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PRICE TWOPENCE.



Mrs. Mary E. Pickles,
The 1921 Conference President.

An Open Letter to all Lyceumists.

The Annual Lyceum Conference is fast drawing near and the present year has been so full of earnest work, that to look back to last Conference is apparently a very short period.

The invitation for this year hails from North East Lancashire D.C., and we are all sure of a cordial welcome there. The meetings will be held in the large Co-operative Hall, Burnley. All meals will be provided in a room adjoining; a convenience which the delegates will appreciate. It is rather deplorable that trade conditions are so bad throughout the town, for they are bound to have a certain effect on our gathering, but we shall all recognise the difficulties our local friends are working under, and strive to alleviate, in as full a measure as possible, their labour.

Lyceum leaders, are you sending your very best representatives? Apart from sentiment the Conference delegation should be comprised of those who have been faithfully engaged in individual Lyceum work, District Council labour, and who by experience have proved themselves worthy and capable of exercising their votes on your behalf. This is your Conference and you elected me to this Presidential position in the expectation that I should carry out your behests, and more, to see that the men and women on your Management Committee efficiently performed their share of the work, and I am proud to say that every member has wholeheartedly co-operated with me.

It is quite true we have a fair amount of grumbles, but these only add to the zest and zeal of conscientious workers. The inharmony prevailing in the movement last year, has given place to more harmonious conditions, and I trust we shall all meet endeavouring to raise the status of our Union higher than it has ever been before.

I note with pleasure the activities of the Southern Counties,

Scotland, too, is moving slow but steady, and my best wishes go out to you all in your unselfish efforts on the children's behalf.

Our Colonial relationship is strengthening, thanks to a great extent to our obliging Editor, and we are hoping to get still closer in touch during the coming year, when literature can be supplied easier than has been possible in the past, through poor facilities in transit and the meagre stock at the secretary's disposal.

Are you all doing your best towards the £2,000 effort? There never was a time in the history of our movement when it needed funds more than it does to-day.

The work our pioneers have done will not have the same beneficial results if we are crippled for means now, when the call is so great from almost every quarter of the British Isles. Let us try to establish our Trading Department, with a manager to organise, and give stability to the whole concern, putting all anxiety on one side regarding our financial aspect of the future. I have been a keen observer of the office routine of our Union, and I am amazed at the leakage of powers that could be utilised for the whole movement's good. There is a great amount of menial work (which must inevitably be done) that could be gone through by a girl or boy, thus releasing the secretary for greater calls, and giving him the opportunity to consolidate our forces.

These are thoughts by the way, that I am expressing in my letter, engendered by my riper experiences. We owe a debt to our pioneers to keep the ball rolling and contribute as much as we possibly can, and I am optimistic enough to believe our Fund will grow considerably even before the Conference. Ways and means have been shown by the M.C. and the financial secretary will supply your orders. I have been disappointed many times regarding the cancelling of invitations for quarterly meetings, and thanks are due to those Lyceums who have housed us at the last minute. I am just a little afraid that the majority of our leaders do not fully understand the work entailed on the members of our M.C. These quarterly meetings mean self-sacrifice, careful and thoughtful consideration, concentrated effort on the problems of the Movement as they present themselves, and every detail studied so that not one Lyceum shall in any way be neglected, and in my opinion these meetings ought to be self-supporting, so that they shall not become a source of anxiety to our worthy treasurer.

The results of the Education Scheme are very gratifying, but we must not tarry even here, but keep mounting the stairs, to further achievements still.

Our hope lies in our children of to-day becoming to-morrow the exponents and demonstrators of the philosophy and phenomena of our Movement and this is one of the rapid strides towards a higher standard of efficiency on our rostrums.

The Internal Education Scheme discussed at all our U.D.C. meetings ought to be adopted in all our Lyceums as much as possible, but I find in my travels from town to town, a lack of knowledge regarding it.

And now in conclusion, we shall begin to realise that the ever-changing conditions of our movement only touch the surface of its history. With new aims come new opportunities, and open chances, for newer ideals, but with each new ideal based upon the old we shall make for progress.

We have been faced with many difficulties, but always I have felt a strong guiding influence, helping and sustaining when crises have confronted me, and I am convinced by many incidents that have occurred that our leaders are in the spirit world and we are chosen for a time to help them in their beloved labour. May the sweet companionship which binds us all together in one common cause, cement the fraternity here and in the fuller and wider scenes of activity in spirit life. Prove the Conference of 1921 will not have been in vain.

Yours fraternally,

MARY E. PICKLES.

THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

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The above Union will hold its

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On Saturday, May 14th, 1921, at 5-0 p.m. and on Sunday, May 15th, at 10-0 a.m.

in the

Co-operative Hall, Hammerton Street, Burnley.

President - Mrs. M. E. Pickles, of Blackpool.

A GREAT PROPAGANDA MEETING

Will be held in the above Hall on

Sunday May 15th, at 6-0 p.m. to be addressed by the President Elect

and other prominent workers. Silver Collections.

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Delegates arriving at Manchester Road Station should proceed down Manchester Road. Hammerton Street is a few minutes' walk on the left hand side of the Road. Those who arrive at Bank Top Station will proceed to the centre of the town and find Hammerton Street, just past the bottom of Manchester Road, on the left hand side.

Applications for hospitality must be made to Mr. R. Latham, 173, Colne Road, Burnley, as early as possible, and not later than May 7th, otherwise no accommodation can be guaranteed. Tickets for meals will be on sale as Delegates arrive.

AGENDA.

1. Opening Exercises and Welcome.
2. Appointments: (a) Messenger; (b) Tellers; (c) Scrutineers.
3. Minutes of last Conference.
4. Correspondence.
5. President's Address.
6. Unfinished Business on the Agenda.
From N.E.L.D.C.
7. Reports: (a) Management Committee; (b) Treasurer; (c) Auditors; (d) Banner; (e) Education; (f) Trustees; (g) U.D.C.; (h) Referendum; (i) Manual Revision; (j) S.N.U. Conference Guild.
8. Elect Officers: (a) President; (b) Vice-President; (c) Treasurer; (d) Trustees.
9. Elect Auditor.
10. Elect Representatives to other Conferences, (a) S.N.U.E.C.
11. Select date and place of next Conference.
12. Motions: (a) To amend the Constitution.

From the M.C. That the Constitution be amended at the 1922 Conference.

(b) To amend the Bye-Laws.

1. From the M.C. Bye-Law 10, Section 1, delete "or more than thirty" and delete the 1919 addition to Bye-Law 2, Section 5.
2. There shall be two Representatives to the Executive Council of the Spiritualists' National Union (Ltd). They shall be nominated from the members of the Management Committee and duly elected by Conference to serve for two years, the one receiving the

lower number of votes of the two elected at the first election, shall retire at the end of the first year, but shall be eligible for re-election, if the necessary conditions are fulfilled.

Liverpool D.C.

3. "That the minute suspending the whole of Bye-Law 3 be rescinded.

4. Bye-Law 10, Section 5, delete from the word "Conference" on the third line, to the word "new" on the second line of the 1919 amendment, and insert in place thereof "the candidates in the same area, if not less than two, shall be voted on again, if, however, less than two candidates remain."

S. Wales D.C.

5. "That the contributions be as they were prior to the 1920 Conference, i.e., 5s. for 50, etc.

London D.C.

6. "That a committee be appointed by this Conference to draw up a Trust Deed, under the Provisions of the Spiritualists' National Union (Ltd.) Trust, such Deed to preserve the independence of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union in its internal affairs.

(c) General Motions: M.C.

"That this Conference emphatically protests against the suspension of the most important part of the Education Act of 1918, and suggests that no method of improving the resources of the country can be so effective as a steady development of the Educational system of the country. We are therefore of the opinion, that to deprive children of the present school generation of proper opportunities for the study and preparation for life, is not only wrong to them, but injurious to the interests of the whole of the country.

13. Notices of motion for next Conference.
14. Votes of thanks to retiring Officers, Executive Council, Auditor, the local Society and Lyceum.
15. Closing Exercises.

B.S.L.U. AFFILIATION FEES.

The attention of the following Lyceums is drawn to the fact that their Annual Fees are unpaid for 1921.

Birmingham (Saltley), Birmingham (Small Heath), Saltaire, Windhill, York, Earlestown, St. Helens, Little Ilford, Stratford, Heaton Norris, Macelesfield, Mossley, Brierfield, Fleetwood, Padiham, Eastwood, Hucknall, Ilkeston, Dundee (Overgate), Brighton (Old Steine Hall), Bristol (Thomas St.), Bristol (Grosvenor Road), Dearnley, Littleboro', Oldham (Elliott St.), Todmorden (Eagle St.), Abercynon (two Lyceums), Abertillery (temporarily closed), Cardiff (Northcote St.), Ferndale, Mardy, Merthyr Tydvil, Mountain Ash, Treforest, Treherbert, Bedlington, Newcastle (Benwell), West Pelton, Belfast, Burton-on-Trent, Derby, and Longton.

Statistical forms were sent to all affiliated Lyceums on Jan. 1st. Complaints have been received at the Union's Office that some Lyceums have not received the forms. Lyceums are requested to write the Gen. Secretary if they are resigning from the Union, or intend to pay the fees. It is due to some Lyceums to state in this notice that a few Lyceums have lost their funds through the collapse of Farrow's Bank. Allowance will be made to these Lyceums when ordering goods: they will be supplied as formerly at Union rates.

G. F. KNOTT, Gen. Secretary.

"VEGETARIANISM."

Much has been said for and against the abstinence from animal food and even eggs and fish, but I have never found the person who does not admit, that we live healthier and cleaner lives, less likely to suffer disease, if we can live solely upon food which has not to be slaughtered.

There is something very revolting in the very idea of killing an animal, and I am sure if every person had to first kill their prey before eating it: there would be very few meat eaters.

We are so accustomed to having things *done for us* that by the time our piece of flesh has been prepared by killing, then cut up, thrown about and also beaten to make it tender, put into the oven or saucepan, finally cooked and disguised (the more putrid it is the more it requires disguising) we hardly know what we are eating, and some of the horrid associations of our joint seem entirely obliterated. So far so good. But if we admit all this then why do we still eat flesh? I think the answer lays in the fact that just as we are the outcome of all that has gone before, then we have inherited some of the animal liking propensities of our forefathers.

I am, and I am sure all of you are believers in the evolutionary theory and our reason tells us that the eating of flesh and incidentally the drinking of blood is quite unnecessary by way of food, providing we can smother our inherited taste, and here comes the rub. Our bodily system craves for this indulgence just in accordance to the degree to which we have evolved. It goes without a shadow of doubt that some of us have progressed in advance of others upon certain lines, and our appetites vary accordingly.

Extremes are dangerous in all things, but we must not lose sight of the fact that life lives upon life in one form or another. If not life, then decayed matter which was once life. Birds eat insects, fowls eat grubs and worms, and life within our own bodies devours life, every phase of life lives upon life. Good cheese is full of life, some so big that it can be detected with the naked eye.

Should we then not eat eggs, cheese and fish? Here comes the rub and a great question over which there is a further difference of opinion. This is only natural, on account of that small voice so often called "reason."

It is said that cow's milk contains as near as possible all the constituents of Human milk, and is a perfect food. (How far the evolutionists will go in the matter of likeness of the human being to this animal and pursue all the avenues of speculation which open up I do not know.)

Primeval man had to eat the food nearest at hand, and as animals abounded in plenty, these formed his staple diet. This excuse will not do for us. The avenues of the production of the world are open to us, so that we are able to furnish our table with all the fruits of the earth.

From my own experience there is no better breakfast than bread and butter, (Margarine if you like, but this is manufactured from the product of the cokernut) dates and nuts. For tea I can enjoy honey, apples and bread and butter, and I can now enjoy and digest nuts as part of my supper,

A little commonsense and patience is all that is necessary.

The vegetarian idealists must not look forward to a spontaneous abstinence from flesh food by the masses. Their efforts should be directed toward a gradual agreement and willingness to give the cereal diet a fair chance. In other words, people want educating in this direction as in all others, and as sure as we are evolving, every trial, every effort, every thought, and every meal partaken or given of a non-carnivorous nature must have a marked effect upon the next generation, and so in time I am quite sure our appetites will take on a more humane attitude, then, the rosy apple, sweet orange, oily nuts, the banana, date, creamy butter, sweet cake made from wholesome home grown cereals, and a whole host of all other things will take the place of the unclean and unwholesome flesh diet. As I have said before, it only wants a little patience, perseverance, intuition, mixed with tact and commonsense to pave the way for healthier bodies and cleaner minds.

"CURLY."

MIND AND MATTER.

