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WELCOME TO THE OFFICERS AND M.C.

B.S.L.U. CONFERENCE, BURNLEY,

May, 14th and 15th, 1921.

PRESIDENT.

First Girl, with flower in hand, recites and then presents the flower to the Official.

I am chosen to offer a Welcome to all,
Who assemble to-day at our Union's call:
Its thirty-second birthday to celebrate,
And in which you are asked to participate,
Our cheerful beginning, I venture to say,
Augurs well for a happy, inspiring day,
Truth, Peace, Love, and Gladness, our motto shall stand,
Thus, we offer our Welcome with Heart and with Hand.

SECRETARY.

First Boy, with flower in hand, etc.

I would Welcome our Officers, kind, good and true,
Who have laboured through years for our B.S.L.U.:
Their long noble service is placed beyond price,
And, has often demanded much Sacrifice
Yet glad in the knowledge they serve us in need,
And with loved ones to prompt them and bid them "*God Speed*,"
They still hold aloft our grand banner on high;
Which bears the sweet message that "*Man does not die*."

ADVISER, A. KITSON.

Second Girl, with flower in hand, etc.

Your work has gone on till some 10,000 names,
Are registered now for our Union's aims,
To teach a religion of Freedom and Love,
Such as Angels are bringing to us from above,
The charge is a great one, the Workers too few,
So now we appeal to all souls, good and true,
To join in the warranted steps that we take,
In pressing our claims for the Children's sake.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Second Boy, with flower in hand, etc.

In science we strive for harmonious Truth,
To strengthen conviction in maiden and youths,
In Morals, 'Tis Justice we try to reveal,
As destined to strengthen our great Commonweal,
And then our religion, we claim 'tis to do
To others as you'd have them do unto you;
To live to some purpose your brief span on earth,
That others may profit by your sterling worth.

ED. SEC., MISS KITSON, B.A.

Third Girl, with flower in hand, etc.

Then courage, good comrades, plod steadily on,
Already a gigantic work you have done;
The seeds which the Angels are sowing around,
Are falling, on fertile and well prepared ground,
And though the crop varies according to soil,
A rich, blessed harvest shall follow your toil.
Proceed with the good work and give of your best,
Nor cease till the Angels shall call you to rest.

The five reciters were then joined by seven other children and sang the following lines to the tune of No. 121 S.S.

Welcome to Burnley, Leaders, Brave and True,
We are glad to greet you, friendship to renew;
In the years of striving through which all have passed
You have served us bravely—ever holding fast.

CHORUS—Marching, Marching, Marching on together,
Working, Working, Working, Hand in Hand,
Marching, Marching, on to Holy Warfare,
On, to Brighter Glory in the Summer land.

(FRANK HEPWORTH, Bury, 1921).

On being recalled the singers lined up and called for three times three for "Our Alfred."

Then came a boy bearing a tray of roses, accompanied by a wee girlie of three summers, who distributed them to the Members and Fraternal Delegates.

Following this Mr. R. Latham, a past Conductor of Burnley, North Street Lyceum (under whom the President received a portion of her Lyceum instruction) presented to the President a beautiful bouquet of red velvet Roses and Lilies of the Valley as a token of appreciation and esteem from her old fellow Lyceumists.

Master Parkinson, of Nelson, recited the following "Ode of Welcome" to the Delegates:—

ODE OF WELCOME

to the Delegates to the B.S.L.U. Conference, 1921.

We welcome you, dear comrades,
Into our midst to-day,
And trust you'll have a happy time
Whilst with us you shall stay.
Another year you've nobly toiled
For love and truth and right;
Doubt not, your work is not in vain,
You must have shed some light.
The seed you've sown must surely bear
Rich fruit in days to come,
Although at times you've seemed to fail,
The harvest shall be won.
The laws of God are just and true,
Nought can them set aside;
The stream of progress must roll on—
An ever onward tide.

Then, Comrades dear, fresh courage take
In this your work so grand;
Bright messengers of light and love
At all times with you stand:
To nerve you for the mighty task,
Which now before you lies,
They will not fail you, rest assured;
Falsehood before you flies.
The light of truth, lo, now descends
In mighty living streams:
Errors of the past are melting fast,
Before its quickening beams.
Its power shall quicken and revive
The drooping hearts of men,
And glimpses of the after-life
Shall broaden out their ken.
Gladness and freedom then shall reign,
With the overthrow of strife;
Each man and woman, boy and girl,
Shall live a fuller life.
Let all take heart, although this time
May seem yet far away:
The darkness of an ignorant past
Cannot for ever stay.
Then let us seek the light and power
Of those who've passed up higher,
They'll fail not in our time of need,
But strengthen and inspire.

T. W. Bateman, Barrowford.

A conclusion of the welcome came when each delegate was presented with a small spray of Lilies of the Valley by the young ladies of the Burnley Lyceums.

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Adviser, replied and all delegates responded with acclamation to the hearty welcome, so admirably rendered by the local children. This portion was the children's opportunity, and they displayed charm and grace in their movements.

Councillor Jessy Greenwood and Mr. Membrey were present as Fraternal Delegates from the S.N.U. After the children had given the welcome Mr. Membrey extended greetings from the S.N.U. and expressed his great pleasure with the efforts of the children. A neat little speech was presented to and enjoyed by the Conference.

The Presidential Address.

(Read by the President, Mrs. Mary E. Pickles, at the B.S.L.U. 32nd Annual Conference, on the 14th of May, 1921, in the Co-operative Hall, Burnley.)

Fellow Members of the Management Committee, Lyceumists and Friends,

I rejoice to meet you here in this town of Burnley. It was here I witnessed my first Lyceum Session, and many pleasant memories are recalled.

It is very regrettable that local conditions are so distressing, resulting in the billeting and entertainment of about 200 delegates becoming a very serious problem.

I cordially welcome the Spiritualist National Union Representatives, and trust we shall co-operate even more closely under the new Constitution of the parent body.

Great changes are taking place now in the methods of legislation, and it is hoped that these changes will be of the utmost value to both Churches and Lyceums. You will be called upon to nominate for the first time two representatives from the accredited members of this Conference to serve on the E.C. of the S.N.U. The one who receives the highest number of votes to remain in office two years and the second highest one year.

TRADING DEPARTMENT.

The two sub-committees of the Trading Department met on April 16th and on introducing the business quoted the resolutions passed at the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. Conferences and all deeply regretted that circumstances had prevented an earlier meeting.

All agreed there was a demand for books and publications, recognising that the duties of the secretaries of both Unions were too great to devote much time to undertake publishing.

The first essential consideration was Centralization, and finally it was resolved that pending the establishment of Central Premises, closer co-operation between the two Unions, both for advertising and mutual handling of each other's stocks could profitably be adopted and advised the members to take steps for the raising of capital, for such a scheme of centralisation.

UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I desire to convey my heartiest thanks to the United Lyceum District Council for its support and helpfulness. It is proving a wonderful asset and can render valuable assistance now, as a constitutional part of our Movement. Good work has been done by its members in propaganda meetings. The possibilities of the U.D.C. are enormous and may profitably be extended toward a more efficient system of propaganda, thus leaving more time for the M.C. to devote to the business side of the Union.

The time is fast coming when your M.C. will have to devote double the time now spent to business details, and for efficiency and progress your M.C. will have to be composed of men and women of good business capacities, and I commend you to turn your thoughts in this direction when revising the Constitution of the B.S.L.U.

DISTRICT COUNCILS.

To every Officer of our District Councils I extend my heartiest greetings, and the hope that in the wider field of labour, experience will be the sustainer to awaken interest in all Lyceums in your individual Districts. In my opinion it falls to your share to help to train new delegates, and initiate them in the activities, pending national work. Our thoughts in these moments go out to our Overseas Lyceumists and we rejoice in their co-operation. Every letter to our Union from them speaks of progress and solid work done. May the fraternity which binds us together stimulate their every effort and in the attempt to consolidate their

forces, help will come from unseen workers, and with their loving guidance, higher achievements will ultimately result.

I esteem it a honour at this juncture to welcome our arisen Pioneers. They surely have won through. Year by year as we assemble and our numbers increase, there is a corresponding increase on the other side, and we are conscious of their presence here. Doubts in my mind have long since been set at rest regarding their knowledge of our progress. They have assisted me constantly when the perplexing problems of our Union have confronted me, and I am deeply grateful for their counsel. Let us pay tribute to the spade work which they have done and the loving service they have rendered that our path might be easier.

We owe to Hanson Hey a deep debt of gratitude. Many of us remember the lofty ideals he ever tried to place before the units in our Liberty Groups. Let us try to repay, by ourselves becoming as earnest, truthful and staunch to our principles as he ever was. He has left this physical plane loved and honoured by all who knew him, and ere the body was laid aside in mother earth, he manifested his presence on more than one occasion.

We rejoice in his freedom, and know that when his counsel is sought, he will respond to our call.

There are many friends absent to-day whom we have met in years gone by and it necessitates the question, are others filling the gaps caused through life's varying circumstances!

EDUCATION SCHEME.

The great need for education in our Lyceums is being supplied by faithful workers to all who desire to become live Lyceumists. This is the key to more efficient service in our ranks. There never was a time in the history of our Movement when the call was greater for training on proper lines.

The equipment for attunement to higher vibrations, will naturally result in the ability to receive messages of a more exalted character, and, through inspirational channels, we shall become the recipients of true philosophy.

The days are passed when we were wont to close our eyes, open our mouths and see what a higher power would send us.

We must be incessantly seeking, *not* closing avenues, but opening more in our research, constantly educating ourselves and attracting those teachers who can enlighten the human race on the methods of advance or progress in the higher spheres of life.

