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## The Monthly Puzzle.

## BY THE WAY.



### THE ELVES AND THE GEESE.

Stately and grand, in the land of the Elf,  
There started three Elves, one fine day,  
To stalk through the land, each enjoying himself,  
As he rode on his goose away.  
Quack! quack! call the geese, as they waddle along,  
With head erect and flat webbed feet:  
While the Elves sing a lively little song,  
From the backs of their feathery fleet.  
They live in Elfland, but now have arrived  
For a jolly time with the geese here:  
With reins from the cornstalks, deftly connived,  
The birds have been drawn from the mere;  
And harnessed therewith, the Elves start away,  
To ride on their journey around:  
All seem very gay on their steeds as they say,  
"To the woods, with the geese, we're bound."  
It's all very well, if the Elf and the goose  
Can agree on the way they shall go:  
But the bird saw a worm: the rein brooke loose.  
And the Elf, though he shouted, Whoa!  
Lost control of the goose, craning for food,  
And he fell from his downy back:  
So now he is lost, perhaps for good,  
For the goose and his hat fell, Whack!  
If you're clever enough, you can find  
The place where they fell to:  
They're all in the picture, if you will mind  
To try what I tell you to do:  
There's a goose, an Elf and his big hat  
Have all gone from his path astray:  
If you look where they are, you'll all find that  
They're as clear as a summer's day.

The Management Committee will visit Tyneside for the Quarterly Business Meetings and conduct Propaganda Meetings in the district on July 10th, 12th, 13th and 14th. See local bills for times and places.

The Sowerby Bridge Lyceum have re-commenced the morning sessions and report increased activities.

The Lincoln Lyceum will welcome any Lyceumists who are passing through or visiting their town. This invitation applies to many Lyceums who are separated by distance and unable to link up in the various District Councils.

Darlington, High Northgate, Lyceum are doing their best to raise £10 for the £2,000 Effort.

The General Secretary wrote 4,000 letters during the past twelve months in replies to Lyceum Correspondence. Three postal orders were lost during that period: One has been traced. An increasing number of Secretaries are filling in the office of payment (Wardleworth Post Office). If all will do this when orders are sent there will be a minimum of risk when Lyceums make any payments to the Union.

The Spiritualists' Union of South Africa are displaying great enthusiasm and unity. A new monthly journal has come into being and is being issued as the Official Organ of that body.

Produced on splendid paper, the two copies to hand are dainty productions which report wide activities and much reference is made to the necessity for Lyceums. A great advance has taken place and new efforts are being made everywhere possible. The Union held its Third Annual Conference in Kimberley last Easter.

It is difficult for English people to realise the vast mileage of that great portion of the African Continent and the time spent in travel between the various towns.

The news to hand is so interesting the Editor invites some representative of the South African Union to supply English readers with an article conveying an overseas message of their great unity and cohesion of effort in the cause of Truth and Love, borne of angelic ministrations and guidance.

The General Secretary has received two complaints about the marking of papers at the last Examinations. If any Lyceumists have a complaint, will they kindly write Miss Kitson, the Education Secretary, and the grievance will be carefully considered.

A gratifying number of students took up the Scheme last year. If there are any improved methods can be adopted, the Education Committee will gladly consider suggestions from past students or others taking part in the Scheme.

Since attending the B.S.L.U. Conference, Mr. B. P. Membrey, one of the S.N.U. Representatives, has been very active propagating Lyceum activities in the Midlands. Good results are to hand and a Lyceum has started in Northampton.

The Bolton District Council held a good Demonstration at Bury last month, but those present were Bury'd in dust.

The Grade III. Handbook is now on sale. For particulars see the Education Scheme article in this issue.

A "Return from Conference" and other matters are crowded out for want of space.—Ed.

# Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

## THE ANNUAL MASSED DEMONSTRATION

will be held at

### HOLLINWOOD,

On SATURDAY, JULY 16th, 1921.

Lyceums and Friends meet at Byrom Street Church at 2-30 p.m., and the PROCESSION will leave the Ground at 3 p.m. prompt headed by the

### Middleton Junction Prize Brass Band.

**TEA at 5 p.m. Tickets—Adults, 1/9; from 10 to 16 years, 1/-; Children under 10, 9d.**

May be had from the Secretaries of all Lyceums, or from Mr. G. A. Hood, 11, Archer Street, Cheetham, Manchester.

Friends outside Manchester wishing to take part must take Cars No. 20 or 21 to Hollinwood. We wish all Lyceums to rally round and make this Demonstration a huge success.

### What to do with the Little Ones.

Every Lyceum has its young children, and they sometimes prove a burden. The age of "cram" has gone by. Children are active, their hands twirl into mischief and the little legs don't often reach the floor if the owners sit on a chair or form; hence the legs swing about and round like a cow's tail swishing the flies away.

In the Lyceum, a juniors' room should be provided, as their method of learning is different from older children.

Having got the room and the little ones, the adult who has promised to try and teach them closes the class-room door. They are together in the children's kingdom. Imagination, fancy and make-believe can transform the room into a fairy-land.

The Three Bears, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Robinson Crusoe and similar tales never fail to charm the listeners, if the tales are told by word of mouth and childish words are used. Many times the children will tell the tale for the leader, if allowed to do so.

One day the door closed and shut out all the big girls and boys who don't live in the land of make-believe. "Where shall we go to-day," said the leader. The last Sunday the Lyceum held its session they had bid good-bye to some Lyceumists who were going abroad. So the teacher suggested they should pretend to go abroad. The chairs were placed in the room by the children, to imitate their idea of the shape of a ship. Everybody waved good-bye to the people on the shore with their handkerchiefs. Off they went on their wonderful journey. The teacher was the captain and sat in the middle of the ship. One child asked "Where were they going." The teacher replied, "Wherever you like." When the country was decided on the teacher told them what it was like, so they changed their minds and went another way. She told them all the wonderful things they asked about. Why it went dark? Why fish lived in the sea? But need more be said about this interesting journey. Before they had got half way to the end there came a knock at the door and they came back to where they started. The leader promised to go with them next Sunday, and so the time passed merrily on.

The children come and grow older, but others take their places, and so the world needs leaders who ever stay amongst the young in the land of make-believe. And those who grow and leave the smaller groups behind don't go so very far away. They have their dreams of what shall be when they can have their way. Sometimes they do great things as grown men and women. Sometimes a new experience comes into their lives, like the advent of Spiritualism. When this happens a new world opens to their gaze. Life becomes fuller and varient, and we get to understand more about the growth of intelligence. Then the children share the advantages, because we understand them better.

There is no paradise like the paradise of a child. Some of us need help to understand it properly, but, if we want, we can find it. The writer went into a bookseller's shop and said to the shopkeeper, "Please give me a catalogue of children's books. I want to understand how and what to teach them." The bookseller said, "Here you are," and gave to the customer a list of books. "You'll find something in there to suit you. They are all issued by Pitman's."

Story-telling and How to Tell It, 2/6.

Chats with Chicks: simple nature lessons, 3/-. .

Work through Play, 1/6.

Evening Play Centres, 3/-. .

Paper Flower Making, 2/-. .

Toymaking for Infants, 4/-. .

Busy work for Nimble Fingers, 4/-. .

Typical School Journeys, 2/3.

A year's work with Mother Nature, 3/6.

Babyland Abroad, 2/6.

A Child's Garland, containing 18 nature stories and 18 songs with music, 4/6.

Dear reader, have you sympathies towards young people? Do you wish to earn their love and affection? We shall need them bye and bye. In the meantime they await your guidance. The door is open, but you must enter by your own goodwill. Love, service and joy can be your portion.

A.B.

**My New Family.**

By GRANDDAD.

"All men are my brothers," &c. Gracious, what a mixed family I have! And how *human* all "my brothers, sisters, and children" are, despite their differences in tints and shapes and dresses. In the department I work in there are many "coloured" men; also some perky, chattering "chocolate tinted boys; and as I go downstairs at lunch-time I mingle with crowds of workers from other departments, including many "coloured girls," whose brown skins look strange but generally charming in their English costumes made of light fabrics. What a merry lot they are!

In the streets, it is interesting to see a large number of variously tinted youths and men with black and red fezzes, and a few others with turbans and "gowns"; but it is more interesting to see women and girls with kerchiefs on their heads in native fashions, briefly coloured; and others with yashmaks, Turkish fashion. Somehow, European clothes do not "fit" them properly, either in shape or colour.

But the kiddies! What a jolly lot they are! Listen! I've heard much less crying and quarrelling and seen less badness among the "blacks" than among the same number of English children! Of course, I don't say they are really better than the English children, as I only see them in the streets and spaces in passing; but so far as that goes, that is my experience.

It is strange also to have a "coloured girl" as housemaid; but "our Chrissie" is very useful and well-behaved, and quite a fine girl. Most of the Cape people agree, however, that pretty and valuable things "get lost" very rapidly where there are coloured servants. Still, I've heard something like that about servants and shop and factory workers, and kleptomaniacs, in England. "All men are my brothers; all women are my sisters."

I have often felt lonesome on Sundays. No Lyceum—no Spiritualists meetings to address! But it has been nice to rest and lounge about, watching the bathers and admiring Nature around Table Mountain. One Sunday I and my son had a splendid day going to the top of the mountain—the Apostles' part—with frequent stops to admire the Bay and the panorama of shore scenery. *No smoke!* Splendidly clear sky and air, lovely vegetation, and the suburbs of bright light dwellings along the beaches. I saw many varieties of insect Nature, though my admiration was greater than ever. I watched the grasshoppers in their jumping flight, displaying richly golden under-wings; and we stopped to admire a beautiful lizard on a boulder, with four fine red crosses along its spine. It gazed solemnly and steadfastly at me as I gazed almost as solemnly and steadfastly at it, with the quiet smile some know, for I wondered what it thought about the strange animal that was staring at it! "All men are my brothers." But what relationship have the lizards to me?

From my house door I often admire the Devil's Peak mountain, with its ever-changing canopy of clouds, sometimes high above it, in fleecy brightness, at others hiding it in their darksome mist, but often splendidly coloured in orange and gold by the setting sun. I and my son spent one Sunday morning ascending the Peak. We walked through a fine wood on its slopes that sheltered us from the blazing sun. Again we drank in the invigorating air, admired the beautiful panorama, and commented on the puny works of man in town and harbour, as compared with Nature's magnificent artistry. I have startled some of my new friends by asking whether man really counts for much in the vast assembly of living things that throng the great and eternal Menagerie of Nature. One thing I am certain of: The Universe is not run for the special benefit of Man; and I'm hoping to grow sufficiently to make acquaintance with Higher Orders in the Great Hereafter. Meanwhile,

The common round, the daily task,  
Can furnish all I need to ask:  
Room to deny myself—a road  
To lead by Nature up to God.

The life of the Spirit is that point of this supreme light which manifests in the unfolding processes of which we call human, on this and other planes of existence. There are men who claim that the soul is the product of matter. I make a distinction between "Soul" and "Spirit," and claim that neither is the product of matter. But that matter, the co-ordination of atoms and forces into substance, or objective life, is in-itself the product of spirit.

A. PRKE.



**The late Charles Harrison.**

"OUR CHARLIE."

OF STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

In giving you this account of one of the pioneers of the Lyceum Movement in this district, I feel it might with advantage have been placed in more able hands than mine.

The late Mr. C. Harrison, I may say at once, was one of the most reticent and peaceful of men, but of a deeply religious character; and, when convinced that he was right, would yield his ground to no man.

As far as I can learn, he first came into touch with Modern Spiritualism about 1900, or probably a little before, by visiting some relatives at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and his interest was awakened to such an extent that he felt impelled, although at the time an adherent to the Roman Catholic Faith, to pursue his investigations, and commenced a small private circle, and obtained such convincing proofs of spirit return that he decided to cast in his lot with Spiritualism.

With the help of Mrs. Naylor, of Middlesbrough, he commenced public meetings in a room at the Temperance Hall, Stockton-on-Tees.

In 1904, the Society then formed took rooms at 36, Silver Street, Stockton-on-Tees, and there formed a Lyceum, which is still in existence, and in 1906 he became Conductor (a post which he held till he joined the Army); a post which suited him, for his whole thought and aim seemed to be for the children. No work was too menial or laborious for him to undertake in their behalf. I have known him, after working Saturday night, come to the Lyceum on the Sunday morning, and then return to work for the remainder of the day, and his daily toil was not light in the works.

He was several times President of the Parent Society, and was greatly pleased when we were able to leave Silver Street for our Church in Brunswick Street, in 1910.

Though he passed to the higher life with many others, we know he is not dead, and Lyceumists, old and young, also many friends, feel that the greatest honour we can pay him is in trying to "carry on" as he did. Long will he be remembered on Tees-side by the name the children gave him—"Our Charlie."

R. BROWN, Lyceum Conductor.

## The Education Scheme.

### "WHY SHOULD WE STUDY?"

Because we call ourselves progressive; because we need to be able to answer the questions of enquirers, and the criticisms of opponents; because we need knowledge of all essentials of Lyceumism in and for our Lyceum work; because we want to be efficient and helpful; because "knowledge is power."

### "WHAT SHOULD WE STUDY?"

At first, work through the five Grades or Courses comprising the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme. These have been graded according to importance and difficulty of subjects, and each Grade prepares for the next. Those who pass Grade IV. are equipped for being Leaders and Conductors; and those who win the Grade V. certificate have no mean knowledge as a basis for work in Liberty Group, Study Class, or on the Platform.

Then, go forward by taking the S.N.U. courses of study and exams., and win their Diploma.

### "WHERE CAN WE STUDY?"

(i) Alone, and at home; (ii) in Groups at Lyceum, (iii) in class during the week, (iv) in the actual session.

If you are lucky enough to attend a Lyceum that has an interested Conductor, or Leader, or Tutor, then the way is easy. The selections from the "Manual" set for your Grade can be taken in the Session, questions asked and answered; and opinions expressed. The Groups can be arranged according to Grades;—Grade I. students in one Group, Grade II. in another, and so on. The Handbooks give the matter, and are excellent for use in Groups. Where Groups are not held (or to supplement their work), week-night classes can be held—where Handbook articles are read and discussed, essays given, writing answers to questions practised, etc.