Mind and matter, what are they? We will take the grosser element of expression first. As science teaches you on this plane of existence matter is the crude form of evolutionary expression, or we will call it the early process of evolution by nature's forces. The question for consideration is what relative value is matter to mind, or why does mind need matter for expression. Or again, if mind can exist apart from matter why is organic structure needed. We speak now in the materialistic sense because we, being limited to this World of life, consequently see not the mind as the spiritual consciousness. Now let us try and broaden out and tell our materialist that mind is the power which has evolved matter, and for a purpose lose sight not of that fact. Spiritual Science reveals that mind is the predominating power over all matter expressed in the Universe of life. Organic structure could not exist or function without the sustaining power of mind. Yes, mind is the consciousness of organism and expresses itself according to its evolutionary progress. This power of consciousness is expressed in every form of life. You can see it pulsating in the flower and expanding in the tree. Yes, brutes in the flesh are conscious of life to a degree, but not evolved to an intelligent consciousness as understood in the mind. Now let us take a step into the animal kingdom. Consciousness here is of a higher order and a small degree of intelligence evolved. Yes, you see its various expressions from the low to the high. And on again, to the organic structure the human body of flesh. Consciousness here of a higher order and manifesting according to its evolutionary unfoldment. And still we climb up the ladder of life to the etherealised organism evolved to a finer expression. And the mind still the guiding power and cause of function. And on we ascend to the master mind, our God. The controller of every system of life. Yes, of Suns and Planets, directing their evolution in order with the Universal law. Unto humanity we say again, rejoice in the knowledge of your unending life. Know that you are passing through a stage of evolution so as to enable your conscious self to develop to a higher order. And if your earth life has been accomplished in service rendered for truth and light, your Spiritual structure will be refined to a high degree, because you will have been evolving to this expression. And you will ascend to a lofty height and rejoice in the light of work well done. And we repeat in closing, mind is the effect and cause of matter and dominates on every plane in the Universe of life. Matter is as the Potter's Clay to be moulded to an expression of beauty by the power of mind. And the master Mind is the Infinite, the Divine, the Universal God.

W. HAND.

CHANGE OF SECRETARIES.

- BIRMINGHAM, SALTLEY.—Mr. A. Roden, 119, Inkerman Street, Vauxhall, Birmingham.
 DAISY HILL.—Mr. J. Hope, 142, Lr-Leigh Road, Daisy Hill, Nr. Bolton.
 GLASGOW.—Miss H. Cleland, 1, Holyrood Quadrant, Glasgow.
 LONDON, CLAPHAM.—Mrs. K. M. Barnard, 15, Ashmere Grove, Brixton, S.W.2.
 MOSTON.—Mr. A. Hood, 11, Archer St., Queen's Road, Cheet-ham, Manchester.
 OLDHAM, UNION STREET.—Mr. W. James, 8, Bradbury Street, Chadderton, Nr. Oldham.
 SOUTH SHIELDS.—Miss E. Short, 226, St. Vincent Street, South Shields.

„ Proportion of Salaries	238	2	6		
„ Proportion of Rent, Lighting, etc. ...	125	11	11		
				363	14 5
„ Balance, Profit to Accum. Fund ...				7	18 1
				£1402	13 2
					£1402 13 2

Lyceum Banner Account.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Outstanding Accounts			By LYCEUM BANNER	434	3 3
„ Printing, etc., BANNERS	323	17 9	„ Outstanding Accounts	41	15 5½
„ Carriage, £66/9/1; Posters, £6/9 ...	72	18 1	„ Balance, Loss, Accumulative Fund ...	44	7 9½
„ Blocks, £5/0/6	5	0 6			
		401			
„ Postage		6			
„ Statement Forms		1			
„ Proportion of Salaries	39	13 9			
„ Proportion of Rent, Lighting, etc. ...	20	7 9			
		60			
		£520			£520 6 6

Income Tax and Interest Account.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Income Tax (Publishing Account)...	22	4 0	By Interest, Sowerby U.D.C.	7	0 0
			„ Income Tax returned... ..	3	0 0
			„ Balance to Accumulative Fund	12	4 0
		£22			£22 4 0

Accumulative Fund Account.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Deficit, General Account	16	14 6	By Balance, A.F. Account, Dec. 31st, 1919 ...	1046	19 2½
„ „ LYCEUM BANNER Account... ..	44	7 9½	„ „ Publishing Account	7	18 1
„ „ Interest Account	12	4 0	„ „ £2,000 Effort	10	0 0
„ Balance	991	11 0			
		£1064			£1064 17 3½

Lyceum Home Fund Account.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	130	3 8	By Balance, Dec. 31st, 1919	124	10 4
			„ Bank Interest	0	13 4
			„ S.B.U.D.C.	3	10 0
			„ Income Tax returned	4	3 4
		£130			£130 3 8

£2,000 Effort Fund Account.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance, Accumulated Fund	10	0 0	By Donation, Daulby Hall	10	0 0
		£10			£10 0 0

Balance Sheet.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Accumulative Fund Account	991	11 0	By Sowerby U.D.C.	200	0 0
„ Lyceum Home Fund... ..	130	3 8	„ Outstanding Accounts	41	15 5½
			„ Cash in Bank	189	15 6½
			„ Lyceum Home Fund Account, Loan and Bank...	130	3 8
			„ Stock Publications	560	0 0
		£1121			£1121 14 8

(Signed) ROBERT A. OWEN, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct, 12th March, 1921.

WILL EDWARDS.
WALTER THISTLETHWAITE.

Management Committee Report.

During the past year the business and propaganda meetings have been held at Bradford (Ivy Rooms), Manchester (Princess Hall), Preston, and Bolton. The last three Lyceums kindly provided hurried accommodation, owing to cancelled invitations. The thanks of the Union are due to them for providing the requirements of the M.C. at short notice. There have been increases of sales, but current prices did not allow sufficient profit to meet the finances of the year: hence, as some goods were being sold below cost, it was imperative to issue a new price-list, which came into operation on February 6th, 1921.

The office of the B.S.L.U. has been temporarily removed to Rochdale to facilitate stocking sufficient goods to meet Lyceum requirements.

The Referendum was regarded as unsatisfactory and a new vote has been taken on the matter. 58 Lyceums have registered votes on the matter, 486 have voted for Spirit, 297 have voted for Soul and 236 have voted for Synonymous, as the definition of the Ego. Six Lyceums have voted by "Yes" instead of numbers, two for each definition.

The Fund for the raising of the £2,000 necessary to start a Trading Department has been commenced under the title of the "£2,000 Effort." Various methods have been adopted to assist Lyceums to contribute their quota to the amount. A few Lyceums have been active, but up to the present time there has not been a general response. Liverpool (Daulby Hall) has sent the promised £10. The M.C., from amongst themselves, have donated £10. Runcorn Lyceum have sent £13 and Lancaster Lyceum have also sent £10. Other Lyceums have sent smaller sums. There is developing an added interest in the fund.

The Report of the Joint Trading Committee of the S.N.U. and the B.S.L.U. is as follows:—

A. That the publishing of suitable works for Spiritualists and students is an imperative duty of the two bodies.

B. That the present system of distribution of such literature is wasteful and inefficient.

C. That Central Premises for the holding of a common stock is a necessity which must arise in any scheme of Joint Trading; and that we advise our respective Unions to take steps for the establishment of such.

It was also resolved that, pending the establishment of such Central Premises, closer co-operation between the two Unions, both for advertising and mutual handling of each other's stocks, can profitably be adopted.

Also, that in view of the consideration of the above stated, the several bodies represented at this Meeting advise their members to take steps for the raising of the necessary monies and capital for such scheme of centralisation.

The Education Scheme has been a great success and a special Report has been issued by the Committee.

The Education Guild has had a good initial year and the M.C. have solicited a report to the Conference from the Leader, Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A.

Three of the Trustees having resigned, it will be necessary to appoint successors. We hope the Conference will appoint wisely, as the position of Trustee is of considerable importance to the well-being of the Union.

It will also be necessary to appoint two Lyceum Representatives on the E.C. of the S.N.U., as the B.S.L.U. is affiliated as a District Council and is responsible for the appointment of two E.C. members, to sit on the S.N.U. Council. The provisions for these Representatives will require an amendment to the bye-laws.

The 1922 Conference will see the end of the first five years of the new Constitution. Lyceums are requested to study methods of strengthening, amending or deleting rules with a view to progress, unity and the development of Lyceum education.

The Trustees and the M.C. have met during the year and good results are expected as the results of their deliberations.

The M.C. hope for a definite decision on the District Visiting of Lyceums, and who shall pay the expenses of the Visitors.

The Lyceums lapsed during the year are:—Crewe, Cardiff (Castle Street), and Pendlebury. Lyceums resigned:—London (Brixton) and Barnoldswick, Newport and Chester.

Received into Membership:—Vancouver, Rochdale (Summer Street), Skipton, Derby, Accrington (Argyle Street), Aberavon (Port Talbot), Manchester (Raby Street), Rochdale (Allotment Street), Edmonton, Walthamstow, Easington Lane, Hounslow, Scunthorpe, Aberdeen, Coventry (Broadgate), Garw, Glossop, Morley, West Melton, West Vale and Witton Park. Pemberton and Nantymeol have not yet been endorsed. There has been a division at Preston: both Lyceums are affiliated.

The increased fees have not been paid on the Retrospective Motion by many Lyceums. Rather than disenfranchise the majority of Lyceums, the M.C. decided to suspend the increased fees payable during 1920 and await the decision of the Conference.

Mr. H. G. Hey, who has done much service for Liberty Groups, and was for many years the Secretary of the S.N.U., has passed to the higher life and a floral tribute was sent on behalf of the B.S.L.U. who were represented at the interment.

Fraternal Delegates have attended numerous National and District events of importance in the Movement and the future outlook for Lyceum work is progressive.

The inauguration of a Lyceum Day throughout the Movement during January proved a great success.

Useful assistance has been rendered by D.C.'S and the U.D.C. during the year. It is to be hoped that the Areas can meet and discuss internal affairs, as suggested by the M.C.

All who have contributed to the welfare of the B.S.L.U. are hereby thanked for their efforts, on behalf of the Management Committee.

MARY E. PICKLES, President.

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT, Gen. Secretary.

Management Committee Register of Attendances.

Mrs. M. E. Pickles	4	Mr. C. T. Batley	4
Miss Alice Hesp	4	Mr. G. A. Mack	4
Mr. R. A. Owen	4	Mrs. E. Begg	4
Mr. G. F. Knott	4	Mr. J. P. Simpson	4
Mr. A. Kitson	4	Mrs. A. E. Bentley	4
Mr. J. Lawrence	3	Mr. J. Bell	4
Mr. C. J. Williams	4	Mr. E. E. Lewis	4

The Lyceum Banner Report.

The first consideration of the LYCEUM BANNER has been to serve the Movement and provide through the pages of the official organ such information of the activities of the B.S.L.U. as would keep Lyceumists in touch with the internal affairs of the Union.

Every facility has been offered to literary and poetic aspirants and in a few cases, latent powers have been encouraged.

Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A., has contributed some exceedingly useful Education Scheme details, information and encouragement. The space devoted each month to the Guild articles have proved very popular with serious-minded Lyceumists, who proudly wear their badges at Lyceum functions.

The President's monthly articles have proved very popular. She has enhanced her literary powers and is pleased with the result.

As there are late Lyceum reports come to hand every month, secretaries are requested to note the LYCEUM BANNER is printed in Keighley and the BANNER office is in Rochdale. Everything is done by correspondence. To ensure despatch to distant Lyceums it is imperative that dates must be adhered to.

Prof. Timson, F.B.P.S., has assisted in various ways to help the paper.

The many occasional contributors are hereby thanked for their efforts.

Many changes have been tried to make the paper pay, but the Editor was faced with a small paper, which would not be popular, or provide a periodical which would have a slight loss, but meet the needs of the B.S.L.U. and affiliated Lyceums.

Lack of time through duties in other directions has prevented further initiative. The object has been to provide, each month as far as possible, some articles which could be used by leaders in the Lyceums. Colonial reports have been encouraged and some oversea Lyceums who never had the LYCEUM BANNER in the past are now eagerly looking for each issue.

There is an increase of 20 Lyceums who take the paper and 500 more copies are being sold each month than in July, 1920.

A Lyceumist, who wishes to be anonymous, makes the Puzzle Blocks for the children. There is room for contributors who can interest the young Lyceumists. A splendid feature of the work is there are few bad debts. The Lyceum secretaries have proved very honest.

Some readers have complained about the change of type, but it is the same kind as used for other papers and it would be impossible to insert much that readers now get, if the old type was used.

The gratifying feature of the past year has been the number of young Lyceumists who have sent their efforts along. The LYCEUM BANNER is not a classic, but may be the means of producing latent talent and genius by offering its pages to the enthusiasm of youth.

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT, Editor.

Education

Report to Conference, 1921.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 1920—21.

At the last Conference, the following Committee of eight members was elected,—Mrs. Pickles, Miss Hesp, Miss Kitson; and Messrs. Knott, Kitson, Connor, Owen, and Latham.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the first Education Meeting (17th July, 1920), the officers etc., were elected as follows:—

- (i) Chairman,—Miss Hesp.
- (ii) Secretary,—Miss Kitson.
- (iii) Assistant Secretary (to help particularly with the London Area, and London Section of Scheme),—Mr. Connor.
- (iv) Sub-Committee to meet S.N.U.,—Miss Hesp, Miss Kitson, Mr. Connor.

THE NEW SCHEME.

(i)—At this meeting the B.S.L.U., and London Education Schemes were carefully considered, and—with slight alterations—the two were amalgamated to form a new and national scheme.

(ii)—In the new Scheme are five Grades, instead of three; but the work of the former Grade III., is still the work for the highest Grade, having been made Grade V. Syllabus.

REPORTS TO THE M.C.

In accordance with the decision (in July), of the Committee, the Education Secretary has sent a Quarterly Report of work done to the M.C., in October, January, and April respectively.

ARTICLES IN "LYCEUM BANNER."

Each month an article has appeared in the "Banner," giving accounts of work done, important developments, the new Scheme and full Syllabuses, the aims, how to study, how to enter for the examinations, hints to students, secretaries and supervisors; particulars of entries, lists of examiners, the marking-system, classes and passes, and (after the examinations) a full list of all the questions and other relevant points.

JOINT MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEES OF S.N.U. AND B.S.L.U.

This was held on 7th November, 1920; and a full report appeared in the "Banner" for Jan., 1921.