Laurels have not been won by past workers in sloth, apathy, and negligence, but by constant effort and supreme action, thus opening the doors for our children, to continue with greater ideals and a closer unity with the spirit-world. I commend to your notice the reading of wholesome literature, paving the way to the development of fuller psychic powers and befitting your selves as instruments for those intelligencies who are to-day seeking to adapt themselves in all classes for further revelations from spirit life. What our children learn to-day from our B.S.L.U. Scheme will never be forgotten, and if in its retention it is the means of establishing a scientific and religious basis for the formation of true character, the scheme is of incalculable value.

Unhesitatingly I say the Movement owes a deep debt of gratitude to the pioneers and members of the Committees of our Education Scheme. It has meant hours, days, and weeks of untiring labour on the children's behalf, and I know all has ungrudgingly been given to facilitate progress in our ranks.

Thanks are due to the examiners of all grades, and I would recommend that the scheme be adopted in every Lyceum. Also that you help to make the sales of handbooks a record, and so assist in refunding to our Union a good part of the initial outlay.

The Primers which have been considered will be very useful for our young children.

There has been a great necessity for a long time back to issue new membership certificates and I briefly mention this to satisfy the 50 Lyceums who have been waiting.

The M.C. have received estimates of new designs and soon these will be ready and can be supplied on application to the General Secretary.

“BANNER.”

The sales of the “Banner” are unsatisfactory in many respects. We have 76 Lyceums who only take 12 copies per month. If secretaries were alive to their duties I feel sure these sales could be increased. Our Official Organ is the link which helps to bind the whole movement together, and it behoves every one of us to see that every Spiritualist home contains a copy.

Lyceums, be loyal to your Union, and here allow me to thank those leaders who insist on each child taking a “Banner” home month by month irrespective of cost.

£2,000 EFFORT.

A large percentage of our Lyceums are contributing to our £2,000 Effort. The Appeal has in many quarters met with a quick response and I believe, in your loyalty to our Union, every Lyceum will ultimately send its quota.

There has been a lack of knowledge regarding the requirements of this fund, and as it becomes generally understood I am confident the response to the Finance Committee's Appeal will be great. It is our earnest desire to stock all Lyceum requisites, literature and publications, to keep a store-room for books for prizes that our Lyceums and Union may mutually benefit.

FINANCE.

Your M.C. has seen fit to again revise the prices of publications for we found that some were being supplied below cost price, and others had a bare margin of profit, but none have been advanced more than it was absolutely necessary after grave and serious consideration. Co-workers, I appeal to you to co-operate with your M.C. in their whole-hearted endeavours to consolidate the financial aspect of our Union and I know that we shall be successful.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

We shall soon be entering upon the fifth year of our present Constitution. Many doubts regarding Area representation have been expressed. We shall have given it a five years' trial, and it is for you to decide before another year comes round whether it has proved efficient in its service. I have never favoured it, for in one respect it takes away the initiative of Lyceums. On the other hand it has many points in its favour, and if it continues there will be a necessity for a closer union between Area representatives and Lyceums.

A scheme for an annual meeting of delegates with the Area representatives was issued by your M.C. to the U.D.C. to be considered.

There could be closer co-operation where two district councils exist in one Area, and local difficulties should be presented to the Area Representative, and he or she be made acquainted with all local efforts. My observation of most Area representation is the great gulf between the two which Lyceums and District Councils do not always try to bridge. You will pardon me, I hope, in stating facts for I cannot preach harmony where it is non-existent.

The great breach in many instances widens between Lyceums and Societies.

The modern mind is seeking expansion, and finds limitations that at all costs it feels it must break. There is an inward unrest that is making itself felt and is very apparent to the casual observer. The apparel that was once worn cannot be our clothing of to-day. We, as a progressive Movement, must keep pace with the times, or that intelligence which we now hold will slip away to find more congenial conditions.

The expanding intelligence sees new beauties, a wider scope of vision, fuller fields of labour and seeks a path of true development, that it may be of greater service to the movement which it recognises ought to be progressive.

Thus for a period we shall experience struggles, conflicts, and *sometimes* conquests, and I would ask you to bear and forbear. We owe to the parent church a moral obligation, we must honour it. Honestly I send forth the glad refrain, Thank God for the many good and honest men and women our movement holds. I sincerely bow the head and breathe forth the prayer that the loving service they have rendered may find its just reward.

Outside censure and criticism is not harmful if our lives inside the Movement will bear investigation. Goodness and truth ever appeals to the honest inquirer, and the religion that will live will be the one that will stand all tests, and, so surely as ours was sent from the angelic world of ministry, it must always bear the stamp of truth.

TRUSTEES.

You are called upon to elect three Trustees, to fill the gaps caused by others retiring. We thank the retiring Trustees for their stewardship, and for fulfilling the obligations required.

GUILD.

The report from the Guild Secretary is very pleasing and gratifying, and its link in Lyceum work is practical, and we solicit more members and further support.

FOUNDATION DAY.

Your M.C. inaugurated a Lyceum Day in January of every

year and I take this opportunity to again appeal for your co-operation here. I need not emphasise what I have already asked you to do, but Lyceumists, we can make this day a Universal Celebration. Work your utmost to attain our object. It means the linking up of all Lyceums on the higher mental and spiritual planes, the organising of forces for further stimulation, tending towards concord and harmony throughout our whole movement.

Comrades, it has been a year full of earnest labour. Changes were taking place when I came into this position which caused me grave anxiety and many sleepless nights, and I felt the great responsibility attached to the office. Many incidents occurred which were not of the brightest, but I believe that my silent appeal to every unit of our movement has been answered. The M.C. has been loyal to me, and I here congratulate our Treasurer for the great pains he has taken in fulfilling his duties. To the Secretary whom you also appointed last Conference I tender my thanks. He has worked early and late to pull the Union up to a higher standard.

You know what he has done for the "Banner." I have been grateful for his courtesy at all times.

Delegates, this is your Movement, it is mine, and every little we put in makes the capital more, and although the changes which came entailed a strenuous year's work, uphill every time, yet now I would not have it otherwise. The visions of our children in their sessions, ever pointing to a mine of wealth, of the repositories of infinite possibilities and the life amidst it all, is love.

We differ, but also do we agree, so let us learn, then teach in accordance with Divine Government, and we shall succeed to reach the central truths and principles of heavenly conditions.

MARY E. PICKLES.

THE GIRL.

I think that every day that passes
Must need a girl:
As soon as I reach home from classes,
Where is that girl?
Then the pots and pans begin to rattle,
Against the dirt I have to battle:
O, what a life, without renown,
Just cleaning-up and cleaning-down,
Comes to a girl.

I wonder where the world would be
But for the girl:
She seems to be in great demand,
Does every girl—
For all the things there are in life,
A man may lean upon his wife,
A boy may lean upon his bat,
Or, for a change, sit on his hat,
To plague this girl.

I here bewail that fate has made
A sweet young girl
Do things that drudge and vex and jade
The humblest girl:
Why should the boys have all the fun,
When life for us had just begun:
I'll shake the worrying shackles free,
And yet show all that I can be
A loving girl.

The quest of things that never fade,
Will charm a girl,
For all the best that life has made
Comes to a girl,
And so I'll bring my nature round
To show a lassie's heart can bound
Towards the things a boy may like,
And find he's riding on his bike
Beside a girl.

I think that after all, I find,
Though I'm a girl,
There's many things I shall not mind,
That a good girl,
Can bring to influence human skill,
And help the boys, with heart and will:
For boys are boys, and girls are girls,
And every boy admires the curls
Of every girl.

Annual Conference.

Report of Minutes and Proceedings of the 32nd Annual Conference, held at the Co-operative Hall, Hammerton Street, Burnley, on May 14th and 15th, 1921.

The President, Mrs. Pickles, of Blackpool, opened the Conference at 5-20 p.m., with Hymn No. 4. (No. 3 Hymn Sheet) "In the March of Life." The Vice-President, Miss Hesp, offered the invocation.

The Delegates were welcomed by the President and the representatives of the S.N.U. (Mrs. Councillor Jessy Greenwood and Mr. Membrey) were invited to the platform.

The following appointments were then made:—

Tellers—Mr. Jackson (Reading), and Mr. Hall, Jr. (Gateshead).

Scrutineers—Mr. Wagner (Burnley), Mrs. Exley (Leeds), Mr. Organ (Sheffield), Mr. Aked (Bradford), and Mrs. Timms (Wales).

Messengers—Mr. J. Radcliffe and Miss Hetherington.

Minute Secretary—Mr. Bell.

It was agreed that the Conference rise at 9 p.m.

The President pointed out correction on Minute *re* Roll Call vote. *Delete* "Mr. Connor then proposed and Mr. Shuttleworth seconded "That as many delegates had refrained from voting a Roll Call vote should be taken," and *substitute* the following:—"The vote was challenged and the President refused a recount. Mr. Connor then demanded a Roll Call Vote and the necessary number of delegates supported."

MINUTES.

Agreed that minutes be taken as printed.

Discussion ensued *re* Travellers' Guide, £2,000 Effort, Education Minute, &c., after which Mr. Shuttleworth, U.D.C., moved, and Mr. Wright, Sowerby Bridge, seconded, that Minutes be accepted. Carried Unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Interesting letters were read from Scottish D.V., Vancouver, Hamilton (Ontario), Melbourne and Kimberley, South Africa; the latter stating they had realised that the future of Spiritualism depended entirely on the Lyceum Movement.

Greetings were also received from Mr. Mason, a past President.

Mrs. Stair, whom, we were sorry to hear was lying on a bed of sickness, also sent her fraternal greetings and good wishes asking us not to forget that great necessity for which she has worked so hard: the F.O.B.

