plate was developed there appeared on the top of his vest the photograph of some other person, which after being shown to the relatives of the above all stated that they recognised as the photo of his (the boy's) grandfather."

We are pleased to note that the Lyceums in South Wales are making strenuous efforts to form themselves into a Lyceum District Council. We trust their efforts to induce the non-affiliated to become members of the Lyceum Union will be crowned with success, as no Lyceum outside of the Lyceum Union is eligible to become a member of a Lyceum District Council.

It will be observed, by our report of the Lyceum Union's Management Committee's meeting, that our List of Lyceums will be published once per quarter,

in order to save space. The entire list is to be drastically re-arranged. In electing a Secretary, Lyceums should be careful in their selection, so that they will not be called upon to elect another one in the course of a month or two; so that the List may hold good; as it will not appear every month; but every quarter.

The whole of the letters appearing under the heading "Correspondence" were crowded out of our last issue. Several of them had to be curtailed to meet the exigencies of our available space. Other letters recently to hand cannot be inserted. It is to be fervently hoped that the fortune of the war will soon be such as to render further controversy unnecessary.

We much regret being unable to supply orders for "The Spiritual Songster," as per our notes in our last issue, as they have not yet reached us from the Binders. Nor can we elicit a definite promise from them as to date of delivery. This protracted delay is very annoying to those waiting for their copies; but rest assured that all orders will be promptly supplied when we receive the goods.

A correspondent sends us the following helpful lines, "There are times in this life when we are in doubt of having any consolation from this world, and we get downcast and feel that no one cares for us. But when all the world forgets us there is a power, an inner conscience that bids us go forward to fight our battles in this life. The angel friends from higher spheres are our shield and protectors, for without them we are weak and cannot understand our thoughts and actions that keep us bound to sin. Then let us be up and doing, and awaken to the fact of the immortality of the soul. Let us arise from the conditions that bind and hinder us. Let us begin with an earnest desire for soul's progression in this life, and pray for guidance. How beautiful and consoling, in our dark hours of trial, in the knowledge that angel arms are around us to help us to overcome the temptations of life! We thus can win and conquer all, and so unfold part of our divine nature here on earth. J.H.S."

We thank our Liverpool (Daulby Street) friends for their seventeenth donation to our Anti-Witchcraft Fund; and also our Rochdale (Regent Street) friends for their donation. We want only £15 17s. to reach our desired £100. Will our friends, far and near, help us to attain this amount before the close of the year 1918?

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[We much regret that several items are again crowded out.—
 EDITOR.]

(Continued from page 127).

G. Miles. I cannot understand anyone of even moderate intelligence in connection with the movement of Spiritualism, especially in the Lyceum section, expressing themselves like these three individuals have done. Dealing in rotation with the above-mentioned, I must say that J. R. Parker speaks like one possessed with an evident desire for revenge. Like the barbarians of old ever seeking blood.

A peace by negotiation to him is a thing to be feared. Does he know anything of the causes of this, or, in fact, any war? Does he understand that to negotiate is only to see if it is possible to find a basis of agreement?

Does he know that either men or nations who try by brute force to settle a dispute are on the same level as a Barbarian?

Does he not think that price of peace has been paid over and over again by the lives of millions of men and boys whose life's blood has rivered the once peaceful plains of Europe? To speak of making "Fritz" realize the value of a "Scrap of Paper" is sheer nonsense. When he speaks of "Fritz," who does he mean? The German War Lords or the German worker, who has been driven into this awful war? Who are fathers of innocent children, sons of fathers and mothers whose hearts are breaking. Does he not realize that the workers of all nations concerned are but pawns in this game of Empire building? He says, remember Russia, Roumania, etc., etc.

I say to him in reply, that war is the birth place of all that is vile. There never was a righteous war. The defence of small nations, etc., is for those who believe it.

Mr. Hall, Jr., speaks as a junior, and as such can have his place.

The causes of this war go back to the Moroccan Crisis, 1870, I think. That the Germans alone have dreams of world conquest is altogether wrong. Col. Chas. Ross, D.S.O., says, "That the problem of the British Empire is—How is the British Empire to triumph over the world?"

Mr. Jos. Chamberlain says, "Yes, I believe in this race, the greatest governing race the world has ever seen, in this Anglo-Saxon race, so proud, tenacious, self-confident and determined, this which neither climate nor change can degenerate, and I believe in the future of this World Empire of which no Englishman can speak without a feeling of enthusiasm."

Yours truly,

ERNEST CLAV.

[Lack of space has forced us to curtail the above letter.—Ed.]

To the Editor, LYCEUM BANNER.

