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The Education Scheme.

CANDIDATES FOR THE COMING EXAMS.

Our lists are now almost complete (except for a few undecided Lyceums and Lyceumists), and stand as follows:—for Grade I, 815; for Grade II, 157; for Grade III, 37; for Grade IV, 10; for Grade V, 6. These make a total of 1,025 and come from 76 different Lyceums.

OUR LYCEUMS.

Considering the entries for previous years, this is a splendid record, being more than double those of last year; therefore we rejoice that Lyceums are awakening to their higher duties and responsibilities. But considering there are in existence about 260 Lyceums, there is cause for regret, and room for very great improvement next year. Why? Because it averages *not quite four students per Lyceum!* AND we are *supposedly* out for PROGRESS AND EDUCATION!

CONGRATULATIONS.

To the 76 Lyceums that have played up, and intend earning the right to call themselves *progressive*, we offer hearty congratulations; and much appreciate the spirit they have shown. Is your Lyceum one of these? If not, see to it that it is one of the earnest Lyceums *next* year; or it will soon be considered "no class."

THE DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Tyneside heads the list of Councils in whose Lyceums the spirit of education is strong. Congratulations to Tyneside D.C. Bradford D.C. is at the bottom;—not having a single Lyceum in the scheme. Oh, Bradford D.C.—and the last Conference was held in your district! Where has your interest in a *live* Movement gone?

Here is the list of D.C.'s with the number of Lyceums in the scheme:—

Tyneside D.C.....	11	N.W. Lancs. D.C.....	3
London D.C.....	9	Sheffield D.C.	3
Leeds D.C.....	7	N.E. Cheshire D.C. ..	2
Bolton D.C.	6	S.E. Lancs. D.C.	2
N.E. Lancs D.C.	5	Nottingham D.C.	2
Southern Counties D.C.	5	Scottish D.C.	2
Birmingham D.C.....	4	South Wales D.C.....	2
Liverpool D.C.	4	Teeside D.C.	1
Manchester D.C.	4	Lincoln Lyceum (unattached)	
Halifax & Huddersfield D.C.	3	Bradford D.C.....	0

THE AREAS (WITH LYCEUMS IN THE SCHEME).

Area B. 14	Area E. 9	Area G. 6
Area A. 13	Area C. 8	Area J. 6
Area D. 10	Area H. 7	Area F. 3

Congratulations to Area B! Area F, don't foot the list next year in this manner,—send a reminder to Bradford's section!

DATE OF THE EXAMINATIONS.

The Committee have decided on Sunday, 20th March, 1921, as being the most suitable Sunday.

If there is any case where this date is impossible, and the 19th or 21st is desired, please communicate with the Education Secretary, (and give the reason for the desired alteration of date).

TIME OF EXAMINATIONS.

In previous years the time has been two hours. From experience it has been found that some candidates, unable to write as quickly as others, *had* the knowledge, but lacked time to finish their answers, and so undeservedly lost marks. Therefore, this year, the time is "Not more than 3 hours."

No candidate must leave the examination room during the first hour; but, after then, each may leave when the answers are finished. But, any candidate wishing to continue writing longer than 2 hours, may go on for a third hour; if local arrangements can be made.

ADMISSION CARDS.

The Secretary of each Lyceum in the Scheme will receive, during February, the admission cards for the Lyceumists. Will each Secretary please hand them out to the students as soon as possible.

Will each candidate please (i) read BOTH SIDES of the admission card carefully; (ii) fill in those particulars asked for, which have been purposely left to be filled in by the candidate, and (iii) take the card to the examination.

ADDITIONAL NAMES.

Several Secretaries have asked if additional names may be sent in. If your Lyceum has already sent in some names, additional ones may be added up to the 19th of February; but NONE LATER. And, to help the Secretary very materially, please send them along much earlier, if at all possible.

THE EDUCATION FUND.

Will each Lyceum that has so kindly and generously donated its guarantee fees to the Education Fund please accept the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Committee.

FOR THE MARCH ARTICLE.

Next month we shall give full instructions, advice, and hints both to candidates and Supervisors; also a list of the examiners; the marking-system; the percentages and classes for passing; and all necessary information for the examinations. Will all whom it may concern please note this, and look out for the next month's issue.

EDUCATION SECRETARY, MARY E. KITSON, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorks.

Our Lyceum Guild.

Leader: MARY E. KITSON, B.A.

Guild Motto:—"We live to learn, and learn to live."

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

Our hopes were realised, for before 1920 closed the 500th member had been enrolled; and to-day (23rd January), the total of 618 has been reached. These members are from 83 Lyceums! Is your LYCEUM ONE of these 83?

We have great hopes for our Guild when the results of the approaching examinations are known;—there will be present members applying for promotion and new badges; and new members to enrol, when they know for what badge they have qualified.

OUR CLASSES.

Good work is being done by our classes from week to week. We learn of time being given to studies for the Education examinations; to drill and gymnastics; to making articles for Sales of Work; to rehearsing for concerts; to having outings; and jolly evenings; to reading books; to learning first-aid, etc., etc. Has your Lyceum a Guild Class? If so, send in accounts of its doings from time to time. If not, you are "getting left," and it is up to you to urge the formation of one; and to keep up with the active and go-ahead Lyceums.

OUR ESSAY COMPETITION.

At the time of writing the last day for receiving essays is still a week off; but some good attempts have already come in. We hope for many more to have been received before you read these words.

FROM MEMBERS.

Besides essays, the postman has brought other things. From two members have come attempts at writing original poetry;—not bad attempts either.

Another member has evidently used his MANUAL to good purpose. He sends us an "essay" composed of the titles of Manual readings, with only very few words added, to make a complete whole. But space will not allow us to give either the poems or the "titles-essay."

Then four members wished the Guild a Happy New Year and a successful one in a very practical manner. From one came a subscription of ten shillings; from two, of half-a-crown; and from the fourth, of a shilling. Will they each please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation.

COPY THIS INTO YOUR MANUAL.

But one of the nicest surprises came in the form of a calendar for 1921, attached to a beautifully printed, and large text-card, bearing the following words:—

I Corinthians XIII (vv 4—8),—translated from the *Original Greek* by Wm. Pitfield:

"Love patiently persists, is tender. Love is not envious, is not pompous, not ill-mannered, not irritable, makes no personal demands, does not impute evil motives, has no taste for anything impure, but a responsive delight in all that is genuine.

Love shelters all things, is always truthful, always sanguine, always composed.

Love can never at any time lose its colour nor fade away."

AMBITIONS OF OUR YOUNG MEMBERS.

We have heard of several Lyceumists (Guild members), who are taking grade I examination in March and who are aiming at winning their blue badge with *four gold bands*. We admire their efforts and determination to do well, and wish them the best of luck.

Two members have informed us that they have had their Guild certificates framed. They are Probationers, and each bought a second red badge, putting one of them with the certificate; and it is their ambition to win a badge of each colour in turn, year by year, until they have earned the full set,—which will be shown along with the certificate. Bravo! At any rate, they are "living to learn," and that will teach them in turn how to live the lives of useful Lyceumists day by day.

OUR NATURE ARTICLE.

THE CONSTRUCTION, STOCKING, AND MANAGEMENT OF AN AQUARIUM.

By WM. WOODALL.

Continuing our study of what we need for our well-planned, and sensibly stocked aquarium, we now must consider the Amphibians. We shall find they are very interesting: for, in some cases, we can watch the changes in their growth and development from day to day;—they change their whole appearance and habits without going into a chrysalis stage, but whilst actively moving about in the aquarium.

THE FROG.

Let us first consider the development of the Frog. (Its Latin name is *Rana Temporaia*).

In order to observe all the changes that take place, it is best to obtain some frog-spawn in the early spring. It may be found in most ponds and ditches; and at times even on the sides of ponds, out of the water altogether.

Be careful to get the right kind. The spawn of *frogs* is in shapeless masses,—made up of hundreds of jelly-eggs about the size of a pea; whilst that of *toads* is found in strings of various lengths; mostly in pairs; and the eggs are darker and smaller. The eggs of fresh spawn, both of frogs and toads, are small, round or oval bodies enclosed in a gelatinous substance (like a dirty yellowish jelly), which speedily swells up with the water.

A small aquarium should be placed for their special use, for in a general tank containing other animals they will quickly disappear. Let the bottom be covered with well-washed sand and placed in a light and warm position so that the process may be quickened.

First there appears small black specks surrounded by jelly; but as this covering is transparent you can watch the whole process of development as it takes place. The egg becomes longer and wrinkled, then the head, tail, and claspers begin to appear; next the branchiæ on each side of the head, then you begin to notice a movement, the branchiæ grow larger and begin to take shape; the movements are more rapid and the wee creature soon changes from a curved to a straight position, finally the jelly envelope is broken and the tadpole is free to start life on its own; being practically like a fish.

The first thing it does is to eat most of the jelly-like substance left.

Your tadpole must now be provided with water weeds, but they seem to prefer convolv. (During the process of incubation especially in the branchiæ, the circulation of the blood may be observed by the use of a microscope). Changes still continue to take place, mostly regulated by the kind of food they are able to get; all vegetable food retarding their development, whilst animal food quickens it. The branchiæ gradually attain to full size and then gradually disappear, finally being absorbed and lungs taking their place.

They now appear in the true tadpole state, the eyes becoming more distinct and the mouth more clearly defined. After a time the hind legs begin to grow; and soon after come the fore legs. When the legs have appeared, the tail is gradually absorbed. The old idea that the tail falls off is proved by observation to be incorrect. The tadpole is now a young frog.

The animal can now leave the water and live on land. Having watched this process all through the many changes, we should now study the mature animal and note how nature supplies its every need. It is beautiful in form and colouring,

and although it has lungs like all land animals, yet it has the power to breathe through the skin; and by this means it is able to stay under water for a considerable time, but forced eventually to come to the surface to fill its lungs with air. As this skin respiration helps the lungs and cannot take place when the skin is dry, nature has provided it with a kind of reservoir containing pure water with which to keep the skin moist when out of the reach of water.

When you pick up a frog it will discharge the contents of this reservoir on to your hand. Some people state that this discharge contains venom used by the frog as a defence, but that is not true, it is pure tasteless water.

Take notice of the curious tongue, loose behind and fast in front, enabling it to be extended outwards for some distance. It is covered by a sticky substance so that whatever it touches adheres to it, and is drawn into the mouth.

Having studied the animal through the various changes of its existence you are forced to the conclusion that the poor, despised, and too often ill-treated frog is a wonderful and interesting manifestation of God in nature, teaching us a lesson not to despise or ill-treat any of God's creatures however lowly or common they may appear to be.

The food of frogs and toads consists of insects, slugs, worms, &c.; when placed in the garden they are extremely useful, but you should have water handy for them, when they will prove to be the gardener's best friends.

(To be continued next month.)

LYCEUMS WITH GUILD MEMBERS.

(Is your Lyceum one of these?)

38 Bolton (Bradford St.)	9 Bournemouth.
38 Cardiff.	9 Dewsbury.
30 Bristol (United).	9 Runcorn
23 Moss Side (Manchester).	9 S. Shields (S. Eldon St.).
22 N. Shields.	8 Hetton.
22 Peckham.	7 Attercliffe (Sheffield).
20 Woolwich and Plumstead.	7 Barrow (Dalkeith St.).
19 Halifax (Alma St.)	7 Cheetham (Manchester).
19 S. Shields (Fowler St.)	7 Hirst.
18 Caerau.	7 Stockport (Well St.)
18 Lincoln.	6 Easington Lane.
16 Batley-Carr.	6 Hillgate (Stockport).
13 Ilford.	6 Kingston-on-Thames.
13 Lancaster.	6 Moorthorpe.
12 Moston (Manchester).	6 Nottingham (Mechanics).
11 Bradford (Ivy Rooms).	6 Sheffield (Centre).
11 Burnley (North St.)	5 Four Lyceums.
11 Wallsend (Newcastle).	4 Three Lyceums.
10 Eastwood.	3 Six Lyceums.
10 Newcastle (Rutherford St.)	2 Twelve Lyceums.
10 Sunderland (Victory).	1 Twenty Lyceums.
10 Tottenham.	0 All non-progressive Lyceums.