Arising out of the Correspondence Mr. Connor, London, mentioned *re* being present at a luncheon with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle after his visit to Australia at which he, Sir Arthur, stated that the system of teaching we had in this country was practically unknown there.

Mr. Gilbert, Moss Side, Manchester, asked *re* Belgian Correspondence: to which Mr. Knott replied stating *re* exchange of books, &c.

Mr. R. A. Owen, M.C., moved that Correspondence be accepted and our Greetings be sent to all Colonies also, our deepest sympathies be sent to Mrs. Stair, wishing her a speedy recovery. Mr. Smith, Birmingham, seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The Presidential Address was read to the Conference (for full text see page 94 of the present issue).

Mr. Shuttleworth, U.D.C., moved, and Mr. Wright, Sowerby Bridge, seconded, "that the address be accepted and printed in the Spiritualists publications." Carried unanimously.

Miss Hesp, Mr. Connor, Mr. Ford and others spoke on the address at the close of the discussion. Mr. Shuttleworth pointed out that it was too much to try and remember all and dwell upon same at Conference, but he sincerely hoped all delegates would bring the idea of Lyceum's reading and discussing the address fully, sending along suggestions, etc., to their Local Councils who could submit them to the U.D.C., and so on back to the Central body. Much good would undoubtedly arise from this.

Mr. Connor suggested that enough rough proofs might be run off for Conference delegates at future Conferences.

M.C. REPORT.

Agreed it be taken as printed.

The Referendum created the most and principal discussion, the representatives of the South being under the impression that the re-vote had been demanded by the U.D.C. and the M.C. had acted accordingly. The President, however, made it quite clear that it was not a question of "demands" or "orders,"

but that the M.C. had used a little common sense. She also pointed out to the delegates that the action of the U.D.C. had no weight whatever with the decision of the M.C. on the matter. Mr. Connor, London, moved, Mrs. Timms, Wales, seconded, that the report be accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

This was also taken as printed.

Several questions were asked, which were replied to by the Treasurer and Secretary. *Re* the Retrospective fees Mr. Shuttleworth, U.D.C., moved, and Mrs. Raymond, Liverpool, seconded, "That the action of the M.C. on this matter be endorsed." For, 74. Against, 1.

Further discussion followed *re* the Retrospective fees and Lyceums not complying with the Keighley motion. Mr. Jackson (Reading), Mr. Churn (Southern Counties), Mr. Marston (Stockport), Mr. Woodyer (Birkenhead), Mrs. Raymond (Liverpool), Mr. Hall (Tyneside), Mr. Dobby (Lincoln), all asking further questions, which were answered. Following the discussions Mr. C. L. Gillung, Collyhurst, moved, and Mr. Holdsworth, Newton Heath, seconded, "That this Conference having heard the views expressed by the President as to her faith in her fellow Lyceumists desire to place on record its deep regret at the small number of Lyceums that have responded to the appeal, and trusts that during the next twelve months these retrospective arrears be paid up." Carried.

The Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was then moved by Mr. Wright (Sowerby Bridge), seconded by Mr. Lord (Heywood). Carried unanimously.

At this juncture an invitation was extended to Conference delegates from Nelson Lyceum to assist them and join in a March through the town on Monday morning. It was decided to leave arrangements in the hands of the local committee.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

This was given by Mr. Will Edwards, who pointed out no less than 9 *auditors* had taken part in the Audit, amongst whom was even the President. Reference was also made to a portion of stock having to be destroyed through being ruined at those "magnificent?" offices we held recently in Manchester. He also suggested a system should be evolved whereby at a glance we should know the exact position of the B.S.L.U. Mr. Edwards complained of the silly idea of the General Secretary having a free hand *re* the giving away of pamphlets, &c., which the Union had to buy, also *re* the Educational Committee in a like manner. Mr. Knott replied that what he gave away was for advertising purposes and more than repaid the Union in orders. Miss Kitson answering the query *re* the Educational Committee stated that out of an order for 5,000 leaflets 500 were for free distribution and the balance had more than paid for the whole of the order. The acceptance was moved by Mr. Hall (Gateshead), and seconded by Mr. Jackson (Reading), and carried.

CREDENTIAL REPORT.

The Credential Report was also given by Mr. Edwards as follows:—Officers 4, E.C. 9, Trustees 1, Adviser 1, Auditors 2, Educational Secretary 1, U.D.C. 1, D.C.'s 11, D.V.'s 10, Delegates 98, S.N.U. 2, Total 140. Lyceums represented 68. Moved by Miss Hesp, seconded by Mr. Hallam, Nottingham, that the Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

BANNER REPORT.

Agreed it be taken as printed.

Out of the discussion Mr. Ford (Reading) objected to the "Timson" advertisement and delineations, but no action was taken. The acceptance was moved by Mr. Connor, London, seconded by Mr. Wright, Sowerby Bridge.

Prior to the close of the Saturday session Miss Hesp produced the Presidential Roll for the signature of the President.

Mr. Connor asked if the first President had signed, and it was pointed out that the President of the first B.S.L.U. Conference had signed the Roll, but not the President of the first Lyceum Conference, who was Mr. Kitson. It was then unanimously agreed that Mr. Kitson sign at the beginning of the Roll book, and a whole page was allotted for his signature.

The President then adjourned the Conference at 9 p.m. till 9-30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Conference resumed on Sunday morning and commenced at 9-55 by the singing of Hymn 12 on Hymn Paper "We are trying to follow the Angels." Mr. Kitson offered the invocation.

A welcome was given by Local Lyceumists, written specially by Mr. Frank Hepworth, of Bury. A completely new style was adopted which was prettily rendered, very effective, inspiring, and much appreciated by all present.

Acceptance moved by Mr. Wright, Sowerby Bridge, and seconded by Mr. Harding, Wakefield.

GUILD REPORT.

The acceptance of the Guild Report was moved by Mr. Shuttleworth, U.D.C., seconded by Mr. Ryder Collyhurst, and carried unanimously. Very little discussion.

DELEGATES TO S.N.U. CONFERENCE.

Mr. Ellis, Huddersfield, moved, Mr. Bentley, Manchester, seconded, that the President and General Secretary be delegates to S.N.U. Conference. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Mack moved, and Mr. Shuttleworth seconded, "That a sub-committee be appointed by this Conference to deal with the matter of amending the 1917 Constitution." Motion lost.

Mr. Williams, M.C., moved, and Mr. Shuttleworth seconded, the following amendment to Bye-Law 10, Section 1. *Delete* "or more than thirty," and *delete* "the 1919 addition" to Bye-Law 2, Section 5. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hopper, Blackburn, moved and Mr. Rac, Preston, seconded, "That item 6 on the Agenda take precedence at this juncture over all other business." For the motion 52, against 40.

Mr. Connor, London, then moved: "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." Mr. Bentley, of Manchester, seconded. Much discussion followed, Mr. Owen, of the M.C., leading the opposition. On a vote being taken 67 voted for the motion, 14 against.

Arising out of this motion it was decided to appoint a sub-committee of 4 (two Trustees and two not Trustees). The two trustees to be appointed by and from the Trustees and the other two by Conference. Mr. Connor and Mr. Bentley were then appointed.

CREDENTIAL REPORT.

Officers 4, E.C. 9, Trustees 1 (two Trustees were present in other capacities), Adviser 1, Auditors 2, Educational Sec. 1, U.D.C. 1, D.C.'s 11, D.V.'s 12, Delegates 94, S.N.U. 2. Total 138. Lyceums represented 67.

Mr. Owen, Treasurer, moved, and Mr. Wright, Sowerby Bridge, seconded, that the report be accepted and also the best thanks of the Conference be given the Auditors for services rendered as Credential Committee.

Mr. Latham moved, Mr. Hall, Gateshead, seconded, we adjourn at 5 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Miss Hesp, M.C., moved, and Mr. Owen, Treasurer, seconded. "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. We are therefore of the opinion that to deprive children of the present school generation of proper opportunities for study and preparation for life, is not only wrong to them, but injurious to the interests of the whole of the community." Carried unanimously and a recommendation that copy be sent to Mr. H. L. Fisher.

Liverpool D.C. motion was moved by Mrs. Smyth, Wigan, and seconded by Mr. Smith, Birmingham, "That the minute suspending the whole of Bye-Law 3 be rescinded." Much discussion followed and whilst the discussion was still proceeding the time for close passed and no vote could be taken.

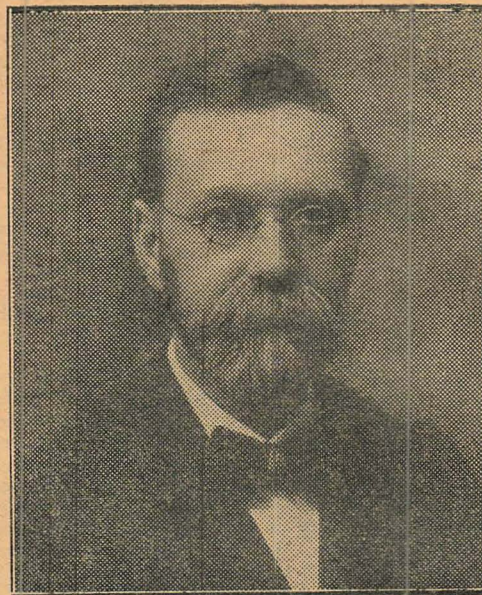
Mr. Ellis, Huddersfield, moved, and Mr. Latham, Burnley, seconded, that the Conference close. Carried unanimously. The Conference rose at 5.10 p.m.

J. BELL,
Minute Secretary.

CAN YOU SAY THIS?

A tutor, who tooted the flute,
Tried to tutor two tooters to toot:
Said the two to the tutor
Is it easier to toot, or
To tutor two tooters to toot?