Sir,—With your permission may I question Messrs. Hall and Miles, writing in the September issue of the BANNER, *re* "C.O.'s"? Mr. Hall quotes G.C.R. No. 110, "Exhibit self-sacrifice at all times." Now, who sacrifices most, the one who, after a period of training in the open air, which builds up his constitution, or the "objector," who, after being court-martialled, is cast into prison? The following figures from the "Tribunal" are of interest: 5,152 have been court-martialled for refusing to obey military orders, 1,258 are still in prison, 130 of these have served successive sentences amounting to two years and have now entered on their third year of hard labour, 18 C.O.'s have been court-martialled five times 23 have died since arrest, in practically every case through the severities of their treatment. Roy Banks, being a Spiritualist, knows that death is not annihilation, but freedom. By being a soldier he had every chance of gaining that freedom sooner. I can leave him with his conscience, admiring his choice. The pen is mightier than the sword.

After the war, the soldier who comes back may get a pension. The Objector, receiving calumny now, will get the cold shoulder. The war was inevitable because our forefathers and the diplomats chose the wrong alternative. The lessons the war will teach us could have been learned by saner methods. Mr. Hall says the war was in the first place one of defence, which may not be correct; we have only the statement of the Press. From the same authority the object now of the Allies is one of castigation.

Yours for truth,

JAMES E. EXLEY,

Harker Street Lyceumist,

28, Steadman Terrace, Leeds Road, Bradford, Yorks.

PEACE RESOLUTIONS.

To the Editor, LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—The outlook of your correspondents, J. R. Barker and W. Hall, Jr., on Peace Resolutions, is surely the result of gluttony in War Aims Propaganda, whose function in all

countries is to make the people hate more and more as the horrors of war and casualty lists tend to make them war weary. Our correspondent agrees that morality and warfare have very little in common. Then why snivel about ruthlessness when we happen to have got the worst of a bout? I would like your correspondent to tell us when and where Arbitration was agreed to by all European countries except Germany? I have tried to find out, but failed. He again says, "The war is at such a state when we cannot be regarded as neutral." The state of the war has nothing to do with the right or wrong of the war. Win or lose, the war is wrong. Personally, I am not going to haggle as to when is the proper time to negotiate. The proper time was August, 1914, and has been every day since.

If you thrash the foe (as your correspondent suggests), who also thinks he is right and talks the same idiotic platitudes as we do about fighting for Peace, what then? Surely there are some sensible histories of past wars within the reach of your correspondent. Does the past tell us that such an outlook was ever successful? Take 1870 and the arguments used to-day by France about Alsace and Lorraine. In such supposed righteous thrashings are laid the foundations of future wars. Both Russia and Roumania have suffered at the hands of Germany what Barker suggests Germany ought to suffer when we become top dog. I deplore such treatment of Russia and Roumania, but your correspondent logically must approve, if he agrees to the principle.

After four years of the most brutal warfare we are still asking out boys to go out into that hell's broth and fight, for what? Is it whether Allied Capitalists or Central Power Capitalists develop agriculture in Mesopotamia? Or is it to settle whether profits from Persian oilfields go to England and France or to Germany? These and others of a similar nature are the important things discussed in the secret treaties recently exposed by the Russian Revolutionaries. No questions of justice; all questions of interest and profit.

Such are the underlying causes of the strife. Personal responsibility is one of our tenets, and it behoves us as Lyceumists, after much observation and thinking, to remember that

If you take a sword and draws it,
And go run a feller through,
Guv'mint ain't to answer for it,
God will send the bill to you.

Yours fraternally,

B. W. RAINY, Glasgow.

PEACE BY RESOLUTION.

To the Editor, LYCEUM BANNER.

Dear Sir,—After reading this month's issue of the LYCEUM BANNER and comparing with last month's, I should like to voice an opinion on the subject opened by Mr. Edwards, *re* Peace by Negotiations and the C.O. movement.

One correspondent is disgusted with the opinions of a fellow Lyceumist, which, according to my idea, is not in keeping with the harmonic teachings of the *Lyceum Manual*, which tells us that liberty of thought and freedom of conscience is one of the objects which we teach our children. I have been almost cradled in Spiritualism and attended the Lyceum regularly when a child, and I can safely say that there is not a hymn in the *Songster*, nor in the adults' hymn book, nor a passage in the *Manual* which is in favour of war. On the contrary, we are told to sheath the sword and conquer by love, not fear, to forgive our enemies and bear no malice lest we lose progression in the higher life. I would advise your correspondents to read Mr. Kitson's article on "The Lyceum," on the previous page of this month's issue, before they condemn the principles which are sacred to their fellow Lyceumists, the honest convictions of one man should not, according to true Spiritualism, be held up to ridicule by another man, because he fails to understand. Therefore he condemns a sincere C.O. to be a shirker, thinking of his own safety alone. Let me inform these "judges" that they are quite wrong. I know dozens of C.O.'s and all are good, honest, law-abiding citizens until it comes to disobeying their religious teachings and defying God and Christ. Then their conscience must be their guide, and imprisonment or death is chosen rather than disobeying their sacred convictions. I repeat, these men are not cowards and shirkers, but heroes every one, because they refuse to be dictated to by men who think only of military victory. This is not Lyceum teachings. We learn of the golden age when universal friendship shall prevail, when men be brothers all, etc., and yet the men who stand for *Right*, and right is *Might*, are condemned because they are C.O.'s. I may here remark that I have a brother in Italy at the present time and has been 18 months without a