The most important decision was that the Grade V. of the B.S.L.U., should be the point of co-operation between the two bodies; and its certificate should be the Probationer's Certificate of the S.N.U.

PRIMERS.

Three publishers have been approached, and have sent books (on approval), from which a selection of fourteen was made. This has been done in response to enquiries about text-books for Lyceum Groups. A list of those selected appeared in the "Banner" for January; but no further enquiry has since come; and no books have been sold.

HANDBOOKS.

(a) For Grade I.—The old edition being sold out, a revised one was issued last October. From it was omitted the article on "The Origin and Progress of Lyceum Work in England," as it was not needed for Grade I., under the new Scheme; and as it appeared in a fuller form, in Grade II. Handbook.

The article about the Fox Sisters, from "Outlines of Spiritualism," was incorporated in the new Handbook. This was in order that candidates should not be hindered in their studies because of the expense of getting many text-books; only a Handbook and a Manual being now needed.

(b) For Grades II., III., and IV.—Quite a big stock of No. 2. Handbook was in hand; so the same edition as before is still in use. This Handbook is the only one needed for Grades II. and III.; and for the revision-work for Grade IV. (in which the new work requires only a Manual as a text-book.)

(c) For Grade V.—The publication of this will be considered by the Committee at the next meeting. The reason of its delay, etc., was given in the "Banner" for April. Some Societies exhibit the Handbooks on their bookstalls, as giving a good introduction to our philosophy and teachings, and the history of the Movement.

PROPAGANDA WORK.

Advantage has been taken of every opportunity of bringing the Scheme to the personal notice of Lyceumists. The Guild, the BANNER, and direct appeal by Circular, have each played their part in working up individual interest. In some cases, these appeals failed—but the Committee hope that next year each Lyceum will be Progressive in fact as well as in name.

THE EXAMINATIONS.

(i)—Full particulars, reasons, and explanations for each stage of secretarial and other work leading up to the examinations, and to follow them, have been given in the "Lyceum Banner."

(ii)—The Examinations were held on 20th March; and candidates who desired it were allowed three hours.

The papers were returned to the Secretary early the following week; and were despatched to the Examiners by the end of March.

(iii)—The Questions. The great aim was to test the intelligence, and call forth original thought; as well as to test actual detailed knowledge.

- (iv)—Mr. E. W. Oaten (Manchester);
Mrs. Cicely Street (Reading);
Mr. W. G. Gush (Huddersfield);
Mrs. Mary Gordon (London);
Mr. C. J. Williams (London);
Mrs. J. Greenwood (Hebden Bridge);
Mr. J. Jackson (Reading);
Mr. J. Bell (Stockport);
Mr. A. H. Coles (Bournemouth);
Mr. J. M. Stewart (Glasgow);
Mr. J. Shaw (Glasgow);
Mr. A. Burnett (Glasgow);
Mr. D. Hamilton (Glasgow);

Such a big staff was necessary because of the huge number of candidates. To ensure fairness and equality of marking, in Grades I and II each Examiner received a marked text-book; an annotated question paper, and a list of hints and instructions. Each examiner received papers of candidates of the same ages.

(v)—Examiners' Reports and suggestions will appear in a later issue of the "Banner" to help intending students in their work.

(vi)—Results will be ready for Conference. The Lyceums that have sent their lists and postage will receive their own results as soon as the Secretaries have them complete from the Examiners.

(vii)—Certificates.

(a)—To those Lyceums that have sent in a shilling postage, their parcels of certificates will be despatched direct.

(b)—Of the other Lyceums, the parcels will be handed to their delegates at Conference.

(c)—The Committee have followed the example of Public Examining Bodies (e.g., the Universities and Board of Education); and have issued a plainer certificate for a higher Grade; the plainest of all being for Grades IV. and V. (but the most to be coveted, because the most difficult to win.)

(viii)—The ages of Candidates show how great and general an interest has been taken in the Scheme, ranging from 10 to 73 years of age; several candidates being in their forties, fifties and sixties, to whom great credit is due for their practical interest and zeal.

(ix)—Entrants and Sitters.

- (a)—In 1918, 217 took the exams. from 35 Lyceums.
- In 1919, 247 " " " " 36 "
- In 1920, 264 " " " " 42 "
- In 1921, 770 " " " " 79 "

(b)—This year, the following numbers entered and sat:—

Grade	entered	sat.
V.	8	8
IV.	10	8
III.	38	23
II.	162	126
I.	887	605
Totals	1105	770

The number failing to sit may seem large, but the percentage is less than in previous years. Two Lyceums out of 81 failed to return papers; but only sent in 7 names and 1 name respectively.

SALES (JULY 1920 TO MAY 1921):—

- (i)—Pamphlets of Syllabuses, 529 copies.
- (ii)—No. 1. Handbooks, 1258 copies.
- (iii)—No. 2. Handbooks, 521 copies.

TO CANDIDATES.

It is hoped that all past and present candidates will not 'rest from their labours' until they have worked through each Grade; and that many who win a Grade V. Certificate will continue their studies under the auspices of the S.N.U.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONFERENCE.

As a result of the experiences of their year's work the Committee recommend (1) that an entrance fee of 6d. per candidate be charged, and (2) that the list of successful candidates should be printed in pamphlet form for sale to Lyceums, etc.

IN CONCLUSION it is hoped that the success of the Scheme will continue; that the entries for 1922 examinations will be as big an increase on this year's as they were on those of last year; that the sales will be a record and so help to refund to the Union a good part of the initial outlay; and that every Lyceum will realise that our Movement's great need is the education of its members.

If all this is realised, 1922 Conference will need to appoint a full-time Education Secretary; but the returns will justify it, and make it financially possible if every Lyceum realises and does its duty.

On behalf of the Education Committee,

MARY E. KITSON, B.A.,
(Education Secretary.)

DISTRICT VISITOR'S REPORTS.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

In giving my report I am pleased to be able to say that there is a growing desire for intellectual development and a greater interest in education. The interest which is being taken in the Lyceum Union's Guild is an indication to qualify for greater efficiency in Lyceum work.

On February 13th, I visited Slaithwaite Lyceum. There was an attendance of 36. The order was good, and the physical exercises were moderately well done. There are a fairly good number of youths of both sexes in this Lyceum.

In the afternoon I visited the Marsden Lyceum, when there were 39 Lyceumists present. The order was good and I was impressed with the interest taken in the readings, and the number of questions asked.

On March 20th I visited Ramsden Street. The attendance was 39. The start was punctual and the order good. The physical exercises were not well done. The session was enlightening and edifying. An effort is being made to build up the Liberty Group. A new Programme of lessons presented.

On Jan. 16th I visited St. Peter St. Lyceum, 35 present. The exercises were well done, except the chain march. This Lyceum is increasing in numbers.

On Jan. 9th I visited Quarmby and found that the Lyceum now meets in the morning, and once a month only meets in the afternoon. They have very interesting Open Sessions.

I have also visited the Commercial St. Lyceum. This Lyceum is improving in numbers and efficiency. The physical exercises are very well done.

In this District there are Study Groups at Ramsden Street, St. Paul's and at Slaithwaite. There are Discussion Classes at Ramsden Street and Commercial Street.

Will the Lyceumists of this district remember that the B.S.L.U. Guild is a declaration against ignorance.—Seth Achroyd, D.V.

ASSISTANT D.V.'S REPORT.

Halifax, Raven St., April 4th.—I attended the morning session, commencing 12 minutes late, there being 10 scholars present with myself, 6 late, 54 on Register. Singing was good, clear and in unison. The readings and responses were good and roused good questions. Marching very good but calisthenics lacking in force and cohesion. Attention good and no talking in the ranks. This Lyceum is suffering like many other from the thoughtlessness of the young men and women who prefer their own pleasures to trying to work for the greatest good of the greatest number. I noticed the smartness of the assistant

conductor, a boy of about 12 or 13 years, who if watched and trained should make a good officer.

Halifax, Alma St., April 4th.—I attended the afternoon session. There are no readings and only alternately groups in the afternoon owing to shortness of time. Commencing 10 minutes late, there being 32 present with myself, 5 late, 52 on Register. The singing was ragged, no unison being observed. The marching was not at all good, being spoiled by too much talking by the elder scholars. Calisthenics fair and breathing exercises good. In this Lyceum the elder scholars do not seem to realize that they have no right to expect the younger children to respect discipline unless they themselves first set the example.—W. Burrows, Assistant V.D.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

MOSS SIDE PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM, Princes Hall.—Commenced and closed session on time. Readings, responses, musical items and recitations were all good. Marching and calisthenics were not so pleasing. General outlook healthy, I think time and encouragement only are needed to make this Lyceum first class.

NEW MANCHESTER PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM, 377, Oxford Road. Commenced and closed session on time. Very bright and helpful session throughout. Conducting of Marching and Calisthenics just a little too military. Lyceum badly handicapped for room. No apparent reason why this Lyceum should not quickly forge ahead.—Annie Sharples, D.V.

Our Lyceum Guild.

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1921, BY THE GUILD LEADER,

MARY E. KITSON, B.A.

FORMATION OF THE GUILD.

For some considerable time, the need had been felt of some Movement (i) that would link one Lyceum up with another, combining interests, and promoting enthusiasm; and (ii) that would enter into each Lyceum's work—social and religious—and make a direct appeal to each Lyceumist to practice our teachings. The result was the formation of Our Lyceum Guild.

THE AIMS.

To put the aims briefly, each member promises to develop himself (or herself) (a) physically, (b) mentally, (c) psychically, and (d) spiritually; and guidance and suggestions how to do this are given on the printed "Aims and Rules" sheets.

Also, the formation of Guild Classes in the Lyceums for social life, and mental development, is urged and expected.

THE FIRST ARTICLE.

In the February issue of the "Lyceum Banner," 1920, appeared the first Guild Article, setting forth the aims and work.

THE MEMBERSHIP.

The first member was enrolled on 16th April, 1920; and on 16th April, 1921, the membership totalled 790, from 96 different Lyceums.

THE CLASSES.

At many of these Lyceums, Guild Classes have been formed, and interesting reports continually arrive, telling of work done and planned. Time is given to instruction in and practice of various hobbies; making of articles for Sales of Work; practising for Concerts; studying books; holding discussions; practising Lyceum marches and drills; games, rambling, etc., etc. Some Lyceums send word that they have enrolled new Lyceumists, through their first attending the Guild Classes.

OUR MEMBERS.

The Guild has members all over England; a few in Scotland, several in Wales; a few in Canada; and one in S. Africa; and amongst them are many well-known national workers. The list includes:—

- (i)—Such names as Sir A. Conan-Doyle, Dr. Ellis T. Powell, Mr. Engholm, Mr. Gow, and Mr. Oaten.
- (ii)—Many well-known S.N.U. workers, including Mr. Berry, Mr. Yates and Mr. Gush.
- (iii)—The Officers of the B.S.L.U., and most members of the M.C.
- (iv)—The members of the Education Committee.
- (v)—Several of the Union's Trustees.
- (vi)—Other well-known workers, on the U.D.C., the D.C.'s and in the Areas.

THE GUILD EDUCATIONALLY.

Holding the opinion that the first duty of every Lyceumist was to be an efficient member, and to understand Lyceumism, the Guild pledges its members to seek mental development by studying the essentials of Lyceum knowledge. This is done by taking the courses of study in the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme.

As a recognition of work done, and results of earnest effort, different grades with their own colours were introduced; viz:—

GUILD BADGES (of ribbon and pinned on with an A. J. D. badge.)

- I.—(a) *Probationers* wear a *red* badge, and study Grade I.
- (b) *Novitiates* wear a *blue* badge and study Grade II.
- (c) *Initiates* wear a *violet* badge and study Grade III.
- (d) *Associates* wear a *green* badge and study Grade IV.
- (e) *Fellows* wear an *orange* badge and study Grade V.
- (f) *Freemen* wear a *white* badge, having either passed the Grade V. Examination, or been awarded an Honorary Freemanship, for national or pioneer work (in which case, the badge bears two gold stars).

II.—(a) According to the standard reached in the examinations, badges bear one, two, three or four gold bands (see the "Aims and Rules.")

(b) Stars also may be won by competing in the essay competitions, and winning at least 85% of the marks.

ESSAY COMPETITIONS.

Two have already been held; and others will be announced in due course. The aim is to stimulate original thought, and mental "keenness" on Lyceum work among members; and the subjects are in connection with Guild work, Lyceum work, National work, and on the Education Syllabuses.

THE GUILD AND THE "LYCEUM BANNER."

The Guild has been worked chiefly through the pages of the "Banner" in which a monthly article appears, with contributions of Nature Articles by our devoted helpers, Miss Lawton and Mr. Woodall. There have also been Esperanto articles by Miss Taylor; and essays, stories and poems sent by various Guild members.

OUR AMBITIONS.

The Guild is only just over a year old, and has really progressed very well; but it is ambitious and hopes to do better.

It aims (i) at having a Guild Supplement to the "Banner," at least quarterly; (ii) at enrolling Lyceums, awarding special badges and certificates according to the educational standing of the Lyceums as a whole; (iii) at arranging district meetings and outings of Guild Classes; and (iv) at developing its own work, and increasing its own power for good.

THE GUILD'S BUSINESS AFFAIRS.

(i) When the Guild was formed, it was intended that no call should be made by it financially on the Union; and this resolve has been adhered to strictly.

(ii) **Sources of Income.** (a) Each member on applying, pays a fee of one shilling; (b) several have generously sent more; or a subsequent donation (from a shilling to half-a-guinea); (c) and several Lyceums have kindly handed over their examination guarantee-fees to the Guild.