(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 DUMB FRIENDS.

One of the saddest things I have to think of is the thousands of poor dumb animals that are slaughtered every day for us to eat. I think it is savage, if not wicked, to breed and rear all these poor things only to kill them. It seems almost as bad as killing people. I cannot think how any one who gets to know animals at all can have the heart to kill them. One can get quite friendly even with a cow and I feel quite sure they know more than most of us think they do. It is wonderful how they will look at one with their fine big eyes, as though they were trying to understand.

And then I am told that this flesh food is not at all necessary to us, and if so it would really seem we have no right to eat them. Suppose the animals had the power to slaughter us instead. I expect we should very soon become vegetarians. It is said, "A merciful man is merciful to his beast." If so it would seem there can be no merciful people but vegetarians. It would be a fine thing for us if we could make Old England the first among the nations of the world to put this large real mercy for our dumb friends into practice.—L. STRAIGHT, age 11, a prize-winner at Brighton Lyceum,

FOR THE BAIRNS.

The Oak-baby's Mission.

I have heard, or read, of a little acorn which fell into a courtyard paved with huge stones. I have wondered how it got there, in such an unlikely place to look for it;—and I have wondered, too, why the poor little thing was there—so far away from its mother tree, when it would have been so much more comfortable for it to have fallen down and stayed on nice, moist, soft ground, where its mother's leaves could keep the hot sun away from it.

And after I have tried to make up my mind about those two questions—the "How?" and the "Why?" I have thought and thought what it could possibly do, to make the best of things when it found itself there. And I would like to tell you what I have in my mind about it.

Oh! it was a pretty little acorn, brown and shiny and smooth—and it lay on the ground doing nothing. I wonder how it got from that place to the stones.

God saw that acorn and He saw the stones. He could see farther than that;—oh! ever so much farther.

He saw the tree inside the pretty case, and what a very beautiful lesson could be taught by it, if that little oak baby would do as He wanted.

But the acorn of itself could not make a jump on to the stones, and besides, it did not know that God wanted it to be there.

Always the Angels wait before God to know His will. Always they look to be shown some work to do for him. And when they see what they may do He blesses them with power over all things necessary to the task, and they go to carry out His desires.

And so a beautiful bright Angel came straight from his place in Summerland in order that a little acorn may be placed where it could better serve God's purpose.

A family of dear little field mice had a cosy home close under the wall which enclosed the courtyard. They had been working for a long time bringing in their stores for the winter, and they need not have troubled to get any more, for really they had quite a lot;—but they were busy little things, and they had not much else to do. So when one of them caught sight of that pretty acorn, mousie felt he would like to get that home and put it with the stores. He dragged at it, he pushed and rolled it, and did so much that he was quite tired by the time he had got it very nearly where he wanted to get it. And when the work was almost done, he heard his little brothers call out sharp in a tone that mousie knew was meant as a warning to him of some danger. It was a good thing he took notice of it—left the acorn—and ran as fast as he could into safety; I will tell you why.

A big bird called a hawk was flying over the place and saw the little mouse, and thinking it would make a nice meal for him, he pounced down to catch it. But he had not been quick enough, the little mouse had run away when his brother warned him, and by the time the bird reached the ground there was only the acorn left.

The hawk snatched at something and mounted up again, then when he was just a little way back in the air, he found he had not caught what he had meant to catch—but had got instead something he did not understand and had no wish to keep. So he just dropped what he had, and it was that little acorn.

It fell from the bird's claws on to the top of the wall, and then down over on to the other side; being so smooth it rolled and rolled until it was stopped by the moss which grew between two very large stones; and there it lay—just where God wanted it to be.

The Angel smiled as he looked and saw the work was done. Of course he might have done it all by himself, it would have been quite easy, but he knew it would be more pleasing to God to do it in a way which would let others help too, and so although the two little mice and the hawk did not know it, still, the Angel showed them the way to help on God's work.

And the Angel knew it—and God saw it all.

Then gentle rain fell on the little acorn, and the snow came in the winter and laid on it to keep the cold frost away while it was putting its little roots down into the earth, to become strong in the ground.

And when the spring sun shone, dear little green leaves peeped out to see it. Because it was well grown into the ground, the little roots went on growing: bye and bye they were so strong they pushed those big stones up out of their places, and men

came and raised them, rather than move the beautiful tree which had grown from the acorn the Angel had planted.

Dear little children, dear little acorns—an Angel has planted each one of you, just where God wants you to be. Oh! do not spoil his work. Grow up for God, into the beautiful tree He can see in every one of you.

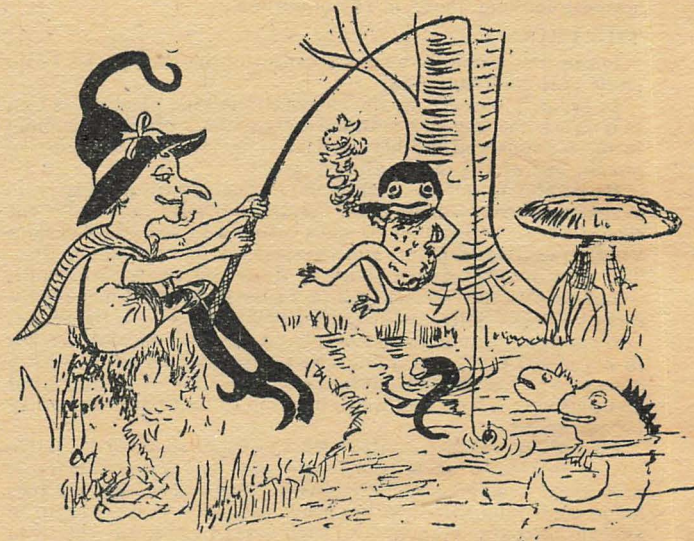
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OUR MONTHLY PUZZLE.

Of all amusements for the mind, from logic down to fishing, There isn't one that you can find so very cheap as wishing, I wish, a common wish indeed, my purse was somewhat fatter, That I might cheer the child of need, and not my pride to flatter, That I might me oppression reel, as only gold can shake it; And break the tyrants' rod of steel, as only wealth can break it.

Here is a happy, contented fisherman, but I think Johnny Frog is pretending to be a big man and very clever; he will be behind the tree looking very sick before long. Then the fishes will laugh at him when he is rolling under the toadstool table and holding his stomach. The fisherman has caught two fishes, can you find them?

This is also a painting picture if you have any paints. If you are without paints, you must earn a penny somehow and buy a pennyworth of crayons, and colour the picture that way. I wouldn't like a suit like the fisherman's, because it has no pockets, so the hidden fishes can't be there. I wonder where they are?



My Dear little people,

Now what is the greatest thing on earth, do you think? Money! No! What does it mean to be alive, to live, to move, to be active, to enjoy every minute of the day, and perhaps of the night too, if we could only remember what we have been doing. Now can you tell me what it is. Guess again and see if we are all right this time. It is Life, that living, ever moving action we see around us. "Is it in ourselves alone?" No! it is in all nature. Go into the parks, gardens, lanes, and listen for it. Keep your eyes and ears open, for the wonderful change that will very soon be coming over nature. Watch for the trees putting on their new spring dresses. The flowers opening out their beautiful petals, and the birds building nests for their little ones. It is all the same thing. Life is the gift of God. It is God's way of shewing his loving care over us, so dears, remember to thank the Giver, for all this beautiful new world that is coming to us in the spring. It is the eternal springing up of new life. Now we are just like that, always coming to new things, new life coming up around us. I want each one to love every living thing, however small, remembering that it belongs to our loving Father, and that he put it there for us to love and not to destroy. That is the greatest thing on earth, so try to remember that life is given for goodness and not for evil.

AUNTIE.

THE BIRTH OF FLIGHT.

HOW A BAT HEARS ITS WAY PAST OBSTACLES.

"Evolution," said Professor J. Arthur Thomson to an audience of children at the Royal Institution, "is the passing of living things from one great adventure to another." One of the latest and greatest of these adventures was the one by which various animals had conquered the air. The attempt had been made time after time and there had been some magnificent failures, but four great invasions of the air had been successful. First came the insects. Fortunately none of them could fly very far, although they could fly very swiftly. A bee could beat a pigeon easily for a little while, but a mile or two was its furthest flight. If it were not so, with its wonderful powers of reproduction, the insect world would soon make the earth quite uninhabitable for men.

Millions of years after the insects, came the flying lizards and dragon-like animals of which none was now left alive. It was impossible to say how well they could fly, but judging by the fact that their breast bones had strong keels—not so strong as an eagle's but much more so than an ostrich's—they must have had considerable powers of flight. After the amphibians came the bats, and the Professor told many interesting facts about the flight of these creatures. If you blindfold a bat, he said—and you can easily do so without hurting it,—then set it free in a room across which wires are stretched, it will fly about between the wires without touching a single one of them. It will not touch a chair or table, but move everywhere as though it could see quite clearly. An explanation for this remarkable power had been given recently in the fact that a bat continually gives an exceedingly high-pitched cry as it flies, and this is readily echoed from small substances that would give no echo with deeper sounds. It is these sharp echoes, unheard to other ears, that guide it free of all collisions.

Last of all came the birds who had found the great secret of feathered flight. The Professor showed by models and lantern slides how birds used their wings in ordinary flight, but confessed that he was unable to explain how an albatross or a vulture could soar for half an hour or so without even a tremor of a wing. The only thing he could say quite certainly was that these great birds could never fly like this in still air, but always needed a breeze. In whatever way the albatross managed it this must be the highest known type of flight.

Manchester Guardian.

LETTER BOX.

Dear Sir,—The Joint Education Committee of the B.S.L.U., and the S.N.U., recently had under consideration the problem of the apparent lack of enthusiasm and whole-hearted service in the Cause of Spiritualism; particularly among those younger members in our ranks who should now be actively fitting themselves for the responsible positions in both Movements which must some day fall to them; unless indeed these higher posts are to be entirely filled by the converts to our beloved Spiritualism from outside bodies.

We are aware that the symptoms are not confined to any one movement, but is characteristic of every religious or other reformative associations. Nevertheless the Committee attempted to probe deeper, with a view to discovering a cause, or causes. The questions asked were:—(a) Must loyalty to an ideal of high principles necessarily rank second to loyalty to a personality? (b) Is there a defective faculty of introspective imagination in our young folk which prevents them from realising the debt they owe to the old pioneers, and the present facilities provided by the Movement for the unfoldment of their psychic and other gifts? (c) Assuming this latter to be the more likely cause, what steps can be taken to stimulate active intelligent interest in the problem, and to awaken once again the power of glad surrender to a dominant spiritual impulse, which we believe to be not dead in our times, but only dormant?

The Committee are convinced that only by such glad following of a Divine Impulse can our Movement come effectually into its own. It was thereupon decided to approach the Editors of *The Two Worlds* and *THE LYCEUM BANNER*, requesting their favourable consideration of the following suggestions:—That each Editor would invite Essays from Lyceumists, or others, on the subjects: "What is the Spiritual Urge in our Movement?" or "Why should I work for Spiritualism?"

On behalf of the Committee I have pleasure in urging the reality of the problems outlined above, and the need for attention to be focussed on the difficulties thus created, believing your interest and co-operation will be favourably extended to our appeal.

Yours faithfully,
GEO. F. BERRY,
Ferry Bank, Henwick, Worcester.