leave. All honour to him, I say, and the glorious lads who are with him. They are doing what they believe to be their duty, but they believe in Free-thinking still being allowed at home. I have also lost a brother in this great crisis. He gave his life for what he thought was freedom, and to what purpose? That men may suffer imprisonment for their conscience sake? I have another brother, I love him no more or no less than the other two, but I admire his courage and agree with his opinions. Why? Because I am a believer in the true meaning of the Lyceum teachings. This brother has suffered severe ill-health on account of being imprisoned for his convictions. My husband is also a C.O., a fact of which I am rather proud, and he has attended Attercliffe S.P. Church for over three years before being arrested, and a reference was denied him which would enable him to be released from prison after serving six months' hard labour. However, he is still a believer in Spiritualism and is hoping to attend many more years when he is released, which I hope will not be long.

The Conscientious Objectors are on the whole grand lads. The soldiers, too, are grand lads, each fighting for freedom in their own way. Let us not compare, we who are safe at our firesides, who have undergone no hardships in the trenches, or have not suffered solitary confinement in a prison cell. The actions of both require a higher judge than we have on earth. Let us stop this slaughtering, this killing of our brothers. The making of wives into widows, children into orphans and sonless mothers is against the teachings of Spiritualism. Stand for the Right, for peace and liberty and love, and down with war and all that it portends.

I hope your correspondents will avail themselves of Mr. Edward's offer and read "I appeal unto Cæsar." I feel sure they will be more charitable in their thoughts towards these "shirkers."

I hope this letter will be published, because the case for the C.O.'s is not being made public as it ought to be. Wishing every success to your little paper.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

EVA A. TAYLOR.

NOTICE.

Under the following heading

BIRTHS, IN MEMORIA, and MARRIAGES.

Ordinary intimations will be inserted as follows:—Not exceeding twenty-four words, Free. 6d. will be charged for every additional nine words. Poetry 6d. per line. Payment must accompany all intimations of more than 24 words, or they cannot be inserted. In Memoriam for any previous year will be charged 1/- for 24 words, and 6d. for additional 9 words, Poetry 6d. per line.

CARDIFF.—Passed to the higher life on October 8th, 1918, Alexena Dawson, aged 3½ years, the dearly beloved daughter of Mary Lillian and Alexander Dawson, late Secretary of Rutherford Street Society and Lyceum, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BURNLEY (North Street).—It is with deepest sympathy we report that Pte. Percy Macaully was killed in action in France, Sept. 2th.—(Mrs.) F. Haworth, Sec.

LONDON, PLAISTOW.—A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 6th, conducted by Mr. Askins, on behalf of our brother officer, Mr. H. Trumble, K.R.R., who was killed in action on September 26th. We all extend to his wife and children our deepest sympathy in their moments of bereavement and pray for the angel friends to help them.

There is no night there, but one endless day,
In that beautiful home away, far away.
Just beyond the river that land I see,
Loved ones are waiting to welcome thee.

—G. F. Askins, Conductor.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—It is with deep regret we announce that Pte. R. H. Lofthouse was killed in action on Sept. 2nd, 1918.—E. W. Buckingham, Sec.

NELSON.—It is with deep regret we announce that Mary Ann Hargreaves passed into the higher life on October 10th, 1918, aged 28 years. Also of Robert Jackson, who was killed in action on October 14th, 1918.—A. Whalley, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON (The Temple).—On October 17th, Mr. Underwood officiated at the interment of the earthly body of Miss Dowling. An impressive ceremony.—N.U.

Births.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Saturday, October 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hobster, a son.

At Ash Leigh, Waverley Road, Elland, on September 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Hanson (née Mabel Greenwood), a daughter.

Lyceum District Council Reports.

NOTE.—Lyceum District Council, and United Lyceum District Council Reports must not exceed 200 words. All Adjudicators' tabulated lists of competitions are prohibited on account of want of space.—BY ORDER.

BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held at Otley Road, September 20th. The President occupied the chair. The full number of E.C. members present; also delegates from Keighley, Shipley, Ivy Rooms, Ripley Street and Yeadon. A lengthy agenda was gone through. It was decided that the shield presentation would take place on October 19th, at Shipley, Mr. Simpson to make the presentation. In the afternoon an Open Session was held, when several of the young children gave recitations. Evening service, the President, Mr. Simpson, took the chair. Miss Myers offered the invocation. Mr. Beety, Mr. Midgley, Miss Myers and Miss Stair gave short addresses. Miss Marsden and Mr. Naylor tendered thanks to the Otley Road friends.