### "HOW SHOULD WE STUDY?"

Whether studying in a class, or alone, the following will be found helpful:—

- (i.) Count up your weeks for work before the exam., and deduct at least three for thorough revision.
- (ii.) Divide your work into as many sections as you have remaining weeks. (You can allot so many articles per week, or so many chapters, or so many pages, etc.)
- (iii.) Work through the allotted amount each week; and—if time permits—revise an earlier section too.
- (iv.) In working through a section
  - (a) Read it through first, to grasp the general idea.
  - (b) Re-read section by section; and mark (or, better still, copy into a note-book) the important names, dates and facts.
  - (c) Write a brief summary of the section.
  - (d) If you have a Tutor, answer in writing a question on the work done, and have it corrected, and note what essentials have been omitted, what non-essentials put in, where you've not kept to the subject, etc.
  - (e) Bring up your difficulties in Session or Group, or Class, and also consult dictionary or encyclopædia. (If you haven't one, spend an hour in the Reference Room at your public library and ask for the volume you need.)

### "IS ALL THIS PRACTICABLE?"

It is not only practicable, but it has ALREADY BEEN DONE WITH SUCCESS by (i.) individuals, (ii.) small groups, meeting in turns at each other's house, week by week, and with no leader, (iii.) by Guild Classes, (iv.) by Groups and in the Lyceum Sessions. Read the following article by one who *has done all he advises*.

### HINTS TO TUTORS, CONDUCTORS, AND OTHERS.

#### HOW TO PREPARE FOR GRADE I. EXAMINATION.

By ROBERT HUNTER (Tutor at Heaton and Byker Lyceum).

In the first place it is necessary to realize that without the slightest doubt there is much that is interesting and instructive in the articles in the Handbook.

In the next place it is necessary for the tutor to be convinced of the necessity to study hard and master all the facts under consideration. He or she should try to pass on to the pupils the interest, so that they can realize that they are learning

something true and that it will be to their advantage to make themselves acquainted with the facts. This can be done by showing the naturalness of the subject and that a knowledge of it is essential to earnest Lyceumists.

After reading the subject through, get the pupils to read a sentence, and ask questions upon it, and try to get an answer from everyone, (don't miss anyone out).

Make sure that they grasp the names and dates. To help them to do this, have half-an-hour now and again to get answers; for instance, "What happened in January, 1851?" Answer, "Judge Edmonds, of the American High Court, commenced to investigate Spiritualism." "Who was Laura?" Answer, "The daughter of Judge Edmonds. She eventually became a very fine test medium, and was able to give her father and others unmistakable evidence of spirit control." I hope you get the idea.

The main thing to avoid is taking too much at one lesson. Have a separate subject for each lesson and double back on to the lesson learnt as often as possible.

Another thing to avoid is getting the notion that you will not succeed. You will succeed; just as much as you put sacrifice and energy into your efforts.

Remember that there is no royal road to success. Just work hard, study hard, and master all the facts and aspects of the question at issue, and success will be yours.

Remember the motto of the Boy Scouts: "Be prepared." That is, be prepared for every issue; be prepared for a question on any aspect of the subject.

As you do not know what the questions on the examination paper will be, you will have to be prepared to answer questions from every conceivable standpoint, and you can only do this by making yourself master of all the facts of the subject.

You must also realize that the B.S.L.U. has your interest and success at heart; and that the ladies and gentlemen who examine your papers are prepared to give you all the credit you deserve, and you will then go in and win.

In conclusion, the test is not as hard as we anticipated; there is nothing to stop any ordinary individual from passing, and having once entered the race may you continue to the end, which is Grade V., and honours and esteem shall be deservedly yours.

May all Lyceumists see the necessity for our Education Scheme and try to attain to that degree of knowledge which will command respect from all with whom they come in contact.

### THE WORKERS WIN.

A glance at the successes obtained by the Grade I. candidates of this Lyceum will show the reader the value and truth of the words of this tutor. What can be done by one Lyceum can be done by many. Articles by tutors of other highly successful Lyceums will be given later; and the Committee hopes their advice will help other Lyceums to achieve similar results.

Also, suggestions and comments by the Examiners will appear next month.

### WANTED,—OF ALL LYCEUMISTS.

- (i.) All Lyceumists to consider Lyceumism worth time and effort and study.
- (ii.) All Lyceums therefore to take up the studies NOW and in earnest.
- (iii.) All Lyceums to send in their eligible members for the exams. next February. (Members are eligible from the ages of 10 to 100. In the last exams., candidates' ages, in Grade I. alone, ranged from 10 to 73 years.)
- (iv.) Not fewer than 250 Lyceums to take the exams.
- (v.) Not fewer than 5,000 students to take the exams.

### WANTED OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

- (i.) All who passed Grade IV. (and Grade III. before 1921) to take Grade V., if 18 years of age or more.
- (ii.) All who passed Grade III. to take Grade IV. (if not less than 16 years old).
- (iii.) All who passed Grade II. this year (and the rest who passed in previous years, and then stopped), to take Grade III. (if not less than 14 years old).
- (iv.) All who passed Grade I. this year (or in previous years, and then stopped),—if they will be not less than 12 years old—to take Grade II. next year.

### WILL YOU HELP?

If you are a true Lyceumist, you WILL, by studying the work yourself, by urging others to study, by helping others to study, by taking the exam. on 19th February next year.

TO LYCEUM SECRETARIES.

- (i.) The Committee sincerely thanks those Lyceums that have refunded the postage on examination certificates.
- (ii.) Did any of your Lyceumists pass the recent exams.? If so, does your Lyceum possess a copy of the printed results? If not, why not follow the example of other Lyceums, many of which—in honour of their successful students—have a marked copy of results on view in the Lyceum each Sunday, for all the rest to see, and for visitors to inspect!
- (iii.) The Education Secretary would be grateful to receive from every Lyceum Secretary a P.C., giving (a) name and address of Lyceum, (b) name and address of Secretary. (Please state whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss.)
- (iv.) Why? Because she can't send your "lucky surprise packet" if she doesn't know to whom to send!
- (v.) "Why not use the BANNER list?" Because names and addresses change, in some cases, more frequently than the list appears. So, PLEASE, send your P.C.

EDUCATION LITERATURE.

- (i.) *Syllabus of Work* (for all the Grades)—post free 2d. per copy, 1/6 per dozen.
- (ii.) *No. 1 Handbook (for Grade I.)*—post free 4d. per copy, 3/6 per dozen.
- (iii.) *No. 2 Handbook (for Grades II., III. and IV.)*—post free 4d. per copy, 3/6 per dozen.
- (iv.) *1921 Examination Lists and Summaries*—post free 10d. per copy.
- (v.) *No. 3 Handbook (for Grade V. Students, for Investigators and for thoughtful Spiritualists)*—post free, 1s. per copy, 10s. per dozen.

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 (Will Lyceumists in London and the South please send enquiries, or orders, to Mr. Connor).

**D.V. Reports.**

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD.

On Sunday, May 29th I visited Sale. 18 people present. Singing, reading and responses were very good, the majority of those present contributing their small quota. Recitations. Solo ably rendered by Mr. Shaw. Marching and calisthenics fairly good. 22 people present at close. Cheer up Sale. The Workers Win.

Sunday, June 12th. I visited Maskell street. Prompt start. Fairly good attendance: singing and reading were good. Owing to solo practice for open Session no discussion was permitted. Marching was good but calisthenics leave much to be desired. Attendance much better at close of Session.

I visited New Manchester again on June 19th. Prompt start 23 persons present; singing, reading and responses were good. Lyceumists readily give their views on same. Recitations and solos were very good. Marching also good. This Lyceum is certainly progressive. Closed prompt; 23 persons present.—Miss Annie Sharples, D.V.

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

In sending you my first report as District Visitor, I am pleased to say that from what I have already seen and heard in the Lyceums, there is a growing desire among the children to understand something more of the realities and teachings of our glorious cause. I believe that we shall soon have a good many in our district going in for examinations under the Education Scheme.

On February 20th, I visited the Whitley Street Lyceum at West Hartlepool. There was an attendance of 29. 12 Pearls, 4 recitations, 2 solos and 1 duet. The marching and calisthenics were done remarkably well. Much interest was taken in the group lessons. The musical part of the session was conducted by a young man friend. Attention and good behaviour throughout the session.

On April 3rd, 1921, I visited the Middlesbro' Lyceum. 62

members and 4 visitors present. The session was opened at 2-30 by Mrs. Harrison (Conductor) assisted by Miss Galloway. Lessons were ably conducted by Miss A. Drew, Miss Galloway, and Mrs. Bonsor. Marching and calisthenics, moderate; conductor, Mr. A. Edwards.

The Conductor presented Mr. and Mrs. Baxtrem with a Silver Cake Basket as a wedding present on behalf of the Lyceum Being an Open Session a good number of pearls, recitations and solos were given, making the afternoon a very pleasant one. Greetings were tendered from the two Oldham Lyceums by Bro. Ingham. Attention and behaviour throughout the session was good.

On April 24th I visited the Darlington (Northgate), Lyceum, 62 members and 3 visitors present, Mr. Simpson (Conductor) was assisted in the opening ceremony by Miss Elsie Burnside. Marching and calisthenics were gone through exceedingly well, the marching being conducted by Mr. Simpson Junr., and calisthenics by Cecil Johnson. I had the pleasure of naming a baby, who had been sent with Sister Mrs. Roberts by its parents to the Lyceum, although they themselves were not Spiritualists. A few moments were devoted in silent prayer for Sister Mrs. Miller, who was very ill. Behaviour was good and attentive.—G. Edwards.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES.

Visited Spiritualist Church, Brighton, on April 17th. 32 present at prompt start; 7 later and 6 visitors. After hymn 407 prayer by scholar. Golden Chain 136, followed by good discussion. A capital paper by Miss A. Scoggins on Shakespeare and Spirit Return. Miss Jeffreys conducted good drill and marching. After addressing them several responded to the appeal to join the Guild. Social items. A visitor beautifully sang, "Hushed was the Evening Hymn." Prizes to be given end of the year for most items from the *Manual*. 11 entries for Education Scheme; all passed, two with Honours. Conduct good. Singing needs improving. Lyceum progressing.

Visited Brighton Spiritualist Brotherhood on April 24th. Commenced with 28 present, 5 late and 6 visitors, with Hymn 355. Part of Invocation by scholar aged 12. Same scholar partly conducted Session. System adopted each Session, to train Conductors.

Silver Chain selected and read by Scholar. Conductor's questions eagerly responded to. D.V. urged Education Scheme and Guild, Education not taken owing to young Lyceum. Then judged seven papers on "Symbols of a New Banner" just presented. Good efforts, by scholars aged 6 to 14. Marching good considering many young ones. 17 Social Items from age 3 upwards. Scholars encouraged. Lyceum progressing.

Visited Reading May 15th. Mrs. P. R. Street started prompt with 100 present; several later. Hymn 32. Invocation. Hymn 22. Silver Chain 77, for young ones only. Good responses. Golden Chain 142. M.R. 236, scholars taking readings. After addressing them, I had the honour of presenting 14 certificates out of 16 entries for Education Scheme. One passed Grade II. Honours with Distinction. Lyceum Principles were recited.

Social items:—Song by Beryl Wagnell, age 7; song rendered by one of the Welsh Choir visiting Reading to collect money for miners' children. Lyceum gave their collection to that splendid cause.

This Lyceum, I think, is one of the largest in the country; has a beautiful church, with nice surroundings; also a fine club for the growing-up ones, with its nice tennis courts, cricket club and boats for the river. Fortunate Reading.—Ernest C. Cager, District Visitor.

**£2,000 EFFORT.**

Fellow Lyceumists,—The above has at last become a "Movement" and not a "Stationary Object." The various activities of Lyceums are appreciated. Since last report Armley have sent £2 and Blackburn (Peter Street) £10. Guarantees have been received from Leeds Psycho, Darwen, Dewsbury and others, whilst orders have been received from various Lyceums, including one from New Zealand.

One Lyceumist from Liverpool district answered the problem asked in the April Banner *re* "How long it would take to raise the necessary amount required. The answer was "An Eternity." But thanks to many Lyceums becoming active, I think this answer will be quite wrong. However, I hope so, and trust she may have to wait for her prize.

J. BELL, Hon. Sec.



## THE ANTIQUITY OF MAN.

(Suitable for Liberty and Study Groups).

BY ALFRED KITSON.

To those who take the Bible as their guide and authority the above subject will be very easily and briefly disposed of, since the age of the earth and mankind, as computed by Biblical scholars, taking Biblical chronology as their guide, is computed to be but 4,004 years before the Christian Era. If we add 1921 years to this—the period of the Christian Era—we have a total of 5,925 years as the Biblical testimony to the time when man first appeared on this earth.

But there are other sources of evidence bearing on this important question which we must consider before we can arrive at a satisfactory answer. Moreover, most of the evidence seems to claim priority to that of the Biblical cosmology.

For instance, "Those who are acquainted with the writings of Mr. Bryant and Mr. Maurice, and the Asiatic Researches published at Calcutta, cannot but have observed that the accounts of the Creation, the Fall, the Deluge, and the Dispersion of Mankind, and recorded by the nations upon the vast continent of Asia, bear a strong resemblance to each other, and to the story in the Bible, and evidently contain the fragments of an original truth, which was broken by the dispersion of the patriarchal families, and corrupted by length of time, allegory and idolatry. From this universal concurrence on this head, one of these things is necessarily true: either that all these traditions must have been taken from the author of Genesis; or, that the author of the book of Genesis made up his history from some or all such traditions as were already extant; or, lastly, he received his knowledge of past events by revelation. Were, then, all these traditions taken from the Mosaic history? It has been shown by Sir William Jones, and Mr. Maurice, that they were received too generally and too early to make this supposition even possible, for they existed in different parts of the world in the very age in which Moses lived. Was the Mosaic history composed from the traditions then existing? It is certain the Chaldeans, the Persians, the most ancient inhabitants of India, and the Egyptians, all possessed the same story."

