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PRICE TWOPENCE.

*It is delightful to hear
that the blessed Lyceum
work is expanding in
your great field. Please
remember me most
fraternally and lovingly
to each and all.
Ever your friend,
A. J. Davis.*

An Open Letter to all Lyceumists

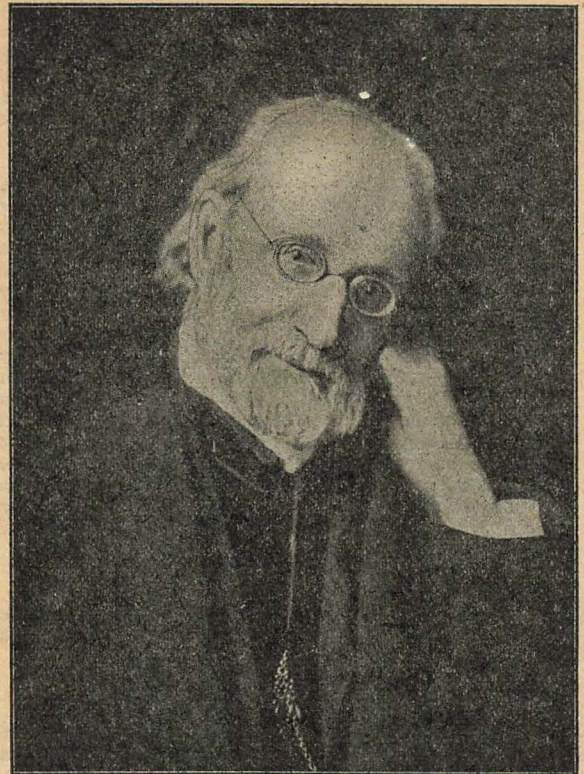
FROM THE PRESIDENT.

A very Happy New Year to all and a sincere wish that this year may be full of harmony and the real spirit of fraternity prevail, from Lyceumist to Lyceumist, throughout the whole Movement.

Our beloved Founder says in the letter from which the above message is culled, "It is delightful to hear that the blessed Lyceum work is extending in your great field." What a wonderful system he inaugurated 58 years ago, and what loving labour has been unselfishly poured into its field, and we recognise we are yet, as a Lyceum movement, in our infancy. But a strong foundation has been laid, and you and I, Lyceumists, are builders, constructors, and beautifiers, that's why 'I write this letter to you. We are to celebrate this Anniversary on the 30th of this month and I am wondering how many are making elaborate preparations for this great event.

A Routine Session plan has been prepared by the M.C. and a Reading by Mr. Kitson which was published in December's issue of the BANNER, and I hope every Conductor will faithfully co-operate. Your Area Representatives have chatted over this great day and discussed many ways and methods concerning it and all are anxious that it shall be a huge success.

You ask me, "in what way?" Suppose every Lyceumist is determined to be a builder or a beautifier, why this occasion gives us all the opportunity to contribute our individual share of the work. I can see impouring towards that little sum we have set out to raise, viz., £2000. Further we could ask our Societies to grant us the last Sunday in January every year. Aspirants for the platform, after passing the Education Courses, could make their initial efforts then, thus serving a double purpose. We could arrange to send our day's collections to the Lyceum Union and it could become a yearly source of income to carry on the work more efficiently as our Movement grows and its demands increase. No! it is not a begging letter to Lyceum-



ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS.

ists, but I realize what can be done, if we all work together,—I am anxious that our union shall be placed on a sound basis, free from all monetary anxiety—this would be one of the methods adopted. But as I look up the sides of our building I see something still higher. Thousands of children's voices will be singing together, "Children's Day," then the Lyceums will read S.C.R. "Children," taking M.R. "The Voyage of Life," and G.C.R. "The Origin of the Lyceum." We shall feel or sense real unity of purpose, thus making for strength, in the huge combination of our powers.

Many sensitives will be conscious of the guidance of Andrew Jackson Davis, and other arisen workers, who will be guiding, inspiring and labouring on behalf of our Cause. How great the thought that these advanced workers do not belong to any one individual Lyceum, but to all, just as I consider the President and General Secretary are really honorary members of every Lyceum and contributing wherever necessary to their progress.

I am going to plead now for every one who has arrived at the great age of ten to enter our Education Scheme, and you will never regret it, for as you ascend our building you will come across many things you do not fully understand; so equip yourselves with all the knowledge possible on the way, that you may mount higher, and be able to help others who are mounting too. The men and women who inaugurated the Scheme have done and are doing a most wonderful work,

and the best thanks that can be accorded these faithful workers, is the accumulation of students taking the different Courses.

There is something more required of us than to merely participate in a Session. We must know why it fascinates us, for to simply wade through its varying exercises Sunday after Sunday like automatic machines is not sufficient.

The Lyceum is a school of knowledge; so, Conductors, Secretaries, and Leaders, let us all equip ourselves, and become examples to the children, searching in all departments of life, and we shall find that our Lyceum Movement *can* produce teachers, exponents, demonstrators, and legislators worthy of the Truth.

Let us enter another room in our building. I must confess that I am a little disappointed here. Our Editor is doing his best to make our official organ, the BANNER, educative and instructive, and many Lyceums could take double and treble the quantity they now do, thereby contributing greatly towards its publication. Think of it, for I believe it is for want of thought that your orders are not doubled: printers' wages are constantly advancing, raw material is high, so that the production costs more, and we have either to have less pages, raise its price, or lose money on it. I prefer to have an efficient paper and find some way out of the difficulty. What do you say!

And now, to the S.N.U., we send our greetings too, as dutiful children, and trust that in the closer co-operation of our two Unions, loving labour may establish and consolidate our forces. It will be late when our Colonial friends receive these greetings, but as I write, I think of the golden links that bind us all together, regardless of time and space, hoping that you will accept them in answer to your many cordial letters.

Bravo! East Hamilton Lyceum, keep it up; for every effort poured in will be material for this giant building of progress, Angels will guide us. Ministering ones will send out their instructions, and if we will obey and be faithful to our trust, optimism of our future greatness will carry us safely into the higher platform of intellects and spirituality. Emerson says, "The ornaments of a house are the friends who frequent it." We can apply it to our Lyceum Movement. You and I can beautify or mar it; so let our watchword be "*Trust each other*" and in that great trust will be revealed the affinity of souls.

Yours fraternally,

MARY E. PICKLES,

"Hazel Dene,"

43, Whitegate Drive,

Blackpool.

POPULAR PHRENOLOGY.

Delved from the deep mines of knowledge and gathered from the rich stores of a unique experience, the accumulated treasures offered in "Popular Phrenology" to the world are such as would, if assimilated, help every man to obey the behest of the Delphic oracle—"know thyself"; an injunction endorsed and urged upon all men, by every school of thought—metaphysical, religious, philosophical and scientific.

A hundred years have passed since Dr. Spurzheim first brought to England the wonderful phrenological key which alone can unlock the mystery of the human mind; and this little volume is well-timed to mark the completion of the first century of phrenological teaching in Britain.

"Popular Phrenology" is a compendium of all that is valuable and it contains all that is necessary for the lay reader to enable him to understand its principles and their application. Its pages are crammed with information in plain words to be understood by all men; yet at the same time absolutely and scientifically reliable. The index reveals the great variety of the contents and a reference to it will set the searcher longing to peruse the text. Having begun, few will be satisfied until they have not only read, but absorbed, the entire contents. To know oneself should be the aim of all and there is no theme of enquiry so illuminating in this direction. Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace said "The phrenologist has shown that he is able to read character like an open book, and to lay bare the hidden spring of conduct with an accuracy that the most intimate friends cannot approach."

Edison, the inventor, never knew he had an inventive talent until phrenology told him so. He was a stranger to himself until then.

From "Popular Phrenology," by J. Millot Severn, price 2s. 6d. Wm. Rider & Sons.

Our Lyceum Guild.

Leader: MARY E. KITSON, B.A.

(Membership is open to Lyceumists, of both sexes, between the ages of 10 and 100.)

To become a member:—Write to the Leader, at 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorks., for form of application and list of rules; and enclose 1d. stamp and addressed envelope.

OUR MOTTO:—

"WE LIVE TO LEARN, AND LEARN TO LIVE."

OUR AIMS:—

- (1) To be progressive.
- (2) To develop ourselves (A) physically; (B) mentally; (C) psychically; and (D) spiritually.

A. Physically.

1. By personally studying the text-book on marches and calisthenics and practising the CORRECT movements of the latter; to ensure efficiency as a member of the Lyceum.

2. By performing the calisthenics AT HOME at least twice per week (besides on Sundays); and any other exercises desired.

3. By being interested in and organising, or helping to organise, or taking part in, Lyceum outings, for walking exercise, fresh air, and genial companionship; or Lyceum clubs for gymnastics, cycling, football, etc.

B. Mentally.

1. By making note of difficulties met with in reading, lectures heard, questions asked in Lyceum, etc, and seeking to solve the same. (This can be done by using a dictionary, by asking in the Lyceum, by writing to the Editor of our paper, by wider reading, and by other means which will suggest themselves.)

2. By reading, besides fiction, books or papers dealing with set subjects, each following his or her own bent, e.g., history, inventions, science, geography, travel, spiritualistic literature, or any other subject in which an interest is taken.

3. By studying the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme, faithfully working through the courses set, and taking the examinations at the end of each course.

4. By having a hobby, e.g., first-aid work, home-nursing, Esperanto, shorthand, photography, fret-work, nature-studies, music, needlework, reading, swimming, cycling, or any other sport or pastime.

C Psychically.

1. By learning all we can about psychic gifts and our psychic nature.

2. By trying to develop our own psychic gifts.

3. By using our gifts to help others.

D. Spiritually.

1. By being alert to do kindness whenever possible.

2. By behaving only in a considerate, gentle, and polite manner to ALL.

3. By being kind to the animal creation; never needlessly hurting any living thing, and trying to check unkind treatment by others.

4. By trying to "do as we would be done by" always.

5. By trying to carry out in our daily lives our Lyceum teachings.

THE NEW YEAR.

We here wish every member and reader a Happy New Year; with the hope that the year will bring the realisation of all worthy desires and hopes, and success in all work undertaken.

RESOLUTIONS.

The New Year is proverbially the time for making resolutions. Let each member resolve, with intention to fulfil:—

- (i) "I will frequently read through the Guild's Aims and Rules, and fulfil my promises.

- (ii) I will be active in all work for my own progress, and that of my Lyceum."

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

At the time of writing (19th Dec.), our total is 400. But 18 new members are promised from one Lyceum for next week, and several others have sent for application forms. Therefore, by the time you read this, we shall have achieved our aim of enrolling the 500th member—before 31st December. Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!!!

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Will each member who has so kindly sent in subscriptions to the Guild Fund please accept our very sincere thanks for, and appreciation of, the donations.

GUILD-CLASSES.

These are increasing in number, and doing useful work. Here are extracts from a few of the letters received:

(i) (Halifax, Alma St.)—"Our Guild Night is going very well so far;—and we have also three regular attenders who are waiting for their tenth birthday to become fully-fledged members. We have made some raffia mats and baskets, etc., and are trying to get sufficient things for a Sale of Work."

(ii) (Cardiff, Central).—"Our Guild Sale of Work was a success considering we had only 12 weeks' work. After paying all expenses we cleared over £18; and with that we are giving every member of the Lyceum, and friends who came to the Guild Meetings and helped, a free tea and social on 21st December; also a present from the Christmas Tree; and to all members of the Mother Society an invitation to the Social and refreshments."

(iii) (Moss Side, Raby St., Manchester).—"Our name is 'Progressive' and we must live up to it. Our little plays still 'roll on.' Next time you write in the 'Banner' will you please say that WE ARE WILLING TO HELP ANY LYCEUM IN NEED; for what we find pleasure in may give pleasure to others."

[These enthusiastic workers will give concerts (of scenes from plays, etc.), to any near Lyceums inviting them.]

TO LITERARY MEMBERS OLD AND YOUNG.

(i) A COMPETITION.

Here's your chance to write; and to win distinction as a Guild member. You are cordially invited to write *either* an essay on our Guild motto *or* a story illustrating its meaning, and to send in the same to the Leader.

(ii) RECOGNITION OF MERIT.

The very best essay and story will be published in our page. And *all* that score 85% of the marks will be entitled to a star on their Guild badge, as a sign of merit.

(iii) CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED.

- (a) Write on one side of the paper only.
- (b) The essay (or story) must contain not more than 500 words.
- (c) Post it to the Leader not later than 31st January; (in time for publication in the "Lyceum Banner" for March.)
- (d) Only Guild Members are eligible. Give name and number. (N.B.—A neutral judge will mark the papers.)

(iv) LATER SUBJECTS.

Later we shall hold other essay and story competitions, taking the subjects from the various Education Syllabuses.

**OUR NATURE ARTICLE.
EVERGREENS.**

BY M. E. LAWTON.

In this, the dullest of the seasons, we hold the gayest of our indoor revels, in celebrating Xmas-tide and the coming of the New Year. Once again the plants enter into our homes, to bring their cheery tidings. It is now that we appreciate the evergreens which we left unnoticed in the wealth of the summer-time. What brightness they add to the wintry countryside!

The word "evergreen" immediately reminds one of our Christmas favourites—the holly, and its close friend, the mistletoe.

THE HOLLY TREE grows in the woodlands, but does not grow to a very great height. Country-folks sometimes call it "Christmas" or the Holy Tree, because for ages it has been used for Christmas decorations in the churches. The tree is known to all by its beautiful dark green shiny leaves and its bright red berries. Had we looked at the holly in May, in place of the berries we should have seen little clusters of cup-like flowers—pale pink outside but pure white within.

Some, but not all, of the leaves, form hard sharp points around the edges. The trees are very wise, and the holly tries to protect its lower leaves from hungry sheep and deer. The leaves at the top of the tree do not need the prickles since they are out of the animals' reach.

THE MISTLETOE grows on the branches of oak or apple-trees, and does not send roots down into the soil. The Druids thought the oak tree sacred because the mistletoe grew on its boughs. The tree on which the plant grows provides the tough pale green leaves with water and some food. The milky white berries are sticky, and when carried by the wind or by birds to other trees,

they cling to the bark. Each berry holds a seed. The seed sends a root into the branch, and then a green shoot up into the air, and so grows into the plant.