Next Council meeting to be held November 17th, at 10-30, at Yeadon. Business important. Will all Lyceums send a delegate to this meeting?

M. L. STAIR, Sec.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The last Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held at Bethel Street, on Saturday, September 28th. Mr. Downss, President, in the chair. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Secretary, Mr. Beety was appointed minute secretary for the meeting, and Miss Wildgoose, secretary, *pro tem*. Minutes, correspondence and reports accepted as read. A good report of the Demonstration at Arnley was given, it having proved a success in all ways.

Mr. Vernan was elected delegate to the Leeds District Committee during the next quarter.

Agreed that Lyceums taking part in the Silver Bell Competition contribute 2/- towards expenses. A hearty vote of thanks was given to our friends at Bethel Street for their hospitality.

The next Council Meeting will be held at Batley Carr, on Saturday, December 7th, at 3-30 p.m.

LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of above Council will be held at Clapham Lyceum on Sunday, 1st December. Will delegates and associates please note and inform the Clapham Secretary of their intention to be present.

Agenda:—(1) Report of Education Committee. (2) Mass meeting on Easter Sunday, 1919. (3) Select place of A.G.M. in February. (4) Decision *re* B.S.L.U. Education Scheme. (5) Other business.

The next Conference of the Executive is with Plumstead Lyceum on November 10th.

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held their Quarterly Meeting on September 21st. Start 3-30. Opening exercise, invocation by President. Messrs. Robinson and Sayers appointed credential committee. Minutes and correspondence read and accepted. Presidential address omitted owing to pressure of business. Adjudication matters stated and dealt with. Reports, Treasurer reported adverse balance. Resolution passed, "That each Lyceum pay 3/- to clear off deficit. Cottage report given and accepted. D.V. reports accepted. Voluntary visitors arranged for next quarter by D.V. Motions, "That we hold massed Lyceum sessions, held in convenient centres, and when weather conditions allow we go in open, to try and instil in the public mind the advisability of a Lyceum training." Carried *nem. con.* (2) "That we hold inter-quarterly Council meetings, to be held on the Sunday. All delegates to attend the Lyceum Session. In the Liberty Group, the subjects for discussion shall be (a) 'What should Spiritualists teach to the child.' (b) 'The B.S.L.U. Education Scheme.' Representation, one delegate from each Lyceum." Carried unanimously. Credential report: E.C. 4, delegates 22, associates 7; total 33. Pooling expenses, 4/8½ per head. Meeting closed 1-30.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec.

TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Wallsend, on September 29th, Mr. Jas Lawrence presiding. Considering present conditions, the attendance was quite good, ten delegates and nearly twenty associates being present.

The various reports showed that a deep interest and increased activity prevailed, the probable opening of Lyceums at South Shields (Cambridge Street) and Bedlington being mentioned. Mr. Gray (Chester-le-Street) was elected Treasurer, in place of our arisen brother, Mr. Brinklow. A motion by Mrs. Hall (Vice-President), "That the Secretary visit Lyceums to assist in the co-ordination of sessions," was discussed, but an amendment from Hetton, "To prepare and circulate a key system," was adopted.

A collection to help to defray the cost of a wreath for Mr. Brinklow's grave realised 22/-. The remainder will be taken from the funds of the D.C. Despite food difficulties, Wallsend friends entertained us right royally, and our thanks go out to them. Invitations for March, June and September, 1919, were received from South Shields (Fowler Street), Newcastle (Rutherford Street) and Chester-le-Street (Mechanics' Hall), respectively. Next Conference will be held at Jarrow, on December 8th.
(MISS) E. A. LAWRENCE, Hon. Sec.

UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Yearly Meeting of the above was held in Daulby Hall, Liverpool, on October 5th. The following districts were represented:—Bolton, Halifax and Huddersfield, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, N.E. Lancashire, S.E. Lancashire, and the Lyceum Union. Mr. Keeling was elected to the chair, *pro tem*. After the opening exercises, the following motion was adopted:—"That this Council formally adopts the Constitution of the B.S.L.U., particularly sub-section A., and now resolves itself into an integral constitutional unit of the B.S.L.U. Mr. Owen was elected President and Mr. Shuttleworth was elected Secretary. The resolution from Sheffield was withdrawn. The resolution from London was carried. The Liverpool scheme: It was decided that typed copies of it be sent to the Lyceum District Councils, and that two hours be devoted to its consideration, section by section. Date of next meeting is March 8th and 9th, 1919.

According to the Minutes, the old L.D.C. held its first meeting on November 4th and 5th, 1906, in St. Paul's Church, Laisterdyke, Bradford, Mr. W. Edwards presiding. The Liverpool and N.E. Lancashire friends have taken a deep interest in its career.
MISS M. E. PICKLES, Sec.