(iii) **Expenses.**—To be always prepared for new members, and to do propaganda-work effectively, a good supply of certificates, badges, and printed matter ("Aims and Rules" sheets, application-forms, promotion-forms, badge-slips, etc.) is always kept in hand. This means that printing expenses have been heavy; but the Guild is not in debt, and hopes soon to have a balance big enough to get its first Guild Supplement.

IN CONCLUSION.

We here take the opportunity of tendering our sincere thanks to all who have helped in any way to make the Guild a success,—in finances, in membership, and in the "Banner." Their voluntary and generous help is much appreciated, and the Guild desires to express its gratitude; and to solicit continued support.

Miss M. E. Kitson, the Chief Guilder, wishes to state to Guild members, who have entered the recent Essay Competition, that the results will be declared in the June issue of the Lyceum BANNER.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

There are numerous items of interest to Lyceums and Conference delegates come to hand. Some letters received do not come in the form of motions; others have arrived too late for insertion in the agenda. To assist procedure and the desires of Delegates in obeying their instructions from Lyceums and D.C.'s, a few matters are inserted in these notes which may be of interest to readers.

Some Lyceums on the edges of Areas wish to change their votes and support different Areas. Facilities are offered to overcome the barrier in the amendment of the Bye-Laws.

Interest in the Education Scheme is shown by the following letter. This could be introduced during the discussion on the Education Report.

"That, under the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme, the percentage of marks be raised for a pass, and further that the grammar and spelling be taken into consideration, and that the following standard of marks be adopted.

- (i) Honours with Distinction—95% to 100%.
- (ii) First Class Pass with Honours—90% to 94%.
- (iii) First Class Pass—80% to 89%.
- (iv) Second Class Pass—70% to 79%.
- (v) Third Class Pass—60% to 69%.
- (vi) Below 60%—Failure.

As we are out to improve the standard of Lyceumists and through them the Platform Workers of our Movement, this would be far better for any Lyceumist who intended to take the S.N.U. Diploma, where 75% must be obtained for a Pass, than to go through the B.S.L.U. with 40% for a Pass.

There is a suggestion to amend the Bye-laws and paying 3d. a member as the annual fee to the B.S.L.U., with a minimum fee of 10 shillings per Lyceum. This has been discussed at the U.D.C. Meeting.

Will Delegates remember to write Mr. R. Latham, 173, Colne Road, Burnley, after receiving their Credential Cards, if they require accommodation, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope if they wish for a reply.

If any Delegates do not get their Credential Card by the 25th April, will they write at once to the General Secretary. All Cards were posted on the 23rd April.

ELECTION OF AREA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1921—22. DECLARATION OF VOTES.

Area.	Candidates.	Votes.
A.	MR. J. LAWRENCE, Wallsend.	
B.	MR. WM. FORD, Reading. MR. C. J. WILLIAMS, Peckham.	187 131
C.	MR. F. F. BALL, Lancaster. MR. E. O. MASON, Preston Progressive. MRS. M. E. PICKLES, Blackpool.	199 67 262
D.	MR. G. A. MACK, Runcorn.	
E.	MRS. E. BEGG, Scunthorpe.	
F.	MR. WM. BOOTH, Bradford, Manch'tr Rd. MR. J. MANNING, Hebden Bridge. MR. J. P. SIMPSON, Bradford, Ivy Rooms	34 105 145
G.	MR. JAMES LORD, Heywood.	
H.	MR. JACK BELL, Stockport Central.	
J.	MR. E. E. LEWIS, Caerau.	

MARY E. PICKLES, President.
GEO. FREDK. KNOTT, Secretary.

INVITATIONS FOR CONFERENCE.

Lyceums or District Councils may invite the Union to hold its Conference meetings in their locality upon agreeing to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Lyceum Union take all receipts and pay all authorised expenses.
- (b) That all arrangements involving expense shall be approved and authorised by the Union's Management Committee before they are put in hand.
- (c) That the inviting Lyceum or District Council provide free hospitality for all accredited members of the Conference.

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EDITORIAL.

On the 14th of May, all eyes and minds in the Lyceum world will turn to Burnley, the venue of the Annual Conference. Two of the oldest Lyceums are centred there. Both are attached to Churches and they own their own buildings. Ever loyal to national growth and expansion they form part of an active District Council. Very acute distress prevails in the town, but they persevere and continue their efforts to make the Conference a success. Our President will feel at home, for she spent many years there. Those delegates who have paid previous visits can assure those who have not that there will be a genuine Lancashire welcome awaiting them.

One wonders what will happen when we get there. May it be a good Conference, of use to the Movement and lay the foundation for continued success. Many things of importance will have to be dealt with, and the world is waiting for our decisions, because we have the key to immortality and a larger psychology. Education is the food of the mind. The process of learning must be natural: accord, brotherhood and peace are necessary to progress.

Working on the basis of a "Davis" session, the B.S.L.U. could profitably and usefully provide the materials mentioned in the A.J.D. pamphlet and the Officer's Manual. Each group has a distinctive colour. If each Lyceum provides its own colour there will be great difference in the shades. Badges made of ribbon will be affected in the same way. As pointed out in the M.C., a modern revision of calisthenics means changes in methods and dress. Some Lyceums have not waited for the powers that be, and have introduced rod-drills, Sandow exercises, Swedish drill, etc. The marches have lost their astronomical meaning. Nature subjects do not enter so largely into the curriculum as they formerly did.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee, who have charge of the Trading Dept., are very much alive to their duties. Much depends on the support given by the Lyceums to the £2,000 Effort. Definite information is at last coming in and the fund is beginning to grow. Lyceums who contribute will get loyal service in return. Facilities will be provided for the Union to come nearer the individual requirements of the Lyceumists. In the spirit of a Lyceum education, the bogey of cram and brain-fag will disappear in the provision for an enjoyable development of spiritual, mental, moral, physical and social welfare.

In the natural organisation of human forces, cohesive and concordant elements are the inspiring factors which prompt the influence of seen and unseen intelligences in our deliberations and practices for a better condition of life. Freedom, liberty and service are stronger forces to enoble life than the cloudy terms handed down to us in the past. To be free to act,

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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liberal in our conduct and serviceable to our fellows, are motive powers we all possess. No great cleverness is necessary. All we require is the will "to do."

Here are offered seven chisels to carve out life's pathway. Freedom, liberty, service, truth, wisdom, harmony and love. All things of earth are left behind at death. We can carry all the above beatitudes with us in the sachel of our minds and take them as our luggage through this life and into that larger expression of vitality which we call spirit-life.

As our knowledge of these forces expands we add a charm to life, increase our possessions and lighten, instead of increasing our burdens. This is a new "Pilgrim's Progress."

Substance is put in its proper places, as the physical expression of our desires. A wasted thing until we give it life, purpose and use. An ambidextrous man uses both arms with equal facility. Why shouldn't we use all the faculties of the mind to see more of life and its forces? We have witnesses, here and there, occasional glimpses of inherent spirit-power. We are all largely undeveloped. Many of us are not even aware of our abilities. How can we find them? By trial and experiment. How and where shall we try? in the Lyceum, of course. That is the purpose of its induction. What is a Conference more than the passing of accounts? Let us face, energetically and spiritually, the future life of earth and heaven, in the interests of the children of humanity and of men, that we may find the way to peace and light.

For all thy gifts, we praise Thee, Lord,

With lifted song and bended knee;

But now our thanks are chiefly poured

For those who taught us to be free.

BY THE WAY.

The attention of Lyceums who are sending delegates to the Burnley Conference should note that two Representatives will be appointed at the Conference to sit on the S.N.U. Executive Council on behalf of the B.S.L.U. Nominations will be received during the Conference. The M.C. have considered the matter and request Lyceums to give it their serious consideration.

The £2,000 Effort is becoming popular and a number of Lyceums are earnestly working to raise their quota to the Trading department.

Lyceumists are particularly requested to note that all cash sent to the £2,000 Effort is earmarked for that purpose and not for the payment of the salaries of the General Secretary and Advisor, as has been stated in some Lyceums.

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.

DELINEATIONS.

By Prof. T. TIMSON, F.B.P.S., M.S.P., London, from Photo. "The child is the Repository of Infinite Possibilities";—
Andrew Jackson Davis, M.D.

MISS S. A. CLAYTON, Coly.

This is a girl of a rather tall bony frame, but she lacks muscle and flesh in proportion.

She needs care of food, plenty of outdoor exercise in fresh air, not of strenuous kind.

She has no vitality to waste, she is more magnetic in Mental and Nervous, than in physical; remarkable gifts for intuitive and inspirational work, wiry, intense, scholarly.

Psychometric, could become a professional in Human Science and should graduate in the Lyceum through each grade and could be of great service in calisthenics; should study Physiology and Phrenology. She should have a fine future if she is rightly trained, Millinery or Office work or Librarian.

R.B.

You first should cultivate correct breathing, or may be suffering from catarrh, you should cultivate Singing, also piano or organ. You have very good capacity for "Self Culture" and should begin at once, take yourself in hand, study your own Physiological, Mental, and Psychical capacities and apply these gifts to personal progress and you can surely rise along the high way of life's interests in a public as well as a private career. You may either become a Carpenter, Cabinet-Maker or a Printer, Author, Speaker or Musical Instrument Maker.

Decide upon one of these selected, and diligently push ahead.
FRANK WALKER, 40, Auburn Street, Bolton.

A fine baby for 10 months, there are "no flies on him." He is a live battery and a mother's arms full, wait a bit and you will need a double set of eyes and arms.

He is really a fine "Kiddy," and is so harmoniously developed in body and in brain that one is proud to study such a child and, now comes the great responsibility—what shall he become?

He is capable of rather extreme action in most directions, and will need extra patience, discipline, guidance; don't excite his temper or energy, don't "Show him off" what he can do; preserve his energy and later he may become, with due care and training a blessing to many.

He is a musician, a business type and healer, too.

"HILL," Halifax.

Give him persuasiveness with firmness and discipline, time and order. He has talent for Instrumental work, Watch Maker or Jeweller, but not an Engineer, but fine delicate work. Ornamental, cultivate his "Wit," fun and cheerfulness. He may develop to a good psychic, much depends upon "Home Culture," Love at Home, will nurse it and bring it forth. He should learn to sing too, and avoid heavy foods, and too much sugar and sweets, calisthenics at home as well as in the Lyceum is needed for him, three times a day exercises, five minutes each.

NELLIE HARKESS, Ratcliffe.

She is wide awake, penetrative, observing, critical "Little Miss," rather vain about her dressing and is artistic in taste and mannerism.

She has a very fine forehead, brains to think, criticise and analyse.

She should become a Teacher, Authoress, Poetess, a Dress-maker or outfitter, she has some very fine Mediumship for later careful culture.

She is mentally beyond her physical age, Singing, Dancing,

Calisthenics all will do her good, she has great self-will, self-decision, very strong likes and dislikes.

Prof. T. TIMSON.

A CONFERENCE PICNIC.

The N.E. Lancashire D.C. have arranged an Outing to Barley and Pendle Hill for Delegates staying over Whit-Monday. Conveyances will be arranged for by Mr. J. Shuttleworth, who will receive names any time, between Conference hours.

Phrenology Practically Explained.

By J. MILLOTT SEVERN, F.B.P.S., Brighton.

INHABITIVENESS, OR HOME LOVE.

Inhabitiveness, the organ which is located at the back of the head above Philoprogenitiveness, is the faculty which gives love of home and attachment to places, such as one's birthplace and one's country; where we live or have lived, and the seat or corner we have been used to occupy in the home or public places of meeting. Persons with large Inhabitiveness, if they leave home, prefer to go to localities they have been to before rather than to fresh localities. If obliged to travel, they are all the time desiring to have a settled place of abode or a home of their own.

It is chiefly on account of their domestic associations that we can pronounce persons happy or miserable. Here the sweetest pleasures are enjoyed that beautify life, and the embittering pains endured which sadden existence. The strength and well-being of a country is largely advanced and sustained when families are happily settled in permanent home-life. It should therefore be the duty of Governments to secure proper dwelling places for the people, and to foster patriotism, embracing that love of home, country, and countrymen which tends to make national life more secure.

Persons with large Inhabitiveness, if they possess active Ideality, not only desire a home of their own, but also take great pride and interest in furnishing it and improving it. Such appreciate the sentiment expressed in the song "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like Home;" they get home-sick if obliged to be away for long, and pine to return. What a touching wail of loneliness and longing for sympathy was that which came from John Howard Payne, the author of "Home, Sweet Home." "How often," he said, "have I been in the hearts of the cities of Paris, Berlin, London, or some other city, and have heard persons singing, or hand-organs playing 'Home, Sweet Home,' without having a shilling to buy myself the next meal, or a place to lay my head! The world has literally sung my song till every heart is familiar with its melody; yet I have been a wanderer from my boyhood, and in my old age have to submit to humiliation for my bread." No wonder he died—a poor, broken-hearted wanderer in a foreign land.

Persons possessing large Inhabitiveness, Locality and Acquisitiveness, and the Perceptive faculties, may go to foreign countries for the purpose of bettering their position, to acquire knowledge, experience and wealth. Such are good settlers and colonists, and valuable in the building up of new countries, but their love of home causes a constant longing to return to their native land, which they often do to spend the days of their retirement. Love of home is a deep-rooted sentiment, appealing to affections sacred in the minds of nations all over the world. Home is suggestive of the dearest spot on earth, the birthplace of all that is good, ennobling and exalting, consecrated by the tenderest of memories. The truest happiness is ever found at home, and the most worthy and laudable education should be to make home happy.