THE FIR TREE is perhaps better known to children as the Christmas Tree. This tree loves to grow on the mountain slopes, and is more common in Switzerland than in England. It is one of the cone-bearing trees. The tall straight trunk has branches growing out from every side, just like the spokes of a wheel, but the branches grow shorter and shorter as the tree grows higher, until there is just an upright tip at the very top. The branches are clothed with little short, flat leaves which are rather hard and prickly to the touch. It is an ideal plant for an Xmas tree.

Christmas time would seem incomplete without the holly, mistletoe and fir trees. Yet how can these and other evergreens, the ivy and the laurel and yew trees—keep their leaves through the cold winter when all the other trees are bare? The roots drink up from the soil, water and the plant-foods that water contains. Now, the plants do not want all the water, so the unwanted part is carried up to the leaves, and is given off to the air, through tiny pores, in the form of water-vapour. This process is always going on, but it is quickened by the wind, just as clothes dry more quickly on a clear, windy day. In winter the soil is cold and the roots are not able to absorb so much moisture. This means that they supply the plant with less food and at the same time there is little moisture to give off to the air. By the leaves falling the trees do not need so much food, and the water vapour cannot leave the tree so easily.

The evergreen trees can keep their leaves because those leaves are so formed that they do not give off much water vapour. In the thick tough leaves, the pores are protected by the thick skin, so that the drying winds can not easily reach them. The glossiness of the leaves is caused by a waxy coating which also helps to protect the pores, from the frost, and cold. Also, the snow slips off them, because of their smoothness, and direction: thus the tree's branches are not broken off by the snow's weight.

Thus these trees remain evergreen and so give brightness to the woodlands and gardens until Spring rouses their weaker neighbours to put forth their tender and less protected leaves.

AN APOLOGY.

We regret that space forbids our giving Mr. Woodall's article this month. Look out for it in February.

LYCEUMS WITH MORE THAN 9 GUILD MEMBERS.

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| 33. Cardiff (Central). | (i) Are you a member? |
| 30. Bristol (United). | (ii) If not, why not? |
| 22. Moss Side (Raby St.) | (iii) Has your Lyceum any members? |
| 22. North Shields (Rippon Hall). | |
| 22. Peckham. | |
| 20. Woolwich & Plumstead. | (iv) If not, why not? |
| 19. Halifax (Alma St.) | (v) Is your Lyceum studying the Education Scheme. |
| 19. S. Shields (Fowler St.) | (vi) If not, why not? |
| 18. Caerau. | (vii) Write to the Leader, and Education Secretary, about any difficulties, or objections, or questions you wish to ask. |
| 13. Lancaster. | |
| 12. Ilford. | |
| 12. Moston. | |
| 11. Batley-Carr. | |
| 11. Bradford (Ivy Rooms). | |
| 11. Wallsend. | |
| 10. Tottenham. | |

LETTER BOX.

Dear Mr. Knott,—

When we moved to Christ Church three years ago, we joined the Lyceum the first Sunday. My father is Conductor, and my young brother is Secretary, so you will see that I am fairly well grounded into the teaching. I have travelled a good deal in the spirit, and some of the places I have visited are beyond description; they are too beautiful for ordinary words to describe, of course the argument against it would be imagination, but I know I never imagined it, and seeing is believing.

I have been writing for several years now to a member of the Horwich Lyceum; we became friends through the BANNER, and have continued the correspondence ever since, and I on my part look forward to the letters. I am always glad to hear from Lyceumists in any part of the world. I enclose a picture of our platform speaker, there is no doubt he is the best one we have had for years. On Sunday evening the Church is often full to overflowing; he seems to satisfy the people, and there is no doubt he gives them food for thought. With best wishes for continued success to our movement.

ALFRED GEO. MILES.

Essays from Bournemouth.

The Seven Principles of Spiritualism.

Some people call themselves Spiritualists when they simply believe in the phenomena of Spiritualism, but they are wrong in so much that they forget the philosophy, which I consider is just as important, if not more so, than the former. Spiritualists, and I mean *true* Spiritualists, accept seven principles, namely:—(1) The Fatherhood of God. (2) The Brotherhood of Man. (3) The Immortality of the Soul and its personal characteristics. (4) The proven faith of Communion between spirit people and mortals. (5) Personal responsibility. (6) Compensation and retribution hereafter for all the good or evil done here. (7) A path of Eternal Progress open to every human soul that wills to tread it by the path of Eternal Good.

These principles were given by the spirits through the mediumship of Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten, who has now passed the borderline between the two worlds.

I will try and explain in a few words the meaning of these principles. The 'Fatherhood of God' implies that we believe in a God; but a God different from the Christian Church's views. Our God is a God of Love—not fear—who pervades everything in the universe, in fact everything and everybody is a microcosm of the Great Macrocosm, which is God. Some persons think of God as a person who creates human beings to His liking, with imperfections and weaknesses and allows a devil to master them, and take them into a place called Hell. No, it is not true, it could not be. A God of love could not do it. My opinion is that God, the infinite power of love and wisdom, tries our character as we would try gold. There is no devil who tempts us, but I think it is God pointing out our weaknesses that we may conquer them. Some succeed, then it is heaven to them; but others fail and then it is that hell is with them. But God does not leave them; indeed He tries and tries until *He* succeeds in bringing another sheep into the fold. I said "He creates *all*, therefore He must be the Father of all."

This brings me to the second point, the 'Brotherhood of Man.' If God is the Father of all, then we are all brothers and sisters; all of one great and grand family. Therefore, friends, do not slight or discourage those whom you meet, but rather help and raise them: remember the man who is clothed in rags is your brother. Are you ashamed to associate with him? Of course not. It is not his fault that he lacks money; and after all, money is not everything. It does not buy a good character, nor even one of the best of the Spirit-homes. Remember that God does not slight him, however poor or wicked, therefore it is not for us to judge—we who are so insignificant compared with our Father. Let us love and serve our fellow beings and in so doing we will be doing it unto God.

We believe also that life is immortal, there being no death of the Spirit. True, we have a physical death but it is only the change from life on the earth-plane to that of the Spirit.

It seems impossible that we should have all these ambitions and aspirations for a continued existence, only for them to be dashed to the ground and then for us to be deprived of consciousness for ever: then again we have had *proof*, positive proof, of our relations and friends coming back to us, giving comfort, joy, love and a grand realisation of a continued existence in the summerland. But, you say, only good angels go to heaven. No! everyone goes to heaven sooner or later. Heaven is not a place, it is a condition of love and peace only gained through living a good, unselfish life. We must not forget that the spirit friends on the other side are human, with their personalities unaltered in the least, and we find that those who come back are not what one would expect of an ideal Angel. If we would wish these spirit friends to guide and counsel us, we must give them the best opportunities. It lies with us whether or not we make it possible. As I said before, they are human-like and will not intrude where they think they are not wanted. If the conditions are not good—say the atmospheric conditions are heavy—then it is difficult because the vibrations of love and sympathy, which we must send out to them, may not reach the spirit friend, and it is by that alone that they are able to come.

The sixth principle tells us that we receive compensation or retribution hereafter for good or evil done here. Why, is quite evident. When we pass over, and in time become spiritually awakened, we shall be able to see the sorrow and suffering caused by a wrong deed while on earth, and that will naturally make us sad and remorseful, in fact it will be hell—the only explanation of hell. On the other hand, however small a good may be, we shall be able to realise what joys and

happiness the result may be, and we shall be happy and glad, saying that life was worth living, for having caused happiness for others.

I will deal now with the last principle, namely, 'that there is a path of Eternal Progression open to every soul who wills to tread it.' The more we learn, the more we realise that we are really very ignorant, and never will entirely finish learning. Even in the Spirit World there are many planes of education, so that progression is ever possible. Such things as music and art are more easily learned in the world of Spirit than even here.

I will conclude with those beautiful and true words, written by Tennyson, in which all Spiritualists believe, namely, that there is,

"One Law, one Life, one Element,
And one far-off Divine Event,
To which the whole creation moves."

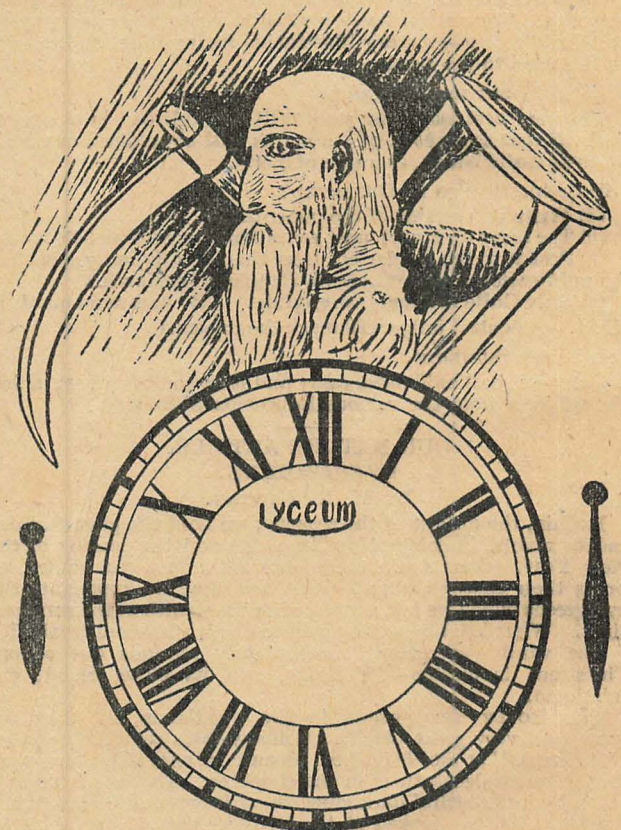
VERA C. BLAKE, Age 17.

Bournemouth.

THE MONTHLY PUZZLE.

Father Time pays us all a visit again to usher in the New Year. He has brought his daughter with him. Can you find her? He has also given this picture to the Editor and says, "all boys and girls over seven ought to know what a clock is for, and who to tell the time."

Leaders can teach the children to make a Plasticine model of a clock, or paste the clock and fingers on a card, using a pin to put the fingers on the clock. The story of clocks and different time measurers, sun-dials, etc., will form an interesting and instructive lesson.



The British Union of Phrenologists, of which Prof. T. Timson is President, are making a tempting offer for Lyceumists who are phrenologically inclined. The people who believe in and support its methods have filled many high places in all walks of life: they include the Right Hon. D. Lloyd George, Thos. Edison, J. Robertson, M.D. (who gave £15,000) Arch. Colley, Sir A. R. Wallace, Sir Robt. Baden Powell, Prof. Drummond, M.D., W. T. Stead and a great host of other past and present public men.

Phrenology has proved a great help to many people in the choice of occupation, line of study and general development.

United Lyceum Districts Council.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held on December 11th and 12th, in the Attercliffe Lyceum, Sheffield. Business commenced at 6-30 p.m. 11 delegates were present and 10 districts were represented. Miss E. Roe gave the invocation. Mr. A. T. Connor presided. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Resolved that motions be placed No. 8 on Agenda. Correspondence: Resolved *re* Pooling that only the fares actually expended upon train journeys be recorded for Pooling.

Re dates for meetings: That this Council, from the end of 1921 fix its dates to be held on the second Saturday of March and October. Resolved that we endorse the action of Secretary and that in the opinion of this Council the Secretary has kept to the Constitution and that the B.S.L.U.M.C. and Leeds D.C. be informed of this, and that Secretary's action be endorsed *re* postponing meeting, and only notifying Secretary and not representatives; 10 for, 1 against. *Re* S.U.D.C. letter: Resolved that Secretary write S.U.D.C. that this Council has not any power to interfere with the findings of Conference, and that they formulate a motion and forward same to Conference, and to the various D.C.'s for support at next Conference. President's Address: Resolved address be adopted and recommended for publication in the LYCEUM BANNER, and that we take it *seriatim* on No. 8 of Agenda. Resolved that we pay the increased fees. Agreed that if on Sunday morning (no representative from the Liverpool D.C. be present) we leave the Internal Education Scheme until next meeting. Agreed we keep in touch with the N.E. Cheshire, Tyneside and the S.U.D.C.'S. Agreed Correspondence be adopted. Agreed we send a representative to the Eastern Counties.

Election of Officers: Mr. A. T. Connor re-elected President. Mr. J. Shuttleworth re-elected Secretary. Educational matters explained by Ed. Secretary. Credential Report. Officers 2, Delegates 11, Visitors 5, total 18. Pooling expenses 19s. per head. Motions: Halifax and Huddersfield, Lie on Table. Liverpool per G. Mack: That D.C.'s who have not made their returns by February 20th, shall be refused credentials for the next U.D.C. and shall not be returned as members; adopted. Leeds motion *re* referendum amended and referred to D.C.'s and M.C. Notts. motion: Secretary to write Notts. and explain vote of confidence to Secretary and his action endorsed *re* Conference. *Re* Areal Meetings: Agreed delegates take this back to D.C.'s. Associate scheme outlined by Secretary. Agreed we invite Subscribing Members and a full report of meetings be sent to such. Agreed we recommend that each Lyceum take 6d. from each collection and forward same either quarterly or yearly to the S.N.U.F.O.B. Votes of thanks accorded to Sheffield friends. Delegates took part in the Open Session which was conducted by Mrs. M. E. Pickles. The evening service was conducted by Mrs. M. E. Pickles and Messrs. Jackson and Anderton.

Next meeting, Nottingham, March 5th and 6th. Delegates please write Miss V. J. Raynor, *re* billeting.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the District Council delegates assembled at Sheffield on Saturday and Sunday, 11th and 12th December, 1920.

Friends all,—

I am quite aware that I am creating a precedent in presenting a formal address, but there are some remarks I should like to make, and in order that they may be brief and to the point I am reducing them to writing. I do not purpose touching on the Council's work during the past year—that report I leave in the able hands of my friend, Mr. Shuttleworth. But several events of outstanding importance have occurred since our last Annual General Meeting. These events, in my opinion, should be discussed by this Council, and the only way I can see of bringing the subjects before you is through the medium of my Presidential address.