Some discussion arose on the Phrenological readings at the Burnley Conference. The Editor therefore submits the testimony of Sir A. R. Wallace. He wrote—"Phrenology is a true science." Professor Edison, the inventor, said some time ago—"I never knew I had the inventive faculty until Phrenology told me." Progress is dependant on new ideas.



MR. FREDERIC JOHNSON, OF SALFORD.

Another Pioneer and Lyceumist passed the border on March 3rd, 1921, and I will give you an outline of his life.

He was born at 1, Hayfield Terrace, Seedley, and brought up in the Baptist faith. His father was the Superintendent of the Great George Street Sunday School, as well as Deacon of the Church. His mother, previous to marriage was a member of Christ Church, Salford. He was one of the first scholars to join Nursery St. Baptist Sunday School. He was a regular attender at that Church until after his marriage in 1891. Fortunately he had never been christened or baptised, and the broadminded teachings of Frank Trotman (who by the way refused to have Reverend before his name) gave him the impetus to enquire into all matters pertaining to religion. At last he almost became a materialist and at this time the Independent Labour Party became prominent in Manchester, and having joined them, was one of the first twelve members to open out in Pendleton in a room over a grocer's shop at the corner of Booth St., Pendleton. At this time he was a member of the Labour Church, and used to attend regularly the Sunday services held at the Cass, Manchester, and it was at this time he heard of Spiritualism. Becoming interested in Spiritualism in 1893, he received a remarkable test from Mrs. E. W. Wallis at Cobden St., Pendleton, and determined there and then to investigate.

He became a member of Mr. Wood's Home Circle, and soon after opened one at his own home. Shortly afterwards he became a member of Cobden St., and three months afterwards was elected Secretary of the Church, succeeding Mr. J. Moulding, and with 16 of a Committee (working) and 16 of a reserve Committee, commenced in real earnest. In 1895 he became a member of the Lyceum and in 1896 was elected Secretary of that body, succeeding Mr. Winder. Mr. James Moulding was the Conductor and J. Cordwell, the Treasurer. Mr. Moulding and Mr. Johnson were elected delegates on the Lancashire Lyceum Demonstration Committee. Mr. J. B. Longstaff was Secretary. They were also members of the Manchester and Salford Demonstration Committee, on which they served until 1898, when they opened out Milton Place, Broad Street, Pendleton. They parted company in 1902, when he joined High Street, Salford. The room was too small and they removed to Leaf Square in 1904. He left them in 1906 and joined Trafford Rd. and remained there until it closed in December, 1910, when they removed to High Street, and in their and other Societies conducted Developing Circles. In 1912 he became a Public Speaker and continued that work until he was taken ill in February, 1921, and passed to the Higher Life on March 3rd, 1921, at the age of 56 years.

He was always prominent at all our socials and was a jovial fellow and very humorous; he was remarkable for the funny stories he could tell and had a wonderful memory. It was enough for our Lyceumists to tell them that Mr. Johnson was going to preside to assure a good attendance. I only hope we shall find a suitable substitute.

GEO. LEE.

MEDIUMSHIP FOR THE MILLION.

By PROF. TIMSON, F.B.P.S., etc.

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DEMARCATIION LINE.

There are many lopsided objections raised against 'Mediumship'—but who can say where the line of demarcation in Mediumship shall be drawn on the physical plain. Anatomy and Physiology give us distinctly defined lines for 'primary functions' proceeding from the use and activity of each of the different organs of the body, and well defined 'primary functions' limited in the scope and capacity of each 'Brain Organism' are equally determined on some scientific lines, from long, careful and accurate observations made from the discoveries of Dr. F. J. Gall, Dr. Spurgheim, Dr. Combe and thousands of medical men, and other Students in all parts of the world.

Different members of the body perform different services as for instance, the eye, vision, the ear, hearing, the nose, smell, each limited to its own sphere of work necessary to the 'well-being of the whole'—and herein lies the whole solution of the master problem of the age.

Master Problem Solved.

As Mediumship necessarily depends upon the physical body, brain and nervous system, then it follows that all the organs of each should be in harmony to fulfil the best results in mediumship, as Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis clearly indicated by instituting Lyceum Calisthenics.

The Counter Part.

There is a counterpart in each section of our organism which corresponds to the one above, as well as the one beneath it, in the *Scale of Human Science*, viz:—Anatomy and Physiology, Phrenology and Psychology, are the fundamental sciences which are the true scientific evolutions; stage upon stage, graduating upward from what we popularly term the *material* into the *psychical* and *spiritual*. It is the 'Ladder of Human Science,' up which we may ascend to the 'Elysian Heights of supernal Life.'

An appeal for scientific study in mediumship should reawaken the old ardour of our old pioneers, whose records show that they were, most of them, not only Psychics but Physicists teaching all the foregoing subjects and many even practising phrenology.

The Medium, the Sensitive, the Instrument are all good old familiar terms used all along the line of the history of the Cause, but these terms of themselves give us vague notion of the compound interest embodied in the analysis of the name whichever we prefer to use to denominate our special or specific Spiritual gifts by. There has been much said and written anent the scientific basis of mediumship or psychical and spiritual phenomena and the inherent capacities of mediumship, but so far as a concise tabulation and specification of natural law operating in co-relation with Psychical law is concerned and interdependent we are just as Hudson Tuttle indicated in his studies in the orber or outlying fields of Psychic Science," just catching a few shadows of the ships that pass in the night of our ignorance of these laws; their uses, abuses and violation either make for or mar the success attained in each endeavour in circle, seance or service.

"GOOD-NIGHT."

Good-night to the sunlight,
 Good-night to the day,
 Good-night to the flowers,
 For I dare not stay.
 My eyelids are heavy,
 My bed for me waits
 The stars are now shining,
 Birds nest with their mates.
 Good-night, and God bless you,
 Dear flowers, again,
 May angels watch o'er us
 While darkness doth reign.
 May God in His kindness
 Help us do right,
 For evil is darkness,
 And love is the light.

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D.C. REPORTS.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, May 7th, at 31, Millgate, Wigan. Mr. George Mack presided. All Lyceums in the District had been invited to send delegates to discuss Membership fees, but only five Lyceums were represented. The minutes and correspondence accepted and confirmed. Financial Report satisfactory. D.V. had not visited and Lyceums, but would visit Pemberton the following day. An Invitation was accepted from Runcorn Lyceum for February, 1922. The following motion was passed: "That each Lyceum shall contribute one half-penny per member under 12 years of age, one penny per member over 12 years of age, per month, to the funds of the Council. The number of members for any year shall be same as annual return to B.S.L.U. Secretary to write to all Lyceums asking them to place the ages of all members on the register." Sunday Services were conducted by Messrs. Mack and Thompson. Emily Clitheroe, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

At St. Bride's Institute, Ludgate Circus, the above Council held a delightful and successful Social and Dance on Monday, May 2nd.

Our sincere thanks are due to Mdlle. Lea Vandanbusche (Violin), Mr. Drinkwater (Piano), and Mr. Hall (Banjo), for the very efficient band.

Songs were beautifully rendered by Miss Evelyn Clarke, Mrs. David Gow, and Mr. Henry Darcy. Recitations by Mr. C. F. Knight, and everyone was charmed by the clever dancing and singing of little Olive Gagg and Gladys Vandanbusche.

Our President (Mrs. M. Gordon) ably acted as Musical Conductor and Mr. T. Pitman, M.C.—(Mrs.) K. M. Barnard, Social Secretary, L.L.D.C.

D.V. REPORTS.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

Sunday, May 1st, I was given the pleasant opportunity of attending a typical Open Session, consisting of eight Lyceums. Gladstone Hall, Mechanics, Progressive, Hawarden, Beaconsfield Street, Ilkeston, Mansfield, and Sutton in Ashfield. The Session was very bright with a good programme of songs, solos, recitations, pearls, and responses were good, which made me feel very proud of our District. Soloists were K. Vardy, P. Lovegrove; duetists, H. Collins, E. Walker. Recitations, Ruby Whiteman, Mary Hayes: Marching and calisthenics were well conducted by Mrs. Bentley, who afterwards addressed the gathering and complimented Nottingham Lyceumists for efficiency. We were very disappointed not to have the presence of our friend, Miss Hesp, for we had been looking forward with pleasure to her visit here. We also thank the Management Committee for their kind thoughts sent through Mrs. Bentley to us, which brought our Session to a close. The collection amounted to £2 12s., thus showing unity is strength.—C. Swadden, D.V.

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THE NEXT BEST STEP.

The 1921 B.S.L.U. Conference is over. One of our Past Presidents, Mr. J. J. Morse, used to call it the Children's Parliament. Many others have said in the past that we seldom touched the child. These people only saw the surface of what was happening. The Conference just closed has made some great steps towards unity and progress. Those who can realise the signs of the times find that at least we are feeling gratitude, as Lyceumists, to those Churches who have, for a few generations, given free use of their buildings for the education of Lyceumists. Instead of contributing 10s. to the Union of Churches, we are sending nearly £12.

The parent body invite us to their deliberations. We appreciate the invitation, and trust that all adult Lyceumists will follow the spirit and motive of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. and join the membership of their respective churches. There have been a number of differences of opinion during the last twelve months which would have been avoided if there had been closer local ties. We do not desire the movement to grow by splits. There is a moral difference between a split and an offshoot from a mother church.

The new Legal Committee will also denote a closeness and confidence which is necessary in legal as well as educational methods, if we are to face successfully the coming lasso of Ecclesiastical and Dogmatic Christianity which is whirling our way to envelop mediumship in its circle and control. If the arms of Spiritualism are bound by a rope, no matter what that rope is called, Spiritualism cannot be free. Let the truth be plainly told. Orthodox and Nonconformist Christianity kicked Spiritualism out of the Church and now invites Spiritualism back again to save their existence. Christians have much to forget and more to learn before we can agree on common religious principles.