[In compliance with the above letter, the pages of the L.B. are open, as space permits, for essays on either subject, not exceeding 500 words. Imagination is largely an unexplored field of research and has not entered the curriculum of modern education. Here is offered an opportunity to expand. Commendable essayists will be encouraged.—ED.]

LOVE.

In a soul's garden fair,
Cherished with tender care,
Midst the sweet blossoms there,
Fairest was love.

Fragrant and sweet it grew,
Watered by heavenly dew,
And by its pureness true,
Taught souls of love.

Faith raised her lovely head,
Hope laughed aloud and said
Sweet love and I are wed,
Spirit of love.

Truth brave and free from care
Floods superstitions lair,
Battles with courage rare
Tempered by love.

Progress and clearer sight
Disperse the cloud of night,
Working with holy might
Inspired by love.

And from the summerland
Come now the Angel band
Bearing in either hand
Emblems of love.

MRS. URRY, Bournemouth Lyceum.

CHRISTMAS.

BY JANET MORRIS, age 12 years.

All across the fields, so white and cold,
The tidings come so sweet, yet old
Rejoice for Christmas has once more come round;
The time when joy and pleasures do abound.

Christmas with its kindly ways
Is the happiest of days.
Each of us look forward with delight
To the time when Santa Claus comes in the night.

Bringing many gifts and toys,
To make happy all the girls and boys;
Then in the morning when they wake
They reach out their hands and gladly take

The gifts left for them in goodly store,
By Santa Claus the night before.
Let the glad New Year bells chime
To prolong the joy of Christmas time,
And through all the coming years that be
May peace reign on earth eternally.

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SYMBOLISM.

BY MRS. M. E. PICKLES.

The word symbol means—abstract or type. To symbolize—to represent—to resemble. Symbolism comes under the same phase of development as clairvoyance. It is rather difficult to speak intelligently of the phenomena coming under this head without going into the subject of the astral plane, for it belongs to it. For the purpose of this lesson we must understand that we have faculties, which enable us to sense vibrations which are not responded to by ordinary senses. Each physical sense has its corresponding astral sense which is open to the vibrations alluded to, and which interpret such vibrations and pass them on to our consciousness. Thus the astral sight enables us to receive these rays through solid objects, and to perceive thought forms. There is a poor and vague understanding of the extension of those senses. One who has developed these psychic powers and who is not otherwise educated has said "The astral psychic powers are just the same as the physical—only more so." I do not think I can improve on that explanation.

We come in contact with many people who have developed so far as to catch the vibrations and perceive symbols, but who have not endeavoured to grasp their meanings. The spirit people would not say to me, "We want you to address the audience to-day from the picture of a rose, and we require you to note specially what the rose is like applied to human life," but their method of procedure would be, presenting a rose to my astral vision, impressions thereon, interpretations and inspiration to the end of the discourse. Partially developed clairvoyants in our churches often see all kinds of symbols with speakers and mediums on the platform but fail to grasp their significance. I had a remarkable experience years ago, which I can never forget. I was a member of a Yogi class, and during the lesson on this special afternoon, I saw the teacher become partially lost in triangles. At the close I ventured to tell him what I had seen, and he was most delighted, for he said "I have been meditating in triangles all the week." Nor was that the finish. On the Sunday afternoon when I began to give clairvoyance every spirit friend I saw came through an enormous golden triangle. At the time I could not understand, nor could I fathom the meaning of the phenomenon. I had not

been in the best of health and it was afterwards revealed that this thoughtful and sympathetic teacher knowing my time of service had concentrated on my spiritual work and had been the means of sending this kind of help so many miles away. He bridged the distance on the mental plane by concentration on triangles and thus reached me. This was the projection of a symbol which I caught from an embodied entity. We must be very careful to give a correct interpretation of symbols presented to us, if we are to be successful in this aspect of labour. For instance—A medium was once delineating to a stranger, she gave a full description of the conditions around her and the stranger acknowledged all she gave as correct.

Then she said, "I see you are going to the Rock of Gibraltar;" at once the answer came "No." The medium replied "Oh, wait a minute I was wrong; you must be as firm as the Rock of Gibraltar." The stranger immediately understood the second message, and thanked her. You see the medium had seen the symbol of the Rock of Gibraltar, and her first interpretation was wrong. Just a few hints to those who are beginning to sit in circles. Sit in that state of passivity that you may become conscious of the scenes around with closed eyes.

Patches of colour may come first, sometimes layer after layer like clouds may rise up, then it may remain apparently fixed before you and begin to open out, and after patient perseverance week by week it is just as though you are looking into the interior and you begin to see all kinds of symbols, sometimes eyes, faces, and sometimes scenes. Speak at once of what you see, and you will find a gradual unfolding to more, but wait until the dawning of interpretation. At first do not hurry, be sure of your ground, then by constant experience you will be enabled to give correct interpretations of all you perceive. We are clumsy and awkward at first in the awakening of these astral senses, as is the baby when the physical senses begin to receive and translate impressions, hence the confusing and unsatisfactory results at the beginning.

I regret that now I must conclude for space in our BANNER is limited, but I hope I may have dropped some little word that will be helpful on the way, and rest assured when you are ready and have prepared the soil, seed will be dropped that sometime will bear a rich harvest.

My next contribution will be to our younger Lyceumists.

MARY E. PICKLES.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Shield Competition, 1920.

Name of Lyceum.	Visits.	Singing.			Reading.			Marching.			Calisthenics.			Discipline.			Total.
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Newton Heath	1st.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	61 1/2
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Openshaw	1st.	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	4	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	58 1/2
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MISS E. ELLIOTT, } Adjudicators.

MEDIUMSHIP FOR THE MILLION.

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(To be continued.)

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Mesmerism or Human Magnetism.

Magnetism is a force which is generated as a kind of florescence or atmosphere of force and pressure of different qualities and degrees, dependent upon the nature of the material through which this essence radiates, for all earthy matter, even clay and mineral ores or granite rock, chalk or lime as well as the vegetable, fruit, flower and plant kingdom linked to the insect, fish, bird and animal world, have each their own specific auras or "Glow Zones," which shine out from each and all of these objects mentioned, in different degrees and grades of luminous or phosphorescent variety, in innumerable shades and tints, and radiating and vibrating in different degrees of motion and rapidity of activity and power, some of these like the glow worm are very soft in their light and require darkness to exhibit, to the normal human vision, their soft and mellow light.

The Amber Magnet.

The Amber Magnetism is a material lumination, its 'glow zone' is comparatively faint and its energising motive force is correspondingly weak.

It has a very slow, passive, and exceedingly light hue with little of a golden tint, and is so very faint indeed that it requires a highly developed clairvoyant vision to see, and from this Amber we may start to climb the fairy stairs lit with ever-progressing and unfolding powers of radiant light, colour and beauty as we pass along the great highway of nature.

Natural Fairy Lamp.

Everything we see belongs to its 'class and species' and has its relation and order of progressive link in the chain of evolution from the very molecule or atom in the slime of the ocean, grade by grade, ever progressing, stage by stage, through all the other species up to man, wherein we find the Alpha and OMEGA, beginning and end, of the chain forming one grand circle containing all the elements, fluorescent light and radiance combined in the great master zone, (MAN SOUL) the Soul King and empire of transcendental magnetism contained in one universal whole to make up Man the Spirit in BODY, MIND AND SOUL.

T. TIMSON.

THE EYE.

The eye is the most important of the five superior senses. Most people are averse to touching the eye, and rightly so, for it should be very delicately handled. Its surface is always moist. There is a gland which constantly supplies tears from the upper part to the nose, and when we cry there is an excessive flow from this gland, so much so, that it cannot be carried away by the duct, consequently it flows over the cheeks. It is with this most wonderful organ of sight that we perceive light and colour, and also gives pleasure and sorrow. The mind is principally influenced by the eye, and it is also remarkably protected: lying, as it does, in the cavity provided in the skull and externally by the eye lids and eye lashes. The eye lashes prevent perspiration when it trickles down the forehead. We notice how the eyelids close almost involuntarily when danger is near. There are also six muscles with which the eye is turned in various directions, and squinting is caused by one of the muscles being shorter than the others. The eye requires great care if we wish to enjoy the many benefits this organ of sense bestows. If any sign of disease makes itself known, medical aid should be sought at once. Many diseases of the eye are incurable, but the progress of any malady may often be considerably arrested. Great care should be taken not to expose the eyes to strong light; working with the sunshine on work is mischievous, reading in too much light is as dangerous as it is in too little light. It is better to sleep in a darkened room, with the face from the window. It is a bad habit to read in a vehicle in motion, particularly in trains, and reading anything over the face of which strong shadows are passing is injurious.

Cleanliness is most essential for the eyes. Sight is a great blessing and we should all learn to value it more and take greater care of the eyes. There is a growing prevalence among young children to need spectacles. This is a sad condition and one for which much could be done by way of prevention. Children should not be kept too closely at books or study. The

method of training should vary and then eyes would get the rest they require. They do not want to be confined to reading at a certain distance from a board or book, and they should not be subjected to any great and sudden changes. Young and old should not go behind any one to put their hands round the face and over the eyes to make the victim guess "Who is this?" It is a very dangerous practice and might result in blindness. Little thoughtless actions such as these often have very serious results.

BIRKENHEAD.

G.C.R.

THE RELIGION OF SPIRITUALISM.

Con.—What is religion?

Lyc.—A system of doctrines or principles of belief and worship, regarded by those who profess it, as being of Divine authority.

Con.—How have the various religions been given to the world?

Lyc.—All religious systems are believed to have been given by revelation from the spirit side of life, and have been attributed to God as being their author.

Con.—What does the word "religion" mean?

Lyc.—It is supposed to be composed of two Latin words—*re*, which means "again," and *ligare*, which means "to bind," so it means a rebinding of mankind to God, and a performance of those acts of devotion, rites, and ceremonies as is thought to be pleasing to Him.

Con.—Has Spiritualism anything to offer to mankind concerning religion?

Lyc.—Spiritualism by its revelations is in a position to present a religion adopted to the understanding of mankind.

Con.—On what is the Religion of Spiritualism based?

Lyc.—It is based on its principles.

Con.—Will you please name them?

Lyc.—The Father-Motherhood of God.

The Brother-Sisterhood of Man.

The Immortality of the Soul, and its personal characteristics
The proven facts of communion between spirit people and mortals.

Personal responsibility.

With compensation or retribution hereafter for all the good or evil deeds done here.

And a path of Eternal Progress open to every Soul that wills to tread it by the path of Eternal Good.

Con.—How is this Religion adapted to the understanding of mankind?

Lyc.—By spirit communion mankind is learning the universal moral law of personal responsibility by which all shall reap as they have sown. This law is so simple and natural that a child can understand its operation. Its unerring operation in the spirit world is testified to by communicating spirits of all nations.

Con.—As people learn of this great moral law they will gradually cease to do wrong and strive to do right for fear of the suffering that will follow their wicked actions.

Lyc.—It will act as a deterrent to the liar, the cheat, the robber, the employed and the employer. Kings, queens, emperors and rulers will cease to raise armies and navies, for the purpose of conquest under whatever pretence, as they will learn that all war is murder and as such must be atoned for both by those who cause it and those who practice it as a profession.

Con.—Does the Religion of Spiritualism permit of any class or section of mankind being regarded as God's favoured people?

Lyc.—The claims of Kings and Queens being "God's anointed" and therefore sacred, or of any class or section of mankind as being specially favoured by God has no divine authority. Such claims are born of earthly ambition, to obtain power and authority, and inspire those around them with awe and fear in order the better to rule them.

Con.—The Brother-Sisterhood of Mankind implies that all are equal in the sight of God.

Lyc.—The Angels teach there are no high, no low except in spiritual attainments, which are the observance of truth, the practice of justice; and the bestowing of love and sympathy to those around us. These riches do not depend upon "wealth, estate, or proud degree," and so are within the reach of all to attain.