The above candid acknowledgment that the Biblical account of the Creation, Fall and Deluge were the common property of the ancient nations in the days of Moses is made by George Tomline, Lord Bishop of Winchester.

Now we must try to find the source of this story of the Creation, etc., which, we are told, was common to the old nations of Asia.

It will be known to some of our readers that for a long number of years researches have been prosecuted in Asia in the form of excavations of mounds, all that remains of ancient cities.

These excavations have brought to light buried histories, not written on perishable paper, parchment, or papyrus, but on baked clay tablets and cylinders.

Lack of space will allow of only a summary of what has been ascertained concerning these almost forgotten peoples, as described by Judge P. B. Ladd, of Alameda, Cal., under the

title of "Archives from the Storehouse of Archaeological Babylon."

"Ancient Babylon was the child of Chaldea, its people the Chaldees. Before Chaldea there existed a small tribe, located on the shores of the Persian gulf, known as Caldeæ, whence they slowly moved northward under Merodah-Baladan, until they became masters of the country first called Chaldea, or Chaldee—later Babylon.

"The north-eastern part of the country was known as Akkad, or Accard. To the north-east also lay Elam. The country covered the low alluvial plain, watered by the Tigris and Euphrates, now better known as Irak-Arabia. In the Old Testament it was designated Skina, Babel, land of the Chaldees.

At an early day, Ur became the capital city of the Chaldees. The name of the ancient city is now Mughar.

"The inscriptions which for the last forty years have been, and still are, being taken out of the ruins of these ancient cities, show that the country was the most fertile then known to the world. . . . Babylon exported to Egypt and India her fabrics, and received their wares and spices in return, the means of transport and export being by caravan.

"The capital of Akkad occupied both sides of the Euphrates, and was called Sippara and Agade. The early inhabitants being of mixed races, were designated Seemero-Akkadians; the latter, occupying the hilly part of Chaldea, were necessarily more energetic and vigorous than the tribes living on the low plains, which was clearly shown in the early advance of their civilization over the Sumero. It is from these early Akkadians that we derive our Sabbath, of which more will be said later on.

"The germs from which the Chaldeans, and a little later the Babylonians, derived their knowledge of astrology and astronomy, as well as the most of their other learning, came from the Akkadians. It was this people who first gave to the world the legends of creation, flood, etc. Being of a speculative turn of mind, they theorized on the cosmos, and back of it, on a hierarchy of heavenly powers. . . . Their cosmogonical legends and theories of an array of heavenly powers, at a very early day became the common heritage of the Oriental nations.

Ezra, while in captivity, as a favorite of the king, availed himself of the archives of Babylon, from which he gave to the Israelites the cosmogony of the Old Testament.

"It was the Akkadians who first divided the solar year into twelve months; the months into four weeks; and the weeks into seven days, naming the days after the seven planets, just as we now have them. This restless spirit of Akkad infused itself, at an early date, into its southern neighbours, merging all in one, when the country became known as Chaldea, Akkad being lost to view.

"Arabia, too, possessed a spirit of unrest, which, under the name of Semites, peacefully invaded Chaldea, where, finding a civilization superior to their own, they readily adopted the religion, manners, customs, and cuneiform system of writing of the people of their newly-adopted country. They became Sumero-Akkadians; their natural increase and their accessions from Arabia were so rapid that, about 3,800 B.C., they established a dynasty of kings of their own, in which Sargon became their first ruler, followed by his son, Naram-Sin. . . .

"Before the unearthing of the cuneiform inscriptions, about all that was known of this ancient people came from the history of Berossus (260 B.C.E.), a Babylonian priest; from Herodotus, the Greek, and from the Biblical writings of Ezra while in exile at Babylon (if he were not born there), who, like all other free people, had access to the library in the king's palace. From this library came our Old Testament writings touching Babylonia, her kings, legends of creation, flood, tower of Babel, etc.

"From the cuneiform inscriptions taken from the ruins of the several cities of Babylon we get a continuous line of kings, extending from 2,200 to 647 B.C.E. It was about 2,200 B.C.E. that Hammurabi, being on the throne, caused the last codification to be made of the laws of Babylon. This code has come down to us in an almost perfect condition, and it was from this code and probably other writings that Ezra took, in an abbreviated form, the decalogue, which he palmed off on his less intellectual people as coming from Ithv, through Moses. We must remember that Jehovah is a forced and improper erudition of Ithv, or, as some would have it, Jhvh. Later discoveries carry us back, on a fairly firm basis, for 8,000 or more years, with traditional history of 432,000 years back of that.

"The history of Babylon, like that of Egypt, is fairly clear and reliable back to the beginning of civil government. Before that, both countries, for an indefinite period, were ruled by hierarchies—priestly dominion in the name of gods; before that time the gods ruled in person. From the date of civil government back, legends, with here and there a little truth, prevail, beyond which all is myth.

"As early as 3,000, probably 10,000, or more years ago, Babylon possessed a high state of civilization. How long before that time it took that people to rise from a state of savagery can only be a matter of conjecture—probably many thousand years."

Here in the discovered Archives of ancient Babylon we have an answer to the question raised by George Tomline, Lord Bishop of Winchester, who asks, "Was the Mosaic history composed from the traditions then existing?" The answer is in the affirmative.

In further confirmation of this fact, if confirmation be desired, we have but to quote the testimony of Prof. A. H. Sayce, in his scholarly work, "The Higher Criticism and the Monuments," where, on page 24, he says, "We are but just beginning to learn how ignorant we have been of the civilization of the past, and how false our ideas have been in regard to it. We are but just beginning to realise that the fragments of Hebrew literature contained in the Old Testament are the wrecks of a vast literature which extended over the ancient oriental world from a remote epoch, and that we cannot understand them aright except in the light of contemporaneous literature of which they formed a portion. . . . The veil that has so long concealed the innermost shrine of the past has been lifted at last, and we have been permitted to enter, though it be as yet but a little way."

Further archaeological evidence of the human race was given in a lecture at Dewsbury, in October, 1904, by Prof. Flinders Petrie, on "Excavating in Egypt: its methods and results," in which he said:—

"For over twenty years he had been engaged in the work of exploration in Egypt, and had made many discoveries of the highest archaeological and historic importance."

The lecturer went on to explain that in order to discover traces of ancient Egypt it was necessary to excavate ruined temples, and explore the tombs hidden in the desert. There was no country in the world in which things could be found to have been preserved in such a condition as in Egypt, and the appearance went to show that some of them must have been there for certainly more than 9,000 years. The discoveries revealed a continuous history of the early Egyptian race for 9,000 years, so continuous that he could produce something representative of almost every age for 9,000 years to the present day. One block of stone contained some of the finest carvings ever known, representing one of the earliest Egyptian monarchs; and another find, in a child's tomb, showed that the game of skittles must have come down from pre-historic Egypt, some 8,000 or 9,000 years ago, as all the implements of the game, in flint, were found intact.

The above testimonies of eminent archaeologists shows the unreliability of Biblical chronology regarding the antiquity of evidence bearing upon the question.

We have the remarkable revelations made by Mariette Bey, in the course of the sinking of shafts in the Delta, of the Nile. Seven different wells were sunk in a line across the Delta, and at the depth of 27 feet were brought up human implements of stone, and, as the reader will know, they have been covered over by the overflowing of the Nile which leaves a little sediment or mud behind its overflow year by year. Taking the ascertained rate of deposit, Sir Charles Lyell computed their age to be not less than 30,000 years.

In a cave in France was found the tusk of a mammoth, and upon it was carved the portrait of the animal. Now that image of the mammoth must have been made by some one who saw the animal, and so must have been contemporary with it, and as the mammoth lived about the time of the glacial period, which is computed to be about 1,000,000 (one million) years ago, man must have been living at that remote period.

These figures may appear to be, and no doubt are, startling to the general reader, who may be pardoned for asking if there is any data for such stupendous computations? I believe there are. The facts connected with the ice-age in Britain are too long to be dealt with in an article of this kind. So I will in next month's issue content myself by briefly stating some of the facts.

(To be continued).

## "Conjuality:—The Marriage Instinct." 2.

BY MILLOTT SEVERN, F.B.P.S., BRIGHTON.

There is no faculty of the human mind which tends more to foster happy homes and family life than that of Conjuality. Where the heads of the family are devoted in affection, and faithful in their loves, a sunny brightness shines over the whole domestic circle. This is a splendid foundation upon which the social faculties as a group may build; with the ascendancy of this one mind-power comes the intertwining of many healthful forces for the general good.

Parents should remember that they are to be the children's ideals, at least to a considerable degree. If they are in any way unfaithful one to the other, a dark shadow is cast over the whole household. If their love is a cold and lifeless thing, it fosters false ideas of love in the oncoming generation; it turns what should be a realm of harmony into a world of discord.

Conjuality, when large, endows persons with constancy of affection, faithfulness, and exclusive attachment as regards matrimonial partnership. It is the marriage instinct. While we greatly deplore the many unhappy relationships which are constantly being revealed in the divorce court proceedings, it is a healthy sign for the future to observe that there is a good development of this particular brain centre in many of the young men and women of to-day.

Seeing that the solidity of society rests upon the orderly, restrained, industrious lives of conscientious parents, more study and deliberation should be given in regard to conjugal selection. There should be health of mind as well as of the body, and a sympathetic harmony in regard to character, ideas, and general mental tendencies, although not an actual sameness. It is easy for young people to link up without duly considering these matters, which frequently results in much unhappiness in the future. Men who are keen, tactful, and resourceful in all else that concerns them often lack judgment and common sense in the selection of their wives.

There are intellectual young women, superior in regard to mind and body, who, possessing only moderate social faculties often have well-developed Conjuality, although the affections do not play the fullest part. They do not readily display their feelings, their love is below the surface, and their ideas need to be more freely demonstrated. There is a danger of their keeping themselves too much in the social background, to their life has other interests, and their conjugal love needs a stronger revealing. Thus they sometimes hold back, and the opportunity for a first rate and generally advantageous alliance is lost. This is not only a misfortune personally but nationally, for these often splendid brassy girls, with well-developed physical constitutions, are just the sort to make ideal wives and mothers; but young men of the present day generally ignore such women and are more attracted by the merely pretty, showily dressed, irresponsible flippant type who are often very deficient in brain capacity, and openly acknowledge that they dislike children, and have no idea of domestic duties or the use of the needle and cotton.

A good Phrenologist is capable of giving inestimable advice in regard to matrimonial partnerships. It happens sometimes that there are difficulties later through a misunderstanding of each other's peculiar characteristics. Coolness in the manifestation of affection in women is not always a sign of natural repugnance. Society has penalised candour in women concerning their most important needs. The human mind is a complex study. If the characters of persons contemplating marriage were better known each to the other, mental powers not entirely in unison to begin with would be moderated and appropriately directed, and so be made to harmonise. The question of physical health before marriage needs also to be considered.

There is a mystic power in kindred souls and unison of feeling and ideas which tend to draw together persons whose natures are in harmony; and marriage has undoubtedly a reforming, sobering influence upon the conduct of both men and women, and should be encouraged.

Usually the happiest marriages are those in which the contracting parties are much of an equality, so that if in future years there should be any abatement of love, neither can assume a superiority, or think it an act of self-sacrifice to have acceded to the conjugal alliance.

When this faculty is weak and inactive, it tends to inconsistency or indifference regarding love affairs.

## Our Lyceum Guild.

### ARE YOU A MEMBER?

(i.) If not, read this article, then send to the Leader for a copy of the Guild's Aims and Rules. Study them, then join, if you would keep abreast with Lyceumists who are in earnest and progressive.

(ii.) If you are a member, study this article, then "be up and doing" without delay. The Guild expects it of you, and your promises pledge you to it.

### OUR GUILD CLASSES.

To give reports of these is impossible, so numerous are the accounts to hand of splendid work being done, North, South, East and West.

Let us summarise the activities of these various centres:—Outings and rambles have been held; concerts, café chantants and socials have been held; the girls are doing plain and fancy needlework, and the boys fretwork, rug-making, and toy-making, etc., for sales of work (some have already been held); lessons are being taken in first-aid, drawing, painting, nature-study (in one case, helped by a microscope), photography, and elocution; papers are being read and Education Scheme studies pursued; games being played; marching and calisthenics being practised; and gymnastic lessons given.

This shows real interest and zeal, and the "all roundness" of the work and play augurs well for healthy Lyceumists, physically, mentally and spiritually.

Has your Lyceum a Guild Class, with its various interests and activities?

### EXPECTED,—OF GUILD MEMBERS.

(a) Of *all* members,—that you read your list of Our Aims and Rules at least once a month; and do your best to keep your promises; and that you will seek to interest others in the Guild, and encourage them to join.

(b) Of *Probationers*,—that you will work through Grade I. Syllabus, and take the exam. next February, and so win your blue badge.

(c) Of *Noviates*,—that you will take Grade II. examination next year, and earn your violet badge.

(d) Of *Initiates*,—that you will study for Grade III. examination, and win your green badge.

(e) Of *Associates*,—that, by taking Grade IV. examination, you will earn your orange badge.

(f) Of *Fellows*,—that you will not rest satisfied until you have passed Grade V. examination and won your white badge.

(g) Of *Freemen*,—that you will advocate the Education Scheme, the Guild, and the reading of the BANNER in your own Lyceum, and in any Lyceum visited, and that you will help members in their studies and in Guild Class activities.

### PROMOTIONS.

Many members, successful in the recent exams., have already sent for their new badges.

But there are still very many blue and violet badges, and a few green, and orange, and one or two white ones, waiting to be claimed.

Send NOW, and so encourage other Lyceumists to study, by showing them what you have done. "Example is better than precept."

### OUR MEMBERSHIP.

The Guild now has 896 members, from 104 Lyceums.