Article 2, sec. (b) of our Constitution gives as one of our objects—"Collecting, considering, initiating and disseminating ideas or projects that may be for the upliftment, advancement, consolidation or other form of service to the movement." My ideal of the United Districts' Council is as the supreme Liberty Group of the Movement, wherein the chosen of every district will discuss, with a breadth of vision worthy of District Representatives, matters of vital import to the cause of Spiritualism generally, and the Lyceum cause especially. I hope that throughout this week-end we shall all be loyal to the trust reposed in us, and consider every item of business brought before us, not from a partisan or parochial, but a national point of view. Should we reach and maintain this high standard

the U.D.C. will become and remain one of the most important bodies in the movement.

The most important event since our last meeting is the launching of our new Education Scheme; which has been built up by a combination of the London and previous national schemes. As Assistant Secretary of the Education Committee, I am able to state that the new Scheme has been approved in every part of the country. This being so, it is to be hoped that more Lyceumists will take up the Education Course. Last year 326 sat for the national scheme and 80 for the London scheme—a total of 406, out of about 240 Lyceums, which means that an average of *less than* two members of each Lyceum sat for the examination! You will agree that this is ridiculous in an educational movement, and I urge on all delegates as a duty that the Education Scheme should be brought forward in their districts as an essential part of Lyceum work.

In intimate relationship with the Education Scheme is the birth of "Our LYCEUM GUILD," whose importance and value has been recognised by nearly every leading Spiritualist. My own personal interest in the Guild is founded on a vast realisation of its ultimate aim—to build up an educated and efficient Lyceumism. In and through the Guild, members can exchange views and knowledge; compare opinions, theories and ideals and co-operate for mutual assistance, guidance and advancement. In other words, the Guild is a Students' Union—and I look forward to the growth of a healthy rivalry between Lyceums, each striving to be the best educated and the most progressive in the movement, as proved by the number and standing of its Guild members. I hope that the delegates will bring the Guild also before their Councils—and that the M.C. will officially recognise the Guild to the extent of inviting its Leader and founder (Miss Kitson) to send an Annual Report to Conference.

In close connection with these two events is the new Editorship of THE LYCEUM BANNER—an editorship which is calling for an educated Movement capable of expressing its knowledge in a sane, logical manner. The pages of the BANNER have been thrown open to all who have anything instructive or interesting to write, and, given proper support, our magazine bids fair to become one of the most useful educational journals in the country.

Then there is our own scheme of Internal Education, which combines with the Guild in an endeavour to elevate the mental, physical and spiritual standard of our Movement. The time devoted at each of our meetings to the discussion of this Scheme is time well spent, and can be put to still better use if the discussions are fully reported to the various Councils and Lyceums.

I hope time will be found to discuss these four subjects and that we shall be able to agree on some common line of action calculated to secure for all four their proper place in the work of the Movement.

The other business to be considered is very important, and in some cases somewhat controversial, but I trust that all discussion and debate will be conducted with a full sense of national responsibility.

In conclusion, the M.C. have paid us the great compliment of asking our opinion on a matter brought before them. May all the work done during this A.G.M. prove that we are worthy of recognition, as an impartial tribunal on all matters of interest to the Lyceum and Spiritualist Movements.

A. T. CONNOR.

Special Reports.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27th and 28th, we were favoured with a visit from the Southern Counties Lyceum District Council, combined with which we held our first Anniversary. Special services were held on Sunday, the speakers being Mr. Jackson and Mr. Lawrence, of Reading, and Mr. F. T. Blake. Each speaker strongly appealed to parents to support the Lyceum Movement in its great work for the young. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Hatchard and Miss E. K. Blake, and the chair was ably taken by Mrs. Percy Street, of Reading, President of the Council. In the afternoon we held an Open Session, in which nearly all took part. Solos were rendered by Misses E. K. Blake, E. Hitchcock and Mr. Coles, and recitations were given by Misses E. Ironmonger, B. Wery V. Blake and N. Coles. Mr. Jackson, the District Visitor, gave us a few words of encouragement, at the close of which the delegates gave the greetings brought by them from their respective Lyceums, for which our Conductor thanked them. The services throughout the day were a great success and great credit is due to all those who so willingly helped to carry out the arrangements.—Louis Hitchcock, Sec.

The Education Scheme.

THE NEW YEAR.

Compared with previous years, we consider that the outlook in educational matters for our Lyceum Movement is bright; the promises for the immediate future are good; the resolves to attain to greater knowledge and efficiency are many. And our earnest wish for the New Year and all succeeding years, is that all that is promised will be realised; and that the interest in matters educational will grow and grow until every Lyceum feels itself in honour bound to see to the education of its members and to send in all eligible ones for the Union's examinations year by year, to qualify for responsible positions.

ENTRANTS FOR THE COMING EXAMS.

At the time of writing (19th Dec.) the lists are by no means complete; yet already we have received the following entries:—

FOR GRADE I.,	517 candidates.
" " II,	115 "
" " III,	27 "
" " IV,	7 "
" " V,	4 "

These belong to 50 different Lyceums.

A QUERY AND A LAMENT.

BUT there are in existence over 250 Lyceums; and, so far, only 50 have played up! What of the others? And "the others" include 90 per cent. of our biggest and strongest Lyceums! What is the reason for their non-participation in this progressive and educational movement? Are they content and willing to let newer, smaller, weaker Lyceums show greater zeal and greater enthusiasm for, and greater interest in, our Founder's ideals of PROGRESS AND EDUCATION?

A PLEA AND A REQUEST.

If any Lyceum has sound and logical reasons for holding aloof, will it please send them along in writing to the Education Secretary, that the Committee may consider them and try to improve the Scheme so that every Lyceum can take part in it.

If a Lyceum has no such grounds, it is even now not too late to make a start, and to send in candidates in March. "Play up and play the game."

LATER DATE FOR RECEIVING ENTRIES.

To give all a full chance to join in the scheme and because we have heard of several difficulties in sending in names, the date has been altered to 12th JANUARY, 1921, from the first one fixed, viz., 15th December, 1920.

But, will all Secretaries send in as soon after reading this as possible, so as to facilitate the work of the Education Secretaries.

GUARANTEE FEES,—AND A SURPRISE.

These have been faithfully and willingly sent by Lyceums who have already joined in the Scheme. And the Secretary has had a few delightful surprises in connection with the same. Let us quote:—

"Enclosed please find the guarantee fee of 6d. per candidate. Our Committee realises the expense to the Union in running this Scheme; and requests that you will not return the money, but put it in the Fund to help to defray expenses."

This also is the import of other letters. Hurrah! Even the "Lyceum Guild" is remembered; as two have donated the fees to the Guild Fund.

A RESOLUTION OF THE U.D.C.

At the recent meeting of the U.D.C. it was resolved that the delegates of District Councils, at the next meeting of their respective D.C.s urge that a greater enthusiasm and interest be shown for the Education Scheme, and a more active part be taken in it.

May we here suggest that each Lyceum take a personal note of this, and act accordingly!

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING

of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. Education Sub-Committees, the following were among the resolutions to be put before the two full Education Committees to be endorsed.

(i) "That the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme Grade V. be accepted as the point of co-operation between the two bodies."

(ii) "That the S.N.U. Exponent's Committee issue an Intermediate Certificate, and that B.S.L.U. Students passing Grade V. examination, and intending to take up platform work may apply for this S.N.U. Probationer's Certificate. The Exponents' Committee to satisfy itself that the Probationer has some qualification in speaking before issuing such

certificate. The Exponents' Committee may recommend from the applicants for the S.N.U. Diploma, that certain students shall take the B.S.L.U. Grade V. Examination as Probationers."

(iii) It was also agreed that a separate set of Examiners mark Grade V. papers, (i.e. *only* Grade V.); and that they mark *all* such papers, whether of B.S.L.U. or S.N.U. candidates, (who will sit at the same time and have the same questions set).

Discussing methods of training, the following suggestions were put forward.

(a) That the visiting Medium to a Society be asked to give service with the Lyceum, if necessary at the loss to the Society of one service, so that children may come in contact with real phenomena.

(b) That Lyceum Leaders be requested to provide facilities for the reading of Essays from Students training for Speaking, such essays to be forwarded to this Joint Committee for sympathetic criticism and suggestive improvements. Essays to be about 500 words.

(c) That Mr. W. E. Oaten be approached for a supply of Skeleton Addresses, and to receive any others that may come in from other sources. Students to be provided with one or more of these Outlines for practice in the preparation of addresses.

(d) That Study Groups or Liberty Groups be asked to co-operate in this work.

ENTHUSIASTIC LYCEUMISTS PLEASE NOTE.

Commenting on the present day lack of enthusiastic service in the Cause of Spiritualism, the suggestion was approved that "The Two Worlds" and "The Lyceum Banner" Editors be approached to ask for Essays from Lyceumists or others on the subject—"Why should I work for Spiritualism?" and "What is the Spiritual Urge within our Movement?"

(Such essays will be very welcome, and should be sent either to the Editor, or to the Education Secretary.)

PRIMERS FOR USE IN LYCEUM GROUPS.

From time to time enquiries have been made by Group Leaders about text-books, and books containing stories that illustrate moral precepts, suitable for use in groups.

Therefore the Committee approached various publishers, and stated their needs. Many such books were sent on approval, and from these have been selected fourteen.

SUITABLE FOR PRIZES.

One copy of each has been purchased, and may be had by the first applicant, (at the prices quoted, postage *extra*), from the Education Secretary. They are very suitable for prizes for the younger Lyceumists.

(i) *Fairy-stories, legends and fables.*

(a) "Peter Pan," (2s.); (b) "Stories of Ancient Greece" (2s. 6d.);

[These are obtainable from W. and R. Holmes, 95, Yorkshire Street, Rochdale; and all the others from Ginn and Co., 7, Queen Square, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.]

(c) Aesop's Fables, (2s. 3d.); (d) Myths of the Red Children, (3s.); (e) King of the Golden River, (2s.); (f) Water babies, (2s. 6d.).

(ii) *Stories illustrating the Brotherhood Principle.*

(g) Seven Little Sisters, (2s. 6d.); (h) Each and All, (2s. 6d.);

(i) Little Folks of Many Lands, (2s. 6d.)

(iii) *Animal Stories and Nature-lessons.*

(j) Mother Nature's Children (3s. 6d.); (k) Stories Mother Nature Told her Children (2s. 6d.); (l) Seed-babies, (2s.); (m) Animals and their use to Man, (3s. 6d.).

(iv). *Miscellaneous.*

(n) Number Stories of Long Ago, (2s. 6d.).

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

(i) (Dundee.) The age-limit for each Grade is merely the *minimum* age for candidates for that Grade. Candidates older—up to any age—may take the examination.

(ii) (Preston.) Adults, who have not taken Grades I. to IV., but who are desirous of taking Grade V. in order to qualify immediately for platform work, may do so under the auspices of the S.N.U. (See previous paragraph).

(iii) (Bristol & others.) Concerning the Special Course for Officers and Leaders, please see paragraph in December's article. The preparation of new Handbooks, and of new Syllabuses, and the getting into working order of the new Scheme since July, (1920), left no time to arrange for such a Course previous to the

exams, to be held in March. It is hoped that such will be ready (for those desirous of qualifying quickly) soon after the said examinations are over.

(iv.) (Blackburn and others.) Tutors may certainly sit for examination with their pupils; under the same conditions. No supervisor must have taught any of the candidates under his (or her) supervision; and must not be taking the examination.

(v.) (From several). Full particulars about the actual examinations will be given later.

TO ENQUIRERS.

Please always enclose stamp for reply if a direct answer is expected.

TO CUSTOMERS.

(i) When sending a P.O. to the Secretary, please make it payable at Hanging Heaton, and do not cross it.

(ii) The literature marked "post free" does NOT mean "Letter Rate." If a letter is also required, postage must be sent extra.

EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE.

(i) Leaflets giving Grade I. syllabus (only) are free to applicants, but 1d. for postage is necessary.

(ii) Pamphlets giving the Syllabuses and Summaries of work of all the five Grades are 2d. per copy, or 1s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

(iii) Handbooks for Grade I., also Handbooks for Grade II, are 4d. per copy, or 3s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

(iv) Extra copies for the Reference List for Grade V. students are free to applicants (send 1d. for postage).

(v) No. 3 Handbook for Grade V. students is in course of preparation. Watch for later announcements.

(vi) The Primers are quoted at nett prices. Postage must be sent extra.

WHAT OUR LYCEUM TEACHES.

They teach us to be good and kind one to another, not to be selfish, but rather to help each other. If there is any one poor, don't let us think we are better than them; if we have anything to spare let us try to give to them, if it is only a little.

Let us try to obey our parents and help them as much as we can; let us try to get others to come to our Lyceum

JOSEPH MELLOW, aged 12.

G.C.R.—HABITS.

Con.—What are habits?

Lyc.—Certain actions or expressions we have done so often that we do them without thinking.

Con.—Are habits good or bad?

Lyc.—Some are good; some are bad.

Con.—How are we to judge whether they are good or bad?

Lyc.—By their effect on our lives here and hereafter.

Con.—What kind of habits do you call good?

Lyc.—*Punctuality*, the habit of making preparation in advance for things we have to do, and never being late to school, work, or in keeping appointments. *Neatness*, the habit of being neat in appearance, in our lessons, and work in general. *Concentration*, the habit of putting all our mind, thoughts and energies into whatever we have to do. *Perseverance*, the habit of sticking to our lessons or work till they are well done. *Thoroughness*, the habit of making every piece of work we have to do the very best we can do.

Con.—What do you consider to be bad habits?

Lyc.—Lying, swearing, cheating, gambling, etc., the evil effects of which follow us into the spirit world.

Con.—If so, we ought to be careful of the habits we form, and teach children also to be careful of how they form theirs.

Lyc.—The forming of bad habits is like the making of chains that bind us. Every time we repeat them adds another link to our fetters.

Con.—But what are we to do to get rid of any bad habits we have formed?

Lyc.—Strive to get rid of them. Ever remember that every time we succeed in checking a bad habit, we remove a link from the chain that binds us.

Con.—How shall we break a bad habit?

Lyc.—"As we did that habit make bit by bit;
As we welded, we must break, bit by bit;
But remember as we try,
Lighter every task goes by, bit by bit."