ALFRED KITSON.

No man is free who cannot command himself.

No labour is too great for the discovery of truth.

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EDITORIAL.

Nearly two years ago a Committee was appointed by the B.S.L.U. Conference to consider the revision of the Lyceum Manual. Their progress was stayed by the discussion of the definition of the terms Soul and Spirit. What should the Ego be called. Three short statements were made by Mr. Kitson, Mr. Tinker and Mr. Knott, a referendum of the Movement was taken and reported to the last Conference. Many Lyceums have complained they had not a chance to discuss or vote properly on the matter. The Lyceum Manual cannot be revised, with a view of permanency, whilst this unrest prevails. The Revision Committee are generally agreed that no definite book can be produced until after the point has had confirmation. The Management Committee has seriously considered a review of the problem, with the result that a new Referendum is being taken and notice is specially called to the fact, in these pages, to give due notice to all Lyceumists, so that, when the Referendum is considered, all Lyceums and Lyceumists can have a further opportunity of arriving at a decision and so facilitate the work of the Revision Committee.

There are various matters arising out of the Conference decisions which cannot be carried out without the help of the individual Lyceums. The raising of £2,000 cannot be carried out by the deliberations of a Committee, however essential it may be as a piece of machinery to commence operations. The object is to use the money for the purpose of stabilising the office and staff of the B.S.L.U., and open a Trading Department which shall act in accord and co-operation with the S.N.U. Present duties and lack of capital prevent the General Secretary from supplying many Lyceum requisites. The Management Committee are offering suggestions for raising the funds and issuing a circular to Lyceums on this purpose, necessary to our growth and expansion.

The demand for an educated exposition, inside and outside the movement is showing itself. Inside the Movement by the thousand young students who have paid the fees and entered the Education Scheme, forming Lyceum Guild Centres and otherwise showing an interest in Lyceum work. People outside the Movement are gradually seeing the truth of our revelations and joining the ranks. The spirit-people are using a great influence too, in the re-awakening of a religious life blessed by the proof of immortality. Divinity and a religious life do not depend on the broadcloth or the way a man wears his collar, but how he lives his life and portrays his gifts from God to the ministrations of life. We are unearthing buried talents and finding sweetness and joy in the liberty of thought which has been awakened by spirit-communion. The gift of prophesy makes the law-courts a blasphemy. The spiritual vision

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pierces the darkness, obliterates its power and uses it to produce evidences of new powers of spirituality. The grave hath lost its dread; to us there are no dead. Hope, with its everlasting power, bids us go forward. The mill will never grind with the water that is past and we welcome the waters of eternal life which come to us on the tide of immortality. We are turning our minds to the harmonies of God, moving amongst the children of mankind, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. God, Home and Spiritland, for love of thee we band together, working in the garden of souls, and finding true service in the welfare of the young.

For this, the angels gave Davis his vision; for this, the dead children came back to Alfred Kitson; for this, he has given the best of his days: for this, every unknown Lyceum worker fills a niche in the great scheme of being. That is why Spiritualism and the Lyceum Movement is so comprehensive. There's room for everybody. All for each and each for all, according to his needs.

And so, we desire to launch a Trading Department that we may reach beyond the confines of our own Union or province, that all the world may feel our warmth, our friendship and our love, reading the message of eternal life in the wisdom of God, and the power he has vouchsafed to us in the discernment of spiritual truth. God speed the right.

BY THE WAY.

Mr. R. Latham, 173, Colne Road, Burnley, has been appointed Conference Secretary and Organiser. The arrangements to hand were reported to the M.C. and will prove very satisfactory. Will all Lyceums note the Annual Conference is at Burnley on May 14th and 15th, 1921. Further information and forms will be issued in due course to Lyceums and District Councils.

The attention of essayists is drawn to the letter box in this issue. An avenue of expression is offered to them.

The North-East Cheshire D.C. have successfully opened a Lyceum in Glossop. We wish them every success.

Old workers in the B.S.L.U. will be pleased to read in the Reports that the present workers in Middlesboro' have not forgotten the past and present labours of Mr. and Mrs. Pugh.

Belgium wants a Lyceum Manual and Portugal wants a Lyceum Banner; both have been sent. Spiritualism and Lyceum methods know no distinction of race or space. And so the process of osmosis goes on.

Hanley Lyceum is at present without a home, but a plot of ground has been obtained and they will some time have a church thereon. In the meantime we hope they will be able to find accommodation for meetings.

The B.S.L.U. have been selling some of the books issued by the Union at prices below cost. As a result of costing, the General Secretary has reported the seriousness of the financial position to the M.C.

The Management Committee have fully considered the cost of publications and a revision of prices has become essential to place the Union on a business basis, in preparation for the Trading Department which is contemplated in connection with the S.N.U.

The notice of Lyceums and Secretaries is called to the revised price list in this issue, and note that it comes in operation on all orders received after February 6th, 1921.

Over 1,000 students have entered the Education Scheme Examinations. This is a glorious result and should compensate the Education Secretary, Miss M. E. Kitson, for the financial sacrifices she had made to take up and continue the secretarial work of the Scheme. Some people do good by stealth and blush to find it fame.

The Bradford (Harker Street) Lyceum have not forgotten the poor children in their district. With the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bradford as guests, they have given a Treat to 200 children during the festive season. In these times when little children are suffering, it is commendable to find Lyceums who "suffer little children."

Miss Hesp has kindly donated a large quantity of book-marks to the B.S.L.U. in support of the £2,000 Effort. They will be on sale by Mr. Jack Bell, 97, Chatham Street, Stockport, who is the Secretary for the Effort.

PHRENOLOGICAL DELINEATIONS.

To help the Funds of the LYCEUM BANNER and increase its sales and popularity, Prof. T. Timson, F.B.P.S., of Leicester, has kindly consented to fill a column each month with Phrenological Delineations of Lyceum children under 14 years of age.

Parents desiring to help the BANNER and wishing to have a Reading, must send photo of child and 1s., also 2d. stamp for return of photo. Readings will be given in this journal as space permits, and in rotation as received.

Prof. Timson performed a similar service for the LYCEUM BANNER in 1893, and Psyche at a later date. Attention is drawn to the Advertisement on the back page of this issue.

All communications to be sent to G. F. Knott, 39, Regent Street, Rochdale, and marked "photo" on the top left-hand corner of envelope.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT PRESTON.

The Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. held their Quarterly Meeting at Preston on the 8th and 9th of Jan. Mrs. M. E. Pickles, President, was in the Chair. All members were present. Before the regular business a vote of sympathy and hopes for speedy recovery to health was sent to the Secretary of the S.N.U., Mr. Yates and his family.

The General Secretary was instructed to arrange a joint meeting of the Trading Committee as soon as possible.

The Trustees of the Union and the M.C. had a round-table talk and Mr. E. A. Keeling's resignation as Trustee was accepted. Questions were asked and answers given. The Trustees promised to report their proceedings and progress, as far as possible, to the next B.S.L.U. Conference. The Trustees were thanked for their attendance and replies.

The next Annual Conference will be held at Burnley, on the invitation of the North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council. Mr. Reuben Latham, 173 Colne Road, Burnley, has been appointed organiser and Secretary for the local arrangements of the Conference. A very satisfactory report of progress was given. The Conference will start at 5 o'clock on May 14th and 10 a.m. on May 15th, adjourning at 1 o'clock for Dinner. The M.C. expressed their pleasure with Mr. Latham's report.

Mr. Alfred Kitson was appointed to attend the South West Lancashire and Cheshire District Union's Good Friday Celebrations at St. Helens.

Lyceums at Edmonton, Walthamstow, Easington Lane, Hounslow, Rochdale (Allotment St.), and Scunthorpe were accepted as members of the B.S.L.U. and allocated to areas.

Prices of publications were considered and it was found necessary, with the estimates placed before the M.C. to raise the price of publications to meet current costs and expenses (see revised price list).

"The Outlines of Spirtualism" was reported in stock in blue cloth and gilt edges, as issued before the war.

The M.C. have presented the Donor of the "Outlines", Mr. Alfred Kitson, with a best bound copy in appreciation of his gift to the B.S.L.U.

An offer by Prof. Timson to assist the funds of the LYCEUM BANNER was accepted for young Lyceumists (see announcement in this issue).

Miss M. E. Kitson sent a good report of progress in the Education Scheme.

A report of the U.D.C. meeting at Sheffield was given by the President, and the Secretary was instructed to suggest to the U.D.C. a change in the dates of their meetings as they clashed with the fixed dates of the M.C.

It was decided that there be another Referendum vote taken on the *Soul* and *Spirit* controversy; the vote will take place on the second Sunday in April.

The Leader of "Our Lyceum Guild" is being asked to send a concise report to the Conference.

The Gen. Secretary was instructed to report, in the official organ, a full report of all Minutes recorded by Conferences.

The M.C. resolved "that in view of some misunderstanding of the Conference motion, re Retrospective Contributions, we resolve to hold such in suspense, pending the confirmation or revision of the retrospective clause, by the next Annual Conference."

The £2000 Effort was discussed and various members of the M.C. gave donations to the Treasurer, thus giving the matter a real start. Mr. Jack Bell, 97, Chatham Street, Stockport, has been chosen as Secretary of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. This Committee will have charge of the raising of the above sum amongst its other considerations.

A Circular will be issued to Lyceums and prominent individuals to support the £2000 Effort. Various methods of assisting Lyceums to raise their quota will be issued by Mr. Bell on behalf of the Committee.

An additional Hymn Sheet is in course of preparation.

The various forms for the next Conference were submitted and approved.

Mr. G. A. Mack, Mr. Jack Bell and Mr. C. J. Williams were appointed the Standing Orders Committee for the Conference.

The Treasurer and the President were appointed to attend the next U.D.C. Meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Joint Progressive and Lancaster Road Lyceums for their unity and efforts in making the visit a success.

Mr. Alfred Kitson conducted the joint Session in Lancaster Road on the Sunday Morning. Mrs. M. E. Pickles, President, conducted the Joint Open Session in the Progressive Hall in the afternoon. Propaganda Meetings were held in the Lancaster Road Church and Progressive Church, presided over by Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Pickles respectively. Everybody worked willingly and happily, and a pleasant week-end ensued as the result of the unity. During the Open Session, Mr. Knott conducted the S.C.R. and replied to questions; Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Lewes, and Mr. Lawrence gave the M.R. connective readings; Miss Hesp conducted the G.C.R. and replied to some puzzling questions. Mr. J. Cartmel had charge of the physical exercises. During the Open Session items were rendered by Jenny and Betty Anderton, Jack Mason, Miss Jackson, Mrs. J. Cartmel, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Pickles and Mrs. Anderton.

Pearls were also given, Mr. W. E. Mason was the musician.

Mrs. Pickles made a pleasing little gift to Mr. Anderton, wishing him success in his New Zealand appointment, and Mr. Owen spoke a few appreciative words on behalf of the B.S.L.U. Mr. Kitson said we were lending Mr. Anderton to New Zealand and expressed his pleasure with the unity of the Lyceums in the welcome to the M.C. Mr. Anderton feelingly replied to the short speeches. The President gave the benediction to an interesting session.

Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Batley and Mr. Kitson occupied the platform in the evening at Lancaster Road Church, and Mrs. Pickles, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Mack and Mr. Knott were the speakers at the Progressive Church.

B.S.L.U. £2,000 EFFORT.

A circular of appeal for support of the above effort is being prepared. Mr. Jack Bell, 97, Chatham Street, Stockport, has been appointed Secretary to deal specially with this Fund. All donations must be sent to the Union's Treasurer, MR. R. A. OWEN, 319, Chatsworth Avenue, Aintree, Liverpool.