Some animals have the home instinct very large, particularly the cat, which will often remain in an empty house after the family have removed; but the dog is very careful not to be left behind when the family departs.

Those who have this faculty inactive take little or no interest in their homes. They are often of a roving and unsettled disposition. It is well that many people have this instinct strongly developed, especially mechanics and business people whose occupations necessitate their living in districts at or near their employment. If, however, everyone had the faculty large, we should have to forego the many advantages which are brought about by thousands of persons who travel, both in our own and other countries, as travellers, sailors, commercial business men, scientists and explorers, in the interests of the nations and business affairs.

The British Hirundines.

By JAMES KNIGHT.
(Swallow Family).

THE SWIFT.

Gilbert White, born, 1920, died 1793, is still claimed as one of the greatest authorities on English migrants. He was the first to take Natural History out of the hands of the *mere classifiers* and to show how full of interest is the commonest object of Creation when carefully examined, and diligently watched through its course of growth, to maturity, and decay. In short, to *know* any living object, you must be its friend and companion. There is one element permeating all forms of life; and is never appealed to in vain, that element is *Love*.

The classifiers say the *Swift* (the *Cypselus Apus* of Linnaeus) has no affinity with the Hirundines. Gilbert White says, "The Swift or Black Martin is the largest of the British Hirundines." For 70 years I have been intimately acquainted with the Swift, and have always thought them belonging to the Swallow family and still think so. Although the largest, and on-the-wing, the strongest, often spending 15, 16, and even 17 hours of the day on the wing with scarcely any rest—they are the last of the family to arrive in the British Isles, rarely before the last week of April, and if the weather be bad, or the Southern Marshes be covered with frost, not until the tenth of May. Although gregarious (a number living and nesting together) they arrive in pairs. There is one outstanding feature obtaining in this family, they pair or mate for life. On arrival they make for their last year's nesting place, and about the middle of May they set about constructing their nest, which is made up of dried grass, bits of straw, wool, feathers, any fluffy material, and even cobwebs are utilised. The architecture of their nest depends on its situation. Sometimes they are compelled to make a cup-like shell, made up of mud mixed with saliva, and when well constructed will last for years. But if conditions permit they, like the Sand Martin, spend little time or energy in making their nest, using anything lying about, even last year's materials; and like the Sand Martin their nests are placed so that little or no light can penetrate where the two of three eggs are hatched. There the young lie quite helpless and naked in the nest for about a month, and even longer than that. The parents only visit their young ones two or three times a day giving them a very small quantity of food made up into small pellets which the lady bird can pouch beneath her tongue, so that it often gets to the middle of July before their young leave the nest, and even then they get very little help—so far as I have been able to observe, from their parents. How different are the Swallows and Martins. They have large broods and are at their happiest when able every four or five minutes to feed their young, and have two and sometimes three such broods to look after, even feeding them when able to fly. Why this difference? The Swift very rarely have more than one brood during their stay in England, consisting of only two, or at most three young ones, yet they are the slowest to *mature* of any bird I know, but very soon after leaving the nest they gain the strength and speed of their elders and like them spend the long day on the wing. They are wonderfully pleasant and happy birds. Whatever the weather their harsh yet pleasant scream is "Swee Ree, Swee Ree," as it swerves in rapid flight round the cottage or the belfry which is its summer residence. *Note*, the only way to learn the notes, or the songs of birds is to hear them until you have fully mastered them.

The Swift very rarely alights on level ground, for owing to the length of its wings and its very short legs it has the greatest possible difficulty to rise again, and owing to its four toes pointing forward it has the same difficulty to perch, as it cannot grip like most other birds. Many writers declare that they take no rest but in their nesting place. I think more careful observation both in early morning and late evening when numbers of them meet for what appears to be a gymnastic contest would reveal marvellous feats. They will alight on steeples, high walls, cliffs and even high railway arches, and with their wonderful joyous scream, fling themselves into space, tumbling over and over till they come very near the ground, then with more squeaking they are up again repeating the same exercise many times over.

I believe the Swift covers a greater area than any other of the Swallow family. It is found in Orkney, Shetland, all over Europe, many parts of Siberia, China, Japan, Mongolia, and as far north as 70 North Latitude. It winters in Kashmir, Afghanistan, and the Punjab, and in Africa, from Morocco to the Cape, thus covering the whole of the Eastern Hemisphere.

It is met with in town and country alike; under the roofs of houses, churches, and of other high buildings. In the crannies of castles, of towers, and steeples, in holes near the top of high walls, high railway arches, and even in holes of high trees, in ruins, old barns, and in sea coast caves, and cliffs, in fact any place where it can get a safe nesting place.

The Swift differs in many respects from other members of the Swallow family. When they arrive in the Spring, they are all over of a glossy, dark soot colour, except their throats, which are white; but before they leave, they become quite weather beaten and bleached, although they are only with us some seven to ten, or at most, twelve weeks. I think this is largely due to their difficulty in creeping into their nesting places, which soon becomes dusty and dirty, and infested with parasites; and also to their lack of bathing. Neither are they so plump when departing as when they arrive. They seem to come here to have a good time of real enjoyment. Like our parents going to the sea-side for a holiday, who, for the short time at their disposal make the most of it, dress and money suffers, but what matter, they have had a good time.

I have made many enquiries as to what they do in their winter quarters. Those having fixed their nesting places in the South of Europe take their departure by the end of July, and others from farther north take their place, and by the twentieth of August all who are able to withdraw have departed. It cannot be through and defect of food or of weather conditions; for August and the first two weeks in September are of the best in both respects; I think two of the reasons for this early departure are, they have had their good time, their young are ready and able for the journey, and their feathers are getting into such a bad state that if they wait much longer they will not be able to make good the journey to their winter quarters. They also seem to realise that in a few days, one or more of the other members of the family will be on the same journey, creating many difficulties which by this early withdrawal are avoided. In their winter quarters they are for some time not often seen until moulting is completed, and a thorough rest taken.

(To be continued).

£2,000 Effort: Monthly Report.

I am pleased to report that matters *re* above are progressing more favourably.

Since my last letter in April BANNER, I have received guarantees from Tyneside Council, Wallsend, Sowerby Bridge and Winnipeg (Canada) Lyceums. Also cash, £10 from Lancaster Lyceum.

Several orders have also been despatched and I think with a combined effort all round that some definite result will soon be obtained. It is pleasing to receive a letter from our friends over the water and as it is from an old Burnley Lyceumist I would like you to publish same as it will probably interest many in that district.

Probably we shall be able to give a more definite report to Conference in May.

Best wishes to all Lyceumists,

Yours fraternally,

JACK BELL, Hon. Sec.

Dear Friend,

I brought before our Lyceum the circular regarding the £2,000 effort which I am pleased to say everyone that was present at our meeting were in favour of supporting so we have guaranteed to give £10 towards the fund and I will send it as soon as possible.

We hope the effort will be a success, and although we are so far away we appreciate the work you are doing for the Children's Cause.

We hop some day we shall be able to come more closer in touch with you. I trust the members of the B.S.L.U. will watch the Lyceums overseas and when your Conferences take place at my old Lyceum in Burnley, I hope all present will remember us over here.

I feel sure we shall be willing to help you any time when we are able.

Our Lyceum is getting on fine in Winnipeg. So on behalf of the Lyceum here, please accept our best wishes for success in your noble effort for the Children's Cause.

Yours, etc.,

(Signed) CHARLES FORREST, Lyceum Secretary.

	£	s.	d.
Macclesfield	1	2	6
Leicester (Rupert Street)	0	4	6
U.D.C.	5	0	0

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT BOLTON.

The Management Committee held their Quarterly Meeting at Bolton on Saturday, April 9th. Mrs. M.E. Pickles, President, was in the Chair. All the members were present. The Minutes and Correspondence was accepted. An offer was made to South Wales to assist in Propaganda work there.

Various items on the £2000 Effort are reported elsewhere.

On the General Report, a new binding of the No. 1. Binding of the LYCEUM MANUAL was agreed to.

The revised List of District Visitors was confirmed.

The Secretary was instructed to publish the list of arrears in the "Lyceum Banner."

Increased sales and a continued loss were mentioned in the "Banner" Report. No comments had been made on the Photo delineations.

A mandate was given to the Joint Trading Sub-Committee.

Mr. Barnes, of Leeds, was thanked for his gift of an A. J. Davis block.

The Membership Certificates were left in the hands of the officers to deal with the matter.

Miss M. E. Kitson sent in a report of the work done by the Education Committee which showed a great amount of work had been accomplished.

Aberdeen, Coventry (Broadgate), Garw, Glossop, Morley, West Melton, West Vale and Witton Park were accepted into membership. Pemberton and Nantymeol to be dealt with at next meeting.

The Conference motions, etc., were read and business in order was referred to the Standing Orders Committee, who have arranged the Agenda for Conference.

The Auditors were requested to act as, and have promised to be, the Credential Committee.

The next Meeting at Burnley is called for 2 o'clock.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Bolton Lyceums for making arrangements for the Visit at short notice.

Propaganda Meetings were held in the rooms of the three local Lyceums and reports will probably be found elsewhere in this issue.

Statistical Return to the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, for year ending Dec. 31st, 1920.

No.	Name of Lyceum.	Officers	Members
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.			
1.	Handsworth	7	34
2.	Saltley	—	—
3.	Small Heath	—	—
4.	Coventry, Bull Street	8	41
5.	Coventry, Foleshill	8	39
6.	Walsall	18	48
7.	Wolverhampton	7	43
8.	Coventry, Broadgate	—	—
BOLTON DISTRICT.			
9.	Bolton, Bradford St.	19	28
10.	Bolton, Deane Road	9	37
11.	Bolton, Henry St.	10	37
12.	Bury	2	66
13.	Daisy Hill	15	15
14.	Horwich	10	80
15.	Leigh	8	32
16.	Radcliffe, Railway St.	9	22
BRADFORD DISTRICT.			
17.	Bradford, Boynton Street	8	26
18.	Bradford, Ivy Rooms	—	—
19.	Bradford, East Bowling	10	23
20.	Bradford, Manchester Road	9	33
21.	Bradford, Otley Road	3	6
22.	Bradford, Laisterdyke	9	40
23.	Keighley	8	72
24.	Saltaire	—	—
25.	Shipley	12	20
26.	Windhill	—	—
27.	Yeadon	8	36
28.	Skipton	7	29
HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.			
29.	Brighouse, Commercial Street	10	64
30.	Brighouse, Martin Street	5	30

31.	Elland	4	43
32.	Halifax, Alma Street	14	46
33.	Halifax, Raven Street	7	43
34.	Hebden Bridge	11	24
35.	Huddersfield, Ransden Road	9	40
36.	Huddersfield, St. Peter's Street	8	65
37.	Marsden	4	40
38.	Quarmby	10	38
39.	Slaithwaite	10	40
40.	Sowerby Bridge	13	46
41.	West Vale	5	36

LEEDS DISTRICT.

42.	Batley	4	32
43.	Batley Carr	10	25
44.	Castelford	9	29
45.	Dewsbury	19	73
46.	Heckmondwike	8	25
47.	Hull, Dairycoates	21	79
48.	Hull, Holborn Hall	12	70
49.	Leeds, Armley	19	58
50.	Leeds, Cookridge Street	24	91
51.	Leeds, Easy Street	16	69
52.	Leeds, Roxburgh Road	9	40
53.	Littletown	10	38
54.	Moorthorpe	9	37
55.	Normanton	13	36
56.	Ossett	—	—
57.	Wakefield	15	64
58.	York, St. Saviour's Gate	—	—
59.	Morley	—	12

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

60.	Birkenhead	8	71
61.	Earlestown	—	—
62.	Liverpool, Daulby Hall	21	68
63.	Liverpool, Romer Street	6	31
64.	Runcorn	12	47
65.	St. Helens	—	—
66.	Southport, Hawks Head Hall	8	18
67.	Warrington	9	71
68.	Wigan	5	38
69.	Pemberton	6	14

LONDON DISTRICT.