ALFRED KITSON.

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MESMERISM AND MEDIUMSHIP.

Mesmerism a Bridge.

It was no less a person than the Great Seer, Jackson (using his mother's favourite name for him), who, in the midst of dire distress, ill-health, hunger and poverty, passed through the stages of physical evolution into entrancement, in his early graduation into Mediumship, by Mesmeric processes of development.

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Jackson Davis had received no education beyond the barest elements of the alphabet (in a few days all told) spent in a village school, which, in his teens, left him unable either to read or write.

Mesmerist and Phrenologist.

He was, however, a child of Nature unfettered by artificial scholastic restrictions and often stayed in the woods all night, but it was the Mesmerist and Phrenologist who discovered his latent energies and knew exactly how to apply these faculties to his own development betwixt the two worlds by means of induced intrancement by Mesmerism, thereby infusing into his own psychic organism the necessary quality of Mesmeric force which formed the bridge between Mesmeric Clairvoyance and Mediumistic lucidity.

Thus we see that Jackson Davis was enabled to deliver most marvellous addresses confounding the understandings of the many great scholars and dignitaries who especially came to hear him, including Doctors, one of whom became so prejudiced and abusive in his persecution of Jackson and on one occasion nipped a large piece of flesh out of his thigh by means of forceps which he had brought along to test the intrancement and during which time were used needles and probes and other surgical appliances on his body by these medics in endeavour to awaken him out of his trance and there-upon denounced him a fraud and impostor, but in this they failed every time, and in one instance the patient's friends in their sympathy became so severely indignant at the treatment that the doctor had inflicted upon their beloved benefactor, that they even denounced him in the streets by the nickname of "Pinchie," and dreaded through his act of cruelty to Jackson, to go to his surgery when needed, hence he had to remove entirely from the neighbourhood, as his practice had so much diminished in consequence.

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EDITORIAL.

The old year has gone. The aftermath of war has left us a trail of horror, discord and human vandalism. The real Peace has not yet come. The general condition of the world is one of turmoil. Nations are, like individual persons, feeling the mental unrest, caused by the pseudo-civilisation which has influenced the governing powers of the nations. Half of the people on earth are starving, feeling the force of oppression, and suffering from the results of blockades which have been officially raised, but continue their insidious practices by a hideous diplomacy.

Many thousand millions are being spent on building warships by the great nations. What are warships for? Europe is starving for want of trade and peace. Every battleship which takes the water is blessed by a religious practice. Daily prayers are offered to invoke God's guidance on the destructive policies of the powerful nations.

What has this to do with Lyceums and the B.S.L.U.? Have politics and economics anything to do with religion? We found they had, when the Great War came. The effects of this tremendous event touched every home, and every Lyceum, and we found it affected our religion too. It belongs to the past, but the future is in the making, and we must have a practical religion which will not specifically deal with politics and trade, but will have a great influence on the relations which govern these two important forces in human life and destiny. In the past, our religion has worked to free itself from warlike enterprises. (Thanks to Mr. W. E. Oaten, in the Spiritualist Ministers' Test Case, at the Law Courts.)

Now, we enter a New Year, and, let us hope, a new phase of life. Whatever our attitude on the past year, and many thought it vitally necessary to take the stand they did, we now want a new spiritually humanised outlook for the future. Re-construction is desired, and Lyceumists, more than any others, are the people who should shape their conduct for the accomplishment of harmonial, universal and brotherly conduct and law between all nations, religions, and the multifarious schools of thought and study which have for their aim the upliftment of the human race.

We now come to a new theme, which is peculiar to most people, but absorbing and interesting to the Spiritualist student, and particularly fascinating to the Lyceumist. Many Lyceumists know they can converse with our friends, and other people who are attracted to us, from the spirit-spheres of activity. We, and they, find difficulties facing us when we come in contact with each other: there life is somewhat different from ours.

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Spirit-people who return cannot fully express their life to us, because we do not live in the thought-world sufficiently. Here we think in terms of matter, time and space. Substance in spirit-life is etherialised: time and space are largely eliminated.

Think of this life without money; solid things; time, as we understand it; and space as an ocean of power, tangible and plastic, capable of being used to portray our thoughts, and we may partly realise what spirit-life and its forces of operation are.

To obtain the sense of the above paragraph it will be necessary to read it again and then pause and imagine ourselves living in a sphere of activity like that, before reading further.

The reader will notice a space exists between the two portions of this Editorial. All the words of this message are on one page, just as all humans are all living on the earth: but only the Spiritualist can understand all the page. The non-believer knows the space exists and sees a void, but the Spiritualist knows that through the spaces between the dotted lines there have come (as all colours are derived from white light by vibration), from the ocean of spirit, the glimmerings of a consciousness which unites the spheres of life.

We have found these forces are vitally real, and a knowledge of them is absolutely necessary in the minds of progressive leaders in all walks of life, to shape human conduct on wise lines and methods of government. That is why Spiritualism has a permeating power in all subjects, whether political, social, economic, moral, intellectual, scientific or religious. Human emancipation depends upon the amount of understanding we have of the white things and forces of life, and how far we are prepared to make them an actual part of our conduct, to make our actions and thoughts vibrate the colour, ecstasy and joy, which will make life a pleasurable paradise. These are the ideas and ideals which have inspired martyrs, who have vibrated to the cosmic consciousness of God and faced all things in the cause of purity and truth.

Remember the spirits and humans form the warp and woof of life. Life is intertwined, functioned and formed by spirit and substance, and the two spheres of activity blend in an interchangeable process of occurrences. The future of the race points our thoughts and actions to negating evil and approaching beauty, through goodness. May those who find it is their vocation to guide humanity be inspired by wisdom and love. Peace has a message to the individual. Sweet are the ties that bind.

You are responsible for your own conduct. That the above words may help and strengthen you all, wherever you may live, or what your surroundings may be, is the earnest wish of THE EDITOR.

BY THE WAY.

A large stock of LYCEUM MANUALS and SPIRITUAL SONGSTERS have been supplied to the Spiritualist Union of South Africa. The Union contemplate opening Lyceums in various centres, to organise and develop Lyceum work, as they feel it is imperative to give immediate attention to these activities. The B.S.L.U. send their very cordial appreciation of the above effort. Suitable and helpful literature has also been sent. We hope to hear good results from the land of bananas, pumpkins and pineapples. There are gold and diamond mines too, but the greatest mine of all exists in every country. It is the mine of information. The Lyceum can provide the stimulus to obtain it. God speed the right.

The Central Spiritualist Church and Lyceum has been formed in Stockport by the Wellington Road and the Central Society joining forces. Unity is power.

The Official Bulletin of the International Bureau of Spiritualism is to hand. Mr. W. E. Oaten is active and rendering useful service by recommending literature in various languages to many countries.

An International Conference of Spiritualists is proposed to be held in London during 1922. Invitations have been sent to many countries and a good response is forthcoming. Lyceumists should be interested to know our truths are becoming a part of the serious study of all nations. May the Lyceum Education become a part of the tuition of children in all lands and be as popular as Father Christmas.

Mr. J. S. Jensen, 21, Studiestraadé, Kobenhavn, Denmark, is the President of a Society of 4,000 members. He asks for a supply of reports of interesting new phenomena, which can be illustrated by lime-light pictures. Spirit-photography, drawing of instruments and apparatus, with records of the phenomena produced by them are suitable things to send. There are many records in the English language which would be welcomed by our Danish friends.

All the Union's publications can now be obtained except the best bindings of the SPIRITUAL SONGSTERS, No. 1. binding of OUTLINES OF SPIRITUALISM, and No. 2 and No. 5 HYMN SHEET.

Two new Services of Song are in process of printing. "Into the Light," is by Mr. W. T. Seddon of Leigh. "Nettie," is from the pen of Mrs. Moulton of Stockport.

There is a demand for bound copies of the LYCEUM BANNER which cannot be supplied. If any Lyceumist contemplates buying a bound volume at the end of 1921, kindly drop a note to the Secretary, as only orders booked in advance can be supplied.

B.S.L.U. AT PRESTON.

The B.S.L.U. Management Committee will hold two Propaganda Meetings at Preston, in co-operation with the Lancaster Road and Progressive Lyceums, on Sunday, January 9th, 1921.

On Saturday, January 8th, the Business Meeting will be held in the hall of the Progressive Lyceum.

A Joint Social will be held in the Lancaster Road Church. Everybody welcome.

Mr. Kitson, Advisor, will conduct a Joint Lyceum Session in the Lancaster Road Lyceum at 10 a.m., on Sunday, January 9th, 1921.

£2,000 EFFORT.

The M.C. and Finance Committee have considered various methods of raising the above sum to stabilise the funds of the B.S.L.U. A full report will be printed in the February BANNER. In the meantime Lyceums are requested, if at all possible, to endeavour to raise at least £10 per Lyceum.

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A. D., Lyceumist 2 6

SPIRITUALISM.

Spiritualism teaches us to be kind to one another, and to all animals great or small. It also teaches us there is no death. Sometimes the spirit friends come back and visit us and often they come and join in our games. It also teaches us not to call or laugh at anyone who is lame or not quite right in their minds. ARTHUR SOAR, aged 13, Mechanics' Hall Lyceum.

BEAUTY.

The love of beauty is inherent in all mankind. The liberally endowed mind, refined by culture and the contemplation of the most perfect ideals is always comprehensive of the attractiveness and influence of beauty, and the inability to perceive such excellencies implies a defect of mentality that is entirely incompatible with high intellectual, moral and spiritual attainments.

Those mystic symphonies of thought, will and feeling ever silently manifested in the face, are subtly making or marring the character; and we ourselves must determine whether lofty thoughts, pure aspirations, self-control and gentle generous feelings, shall be the elements which blend to make us beautiful or otherwise.

The transfiguration of a pleasant smile, the kindly lightings of the eyes, sweet reposeful expressions of the mouth and lips, clear open countenance reflecting the purity of the mind—as lofty thoughts kindle inwardly, these are the attributes of the truly beautiful face which no parents can make inevitably ours, and no fitful week or two of goodness can give it; still less no schooling of the visage. Only habitual nobleness and graciousness manifested from within can secure them, but these will bring them all.

We are not to put off the education of the soul till old age; old age is rather to be the proof that youth was devoted to the pursuit of wisdom and the love of understanding, a nation well-stocked with hoary heads that are found in the way of righteousness is a nation rich with true riches.

From "Faces Beautiful in the Making," by J. Millott Severn, F.B.P.S. Price Sixpence.

Pearls.

All is hollow where the heart bears not a part, and all is peril where principle is not the guide.

Benevolence is allied to few vices; selfishness to fewer virtues.

SPIRIT BLOSSOMS.

Shades of evening softly falling, lengthening shadows onward creep.

Wrapping all the world in silence. Bidding tired nature sleep.

Softly stealing o'er our memory, like an echo clear and sweet Thoughts of loved ones gone before us, loved ones whom we wait to greet.

Now they come with noiseless footsteps, from that land of light and love,

From those grand immortal bowers, where sweet blossoms bloom above.

Flowers of love, of light and knowledge, blooming in God's garden fair

Plucked by loving angel fingers, brought to earth for us to wear.

See yon mist of fleecy brightness, gliding gently through the air,

Mother, dost thou see the likeness of thy loved and lost one there;

See—the little one approaches, floating softly o'er the floor,

Mother, dearest, stay thy weeping, I am with thee ever more.

Now she lays her heavenly blossoms, on thy weary careworn brow,

Gently smoothing out grief's furrows, whispering I am with you now.

Oh the beauty of the blossoms, brought from angel homes above,

Pansies sweet to give thee Heartease, Rosebuds rare to bring thee love.

Tilias pure as angels' soul's are, these are for thy soul to wear.

Oh! the beauty of the blossoms brought thee from God's garden fair.

Heavenly music softly ringing, enters now the raptured ear,

List! ye mortals sad and lonely, loved ones whisper we are near.

Let your hearts sing to the music, God is with thee they are here.

Let your souls cry out in gladness. Thou hast seen the heavenly sphere.

Oh! the beauty of the homeland, Oh! the brightness of that sphere;

Oh! the glory of the meeting, when we all shall gather there.

(The above poem is reprinted, by request. It can be set to 8s—7s music 569 or 572 Bristol Tune Book).

K. COLES, Bournemouth.

Respiration.

We have two passages in the throat, one the gullet (or esophagus) which the food passes through, and the other the trachea or windpipe which takes the air to the lungs. It is with the windpipe or trachea I intend to deal, because breathing is an involuntary action, we have not to remember to breathe; if we hold our breath there is great discomfort and a desire, contrary for the moment to the will. The air inhaled as it passes the various passages on its way to the lungs becomes warm, this takes place principally in the nasal cavities, for instance the air passages are the nose, mouth, larynx and the trachea (windpipe). The larynx we can feel in the throat which is also the voice box, and commonly called "Adam's Apple." When swallowing food, the larynx is covered by the epiglottis (a lid covering the aperture of the windpipe) we occasionally hear the expression something "has gone the wrong way"; this happens when food or liquid has managed to pass the epiglottis (the lid) which a cough will generally expel. The trachea (windpipe) branches off into two tubes called Bronchi which afterwards become numerous small vessels called the bronchial tubes; they then become still smaller and are called Bronchioles which give a tree-like appearance. If anything gets lodged in the larynx or below it an operation has to be performed called Tracheotomy: this consists of an incision being made in the trachea (windpipe). In diphtheria the opening in the larynx is apt to get closed up by the false membrane which the disease brings about. The air now reaches the most important organ of respiration—the lungs. The lungs are in two parts or two bodies which are spongy in appearance and fit closely to the ribs; filling to a great extent the chest cavity; they are enclosed in a sac (purse shaped cavity) called Pleura, the lungs consist of a large number of air cells which are grouped round the smallest air cells (bronchioles). We do not part with all the air these cells contain but only a small portion of it. The air which passes in and out is called tidal air. The walls of the air cells composing the lungs are extremely thin and so are those of the numerous capillaries surrounding them (capillaries connect arteries and veins). The impurities of the venous blood are carried to the air remaining in the cells and this is mixed with the tidal air and breathed out of the body. Pure air is taken to the air cells and oxygen is taken up by the capillaries and circulated in the system.