Book Marks and Pencils are on sale by Mr. Bell, the pencils will sell at 2d. each and are 11s. a gross to Lyceums. The Book-marks are 1d. each, sale price; and 6d. a dozen to Lyceums. Orders will be filled in rotation. They are offered to Lyceums to assist them to raise their quota of £10 per Lyceum, so that the Trading Department of the B.S.L.U. may have a financial basis.

LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Daulby Hall Lyceum	10	0	0
M.C. Members Donations	10	0	0
Runcorn Lyceum	10	0	0
Still required ..	1970	0	0

Will Secretaries note Mr. J. Bell is the Secretary, to whom applications concerning this Fund must be made and all donations should be sent to the Union's Treasurer, Mr. R. A. Owen.

1921 CONTRIBUTIONS AND RETURNS.

The following letter has been sent to all Lyceums. As some Lyceums have changed Secretaries and not notified the B.S.L.U. will Lyceums kindly note the particulars in the circular letter printed below.

To the Lyceum and other Secretaries.
Dear Friends,

I herewith submit the Annual Statistical Form for your official returns to the B.S.L.U.

Lyceums shall pay a fee of 10/- for each 50, or part of 50, names on their register.

Members' subscriptions shall be based upon the annual return made to the General Secretary and shall be 10/- for each 50, or part of 50, names so returned. They shall be due on the first day of January in each year.

Lyceums whose subscriptions are not paid by March 1st shall cease to be entitled to any of the benefits and privileges accruing from membership until such subscriptions are paid.

District Councils shall pay a subscription of 2/- per annum for each Lyceum in membership.

The Spiritualists' Lyceums United Districts Council shall pay a subscription of 2/- for each District Council in membership.

Secretaries of all Lyceums who are members of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union must count all the names (including those that have been crossed out during the past year), and send the numbers of officers and members to the Lyceum Union's General Secretary, duly signed, along with a remittance for every 50, or part of 50 names returned.

Each Lyceum will be deemed unfinancial until their contributions are paid.

Postal Orders should be made payable to me at Wardleworth Post Office.

When sending returns and contributions the number of scholars and officers and time of Sessions should be stated.

If a new Secretary has been elected, please hand this Form to the new Secretary.

Wishing you every success,
GEO. FREDK. KNOTT,
General Secretary.

NOTE:—Regarding 1920 retrospective payments, will all Lyceums read the M.C. resolution in the Preston Report of the M.C. Meeting, Jan. 9th, 1921.

H. G. HEY FUND.		£	s.	d.
Mr. and Mrs. Mack, Runcorn .. .. .	.. .. .	1	0	0
Halifax, Alma St., correction of donation in Dec.	.. .. .	8	3	0
BANNER £2 3s. 0d. should read .. .. .	.. .. .	8	3	0

The Fund is now closed. Will all Lyceums who have further contributions to send, kindly forward direct to Mr. T. H. Wright, 10, Victoria Avenue, Sowerby Bridge. All subscribers are gratefully thanked for their helpful donations.

BIRTHS, IN MEMORIA, AND MARRIAGES.

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

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On January 9th the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooper was named Louisa Cooper; Spirit name, Peace. Ceremony by Mr. Jones.—C.H.S.

Wellington Lyceum, New Zealand, are taking the study and examinations of the Education Scheme. Last year's efforts were lost, returned and again sent to this country to be marked. They are now in the hands of the Education Secretary. More books and papers have been sent to this year's students. Their enthusiasm is praiseworthy.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council will be held at Bolton, Bradford Street, on Saturday, February 5th, 1921, at 3 p.m. prompt. Business on the Agenda:—Minutes, Correspondence, President's Address, Reports, including Adjudicators, Election of Officers, and Auditors, Open Council. Vote of thanks. Tea provided at a moderate charge. 7 p.m., a social, proceeds in aid of Council Funds. Hearty invitation to all. Affiliation and Associates' fees are now due.—E. Roe, Sec.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting held Saturday, December 4th, at Wakefield. Opening Hymn. Invocation, Mr. Barraclough. President, Mr. Kitson, in the chair. President's Address. Hearty welcome to all delegates and associates: he hoped that the conductors would take the Education Scheme, and hoped that all Lyceums would set aside January 30th, 1921, as laid down by the M.C. as an anniversary day throughout England in memory of A.J.D. Minutes, Correspondence, Reports accepted. Notice of Motion for March Meeting, 1921, "That the balance of Field Day account be spent in purchasing an official banner. Competition business: result, Mr. Lunn, one of the adjudicators, declared Dewsbury as winners with 97 points out of a possible 100. Four new Associates.

The interchange of conductors was a marked improvement. Date and place of General Meeting for Election of Officers, Heckmondwike, date notified later. Mr. Kitson moved that the Council's best thanks be given to the Wakefield friends for their hospitality. Lyceums represented: Armley, Batley Carr, Castleford, Dewsbury, Easy Road, Normanton, Heckmondwike, Leeds Psycho, Wakefield, South Elmsall, Roxburgh Road, Leeds; Dairycoates, Hull; Holborn Hall, Hull. We had also with us our Area Representative, Mrs. Begg, and our Past President, Miss Hesp.

Presentation of bell and certificates on January 1st, by our President, Mr. A. Kitson.

The General Meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, February 12th at Heckmondwike, at 3-30 p.m. Business:—Minutes, Correspondence, President's Address, Reports, Election of Officers, Delegates, Areal Representative, Competition Business, Associate Members, Open Council, Vote of thanks to local friends. Tea provided, 1s each. Affiliation fees now due.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held at Runcorn Spiritual Church. The President, Mr. Geo. A. Mack, occupied the chair. In his address he said it was the duty of all Lyceums to try to raise £10 towards the £2,000 Effort for the "Trading Department." There were only four Lyceums represented. Minutes and correspondence were accepted. Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand of £7 10s. 1d. District Visitor reported that he had visited Earlestown and Warrington. Earlestown Lyceum was in need of assistance. Mr. Appleton and Mr. Brown were elected auditors. Mr. Seddon, of Leigh, was thanked for accepting the position of Adjudicator. Mrs. Pickles could not accept the position for 1921, but was willing to accept for 1922. Delegates were asked to come prepared to vote on the matter

at the next quarterly meeting. A discussion took place as to whether we as a District Council justified our existence: it was agreed that we had done our best under the circumstances, and that a meeting of all Lyceums in the District be called to discuss ways and means of helping Lyceums. Sunday services were conducted by Messrs. Mack, Thompson and Cohen.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council will be held on February 12th, at Earlestown Spiritual Church, Legh Street, Earlestown. Meeting will commence at 3 o'clock prompt. Will delegates please look over their reports of last meeting so that they will come prepared to vote on business arising out of minutes. Main items of business are: Election of Officers, £2,000 Effort, and Session Competition. Sunday services will be conducted by D.C. Officers.—Mrs. E. Clitheroe, Sec.

LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual General Meeting of above Council will be held at Stead's Bureau, 30a, Baker Street, W.1, on Saturday, 19th February, at 6 p.m. A full attendance is requested, as many important decisions must be arrived at.

Will Delegates and Associate please note—and attend.—A. T. Connor, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Chesterfield National Spiritualist Church, No. 1, on Saturday, February 13th, 1921. Business to commence at 10-30 prompt. Agenda: Opening Hymn. Invocation. Minutes. Correspondence, President's address. Reports. Election of Officers and Auditors. Open Council, etc.—Charles E. Welch, Sec.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE L.D.C.

The First Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at Hyde Spiritual Church, Clarendon Street, Hyde. Business to commence at 3 p.m. All Delegates and Associates please note.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.

Presentation of Silver Shield.

On Saturday, January 22nd, 1921, at the Preston Progressive Lyceum, a Social evening was held. The E.C. of the N.E.L. L.D.C. and the Area Representative of Area C. were present. During the evening the Silver Shield of the N.E.L. Council (for efficiency in Lyceum routine) was presented to the Progressive Lyceum, who are the holders for 1921, having gained 133 marks in the 1920 Competition. The President, Mrs. M. E. Pickles, in making the presentation, explained the aims and objects of the Competition and emphasised the motto that the "Workers Win," and that they should not rest upon their laurels. The Conductor, Mr. Jack Cartmell, suitably replied. Messrs. Shuttleworth and Batley also spoke for the D.C. and the Area. During the week-end the Finance and Publications Committees of the B.S.L.U. had been holding a joint meeting in Preston and it became the pleasant duty of the President, Mrs. Pickles, to present to Mr. Alfred Kitson a gold-edged bound copy of his book, "Outlines of Spiritualism." In doing this she spoke of the sterling qualities of Mr. Kitson and gave his life's work as an example of an idealist and his ideal, and detailed how we should do well to follow the example set. In accepting, Mr. Kitson gave us many interesting details. How the movement at that time lacked text books and primers; how the book came to be written; how the spirit people manifested their interest and concern in the welfare of earth's children; how they gave of their best for "Ours"; how many difficulties and trials were surmounted in the writing and publishing, and that by persistent effort every obstacle was overcome. Miss Hesp, V.P., B.S.L.U., also spoke, and gave to us how example had proved to be an incentive to progress. Mr. R. Latham, D.V., N.E.L.L.D.C. and a Past President, also spoke, and gave an earnest exhortation to all present of what N.E.L. had in the past stood for, and how ideals may permeate our lives if we will only care to attune ourselves to the conditions. An evening to be remembered and which will live in the memories of all present.

"Fideas Achates."

Notice of Council Meeting.

The above Council will hold the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Saturday, February 19th, in the Hammerton Street Lyceum, Burnley. Commence 8-30 p.m. Tea provided by our Hammerton Street Lyceumists at a nominal charge. A good attendance of delegates and associates is requested. Business is very important and urgent. Associates fees are now due for 1921, also Lyceum fees to Council.—J.S.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council will take place at Penn Street, Rochdale, on Saturday, March 5th, 1921. Agendas and Credentials to Delegates and Associates will be sent out in good time. A full attendance is desired, business important. Forward steps have been decided on. Our opportunity for realising united hopes is ripe. Election of Officers and special reports will be given. Annual membership fees are due. Meeting to commence at 4 p.m. sharp.—Amos Harris, Sec.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

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

CARDIFF CENTRAL.—We have had a Sale of Work and Social, and considering the children had only three months' efforts to show, it proved a success, as we had a profit of nearly £20, which we used to give the children a Christmas Treat.

On December 5th, we were visited by Queen Street, and Northcote Street Lyceums, when a joint session was conducted by Miss A. D. Adams.

On December 21st, we held our Christmas Treat, the Lyceum members having tea at 5-30, followed by a Social Evening, to which we sent out invitation cards to all members of the Society and friends. During the evening Mr. A. Dawson, dressed as Father Christmas, presented to every member of the Lyceum and friends of the Lyceum Guild a present from the Christmas Tree, an orange and a packet of sweets. A doll dressed as a Fairy was fixed at the top of the tree and after all the presents were presented the Fairy was drawn for amongst the members of the Lyceum and which was won by Mrs. Nutt.

The event will live in the memory of all present for years.

Sunday, 16th January, was a red letter day in our Lyceum, when Mrs. Marshall, President of the Church, named the daughter of two of our Lyceumists, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Dawson, giving the name of Constance Jane Adams Dawson, spirit name, "Snowdrop."

This being the first naming ceremony to take place in our Lyceum, Miss A. D. Adams (Conductor), on behalf of the Lyceum members, presented the baby with a gold locket and chain and Lyceum badge, both being suitably inscribed.

On Sunday, 23rd January, we held our Anniversary services and presentation of prizes.

Mrs. Marshall occupied the chair, and presented the prizes after the children had given solos and recitations, etc. Mr. Morgan, on behalf of the Lyceum members, presented Miss A. D. Adams with a Manual and Songster in recognition of her service as Conductress during 1920. Miss Adams in a few well chosen words returned thanks for the honour bestowed upon her.—Alex. Dawson, Sec.