Until that day dawns we are best apart, but there is nothing to stop the leaders of each side conferring in the search for truth, except prejudice. The temple of the Holy Spirit on earth has its highest expression in the human form.

The Education Scheme is showing splendid success and the utility of the Guild is a ready means of cementing the students together. Lyceumists are proudly displaying their ribbons at various functions. The S.N.U. will have more students for their diplomas bye and bye.

For Lyceumists over ten years of age, so far so good: but what about the children before that age. Here we find the next best step to progress.

There is nothing on earth so interesting as a child and nothing so precocious. The growing activity of mind and body will extend and expand his energies. Unless we guide the direction of a child's thoughts, he will constantly be found in mischief, unless he is asleep. Mischief is energy misapplied,

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and the responsibility for much misconduct of boys and girls rests with the parents, who have grown up and forgotten the dreadful days when they had to sit still; be quiet; wipe your feet; why did you do that; you're breaking your mother's heart," etc.

Lyceumists must try to keep the mother's heart whole by finding an opportunity for expression and activity which will satisfy the child and also develop his faculties. Although the Lyceum has possession of the child for only a few hours each week, a splendid influence can be obtained over the welfare of a child.

The need for help is having the immediate consideration of the present Education Committee. With any scheme for young people more depends on the teacher than with the older groups. The tenderness, simplicity, visions and fancies that are necessary qualifications do not imply that a leader must have great knowledge, but must certainly have a love of children and a vivid imagination. Until definite plans are made, leaders may profitably tell the children under their care about animals and where they live; family life in different parts of the world; all about dolls and who makes them.

There are many books to be bought, with splendid illustrations, very suitable for young classes. Nature is dealt with in many ways.

The next best step is to provide Lyceumists under ten years with a desire for loving companions and nice things, building on the things which blend, like the petals of a flower or the limbs of a dog: and gradually coming to the pleasure of agreeable playmates.

One of the happiest sights in the world is witnessed when we see children in the land of make believe. The adult is fortunate if he is allowed to enter into their company, and we must enter therein to lead the children to truth and love.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Question:—What is the solution of G.C.R. 109, par. 7, which reads: "Thou shalt not hold thyself bound to love or associate with those who are distasteful or repulsive to thee?"

Answer:—The *Manual* does not finish with the above injunction, as the sentence is qualified by a conjunction and a further statement:—"But thou shalt be held bound to treat such objects of dislike with gentleness, courtesy and justice," etc.

The above method denotes a definite relation and duty to one's enemies, or those people who do not think as we do. To say we must "Love our enemies" is a bald statement, whereas the *Manual* points out the method of conduct capable of bringing love between us and eliminating the enmity, by which we can all become better beings.

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Fellow Lyceumists.

It is a surprising fact that one of the smallest counties in the country should lead as regards individual Lyceums, viz., Runcorn, Cheshire.

“ENGLAND ARISE.”

The above is a poor result for twelve months' working, yet according to "Banner" reports many Lyceums have had Socials, Fancy Dress Carnivals, etc., but nothing has been received by the Treasurer or myself as to the result of these. Will all Lyceums who are really in earnest and intend raising their minimum of £10 just send along their guarantee. These will then be published, and I feel sure will be an incentive to many other Lyceums who are "Waiting on the other side."

J. BELL, Hon. Sec. £2,000 Effort.

BY THE WAY.

Through the present national industrial troubles the Editor regrets the withdrawing of the Lyceum and other Reports from publication. The power has been withdrawn from the printing machines and the paper has been largely produced by hand.

Fortunately a large portion of the Banner had gone to press, which enables this issue to be published. We earnestly hope the gas supply will be resumed before next issue, and the nation's coal troubles may be ended by an amicable settlement.

The M. C. meet prior to the Conference to complete arrangements and details.

After the Conference, there was a brief leave-taking and welcome of old and new members of the M.C., when those interested spoke a few words appropriate to the occasion.

An Education Meeting took place after the Evening Meeting and thus ended a full day's work for the B.S.L.U.

The Catering arrangements were pleasing to all and the entertaining by billets was overcome.

Great difficulties faced the District Council in many ways and it redounds to their great credit that all passed so smoothly.

The Nelson Spiritualists were refused the opportunity of walking with the other Sunday Schools, so they processed before the others started. 300 marched through the streets and about 40 Delegates were present.

The Nelson people threw open the Lyceum to the Delegates and provided all with lunch, sacrificed part of a holiday and earned the hearty thanks of those who attended.

If the lady who took photos of the procession, will kindly send her address to Mrs. Pearson, 107, Sackville Street, Brierfield, Lane., or send some prints with the cost of same, the Nelson people will be pleased to refund any out-of-pocket expenses incurred.

PHRENOLOGY PRACTICALLY EXPLAINED.

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

FRIENDSHIP.

The essential qualities of true friendship are constancy and fidelity, an amiable, kind, generous-minded and good-hearted disposition; without these mental attributes there is little in friendship that is of value or worthy of reciprocation. To be true and lasting, friendship should be based on the higher sentiments, and be held sacredly as an inestimable personal treasure. Real fidelity may be rare, but it exists in those who possess large Friendship and the higher spiritual and moral sentiments. Its function is to give companionable attachment, sociability, love of company and Society, a ready aptitude for making friends and a liking to entertain company.

It is good to have the companionship of kindred minds. We cannot work and live alone successfully; we need the assistance, help, influence and encouragement of our fellow beings. The hermit who secludes himself away from the world, shutting out every social influence, materially curtails his happiness and enjoyment of life.

Friendship is essential to success in almost all kinds of business: it secures customers for the merchant, clients for the lawyer, patients for the physician, patrons for the teacher, hearers for the preacher, work for the mechanic, markets for the farmer, votes for the politician. We are all inter-dependent upon one another, and should be appreciative of the good things bestowed upon us, and which accrue from the intelligence, energies, abilities and enterprise of our fellows. We can ill afford to be unfriendly towards even the lowliest amongst us, since we never know when we may need services which possibly they alone can perform for us.

Friendship, when fully developed in the character, besides giving attachment to individuals, creates a warm and affectionate disposition, interchange of thought, feeling and sentiment. This faculty is also the basis for the formation of all societies, and without it there would be a curtailment in the distribution and use of most things which are essential to men's needs. Minus this quality there would be no incentive to the establishment of communities and the many different societies and brotherhoods which band human beings together in the formation of causes productive of common good. Nations are constantly at war because of a lack of understanding of each other's aims, ambitions and desires. If friendship with other nations was more largely encouraged, wars would cease, and seeing that individuals as well as nations are so personally obligated and inter-dependent one upon the other, it is of the greatest importance that the sentiment of friendship should be extended and developed by all who have their nation's true welfare at heart. Its cultivation is effected by associating freely with those around us, going into society, travelling in other countries, making oneself as sociable and companionable as possible, interesting oneself on others' welfare, and not being too exclusive or fastidious in regard to our associations, and keeping the mind open to all social influences.

The faculty of friendship, however, should not be abused. Many young people, careless in this respect, and being too trustful and indifferent regarding the associations they form, may allow themselves to be unduly influenced by their companions. It is well to select friends who have high morals aims and purposes, who possess refinement, intelligence, moral dignity, integrity of character, and superiority of mind. Valuable and necessary as friendship is, cautiousness and prudence is required in choosing friends and acquaintances. Young persons, not bad in themselves, but weak, have been lured to ruin and disgrace through their association with worthless and bad companions.

The organ of Friendship is located on each side of Inhabiteness, and a little higher than Philoprogenitiveness.

THE BOY.

I wouldn't be a single thing on earth
 Except a boy:
 And it's just an accident of birth
 That I'm a boy:
 And goodness gracious! When I stop and think
 That once I trembled on the very brink
 Of making my appearance here a girl
 It fairly makes my ears and eyebrows curl—
 But I'm a boy.

W. H. PIERCE.

The Education Scheme.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS, 1921-22.

Conference re-elected the same members to form the Education Committee, that they might continue the work begun and carry out the plans for the new session, formulated as a result of the past year's experiences. Similarly, at the Education Meeting held immediately after the Conference, the Committee re-elected the same officers to carry out the work in hand, and in view. Therefore the names given in the May issue still hold good.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

As stated at Conference, the lists of successes in the March examinations were too long to be posted up at Conference, and had consequently been issued in pamphlet form.

These pamphlets give full lists for each Grade, and each Lyceum, and also useful summaries, and other relevant matters. **ON SALE.**

Copies can be had at 10d. each, post free; and Lyceums will find them a useful form of reference, and a splendid record. If your Lyceumists took the examinations, you should possess a copy; if they did not, get one to show them what other Lyceumists have done, and what they can do!

CERTIFICATES.

So huge would have been the parcels of certificates sent on to Conference for distribution to the delegates, and so cumbersome would they have been to be carried to and fro by the delegates, that it was finally decided to despatch the parcels *by post* direct to the respective Lyceums. This ensured a safe and speedy delivery.

POSTAGE ON CERTIFICATES.

Many Lyceums had already sent on the shilling postage for the parcels, and many others have since refunded it. The Committee thanks them all for helping so splendidly to defray the heavy cost of postage. Other Lyceums have also promised to send on the amount.

MARKED PAPERS.

Each candidate received, along with other enclosures, his (or her) marked examination paper. A study of which questions scored fewest, or no, marks should show each one to what to give extra attention next time.

1922 EXAMINATIONS.

The next examinations are fixed for 19th February, 1922. We urge all candidates to begin their studies at an early date, and to allow time for thoroughness of study, for assimilation of the knowledge, and for revision of the work before the examinations.

HONOURS WITH DISTINCTION.