This proves how necessary it is to have a well ventilated room especially when a number of persons are gathered therein. They are all breathing out carbonic acid gas and the air of the room will soon be charged with the noxious vapour. The nose is the proper breathing apparatus as it is lined with the means of heating the air as we inhale it in cold weather: it is really dangerous to breath through the mouth.

Bronchial affections are brought about by so doing. Children, and especially babies, should not be allowed to cry much when out of doors in the winter as this is frequently the cause of many illnesses. We cannot be too particular in seeing that young people play and work where the air is good. Our existence would not be possible without breathing, for respiration is the means of purifying the blood, because each time we breath two distinct movements take place—inspiration and expiration. Inspiration is the breathing in and expiration is the breathing out: at each inspiration of breath oxygen is supplied to the blood and at each expiration carbonic acid gas is given off. The result of this new supply of oxygen is seen in arterial bleeding when the blood is of a bright red colour (arteries are vessels which convey blood to the different parts of the body), but after passing through the capillary system (capillaries are the small blood vessels connecting the arteries and veins), that which oozes out from a wounded vein is of a dark purple colour and is then charged with carbonic acid gas, given off from the waste tissues of the body: so, it can be understood that without breathing, the body cannot live, as the blood would be of a poisonous nature. I may say that the skin assists in respiration. A great muscular action in respiration is performed by a large arched muscular partition just below the chest named diaphragm (described by butchers as skirting), this increases or lessens the depth of the chest as it rises and falls; so, we can see that the chest wall is similar in action, by its expansion and depression, to a pair of bellows, therefore if the blood functions are not carried out properly, that is, if they do not take in sufficient oxygen in breathing, the health is soon undermined. Let us remember therefore that the boy makes the man, the girl makes the woman and proper attention given to the health of young people will enhance the race.

BIRKENHEAD.

(Many reports came too late for insertion.—Ed.)

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JARROW.—In loving memory of Doris James, who passed to the Higher Life on January 15th, 1920, aged four years and nine months.

"In the angel home of glory
There remains a land of rest,
There the loved have gone before us
To fulfil their hearts' request."
Mrs. R. A. Hudson, Sec., Jarrow Lyceum.

MY GARDEN.

I have a little garden,
The neatest in the land,
Where smiles and deeds can blossom
With a 'will' to understand.
I plant the seeds that please me,
As side by side we grow,
And learn to find perfection
A seed few people know.
I love my little garden,
Things are in their place,
Obedience is my footpath
Where virtues sense their taste.
Then let the flowers still blooming
Give peace to every heart,
For flowers like little children
Unite friends far apart.

J. KIRK.

Knowledge, if not accompanied with justice, is craft; and courage, if not regulated by reason is rashness.
The first step towards improvement is to be convinced that we need it.
Worth, without wealth, is a good servant out of a place.

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D.J.—Thanks for greetings.

PEACEMAKER.—Detailed information is not kept at this office. The present monthly cost of some wars are: Mesopotamia, £2,500,000; Constantinople, £495,000; Egypt, £625,000; Palestine, £510,000.

A.G.M.—The poem will be inserted, also your letters, hope you agree.

THOS. BROOKS.—Many thanks for greetings. The verse will appear in LYCEUM BANNER.

JOHN JACKSON, Southern Counties D.V.—Many thanks for interesting reports. Other D.V.'s who have not sent reports, please note.

District Visitor's Report.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES.

On October 31st, I visited Brighton Lyceum, and was glad to find them in their new room.

Mr. Cager commenced the session promptly. 24 were present. The Golden Chain, 148, was ably discussed by Mr. Everitt, Mr. Gurd and Miss Scroggins. The marching and calisthenics were exceedingly good. The Conductor appealed for names for membership to the Lyceum Guild.

Their Social effort was of a high order. Violin solos by Mr. Everitt. Recitations by Miss Scroggins, Lulo Cager and Jack Parsons. Greetings were given from Lyceums I had visited and I was invited to address the Lyceum. It was a very enjoyable visit.

Sunday, November 7th, I paid a visit to Deighton Hall Lyceum, Bristol. I found here a Lyceum possessing many able and efficient members. The Conductor arrived five minutes late and another five minutes went in preparations to start. 22 were present when the first bell struck, 32 at the ceasing. The marching and calisthenics were good. The social effort good. From my observations, the only thing wanting at this Lyceum to assure success is punctuality. The general interest of the Lyceumists was all that could be desired. Greetings were exchanged. Our Council are looking hopefully to Bristol being represented at our next Council Meeting.

Saturday, November 27th, I attended our Council Meeting at Bournemouth. On Sunday morning, November 28th, I paid a visit to Bournemouth "Charminster Road Mission," and interviewed the President, Mr. Hiscock, as to the need of establishing a Lyceum. I found him quite favourable; but owing to their likelihood of moving to a larger hall, they preferred to wait until they were settled, but they intend to have a Lyceum.

On Sunday afternoon I attended the Lyceum, Wilberforce Hall, Bournemouth. Delegates of the Council were there. Mrs. Stuart, assisted by Mr. Coles, conducted the Session. Social effort good: marching and calisthenics good. Session much enjoyed.

On Monday, November 29th, I visited Winchester Spiritualist Church, and interviewed Mr. Hale, the energetic President re establishing their Lyceum which has lapsed, I was able to offer them help from the Council, and also Lyceum workers from Reading Mission. This will be placed before the members; Mr. Hale was willing to do all he could in the matter.

I visited Sheffield as delegate to the U.D.C. Meeting, which I found was cancelled owing to coal strike.—John Jackson, D.V.

District Council Reports.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held on the 4th December, 1920, at Pendleton, commencing at 3-30 p.m. There was a very good attendance of delegates, only one Lyceum not represented. Minutes were read and confirmed. Reports were then given, and accepted with thanks. An application from a new Lyceum (Moss Side Progressive) to join Council, was read and unanimously accepted. Another Associate Member was also added to our list. In the evening a Social was held, which, although not very well patronised, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. During the evening the result of the Shield Competition was declared and for the first time in the history of the Council the Shield has been won by two Lyceums, Collyhurst and Moston, who both had the same number of marks (even to a quarter). Each of the Lyceums will, therefore, hold the Shield for six months. Wishing all Lyceums and Councils the Season's Greetings and best wishes for their progression.—A. G. Garton, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.

The above Council held the last quarterly meeting on Saturday, December 18th, in the St. Peter Street Lyceum, Blackburn. Mrs. M. E. Pickles presided, supported by Messrs. Latham, Battersby, Batley and Shuttleworth. Opening song. Invocation by President. Messrs Hopper and Rae appointed credential officers. Minutes read and adopted. Correspondence adopted. President's address on Foundation Day. Education Lyceum Guild and the principle of harmony. Address adopted and recommended for publication. Resolved, "That we recommend that on January 30th, we make a special effort and hold a Lyceum day throughout the District and divide the proceeds between Lyceum and the D.C. Reports, M.D.C. Treasurers Cottage, and Conference reports given and adopted. Re Conference, Organiser reports that Conference Sessions can be held in the Co-op. Hall, and all catering arrangements in the Co-op restaurant. Organiser empowered to close with Co-op. Society. M.C.D. delegates for March, Messrs. Hopper, Ball and Mason elected. Mr. W. E. Edwards was here invited to take part in our D.C. Meeting. Adjudicator's reports given and adopted. Mr. J. B. Battersby elected adjudicator for 1921. Farewell greetings from this Council were accorded to Mr. W. T. Anderton, who is leaving the district to take up the duties of Resident Speaker at the Wellington Spiritualist Church, New Zealand. Resolved, "we send a Parchment Roll to all Lyceums asking the officers to sign same and that we present same to Mr. Anderton as credentials to take to his new sphere of labours." Credential report, E.C. 4, Area Representatives 1, Delegates 21, Associates 10, Visitors 1. Total 37. Pooling expense 5s. 2d. per head. Votes of thanks were accorded to our Blackburn friends. The annual meeting will be held at Burnley, Hammerton Street Lyceum, on February 20th, 1921. Lyceums please note.

POINTS FROM THE PRESIDENTS' ADDRESS.

I look at the children in our Lyceums and rejoice that they do not know of the conflicts around. What a heaven is a well-conducted Lyceum, with its discipline and work thoroughly done. The children teach us a lesson that is really wonderful.

How I have laboured with some of you, quickly observing your capabilities, your qualifications, and how I prize your friendship, but when you hurt each other it hurts me and causes pain. Some of you are launching out in public work, and let us try to remember we are not fit to preach unless we in turn practise that which we are trying to teach, and let me say too that no man or woman can help being good who labours wholeheartedly with the children.

I want to draw your attention to the BANNER. The Editor is making it as instructive, interesting, and educational as possible. I say to you in N.E. Lancashire, are you, as Conductors, and secretaries, appreciating this work. The sales have gone up, but not sufficiently to cover cost of publication. The Union had a loss of £8 on November BANNER, and I contend this ought not to be. The editor appealed to a good many Lyceumists for contributions, with the result he was receiving more than could be put into 12 pages. He then had a 16 page BANNER and the loss was the result. We interviewed Mr. Wadsworth and found we could have a smaller type which would enable us to put as much into a 12 page as we had previously done in 16, but even then I put it to you who are, or ought to be sufficiently interested in its contents, which is the better way, an efficient official organ, or one that only serves half its purpose. Go back to your Lyceums determined that in our District at least orders shall be doubled.

What are you arranging for the 30th of January. We are celebrating the Anniversary of our Lyceum Movement. I should like to see every Lyceum falling in with our idea, of making it a red letter day, not only next year, but every year. I am conscious of loving labour in the spirit world towards success, and may we infuse that spirit in the children, for the arisen workers have sent out the idea and will join us somehow and somewhere.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES.

Saturday and Sunday, November 27th and 28th, were two very busy days with this D.C., it being their Quarterly Meeting for Business and Propaganda which they held at Bournemouth, Wilberforce Hall. On Saturday much business was done in a very brisk and harmonious manner, fully giving evidence that the Lyceums of the South were very much alive and active, seeing that the following Lyceums were represented: Brighton, Southampton (two), Portsmouth, Reading and Bournemouth. Principal among the business was that a badge be obtained

for the distinction of the President, the badge to become the property of the D.C. and to be worn at all meetings by whoever is President of the D.C. It was also suggested that all Lyceums in this D.C. make themselves uniform in the way of Group Banners and badges, and that all ribbon required be purchased at our warehouse, so that the various colours would be of the same shade.

The Sunday meetings were a great success. Speakers were Messrs. A. Lawrence and Jackson, of Reading, and Mr. F. T. Blake, of Bournemouth. All very ably put forward the Claims of the Lyceum teachings and urged all Spiritualists to see that their children received the proper training by sending them to the Lyceum.

Mr. Blake, in a very stirring address, said that it was not only the Sunday school training that was necessary, but that home life must be pure, and asked that "all who had anything to do with children" must be an example worthy of copying. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Lawrence very ably and enthusiastically supported this line of life in their addresses. All meetings were well attended throughout the day. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Hatchard, Miss E. Hitchcock and Miss E. K. Blake and A. H. Coles. Recitations by Misses V. Blake, Betty Urry, Edna Ironmonger, and Nancy Coles. By the unanimous wish of the E.C. and delegates assembled it was suggested that the poem recited by the latter, entitled "Spirit Blossoms," and written by Mrs. K. Coles, Bournemouth, be republished by special request. The best thanks are due for the very able manner in which the local friends carried out these meetings. After travelling expenses were paid to the E.C. there was a balance to go to the General Fund of £6. The Bournemouth friends asked nothing financially from the D.C. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local Society for their cordial welcome and brought a very happy week-end to a close.—A. H. Coles, Sec.

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 December 23rd.

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RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than January 26th, to ensure insertion in the February 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, Pearl Street.—On Dec. 5th, we held our Open Session with a good attendance of Lyceumists. We opened by singing 328. Invocation was rendered by Mr. Fazakerley. Silver chain recitation 78 was nicely read by a young Lyceumist, Irene Lee. Musical reading 229. Golden chain 125 was conducted by Mr. W. Edwards. Marching and calisthenics very well done. We had Mr. Hudson, of Blackpool, with us, who had the pleasure of naming a baby of one of our Lyceum scholars with the name of William Edwards. We closed an enjoyable session by singing 306.—Oswald Cahill, Sec.

BEDWORTH.—Open Session, Dec. 5th. Recitations were given by Master E. Ison, G. Goode, W. West, W. Ison, L. Tebbit, A. Tebbit, H. Marston and E. Adams. The Lyceumists in Fountain and River Groups recited "Lead us loving Angels." A most enjoyable time was spent.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Still progressing; children are increasing. On Dec. 19th we had an enjoyable session, thanks to our worthy sister and clairvoyant, Mrs. Florence Leighton, who admirably went through the ceremony of naming the baby, Florence May Landreth. During the marching, as the Lyceumists crossed their banners, Mrs. Landreth, with her baby, marched through, and was followed by the children. God bless them. About 70 were present.—Rd. Lane, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—Nov. 28th, we held our usual Open Session. A splendid attendance, including a number from various Lyceums in the district, Mr. Hopper taking over his new duty as Conductor. Silver chain No. 9, musical reading 230 and golden chain 130 very ably rendered. A good discussion followed on the word "Absolute," in the golden chain reading. A good number of recitations followed and a

short address by Mr. Anderton, of Preston, who gave some inspiring remarks on "The children, our hope." At the close our Conductor gave the best wishes of our Lyceum to all the Lyceums represented in the session. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceums.—Mrs. A. Robinson, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—We held election of officers, Dec. 5th:—Conductor, Wilfred Johnson; Assistant, Emma Scaife; Secretary, James Worthington; Assistant, Elsie Brown; Minute Secretaries, Alice Kershaw and George Heyes; Treasurer, Mr. Ridings; Musical Directors, Mr. Ridings, Lily Roe, Grace Murphy, George Heyes; Guardian, John Askew; Captain of Guards, Mr. Brown; Guards, Thomas Worthington, John Askew, Albert Booth, Lilian Speight; Auditors, Emma Scaife and Mr. Coombes; Marching and Calisthenics Conductor, Thomas Worthington; Assistant, John Askew; Librarian, Miss L. Worthington; Group Leaders, Thomas Worthington, Alice Kershaw, Wilfred Johnson; Delegate, B.L.D.C., Thomas Worthington; Sick Visitor, Edith Roe. Vote of thanks given to retiring officers.—James Worthington, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—On Dec. 5th, Open Session. Recitations and solos by Miss Dixon, Miss Cook, Miss Rainer, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Babbs, Mr. Barnes, Miss Long, Masters Dixon and Whitley. Reading by Mr. Belford. Mr. Barnes gave a few encouraging words on the Progression of our Lyceum.—James Babbs, Sec.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On Dec. 12th, we held an Open Session; a young men's effort which proved a great success and will remain long in our memories as a land-mark of progressive thought. A number of good songs and a musical monologue were rendered, and welcomed with a royal applause. We never knew our young men possessed such rich talent before making this effort. Mr. Will Edwards was with us; he appreciated our work and gently criticised us to inspire even greater efforts. What oh! Ye founders and former workers of this Lyceum. Are we not a credit to your teaching. Great thanks to all.—Albert Duerdon, Sec.