DARLINGTON, Psychological Hall, Blackwell Gate.—After being closed for several weeks we have opened our new Lyceum in the New Year with new officers as follows:—Conductor, Miss Airey; Asst., Mr. Cox; Guardian, Miss Moore; Secretary, Mrs. Sleightholme; Treasurer, Miss Petch; Musical Director, Mr. W. Wilson, Asst., Mr. C. Wilson; Captain of Guards, Mr. J. Jackson. Splendid progress is being made and increase of membership which is very gratifying, so our efforts look like being crowned with success.—(Mrs.) M. Sleightholme, Secretary.

GRIMSBY, Strand Street.—We have had our Annual Children's Tea and Christmas Party. Over 80 partook of the good things provided. No member of the Lyceum was overlooked. Absent members had their share taken to them. Games, the delight of romping youth, were eclipsed when Santa Claus took his position beside a large and heavy laden Christmas tree. The children wore paper hats of various designs—out of Christmas crackers—with a tastefully decorated hall and hearts overflowing with goodwill; what wonder that Santa Claus was generous and busy. All received his blessings and a gift. Our thanks are tendered to all who so generously and unselfishly helped to bring joy into the lives of Grimsby Lyceumists.

January 9th was a Lyceum Sunday. Misses E. Beckett, E. Jones, L. Stephenson, N. Hockley and George Hockley gave recitations; Miss K. Sutherland gave solos and Miss Shoot and Mr. G. Cole a duet, providing a successful session in the afternoon. At night the children took the platform. Solos

and recitations by Misses Sutherland, Shoot, Stephenson, and essays by Miss Barron and Miss Powell were well received. Mrs. Nicols ably conducted the naming of Robert Stephenson.—D. Jewitt.

JOHANNESBURG.—On Sunday, 12th December, we entered our new hall in Jeppe Street, opening with an Open Session. We commenced the service by singing hymn 383. Following the invocation we continued with Musical Reading 223. Charlie Watson and Eric Hart then gave excellent opinions on G.C.R. 144. Recitations were given by Mr. Williams and Diana Van Kal. Pearls were given by all. We had an excellent attendance, including several visitors. We are now busy preparing for our Anniversary which takes place in January.—Vernon Hart, Sec.

LANCASTER.—On Saturday, January 1st, we held our Lyceum Treat and had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Pickles, who was our guest and speaker for the week-end. All old workers of the Society, patrons and Lyceumists sat down to a substantial repast, after which crackers were given to each, making an animated scene for the games and dances, etc.; old and young enjoyed to full measure till 9 p.m. Sunday morning we had a splendid session. In the afternoon special Open Session and Prize Distribution, which was well attended by parents and appreciated by the Lyceum; over forty prizes (Lyceum Manuals) were presented by Mrs. Pickles to the children, and the youngest Lyceumists recited. Evening meeting was very successful. Mrs. Pickles took for her subject, "The vision Beautiful," and dealt with the Lyceums and the true vision that can be accomplished, and was well received. On Monday evening the elder Lyceumists had the pleasure of attending a circle with Mrs. Pickles, and was privileged to talk with one of her guides, which was greatly appreciated and will be remembered, giving each an impetus for the spiritual work necessary for success. We owe our thanks to Mrs. Pickles for the week-end of good things.

On January 7th we held our Election of Officers, the following being appointed:—Conductor, Mr. Frank Ball; Assist., Mr. A. Bleasdale; Guardian, Mr. H. Stephenson; Secretary, Mr. G. Jones, assist Secretary, Mr. Denis Linthwaite; Treas., Mr. A. Bleasdale; Captain of Guards, Miss May Dodd; Guards, Miss L. Coupland, Mr. F. Rushworth, Mr. Ed. Kirk; Leaders, Mrs. I. Ball, Miss Dodd, Miss M. Dodd, Miss E. Kirk, Mr. J. Kirk, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. A. Bleasdale, Frank Ball.

LONDON, Clapham.—We held our third Annual General Meeting on January 23rd. The reports of the officers for the past year showed that our progress had been well maintained. The election for the current year produced little change in the administration of the Lyceum. Our Sports Club is developing splendidly and is open to arrange fixtures with other London Lyceums Club. We welcome 1921 with confidence and extend best wishes to all fellow Lyceums.—C. Franklin Knight, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE.—On Thursday, December 30th, many friends, Lyceumists, and church members, met together for the purpose of celebrating the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, and a right happy time was spent. Mrs. Johnson is the Mother of our Lyceum, and at her home, Spiritualism was first introduced to Attercliffe over 30 years ago.

New Year's Day was the children's day, and a royal time they had too. January 2nd, Open Session was held, Mr. F. Smith conducted, and made a very good start for the New Year. Mr. Ballard and Mrs. Saxelby assisting. Recitations and pearls were given, the marching and calisthenics being ably conducted by Mr. S. Smith. The outlook is brighter and we have commenced the New Year the stronger for our lessons of the Old Year.—C. H. Saxelby.

MEXBORO.—27th December (Lyceum Red Letter Day). Lyceum elders collected for tea, free to Lyceum children. Hall decorated by Harry Cory. A nice company of adults took advantage of a pleasant feast. Afterwards social, invitations for help met with a good response from a nice company. Recitations by Lottie Goldspink, Frances Eleisha, and Ida Haywood, William Careless, Mrs. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Kenning. Sketch entitled "Unlucky Dinner," characters: William Oates, Harry Cory, Ruby Hague, Laura Goldspink. Mrs. Newey sang "Thy Face I Never See"; Mrs. Haywood "In that Sweet Land of Sunshine"; Mr. Haywood "A Cheer to the Workers." A most pleasant evening was brought to a close, each wending our way to our respective homes tired, yet feeling the day had been well spent. Mr. Joseph Haywood presided.—William Oates, Sec.

TORONTO, Canada.—Visit of Santa Claus. The above

Lyceum had a splendid time at the year end. Our Pastor, Mrs. Stier, gave a splendid Tea to all the young Lyceumists. The Lyceum gave a splendid Concert: the public were admitted to the concert which was much enjoyed by all. But what pleased the children most was Santa Claus, who was passing by, so he popped in and did not leave until he had stripped the Tree of its presents which he gave to the young Lyceumists. Sweets, nuts, oranges, apples, etc., were also liberally distributed. I am sure everyone spent an enjoyable evening.—E. Richardson, Sec.

WAKEFIELD.—Officers for 1921; Conductor, Mr. Hargate; Assistants, Messrs. Smith and Harding; Secretary, Miss Jenkinson; Treasurer, Mrs. Harding; Leaders, D. Harding, I. White, Keir Smith, and W. Lockwood. Librarians, M. White, H. Stokes; Visitor, Noah Cope; Delegates, Messrs. Hargate and Smith; Marching and Calisthenics Conductors, N. Cope and E. Stokes; Organists, C. Palmer and I. Jenkinson.

On December 29th a good number of Lyceumists and friends sat down to a splendid tea. Afterwards dancing and games were indulged in. Also a Christmas Tree, from which every Lyceumist received a present. An enjoyable evening was spent. The season's greetings to all Lyceums.—L. Jenkinson, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 2nd. Recitations were given by Ella Crawley, Millie Crawley; Pearls by Helen Lawrence, Beatrice Barnes, Ella Crawley, Mr. Wilson, Mr. J. Parkinson and Mr. Barnes. We had a good attendance, there were about 30 present; the marching and calisthenics was fine. We had a very good Session on Dec. 27th; we had our Annual Christmas Tree, given by the Ladies Aid. Recitations were given by Beatrice Barnes, Ella Crawley, Millie Crawley, Olive Forrest, Evelyn Hargreaves, Maude Hargreaves, Sylvia Parkinson and Billy Barnes; it was a treat to listen to the six little ones who made their first attempt. Songs by Helen Lawrence, Mrs. H. Forrest, Mrs. J. Parkinson, Mrs. Crawley, Ruby Spencely. Pianoforte Solo by Jonaia Sumerlidson. Mr. H. Forrest acted as Santa Claus and gave the children their presents which caused great amusement to all present. On New Year's Eve we had a Social and Watch Night Service; we were sorry that our Pastor, Mrs. Forrest, could not take the service as she was taken sick during the evening. Mr. Barnes, President of the Church, and Mr. C. Forrest, conducted the service. We all thought of the old friends far away from us who were with us last year but we hope to see them all again soon. We send our kind greetings to all Lyceums.—C. Forrest, 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 January 26th.

RULE 3.—Lyceums taking 1 dozen copies, 25 words; 2 dozen, 50 words; 3 dozen, 75 words; 4 dozen copies and over, 100 words.

Additional words to be paid for at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. This Rule does not apply to Lyceums numbering fewer than 30 members.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than February 23rd, to ensure insertion in the March 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, Argyle Street.—An entertainment took place on New Year's Day for Lyceumists and Friends. Father Christmas, resplendent in red cloak and cap, was very generous to old and young. The Christmas Tree was laden with crackers and a gift for each child who attends the Lyceum. Sunday Services on Jan. 2nd were well attended by strangers, who appreciated our way of training the children. Calisthenics and marching were excellent, also songs and recitations. Miss Wright, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Paul Street.—Open Session held on 2nd Jan. Opened with singing 330; Invocation was rendered by Miss Clayton; S.C.R. 34 by L. Fazakerley; M.R. 235 and G.C.R. 125 which were very well read. Recitation by Edith Cahill and pianoforte solo by our organist, Mr. G. Farnworth. Solos by

Mr. Cahill, Duet by Miss Clayton and Mrs. Cahill; also a song by six Lyceum scholars. A few pearls were also given. Benediction was given by our Conductor, Mr. Fazakerley.—Mr. Oswald Cahill, Sec.

BEDWORTH.—Open Session Jan. 2nd. Recitations by E. Ison, W. West, H. Marston, A. Bradbury, F. Ison, A. Davis, I. West and P. Richards. "The Happy Spirit Land" was sung by N. Deeming, A. Davis, and H. Harrison. Angels Lead My Footsteps," by G. Goode, A. Neale and E. Ison. Banner Group and Lyceum Leaders also sang.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 2nd, opening with Hymn 407, silver chain 93, musical reading 208, Golden Chain 108, also recitations by Mr. Taylor, Madge Wilkinson, Elsie Dunn, Elsie Thompson and R. Lane. The naming of the baby at our recent open session was Violet May Pittard and not Florence May Landreth as inserted in the recent BANNER.—R. Lane, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Handsworth.—On Saturday, 15th, we had our Christmas party, Father Christmas was there, and we had a right good time. Sunday 16th, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.—Joseph Smith, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On Christmas Day we held our Annual Tea party. A fair number were present. The entertainment consisted of a pantomime by the children entitled "Beauty and the Beast"; it was very well rendered and did credit to those responsible; a most enjoyable time was spent being the verdict of all present.

On Dec. 26th, we held our usual Open Session; a good number again being present; reading very well rendered; a little discussion followed. We had with us Mr. Oaten, Editor of "The Two Worlds," and Mr. Albert Wilkinson, of Blackpool. Both gave a short and very inspiring address, these gentlemen having come to Blackburn at the express wish of our Society to assist in unveiling the Memorial Tablet to our late worthy President, Mr. J. T. Ward, consisting of a marble tablet. A very enjoyable session closed with hymn 367, "The Old and the New." It was sung with a good feeling, and very appropriate for the closing of the old year. Mrs. Robinson, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford St.—We held our quarterly Open Session on Jan. 16th. Mr. R. A. Owen was unable to fulfil his date through sickness. Miss Edith Roe, of Bolton, was a worthy substitute. Pearls and Recitations were given by various Lyceumists. A duet by the Misses Kershaw and a solo by Grace Murphy were greatly appreciated. Marching and Calisthenics were ably conducted by T. Worthington. Miss Edith Roe's subject for the evening was, "Spiritualism and its Philosophy." We extend our fraternal greetings to all Lyceums.—James Worthington, Sec.