Special Reports.

Under this heading, Lyceums whose reports exceed the words, allowed in the Table as shown in Rule 3 may have them inserted in full by enclosing 6d. for every extra nine words.

DARLINGTON (Northgate).—On Sunday, October 6th, we held our Anniversary Services, conducted by Mr. Edwards, of Middlesbrough. Open Session in the afternoon and distribution of prizes for good attendance. In the evening songs, recitations and dialogues were given by the following:—Misses Robins, Chapman, Sherwood, Hammond, Cockfield, Bowerbank, Ethel and Rhoda Newman, Cecil Johnson and Alf. Hammond. Miss Christopher ably presided at the organ. Great credit is due to all concerned, making a successful anniversary, seeing that most of them are new Lyceumists. Monday services were conducted by Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Lovett.—R. Christopher, Sec.

HALIFAX (Raven Street).—A grand concert was given on Saturday, October 5th, by the Lyceumists. An excellent programme was arranged and so rendered that a repeat has been arranged for October 26th. Great credit is due to Mr. Clegg and Miss Moorhouse, for the training of the children, who took their parts in splendid style; also a few friends who rendered very good service.—Levi Blackburn, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER (Princess Hall).—October 6th, at 6.30, we held a United Service for the unveiling of our Society and Lyceum's Roll of Honour. Mrs. Bentley performed the ceremony of unveiling in a touching and sympathetic manner. Our President, Mrs. Eastwood, and our Conductress, Miss Harrison, took part in the service. Mr. Lamb very ably presided and spoke feelingly in reference to a Lyceumist, who was killed in action, and who had given a message to him at his home to keep an interest in the Lyceum, having realized its fullest benefit after passing over. The service was most impressive and an inspiration to all. Flowers were distributed to

representatives of the arisen loved ones and those still away. The following are the names of our arisen members:—James Janson, George Cliffe, Norman Lister, Ernest Buchan, Ralph Kilvert and Frank Shuter. God's Will, not ours, be done. November 3rd, we held a Special Musical Service and distribution of prizes. All are heartily invited.—Jessey Wood.

SOUTHAMPTON (The Temple).—On October 6th we had a happy gathering. Our Guardian, Mr. J. Ogilvie, on leave, spent his last Sunday with us before leaving for France; also, after several months' absence, Mrs. Legos and Mrs. Underwood, with their baby boys, returned to their old places. On October 13th, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Underwood was named at the Lyceum by the guide of Mr. Underwood. Our Conductor announced the passing to the spirit world of the dearly loved daughter of one of our members. The afternoon service was very impressive, many feeling affected by the influences. In the evening service Mr. Underwood's guides named Mrs. Legos's baby son, the choir rendering lovely music, under their able Conductor, Mr. Lloyd. Little Miss Doris Davey gave a sweet little solo called "Baby."—N.U.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—The young people's annual concert was held at the Spiritualists' Lyceum, Sowerby Bridge, on Saturday, when Mr. Wright presided. Songs were well rendered by the Misses Booth, Butterworth and A. Wild, Mrs. Laughton and Mrs. Hitchen, Messrs. Hartley and Turner; trios by Misses A. and F. Wild and D. Ball; duets by Miss Butterworth and Mrs. Laughton; Miss Booth and Mr. Turner. Choruses admirably sung by the "Cheerios." Miss Robinson proved an able accompanist. A sketch, "Henpecked," created roars of laughter, given by Misses Butterworth, Smith and Booth, Mrs. Laughton and Mr. Hartley.

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 October 25th.

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RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Wednesday, November 20th, to ensure insertion in the December issue.

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

ACCRINGTON (China Street).—We held our Lyceum Session on Sunday, October 6th, when the usual routine was gone through. Recitations were given by Sarah Matthews, Irene Lee, Willie Hindle, Hilda and Rhoda Swift. Pianoforte solo by Polly Cook; solo by Rhoda Swift. No. 383 by Irene Lee; No. 340 by Lily Ashworth; No. 341 by Miss Hargreaves. Closing hymn, No. 363. Benediction by Mr. Pincott.—T. Fazakerley, Sec.

BACUP.—We got through our marches and calisthenics successfully. Pearls by Mrs. Embrey and Miss A. Nixon; songs by Mrs. Carter, Ada Tattersall, Bertha Tattersall, Gladys Holmes, Alice Jarvis, Lucy Scott, and recitation by Clara Tattersall.—J. Scott, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, SMALL HEATH.—We held our Open Session on Sunday, October 6th. We had a paper by Mr. G. Sharpe, also a solo. Daisy Edwards gave a reading selected from the *Manual*, entitled "How to live." We had recitations from the following children:—Ivy Goose, Connie Edwards, Annie Bishop, Beatty Marriott and Annie Edwards. We had a most enjoyable session. Sunday, the 13th, our Conductor, Miss Robinson, spoke to us on a portion from the *Lyceum Manual*,

"Judge Liberally, think purely and love thy neighbour." Sunday, the 20th, our Conductor spoke to us on the Golden Chain, "The teachings of Spiritualism."—E. Robinson, Sec.