70.	London, Fulham, S.W.	9	8
71.	London, Hounslow	6	22
72.	London, Up. Holloway	10	38
73.	London, Kingston-on-Thames	4	19
74.	London, Ilford	6	33
75.	London, Little Ilford	—	—
76.	London, Peckham	10	36
77.	London, Plaistow	7	65
78.	London, Stratford	—	—
79.	London, Tottenham	12	23
80.	London, Woolwich and Plumstead	9	59
81.	London, Wimbledon	—	—
82.	London, Walthamstow	6	39
83.	London, Clapham	5	33
84.	London, Manor Park	9	19

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

85.	Hollinwood	7	22
86.	Manchester, Ardwick	10	40
87.	Manchester, Cheetham	11	23
88.	Manchester, Collyhurst	12	63
89.	Manchester, Moston	19	58
90.	Manchester, Newton Heath	14	36
91.	Manchester, Higher Openshaw	8	40
92.	Manchester, Pendleton	16	62
93.	Manchester, Salford	3	24
94.	Manchester, Princess Hall	12	36
95.	Manchester, Sale	—	—
96.	Manchester, Moss-Side, Raby Street	15	73

NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

97.	Ashton-u-Lyne	6	24
98.	Heaton, Norris	—	—
99.	Hyde	—	—
100.	Macclesfield	—	—
101.	Mossley	—	—
102.	Stockport, Hillgate	7	18
103.	Stockport, Central	9	58
105.	Glossop	—	28

NORTH-EAST-LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

105.	Accrington, Pearl Street	10	24
106.	Accrington, Argyle Street	8	34
107.	Blackburn, St. Peter's Street ..	24	66
108.	Blackpool	11	57
109.	Brierfield	—	—
110.	Burnley, Hammerton Street	22	66
111.	Burnley, North Street	18	106
112.	Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith Street	10	28
113.	Barrow-in-Furness, Ramsden Street	8	42
114.	Clitheroe	13	35
115.	Colne	12	68
116.	Dalton-in-Furness	—	—
117.	Darwen	16	80
118.	Earby	7	41
119.	Fleetwood	—	—
120.	Great Harwood	7	89
121.	Lancaster	9	64
122.	Millom	3	26
123.	Nelson	33	117
124.	Padiham	—	—
125.	Preston, Progressive	—	—
126.	Preston, Clarke's Yard	8	50
127.	Preston, Lancaster Road	10	68
128.	Rawtenstall	7	13
129.	Rishton	8	38
130.	Ulverston	6	32

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

131.	Belper	20	80
132.	Eastwood	—	—
133.	Hucknall	—	—
134.	Ilkeston	—	—
135.	Leicester, Rupert Street	8	42
136.	Leicester, Silver Street	10	56
137.	Mansfield	4	119
138.	Nottingham, Hawarden Terrace ..	11	84
139.	Nottingham, Mechanic's Hall	13	37
140.	Nottingham, Gladstone Hall	10	54
141.	Nottingham, Parliament Street ..	—	46
142.	Nottingham, Hyson Green	4	25
143.	Sutton-in-Ashfield	4	46

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

144.	Dundee, Overgate	—	—
145.	Dundee, Rattray Street	19	14
146.	Edinburgh	8	42
147.	Glasgow, Sauchiehall Street	11	134
148.	Glasgow, T.M.U. Institute	6	87

SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

149.	Bournemouth	16	31
150.	Brighton, Old Staine Hall	—	—
151.	Brighton, The Old Barn	7	35
152.	Bristol, Thomas Street	—	—
153.	Bristol, Grosvenor Road	—	—
154.	Portsmouth	8	60
155.	Reading	11	149
156.	Southampton, Temple	6	25
157.	Southampton, Spiritualist Church Lyceum	17	31

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

158.	Barnsley	—	—
159.	Chesterfield	17	72
160.	Mexborough	7	41
161.	Parkgate	—	—
162.	Sheffield, Bold Street	30	106
163.	Sheffield, Heeley	12	62
164.	Sheffield, Central	16	68
165.	Rotherham	12	38
166.	West Melton	4	22

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

167.	Bacup	9	30
168.	Dearnley	—	—
169.	Heywood	20	50
170.	Littleborough	—	—
171.	Middleton	10	37
172.	Oldham, Elliott Street	—	—
173.	Oldham, Union Street	12	35
174.	Rochdale, Penn Street	11	62
175.	Rochdale, Regent Hall	10	53
176.	Rochdale, Summer Street	7	27

177.	Rochdale, Yorkshire Street	9	41
178.	Todmorden, Eagle Street	—	—
179.	Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings ..	5	34

SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

180.	Abercynon, Navigation School	—	—
181.	Abercynon, Carnetown	—	—
182.	Abertillery	—	—
183.	Barry Dock	—	—
184.	Caerau	5	35
185.	Cardiff, Central	12	36
186.	Cardiff, Northcote Street	—	—
187.	Ferndale	—	—
188.	Mardy	—	—
189.	Merthyr Tydfil	—	—
190.	Mountain Ash	—	—
191.	Newport, Commercial Street	—	—
192.	Newport, Harry Street	—	—
193.	Pontypridd	—	—
194.	Tredegarr	—	—
195.	Treforest	—	—
196.	Treherbert	—	—
197.	Garw, Haldau Institute	—	15
198.	Nantymol	—	43

TEESIDE DISTRICT.

199.	Darlington, Bondgate	8	74
200.	Darlington, High Northgate	18	82
201.	Gurney Valley	21	109
202.	Middlesbrough	21	79
203.	Shildon	12	56
204.	Stockton-on-Tees, Cecil Street	15	141
205.	Stockton-on-Tees, New Brunswick Street	11	36
206.	West Hartlepool	8	34
207.	Easington Lane	14	30
208.	Darlington, Witton Park	7	37

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

209.	Bedlington	—	—
210.	Chester-Le-Street	—	—
211.	Dunstan-on-Tyne	11	20
212.	Gateshead	12	76
213.	Hetton and District	16	71
214.	Hirst	16	126
215.	Jarrow	7	53
216.	Newcastle, Benwell	—	—
217.	Newcastle, Heaton and Byker	11	39
218.	Newcastle, Rutherford Street	13	57
219.	Newcastle, Wallsend	8	54
220.	North Shields	8	80
221.	South Shields, Fowler Street	17	58
222.	South Shields, High Shields	13	67
223.	Sunderland, Cromwell Road	6	33
224.	Sunderland, Derwent Street	6	26
225.	Stanley	4	46
226.	West Pelton	—	—
227.	West Stanley	—	—

UNATTACHED TO A DISTRICT.

228.	Belfast	—	—
229.	Burton-on-Trent	—	—
230.	Derby	—	—
231.	Grimsby	11	52
232.	Hanley	10	66
233.	Lincoln	14	33
234.	Longton	—	—
235.	Seunthorpe, Lincoln	—	—

COLONIAL LYCEUMS.

236.	Auckland, N.Z.	—	—
237.	Brisbane	—	—
238.	Calgary	—	—
239.	Edmonton, Canada	—	—
240.	Hamilton, Canada, Farrar's Hall ..	—	—
241.	Hamilton, Canada, Psychic Church ..	—	50
242.	Johannesburg, S.A.	—	—
243.	Krugersdorp, S.A.	—	—
244.	London, Ontario	—	—
245.	Toronto	—	—
246.	Waihi, Auckland, N.Z.	—	—
247.	Wellington, N.Z.	—	39
248.	Winnipeg	—	—
249.	Vancouver, B.C., Canada	—	—

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.

BOLTON, Deane Road.—On April 9th and 10th the M.C. held their Quarterly Meeting in Bolton. On the Saturday afternoon and night they met for business at Deane Road, adjourning to Bradford Street for Tea, where a joint tea party and social was being held.

On Sunday morning they resumed business at Deane Road. A special Committee sat in the afternoon. Owing to being unable to obtain a central hall, the M.C. were divided, some members going to each Society. Open Sessions were held in the afternoon, and propaganda meetings at night. It was an inspiration to the local workers, and will long remain in our memory.—Lily Pilkington, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—On April 3rd. Open Session which was chiefly devoted to pearls, marching and calisthenics. Also the Lyceum gave two Services of Song, at 3 o'clock and 6-30, entitled "Ministering Spirits," and "Unseen Hands," which were read in a very creditable manner by our Assistant Conductor, Mr. R. Belford.—J. Babbs, Sec.

CARDIFF CENTRAL.—On Easter Sunday, the children were presented with "Dyed" Easter eggs given by Miss A. D. Adams, and Mr. A. Dawson, also a chocolate egg each from "A Friend." On Sunday, April 10th, we held a Memorial Service for the late Mr. R. G. Pinley, of Rutherford Street Lyceum, Newcastle-on-Tyne, an old colleague in Newcastle of the Conductress and Secretary of this Lyceum. We sang his favourite hymns and our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Finley and her three sons in their physical loss.—Alexr. Dawson.

EAST HAMILTON.—On Good Friday we opened our new Church, ex-Mayor Bookes, of Hamilton, performed the ceremony before a large crowd. A service was held inside, the Ex-Mayor giving an inspiring address. On the following Sunday the Lyceumists marched to their new home. Mr. Gretton welcomed all new and old Lyceumists followed by an Open Session, ably conducted by Miss Palmer. Easter, 1921, will ever be remembered by all.—J.H.

ELLAND, Southgate.—April 3rd we held our Open Session, conducted by Bro. G. Sadler. Marching and Calisthenics gone through. The session was well attended by parents and friends, recitations were rendered by the following Lyceumists: Elsie Earnshaw, Annie Aspinall, Annie Rae, Arnold Marsden, John Rae, and Thomas Aspinall.—Elsie Green, Sec.

GLASGOW.—We held our Annual Social on 25th March, which was thoroughly enjoyed by our young folks. The Committee considered this a fitting occasion to present Mrs. Orr, ex-Secretary, with a token of our esteem for her services rendered during the past five years.

We held our Open Session on Sunday, 27th March. The Chair was taken by our new Conductor, Mr. James Shaw, assisted by Mr. John Stewart, ex-Conductor, Mr. George Gorscadden, from Parent Body. Opening hymn "Joybells." Mr. John Stewart gave the Invocation. S.C.R. "The Sowers." A programme in three parts was rendered, Recitations: Georgina Brown, Jean McIndoe and Paul Stewart. Solo, Dane Simpson. M.R. "The Cruse that Faileth Not." Recitations, Rennie Smith, Lily Smith, Pianoforte solo, Peggy Brown. Twenty-three Pearls were given. G.C.R. "The Word of God." Mrs Rankin sang solo "Shoulder to Shoulder," chorus Lyceum. Mr. Shaw address, "The Lyceum and Modern Spiritualism." Marching and Calisthenics. Closing hymn "Over the River of Light." Benediction, Mr. Gorscadden.

The service was exceedingly enjoyable and uplifting. Many visitors expressed the opinion that the Lyceum was doing good work.

For the next three months the Groups' scheme of work is "A Study of Religions."—H. Cleland, Sec.

JOHANNESBURG.—At the request of the Boksburg Lyceum (recently formed in connection with their church), the children of the Johannesburg Lyceum, under their conductor, Mr. T. H. Butters, paid a visit to Boksburg, with the object of illustrating to the people how a Lyceum should be conducted. The service was held in the morning, and repeated in the evening for the benefit of the adults and public of Boksburg. The service was precisely the same as that of the Anniversary Service held in Johannesburg the previous month, with the exception that the hymn, "Eternal Light," which was particularly well rendered by Miss Eva Warren of Boksburg, took the place of a

dedication service held the month before. The service proved a great success, and very gratifying to those who took part.

The singing in particular was excellent. At the close of the service Mr. Butters made a stirring speech, at the same time challenging anyone to prove that Spiritualists' Lyceum training was not far superior than the ordinary orthodox teachings. This concluded our most successful service.

The following Sunday, February 27th, the following members of the Johannesburg Branch of the Spiritualist Union of S. Africa, namely L. Lloyd, President; Mr. Utton, Mr. R. Sanderson, Secretary; Mr. Irvine and Mr. Woodhouse, paid a visit to our Lyceum with a view to report on the progress or otherwise. Short lectures were given by the members, each one being well satisfied with our progress. The only fault they found being that we had not sufficient members, and this led to competition among the children to enlarge the Lyceumists in membership.

I am very pleased to state, through the efforts of the Union and other members, we are at last opening the much-needed Lyceums in our Suburbs. Owing to these new Lyceums opening, this means missionary work for our central branch for a short while.—Vernon Hart, Sec.

LONDON, Clapham.—Pleased to report continued progress; also we have had a visit from 4 Reading Lyceumists (a 40 mile cycle ride), who gave us some words of encouragement. We are always delighted to welcome visitors.—K.M.B.

MANCHESTER, Moss Side, Raby Street.—On April 13th, this Lyceum held the Shakespearean Birthday Celebrations. Mrs. Leo Grinden, in the chair, remarked on each of the plays from which scenes were given, viz.: "Hamlet," "Anthony and Cleopatra," "King Henry VIII.," and "King Lear." Miss Mabel Baker as "Cleopatra" and Master Douglas Burgess as "Hamlet." Other parts were very well taken by Florence Foster, Gertie Hyland, Gertie Bell, George Griffiths, Roy Morgan and Arthur Moulson. Miss Peggy Davies received great applause for her two songs. Very large audience. This Lyceum is progressing.—Mabel E. Baker, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—We, of the South Manchester Lyceum, desire to convey our very fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists.

May 7th, Saturday. Lyceum Social, to commence at 7 p.m. Tickets 1s. 3d. including refreshments.

Whit Friday, Trip to Alderley Edghe.

Saturday, June 4th, Botany Ramble, conducted by Mr. Knight, of Bolton.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Sunday, June 12th. Open Session and Flower Service. 2-30. Special Singing, Recitals, etc. 6-30. Speaker, Mr. Charles Owen, of Chorlton; also special singing. A hearty invitation to all.—James Hamer, Sec.

MANOR PARK LYCEUM.—On April 3rd, we held our Open Session. Recitations, Pearls, etc., were splendidly rendered by Lyceum scholars. On April 10th, the lesson for the day was, "What is the difference between 'soul' and 'spirit,' and which is the right term to use?" This lesson was taken from the Referendum issued by the B.S.L.U. and the Lyceumists were invited to express their views upon the matter. Several Lyceumists expressed their opinions very explicitly and essays were written on the subject. Ultimately, a vote cast proved a unanimous one in favour of the word "Spirit" as the best and proper term to use. On April 17th we visited Little Ilford Lyceum, when the L.L.D.C. conducted the Session. Ilford Lyceum and representatives from other Lyceums were in attendance. We had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and sincerely trust that it will not be long before both Little Ilford and Ilford Lyceums will pay us a return visit. The invitation applies to all other Lyceums, for we are always delighted to receive visitors.—Leonard Burr, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Fowler Street.—On March 27th and April 3rd we held our Anniversary, which was very successful. A poetical greeting was rendered by seven of the children both Sundays. The first Sunday was mainly occupied by the children and the Chair was efficiently taken by Mrs. Rutherford, the second Sunday by Mr. Moody, and older Lyceumists took part. We had a string quartette both Sundays.—E. Short, Sec.