BOLTON, Deane Rd.—We have held our Election of Officers for 1921. Everything went quite well. On New Year's day we had a party, when Miss Edith Roe, of Bradford St., distributed the prizes, which ended a very enjoyable day. Please note our Lyceum starts at 10-30.—Lily Pilkington, Sec.

BRADFORD, Harker St.—We spent a very happy Session on our first in the New Year. Recitations by Harry Stead, Arthur Wells, Violet Wells; solos by Annie Stead, Mrs. Wells and our Conductor. Our Organist was Miss Ada Carter; a vote of thanks to those who made us all so happy at our Annual Treat. We had nearly 200 children (the poor children) from all round to a Treat and Entertainment; we are having with us as guests the Lord and Lady Mayoress of Bradford. Our best wishes to all Lyceums. Our watchword for the New Year "Progression."—Mr. M. E. Wells, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—Open Session Jan. 2nd, 1921. We had a very harmonious Open Session. Recitations and solos were given by the following: Mrs. Berry, Misses Tordoff, Cook, Leadbeater and Dixon. The general tone and conduct of all Lyceumists augurs well for the New Year.—H. Barnes, Con.

BRIGHTON, The Old Barn.—We have had a Social Evening in aid of the Fund of Benevolence. The Shakesperian items were rendered admirably. The programme included Harps, Dancing, Songs, Recitations, Violin Solos. This year our Parent Society have handed the F.O.B. over to the Lyceum to deal with.—R. Banks, Sec.

BRISTOL, Providence Hall.—Our Carol Service was a huge success. Twenty six Boys and girls received prizes for attendance and 30 Lyceumists were presented with Guild Badges and Certificates. Books were presented by Mr. Pritchard, our

Church President, and the badges were pinned on by Mr. Vergo, Secretary of Daughton Hall Lyceum.

At Annual General Meeting for Election of Officers great progress was reported as regards number of Lyceumists, which have been doubled; finance was good also and general work. Children had received four "treats" including Christmas Tree. Twenty received prizes and thirty joined Lyceum Guild.—A. Aycliffe, Sec.

BURNLEY, North St.—On Jan. 2nd we began the New Year very well, all Officers and Lyceumists being in their places punctually at 10 a.m. "Please note change of time." Readings were discussed with enthusiasm, followed by marching and calisthenics of a very exhilarating character. A special feature of the Open Session was Miss Flora Towler, elocutionist. Songs and recitations also given by the children. To all Lyceums we send our greetings for the New Year.—Miss Emily Poppleton, Sec.

BURY.—On Saturday, Jan. 1st, we held our Annual Tea Party and Entertainment. On Jan. 2nd we held our Lyceum Open Session, in the afternoon and evening, when duets, solos and recitations were rendered by Lyceumists and friends. On both occasions we spent an enjoyable time.—W. Berry, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Jan. 2nd we held our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. There was a good number of Lyceumists and the various reports made interesting reading. The election results were: Conductor, Mr. Widdowson; Assistants, Mr. Tattersall and Mr. E. Hobster; Secretary and Treasurer, J. J. Hobster; Guardian, Mrs. Siddal; Captain of Guards, Connie Ridler; Guards, Ethel Wale and Herbert Lawley; Musical Conductor, Miss Marsh, and Lilian Gore; Group Leaders Mr. Jones, Mr. Tattersall, Mr. Widdowson, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Tattersall and Miss Horton; Marching Conductor, Mr. E. Hobster; Delegates, Nancy Mathews and Harry Briggs; Librarian, Aaron Beckett.—J. J. Hobster, Sec.

COVENTRY, Foleshill.—On Dec. 27th, we held our Xmas Party and Prize Distribution, when we were honoured by the presence of His Worship the Mayor and Mayoress of Coventry, who distributed the Prizes. January 2nd, Service of Song "Ministering Spirits" by Lyceumists, great success.—E. M. Hutton, Sec.

DARLINGTON, Blackwell Gate.—Jan. 13th we held our Lyceum Xmas Treat which took the form of Tea and Games, and several in Fancy Costumes which caused much fun; distribution of fruit and cakes during the evening. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present; many thanks to all who helped to make it such a great success. I think we may safely say we are a progressive Lyceum.—M. Sleightholme, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—On the 26th Dec., the following were elected as officers of our Lyceum. Conductors, Mr. J. H. Collier, Mr. C. Phillips and Mr. A. Collier; Secretary, Mr. E. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Bland; Guardians, Misses I. Kaye, E. Shearman, E. Bedford and H. Oakes; Guards, H. Collier (Capt.), J. A. Stott and J. Nixon; Drill Instructor, Mr. E. Wilson; Registrars, Misses J. Collier and A. Pennock; Leaders of Groups, Miss L. Wood and J. Dixon; Delegate, Mr. A. Collier; Visitor, Mr. Peel; Musical Director, Mr. J. Whittles; Auditors, Messrs. Peel and Schofield; Jan. 1st we had a Social at which we were presented with the L.L.D.C. Silver Merit Bell by Mr. A. Kitson. The whole proceedings enjoyed by all. E. Wilson, Sec.

EASINGTON LANE.—On Dec. 27th, we held a Concert in Miners Hall which was appreciated by all present. Lyceum scholars rendered songs, recitations, etc. Santa Claus visited the children and gave each one a prize; also prizes were given for attendance during the year. Mr. Jones acting as Chairman.—E. Reay, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on Jan 2nd, songs given by Mrs. Aldred, Misses Blackburn and Lancaster; recitations by G. Millward, J. Foster, G. Robinson, C. Clarke, J. Waddington, E. Clarke and D. Nuttall. We spent a good time together.—B. Fryer, Sec.

ELLAND.—Jan. 2nd, Open Session; children gave a hearty welcome to friends, singing "A Happy New Year to Thee."—Elsie Green Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 2nd under the Leadership of our Assistant Conductor, Mr. W. Parkinson. This was the first time he had taken the position as Conductor of a Lyceum, but I am sure we all learned something from various things he explained from the same. Our Conductor, Mr. Baxter, was present and gave him every assistance possible. Then followed recitations by Agnes Westwell,

Hubert Norris, Dorothy Hartley and Lilian Howarth; also solos by Maggie Fish, Florrie Owen and Mr. Baxter. Altogether we had a session enjoyed by every one present.—A Waterhouse, Sec.

GLASGOW, McLellan Galleries.—At our Annual Business Meeting the following were elected: Conductor, Mr. J. M. Stewart; Assistants, Miss McIntosh, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Burnett Mr. Rothead; Treasurer, Mr. Rothead; Guardian, Mr. James Stewart; Marching Conductor, Mrs. Stewart; Librarian, William Heck; Group Leaders, Mrs. Stewart; Mrs. Fleck, Miss McIntosh, Miss Rothead, and Miss Yuill (Liberty). Mr. Straw; Organist, Miss Brown; Violinists, Miss Cleland, William Shaw; Social Convener Mrs. Fleck; Rambling Club Leader, Mr. J. Irvine.—Hilda Cleland, Sec.

GLASGOW ASSOCIATION.—On 26th December, we held our Open Session which took the form of a Toy Service. Numerous gifts were brought by the children and friends. They were afterwards taken to the Eastpark Home for Infirm Children. Mr. E. Spencer addressed the children bringing greetings from many Lyceums all over England and Wales. A number of recitations and musical items followed, a special feature being a Carol by several of the youngest members. Prizes were presented for regular attendance, pearls, recitations and musical items. Two special prizes for "Faithfulness" were given by the Guardian.—H. Cleland, Sec.

HORWICH.—We held our Prize Distribution and Social on Jan. 22nd, the Chair was occupied by Miss D. Ward. Miss G. Butterfield distributed the Prizes to our successful Lyceumists. Recitations were given by E. Fisher, E. Haylett, A. Ellis and A. Haylett. Songs were rendered by D. Ward, M. Robinson, N. Parson, Mrs. Haywood, F. Jones, A. Ellis. A violin and pianoforte Solo was given by S. Butterfield and A. Davies. A presentation was made to Mr. Walsh for his services as Secretary; he spoke a few encouraging words to Lyceumists and friends. A vote of thanks was given by Mr. Fernihough, seconded by Mrs. Collier. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Best wishes to all.—E. Southworth, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter's St.—We had our Annual Christmas Treat for our Scholars. We had enjoyable time, and 70 scholars were there. We had games and refreshments, and our Conductor, Mrs. Oliver, presided.—Richard Garside, Sec.

ARMLEY.—Election of Officers: Conductor, Mr. J. A. Laycock; Asst. Conductors, Mr. Barraclough and Mrs. Firth; Secretary, Mrs. H. Middleton; Librarian and Registrar, Miss D. Smith; Musical Director, Open; Lyceum Visitor, Mr. Barraclough; Delegate, Mr. Warrington (Senr.); Sick Visitors, Mrs. Firth and Miss Jackson; Auditors, Mrs. Firth and Mr. Barraclough; Guardian, Miss E. Coates; Capt. of Guards, Master L. Firth; Guards, Masters D. Thurkettle, E. Morriss, Misses B. Owens and E. Thurkettle..

LEEDS, Psycho.—Jan. 3rd we held a most successful Social on our Annual Prize-giving Day. Mr. Smithson, one of the worthies of the school, presented prizes with appropriate remarks. As the little girls received their prizes their faces radiated with ecstasy, and mammas looked on proudly and showed it when their little girls lisped a shy "ta!" or "thank yo!" Of course the big boys and girls received their awards with dignity that bespeaks much learning. The evening passed enjoyably. We are having a very interesting item on March 12th, the Merry E's will delight us with a galaxy of talent.—E. J. Moore, Sec.

LEICESTER, Silver St.—Election of Officers, Jan. 2nd resulted as follows: Conductor, Mrs. Tuckwood; Assistants, Mrs. Buckle, Mrs. Galpin; Secretary, A. Buckle; Treasurer, Mrs. Tuckwood; Musical Directors, Alfred Beck, Mrs. Hurst; Calisthenic Conductors, Mr. Hurst, Alfred Lucas; Capt. of Guards, Harry Rouse; Guardian, Cissie Jones; Guards, Lawrence Smart, Arthur Wathen, Dorothy Parker, Almena Dilks. Leaders, Mrs. Galpin, Mr. Hurst, Mrs. Buckle, Ada Deacon, Alice Buckle, Eva Wicks, Cissie Jones, Arthur Wicks.—A. Buckle, Sec.

LONDON, Upper Holloway.—On Jan. 2nd we had a special visit from Mr. Horace Leaf, who addressed us and afterwards gave a few clairvoyant descriptions; all of which were recognised. In all we had a very happy session. We wish every Lyceum a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—J.S.

LONDON, Plaistow.—Still pressing forward. Pleased to report our annual tea and meeting which was most successful; each child received a prize. Attendance Medal awarded to Ethel Read. Children contributed to the success of the evening with songs, etc. Sorry to report that no member of the Society

was sufficiently interested to pay us a visit, and give a few words of encouragement to the children on their special evening.—Fraternal Greetings to all—B. Manning, Sec.

TOTTENHAM.—The past month has been a very successful one. On Sunday, Jan. 16th, we were honoured by the presence of three District Visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg and Mrs. Mary Gordon; they each gave us a short encouraging address. On Monday, Jan. 17th, we had our Annual New Year Party, all enjoyed themselves and it was a great success. We are now steadily progressing week by week.—Edith North, Sec.