BLACKBURN (St. Peter Street).—We held our Open Session on Sunday, September 29th. There were about 300 present and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Various Lyceumists rendered solos and recitations beautifully, including Miss Crossley, of Burnley. Altogether 11 solos and recitations were rendered. Our Conductor called upon our President, Mr. J. T. Ward, to make up the dozen, and he gave an interesting address. Our thoughts were sent to all the boys away.—E. M. Moorhouse, Sec.

BLACKPOOL.—On Sunday, October 6th, we held our first Open Session of the winter, at which we were favoured with a christening. Mrs. Nurse, of Blackpool, gave us a beautiful and beneficent christening service. The baby, whose parents are two old Lyceumists, was christened Herbert Vincent Stott, its spirit name being "Victor." Numerous pearls and recitations were given. An enjoyable session.—B. Barnes, Sec.

BRADFORD (Harker Street).—We held our Open Session on October 6th, conducted by Mr. Carter. Recitations were rendered by Jessie Berry, Minnie Leach and Amelia Bannon. A duet was given by Mrs. and Annie Pammerton. We had a good attendance all day, and we spent a good time together.—Miss Akroyd, Sec.

BOLTON (Bradford Street).—Our Lyceum is still progressing and studies are once more about to start for the Education Scheme. The socials for the winter season have again begun and are well attended and very much enjoyed. We send our fraternal greetings to all Lyceums and Lyceumists.—Elsie Sheldon, Sec.

BURNLEY (North Street).—On September 29th we held our Lyceum Day, which was a success, being well attended all day. In the afternoon we had an Open Session. Solos, duets and recitations were well rendered. In the evening Mrs. Rawlinson and Mr. Wilkinson gave splendid addresses, followed by clairvoyance by Mrs. Cassin. I am pleased to report our Lyceum is progressing. Wishing the boys a speedy return.—Mrs. F. Haworth, Sec.

BURY (King Street).—On Sunday, September 29th, we held our election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Conductor, Miss Doris Fletcher; Assistant, Miss Nellie Coffee; Secretary, Miss Annie Wood; Leaders for marching and calisthenics; Teachers for the Fountain, Sea and Liberty Groups; Guardian and Librarian, and a committee were also elected.—Annie Wood, Sec.

CHESTER.—October 13th. Bright Open Session. Recitation and pearls by Mrs. Cross, Nellie Stevenson, Elsie Downey, Connie Underhill. Instructive address by Mr. Charles Winter.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, October 6th, Miss Barton, of Manchester, named the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hobster, the ceremony being beautifully conducted and the children showing great interest. On Sunday, October 13th, we held a Lyceum Propaganda Day, all the services being well attended. In the afternoon, recitations were given by Mr. Briggs, Connie Ridler, Doris Ashmore, Olive Winter, Lily Driver, Kenwood Widdowson, Sidney Slater, Jack Wale and Rene Winter. Miss Wale obliged with a pianoforte solo. The evening service was conducted by members of the Lyceum. Short addresses on Lyceum work were given, followed by clairvoyant descriptions.—John J. Hobster.

DEWSBURY.—On Sunday, September 9th, we held our Open Session. The children responded well in songs, pearls and recitations. Marching and calisthenics good. After the singing of "Open the door for the children," Mr. Kitson's sister (Aunt Sophia) officiated in naming the little daughter—Phyllis—of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn (Lyceumists); also twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas—Violet and Lillian. Their father is a prisoner of war in Germany. Our church was crowded with many strangers and friends. "Aunt Sophia" appealed to the audience to care for and help to instruct the young in the truths of Spiritualism.—H. Holdsworth, Sec.

COVENTRY, FOLESHILL.—At our Open Session on Oct. 6th, items included entertaining, instructive recitations, and "Sweet golden age," from the *Manual*, by Eunice Evans.—F. Lucas.

HEATON NORRIS (Baker Street).—We held our first Anniversary on Sunday, October 13th, assisted by Mr. Marston and other Lyceumists from Stockport Lyceum Church. Recitations, marching and calisthenics were well rendered. In the evening we had a service of song, entitled "The Orphan Boy." Solos and recitations by the Lyceum scholars.—Mrs. E. Downs, Sec.

HETTON AND DISTRICT.—On Sunday, September 29th, our Lyceum gave a service of song, entitled "Spirit Return." The reading, recitation, solos, and duets were exceedingly well rendered. We feel we owe a debt of gratitude to our Musical Instructor and Leaders for the manner they got our children together.—Thomas Best, Sec.