SUNDERLAND, Victory.—On Wednesday, March 30th, we held a Concert in aid of the Lyceum funds. The "Seven Black Hawks" rendered several old-fashioned coon songs in fine style and we were further entertained by their humorous dialogues and rich jokes. The lady members of the Troupe delighted the audience by their individual songs. Mr. Woodall of South Shields was a success as a Ventriloquist, his droll sayings kept the audience in a state of laughter. Afterwards the

“Seven Black Hawks” presented us with a funny sketch entitled “Advertising for Actors.” Each in turn we greeted by an enthusiastic audience and we heartily thank all the Artistes for their kind services, also the Pianist. We also tender our thanks to the Church for the use of the Hall and the church members for the way they rallied round. We also thank Bro. Harold Watson for his remarks.—R. A. Duncan, Sec.

TORONTO, Britten Memorial.—On March 27th, we had an Open Session to celebrate the 73rd Anniversary of modern Spiritualism. The conductor, Mrs. Stier, told the children that it was two little girls that got the first spirit messages, and asked anyone to explain how the messages came. A little girl, named Lily McInlagatt, told us of the murdered traveller and the Fox Sisters at Hydesville. There were several other speakers. Mrs. Apedale was Organist.

We have made wonderful progress in the past three months. Mrs. Stier, our Pastor, started a big drive to clear the Church of its Mortgage of 1000 Dollars. in which she succeeded. Our Lyceum had 87 dollars in hand and Mrs Stier gave them 15 dollars so that we could give 100 dollars towards the Mortgage, which the Lyceum received with many thanks. Mrs. Stier also contributed liberally to the Church fund and all the credit is due to her for the success. She has been working day and night. We are going to burn the Mortgage next Sunday April 10th, at 11 a.m.—E. Richardson, Sec.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Trustees of the B.S.L.U. have met the Management Committee and considered the financial and other business of the Union. Mr. Batten resigned at the 1920 Conference. Mr. Keeling has resigned during the year, and Mr. Knott will terminate his position as Trustee at the 1921 Conference.

In view of the above circumstances, the remaining Trustees deem it would be unwise to do any definite business and await the appointment of the full number of Trustees at the Burnley Conference before fulfilling the obligations of the Trust for which they are responsible.

THE LYCEUM MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Lyceum Manual Revision Committee have considered the revision twice, by correspondence.

An appeal was made for new matter through the pages of the LYCEUM BANNER last September. The only contributions to hand have been some G.C.R.'S from Mr. Kitson.

The steps towards revision have been hampered by the revote on the Referendum. The Committee are agreed that it would be unwise to contemplate revision before the definition of terms has been settled, and await your further instructions.

It is imperative that revision should proceed immediately after Conference, as the stock of manuals is low and revision will take some time to complete.

The members of the Committee are Coun. Jessy Greenwood, Mr. Conner, Mr. Keeling, Mr. Kitson and Mr. Knott.

U.D.C. Report.

Lady President and Fellow Lyceumists,—

In presenting this, our Third Annual Report, we feel justified in claiming that we have advanced one step nearer our goal.

Our Internal Education Scheme is being adopted by many Lyceums with beneficial results.

Our membership is also growing, with the result that, with the exception of South Wales, we represent all the District Councils in the Union.

This increase of strength has raised our standing in the Movement, and so to our work of discussion and arbitration is added new possibilities of Lyceum propaganda. At Nottingham, in March, we conducted the largest propaganda meeting ever held under Lyceum auspices, and feel that we have helped our Cause in that district.

Similar meetings are being arranged for future visits.

We realise that an increase of Union activities means an increase of Lyceum strength, so we appeal to all Lyceums to help the Union in the £2,000 Effort, and the establishment of a Trading Department; and to help our Internal Education Scheme by adopting it, and putting our suggestions into practice.

The Lyceum Guild is also worthy of the serious consideration and adoption of all ardent Lyceumists,

Thus shall our Movement reach the strength to which it is entitled—and which only its Units can give.

A. T. CONNOR, President.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Secretary.

April, 1921.

The Monthly Puzzle.



WHERE'S MR. PIG?

We cannot see the rain go up,
But when it's coming down,
We use a something like a cup
Inverted:—upside down:
And as we wander on our way,
Some happy sights we see,
The boys and girls will cease their play,
And find time to agree.

Here's Tommy Frog and his toadstool,
That lives beyond a day:
Just for a joke he stands beneath,
To while the time away.
Tho' water in the pool to him,
Is welcome in all climes,
With tadpoles in, he likes to swim
And croak away his times.

But what's become of Mr. Pig,
He's hiding somewhere sure,
His tail is hid, his head's so big,
He cannot that obscure:
He will not grunt, so you must look,
With a becoming grace,
In cranny, corner, or in nook,
To find his hiding place.

The New Manchester Progressive Lyceum Church.

377, Oxford Road.

All are most heartily welcomed to our Lyceum Sessions, which are held every Sunday morning, commencing at 10-30.

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. or additional 9 words. Poetry 6. per line.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall, 10, Curzon Street, Gateshead, wish to thank all friends for the many expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

LINCOLN.—With deep regret. On April 11th, Mrs. K Dawson, of 32, King Street, passed to the Higher Life. A loving and earnest worker.—A. Bailey.

CRABTREE.—Bessie, beloved and only daughter of James and A. E. Tinker, of Higher Broughton, Lancashire, passed to the Higher Life on April 27th, 1917, aged 32; at Sydney, Australia.—J. Tinker.

JOHANNESBURG.—In ever loving memory of our darling, Gladys Violet, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schambric, who passed to the higher life May 8th, 1919, aged 2½ years.

So lovely was she when she lived,
She did not seem too young to die,
And fairer still she seems to be
When in the Land of Spirits,
Through some fond, happy dream at night
I see her figure, lithe and tall
And sometimes wonder why she stayed
In this uncertain world at all.

—Vernon Hart, Sec.

District Council Reports.**BOLTON DISTRICT.**

The above Council will hold their Quarterly Meeting at Radcliffe, in the Spiritualist Church, Railway Street, on Sat., May 7th, at 8-15 prompt. Business as follows: Minutes, Correspondence, Demonstration Arrangements, Certificate for Shield Competition. All delegates and associates are requested to attend. Tea will be provided by Radcliffe friends.—Ernest Woodward, Sec.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council will be held on Saturday, June 11th, at South Elmsall. Business: Minutes, Correspondence, Reports—D.V.'s, Inter-change, Treasurer's, U.D.C. Delegates, L.D.C. Delegates', Field Day Secretary's, B.S.L.U. Delegate's, Silver Bell Competition, Associate Members, Open Council. Date and Place of next meeting, Vote of thanks to Local Friends.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Spiritual Church North Pavement, Barnsley, on Sunday, May 29th, at 10-30 a.m. prompt. Business: Minutes, Correspondence, Reports, Lyceums, U.D.C. and Conference Demonstration, etc. Will those attending please bring own lunch, tea will be provided by friends.—Charles E. Welch, Hon. Sec., pro. tem.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.

The Annual Meeting was held at Penn Street, Rochdale, on March 5th. 16 delegates, D.V. and 7 Associates present. Mr. A Wright in the Chair. Secretary (Amos Harris), and delegate, to the U.D.C. (Miss Sherwood), congratulated for their reports. D.V.'s report in April "Banner." Officers elected: President, James Lord; Vice-President, Albert Wright; Treasurer, Miss Isherwood; D.V., Archie Barley; Secretary (pro tem.), Mr. A. Wright. Delegate to Conference, Miss Isherwood. Resolved: that new Lyceums be Associate for one year: that the D.C. undertake future massed sessions, and receive 25% of income.

Next meeting at Gilmour Street Middleton on June 4th.—A. Wright, Secretary, pro. tem.

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 April 23rd.

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 May 25th, to ensure insertion in the June 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.—Our Open Session, on April 3rd, was well attended by Lyceumists and friends. Marching and calisthenics splendidly done, especially by the children, of whom we feel proud. Recitations and solos followed. Coming to the close of an enjoyable session, our medium for the week-end, Miss Tikkell, gave a most inspiring address to the children.—Miss Wright, Sec.

BARROW, Orange Hall.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session. Opening hymn 305; invocation; then the roll was called, followed by Silver Chain No. 67, Musical Reading No. 214. Recitations and solos were given. Good number present.—M. Frankland, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Handsworth.—On March 26th we held an Open Session, which was fairly well attended by Lyceumists and friends, who appreciated the efforts of our Lyceumists in their rendering of Pearls, recitations and pianoforte solos. The marching had to be omitted, as time would not allow. We had the pleasure of seeing the ceremony of naming a baby boy, the grandson of our Conductor (Mr. Jones), and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, both officials of our Lyceum. Mr. G. F. Berry, President of the National Union, officiated with very appropriate remarks, to the delight of all present, including the children.—John Maybury, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On Sunday afternoon, March 27th, we held our usual Open Session, this being our 37th anniversary of the Lyceum Movement in Blackburn. A very good session was witnessed. Pearls, recitations and solos were given voluntarily and very well rendered. Mr. Will Edwards, of Accrington, one of the first Lyceum scholars in Blackburn, gave a few inspiring remarks. A number of visitors from neighbouring Lyceums were present and took back with them the best wishes of Blackburn Lyceum.—Mrs. Robinson, Sec.

BLACKPOOL.—A fancy dress Carnival was held on April 13th, the object being to raise £10 towards B.S.L.U. fund. There was a large attendance of members and friends, most of them in fancy dress. The event was highly successful, under the leadership of Mrs. Nurse, Lyceum Conductor, and Mr. Wilkinson, Church President. The financial object was attained with the good sale of tickets and generous donations of friends and sympathisers. £10 will be handed over to fund. The B.S.L.U. President, Mrs. Pickles, personally thanked the promoters of the function for their splendid effort on behalf of the fund.—Miss E. Robinson, Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Easter Sunday we held an Open Session, at which Mr. F. T. Blake presented each Lyceumist with a prize for attendance. Mr. Blake also named the child of Mr. and Mrs. P. King, the name given being Claude William Bernard King, spirit name "Victor." This was the first time the naming service has been held at the Lyceum, and it will be long remembered by those who participated in same.—Louis T. F. Hitchcock, Sec.

BRADFORD, Harker Street.—We held our Open Session on the 3rd inst., which was very well attended. Our session was conducted by Miss Annie Carter. The following took part:—Recitations, Alice Hurrane, Agnus Hurrane, Minnie Leach, Ethel Lodge, Arthur Wells; solos, Annie Carter, Mrs. Wells, Jack Firth and Violet Wells. A very enjoyable day was spent, and all are looking forward to our Treat on Whit-Monday. All

scholars are happy in the knowledge that our Lyceum is progressing.—M. E. Wells, Sec.

BRIGHTON, Old Barn.—Sessions continue bright, cheerful and punctual. Numbers of scholars and visitors increasing. Pearls, with explanations, also social items, well sustained by both young and older members. On April 3rd an address was given by Mr. Wheeler, on "Buddha," which proved of great interest to all.—Mrs. J. Dingley, Sec.

BRIXTON.—Our Lyceumists are giving a Musical Play, "Her Majesty of May," on Wednesday, May 4th, and Saturday, May 7th. A hearty invitation to all.—W. J. Clements.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On March 27th we held our Open Session. During the service Mrs. Foster, our Past Conductor, performed the ceremony of naming the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Cronkshaw, Vera, spirit name "Star of Hope," Nancy, "Sunbeam." May I add here that Vera has not been able to walk for two years, but by spirit power she is now beginning to walk quite well. The children of the Lyceum acquitted themselves well and the Misses Dorothy and Mona Dean captured all hearts with their selection from "Il Trovatore." Though we cannot name all the children who took part, we thank them and hope that they may yet be further dedicated to our noble cause.—Albert B. Marshall.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—I regret to report that Norman Butterfield, one of our youngest Lyceumists, has passed to the Summerland. An angel took our Flower away to plant it in a fairer and purer garden of love. His little smiling face whose bright, blue, forget-me-not eyes looked upon all that was done in our Lyceum. We all loved him. Mrs. Butterworth, of Barrow-in-Furness, officiated. It was an impressive service, and a large gathering attended. His memory will live in our hearts and homes for all time. The Lyceum children walked and carried beautiful flowers. Our sweet baby's spiritual name is "Purity."—A. Legge, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on April 2nd. Hymn 383 was sung by J. Waddington, G. and H. Millward; hymn 378 by R. and N. Ward. Recitations by J. Foster, G. Millward, E. Barker and R. Ward. We had a good time together.—E. N. Hodgson.

GREAT HARWOOD.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session. Silver Chain led by Alice Banks; musical Reading by Tom Hodgson, Gladys Norris and Clara Waterhouse, and the Golden Chain by Robert Hallworth. Recitations by Alice Howarth and Sidney Hudson. Solos by Florrie Owen and Mr. Baxter, and a duet by Mrs. J. Hodgson and Alice Banks.—A. Waterhouse, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session. Recitations were given by the Misses I. Jewitt, E. Reckitt, N. Hockley. Solos by the Misses L. Nicol, N. Hockley, E. Reckitt. Duets by E. Jones, E. Reckitt, E. Barron and I. Jewitt. Miss M. Barron took part in a song with the Lyceum. Silver Chain recitation by I. Jewitt, who also gave the explanation.—Gladys Powell, Sec.