EDINBURGH.—We have had our half-yearly Business Meeting. Election of officers took place. Mr. Blake, of Bournemouth, named the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hill; spirit name, "Lightbearer." Mr. Spencer, of Glasgow, named the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. French; spirit name "Honor."—Elizabeth Copley, Sec.

ELLAND, Southgate.—Dec. 5th, Open Session, conducted by Bro. George Sadler. Recitations rendered by children. Services taken by Miss Allsop, of Halifax.—E. Green, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 5th. After the opening hymn, 381, we had silver chain 31, by Mr. Thornley, musical reading by Mr. Baxter, golden chain by Mr. Parkinson; also recitations by Mrs. Braithwaite and Mr. Baxter; duet by Mr. Hodgson and Alice Banks; solo by Mr. Baxter. Closed with hymn 40.—Miss Ada Waterhouse.

HULL, Dairycoates.—Dec. 19th we had with us Mr. A. Collier, of Dewsbury, who conducted our session. The readings, marching, drills, etc., were done in an excellent way and thoroughly enjoyed. Evening meeting taken by Lyceum. Papers by Thraea Cook, Mildred Lyons, Emily Leger, Florrie Vickers and Grace Boswell. Short addresses by Mesdames Powell, Smith, Cook; Messrs. Morrod and Downs. Solos by Miss Downs and Edith Matthews. Clairvoyance by Mrs. Allen. Mesdames Jackson and Halstad gave the invocations. Mr. Johnson, President of the Society, presided, and congratulated the young Lyceumists for the able way they had put their papers together, and wished them every success. Wishing all Lyceumists a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—Dora Downs, Sec.

LEEDS, Psycho.—Again we have been delighted with the performance of the "Merry E.s" Concert Party. Items were met with the applause they richly deserved. I must mention that the management wish to express their pleasure at the appreciation of the audience. The crowning part of the show was a sketch, "A Very Awkward Mistake." It would be advisable if the beadle would go round with a slipper and stop the practice of small boys shouting when the villain enters and is going to stab the hero. Dec. 19th, election of officers:—Conductor, Miss E. Whitely; Assistant Conductors, Mrs. Exley and Mr. Gascoigne; Treasurer, Mr. Russell; Secretary, Edward L. Moore; Sub-Secretary, Mr. Osborn; Guardian, Mrs. Land; Capt. of Guards, Mr. West; Guards, Lilian Daisley, Thomas Webster, Arthur Webster, Arthur Daisley; Musical Director, Miss E. Hudson; Delegate, Mr. Russell; Visitors, Mr. Daisley and Mr. E. Hancox; Sick Visitors, Miss E. Smithson, Miss E. Hudson, Miss L. Waters; Delegate to the Church, Mr. Osborn.

A vote of thanks was proposed to all retiring officers.—Edward L. Moore, Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER, Silver Street Lyceum.—On Dec. 5th we held our Open Session. Solos were rendered by Nellie Buckle and Alice Buckle; recitations by Nellie Smith and Minnie Smith, and a duet by Cissie Jones and Eva Wicks. A good number of pearls were given, and I am pleased to say we are still progressing. Wishing all Lyceumists a Bright and Prosperous New Year.—A. Buckle, Sec.

LEICESTER.—Dec. 19th we had our election of officers, when the following were elected:—Conductor, Miss A. Clarke; Assistant Conductor, Mr. W. Henson; Secretary, Mr. J. Wicks; Treasurer, Mr. F. Wyly; Leaders, Mr. W. Henson, Miss M. Jeffs, Miss E. Wicks, Mrs. Jowett, Miss P. Goldsmith, Miss May Wright; Musical Conductor, Miss P. Goldsmith; Marching Conductor, Miss A. Clarke; Guards, Masters A. Wathan, B. Copeland, Miss G. Doares.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LONDON, Iford.—Dec. 5th we held a full, excellent, enthusiastic and harmonious Open Session, when Stone Road Lyceum visited us. Mr. Hall conducted and briefly welcomed our visitors. Mr. Reg. Bowmer explained S.C.R. No. 2. There were many efforts and pearls. Children vied with one another to render recitations and songs, too numerous to enumerate. Mr. Brooks, of Stone Road, addressed the assembly and brought out the main themes of the session. We thank Mr. Last, who accompanied our singing with his sweet-toned violin-cello, along with Miss Parrish at the piano. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—Reg. Bowmer, Sec.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—We are still alive and send out our love and good wishes to all Lyceumists for the New Year.—Fred I. Miles, Sec.

LONDON, Plumstead.—Glad to say that we are maintaining progress and interest in the Lyceum work here. Wishing all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Trusting that the coming year will realize our ambition for the larger circulation and usefulness of our paper.—W. Rainbow, Hon. Sec.

TOTTENHAM.—We had again a very successful month. Mr. Symons visited us on Dec. 12th and treated us to one of his characteristic addresses, which we all enjoyed. On Dec. 19th Mrs. Neville named three more children and also spoke words of good cheer. We now read out every Sunday a full report of the previous Sunday's session, which has to be properly proposed, seconded and passed by the whole Lyceum.—Elsie Carman, Session Sec.

MARSDEN.—We held our Open Session, Nov. 28th, Miss Hesp, of Leeds, conducting the Session. Items rendered by Lyceumists were solos, recitations, pearls and comments. Dec. 18th, the elder Lyceumists gave an Entertainment, consisting of a musical farce, entitled "Seaside Lodgings," dialogues, solos, recitations. Financial success, in aid of new *Manuals*. Fraternal greetings for a bright and prosperous new year to all.—Martha Varley, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—Annual election of officers held Dec. 6th. Mrs. T. Harrison, Conductor; Mr. G. Edwards, Assistant; Miss V. Bonsor, Guardian; Miss E. Bonsor, Librarian; Miss Drew, Treasurer; E. W. Buckingham, Secretary; Miss Duffield, Musical Conductor; Messrs. V. Smith and G. Drew, Assistants; Mr. A. Edwards, Captain of Guards; Messrs. T. Drew and R. Abbott, Guards; Mrs. Bonsor, Mr. V. Smith, Miss Duffield, Miss Galloway, Leaders; Mr. A. Colboame, Financial Secretary; Mr. J. Drew, Registrar.—E. W. Buckingham, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER, Princess Hall.—Dec. 5th. Recitations from Lyceumists and friends; piano and violin solos by Mr. W. Hout and Mr. Burns; solos, Madame Trotere, Miss Chappell and Miss Bryom. Madame Trotere and Miss Chappell delighted us with solos. Our Conductor Mr. Bentley, spoke on "The benefits of our Lyceum Movement." Mr. Bellot forcibly brought out the benefits of Lyceum training. Mr. Jas. Hamer spoke on "Historical Teachings of the Bible." Mr. A. Hope demonstrated to many of our friends very successfully. Mr. Garner distributed the prizes. We sincerely thank all in contributing to a very successful day.—Jas. Hamer, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Rutherford Street.—On Monday, Nov. 29th, we laid to rest in Elswick Cemetery the mortal remains of our Lyceum Guardian, Miss Tempest, niece of our respected President, Mrs. Stokoe. Mr. McBain, of Heaton, officiated, and after the service at the house about 50 Lyceumists marched in front of hearse, the members of Society and friends following at the rear. At the entrance to cemetery a guard of honour was formed by Lyceum, through which four Lyceum under-bearers carried our late Guardian's remains to her last resting place, the Lyceum falling in, followed by Society members

and friends. At the graveside we sang "Come, Sweet Angels, while we sing." Invocation followed and a reading, "What is death." Then we sang her favourite hymn, "Angels lead my footsteps," and musical reading, "Waiting on the other side." During the filling in of the grave we sang Lyceum hymns, closing with invocation of comfort for our late guardian. Hymn, "God be with us," was then sung. The service gave food for thought all round.—G. Sample Dawson, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Hawarden Terrace.—Under the leadership of our new Conductor, Miss G. Brown, our Lyceum has increased by leaps and bounds, and our weekly collections have far exceeded the usual amount. The following naming ceremonies:—The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, Joan Nora Allen, spirit name "Pearl." The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell, Elsie Rose Odell, spirit name "Sunlight." The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Edna May Barker, spirit name "Violet." All the services were carried out by Mrs. Brown, of Nottingham, and the Lyceumists beautifully rendered "Open the Door for the Children" and "Heart Flowers."

NOTTINGHAM, Parliament Street.—On Dec. 5th we had election of officers for 1921. Everything went quite well. In the afternoon we had our Open Session, conducted by Miss E. Davis, Sec. Solos and recitations were rendered by the children and drilling and calisthenics were a great improvement. The Lyceum sends best greetings to all for 1921.—E. Davis, Sec.

PRESTON, Lancaster Road.—On Dec. 5th we held our Open Session, which I had the pleasure of conducting. We had a very enjoyable morning together, with recitations, duets and trios by numerous Lyceumists. On Dec. 12th, our Conductor, Mr. Rae, named another bud in the Lyceum, Hubert Ewart (Onward) Roscoe. Compliments of the season to all.—R. Smalley, Sec.

READING.—We have had a highly successful month. We have arranged a series of concerts to provide funds for a new piano, as our old one is feeling the weight of years. Up to the present these have been very successful, both from a social and financial standpoint. The best of good wishes for the new year to all other Lyceums. Let us combine to make it a record one.—Arthur M. L. Lawrence, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On the 12th inst. we had the U.D.C. at our Church. The morning session was conducted by Mr. S. Smith. The Council were represented by Mr. Anderton, who made some very instructive remarks. The afternoon session was handed over to our Union's President and B.S.L.U. Representative, Mrs. Pickles. It was a successful session and one that will be remembered with sweet and pleasant memories in the future. On the 19th inst. our Annual Meeting was held. The following were elected to office:—Messrs. F. Smith and Jones, Conductors; Mrs. Saxelby and Mr. Ballard, Assistant Conductors; Mrs. Nelson, Treasurer; Messrs. Saxelby and Johnson, Secretaries; Mr. S. Smith, Marching Conductors; Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Sharman and Mrs. Stamford, Musical Conductors; Mr. Guy, Guardian; Mr. Goodall, Captain of Guards, and eight Guards. The Lyceum unite in sending out to all Lyceumists the season's greetings and best wishes for the coming year.—C. H. Saxelby, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Gifford Road.—On Dec. 5th we held our Open Session. A fairly good attendance. The majority present rendered solos, duets and recitations. We spent a pleasant afternoon.—Geo. Porter, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 5th. We had a good attendance. Pearls were given by Ella Crawley, Beatrice Barnes, Vernon MacLeod, Helen Lawrence, Alic MacLeod, Mrs. H. Forrest, Mr. H. Forrest, Mr. J. Parkinson, Mrs. Crawley, Mrs. J. Parkinson. Recitations by Ella Crawley, Willie Crawley, Helen Lawrence. Solos by Mr. H. Forrest, Mrs. H. Forrest, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Crawley, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Johnson. Our new Conductor, Mr. Hargreaves, gave a word of welcome to our friend Mrs. J. Parkinson, who has returned from England. All the Lyceum responded heartily. We had our Half-yearly Meeting on Nov. 24th, 1920, when the following officers were elected:—Conductor, Mr. J. Hargreaves; Assistant, Mr. Barnes; Guardian, Mr. H. Forrest; Captain of Guards, Alic MacLeod; Guard, Eddie MacLeod; Secretary, Mr. C. Forrest; Treasurer, Miss Anderson; Musical Director, Jonia Sumerlidson; Assistant, Helen Lawrence; Teachers of Groups, Miss Johnson, Helen Lawrence, Mr. C. Forrest and Mrs. J. Hargreaves; Librarians, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Hargreaves. We wish all the Lyceums a happy and prosperous new year.—Charles Forrest, Sec.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

Lyceum Districts.

Birmingham District.

- Mr. A. O. Thomas, Lyceum District Visitor, 20, King-street, Darlaston, Staffs.
- J Birmingham, Handsworth, 58, Villa-road, 3 p.m. Mr. J. Smith 77, Hamstead-rd, Handsworth.
- J Birmingham, Saltley, Alum Rock Road, 3 p.m. Mr. W. Page, 188, Wright-road Saltley.
- J Birmingham, Small Heath, 495, Coventry-road, 3 p.m. Mr. J. H. Sharpe, 15, Woodworth-road.
- J Coventry, Bull-street (off Hertford-street), 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Mr. Hubert A. Randle, 103, Station-st., E.
- J Foleshill, Broad street, 10-45 a.m. Miss Florence Lucas, 51, Webster-street, Coventry.
- J Walsall, Central Hall Bradford-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. D. Allen, 29, Willows-road.
- J Wolverhampton, Princes-street, 2 p.m. Miss C. Robinson, 49, Bright street.

Bolton Council District :

Secretary, Miss Edith Roe, 18, Meredith-street, Great Lever Bolton.