The list of Lyceums in the Guild must again be omitted; the space is needed for more urgent matter.

### ESSAY COMPETITIONS.

This month we give the first of the winning essays in the last competition. The others will be given in due course.

Next month will be announced the subjects for the new competition—one per Grade. We hope for many entries from each class; and for several to score 85 per cent. and win a star for the badge.

### WHY SHOULD I WORK FOR SPIRITUALISM?

(Winning Essay—By Miss A. L. SCOGGINS, of Brighton.)

In Spiritualism, as in all other movements of to-day, there are three classes of people; firstly those, who, seeking the sensational, come into the ranks for a time, and then drop away in search of fresh interest; secondly those who accept the truths which the movement has to offer, but are content to hang as it were on the fringe without troubling any further;

thirdly, those earnest and enthusiastic enquirers who in time become the workers.

It is to this latter group that the question: "Why should I work for Spiritualism?" must sooner or later present itself. Before we answer this question we must be satisfied that there is in Spiritualism something worth working for.

We look at its teachings and we find that it stands for all that is highest and noblest in the Physical, Mental, Moral and Spiritual departments of life.

It teaches that purity of both mind and body are essential to the highest expression of the spirit.

It embodies great truths which have been proven again and again; it seeks to unite man's will with the Divine, by deeds of love to God through his fellow creatures. Thus it seeks to bring about brotherhood on earth. It bridges the Gulf of Death, and gives to the mourning ones of earth the certain knowledge of life beyond the Grave, by re-uniting friends still in the body with those who have passed to the Spirit World. It dispels ignorance, superstitions, dogmas and creeds, denies the doctrine of any vicarious atonement, and substitutes the humane and reasonable teaching of personal responsibility, with compensation or bitter retribution for all deeds done on earth.

Above all, it teaches of a path of Eternal progression for all, as soon as the desire comes to do better, and to go forward in the endless upward march towards perfection.

Now that we have briefly sketched the outline of what Spiritualism stands for, its comprehensiveness and progressive nature cannot fail to take hold of us, and we answer most emphatically that this Science of Life, this noble Cause, is well worth any effort which we can possibly put forward to further its aims to realisation.

Have you ever wondered how this great knowledge was revealed to us?

Is it of mushroom growth, and will it die away?

No! it was the patient and persistent effort of men and women, both in the body and out of the body, which has brought this grand Movement of Spiritualism to what it is at the present day, and because of their work, and because their Cause contains some Truth it will grow still more through your efforts and mine, until no soul is outside its scope, and earth will be made the happy place it was meant to be.

How many of us pause to consider, as we take our places comfortably in the hall, by what an amount of persecution and suffering this freedom to worship in our own way was won for us?

The Pioneers of the past, who bravely withstood insults of all kinds and worked on through it all so that Humanity might be blessed with Freedom, Truth, and Light, were noble examples of what we might be in the Cause; nay, we, each of us, who accept the truths of Spiritualism have a sacred trust put into our hands by those workers of the past, and in grateful appreciation of all they have done for us, we should fit ourselves to take up their work, and carry on as worthily as they did, so that humanity coming after may be blessed by our efforts.

It behoves us all to do carefully the task allotted us, remembering those pioneers that I have already spoken about.

Life is more cheerful, and it is the law of the Angels that in working for others one finds the greatest satisfaction and happiness.

We who have had the advantage of a Lyceum training have the greatest debt to pay, not only to the beloved Founder of our school, Andrew Jackson Davis, but to all those who, in the face of opposition, have championed the Cause of the Children. Theirs was the greatest work, for the child of to-day is the man of to-morrow, and if the children are early taught the truths and naturalness of Spiritualism then there is no need to worry about the future of the movement; in their tiny hands they hold unknown possibilities.

Here lies work in abundance. Why should I work for Spiritualism? There are many hundreds of thousands of children needing the opportunities our handful of children in the Lyceums enjoy every day.

To any earnest heart who wishes to work for the Cause here is answer enough.

### OUR NATURE ARTICLE.

#### CLIMBING PLANTS.

By MARGARET E. LAWTON.

Throughout the summertime, the rich growth of our hedges arouses our wonder and admiration. Much of this beauty

is due to the climbing plants, which, assisted by their stronger neighbours, win their way by sheer pluck and persistence.

In early summer, these plants appear frail beside the stronger bushes, and their weak stems seem to be pushed aside by more vigorous plants. Patiently, but wisely, they wait until others have a firm footing. Then comes the chance of the climbers, and they quickly make use of it. A short time later, we find that those poor little plants have overgrown the others, and are waving their leaves, and nodding their flower-heads, much higher than the rest of their neighbours. Let us see how this is done.

Some of the finest climbing plants climb by entwining their stems around neighbouring twigs. The beautiful fragrant honeysuckle works in this way and is most successful in placing the choicest flowers just out of our reach. This plant is a shrub and commences its yearly climb when many plants are still asleep. The Convolvulus, and its small cousin the bindweed, and the bright-berried bryony, also use their stems, until one wonders that the strong neighbours are not strangled in their close embrace.

Several of the members of the sweet pea and vetch family have found it worth while to produce special tendrils to enable the plants to climb to light and air. These finger-like threads coil around the nearest twigs, or even use string, as supports. The sweet pea is one of our fairest garden flowers, and the vetches are amongst the daintiest of the wild family, yet, if the supports are removed, the plants, too weak to stand alone, fall helpless to the ground.

The clematis truly becomes the "Traveller's Joy," because, by twisting the stalks of the leaves, it can cover in thick festoons large tracts of the hedgerows. In just the same way, the great nasturtium of our gardens boldly asserts its claim over other plants.

June's own bush, the sweet wild rose, stretches out long and persistent arms, on which are found strong, sharp prickles. Those strong prickles are climbing hooks, which catch securely into supporting stems. Another member of the rose family, the bramble, follows in the same lead, and at the same time the prickles protect both flowers and fruit from meddling fingers.

Climbing by means of roots, the ivy clothes old walls, and bare tree trunks, in an evergreen mantle. The short roots grow from the stem and fasten themselves into the supports. Even though trees act as the supports, the ivy provides all its own nourishment, and does not demand any from the hosts. Remembering that fact, it is curious that, as the ivy spreads around the trunk, the tree itself begins to wither, and frequently ivy may be seen flourishing on an absolutely lifeless tree.

Whilst these climbing plants seem to thrive, often at the expense of their supporting plants, it is only fair to notice that they only climb when it is necessary. In an open space, I have found goosegrass, or cleavers, just a few inches in height, but quite strong and healthy. Yet in a crowded hedgerow cleavers can attain a height of several feet by clinging to other plants with the sticky, hooked hairs, which line the corners of its square stems. Thus, the plants can rise above their weakness and so stand a fair chance in the keen struggle for life which every wild plant must brave.

## THE CONSTRUCTION, STOCKING AND MANAGEMENT OF AN AQUARIUM.

By WILLIAM WOODALL.

We now come to what some people regard as the most interesting inhabitants of the aquarium—the fish. But to the true lover of Nature everything in it is interesting and beautiful; like a magnet it draws us to the side of the tank, and every day, especially in the summer, we find fresh objects to rivet our attention.

In order to make descriptions clearly understood I will explain the different parts of fish. The dorsal fin is upon the back; the caudal fin, at the end of the tail; the pectoral fins, near the gills; the ventral fins, under the body, near the centre; the anal fins, nearer the tail. The lateral line runs along the side of the fish, from the shoulders to the tail.

### STICKLEBACKS.

The first fishes we will study are the Sticklebacks. They are the most common of all, but by no means the least interesting. They are also the smallest of British fishes. They may be found in the drains by the side of fields and the highways. They are very pugnacious and should have a tank to themselves, for, if placed with other fish, the latter will have a very short and miserable existence.

The three-spined stickleback is very beautiful in appearance and very interesting to study. It is about 2½ inches long. In spring the male fish puts on his best dress, rivaling the rainbow in colouring; the breast is a bright crimson, the sides green, deepening towards the back to nearly black, the under parts silvery. The eyes look like bright emeralds. Instead of a dorsal fin, this fish has three very sharp and strong spines, with a short fin behind them; and the ventral fins have a sharp spine attached to each, standing out nearly at right angles from the body. This fish has no scales, but the body is whilst the victor shines more brightly than ever.

In April procure about two males and 8 or 10 females; as soon as they are placed in the tank each male will select a corner for himself and will proceed to build a nest with vegetable fibre, or anything he can find, and woe betide any fish going near the selected position. If the males meet whilst searching for building material, or seeking to induce the females to enter the nest to deposit their eggs, a furious battle is sure to take place; and their colours shine and sparkle under the excitement, making them look very lovely little fish. When one is forced to give in, he swims away, his colours fading, whilst the victor shines more brightly than ever.

The nests vary a little in shape, but can be best described as being like a short barrel. When the female enters to lay her eggs, she does not come out again at the entrance, but makes a hole through the other end; this allows a current of water to pass through. Two or three lady fish will thus visit the nest. The eggs are rather large for the size of the fish and may very easily be seen, being in colour between a pink and yellow.

Fish appear to reverse the law of nature, for they are great cannibals, and, nothing would suit the stickleback mothers better than to make a hearty meal of their own offspring, either eggs or young fish. The particular male who owns that nest is the only one to protect the eggs, and he would eat the contents of other nests; so the work of each little father is very arduous. The eggs will hatch out in from 26 to 30 days, according to temperature of water.

It is well worth giving these fish a trial, for they afford a great deal of amusement and instruction. At the end of the breeding season, these fish lose their bright colours. In a state of nature the food consists of aquatic insects, worms, and the young of other fish as well as their own. In captivity they will eat vermicelli, small pieces of worms, meat, &c. I generally chew a piece of meat to break the fibres. Don't give more than they will eat at once.

The nine-spined stickleback differs from the others in its colouring. Instead of the gorgeous colours of the others, these males are mostly a bright shiny black. They are more slender in build and are about two inches long. They also build nests, but attach them to plants instead of building upon the gravel, as do three-spined; but their habits and food are very similar.

They have nine spines along the back, very short and sharp; and their bodies are smooth, not plated. There are ventral fins, but a sharp spine for each. The back of body is more slender.

(To be continued).

### "IF NOT, WHY NOT?"

Ask yourself this question after each one of the following, then seek the remedy and apply it:—

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- (ii.) Has your Lyceum any Guild members?
- (iii.) Is each of its Lyceumists over nine years of age a member?

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- (iv.) If you are not a Freeman, are you taking one of the Education Examinations on 19th February, 1922?
- (v.) Have you yet begun your studies for it?
- (vi.) Have you read the Education Article in this issue?

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## Sincerity.

By MARY E. PICKLES.

At the close of a Sunday evening's service a remark was made by one of our demonstrators of the phenomena of Spiritualism to this effect:—"I sincerely wish we could have some shorthand writers in our audiences to take down some of the beautiful addresses that are given time after time through our mediums. I am sure it would make pleasant reading for those who cannot be here to listen to them."

I seconded the desire.

Then my thoughts turned to our Education Scheme, because I was conscious of grave grammatical errors made often by public speakers.

We are not all university students by any means, but we can try, in the preparation for public work, to educate ourselves, so that discourses, when taken down, would be fit for the printer. I contend that almost all addresses, whether the medium is controlled or inspired, are coloured to some extent by the characteristics of the speaker.

It behoves, then, that the student who is aspiring to mediumship must study English.

I remember quite well an individual claiming to be controlled by a great English orator. A listener remarked, "I have heard the said gentleman when in the body lecture many times, but it strikes me he has forgotten his grammar since his passage to the other side."

How necessary it is, then, for training or developing on proper lines, for it is much easier for spirits or controls to work through an efficient instrument than one who is not attuned to their ideal.

We know there are specialists on the other side, as well as this, and they seek individuals well adapted to respond to their call, and their chief aim is to get their messages through to a yearning people, showing quite plainly that their work will be easier if our method of speech is like their own.

It is true that facilities for education were not as good a few years ago as to-day, and some of us have had to plod along as well as we possibly could, but there is no excuse now for our young people neglecting the opportunities presented to them. There is our own Education Scheme which will enable Lyceumists to become better equipped in many ways, if they will avail themselves of it.

How true it is that the more an individual learns, the more he is conscious of how little he has known in the past.

To become great and acquire knowledge is to be sincere, and in that sincerity will be unfolded the finest powers we possess.

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I mean *sincerity*, a deep, great, genuine *sincerity*, and it is the first characteristic towards highest ideals.

Carlyle says: "Not the sincerity that calls itself sincere. Ah, no; that is a very poor matter indeed; a shallow boasting, often self-conceit mainly."

The Voice direct seems to speak to us often through friendship, though verbally there is no expression; that is, where true, sincere friendship exists.

The desire to serve in our own homes through love's channel is a partial training ground for larger circles of service, and brings in its train just results.

There springs from many ardent workers in our own movement an originality shaping towards reform through their sincere desire to render service. We often fail to understand and we under-rate their powers, when we do not see eye to eye with them; yet only in accordance with our individual experiences can we grasp the problems as they confront us.

The Priest ought to be a medium between the spirit world and this, and if he is sincere he becomes a prophet too, but we know he withholds the prophecies from the people, thus starving instead of feeding the hungry souls that for a time he is the steward of.

He ought and could be a great light shedding inspiration on the path that his people tread, just as our speakers and mediums are continually doing, so that I should like them (because they recognise they are in the service of the angels) to aspire for sincerity in all things.

Shakespeare and Dante have both been canonized, but neither priest nor yet cardinal took hand in it. Their works live in the hearts of the people because sincerity runs through them.

Our thoughts go to Joan of Arc, who refused to be false to herself and her inspirers. The Church condemned all she did. Five hundred years have passed by, and now she is canonized, proving that truth lives for all time, and that insincerity has but a short existence.

Imitation and substitution do not speak of the real thing, but just the opposite, plainly revealing to us we must just be ourselves; not veneration, not polishing, but allowing the real self to shine through all vestments.