HORWICH.—On April 2nd we had the Young Ladies' Effort, in the form of a Tea and Concert, which was well appreciated. The Concert Party from Deane Road, Bolton, rendered sketches and songs, which caused all to feel quite happy. An enjoyable day was spent. We have started a Rambling Club and hope to have a few good times together. Greeting to all Lyceumists.—E. Southworth, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter's Street.—On April 3rd we held our Liberty Group in the morning, when we had Mr. Gush, who took for discussion the Golden Chain "Divine Order," which caused a good deal of discussion. In the afternoon we had our Open Session, when there were numerous pearls and recitations given by our scholars. A number of our Quarby friends were present. We were glad to welcome them amongst us. Marching and calisthenics were carried out in good and well-conducted order, as were also Golden Chain and Musical Reading.—E. Gibson, Sec.

JARROW.—On March 31st we held our Annual Social and Prize Giving. We spent a most enjoyable evening. On April 3rd Mrs. Hall, of Gateshead, named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, it being the first baby to be named at our Lyceum.—Mrs. N. A. Hudson.

LANCASTER.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd, when the following programme was gone through:—Recitations: Alma Coupland, Lena Jones, Alice Jones, John Wright and Mr. A. Bleasdale. We had an interesting and enjoyable session. Pleased to say we have succeeded in raising our £10

towards the B.S.L.U. £2,000 Effort, which I am forwarding to Mr. Owen.—G. E. Jones, Sec.

LEEDS, Psycho.—Lyceum Day held on April 3rd. Invocation by Mrs. Land. Miss Ellis and Miss Brown sang a duet. Conductor, Miss E. Whiteley, read the lesson. Mrs. Land spoke about the Lyceum's future welfare. Recitation by Mary Exley. Mr. E. Hancock spoke a few words on the Lyceum recitation by Mary Skillington. A solo by Mrs. Exley. Recitations by Harry Smith, Lilian Webster, Tom Webster and Phyllis West. Mr. Gascoigne spoke on the Education of Children. Mrs. Exley responded. The service was much appreciated and the church was well filled. Benediction by Mrs. Exley.—Mr. H. Owen, Assistant Sec.

LINCOLN.—On April 3rd we had a pleasing Open Session, with recitations and pearls. We are just beginning to get our Lyceum on the up-grade.—A. Bailey, Conductor.

LONDON, Ilford.—The Open Session on April 10th was conducted by Mr. Connor. Mr. Hall resigned the Conductorship and Mr. R. Bowmer (Sec.) was elected in his place. The new Secretary is Eva Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, E.7. On 17th we visited Little Ilford for joint session with L.L.D.C. Executive.—Eva Connor.

LONDON, Tottenham.—We had again a very successful month. On March 27th Mrs. Crowder was with us and named two Lyceumists, and she also gave us some nice encouraging words, which we all enjoyed. We are progressing week by week. Some of our invalids have now come back from hospital and seaside homes, and we are glad to see them attend our session again regularly and eagerly.—Winnie Macfarlane, Session Sec.

MANCHESTER, Cheetham.—On April 17th, we held our Open Session, Mrs. Smethurst conducted. Recitations rendered by Nancy Wightman, Myra Eyre, Barbara Eyre, Elizabeth Eyre, Nora Brookes and Annie Irons. Pianoforte solo by Annie Irons. Solos by Annie Irons, Nora Brookes, Ella Brookes, Elsie Bowling, Mrs. Crompton and Nelle Smethurst. Pearls rendered by most of the Lyceumists. All spent a pleasant evening.—E. Bowling, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Collyhurst.—On April 16th we held a Fancy Dress Social, in aid of our Children's Whit-week Trip. A good company assembled. Splendid harmony, ably led by Mr. Cooper, of Moston, and a friend with violin. Financially successful.—J. E. Shearsmith, Sec.

MARSDEN.—On April 17th, we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Seth Ackroyd, our District Visitor. Solos, recitations and pearls were given by the Lyceumists. Marching and Calisthenics were gone through, after which Mr. Ackroyd gave a few encouraging remarks to the children. A delightful session closed with singing "Over the river of Light."—Martha Varley, Sec.

MEXBORO.—Very pleased to say that our Lyceum is progressive. Our sessions are well attended. Many recitations and pearls. Beautiful thoughts given by our Conductor, which are well understood. Marching taken each session.—J. W. Oates, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—Open Session April 3rd Conductor, Miss Galloway. Recitation fair; pearls good; solos fair. Mrs. Harrison introduced a pleasing ceremony by presenting a beautiful gift of a cake stand to Mr. and Mrs. Baxtram, commemorating their entering into the marriage state, and expressed the wish that the Angel Friends would be ever around them, guarding and guiding them. Greetings were tendered from Oldham, the same being reciprocated with pleasure.—E. W. Buckingham, Sec.

NELSON.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session; it was also our anniversary, Mr. Knott being our speaker, afternoon and evening. His services were greatly appreciated by all who heard him. There was a good response, both morning and afternoon, everybody doing their best to make the day a pleasant and successful one. We also had two babies named, one by our Conductor, Mrs. Morton, and the other by Mrs. Haythornthwaite. There was a large congregation at each service.—M. Berkerley, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session; also the naming of a baby by the Conductor, an enjoyable afternoon being spent.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Rutherford Street.—On March 27th, we held a memorial service for one of our late Conductors, Bro. Finley. His favourite hymns were sung, together with appropriate readings. We had a good muster and many friends

present. On April 3rd, we held our usual monthly Open Session and a prompt start with the Opening Hymn, etc. A good array of talent with pearls, songs, recitations, and Conductor's remarks gave the friends present a good idea of what a Lyceum stands for. On April 10th, our District Visitor, Mrs. Hall, paid an official visit and complimented the Lyceum on a prompt start. He seemed thoroughly satisfied with our full session and the splendid adult attendance.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Rutherford Street.—On April 17th the Lyceum took the evening service and the hall was crowded with parents and friends and a great array of young people, to listen to the children's efforts. No time was lost, and from eight years of age upwards the children stood up and recited and sang (with a musical reading and chairman's remarks) about the Lyceum putting confidence into the children, which was listened to and appreciated by the audience. Success to the Guild Movement.—G. Sample Dawson.

NOTTINGHAM, Parliament Street.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd and passed an enjoyable afternoon. Pearls, solos and recitations were splendidly given by the children. Mrs. Wheatley gave an interesting address.—K. Vardy, Sec.

OLDHAM, Union Street.—We held our Open Session March 27th, in the evening. Many parents attended a most enjoyable session. Recitations by Misses H. Pointon, E. Porter, A. Buxton, F. and H. Palmer; readings by Misses Fielding, Cooper, Renshaw, Mr. Norbury and Newton; solos by Hilda Palmer, Lily Pointon and Mr. Newton; duet by Lily Renshaw and Hilda Pointon. Mr. Newton and our worthy President, Mr. Standish, gave clairvoyance. All items were well rendered, under the able conductorship of Mr. J. Woods.—William James, Sec.

PENDLETON.—Open Session, April 10th. Conductor, Mr. Lloyd. Musical Conductors, Miss Clara Royle and Gladys Betts. Afternoon: pearls, recitations: Hilda Betts, Edna Betts, Nora Halliday, Lily Coates, Margaret Mounsey, Eva Lloyd, Hetty Storey, "Seven Principles of Spiritualism." Evening: S.C.R. 5, M.R. 7, G.C.R. 8, Pearls, recitations, Amy Sunley and other young Lyceumists. Solos, Miss G. Halliday, "The Kingdom Blessed"; Jessie Walter, "Children's Day Welcome"; Agnes Storey, "The Lyceum." Visitors offered fraternal greetings and encouraging remarks.—A. Betts, Sec.

PLAISTOW.—Still pressing forward, our only lack is for some friend to visit us, to encourage the children more in their Lyceum work. All friends are made welcome.—B. H. M., Sec.

PRESTON, Clark's Yard.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd, when we had a very good attendance of Lyceumists. Mr. Tomlinson, our Conductor, sang "God folds them in His bosom," and we had two quartettes. Miss Brierley, Mr. Cartmell, Mr. Eastham and Fred Dobson sang "Morn amid the mountains," and four of our youngest Lyceumists, Gladys Isherwood, Edith Harker, Eliz. Dobson and Beatrice Runnett, sang "Open the door for the children." Willie McGuinn recited for us.—C. E. Tearle, Sec.

PRESTON, Lancaster Road.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd. A great number of Lyceumists obliged with recitations, solos and duets. We spent a very enjoyable morning together. Our speaker for the day, Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax, gave a few encouraging remarks, which were greatly appreciated, and he also took a lively part in our session.—R. Smalley, Sec.

PRESTON, Progressive.—This Lyceum held its Open Session on April 3rd, when the following took part. Recitations by Walter Holden, Jenny Anderton, Mr. Jack Cartmell and Mabel Cartmell. Master Jack Mason rendered an action song. Interesting and instructive remarks and discussions on Silver Chain 44 and Golden Chain 109. A few familiar faces were missed, owing to illness, etc. We are hoping that we shall soon have them back amongst us, fully restored.—W. E. Mason, Sec.

QUARMBY.—We held our Lyceum Anniversary on April 10th. The afternoon was an Open Session. We had with us Mrs. Thackray, who presented prizes to our scholars. We had a splendid time together. Duets and recitations were rendered as usual. We had quite a good programme, including our Annual Prizegiving. We are waiting for our results of the Education Scheme.—Alice Ollerenshaw, Sec.

READING.—We have had a very successful month. Our Sports Club is now an established fact and promises well. We believe in play as well as work. "The Workers Win."—Arthur Lawrence, Sec.

ROCHDALE, Penn Street.—Open Session on April 3rd. Full attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Marching and calisthenics very good. Pearls and recitations excellent. Solos by Miss E. E. Wright and Mr. J. Hitchon, and the trio "Daybreak" by Misses Wright, I. Wilson and Mr. Kershaw, were well sung. Well-chosen remarks from our Conductor, Mr. Dixon, concluded an excellent session.—W. Kershaw, Sec.

ROTHERHAM.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd; an excellent attendance. Recitations were given by the children, including "Big ships," by Miss Pearson. Solos and pearls. All contributed to a splendid session. On the 10th we had a naming service in the Lyceum, Mrs. Haigh officiating, the service taking the form of the one A.J.D. transmitted to us from the Summerland.—R. Ainsworth, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session, and it was conducted by Mr. Sam Smith, assisted by Mr. Percy Ballard. We had a very enjoyable session. A few recitations. Our Conductor gave a recitation concerning the Banner. Mr. Fred Smith also spoke a few words on the musical reading. I am sorry to say our Secretary, Mr. Saxelby, has had to re-join the Army, as he was a reserve man. I hope and trust it will not be long before we have him back again at the Lyceum.—E. Johnson, Assistant Sec.

SHEFFIELD CENTRE.—On April 17th, Lyceum Anniversary. Mr. Hopkins conducted the afternoon Session. Marching and calisthenics were gone through. Prizes were distributed by Mrs. Begg, of Scunthorpe, who gave suitable remarks to each prizewinner. The evening services were taken by Mrs. Begg, and a fairly good audience thoroughly enjoyed her address.—Mrs. H. C. Organ, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Gifford Road, Heeley.—On April 3rd we held our Lyceum Day. Open Session at night, when Mrs. Cottam, of Sheffield, conducted a naming ceremony, which interested all present.—Geo. Porter, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On April 3rd the naming of a baby of one of our old Lyceumists, by Mrs. Marston, of Stockport. We held our Open Session. The marching and calisthenics were accomplished to perfection. Songs and recitations, etc., were rendered freely by the Lyceumists, young and old. We were pleased to have quite a number of interested visitors.—J. R. Wager, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Hillgate.—Satisfactory progress is taking place, owing to Church and Lyceum working in harmony. Mrs. Etchels and her Clever Young Folks gave a successful concert in the Central Hall. We were able to buy a piano, which has given us every encouragement to know that "The workers win." Singing, marching and calisthenics are good, and ten new scholars are on register in two weeks.—T. Spencer, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—On April 3rd, 1921, we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Lee. Recitations were given by Mrs. Staley, Doris Penulna, Rhoda Ellis, Maud Elliott, May Staley, Harriet Turner, Olga Mawson, Connie Gray, Dick Turner, Sam Cooper, Jack Staley and Jim Penulna. Mr. Lee conducted marching and Master Tommy Kidman calisthenics. A glorious session, which we all enjoyed. We closed with hymn 387.—Harry Trigger, Sec.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—Our Open Session was conducted in a most able manner by our young Lyceumist, Eva Davis. She compiled her own programme and carried it out very satisfactorily. During the past month we have added two members to our Guild. Unabated interest is still shown by its members. A successful ramble was organized on Easter Monday, sixteen participated. This was followed in the evening by a social and dance.—W.R.

WINNIPEG.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd. There was a good attendance. Pearls were given by Edna Brown, Winnie Brown, Minnie Crawley, Cecil Hugert, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wilson, Mr. H. Forrest, Wilfred Brown, Helen Lawrence, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Barnes, George Dale, Frank Dawson, Eddie MacLeon. Recitations by Verna MacLeod, Edna Brown, Eddie MacLeod, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Barnes. Three of the boys sang solos. We were pleased to welcome back our friends, Mr. Brown and family, from Nottingham, and were pleased to see them looking so well. The boys of the Lyceum gave their first concert on March 26th, which was a great success. The church was crowded. The boys arranged everything. Refreshments were served. Wishing every Lyceum success.—Charles Forrest, Sec.

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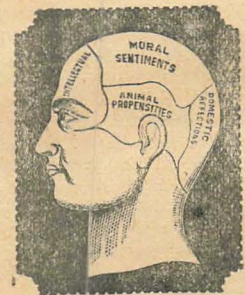
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