HORWICH (Beatrice Street).—We had a successful social on October 5th. Solos, duets and recitations were rendered by friends and Lyceumists. Also games and dancing. We are very busy at present with the Pierrot Troupe, children's concert and classes for the Education Scheme. We are having a select dance on November 2nd, in the Mechanics' Institute. We have had a visit from one of our Lyceumists from Glasgow, namely, Mrs. Butterfield, whom we were pleased to greet. We also have had visitors from Blackpool and Todmorden, and had a pleasant time.—Ed. Walsh, Sec.

KEIGHLEY (Heber Street).—On Sunday, October 6th, we held our Anniversary Services, with Mrs. Aspin, of Nelson. Had Open Sessions all day, with good congregations. The various readings and questions were well done. Also recitation and duets were well received, given by several Lyceumists. The marching and calisthenics were well done. Evening service was crowded out. Mrs. Aspin gave a good explanation of the Lyceum education.—W. Hudson, Sec.

LEICESTER (Queen Street).—On October 6th we had our usual Open Sessions, which Miss E. Swadden ably conducted. We had marching and calisthenics; also recitations by Misses Irene Jewitt, E. Wicks and Mrs. Butler. Miss Swadden spoke well of the children, everyone doing their best. Miss A. Clarke assisted during the session, which was very good.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LEICESTER (Silver Street).—Open Session held on Sunday, October 6th, conducted by Mrs. Whitmore. Recitations were rendered by Misses E. Wicks, L. Lucas and Mrs. Hurst. Duet by Misses Smith. Good response to pearls. Marching and calisthenics. An enjoyable session was spent.—Miss Smith, Sec.

LEIGH.—On September 29th we held our Open Session. 64 people present, including Lyceumists and friends. A pleasant afternoon was spent. The evening service was utilized by Lyceumists rendering a service of song, entitled "Unseen Hands." This was highly appreciated by all.—T. Gregory, Sec.

LONDON, PECKHAM.—On Sunday, October 6th, we held our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. We had a very good attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. Richards, Conductor (ninth year); Miss Vera Smith, Secretary; Mr. Clarkson, Treasurer. Bruce Clarkson gave a violin solo.—Vera G. Smith, Sec.

LONDON, PLAISTOW.—Glad to report progress. Will the Parent Society please give us their help to encourage the children? God bless our boys.—G. T. Askins, Conductor.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—We are all very pleased to have our Conductor's portrait and life sketch in this number; we all feel individually honoured by the choice having fallen upon him. All those who have worked with and under him know his modesty, but also how very much deserving he is of the honour done to him. His life and success should be encouraging to all Lyceumists. Under his guidance we are holding a grand Open Session on November 10th, and we hereby invite all friends and well wishers to visit us that afternoon and help to make it a success.—O.M.

LONDON, WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—We are glad to report progress. Though small in numbers, we are getting out a good programme for the next year, and are looking forward to fill the offices at our next election of officers, which takes place at the end of the month. We take this opportunity of thanking all those visitors who have helped us.—H. Watthey, Sec.

MANCHESTER, MOSTON.—On Sunday, October 20th, we held our Open Session, which was a huge success. Solos, recitations and comments were ably rendered by Lyceumists.—Edith Elliott, Sec.

MANCHESTER, PENDLETON.—We held our Open Sessions on Sunday, October 6th, which were well attended, both by our Lyceumists and friends from other Lyceums. Taking it in all we had very good Sessions, which seemed to be enjoyed by all present. Various Lyceumists gave pearls, recitations and songs. Sorry to say we have heard that another of our boys has been killed in action. The Lyceumists send their best wishes to all the boys serving.—G. Halliday, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Grange Road West).—With great pleasure we state that our Lyceum took control of the Church Service on September 29th. Recitations, dialogues, solos, etc.,

were rendered by the scholars. The service altogether, we are pleased to say, was carried through successfully.—E. W. Buckingham, Sec.

NELSON.—We held our Open Session on October 6th, when a few of the Lyceumists recited. Mrs. H. Buller conducted the session, and we are pleased to report that the Lyceum is progressing favourably.—A. Whalley, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Basford Mission).—We held our Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 29th. Vegetables were plentiful. Both services were well attended. Special items were ably rendered by Lyceumists and members of the Society. Our President, Mrs. Bonnington, conducted both services. The vegetables were sold on Monday. We had a good time. Splendid collections.—F. Pearson, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Parliament Street).—Open Session, October 6th, Conductor, Mrs. Cox. Pearls, marching and calisthenics were very well done. Recitations by Phyllis Vardy, Leslie Pike, Kitty Billington; also a reading by Mr. Cowling. Short address by Miss Albinson, speaker for the day. A very successful afternoon spent.—W. Shipton, Sec.