This is the mind fixed always on the goal, the end to be attained, the development of real self, the realization of the "I am" within, the still higher realization of Oneness with all.

We must try, too, to remember that our highest ideals are never embodied in practice. They will ever be a long way off, yet we must aim for them. There will always be Cromwells and Napoleons in character, and, quoting Carlyle again: "Divine right means Divine might within." Old ideas and

ferms, creeds and dogmas, are getting trampled everywhere into destruction, and new things are revealed through angel ministrations, born of truth and ringing with sincerity.

On the whole, we make too much of the faults as we see them in others, thus shutting from our view the inner principle which is the real and genuine aspect after all. I believe that our moral progress comes through struggle after struggle, always beginning anew after every fall, with an unconquerable purpose, until we rise from low to higher unfoldment.

We read of religious leaders as being deep-hearted sons of the wilderness, so silent, yet so earnest, no thoughts of ambition, but those whom nature had appointed to be sincere. The great mystery of existence glared upon them with its terrors and its splendours, yet each simply said: "Here am I." Their words and deeds live on and all earnest souls see the beauty of lives such as theirs.

So we could keep quoting great men's loving sacrifice and a hope, nay, a keen desire, that we may be enabled to mentally mete out justice to those who are making sacrifices in our own day for the sake of the movement which they dearly love.

To you (if this article ever reaches you) who feel that your life's energy has been wasted, that you have been misunderstood and now lay down your arms and slip quietly away, perhaps to start again in some other field of labour, I say these last words, for there is sincere appreciation for all you have done for the children's movement from Mary E. Pickles.

### For the Bairns.

My Dear Children,—Since last I wrote to you many days have gone and many things have happened. Whitsuntide has come and gone, and with it the Lyceum Conference. I trust that you are all trying to grow up good and true, so that at Whitsuntides in the future you may be considered fit people to go to conferences and help to make the Lyceums better. When that time comes, many of the present attenders at the conferences will have passed to the Great Beyond. Thus is life one continual change.

Yet there is one thing, among many others, that does not seem to change much. Through many years, a wood will seem the same. It undergoes the changes of the seasons, but each succeeding winter, spring, summer and autumn finds it the same as in the preceding ones. I love the woods, and I would like you little ones to love them, too. Probably most of you do, but those who have not thought about them, I would like to think about the woods, and try to love them.

#### THE DRYADS OF THE WOOD.

Somewhere in England, it does not matter where, there grew a big wood. Gnarled old oaks, tall slender birch and far-spreading sycamores, raised their heads to the skies above them. In winter, this wood was an awesome place. The trees swung their bare branches in the cold east winds and appeared bare and forsaken. The gale blew its melancholy trumpet round and about, howling and moaning, sighing and weeping, like a soul in distress. But how different when the spring came! Then a gentle breeze blew and kissed the tender buds as they opened to the sun. The grass grew up fresh and luxuriant, and flowers dotted it with brilliant dashes of colour. The trees spread their branches, the leaves opened out and kept the hot rays of the sun from reaching the ground, so that through the summer the wood was a cool and pleasant place in which to walk. Then, when autumn came, the trees put on their many tinted dresses of brown and gold and russet, till it seemed that they wished to appear at their richest and most beautiful, before being stripped to their winter bareness.

In each of these trees, in all the bushes and flowers, and even in each blade of grass, there lived a fairy. These fairies were called Dryads, and each Dryad was in a dress suitable to the plant in which it lived. The Grass Dryads were males and had little green tights, a little green tunic, pointed green sandals and a peaked green hat. In winter this dress seemed to be slightly tinted with brown. These Dryads were very, very small, because the grass is not very tall, is it? The Dryads of the blue-bells were little girl-Dryads. They had blue dresses that reached to their feet, little green sandals and green hats. Very dainty indeed did they look. In like manner, the other Dryads were dressed to suit their homes. But those that lived in the oaks and the other big trees were not very big, although their homes were so big. The tallest of them were only two feet high.

The summer time was the happiest time of the year for these fairies. They danced and frolicked in the green glades of the

wood and formed their magic rings. Pure-hearted, indeed, was the mortal who saw them, because they were afraid of mortals and ran away when they heard them coming. Sometimes, if a kind and gentle mortal sat still and waited, then he would see these pretty little people shyly peeping out of their tree homes. In winter, they did not come out much, but sat in their homes away from the fierce storm spirits that would have hurt their tiny slender bodies.

Now, there was one of these Dryads who lived in a very, very old oak tree, and because his home was old and hoary, he too was old and hoary. His face was grey and wrinkled and his brows bent over his eyes in a deep scowl. All the young and giddy Dryads were afraid of him, and indeed he showed no sign of good will to anyone. Only the older Dryads knew the troubles of his life; the hard winters that he had weathered, and the storms that had rocked and shaken his tree-home.

Once upon a time one of the acorns blew off his tree and fell on the ground quite close to the tree. It was buried in the soft soil, and in due course a young oak tree sprang up. The old Dryad watched and waited for the young Dryad that would be in this young tree, and would be the soul of the young tree, as he was the soul of the old tree, and would be his son. The second summer after the appearance of the new oak above the ground, the young Dryad came out of his home. The old one looked at the young one and saw that he was well-formed, straight and lusty; and the young one looked at the old one and felt a weeny bit afraid. But the old Dryad took his son by the hand and spoke about their kinship, and how, many years ago, he too had been young and beautiful, but that tempest and draught, cold and heat, had made him as he was. As he talked, the young Dryad knew that he was good and true, although he seemed so old and crabbed, and admiration and esteem grew up in his heart for his old companion.

From that time dated one of those deep friendships that are never broken. The two Dryads were constant companions, and the young Dryads round about wondered at it. Almost always did the young oak Dryad prefer the company of the old one to that of his younger neighbours.

And the Summer changed to Autumn and the Autumn to Winter.

One night in Winter, a great storm sprang up. The trees groaned and cracked with the fierceness of the wind. Dark, heavy clouds swept across the sky, and the rain fell in torrents. The Dryads, in their homes, crouched in fear. Suddenly, through the night, rang out a great and awful cry, there was a rending and crashing, and the old oak lay uprooted on the ground. Fearless of rain and wind, the young Dryad rushed out, and saw his old father stand for one minute, swaying in the wind, his arms outstretched towards his son, and then he vanished. He was dead.

Day broke on the wood, red, sullen and stormy, and the Dryads ventured forth. They saw the oak stretched on the ground, and standing by it the disconsolate form of the young Dryad. He looked at them mournfully and then withdrew into his own tree. His first sorrow had come.

Many years passed and the young sapling had grown into a fine large tree, erect and sound. The Dryad was the finest, straightest and most beautiful of all the fairies. He remembered the words of the old Dryad and strove to meet adversity with a brave face, but always the shadow of his first great sorrow remained with him and made him grave and serious.

I do not want you little boys and girls to think that this tale is a true one. A very, very little bit is true. That bit was told to me by one of the oldest (in service) and most prominent of the Lyceum workers, and I have added a lot of my own imaginary thoughts to it, to make a little tale for you. Do not scoff when you are told that there are fairies, because there are fairies and many of our clairvoyants have seen them. They differ from human beings in that they are not immortal souls.

I give you all, in spirit, the left hand of Fraternal Love.

FELIX.

### The Life of the Spirit.

By A. PIXE.

Numerous definitions have been given of the word "Spirit" by different schools of thought and by various teachers in our own ranks of Spiritualistic philosophy. What these teachers claim to be the spirit, as manifested through intelligence, consciousness and activity, we claim to be the ego or a spiritual entity. The spirit we interpret as being something independent

in a measure, yet always permeating, infiltrating, and animating the physical body. It may be likened to a flame of light, brilliant and beautiful in appearance, which attracts to itself elements, forces, particles and atoms, necessary for the building up of the spiritual form or body. It attracts to itself magnetic forces and elements, and is part of the electrifying force which permeates all life. We are taught that the great source of all life and being is itself bright and vivifying light, and the soul of humanity is the offspring of that central sun, which contains the potency of all intelligence and activity, and all the principles we understand by the terms love, Truth, wisdom, and power. Emerson has described the infinite life as the "Oversoul" or "Spirit," grand and glorious, brooding upon waters of the deep, above all that the universe contains, and permeating all with its life-giving force. It matters not by what name we reverence that which is infinite; but we believe all men recognise intuitively that there is a supreme Power permeating this universe.

When we realise that the spirit in life is the real spirit or attractive force, we may gather to ourselves from the universe the things we need for the development of divinity within our lives. This we can do, as we study ourselves and our conditions, as we come into accord with life, and into harmony with mankind. Thus shall we climb on and on, not content to remain here as children groping in the dark, but aspiring to become men and women of trust and faith in things Divine: Then the religion of the future will be the glory of human brotherhood; its watchword will be "Onward," and will not deal with death or decay, but of life and renewal.

Spiritualism is a leader in the cults of liberal thought, and shows us the promise of a dawn when the night of fear shall be past. It heralds in the everlasting good for man. Its truth shall glorify the world.

## MEDIUMSHIP FOR THE MILLION.

### 'SPIRITUALISM: A FORECAST.'

In works of the Pioneer Phrenologists, the organ of Wonder was denominated as the seat of that mysterious faculty with which Socrates, Cato and others held communication with their "familiar demons," or "Spirit guides."

Phrenologists, 125 years ago, knew that there were in the Brain of man certain centres, now called "Spirituality," giving to those possessing this faculty in marked degrees, a distinctive capacity to hear, see, feel and commune with familiar spirits; so common was this exercised among so large a number of persons that it was natural to call their guides, counsellors and friends "Familiar." Thus a great credit and honour has been misconstrued, in later years, in the public conception of the term "*Familiar Spirits*." Who should be more familiar than us, who hold the greater right to guide, counsel and befriend us in sickness and health than our beloved relatives with whom we were familiar?

Some subjects, sciences, discoveries and reforms appear to go hand in hand together in "*Long Suffering*," hard labour and public neglect, which ripens them.

Spiritualism and Phrenology are couplets in this respect; although Phrenology is much the senior of the two, Spiritualism being about 35 years its junior.

Phrenology has already done good service in proviso for the birth of its Sister Science, Spiritualism. He who does not know Phrenology in its principles is a deficient Spiritualist.

Everyone who has read the literature of Phrenology of the early eighties, know full well the absurd prejudice and bigotry as well as utter falsehood and misrepresentation from all classes which was heaped upon it to endeavour to exterminate its clarion voice, but all to no purpose. Phrenology slumbered and at length survived all the chilly blast of scorn, abuse and falsehood, and has arisen again a lusty Conqueror overcoming all, and now is marching on to certain glory and service to the race without distinction of class, the Universal Brotherhood.

Spiritualism could not exist were it not a Co-relative between organism and function. Everyone of the Spiritual gifts enumerated either by St. Paul or by the modern researchers, necessarily depends upon a medium whose organism has specific and natural qualifications as an instrument, specially befitted through which the manifestation is expressed or evolved, whether in Inspiration or Materialisation it matters not. Organisation—Temperament—Rockbottom Physiology and Anatomy are the Keystones of the whole arch and the Secret of these Natural Laws in the Spiritual Expression only need our delivery and study to make plain and clear for all.

## BIRTHS, IN MEMORIA, AND MARRIAGES.

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### BIRTH.

DAWSON., Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 19th June. To Mr. and Mrs. G. Sample Dawson, a son. Dan. Magill.

HUDDERSFIELD, Ramsden Street.—Law, on June 18th, at Sunnside, Cross Street, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Law (*nee* Elizabeth E. Entwistle), a son (Geoffrey).

### MARRIAGE.

NOTTINGHAM.—On June 16th (By License), Joseph George, of Eastwood, to Ethel Swadden, District Visitor. Nottingham District Council.

### IN MEMORIAM.

HUDDERSFIELD.—St. Peter St.—Hirst, Charles William, the beloved son of George W., and E. A. Hirst, 18, Newhouse, Highfields Road, Huddersfield. Passed to the Higher Life May 8th 1921. Services at home, St. Peter's Street Church and Graveside conducted by Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Sykes.

"He suffered long and murmured not."—W. Hirst.

RUNCORN.—In loving memory of Arthur Charlesworth, aged 10, who passed to the higher life, through drowning, May 25th, 1921.

His pleasant face will be missed by all the Lyceumists at Runcorn.

In affectionate remembrance of my dear friend, Emma Peat, who journeyed to the Summerland June 5th, 1920.

She lives and loves us still.

—Beth Britten.

WAKEFIELD.—In loving memory of Kathleen Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harding, Thornes. Passed to the higher life July 8th, 1918, age 11 years.

### REMEMBRANCE.

She is not dead, the girl of our affection,  
But gone into that home  
Where she no longer needs our poor protection,  
Where Angels themselves do rule.

Into that great cloister's still seclusion,  
By guardian Angels led;  
Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution,  
She lives whom we call dead.

Day after day we think what she is doing  
In those bright realms of air;  
Year after year her tender steps pursuing,  
Behold, she grows more fair.

Thus do we walk with her and keep unbroken  
The bond which nature gives;  
Thinking our remembrance, though unspoken,  
May reach her where she lives.

## D. C. Reports.

### BOLTON DISTRICT.

The above named Council held their Annual Demonstration at Bury on Saturday, June 11th. The following Lyceums and Churches taking part: Bury, Deane Rd.; Bolton, Henry St.; Bolton, Bradford St.; Bolton Daisy Hill; Horwich, Radcliffe. The Lyceums assembled on the Bury Fair Ground and joined in singing, "Our Lyceum 'tis of Thee." After which the Procession marched round the principal streets headed by Heap Bridge Brass Band.

Again we assembled on the Fair Ground to give a display of marching and calisthenics. Elton Concertina Band played the music. Mr. G. F. Knott was asked to speak a few words to the onlooking crowd, and he invited them to the Athenaeum Hall, where tea was provided, followed by a grand concert. Mr. Walsh was in the Chair and called on our Area representative Mr. G. A. Mack, to say a few words. He was followed by Mr. Knott. Soloists, Miss Worthington, Miss Smith, Miss Riley Morris Hepworth. Two Bury Lyceumists gave a dialogue,

Dancing brought a very pleasant day to a close. The Council thank all workers for their splendid help.—Ernest Woodward, Sec.

#### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

We held our bi-monthly Conference at Ramsden St., Huddersfield, on Saturday, June 11th, instead of June 12th, owing to there being no train service on Sundays. We commenced at 3 o'clock prompt, Opening Hymn 23. Invocation by Mr. Ellis. The President spoke a few words of the abilities and activities of our past President, Mr. Taylor of Huddersfield, who has passed over. Mr. Taylor, during the three years as President of the Council, proved himself to be a worker for the Children's Cause, as he continually brought forward many ideas which may have proved helpful to the cause had they been understood as he understood them. His mind was ever active, which showed his abilities and willingness to push forward the children's cause.

The President asked all to stand in sympathy and thought towards our late President. The business was carried forward and accepted. Minutes last Meeting; attendance record; Treasurer's Statement; District Visitor's Report; Assist D.V.'s Report; Correspondence; Delegates Report of B.S.L.U. Conference; New Associates; Delegates Report of H.D.C. Meeting; Open Council.—J. Manning, Sec.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at the Stead Bureau, 30a, Baker Street, on Saturday, 11th June, Mrs. Mary Gordon presiding. There was a fairly good attendance of delegates, and much good work was done. The President's address gave rise to a fruitful discussion, and as a result it was decided to invite Lyceum Conductors and Leaders to form a class for the discussion of methods of conducting Session, etc. The various reports were satisfactory, and a vote of thanks for strengthening Lyceum work done was passed to Mrs. Barnard and Mr. Connor. The main part of the meeting was devoted to discussing suggestions for strengthening Lyceum work in the District. Mr. Miles produced a monthly (typed) Magazine conducted by the Kingston Lyceumists, and a Committee, consisting of Mrs. Gordon and Barnard, Miss Smallman, Messrs. Miles, Williams, Cox and Connor, was appointed to consider the extension of the idea. Mr. Connor described his visit to Dewsbury Lyceum, and it was decided to provide a Silver Bell for Competition amongst the London Lyceums. Mrs. Clegg was congratulated on attaining her 70th birthday. The Executive holds its next Conference at Kingston on Sunday, 17th July.—A. T. Connor, Sec.

#### SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly meeting of the above Council was held on June 4th at Gilmour St. Lyceum, Middleton. The following Lyceums were represented: Roomfield, Regent Hall, Rochdale; Summer St., Rochdale; Yorkshire St., Rochdale; D.V., A. Barley, and a large number of Associate Members. Minutes passed as read; Secretary's Report; Correspondence and Auditor's Reports accepted; Delegate's Report of the Burnley Conference accepted with thanks. Mr. A. Barley was appointed Secretary; Mr. Carter was appointed the District Visitor. Mass Session of Lyceums at Bacup, August 7th. Agenda for the next Meeting will include:—"That Associate members be allowed to hold office in the Council." "That Associate members be reviewed every 12 months." "That a Lyceumist ceases to be an Associate when he leaves a Lyceum." Lyceums please take note of these. Resolved that it be left to the Secretary to arrange date and place of next Meeting; invitations to be sent to the Secretary. A vote of thanks to the Gilmour St. Lyceum for entertaining Delegates brought a pleasant meeting to a close.—Archie Barley, Sec.

#### TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

We held an E.C. Meeting at Bondgate in Sunday, June 12th, 1921, re Business of the Field Day proposed to be held on August 1st. Bank Holiday. Members of the Committee present were: Mr. C. H. Roeder (Vice-President); E. W. Buckingham, Sec.; Mr. G. Edwards, D.V.; Mrs. Armstrong, (Bondgate); Mrs. Sleightholme (Northgate); Mr. Foster (Gurney Valley); Apologies received from other members for not being able to attend through train facilities, etc. The main item on the Agenda was the question as to whether the Field Day should be postponed, but after a great deal of consideration it was finally resolved to hold it as arranged. For the benefit of fellow-workers in other Councils, I am pleased to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to attend this Demonstration if they are in the

District. It is intended to be held at Darlington, August 1st, Bank Holiday.—E. W. Buckingham.

#### N.E.L.L.D.C. REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council held the second Quarterly Meeting on June 18th, at Preston (Lancashire Road) Lyceum. Mrs. M. E. Pickles presided, supported by Messrs. Battersby, Ball and Shuttleworth.

Messrs. Hopper and Wagner appointed Credential Committee. Secretary read minutes of last meetings which were accepted. Also Conference Committee minutes accepted. Correspondence from Anderton and S. West, who have left this country. Motions from Darwen letters *re* fees. Correspondence accepted. President's address *re* disputes between Churches and Lyceums accepted. Resolved: "That E.C., along with two representatives from the floor, form a committee to consider revisions to constitution. Findings of same to be submitted to a specially convened meeting." Messrs. Mason (W. E.) and Hopper elected. Reports: (a) Financial accepted; (b) Conference accepted. Resolved: "That we draw the attention of the M.C. to the omission in acceptance of minutes *re* the £2,000 effort." That we protest against the ridiculous statements of Mr. Jackson in Conference *re* U.D.C. and M.C. Secretary to write Midland district U.D.C. accepted. Delegates spoke that we table a resolution that Scotland be made a separate district and have representation accordingly. For 3, against 19. Resolved: That motion from Darwen take precedence, "That in pooling expenses the averages be reckoned per Lyceum and not per delegate." For 19, against 4. Motion *re* D.C. meetings re-worded and accepted.

Cottage report. Accepted motion from E.C. amended, "Solely for Camp Scheme." D.V. reports to be sent to each Lyceum. Conference accounts accepted.

President's address at Conference deferred until September meeting. All reports adopted. Votes of thanks accorded to our Preston friends. Delegates to U.D.C. at Bolton: Messrs. Hopper and E. O. Mason elected. Matters *re* education deferred to next meeting *re* formation of a class for English. President adjourned the meeting at 8.40 p.m.—J. Shuttleworth, Sec.

#### LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held in Moor-thorpe Spiritual Church, South Elmsall, on Saturday, June 11th.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of our President, Mr. Kitson, through sickness, Mr. Downs was elected to the chair. The meeting was only poorly represented, owing to train facilities. Minutes of last meeting. Correspondence read and accepted. Reports: D.V., Visitors, Conductors, L.D.C., B.S.L.U. Delegates', U.D.C. Delegates', all accepted. Field Day Secretary's report accepted. Agreed to withdraw the Interchange and Visiting for the next three months, owing to the present conditions. Competition Business:—The adjudicator said in his report the Lyceums he had visited had made great progress and it was making it more difficult for him this year. Mr. Collier, Vice-President, gave notice of motion for next Council meeting *re* Finance. Next Council meeting to be held at Dairycoates, Hull.

Vote of thanks was passed to the local friends for their kind welcome and splendid catering.

Lyceums represented:—Armley, Castleford, Dewsbury, Leeds Psycho, Roxburgh Road, Moor-thorpe, Wakefield, Dairycoates, D.V., Areal Representative and 6 Associates present.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

#### Questions and Answers.

*Question:* Will you please explain "Know thy own self, this kind, this due degree of blindness, weakness, Heaven bestows on thee."—S.C. No. 1.

*Answer:* The Divine Order poetically explains that there is a Divine force governing natural laws. The reading is an extract from Pope's Essay on Man. A human being is born blind and weak. His eyes are opened and he becomes strong, but it depends on man's knowledge of himself: therefore the precept to "know thy own self." Spiritualists know Heaven to be a condition of mind and we find sympathy, service and love are awakened within us when, through knowing ourselves we minister to the welfare of children.

This S.C.R. is one of the most discussable recitations in the *Lyceum Manual*.

## SPECIAL REPORTS.

Under this heading, Lyceums whose reports exceed the words allowed in the Table as shown in Rule 8 may have them inserted in full by enclosing 6d. for every extra nine words.

**EAST HAMILTON, Canada.**—On May 30th we held an Open Session, also our Annual Prize Distribution. The session was well attended by adults and children. Miss Palmer, our Conductor, assisted by Mr. Gretton, conducted the service. There was one thing noticeable, the many beautiful Pearls said by the children. At the close of the session, Mr. Gretton spoke a few encouraging words to the Leaders and scholars, after which he distributed the prizes. The service was a success.—J.H.

**ELLAND, Southgate.**—On June 4th we held Flower Services. June 5th Anniversary Services; afternoon, Open Session, conducted by Mr. Sadler. The school was well attended; recitations were rendered by the children. Mrs. Berry, of Bradford, conducted all the week-end services. The address in the evening was on the Lyceum.—Elsie Green, Sec.

**MULL, Dairycoates.**—On Sunday, May 29th, we held our Open Session. Mrs. Downs (Conductor) presided. Mr. Johnson, President of the Society, unfurled and dedicated twelve Group Bannettes to the Lyceum and explained the different Groups and Colours. We felt the presence of past members with us from the Summerland who had helped us in the days gone by. We wish to thank all friends who helped in the making of and filling up the Bannettes: several Leaders and parents of Lyceumists bought their Group Bannettes for which we thank them. The service was one that will not be forgotten. In the evening, the Leaders and Officers conducted the services. Mr. Johnson presiding. The following took part in the services: Mesdames Halstad, Powell, Matthews, Cook, Hodgson, Downs, Barker, Sharp, and Mr. Wood. A recitation was given by Miss Elsie Barker, soloist, Mrs. Jackson.—Mrs. A. E. Cook, Sec.

**LEEDS, Roxburgh Road.**—On Whit-Monday, our Lyceum spent a grand day at Woodkirk Pleasure Gardens, about 72 children and 40 adults went in waggonettes. Then there was tea provided for the children which, by their smiling faces, they simply enjoyed. Sports were indulged in by all classes, which made a lot of fun; each child was delighted with their winning prize. Great credit was due to all Lyceumists and Friends who took part in the day of pleasure for the children. Arrived home about ten o'clock; all tired out after a most enjoyable day.—Mrs. Manuel, Sec.

**MANCHESTER, Moss Side, Raby Street.**—This Lyceum is progressing most favourably. The Liberty Groups are a great success, and judging by the list of speakers for the near future, there is no reason why they should not be even a greater success. The Shakespearean Company under the direction of Mr. Gilbert have now become most prominent. Sir Frank R. Benson is now the President, Miss Violet Vanburgh is the Vice-President, whilst Mrs. Leo Grindon is the Art Director. The Company have a long list of new productions for the winter and have been asked to play at most of the local Education Committee schools.—Mabel E. Baker, Secretary.

**NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.**—On June 6th we held our Anniversary, which was considered the best we ever had. The Rev. W. Moody presided. On June 19th Mr. Lawrance, President, T.D.C., presented 15 certificates to the successful candidates for Grade I, 8 winning Hons. with Dist. 27 books as prizes were presented to those taking part at the Anniversary. At the evening service Mr. Hunter presided. Recitations by Misses Wardle, Dixon, John Wardle. Solos by Mrs. Lunn. Musical reading 216. Responses by Annie Shadforth. Everyone felt good work had been done for the Lyceum Movement; a day to be long remembered by those present.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

**SOWERBY BRIDGE.**—On Sunday, June 5th, we had our Lyceum Anniversary. Mr. Gilling of Manchester was the speaker for the day. In the morning an Open Session was held, the room being nicely filled. Many old scholars present. Mr. T. H. Wright conducted. Miss Elsie Barrett gave the welcome to the speaker and friends, presenting a rose to him. Mrs. S. Stansfield conducted the S. C. Recitations, "Make Home Pleasant." M. R.'s by Mrs. Loughton, Miss C. Thorp and Mr. J. E. Ball. G. C. by Mr. F. Sutcliffe. Mr. T. Stansfield conducted the marching and calisthenics. Recitations by Misses Stella Wilson, Nellie Hollas,

Isabella Dunnington, Hilda Brierly and masters Cecil and Wilfred Clegg and Sydney Bottomley. Songs by Misses A. Wild, E. Barrett, and Mr. E. Lees. Duet by Mrs. Loughton and Miss C. Thorpe; Mr. Gilling gave a short address. Mrs. F. Ackroyd presided at the organ and piano. We began our Anniversary by our Lyceum Circle meeting at 9 o'clock when we asked the help of our spirit friends to make our day a happy one and it was; morning Lyceum Collection £13 0s. 3d.; afternoon and evening services were held; address by Mr. Gilling; special Hymns and Anthems were rendered by the Choir, with their usual success. Collections for the day £35.—W. Wright, Sec.

**WINNIPEG.**—The Lyceum held its Open Session on June 4th. There was a good attendance which was well conducted by our new Conductor, Mr. Brown, who has been elected for the next 6 months. Pearls were given by Ella Crawley, Harold, Edna and Winnie Brown, Mrs. H. Forrest, Mr. Wilson, Miss Johnson and Mrs. Wilson. Recitations by Ella Crawley, Olive Forrest and Sylvia Parkinson. Solos by Edna and Winnie Brown, Mrs. H. Forrest, Miss Helen Lawrence. A pianoforte solo by Janie Sumerlidson. Mr. Brown gave us a little advice on "Harmony," which was well explained. A pleasant session. We had our half-yearly meeting on May 27th. Our Lyceum has had a successful half-year. The election of officers for the next half-year are as follows: Conductor, Mr. T. Brown; Assist., Mr. Wilson; Guardian, Mr. Johnson; Capt. of Guards, Fred Benson; Guards, George Dale, Mr. Laurie Brown, and Mr. H. Forrest; Secretary, Mr. C. Forrest; Musical Conductor, Jonia Sumerlidson; Assistant, Miss Helen Lawrence; Teachers, Mrs. Hargreaves, Miss Anderson, Miss Helen Lawrence and Mr. Wilson; Teacher for Liberty Group, Mr. Brown; Auditors, Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. H. Forrest. Will all Lyceums accept our kind Greetings from Winnipeg.—Charles Forrest, Sec.