District Visitor,

- D Bolton, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Mr. J. R. Askew, 47 Nile-street, Gt Lever
- D Bolton, Deane road, 10 a.m. Miss L. Leigh, 239 Deane Church-lane.
- D Bolton, Henri-street, 10-15. Mr. T. Turner, 55 Bridgeman-p-ace.
- D Bury, 66, King-street, Rochdale-road, 10 and 1-45. Mr. W. Kaye, 15, Pine-street.
- D Daisy Hill, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss N. Farimond, 1, Wesley-st, Westhoughton, nr. Bolton.
- D Horwich, Beattie-street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss G. Butterfield, 41, Autumn street.
- D Leigh, The Avenue, 10 a.m. Mr. T. Gregory, 18, Brackley street, Lancs.
- D Radcliffe, Railway-street, 10-30. Miss Alice Charnley 4, Stanley-street, Whitefield, nr. Manchester.

Bradford Council District :

Secretary, Mr E. Aked, 5, Royd street, Beechcliffe Keighley

District Visitor, Miss Mary L. Stair, 14, North-street, Keighley.

- F Bradford, Boynton-street, 10-45 and 1-45. Mr. J. W. Phillipson, 42a, New Cross-st., W. Bowling
- F Bradford, Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Simpson, 29, Y-ung street, Gillington
- F Bradford, East Bowling, Wakefield-road, Harker street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. M. Wells, 17, West View, Paley road
- F Bradford, 432, Manchester-road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. F. Ling, 5, Tichborne road, W. Bowling
- F Bradford, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Miss H. Raistrick, 64, Dover-street.
- F Bradford, Laisierdyke, Killingsworth road, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. B. bbs, 3, Duudias-street Laisierdyke
- F Keighley, Heber-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. Walter Thistlethwaite, 4, Prospect Place.
- F Saltaire, Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss A. E. Pickersgill, 40, St. Paul's-road, Shipley.
- F Shipley, 1st-cour, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 28, St. Paul's road
- F Windhill, Schoolhill, 10-30 and 1-30 p.m. Miss E. Alderson, 57, Avondale road
- F Yeading, Town Hall, 10 and 1-45. Mr. G. W. Elliott, 17, Ivegate, nr. Leeds.
- F Skipton, Mr. W. Reynolds, 11, Cumberland street.

North-East Cheshire Council District :

Secretary, Mr. J. Bell, 97, Chatham-street, Stockport.

District Visitor, Mr. John Marston, 223, Chestergate, Stockport

- H Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Wm Dransfield, 13, Russell street
- H Heaton Norris, Baker street, 10 and 2 p.m. Mrs. Downs, 47 Belmont-street, nr. Stockport
- H Hyde, Ciarendou-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. Hyde, 112, Ridling lane
- H Macclesfield, Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Doris Clarson, 1, Baker-street
- H Mossley, Abbey-road, 10-30 and 1-45, Miss Fanny Pinder, 8, Back Stanley-road, Micklehurst.
- H Stockport, Lr. Hillgate, Crowthurst street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. I. Spencer, 3, Jones-square, Hemphaw lane
- H Stockport, Central, 15b, Lurd street, 10-0 a.m. Mr. J. Bell, 97, Chatham-street

Halifax and Huddersfield Council District :

Secretary, Mr. J. Manning, 5, Hope-street, Hebden Bridge.

District Visitor, Mr. Seth Ackroyd, 118 Rashcliffe Hill, Huddersfield.

- F Brighouse, Commercial-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. Crossley, Bryan Place
- F Brighouse, Martin-street, 10 and 2. Miss Beatrice Cumpsty, 23, Crown Street
- F Elland, Southgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss Elsie Green, 10, James street.
- F Halifax, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. R. Holroyd, Staincliffe, Francis-street.

- F Halifax, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr L. Blackburn, 16, Luton-street, Queen's Road.
- F Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Ida Sunderland, Garden Square
- F Huddersfield, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Mr. T. Ellis, 74, Fifth street
- F Huddersfield, St. Peter-street, 10-30 a.m. & 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Rushworth, 224, Lockwood-road.
- F Marsden, Oliver Lane, 10-30 and 2-0. Miss M. Varley, The Chain
- F Quarmby, Quarmby road, 10-30 and 2. Mr H. Baxter, 203, Casson Buildings, Milnsbridge near Huddersfield.
- F Slaithwaite, Laith-lane, 10-15 a.m. Mr. F. Barrett, 474 Spurn Point, Linthwaite, near Huddersfield.
- F Sowerby Bridge, Mill-lane, 2 p.m. Mr. W. Wright, 10, Victoria Avenue.

Leeds Council District :

Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes Wakefield

District Visitor, Mr. Vernam, 170, Lt Oxford-st Castleford.

- E Batley, 2, Station-rd., 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss May Roberts, Newsome House, Commercial st, Batley.
- E Batley Carr, Carr-street, 10 and 2. Mr. W. Womersley, 79, G egorry-street, Southill.
- E Castleford, Lower Oxford-street, 10 15 a.m. Mr. W. H. Vernam, 170 Lower Oxford-street.
- E Dewsbury, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. E. Wilson, 7, Reform street, Westboro', Dewsbury
- E Heckmondwike, Tower-street, 2 p.m. Miss A. Howe, 2, Glove street
- E Hull, Dairy-cotes, Dee-street, Hesse-road, 1-45 p.m. Miss D. Downes, 6, Wellington terrace, Bean-st.
- E Hu 1, He born Hall, H lburn-street, Witham, 10-30 and 2-30. Mrs J. Brown, 80, Porter-street.
- E Leeds, Amley, Theaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss A. Owens, 3, Brentwood Grove, Amley.
- E Leeds, Cookridge street (Psycho), 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. L. Moo e, 58, Town street, Bramley, Leeds
- E Leeds, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss M. Richardson, 3, Lucas street, S. Accommodation-road
- E Leeds, Roxburgh-road, 16, Selborne-place, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. Butler, 20, Mariners-place, Dewsbury road.
- E Littleton, Well-street, 2 p.m. Miss A. Hirst, Well-street, Littleton, nr. Liversedge.
- E Moorthorpe, Barnsley-road, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. G. O. Kelly, 53, Wesley-street, Moorthorpe, South Elmsall, nr. Pontefract.
- E Normanton, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. R. Illingworth, 7, Claremont terrace.
- E Ossett, Linc-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. F. Crossley, 11, Audrey-street, Station-road
- E Wakefield, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side entrance), 1-45, Miss E. Harding, 19, New row, Thornes.
- E York, High Ousegate, 10-30 a.m. Miss Ida Reed, 21 Wellington street, Heslington-road
- E York, St Saviours-gate, 10-15 a.m. Mrs. A. E. Abbley, 64, Gillygate.

Liverpool Council District :

Secretary, Mrs. E. Clitheroe, 9b, Greenough-street, Wigan.

District Visitor, Mr. J. Thompson, 5, Woodview Avenue, Seacombe.

- D Birkenhead, 46, Bridge-street 11 a.m. Mr R. Lane, 119, Rodney-street.
- D Chester, Commonhall-st., 11-0 a.m. Miss E. G. Richardson, 48, Catherine-street, Sealand road
- D Earlston, Leigh-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Mausley, 6, Alpine st.eet.
- D Liverpool, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr H. G. Owen, 5, Hicks-road, Seaforth.
- D Liverpool, 2, Komer-road, Kensington, 3 p.m.
- D Runcorn, Ashridge-st., 11-0 and 2-15 p.m. Mr. C. Cohen, 16, Waterloo-road.
- D St. Helens, 123, Church-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Cunliffe, 135, Woodville-street.
- D Southport, Wright-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. F. Park, 88, Milton-street.
- D Warrington, Sankey-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. James Lawton, 7, Hewitt-street.
- D Wigan, Miners Hall, Millgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. C. E. Smith, 2, Clifton street.

The London Council District :

Secretary, Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, E. 7.

District Visitor, Mr. Myers Clegg, 82, Studley Road, Forest Gate, London, E. 7.

- B London, Brixton, Spiritual Brotherhood Church, Stockwell Park Road, S.W., 3 p.m. Mr. W. J. Clements, 62, Hubert Grove, Landor-road, Stockwell.
- B London, Clapham, St. Luke's-road, S.W. 4, 3 p.m. Mr. C. F. Knight 755, Wandsworth-road, Clapham.
- B London, Fulham, S.W., 12, Lettice-street, Munster-rd, 3 p.m. Mr. H. Field, 32, Rosarville-road, Fulham, S.W. 6.

- B London, Hounslow, Miss Rose Jones, Glenlea, Maswell Park, Hounslow
- B London, Upper Holloway, N., Grovedale road, 3 p.m. Miss Janet Smallman, 9, St. Mary's road, Canonbury, N. 1.
- B London, Kingston-on-Thames, Bishop's Hall, Thames-street, 3 p.m. Mr. F. J. Miles, 7, Cambridge road, Teddington.
- B Ilford Broadway, Mr. Reg. Sewmer, c/o 21, The Pavement, Chadwell-Heath
- B London, Little Ilford, Third Avenue, Manor Park, 3-15 Miss E. M. Wilson, 7, Walpole-oad, East Ham, E 6
- B London, E., Manor Park Shrewsbury-road, 3-0 p.m. Mr. Leonard Burt, 27, Whittaker-rd., East Ham, E. 6.
- B London, Peckham, Lausanne road, 3 p.m. Mr. E. G. Cox, 71, Inville-road, SE 7
- B London, E., 13, Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Miss B. Manning, 67, Khartoum road, Plaistow, E. 13
- B London, E., Stratford, Idmiston-road, 3 p.m., Miss M. Wright 38, Cedars-road, Stra ford, E. 15
- B London, Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Mr. O. Mosberg, 28, Penbury-road, Tottenham, N. 17.
- B London, Woolwich and Plumstead, Villas road, 3-0 p.m. Mr. W. Rainbow, 7, Le, horn-road, Plumstead, S.E. 18
- B Wimbledon, 4 and 5, The Broadway, 3 p.m. Miss Q. Morgan, Spiritualist Mission, Broadway, Wimbledon, S.W.

Manchester Council District :

Secretary, Mr. A. G. Garton, 35, City-road, Hr. Openshaw, Manchester,

District Visitor, Mrs Annie E. Bentley, 37, Shakespeare Street, Stockport road, Manchester,

- G Hollinwood, Byrom-road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Taylor, 86, Albert-street
- G Manchester, Aitwila, 38, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Blanche Stirling, 21, Upper Brook street, C-04 M., Manchester.
- G Manchester, Crescent road, Cheetham hill, 10-30 Miss E. Bowling, 27, Weatherall St., Hr. Bronghton
- G Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham road, 1-30 a.m. Mr. E. Gething, 12, Albion street Miles Platting
- G Manchester, Moston, Ashley-lane, 10-30. Mr. A. Lyall, 37, Landalf-st, Harpu hey
- G Manchester, Newton Heath, Allen-street, 2-30 p.m. Miss Fanny Shaw, 8, Holt lane, Farnsworth.
- G Manchester, Higher Openshaw, Alhambra Buildings Bank St., 2-45 p.m. Mrs. Ellis, 12, Neville Street, Openshaw.
- G Manchester, Pendleton, Ford-lane, 2-15 p.m. Mr. A. Betts, 62, Duchess Street, Seadley.
- G Manchester, Salford (Central), High street, off Cross Lane, 10-30 a.m. Miss M. E. Cross, 490, Eccles New road, Weaste.
- G Manchester, South Princess-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Hamer, 12, Wor-hig ght-st., Old Traffrd.
- G Sale, Public Library, 10-30 p.m. Mr. H. Turner, 16, Meadows-road, Sale, nr. Manchester

North-East Lancashire Council District :

Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftsbury-road, Darwen

District Visitor, Mr. Reuben Latham, 173, Colne Road Burnley.

- C Accrington, Pearl-street, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. C. Cahill, 6, Join street, Church
- C Accrington, Argyle street, Mr. G. Brooks, 14, Marsden street
- C Barnoldswick, West End Spiritual Temple, 10 and 1-30. Miss Bentham 52, Esp lane
- C Blackburn, St. Peter-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mrs. Robinson, 38, Harwood street,
- C Blackpool, Albert-road, 9-15 a.m. Mr T. W. Robinson, 30, Oxford road
- C Brierfield, Colne-road, 10 a.m. Mr James Sellere, 5, Garden-street, nr. Burnley
- C Burnley, Hamerton-street, 10 a.m. A Duerden, 19, Dorset-street, Rose Grove, Burnley.
- C Burnley, North-street, 9-30 a.m. Miss Emily Poppleton 84, New Hall street.
- C Clitheroe, Old Weavers Institute, off Salford-street, 10 a.m. Miss M. Bielely, 16, Salt Hill road
- C Colne, Cloth Hall, 10 a.m., Miss E. Hartley, c/o W. Johnson, 61, Knotts-lane
- C Darwen, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr A. Haworth, 1, Hindle street
- C Earby, Greenend Avenue 10 and 1-45. Mrs J. W. Clark, 32, Albion Street
- C Fleetwood, Kempst., 11 and 2-30. Mr H B. Mather, 83, Walmley-street
- C Great Harwood, Meccer-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Waterhouse, 55, Chu ch street
- C Nelson, Vernon-street, 10 a.m. Miss M. Berkeley, Howard-street, Carr-road.
- C Padiham, 18, Tennant-st., 10 a.m. Mr John Hood, 116, Burnley-road
- C Preston, Central, Clarke's-yard, 10 a.m. Mr C. E. Tearle, 174, New Hall Lane
- C Preston, Central Buildings, Lancaster-road, 10-30 Mr R. Smalley, 90, Wellfield-road.
- C Preston, Pro,ressive 10 a.m. Mr. W. T. Anderton 154, North-road

- C **Rawtenstall**, Bk. Grmerod-street, 10-15. Miss A. Wainsley, 2, Patrick Square, Hsgher Cloughfold
- C **Rishton**, Eccall-rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss Taylorford, 56, Spring-street, nr. Blackburn
- C **Roughlee**, Woodland view, 3 p.m. N.E.L.L.D.C. Headquarters, Mr. R. Latham, 173, Colne road, Burnley

The North-West Lancs. and Cumberland Lyceum District :