OLDHAM (Elliot Street).—On Thursday evening, October 3rd, a number of our Lyceumists met together to welcome an old Lyceumist (Mr. George Diggle), who has been in America several years and is now serving with the Canadian Forces. A present of an Officers' Manual was made to him by Mr. Platt, our Conductor. Also on Sunday, October 13th, we had two large audiences, when Mr. J. J. Moore, of Manchester, officiated.—Lydia Bradley, Sec.

OLDHAM (Union Street).—On October 12th we held a "Cobweb" Social for the benefit of Lyceum. October 13th was our quarterly Open Session Sunday. Well attended.—A. Chappell, Sec.

PRESTON (Clark's Yard).—We held our Lyceum Open Session on October 6th. We were favoured with recitations by the following Lyceumists:—Mrs. Fishwick, Miss Mabel Cartmell, Elizabeth Dodson, Florrie Chambers and Lily Rollison. The session was enjoyed by all and everything was carried on in perfect harmony. Our love and thoughts are with the boys away.—Fred Dodson, Sec.

PRESTON (Lancaster Road).—We held our Open Session on October 6th—Lyceum Day. The attendance all day was very good. Songs were given by Mrs. A. Hodgson, Misses H. Kilner, M. Walker, Emily and M. Bradley, F. Hough, F. Butler, Mr. Rae, Alec. Walker, G. Pollard and David Rae. Recitations by Margaret Fowler, Mary Bradley, R. Rigby, Charles Curtis, Thomas Oakley, A. Walker.—Miss F. Hough, Sec.

QUARMBY.—Open Session, October 13th, conducted by Miss Butterworth. Recitations by Misses May Crosland, E. Armitage and C. Pilling; solo, Miss Senior; duet, Misses C. Pilling and Minnie Lumb. Our thoughts go out to the boys away and wish them a safe and speedy return.—Laura Wood, Sec.

ROTHERHAM (Percy Street).—Sunday, October 6th, good attendance, bright and cheerful feeling permeating all, and much good done. Mrs. Metcalfe conducted the session in an able manner. The following contributed:—Recitations, May, Horace and Mary Hempell; solos, Mrs. Ainsworth and Mr. Green. We hope their example will encourage others to do likewise.—B. Chappell, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, HEELEY (Gifford Road).—Sunday, October 13th, Lyceum Anniversary Services, Mr. Walker distributing prizes. Sunday, October 20th, we held a successful election of officers.—G. H. Magness, Sec.

SHILDON (Newlands Avenue).—On Sunday, October 6th, we held our Open Session, it being the Harvest Festival. The Church was well decorated with grain, etc. Marching and calisthenics were well done and solos, pearls and recitations were given. Instead of Groups several of the Liberty Group gave short addresses, which were entertaining and instructive. I am sorry to report the loss of one of our Lyceumists, Pte. John Peacock, aged 19, who was killed in action, September, 1918.—Mrs. J. Wilson, Sec.

SHIPLEY.—We held our Open Session on Sunday, October 6th, a good attendance of scholars being present. The readings, singing, marching, etc., were gone through very creditably. A good number of solos and recitations made a bright and enjoyable session.—E. H. Coles, Sec.

STOCKPORT (Lyceum Church).—Successful Harvest Festival Services were held on September 29th. Mrs. Cockshott was the medium. Soloist, Mr. W. Turner, a blind Lyceumist. Mr.

Hallworth and friends gave orchestral selections during the evening. Sergt. J. Bell, Cpl. Hendrick, Seaman H. Gill and Pte. Miss McIntyre have visited us whilst on leave. Open Session was held on October 6th.—J. H. Marston.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES (Brunswick Street).—Lyceum Anniversary, October 6th. Afternoon, Open Session; 6-30. Lyceum songs rendered. Solos by Miss E. and H. Jones; quartette, Misses E. and H. Jones and Mrs. Rodham, the Secretary. Conductor (Mrs. M. Jones) spoke on Lyceum work. Service concluded with the congregation singing "Till we meet again." Service appreciated.—Miss Winter.

TODMORDEN (Roomfield Buildings).—On Sunday, October 6th, we held our Lyceum Open Session. Speaker, Mrs. Abbotts. Marching and calisthenics were well rendered. Good congregations all day.—Miss L. Eastwood, Sec.

ULVERSTON (Burlington Street).—On Sunday, October 20th, we held our Anniversary Services, at 3 and 6-30 p.m. The Lyceumists responded heartily to the call for songs and recitations. The large collection of fruit and vegetables was afterwards sold and the proceeds given to the Fair View Military Hospital.—Edith Martindale, Sec.

WINNIPEG (Polson Avenue).—We held our Open Session on September 1st. Recitations were given by Beatrice Barnes and Mrs. Crowley. Solos were well rendered by Mrs. H. Forrest, Mrs. Crowley. Readings were given by Mr. Barnes, Lyceum Conductor, Wilfred Brown and Mrs. Barnes. Everybody spent a good time together.—Charles Forrest, Sec.

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