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### 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 ears and eyebrows curl—  
 But I'm a boy.

—W. H. PIERCE.

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## LYCEUM REPORTS.

**RULE 1.**—Reports must be written in ink or typed on one side of the paper only. Commence the Report by stating the name of your Lyceum, and sign your name at the end.

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**ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.**—We held our Open Session on June 5th. We opened with singing L.S. 151. Invocation was nicely rendered by Mrs. Chambers, an old Lyceumist; S.C. 78, M.R. 241, and G.C. 112, well gone through. Marching and calisthenics were very well conducted and well done. We are mending splendidly. Recitations and solos were rendered by Lyceumists both young and old. We had also a duet and quartette. We closed a splendid session with singing 365 and benediction by our Conductor.—Mr. Oswald Cahill, Sec.

(Please read the rules at the beginning of reports.—Ed.)

**BOLTON, Bradford Street.**—We held our Election of Officers on June 5th. Conductor, W. Johnson; Assistant, Emma Scaife; Secretary, S. Cannon; Treasurer, W. Ridings; Marching and Calisthenics Conductors, Mr. T. Worthington and Miss A. Kershaw; Group Leaders—Girls, E. Scaife; Boys, T. Combes and W. Johnson; Liberty Group, Messrs. Windridge and Hibbert; Minute Secretary, J. Ainscow; Guardians, Miss L. Askew, F. Johnson and Thos. Worthington. Our Lyceum is gaining in numbers and everything points to a most successful year. Lyceum conducted all services on Sunday, June 12th. Remarks from old and young Lyceumists deeply impressed. Appreciative audiences.—S. Cannon.

**BATLEY-CARR.**—The 39th Anniversary was celebrated on 11th and 12th June. Saturday,—tea and concert (by 21 young Lyceumists); attendance good; audience appreciative. Sunday,—two services. Addresses by Mr. Lightowler. Clairvoyance by Mrs. Lightowler. Both rendered valuable service; and their efforts were appreciated by large audiences. Financial receipts satisfactory. The Lyceum is growing rapidly.—W. Womersley, Sec.

**BEDWORTH.**—Open Session, June 5th. Mr. Rowe unfurled a banner and presented it to the Excelsior Group. Recitations were given by P. Alsop, A. Davis, F. Ison, A. Bradbury. Lyceum hymns were rendered by Liberty and Excelsior Groups. H. Harrison, rendered a piece on the organ. A most enjoyable time was spent.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

**BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.**—On Sunday, May 29th, we held our usual Open Session when once again we had a good attendance; everything was gone through very creditably under the leadership of our assistant conductor, Mrs. Riding. A very pleasing ceremony was that of naming a child, another scholar in our midst. Mr. George Grime one of our oldest scholars officiated very ably for the first time in his life and gave the child the name of Marion Ashley. A very successful session.—Mrs. Robinson, Sec.

**BOLTON, Henry St.**—On June 5th, Miss Webster, the conductor of our Lyceum, was presented with a special badge for long and honourable service as a member of the B.S.L.U. Mr. Lawrence, of Newcastle, made the presentation, and stated that it was a most pleasing ceremony to perform. Miss Webster has seen more service as a Lyceum Conductor than anyone in Lancashire.—Wm. C. Bearman, Sec.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—We have now formed a Sports, Arts and Crafts Club, in connection with which we have held several rambles, and cycle rides, which have proved a great success. The Lyceum is progressing steadily, though greatly cramped for space.—Louis T. F. Hitchcock, Sec.

**BURNLEY, North Street.**—On June 12th we held our Lyceum Day. It was a very encouraging session, with a splendid attendance. The Silver and Golden Chains were well discussed. I like this free and open discussion; it speaks well for progression. Our marching and calisthenics are improving steadily. After the marching we enjoyed two recitations given by Miss Towler, followed by many songs and recitations by the little children. This way of allowing them to express themselves gives them a greater interest in the Lyceum. In the evening our Lyceumists—"Miss Wilkins, elocutionist, Miss Shipley, Soprano, Mr. W. Hallam, Baritone, took charge of the service, which was indeed a great success.—Emily Poppleton, Sec.

**BURY.**—On June 19th we had an Open Sunday; solos, songs, and recitation were duly rendered by Lyceumists. Each Saturday, we are having Rambles in aid of the £2,000 Effort, and on July 3rd we shall hold our Lyceum Open Session; all are cordially invited.—W. Berry, Sec.

**CALGARY First Spiritualist Church.**—On Sunday, May 8th, we held a Mothers' Day Service at the Lyceum. Members whose mothers were still in the body wore a red flower, and a white one was worn for the mothers who had passed to the higher life. The pearls, readings and recitations, with the remarks by Mrs. Garrad (Conductor), and the discussion, all related to the subject for the day, "Our mothers and their influence on our lives, and history." A good session was spent.

On Tuesday, the 10th, a Social and Dance was held; a solo by Miss A. Garrad, the famous Kazoo Band by the Campbell Party, also a ventriloquial sketch by Mr. E. Campbell, junior,

who are members of the Lyceum, was greatly appreciated. The evening ended with dancing and was greatly enjoyed by all.—Mrs. C. K. Cooke, Sec.

**CHESTERFIELD.**—On June 5th we held our Open Session, and the following kindly obliged with items. Recitations were given by Florence Brownson, Jack Wale, Ken Widdowson, Willie Campbell, and Mr. Tattersall. Stringings were given by Olive Leggett, Mr. Tattersall, Connie Ridler, Mr. A. E. Hobster and Mrs. Tattersall. Pearls were given by Leonard Horton, Ivy Jones, Ken Widdowson, Mr. Tattersall, Connie Ridler, Mrs. Tattersall, Mr. A. E. Hobster and Mr. Widdowson. Pianoforte solos by Lily Gore and Ethel Wale brought to an end a most delightful session.—Leonard Horton, Minute Sec.

**COVENTRY, Bondgate.**—The Bondgate Lyceum was formally opened by Mrs. Blanche Petz, on May 22nd. There was a good attendance and the various activities promise successful efforts.

**COVENTRY, Foleshill.**—Open Session, June 5th. Recitations by N. Jones, E. Evans, G. Martin. Pianoforte and Violin Solo, Misses Ortons, Solo, Miss Smith.—E. M. Hutton, Sec.

**EARBY.**—We held our Open Session on June 5th. Songs were given by H. Milward, J. Waddington, J. Foster, Ruth Ward, R. Ward, N. Ward, B. Banks. Recitations by G. Milward, J. Waddington, C. Clarke, D. Cousens, G. Wiley, E. Clarke, R. Ward, G. Robinson, J. Foster, E. Barker. An Essay was given by Arthur Wintersgill on "A Ramble to Gargrave."—Florrie Astley, Sec.

**HYDE.**—On June 12th we held our Open Session. The attendance at the afternoon was exceedingly good; the Lyceum was crowded, and the space at our disposal much too small. There was a naming ceremony performed, the child being the infant of two of our Lyceumists made the ceremony more pleasing. The marching was good and a very enjoyable session was held. In the evening the Conductor, Mr. J. Smith, gave a very interesting paper, entitled "The Lyceum, its Objects and Benefits." Miss L. Greenhalgh pleased all present with her fine rendering of a solo entitled "My Prayer." Mrs. Bateman, an old and well-known worker in the cause of Spiritualism, gave good Clairvoyant Descriptions and encouraging remarks to the children; this service was also very well attended, bringing a successful day to a close.—Ernest Hyde, Sec.

**HUDDERSEFIELD, St. Peter Street.**—On Sunday, June 5th, we held our Open Session, when we had a good attendance of scholars and friends. Marching and calisthenics carried out well. There were numerous pearls and recitations by the scholars. Solos were rendered by Mr. Wallis and Miss M. Oliver. On June 12th Mr. Akroyd was with us, when we had a very interesting discussion on Silver Chain Recitation No. 61.—W. Hirst, Sec.

**LANCASTER.**—We held our Open Session on June 5th. Recitations were given by Annie Smith, John Wright, Lena and Alice Jones. We had a good discussion on the Readings. This is a clear indication that our Lyceumists are interested. On May 29th we held a Flower Service in memory of our late Conductor, A. Davies, who gave his life in France for his country. Madame Alice Walker rendered with fine effect two solos. J. Kirk also sang. Mr. F. Ball and A. Bleasdale gave addresses. In the afternoon we held an open Session which was much appreciated by the congregation. Prizes were given for the best bunch of flowers, which were won by Annie Smith, Alice Jones and Abraham Kirk. In the evening, the successful students of the Education Class were presented with their certificates and badges. A splendid time all through.—G. E. Jones, Hon. Sec.

**LEICESTER, Rupert Street.**—June 5th, we had our Open Session, when we had a very good attendance. Recitation by Miss E. Wicks. Solos by Misses D. Goldsmith, P. Goldsmith, I. Brown, Messrs F. Wylly, H. Jayes and H. Cartwright. I am pleased to say we have made several new members. Miss A. Clarke ably conducted the Session.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

**LIVERPOOL.**—"Star of Progress."—Our Lyceum has opened a Guild which meets every Monday night. We practice for concerts in aid of a new church. All Lyceumists take part in the concerts. We have had two and they have been very successful indeed.—Eva Kirkham, Sec.

**MANOR PARK.**—On 5th June, we held our Open Session, when Plaistow Lyceum visited us. We had a good gathering (over 60 Lyceumists being present) and an excellent time. Pearls were given in plenty and efforts were splendidly rendered by the following Lyceumists: Misses Maggie Buchanan, Lillie Ford, Maggie Reed, Violet Reed, Alice Jeffries, Louise Jeffries and Alice Wynfield, of Plaistow; Misses Edith Trinder, Olive Trinder, Hilda Rayment, Dora Reeves, Hilda Freeman, Gladys Rodd, Vera Rodd and Ethel Crawley; Master Tommy Trinder, Master Leslie Primmer, Mr. Wills and Mr. Clarke. Other Lyceumists were prepared to give efforts, but owing to the limited time at our disposal, the 'efforts part' of the Session had, unfortunately, to come to an abrupt ending. Mr. Manning, Conductor of Plaistow, Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Brooks, Co-Conductors, of Manor Park, each gave a short address, and a most enjoyable meeting came to a close. After light refreshment, the Plaistow Lyceumists, all smiling and happy, left us, with a cordial invitation for them to visit Manor Park again at any time.—L.B.

**MANCHESTER, Collyhurst.**—On June 19th, we held our Open Session which was well attended. Solos, recitations and pearls were ably rendered and much appreciated. The visitors present were highly pleased with our session and the progress we are making.—J. E. Shearsmith, Sec.

**MANSFIELD.**—On Saturday, June 4th, a tea was given to all Lyceumists, after which a very enjoyable evening was spent in games, etc. On Sunday, June 5th, we held our Open Session, and prize distribution; the session was conducted by Mr. Winfield. Mrs. Alton ably distributed the prizes. Solos and recitations well rendered.—J. W. Wright, Sec.

**MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road West.**—The Lyceumists gave a Service of Song, "Spirit Return," on June 6th, which was very well rendered. Reader, Mrs. Harrison. Solos, etc., by Mrs. Abbott, Mr. V. Smith, Mrs. E. Bonsor, Mrs. Daffield, Mrs. V. Bonsor, Mr. A. Edwards, Mr. E. Edwards, Miss Swales, Mrs. Hewitt. Recitation by Miss M. Abbott. Accompanist, Mr. Roeder. The whole evening passed well.—E. W. Buckingham.

**NEWCASTLE, Rutherford Street.**—June 5th. Open Session. Good array of talent and enthusiasm among the youngsters to sing and recite. "A child will lead." Guild going strong for 1922 Examination. 15 now pushing ahead. June 19th, during the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Willis, both Lyceumists, had their fourth child named with flowers, Miss Florence Willis, spirit name, Radiant. Miss Secker, of Gateshead, performed the ceremony in a lucid and efficient manner. Full Lyceum and many visitors.—G. Sample Dawson.

**NORMANTON.**—On May 22nd, we held our Lyceum Anniversary. Special hymns, solos and recitations were rendered by our Lyceumists. Mrs. Ward, of Castleford, ably conducted the services. On Saturday June 4th a free tea was provided for our children and was heartily enjoyed. Afterwards games, etc., were indulged in. Happy Days.—L. Walker, Sec.

**NORTH SHIELDS, Rippon Hall.**—May 22nd, we held our quarterly "Children's Night." Recitations and solos were rendered by Lyceumists, after which Mr. W. Hall, the district visitor, presented the certificates gained by the scholars at the recent Education Scheme Examination, which service he performed in a very able and pleasant manner. Mr. S. Robson, the Society President, occupied the chair, and Mr. R. Robson (Conductor) officiated on behalf of the Lyceum. Altogether we spent an enjoyable evening and passed one milestone on our road of progression.

**NOTTINGHAM, Parliament Street.**—We held our Anniversary on June 5th, when we all passed an enjoyable day from the youngest to the oldest. All items were splendidly given. The conductor, and Mr. K. Vardy gave a few words to children and congregation. Collections realised £2 9s. 10½d. Thanking all for their appreciation towards the children.—K. Vardy, Sec.

**OLDHAM, Elliott St.**—On June 26th, we held our Election of Officers. The following were appointed:—Conductor, Mrs. Platt; Assistants, Miss Carrie Benson and Mr. Sam Clayton; Secretary, Mr. Platt; Assistant, Mr. V. Slater; Calisthenic Conductors, Miss B. Benson, Miss Grimes, Mr. Millward and

Mr. H. Slater; Guardians, Miss Whitehead, Miss Shaw, Mr. Wellings and Mr. Slater; Teachers, Mrs. Platt, Mr. Platt, Mr. Slater and Miss Whitehead; Liberty Group Leaders, Mr. Platt and Mr. Clayton; Visitors, Mr. Wellings and Mr. Clayton.—V. Slater, Assistant Sec.