LONDON, Walthamstow.—On Saturday, 15th Jan., we held a Tea for the Lyceumists at the Hall, after which they gave a Concert, the programme included a musical fairy play composed and arranged by three of our young Lyceumists. Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, the London D.V's., each gave a short speech on the great work of the Lyceums. We concluded our evening by singing that rousing Lyceum song "Shoulder to Shoulder." We all felt very proud of our Lyceum and intend to do great things in the future.—H. C. Ball, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Collyhurst.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 19th, which was well attended. Solos, recitations and pearls were ably rendered. Visitors from other Lyceums expressed appreciation of Marching. Altogether, an enjoyable day was spent.—J. E. Shearsmith, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Moss Side.—Raby St.—On January 16th, Mr. W. Meek named Richard James Hart, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hart, giving the spiritual name of "Diligence." The ceremony, together with musical items and recitations proved a really enjoyable service.—On February 13th, we held our Open Session at 2-30, a Musical and Shakespearian Festival, at 6-30 a lecture on "The Magic Power of Thought," will be given by Miss Constance E. Andrews, of the New Thought School, Manchester. Silver collections. Tea provided as usual. All are very welcome.—Mabel E. Baker.

MANCHESTER, Moston.—The last and final Open Sessions were held on Jan. 2nd in the Moston Church, which closed on that date owing to the expiration of the tenancy. We had a splendid day, large audiences and were well supported by Lyceums in the district, for which we tender thanks. Bright singing, readings and responses, nicely rendered. Individual efforts in recitals and solos well selected and effectively rendered. We hope very soon to be housed again in our own church; in the meantime, we are deeply indebted to our Newton Heath friends (Allen St.) for their kindness in placing at our service their room on Sunday mornings, where we have held sessions throughout January. Our Building Fund grows steadily—approaching £200; help is urgently needed.—J. Parkinson, Sec.

Moston Lyceum Church will re-open on Feb. 6th, at Amos St., over Co-operative Stores, off Ashley Lane. Will welcome all friends on that date at usual services. Morning Lyceum 10-30, Afternoon 3, Evening 6-30.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—On New Year's Day we held our Tea and Social and Children's Festival; 200 children and elders present. A splendid Tea was served by our Official Caterers, Mrs. Hope and Miss Eastwood, assisted very ably by the elders of our Lyceum. After Tea, we had several games; and it was with great difficulty our Conductor, Mr. Bentley, obtained peace. During the reading of the names of the children by the assistant Conductor, Mr. A. Hope to receive their presents from Father Christmas (Mr. J. Hamer) from the Christmas Tree, which was beautifully decorated with Toys and the usual Decorations. The children wended their way homewards very happily. The elders then commenced their social and brought a pleasant day to a close. Our hearty thanks and best wishes go out to all, and if any reader is passing our Lyceum on a Sunday afternoon we hope they will pay us a visit.—James Hamer, Sec.

MANSFIELD.—On Dec. 27th a splendid Tea was given to all our Lyceumists, and afterwards a very enjoyable evening was spent in games, etc., Many thanks to all helpers. J. W. Wright, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Rd. West.—We held our Annual Children's Treat on Wednesday the 5th January. Tea was provided at 4-30. A very pleasing and notable incident happened during the Treat. A Silver Wedding Cake was cut, to commemorate the Silver Wedding of our old and present workers, Mr. and Mrs. Pugh. A toast was given for their happiness, also hoping to see the day when our friend Mr. Pugh would be able to regain his eyesight.—E. W. Buckingham, Sec.

NELSON.—On Jan. 2nd, we held our Open Session and Prize Distribution. There was a good attendance, 40 prizes being distributed. Mrs. Morton, our Conductor, gave them out and

said encouraging words to each Lyceumist receiving one as a prize. Recitations and solos were rendered by the following: Miss E. Hey, Rosina Pearson, Annie Calvert, Edith Pemberton, Gladys Hanson, Wilfred Middlebrook, Frank Haythornthwaite, Cyril Clark, W. H. Calvert and S. West. We spent a most enjoyable time together.—M. Berkeley, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Rutherford St.—On Jan. 2nd we held our Open Session and rehearsed for January 30th Special Session; good attendance. Recitations by Miss Huckle, Jenny Bolton, Mr. Seecar, Mrs. Proud "The Magic Word," Songs, Miss Turnbull, Wilkinson Greenwell Dawson, Whitfield, Proud, Pearls, Mr. Dawson, Dixon, Nichol, Morton, Price. Mr. Huckle, Conductor, made a few remarks on "Home Affection." Musical reading and Trust to the Future, Silver Chain. Guild going strong. Boxing Day we had a glorious social and free Tea.—G. Sample Dawson.

NOTTINGHAM, Hawarden Terrace.—After a few weeks hard work our Conductor, Miss G. Brown, brought to a successful conclusion a splendid Christmas party for our children. We were greatly assisted by the members of our Church by gifts of money, presents for our Christmas Tree and numerous other things. There were 98 children sat down for tea which they thoroughly enjoyed. The most important item was the arrival of Father Christmas in his Aeroplane and after a nice speech on his part he concluded by distributing the presents for which the children thanked him very much and they all wanted to shake hands with him. The programme was concluded by a musical evening for the adults and solos were rendered. J. Waller, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliot St.—On Dec. 24th we held our Xmas Eve Social, which was well attended and enjoyed. After that came a party and entertainment on Christmas Day. The Entertainment consisted of an Operetta entitled "Pearl the Fishermid," which went very well, and taking it altogether we had a good Xmas considering the hard times through which we are passing. On Jan. 16th we held our Open Session, which passed off very well.—Robert Slater, Sec.

PRESTON, Clarke's Yard.—We held our Lyceum Tea Party and Distribution on the 1st of January when we had a very good attendance of friends. There were 24 of our Lyceumists presented with prizes for regular attendance. January 2nd we held our Open Session a good number of the Lyceumists sang duets and recited for us. Altogether we opened the New Year well.—C. E. Tearle, Sec.

PRESTON, Lancaster Rd.—We held our first Open Session for the New Year on Jan. 2nd. We had a grand time, many Lyceumists taking part with songs, recitations, etc. On Jan. 9th we held Joint Sessions with Progressive Lyceum in our school at morning conducted by Mr. Kitson, and in their rooms at the afternoon, conducted by Mrs. Pickles. We had a good time together.—R. Smalley, Sec.

PRESTON, Progressive Lyceum No 1.—On the 2nd inst. we held our Open Session and had a splendid time together. Mr. Jack Cartmell, our Conductor, spoke words of encouragement to all present and expressed the hope that all would strive to again win the Shield during the coming year. Recitations were given by Jennie Anderton, Jack Mason and Mrs. Jack Cartmell. Master Walter Holden conducted S.C. 87 in a very able manner.—W. E. Mason, 37, Wildman St., Preston, Sec.

QUARMBY—We held our Open Session on Jan. 9th, when Mr. Bottomly conducted. Solos were rendered by Miss Alice Ollerinshaw and Miss Evelyn Armitage and recitations were given by Douglas Shaw, Ernest Lamb, Harry Steele and Willie Hirst from St. Peter St. A very enjoyable time was spent.—H. Baxter, Sec.

ROCHDALE, Regent Hall.—We have had our Annual Lyceum Tea Party and Distribution of Prizes. 70 sat down to Tea after which Mrs. Firth, conductor, distributed the prizes. The entertainment consisted of songs, recitations, and an Operetta "Flowerland," by Lyceumists under the tuition of Mrs. J. W. Nurse and Miss E. Firth, who was also the pianist.—J. Nurse, Sec.

ROTHERHAM—Annual election of Officers held Jan. 9th. Miss Britten, Conductor; Mr. J. Dalton, Asst. Conductor; P. Ainsworth, Secretary; Mrs. Hempell, Treasurer; E. Rands, Min. Sec.; J. Dalter, Marching Con.; A. Bruce, Musical Director; E. Rands, Guardian; Registrar, A. Hassell; Asst. Registrar, Miss Hempell; Librarians, Miss G. Ellis and Joe Gordon. We had a nice session, each child gave its favourite verse from the Manual. A recreation that every soul present delighted in.—R. Ainsworth, Sec.

RUNCORN—The Annual Social and Prize Distribution was held on Wednesday, Jan. 18th. There was an excellent attendance, a first class tea and every one did justice to it, afterwards taking part in a good number of enjoyable games. The event of the evening, the distribution of prizes, was ably performed by Mr. W. H. Hallam, an enthusiastic friend, outside the Lyceum. His remarks were brief and to the point, and the advice he gave to the scholars as they received their well-merited prizes, was sound and good. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hallam and all other workers, and everyone agreed that the function was a huge success.—C. Cohen, Sec.

SALE—We held election of Officers Jan. 2nd. Conductor, Miss M. Ormerod; Asst., Mr. Edwards; Secretary, J. Shaw; Treasurer, Mrs. Shaw; Leaders, Hilda Shaw, Alice Edwards, William Bolton, Sydney Edwards; Guardians, Eunice Chandley and Mr. Stevenson. Registered number of Lyceumists, 27. Average attendance 20.—J. Shaw, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Centre.—On Jan. 2nd we had our Open Session. Recitations and solos were well rendered by some of the Lyceumists; we also held our Lyceum Day Jan. 9th. Mr. and Mrs. Tozer took the services which were very much appreciated. The Thursday following our Liberty Group had a Tea and Social. A happy time spent.—Mrs. H. C. Organ, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Gifford Rd.—We held another Open Session on January 2nd. A good number of recitations, solos and duets were rendered by Lyceumists. A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all present.—G. Porter, Sec.

SOUTH ELMSALL—On Jan. 23rd we held our election of Officers. Conductor, Mr. J. Kelly; Asst. Con., J. Coleman; Secretary, G. Kelly; Treasurer, Mr. C. Roberts; Guardian, R. Radford; Captain, J. Davies; Guards, C. Roberts and Esther Osborne; Sick Visitors, Mr. J. Kelly and Mr. C. Roberts; Delegate, Dorothy Poxton; District Visitor, J. Coleman; Musical Conductor, Mr. J. Coleman. We give the heartiest thanks to retiring officers.—G. Kelly, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—An interesting gathering took place on Jan. 1st in the form of a re-union between the Lyceum and Society who have recently amalgamated. Upwards of 150 persons sat down to an enjoyable tea; a concert by "Mrs. Etchell's Clever Young Folks" was greatly enjoyed, each artist doing justice and being encored. During the latter portion of the evening an interesting presentation took place to Mr. J. Marston, the District Visitor, and a Lyceumist at Stockport for over 25 years. Mr. Bell, the Area Representative, made the presentation which took the form of a Gold Watch suitably inscribed. Mr. Bell pointed out the work that had been done by our Grand Old Man, and what sacrifices he had made, sincerely hoping he may long be spared to enjoy the fruits of his labours. Mr. Marston responded and stated what he had done was for the love of the Children's Cause. He urged the members to rally round their new Church and fight on until they had a Church of their own in which they could hold Sacred Services and which would be a credit to Stockport and Spiritualism.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD—On Dec. 27th, a Tea and Social was held in our Church. All Lyceumists received their tea free, this being provided by the "Women's Guild." "Santa Claus" distributed prizes to every Lyceumist from a huge Tree. All presents were given by Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, two great workers in our Lyceum.—E. Carr, Sec.

WALSALL—With a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends we held our Open Session on Sunday, Jan. 2nd, which was conducted by Mrs. Simmons. Recitations were nicely given by Nellie Walker, Emma Simmons and Edna Stanton. A few remarks were made by Mrs. Simmons on the G.C.R. 125 "The Conduct of Life." A pleasant afternoon was brought to a close by the singing of hymn 311.

We held our Annual Xmas Social on Monday, Jan. 10th, at which a most enjoyable time was spent by all. A splendid tea was served at 5 o'clock, more than 100 children and adults being catered for. After tea we were entertained by the Lyceumists who gave songs and recitations which were much appreciated. Our list of names at last coming to an end we had a number of games, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the children, and before going home a few presents were given to the younger scholars of the Lyceum.—D. Allen, Sec.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.—We are still progressing. Members have a weekly choir practice and several children have joined the Band of Mercy. With best wishes to English Lyceums.—Mary Atkinson, Sec.

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