By request, we give the following information concerning the ages of candidates obtaining Honours with distinction:—

IN GRADES II., III., AND IV., the ages were 18, 21, 23 and 38 years.

IN GRADE I. the ages of those obtaining 100 marks were:—12; 15 to 18; 20 and 21; 34; and 39; and, of those winning from 90 to 99 marks—11 to 17; 21 to 27; 29 to 31; 33; 35 to 40; 42, 50 and 51.

Thus it will be seen that students of practically all ages succeeded in obtaining the highest class. Congratulations to each one; and best wishes for similar success in their next Grade.

A CORRECTION.

In the pamphlet, in Grade II. list (pages 6 and 7), Miss Scoggin's name (of Brighton) should appear in the First Class, with Honours, section (85 marks), and not as Second Class, with 65. We offer our apologies, and regret the error.

FOR GRADE V. STUDENTS; AND FOR INVESTIGATORS.

The long-promised Handbook (No. 3) for Grade V. is at last in the hands of the printer, and we hope to be able to announce its issue at a very early date. Its price will be 9d., and its value greater than that of many half-crown books—both to student, investigator, and thoughtful Spiritualist.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The Committee offers its hearty congratulations to each successful candidate, and hopes that each will enter again next

time, either to do better in the same Grade, or to pass in the next Grade; also that each one will urge, and help, the other eligible Lyceumists to enter the scheme and earn the right to the title "Progressive."

IN LATER ISSUES.

We hope to give in later issues articles helpful to tutors and students; hints and suggestions on what to do and how to do it; advice from tutors to tutors; suggestions and comments by the examiners; expositions of difficult sections of the Syllabus, etc. Students who use their BANNER will find these articles suggestive and helpful.

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(v) *No 3 Handbook (for Grade V.)*—Ready shortly. See later announcement.

For further information about the Education Scheme, or for the literature, apply to the Education Secretary, (Miss M. E. Kitson, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorks.

MRS. M. E. PICKLES

[of Blackpool],

President, British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

From Photo Delineated by PROF. THOS. TIMSON, F.B.P.S.
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Physiology, &c.

This represents a lady of a marked Temperament or constitution, not so highly developed in the fleshy, muscular and physical, as she is in the fullness of her 'Brain' growth and the general 'Nervous System.'

She is organised on a fairly 'high grade' and the 'Organic Quality' is of a good tension, she is very much alive, energetic, responsive and quick to adapt and avail herself of opportunities and environments for progress.

The base line of her brain is very full, hence, herein lies her remarkable energy, executive and propelling spirit and love of work, or in other words, a desire to be serving in some useful progressive sphere, in fact she would be a miserable person if not actively engaged in some useful and progressive vocation, as her energies are controlled and directed by the aspirations of her sentiments, emotions, and ideals; she therefore works with purpose well defined and in accordance with her physical and mental mechanism or organisation.

She has a rich store house of the 'Domestic Organs,' her love of the young is particularly marked and her 'Intellectual Organs,' will act in collaboration with the former to educate, uplift and inspire to self culture personal improvement of the young. She is very 'Intuitive' and can quickly discern the natural inclinations, motives and dispositions of those around her, and can quickly adapt herself to a great variety of persons.

She is a quick and close observer of persons and of material objects, their qualities and properties, she has a good full brain throughout, Domestic, Social, Moral and Intellectual, as a speaker she should be a power in her sphere, and will, certainly (all things being equal) develop much more fully in public capacities, I compare her photo with those of many of our old pioneers whom I have personally examined during the past 40 years in the *Cause*, from Emma Hardinge Brittain down to many of the present day, and considering their histories, biographies, &c., and infer her possibilities under advanced conditions and the balance of her phrenological endowment is a good credit for her future advancement.

THE BRITISH HIRUNDINES.

(The Swallow Family).

By JAMES KNIGHT.

My Dear Bannerites.

Perhaps one of the greatest mysteries surrounding bird life, and awaking, even in the most unthinking, some sense of wonder, is the way in which some of the smallest and most delicate birds cross enormous stretches of land and water twice a year. This mystery of *Migration* has been especially typified in many, if not in all countries in the Eastern Hemisphere, for thousands of years, by the Swallow family. I hope you have a good map of the Eastern Hemisphere. If you have one, find 70 degrees north latitude, then on your right draw a line south and slightly east to the south of India, or on your left, south and slightly west through France and Spain, across the Mediterranean to Morocco, and Algiers, on still south to the Cape of Good Hope. Then just think how many miles the swallows cover twice in from four to eight months. But I hear some of you say, "They don't all go so far north, or so far south." You are right. Large numbers have their nesting places on the European coasts of the Mediterranean Sea; and do not go farther north, but it is probable these are those which find their way to the Cape, and those from the far north complete their southward journey on the northern coasts of Africa. I have been asked "Are you sure they are the same birds that come back, year after year, to the same nesting place?" I can't say in every case. But many observers have marked, or placed rings on the legs of young ones that have come back many years.

When I was about six or seven years of age, we lived—mother and I—in a house whose back garden gate opened to the large garden of the vicarage. The Vicar and his gardener, almost every day, found me some little job to do. After a time, both vied in giving me lessons; the gardener in plant life, and the Vicar in his favourite hobby, bird life. Three members of the swallow family found nesting places at the Vicarage; and at a little distance there was a stone quarry, out of which the Church School and Vicarage had been built. It found homes for four or five pairs of Sand Martins; so I had good opportunities to observe their every action. In the spring when the birds had rested and began to overhaul their nesting places, the Vicar would come out book in hand: then get me to mount a ladder and bring down both birds which had small metal rings on their legs; one pair had returned fifteen times, another pair twelve. And all of them several times. He kept a record of each pair; when they arrived: the weather conditions, number of eggs, number of young in each brood, and the number of broods; the date and weather conditions of their departure. So I consider this good evidence that all come back; *they can do so*, and also find their nesting places satisfactorily; sometimes one would be missing and a stranger would be introduced.

THE SWALLOW.

This beautiful bird loves to fix its nest somewhere on or near the residence of friendly man or woman. It chooses all kinds of places; inside and outside the chimney—owing to this, in some parts it is called the Chimney Swallow. It does not seem a bit troubled by the heat, or smoke ascending from the fire below. It also builds in barns against rafters, in outhouses, cart sheds, in porches, gateways, in galleries of old buildings, or of quarries; anywhere where it can fix its cup-like nest. I found one fixed into the lettering of a milestone in a road that had ceased to be used.

The Swallow is the first of the family to arrive in the British Isles. By the end of March a few may be seen about our southern lakes and millponds, and then following the river courses, they move, in ever increasing numbers, northwards, until they arrive at the previous years' nesting place. Their *early* appearance is eagerly looked for by all interested in plant life, for they know that wintry weather is giving place to budding spring. The children of more than a thousand years ago, used to call out, on seeing the first swallow, "The messenger of summer has arrived," and if it arrived early, they would add, "The harvest will be great."

Early in May, they see to the construction of their nest, which differs somewhat from that of the House Martin, as it is much like a deep breakfast cup, or the half of a cocoanut in shape, with an open top: but in other respects it is made up of similar materials as that of the Martin. The eggs, generally five or six in number, are white in colour, dotted or blotched with reddish-brown. The first brood are hatched early in June. The second brood about the middle of July. What I have said about the House Martin and their young applies to the Swallow.

From its first appearance to its departure, the Swallow is a most instructive pattern of unwearied industry and affection; for, from morning to night, while there is a family to be supported, the parents spend the whole day in skimming close to the surface of land or water, producing the most sudden turns and quick evolutions. Avenues and long walks under hedges, and pasture fields, and mown meadows where cattle graze are their delight, especially if there are trees interspersed; because in such places insects most abound. You must not forget that this family *must have Insects for food*, and they seem to know what to expect when they arrive at their resting place. I believe their coming depends more on food supply than on weather conditions. Take this year as an example. We had a lovely April, plenty of sunshine, but the nights were cold and very destructive to insect life, and not until the 30th, the last day of April, did I see a pair of swallows. To-day the 5th of May I saw nearly twenty, but even now I fear their food supply will, for some days, be scanty.

Many interesting stories about the Swallow could be told, but I have trespassed on our Editor's space far more than at first I intended, so, thanking him for his kindness, I must for the present conclude, hoping you will all evolve a great love for man's great friend, the Swallow.

Our Lyceum Guild.

Leader: MARY E. KITSON, B.A.

OUR MOTTO:—

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

AT CONFERENCE.

The Guild has "arrived." Conference accepted and adopted the Guild Report, thus acknowledging the existence and standing of the Guild as a factor in Lyceum work.

PROMOTIONS.

As a result of the examinations, many of our members are entitled to promotion. Applications for the new badges earned are coming in by every post, and we are proud indeed of the work done by Guild members.

Please do *not* return the old badges. Keep them as evidences of progress made; and do not rest satisfied until you have won your white badge, with 4 gold bands.

SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS.

Several enquiries have reached us lately asking if the shilling fee is an *annual* one. It is not; it is merely an entrance fee. Many of our younger Lyceumists would be debarred from entering the Guild if a yearly fee was required; but as the Guild needs funds, donations are always welcome.

We here offer our sincere and appreciative thanks to the several members who recently have given so generously and willingly to the funds, to help us to get our Supplement, etc.

TO ALL MEMBERS.

Please read, and study, this month's Education Article. The Guild hopes for, and wishes the same things concerning the next examinations, and trusts that every member who is not a freeman, will take up the work and, year by year, exchange badge for badge until the white one is obtained.

We are proud to say that all the writers of the articles in the new Handbook are Guild Freemen.

RESULTS OF ESSAY-COMPETITION.