- District Visitor**, Mr. J. E. Coward, 25, Ainslie-street Ulverston.
- Barrow-in-Furness**, Dalkeith-st., 10 and 2 p.m. Miss B. Walke, Ivy Cottage, Dalton road
- Barrow-in-Furness**, Dalton-street, Mrs. J. Nock, 78, Blake street
- C **Dalton-in-Furness**, Beech hill, 2 p.m. Mrs. A. Legg, 2, Union street
- C **Lancaster**, Gt. J. Street, 1-30 Mr. Frank F. Ball, 8, Trafalgar road
- C **Milton**, Hoborn Hill, Main street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss Ruth Dixon, 197, Devonshire road
- C **Ulverston**, Burington street, 1-30 Mr. J. J. Taylor, 13, Casson street, Ulverston

Nottingham Council District :

- Secretary Miss Victoria G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.
- District Visitor**, Miss Ethel Swadden, 322, Radford-road, Nottingham
- H **Beiper**, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brooksidge
- H **Eastwood**, Hill Top, Nottingham road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. Donald Neale, 38, Ormonde street, Langley Mill, Notts
- H **Hucanall**, Wataall-road, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. C. Butlin, 24, Charles-street
- H **Ilkeston**, St. Mary's-street, 2 p.m. Mr. E. Clarke, 126 Bk. h street
- B **Leicester**, Rupert-st. Lecture Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. J. H. Wicks, 6, Curzon-street
- B **Leicester**, silver street, Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Miss Alice Buckle, 19, Poo road
- H **Mansfield**, Queen's Lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. J. W. Wright, 75, Welbeck street
- H **Nottingham**, Haware terrace, Gregory Boulevard 10-45 and 2. Mr. A. Cooper, 52, Lent 10-street
- H **Nottingham**, (Mechanics Minor Hall), North Church st., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briar-street, Meadows
- H **Nottingham**, (Gla. Stone Hall), Lamartin st., 2-30. A. Shipley, 45, Humber-gate
- H **Nottingham**, Park me. 1-st., 10-30 a.m. Miss Ethel Davis, 35, Maple street, Hyson Green
- H **Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Beacousfield street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss Geety Elliott, 7, Gilead-st., Bu well
- H **Sutton-in-Ashfield**, Twitchell, Miss Carr, 53, Nesbit street

The Scottish Council District :

- Secretary, Mrs M. Drummond, Westburn, Cathcart Road, Rutaeiglen, Glasgow.
- District Visitor**, Mr. D. Niven, 25, Gardner's Crescent, Edinburgh.
- A **Dundee**, Overgate, Operative Hall, 12-45 p.m. Mr. Robert Grossett, 105, Hawkhill
- A **Dundee**, Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Mrs. E. Essenof 10, Tuomson-street
- A **Edinburgh**, Queen's Hall, 5, Queens-street, 1 p.m. Mrs. E. Vyner, 168, Leith Walk, Leith
- A **Glasgow**, Sauchiehall street, 4 p.m., Mrs. Orr, 16, Govanhill-street.
- A **Glasgow**, S.M.U. Royal Institute, West Campbell-street, 1 p.m. Mr. W. Webster, 24, Westbury street St. George's road.

Sheffield Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. Charles E. Welch, 19, St. Helens-street, Chesterfield
- District Visitor**, Mr. W. Rawlinson, 111, Avenue-road, Wath-on-Deane, nr. Rotherham.
- H **Barnsley**, George-yard, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. C. Hunt, 18, Freeman-street.
- H **Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 and 2-15. Mr. J. J. Hobster, 32, Holme-ru., Stonegrave 5.
- H **Mexborough**, Lee's Arcade, 1-30 p.m. Mr. S. L. Haywood, 38, Albert road
- H **Parkgate**, Asawol road, 10-30 and 2-15. Mr. J. Crichtow, Ashworth Cottages
- H **Rotherham**, Fety-av., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Horace nempell, 8, York-road.
- H **Sheffield**, Bold-st., Broadford-st., Attercliffe Common, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. C. Saxeby, 148, Chippingham street, Attercliffe
- H **Sheffield**, Heeley, 44, Gifford-road, 10 and 2-30. Mr. Geo. Porter, 42, Prospect-quate, Prospect road, Heeley
- H **Sheffield**, Central. Middle Class Schools, Paradise, Square, 10 a.m. and 3-0 p.m. Mrs. Organ, 66, Trickett road, Hillsborough.
- H **West Melton**, nr. Rotherham, Mr. H. Trigger, 18, Co-operative street, West Melton

Southern Counties Council District.

- Secretary, Mr. A. H. Coles, 5, Queen Anne Gardens, St. Swithun's road, Bournemouth
- District Visitor**, Mr. J. Jackson, 62, Blenheim road, Caversham, Reading
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- B **Brighton**, Old Priests Hall (524, Old Steine), Miss Goodwin, "Lynwood", 3, Chesham Road
- B **Brighton**, The Old Barn, North Gardens, 2-45 p.m. Mr. Roy Banks, 7, Mayo road, Richmond road
- B **Bristol**, Thomas street, 3 p.m. Mr. E. Hitchon, 2, Harrow road, Brislington
- B **Bristol**, Grosvenor road, 3 p.m. Mr. A. Avcliffe, 71, Warminster-road, St. Werberghs

- B **Portsmouth**, 73, Victoria road, Southsea, 3 p.m. Mr. R. B. Song, 75, High street
- B **Reading**, The New Hall, 10, Blagrave-st., 3 p.m. Mr. A. M. L. Lawrence, The Ferns, Whitley Wood, Lane.
- B **Southampton**, Cavendish Grove, The Avenue, 3 p.m. Mr. Mathieson, 23, Heysham road, Shirley So'ton
- B **Southampton**, Temple, 45, St. Mary's-road, 3 p.m. Mrs. Wattle, 13, Latsmer street

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- G **Heywood**, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. J. Turner, 21, Glegge street, Hopwood
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- G **Middleton**, Gilmour's street, 10 15 a.m. Mr. John Liddle, 10, Higher Townley-street, nr. Manchester
- G **Oldham**, E. H. 1-st., 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Miss E. Slater, 60, Redgrave street
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- J **Caerau**, Spiritual Church, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. J. Jones, 28 Treharne road, Caerau, Bridgend
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- J **Newport**, Mon., Commercial street, 3 p.m. Mrs. K. Armstrong, 9 Queen Hill
- J **Newport**, Hathy-street, 3 p.m. Mr. Starr, 13, Robert-street
- J **Pontypridd**, River-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Ezra, 16, Funnidy-street.
- J **Tredegar**, Mon. Temperance Hall, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Jacobs, 24, Morgan-street, Tredegar, Mon
- J **Treforest**, Broadway, 2 30 p.m. Mr. A. Hugues, 10, Niagara street, Broadway, Pontypridd
- J **Treherbert**, 57, Gwendoline-street, 2 p.m. Miss A. Daniel, 1, Scott-street, Treherbert, Glam.

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- Secretary, Mr. R. Brown, 11, Tarning street, Stockton-on-Tees
- District Visitor**, Mr. John Riley, 5, Gaslee street, New Shildon
- E **Darlington**, Bondgate, 2 p.m. Miss Sleightholme 20, Gatham street
- E **Darlington**, High Northgate, 2-0 p.m. Miss Sinclair, 37, North Lodge Terrace
- A **Gusney Valley**, 2 p.m. Mr. J. Chessmond 58, Gurney Valley
- E **Middlesbrough**, 57, Grange-road, West. 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. W. Buckingham, 43, Surley street
- A **Shildon**, Newlanos-av., 2 p.m. Mr. Thos. Jones, 34, Albert street, Old Shildon, S.O., Co. Durham.
- A **Stockton-on-Tees**, Cecill-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. Neale, jr., 60, Cecil street
- A **Stockton-on-Tees**, New Brunswick-st., 10-45 a.m. Mr. J. Chapman, 8, Castlegate
- E **West Hartlepool**, 49, Whitby-street, 2 p.m. Mr. J. J. Dawson, 75, Sheriff-street

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- Secretary, Mr. Ernest Curtis, 20, Hollywood-avenue Shieldon-road, Wallsend
- District Visitor**, Mr. Wm. Hall, 10, Curzon-street, Gateshead
- A **Bedlington**, Y.M.C.A., 2-30. Miss Alice Bell, "Den. House," Furnace, bedlington.
- A **Chester-le-street**, Front-street, 2-30 p.m. 11, Mrs. Huntley, 3, Greenbank Terrace.
- A **Dunston-on-Tyne**, Ellison rd. 2-30 p.m. Mr. Aitkes, 63, Queen street, Teams, Gateshead
- Gateshead**, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Hall, 23, Villa Place.

- A **Hetton and District**, 2-30 p.m. Mr. R. Rogersen, 14, Barrington terrace, Hetton le-Hole
- A **Hirst**, Spiritual Church, Milburn street, Ashington. Mr. J. Stafford, 51, Myrtle street, Hirst, via Morpeth
- A **Jarrow**, Market-square, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. A. Hudson, 8, Gray-street, Jarrow-on-Tyne.
- A **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Benwell Co-op Hall, 2-30 Mr. R. H. Hilton, 04, Matilda Street, Benwell
- A **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Heaton & Byker, Potts St., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Hunter, 36, Mowbray-street, Heaton
- A **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Rattarford Street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. S. Dawson, 36, Milton street
- A **Newcas-le-on-Tyne**, Co-op-rative Hall (No. 1 Room) Carville rd., 11 a.m. Mr. J. Lawrence, 387, Shield road Heaton
- A **North Shields**, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley-street, W 2-30 Mrs. R. H. W. Robson, 4, Cambridge Avenue, Wattle Bay
- A **South Shields**, Fowler Street, 2-30. Mr. T. J. Robertson, 55, Bath Street
- A **South Shields**, High shields, 2-30 p.m. Mr. C. Musgrave, 46, John Williamson street
- A **Sunderland**, Crownwell street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. G. Allison, 5, Eden ter ace, Durham road.
- A **Sunderland**, 21 Derwent-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Fuller, 42, Harrogate street
- A **West Pelton**, Iron Schools, 2-3 p.m. Mr. Dance, 9, En en terrace
- A **Stanley**, Oxhill School, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Jennings, 40, Theresa street, West Stanley
- A **West Stanley**, 3 p.m. Mrs. J. Teasdale 97, Zlam street, South Moor, Stanley, Co. Durham

Unattached Lyceums :

- D **Belfast**, St. George's Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. Geo. Donaldson, 39, O. park-road.
- H **Burton-on-Trent**, Horninglow-road, 10-45 a.m. Miss D. Brooke, 12, Horninglow-street
- H **Derby**, Forester-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss M. Porter 60, Devonshire street
- E **Grimsby**, strand-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. Gooman 26, Fildes-street, West Marsh
- J **Hanley**, Marsh street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. B. Petr, 86 Wellesley-street, 'Shelton' Stoke
- H **Ilkeston**, St. Mary's-street 2 p.m. Miss L. Griffin 51, Wesley street, Cotmanhay
- E **Lincoln**, Progressive Hall, Coutham street, 10-15 a.m. Mrs. H. C. Dobby, Stanley House, Sansthorpe-street.
- J **Longton**, Stone-oad 2 p.m. Mr. H. Macartney, 67, Stanier street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.
- G **Pendlecurry**, 309a, Bolton-road, Mr. H. Hill, 39, Crown-street, Seadley, nr. Manchester.

Colonial Lyceum :

- Auckland N.Z.**, Karangahape-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Hopkinson, 38 Elgin-street Grey Lynn
- Brisbane**, Queen's road, Aus ralta, Wickham street, 2-30 p.m. Miss Pauline Lowe, St. Alma, Amy-street, Wickham terrace
- Calgary**, 2 p.m. Mr. R. Aham, 220, 15th street North West
- Edmonton**, 102 Avenue, Alberta Canada, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. S. McCordia, 204-4-9, ave, Edmonton
- Hamilton, Ont., Canada**, Farrars Hall, Barton St. E 2-45, Miss Selina Etchells, 1010, Barton-street E.
- Hamilton, Ont., Canada**, Mr. John Armitage 153, Britannia Avenue
- Johannesburg**, 11 a.m. Aolia Hall, Noord-street, Mr. Vernon Hart, 27, High-avenue, Beuadeabout valley, Johannesburg.
- Krugerdsorp**, Kruger-street, 3 p.m. Wame, 1 78, Sievwright street
- London, Ontario**, Mrs. Cawson 139, William-st. Toronto, 487, Dovercourt-road. 2-30 p.m. Miss Apleton, 883, Dovercourt-road,
- Vancouver**, Canada, 2-30 p.m. Wm. Robertson, 445, Glen Drive, Vancouver, B.C.
- Waihi**, Auckland, N.Z., 11 and 2-30 Miss Winifred Morton Morton-road, Waihi, N.Z.
- Wellington**, N Z Kent Terrace 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Atkinson 9, Tonks Grove
- Winnipeg**, Polson Avenue, 2 p.m. Mr. Charles Forrest, 363, Polson-avenue.

Non-Federated Lyceums.

- Burnley**, Richard street, 10 a.m. Miss A. Dyson, 5, Kingsland road, Burnley Wood.
- Chester-le-Street**, Mr. Clayton, Liverpool House, Newcastle Bank
- Doncaste**, 83, Spring Gardens, 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. Wm. Lowe, 17, Prospect rd., Bentley, Toll Bar, nr. Doncaster
- Fenton**, 8, Market street, 2 p.m. Mr. J. S. Brielok, 24 St. Clair street, Lenton, Stoke-on-Trent
- Manchester**, Openshaw, 915, Apscoe Old rd, 2-30. Mrs. H. Bradley, 43, Lees street, nr. Openshaw
- Merthyr Tydvil**, "The Temple," Mrs. A. M. Powell, "Holmesdale," The Walk, Merthyr Tydvil
- Manchester**, Raby street, Moss Side, Miss G. E. Baker, 22 Cliff street, Brook's Bar
- Morecambe**, Milton Road, Market street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. L. Gaton, 113, York Terrace
- New Bligh-by-the-Sea**, Mr. T. Teasdale, 11, u-land terrace
- Pontypridd**, Mrs. Bowdec, 1141, Norton Bridge, Pontypridd
- Preston**, Eawson street, 10 a.m. Mr. H-B. Tyler, The Poplars, West view terrace
- Richmond**, 61, Sandycroft road, 3 p.m. Mr. W. Maskell, 91, Sandycroft road, Richmond, Surrey
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