Nine essays were sent in, and have been judged by Mr. Geo. Berry (President of S.N.U.), whom we thank most sincerely for his willing help.

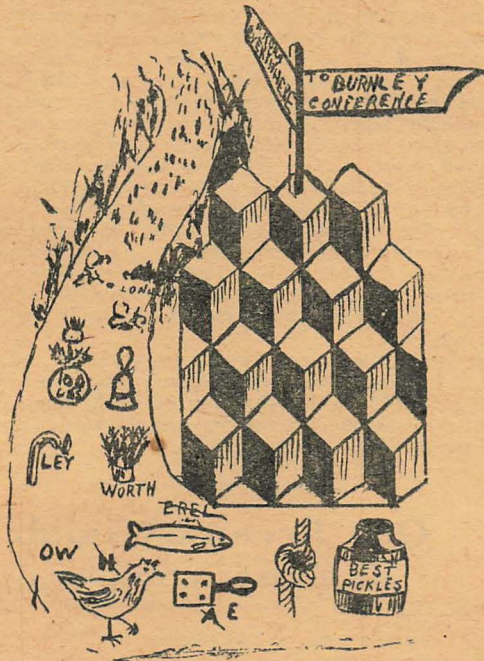
Winners of stars (scoring at least 85%) are:—(i) Miss A. Scoggins, Brighton; (ii) Mr. H. J. Everett, Brighton; (iii) Miss Annie Crossley, Burnley; (iv) Mr. S. Marshall, Chester-le-Street. We congratulate these four on their success and hope to publish their essays in due course.

IN LATER ISSUES.

Conference reports this month demand much space; and so we defer until later issues some of our usual features, e.g., our two Nature articles; reports of Guild Classes; and list of Lyceums with members.

For *Information* about the Guild, and for its Literature, apply to the Leader, at 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorks.

The Monthly Puzzle.



They wander on along the way,
And never seem to mind:
So look and see, as clear as day,
Some well-known names you'll find.

When you have found the names of those
To Conferences well known,
Just look above and count the cubes,
And tell the number shown.

FOR THE BAIRNS.

"THE SONG OF A BIRD, OR THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS."

Now my dear little children I am going to tell you a story. Once upon a time, as all good story books say, there lived in a forest a Black Prince. He was so different from other people that none could understand him. He used to walk alone and told none where he was going. As soon as he got quite clear of his Palace, he used to go into the forest to brood over his troubles. "A Prince have trouble," you would say, "why look what a grand house he has and the money he possesses, and all the good things of life that he can procure with that money. Then he has servants to do his bidding, he has horses to carry him and carriages to ride in, and then there are all the fine things he can wear, and all the great people that he goes to visit, and who visit him and who bring him presents. There is certainly nothing that any reasonable man can have that he has not. What trouble then can be his?" Well, he went into the forest to brood over troubles. Then he got into the way of telling these troubles to a little bird that used to come and sing to him every day when he went to a certain place. The worst of all his troubles he could tell to no one. It was that the greatest desire of his heart had never been realised. He had married a beautiful lady who was the admiration of all who saw her, and his love for her was very great. His dreams of love were rudely shaken when he found that all this beauty was outward only and that her heart was cold and unloving. Dress and stylish company were all she lived for. She never desired to have any dear little children of her own, and this was the great trouble that was always uppermost in the Prince's mind. One day he told his dear little bird friend this great sorrow, and the little bird just flew away to another tree and came back again with a tiny little bird in its beak, one of her own, and dropped it just at his feet. His surprise was great, and on looking up he saw he was not alone. His beautiful wife was there hidden behind a tree, and she must have heard his story and seen his little comforter. "It is too late now to go back" said he to her, "so suppose you sit here for a while and rest." She did so, and

they heard such a beautiful song from that little bird to its own little one that her heart was touched. "It must be that I have never known the depth of love that is capable of bringing forth such a sweet song out of the throat of the little bird," she said. "Suppose we follow its example, and as we have no little one to sing to, let us find a baby who has no one to care for it. If it has no mother's love, then it will be satisfied with such love as I can give it." The Prince was delighted. He thought all his troubles would soon be over if he only had a little one to care for. He went out in search of any little homeless one that nobody wanted whom he could adopt and care for. His surprise was very great when he learned that within a very short distance of his palace, there were nearly thirty little ones without anyone to care whether they lived or died. He talked the matter over with his wife. "My dear," he said, "how can we choose which we want. If I adopt one all the rest will still be helpless. If you would not object I should like to provide for them all, which we are quite able to do."

"Please yourself," his wife replied, "only let them be given rooms where I shall not hear them too often."

From that time the life of the Prince began to be real. He made provision for the plan to be carried out. He sent out for suitable nurses and teachers, and before long had such a number of visits to make each day that he had no time to brood and become despondent. When he went into the forest he had such a company with him that even his little bird friend was frightened on account of the noise they made. He certainly was a happier man, and his wife was touched with the helplessness of all those little ones. She said "Why should we trouble about not having any of our own. Surely we have our share if we adopt every little one that has no one to care for it." There is now no more loved and respected couple in the land than our dear Prince and his Princess, for everyone sees the good they are doing and gives them the love and respect which they never thought of giving before. It is only by using that which God has bestowed upon us that we find the road to happiness, be it wealth, or any other of the many gifts that can be used to help to uplift another soul, even though it be but the soul of a baby.

AUNTIE.

A RAMBLE

The Outing was all arranged. Everybody had to do something. The boys and girls started off in high glee. The town was soon left behind. Walking through the fields, up and down the winding path at last brought the Lyceumists to the farm. The gardens and woods showed signs of summer. Rings of Roses, Skipping, Rounders, Swings and a See-saw formed the enjoyment before tea. At tea, everybody was happy. Then a visit to the chickens, ducks, piggeries and shippin was made. A walk in the woods led to a sheltered nook. The leader of the Picnic then said "We'll have a little meeting and arrange our Outings for the Summer. This is one of the ways spirit children are educated, so every time we meet in the woods we will have a little talk after tea, like this, then a little more play and walk back and return to our homes." The leader pulled the twig of a tree towards her and began to describe how the leaves had been shut up in a bud at the end of the twig all the winter, waiting for the warmth of the spring sun to burst open the scales which covered the baby leaves. The Lyceumists got up and without disturbing the twigs from the tree found for themselves some buds unopened, others just bursting and some fully displayed, but tiny. The children were promised a further look at them when they became larger and fully grown, up to the summer and the birth of the blossom flowers and fruit. That is how spirit children are learned about nature. The leader told them that also the little spirits also are taken to visit the homes. Some children are able to see the young spirits and so we understand the beginning of fairies and fairy-tales.

The children felt how nice it was to have a grown-up leader who could feel as they felt. They didn't say thank you for bringing us here, to the leader, but when they had had a little more play and started for home, the boys and girls commenced to sing some Lyceum songs and the leader knew that in their own way they were very pleased and thanking her in the best way they knew how.

Many grown men and women passed them by and smiled at the contented youngsters. These people lived in a grown-up world, but the leader understood the children and had made them happy. When the edge of the town was reached, they all jumped on a tram-car and went to the centre of the town. They then gathered into little groups and went home. The happiest girl that night was the leader. She related to her mother the simple events of the day. One soul had made twelve children

happy. Not one of them missed the Lyceum on the following Sunday. And so the tale runs on for ever and ever. Some of the children are grown men and women but they have never forgotten the little nature lessons or the leader who was like one of themselves. Some of them have children of their own now and they have made better mothers than they would have done, as the result. Time rolls on and the old leader has a feeling of contentment and peace, because there is carried to her by the spirit of past events the radiant thoughts of the children who loved her in their youth. Added to the nature lessons were endearing thoughts of little things learned and done in the Lyceum. Of such things as these has been the life of a modest simple maid, who made no special mark, but she has left a permeating sense of service and social duty in the minds of those who came under her care. From each, according to their powers, is all that God or nature will demand.

A. B.

Spiritualist Conference.

DELEGATES ASSEMBLE AT BURNLEY.

CHILDREN AS CLAIRVOYANTS.

The 32nd conference of the British Spiritualist Lyceum Union was held on Saturday and Sunday at the Co-operative Hall, Hammerton Street, Burnley. The proceedings commenced on Saturday, when 140 delegates assembled from towns all over the country. The number of delegates would have been greater but for the restricted train service.

The chair was occupied by Mrs. M. E. Pickles, of Blackpool, president of the union, supported, amongst others, by Mr. G. F. Knott, of Rochdale (general secretary). The Spiritualist National Union were also represented. An interesting welcome to the delegates was given by the children of the local lyceums, including Hammerton Street and North Street, Burnley, and the Nelson Lyceum. Mrs. Pickles, the president, was presented by them with a bouquet.

The conference discussed the best method of training children in Spiritualist Lyceums, and many interesting ideas were advocated by delegates at the three sittings held on Saturday evening and during Sunday.

On Sunday evening there was a large public gathering in the nature of a "propaganda meeting," at which Mrs. Pickles presided, and explained the objects of the conference which had taken place. She said the men and women on the platform were representative of different districts in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. They were carrying on the work of Spiritualism without remuneration, and following the footsteps of those who had established the movement of modern Spiritualism.

Mr. G. F. Knott, the general secretary, said Spiritualism was a religion, and the Lyceum movement was the Sunday school part of it. They had found definite and reliable evidence that Spiritualism was true. In answer to those who asked "Is life worth living?" they said "You cannot destroy it." There was a perpetual existence after what was called death, which was only a transition. This religion gave them a greater outlook on life. There was no scientist in England who had given any serious amount of study and research to this question, but had recognised that there had been an unweaving of faculties, with corresponding powers, which he was not previously aware of. The fact of there being a modern Spiritualist movement implied that for a long period there had been a lack of spirituality. There was an ancient Spiritualism. All along there had been spirit phenomena, but a lack of spiritual discernment had prevented them from comprehending that phenomena, due to the ignorance of the people and the lack of the proper education of the children. Modern Spiritualism was simply a new interpretation of an old revelation. They were all affected by spirit conditions, and it de-

pendent upon themselves how far they allowed those conditions to affect them. The Lyceum system of teaching, they claimed, was better than any other system. They taught children to think for themselves. They taught them the simple lessons of love and obedience to parents, and taught parents to be an example to their children. They aimed at bringing the child and the parents nearer together. They aimed at teaching children acts of service and kindness, and developing their natural faculties. They did not shrink from teaching children the laws of nature, including the laws of their own bodies and minds.

Miss Hesp, of Leeds, who was announced as a former president and vice-president, and one who had done a great deal of work in connection with the Education Committee, gave an interesting address, in which she referred to the possibility of children being clairvoyant and clairaudient, and said by ignorant parents such children are sometimes looked upon as "queer" and "abnormal." The Spiritualist could often relieve the mind of the parents as to the nature of supposed "delusions" of "abnormal" children, and she gave a striking instance from her own experience of the genuine clairvoyance of a child that was supposed by its parents to be abnormal.—From the *Burnley Express*.

Mr. Owen spoke of the ignorance of the world and the use of revelation. He dealt with the encouragement of ideals and the opening of the avenues of expression.

Mr. Membrey, of Birmingham, made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence.

Songs were gracefully rendered by Mr. Reuben Pearson, of Nelson, and Miss G. Hopper, of Blackburn, Miss Dean, of Burnley, was the accompanist throughout the whole of the Conference.

LETTER BOX.

"A Manual for every Lyceumist."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In view of intended issue of a Revised Manual I offer the following suggestion to Lyceums:—

Suggestion.

"In every Lyceum a 'Book Club' should be formed": by subscribing one halfpenny per week every member would, by time of issue, have sufficient cash to pay for his or her own copy.

Methods of making payments.

Group Leaders could have a list of their own scholars who joined—collect dues each week, keep record of payments and hand same with cash to Book Club Secretary—or each member could have a card bearing their *name* and *number* on Club Membership Roll. This card would be stamped with dating stamp as each payment was made. Record of payment would be kept by putting membership No. on a list when stamping card—and enter later, in a Lyceum Register (kept for purpose), halfpenny against name under date showing payment made. If after absence scholar paid arrears, stamp card for each halfpenny, and enter on list No. as many lines and in register 1d. 1½d. or 2d. &c., under same date. Subscriptions to be paid before or after Session.

This scheme presents fine opportunity for some Guild Member to "get busy" as Secretary. Members leaving would have payments refunded. Those requiring Officers Edition would subscribe 1d. per week.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WM. FORD.

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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.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—Maude, beloved daughter of Hugh Harry and Alice Worthington, 116, Bury Old Road, Bolton, passed to the higher life 6th May, 1921. Interred Tonge Cemetery, 10th May, 1921. Mr. H. T. Batten, of Bury, conducted the services.—T. Worthington.

EASINGTON LANE.—Annie, beloved daughter of Thomas and Mary H. Kellet, of 172, Brickgarth, Easington Lane, Durham, passed to the Higher Life on May 20th, aged 9 years.—E. Reay, Sec.

TODMORDEN, Roomfield Buildings.—In memory of Jack Howarth, aged 15 years. Killed at Todmorden in a 'Bus explosion. One of our brightest boys. A Spiritualist Funeral was held and a service at the Church in his memory.—W. H. Dawson.

WALLSEND.—Geo. Robt. Reid, passed to the higher life on the 15th May, 1921. With respects from his Lyceum.

District Council Reports.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

The above Council held their Quarterly Meeting at Macclesfield, on Saturday, May 7th, 1921. Mr. Dransfield presided. Six Lyceums were represented; 30 Delegates and Associate Members being present.

Stalybridge accepted as Members of the Council. The following made Associate Member: Mrs. Challinor (Macclesfield).

Secretary to write Mossley and Baker Street (Stockport) Lyceums urging them to reconsider their decisions re their resignations. Deputation appointed at last Council Meeting to visit the above Lyceums at the earliest possible date. It was also decided to annex Mrs. Ennion, Mr. Dean, Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Spencer to the above deputation.

Minutes of last Meeting were read and accepted. Correspondence passed as read. President gave brief but edifying address.

Reports: Delegate to U.D.C. gave a very pleasing report which was accepted. Secretary's report accepted. District Visitor reported having visited Stalybridge, Lord Street (Stockport) and Baker Street (Stockport). The former and latter being in great need of assistance, it was decided that all Lyceums in the Council should render same as early as possible.

Secretary reported having called an intermediate meeting to complete arrangements of Annual Outing at which it was decided to visit Marple to fix up accommodation, but as this could not be done, due to the people at Marple, a motion was passed that the sub-committee meet again at earliest opportunity to fix everything up, and Secretary make known to all Lyceums in Council, date, place and full particulars.

Mr. Bell made an appeal to every representative to urge their Lyceums to raise their quota to the £2,000 effort.

Instructions to delegates attending B.S.L.U. Conference covered quite three quarters of an hour.

Open Council: Motion passed that Lyceums should obtain copies of Internal Educational Scheme and come prepared to discuss same to full extent at next Council Meeting.

Mrs. Challinor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Spencer, that delegate inquire at Conference what benefits Lyceums obtain by investing £10 in the £2,000 effort.

Next Council Meeting to take place on Saturday, 6th August, 1921, at Stalybridge. Should Stalybridge Lyceum lapse in the meantime, Council will meet at Stockport Central Lyceum (Lord Street).

President conveyed a vote of thanks to local friends for excellent tea and accommodation.

Collection realised 6/3.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above named Council was held in Radcliffe Spiritualist Church on Saturday, May 7th. Mr. Walsh presided over a goodly number of Delegates and Associates, and declared the meeting open for business. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted, correspondence read and accepted. Secretary's report, Treasurer's report and D.V. report were all accepted, along with the Delegate's report from the U.L.D.C., as very satisfactory.

Mr. Walsh (President) delivered his address and urged all present to take an active part in the forthcoming Demonstration which will be held at Bury, on Saturday, June 11th, 2-30. Vote of thanks was passed to the local friends for their kind welcome and splendid catering.

ERNEST WOODWARD, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.

Notice of Council Meeting.

The above Council will hold the usual Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, June 18th, 1921, at Preston, Lancaster Road Lyceum, Commence at 3-30 p.m.

A full representation is desired of all Lyceums and Associates, as business is very important.

Tea will be provided by our Preston friends at a normal charge. Associate Fees are now due.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

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

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—On May 1st we held our Monthly Open Session. Mr. H. Barnes conducted, and there was a very good attendance. Solos were given by Mrs. Babbs, Miss E. Dixon, Mrs. Bilsbrough and Miss Long. Recitations by Mr. Barnes, Miss Tordoff and Miss Stephenson. A few pearls were also given. The visitors present were highly pleased with the conduct and order.—J. Babbs, Sec.

MOSS SIDE, Raby Street.—On May 8th this Lyceum held its Open Services. At 2-30 the usual Session was conducted admirably by Miss Harrison; readings, marching, calisthenics, recitations and songs were finely executed and complimentary remarks were given by many visitors. At 6-30, Mr. Gilbert produced the full play of "Dante and Beatrice" (by Miss Underdown) in honour of the Dante Sexcentenary Celebrations. The play, with all properties (by Mr. H. Kelsall) and curtains, all except the dresses, was very finely acted by the usual players, "Dante" being acted by Douglas Burgess and "Beatrice" by Mabel Baker. Of the others, Gertrude Hyland as "Primavera" was very fine, and Bertie Bell, Florence Foster, Lillian Moulson, Doris Wilde, Florence Bell, Rita Broley, Florrie Jones, Roy Morgan, George Griffiths, and Arthur Moulson took their various characters admirably. Played to an audience of over 200 it was a great success. Miss Peggy Davies received much applause for her song, and Master Cyril Donkin played the incidental music. Some members of the Manchester Dante Society were present who have since expressed their pleasure at having witnessed same.

The trip to Alderley Edge on Whit-Monday was postponed to a later date owing to the present general labour troubles. We hope to give the children their usual outing when the times are more settled.—Mabel E. Baker, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—The Southern Counties Lyceum District Council visited us on April 30th for their Quarterly Meeting. On the following morning (Sunday), after the address, Mr. Arthur Lawrence, of Reading, explained Lyceum work and objects. The afternoon Open Session was conducted by the President of the Council, Mrs. Percy R. Street, during which she dedicated to "the service of God and humanity," the Lyceum Banner and six Group Banners, and presented them to the Leaders. After having addressed the Lyceum she was presented with a bouquet by one of the youngest present. Several other delegates spoke. This, after an exchange of greetings, ended an enjoyable afternoon. There were about 120 present. Following the evening service, Mrs. Street spoke on the general methods adopted in Lyceums.—R. B. Long, Sec.

Bradford Lyceum District Council.

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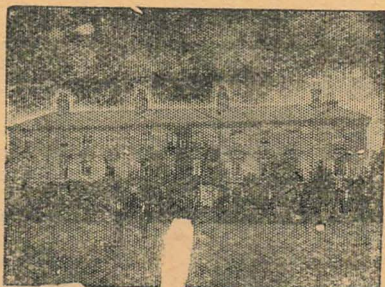
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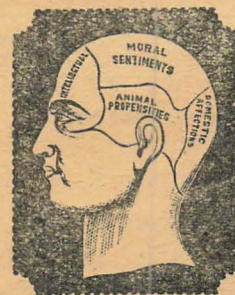
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