**PRESTON, Lancaster Road.**—This Lyceum held June 19th as Lyceum Day. Our Conductor was Mr. J. Shuttleworth, Darwen, Sec. of N.E.L.L.D.C. We had three good Sessions, all well attended. We had good discussions on the readings and excellent Open Sessions, many Lyceumists took part. Our Conductor gave us plenty of food for thought. We had a record day which we hope will entice more to our Lyceum.—R. Smalley, Sec.

**QUARMBY.**—We held our Open Session on June 12th. Solos were rendered by three of our Lyceumists. The pearls were very much appreciated by our Conductor. We also held a very beautiful naming service of our youngest Lyceum Scholar, spirit name "Steadfast"; he is only a baby. We are very proud to say we have only one failure out of nine. This is the first attempt that has been made. Success to our Lyceum.—Miss Alice Ollerenshaw, Sec.

**ROTHERHAM.**—Anniversary Services held June 12th and 14th. Address by Mr. James, of Doncaster, who gave a beautiful address on "Character." The services were ably conducted by Mr. Bradley. Miss Britten occupied the chair. Recitations were given by the children; assisted by a Lyceumist from Attercliffe, Hilda Chilton, who rendered "Anniversary Greetings." Prizes were distributed on the 14th to 30 children. A great success and one to be remembered.—Ron. Ainsworth.

**SALE.**—I am pleased to say our Lyceum is growing a little. Open Session conducted by Mrs. Shearsmith, of Collyhurst. It was undoubtedly the most successful session we have held at Sale.

**SHEFFIELD CENTRE.**—June 5th. We held our Open Session. Recitations were given by Mr. Garfitt, Grace Garfitt, Mr. Spooner, Vera Spooner, Ivy Bancroft, Tom Bancroft, Emma Jackson, Eric Organ, Harry Romanes, Alfred and Carrie Hopkins. Pianoforte solo by George Gregory. Mr. Spooner conducted the marching and calisthenics. An enjoyable afternoon spent together.—Mrs. H. C. Organ, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD, HEELEY, Gifford Street.**—On June 5th we held our Open Session. Fairly good attendance and a good number of recitations by Lyceumists, but we should like to see a few more elders present.—Geo. Porter, Sec.

**SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.**—On June 19th we held our Lyceum Anniversary, the leaders having full control for the day. The children carried out their part splendidly; so well, in fact, that we have been asked to have it repeated at a later date. We would like to thank the Mansfield Lyceumists for the great help they gave to us. The conditions were of the best, and we are all looking forward to our next Lyceum Day.—E. Carr.

**TOTTENHAM.**—Lyceum progressing favourably. Several new members have been enrolled. Meetings are well attended, all seem interested in the work. We have started a "Banner Fund" and hope soon to have a Banner of our own. Two enjoyable rambles have taken place; we hope to continue them through the summer. Two Lyceumists were back with us on Sunday after being away sick for a considerable time. Looking forward to annual outing on July 9th.—Frank King, Session Sec.

**WEST MELTON.**—On June 5th we held our Open Session, with a good attendance. Recitations and pearls by Rowna Elliot, Mary Speight, Daisy Thompson, Gladys Thompson, Maud Elliot, May Staley, Dorothy Elliot, Sam Cooper and Jack Staley. Mr. Lee conducted. Tommy Kidman read. Calisthenics. All progressing in the Cause of Spiritualism.—H. Trigger, Sec.

**WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.**—There is a slight decrease in attendance at Lyceum, due to fine weather and holidays. Miss Giles very ably conducted the Open Session on June 5th. Our Monday Guild classes are well attended, most of its members show continued interest for progress, and have compiled a varied programme for the Summer.—W.R.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

## Lyceum Districts.

### Birmingham District.

- Mr A. O. Thomas, Lyceum District Visitor, 20, King-street, Darlington, Staffs.
- J Birmingham**, Handsworth, 58, Villa-road, 3 p.m. Mr. J. Maybury, 41, Murdock rd., Handsworth.
- J Birmingham**, Salfley, Alum Rock Road, 3 p.m. Mr. A. Roden, 110, Inkerman-street Vauxhall.
- J Coventry**, Bull-street (off Hertford-street), 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-street, Queensland-avenue.
- J Foleshill**, Broad street, 10-45 a.m. Miss Florence Lucas, 51, Webster-street, Coventry.
- J Walsall**, Temperance Hall, Freer-street 2-30 p.m. Mr. D. Allen, 29, Willows-road.
- J Wolverhampton**, Princes-street, 2 p.m. Miss C. Robinson 49, Bright street

### Bolton Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. E. Woodward, 483, Leigh road, Daisy Hill, Westhoughton, nr. Bolton.
- District Visitor**, Mr. Charnley.
- D Bolton**, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Mr. Jas. Worthington, 116, Bury Old-road.
- D Bolton**, Deane road, 10-30 a.m. Miss L. Pilkington, 115, Monkfields-street.
- D Bolton**, Henry-street, 10-15. Mr. L. Turner, 55, Bridgeman-place.
- D Bury**, 56, King-street, Rochdale-road. 10 and 1-45. Mr. W. Berry 13, Cook-street.
- D Daisy Hill**, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Hope, 142, Lower Leigh-road, Daisy Hill, Westhoughton, nr. Bolton.
- D Horwich**, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss E. Southworth, 18, Lee-lane, Horwich.
- D Radcliffe**, Railway-street, 10-30. Miss Alice Charaley 4, Stanley-street, Whitefield, nr. Manchester.

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- Secretary, Mr. E. Aked, 5 Royd street, Beechcliffe, Keighley
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- F Bradford**, Boynton-road, 10-45 and 1-45. Mr. J. W. Phillipson, 42a, New Cross-st., W. Bowling
- F Bradford**, Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Simpson, 29, Y. ung street, Girdlington
- F Bradford**, East Bowling, Wakefield-road, Harker street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. M. Wells, 17, West View, Paley road
- F Bradford**, 432, Manchester-road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. F. Ling, 5, Tichborne road, W. Bowling
- F Bradford**, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Miss H. Raistrick, 64, Dover street.
- F Bradford**, Laisterdyke, Killinghall road. 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. B. B. 3, Dundas-street L. isterdyke
- F Keighley**, Heber-street. 10 and 1-30. Mr. Walter Thistlethwaits, 4, Prospect Place.
- F Shipley**, 12a, 100 St. 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 28, St. Paul's road
- F Windhill**, Schoobill, 10-30 and 1-30 p.m. Miss E. Alcorn, 57, Avondale road
- F Yeadon**, Town Hall, 10 and 1-45. Mr. G. W. Elliott, 17, Ivegate, nr. Leeds.
- F Skipton**, Mr. W. Reynolds, 11, Cumberland street.

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- Secretary, Mr. H. Gill, 113, Chapel-street, Edgeley, Stockport.
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- H Glossop**, Fauvel Road, 10-30. Miss M. Maltby, 78, St. Mary's Road
- H Heaton Norris**, Baker-street, 10 and 2 p.m. Mrs. Downs, 47 Belmont-street, nr. Stockport
- H Hyde**, Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. Hyde, 112, Ridling lane
- H Macclesfield**, Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Doris Clarson, 1, Baker-street
- H Mossley**, Abbeey-road, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Fanny Pinder, 8, Back Stauley-road, Micklehurst.
- H Stockport**, Lr. Hill-gate, Crowther-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. F. Spencer, 3, Jones-square, Hemphaw lane
- H Stockport**, Central, 15b, Lord street, 10-0 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. R. Wager, 49, Osborne road.

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- F Brighouse**, Martin-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mrs. G. Crowther, 13, Church street, Raistrick.
- F Elland**, Southgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss Elsie Green, 10, James street.
- F Halifax**, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. R. Holroyd, Staincliffe, Francis-street.
- F Halifax**, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. L. Blackburn, 16, Luton-street, Queen's Road.
- F Hebden Bridge**, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss F. Houlston, Brunswick-street.
- F Huddersfield**, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Miss E. Haigh, 16, Holly-road, Thornton Lodge.

- F Huddersfield**, St. Peter-street, 10-30 a.m. & 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Hirst, 11, Newsome-place, Highfields-road, Huddersfield.
- F Marsden**, Oliver Lane, 10-30 and 2-0. Miss M. Varley, The Chain
- F Quarmby**, Quarmby road, 10-30 and 2. Miss A. A. Oller-haw, 152, Acre-street, Lindley, nr. Huddersfield.
- F Slaithwaite**, Laith-lane, 10-15 a.m. Mr. F. Barrett, 474 Spurn Point, Linthwaite, near Huddesfield.
- F Sowerby Bridge**, Hollins-lane, 9-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. W. Wright, 10, Victoria Avenue.
- F West Vale**, Halifax, Green Lane, 10 and 1-45. Miss C. Eastwood, 12, Haigh Street, Greenland, Halifax

### Leeds Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes, Wakefield
- District Visitor**, Mr. Vernam, 170, Lr Oxford-st. Castleford.
- E Batley**, 2, Station-rd., 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. G. E. Mozier, Newsome Houses, Commercial Street
- E Batley Carr**, Carr-street, 10 and 2. Mr. W. Womersley, 112, Oaks rd.
- E Castleford**, Lower Oxford-street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. W. H. Vernam, 170, Lower Oxford-street.
- E Dewsbury**, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. E. Wilson, 7, Reform street, Westboro', Dewsbury
- E Heckmondwike**, Tower-street, 2 p.m. Miss A. Howe, 2, Grove street
- E Hull**, Daicycotes, Dee-street, Hesse-road, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. A. E. Cook, 3, Alma Avenue, Edinburgh-street.
- E Hull**, He born Hall, H. burn-street, Witham, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. A. Millson, 8, Arthur's-terrace, Courtney-street, Holdemess-road.
- E Leeds**, Armley, Theaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mrs. E. Middleton, 17, Newcastle-place, Lower Town-st., Bramley
- E Leeds**, Cookridge street (Psycho), 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. L. Mooe, 58, Town street, Bramley, Leeds
- E Leeds**, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. Chas. Hy. Croll, 3, Lucas street, S. Accommodation-road
- E Leeds**, Roxburgh-road, 16, Seibome place, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mrs. Manuel, 57, Bowerley-street, Dewsbury-road.
- E Littleton**, Well-street, 2 p.m. Miss A. Hirst, Wall-street, Littleton, nr. Liversedge.
- E Moorthorpe**, Barnsley-road, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. G. o. Kelly, 53, Wesley-street, Moorthorpe, South Elmsall, nr. Pontefract.
- E Normanton**, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss Z. Walker, 14, Wakefield-road.
- E Wakefield**, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side entrance), 1-45, Mrs. E. Harding, 19, New row, Thornes.

### Liverpool Council District :

- Secretary, Mrs. E. Clitheroe, 9b, Greenough-street, Wigan.
- District Visitor**,
- D Birkenhead**, 46, Bridge-street 11 a.m. Mr. R. Lane, 119, Rodney-street.
- D Liverpool**, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. G. Owen, 5, Hicks-road, Seaford.
- D Liverpool**, 2, Romer-road, Kensington, 3 p.m.
- D Pemberton**, 10-30, Back Lane, off Ormskirk Road.
- D Runcorn**, Ashridge st., 11-0 and 2-15 p.m. Mr. C. Cohen, 16, Waterloo-road.
- D Southport**, Hawkhead Hall, 10-30 a.m. Mr. F. Park, 88, Milton-street.
- D Warrington**, Sankey street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. James Lawton, 7 Hewitt-street.
- D Wigan**, Miners' Hall, Milgave, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mrs. C. E. Smith, 2, Clifton-street.

### The London Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, E. 7.
- District Visitor**, Mr. Myers Clegg, 82, Studley Road, Forest Gate, London, E. 7.
- B London**, Clapham St. Luke's-road, S.W. 4. 3 p.m. Mrs. K. M. Knight, 15, Ashmere Grove, Brixton, S.W. 2
- B London**, Fulham, S.W., 12, Lettice-street, Munster-rd. 3 p.m. Mr. H. Field, 32, Rosaville-road, Fulham, S.W. 6
- B London**, Hounslow, Mrs. R. A. Fraia, 2, Villier's-rd., Osterley, Middlesex.
- B London**, Upper Holloway, N., Grovedale road, 3 p.m. Miss Janet Smallman, 9, St. Mary's road, Canonbury, N. 1.
- B London**, Kingston-on-Thames, Bishop's Hall, Thames-street, 3 p.m. Miss F. Blake, 157, Park-rd., Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.
- B Ilford Broadway**, Miss Eva Conner, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, E. 7.
- B London, E.**, Manor Park, Shrewsbury-road, 3-0 p.m. Miss E. Crawley, 20, Raymond-rd., Upton Park, E. 13.
- B London**, Beckham, Lausanne-road, 3 p.m. Mr. E. G. Cox, 71, Inville-road, S. E. 17.
- B London, E.**, 13, Plaistow, Beaumar-road, 3 p.m. Miss B. Manning, 67, Khartoun road, Plaistow, E. 13
- B London**, Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Mr. O. Mosberg, 28, Pembury-road, Tottenham, N. 17.
- B London**, Walthamstow, 3 p.m. Mr. F. H. C. Ball, 2, Mersey-road, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E. 17.

- B London**, Woolwich and Plumstead, Villas road, 3-0 p.m. Mr. W. Rainbow, 7, Leghorn-road, Plumstead, S. E. 18.
- B Wimbledon**, 4 and 5, The Broadway, 3 p.m. Miss O. Morgan, Spiritualist Mission, Broadway, Wimbledon, S. W.

### Manchester Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. A. G. Garton, 35, City-road, Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.
- District Visitor**, Mrs. Annie E. Bentley, 37, Shakespeare Street, Stockport-road, Manchester.
- G Hollinwood**, Byrom-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Taylor, 86, Albert-street
- G Manchester**, Ardwick 38 Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Storey, 9, Ann-street, Barlow-street, Con. M. Manchester.
- G Manchester**, Crescent road, Cheetham hill, 10-30 Miss E. Bowling, 27 Weatherall St., Hr. Broughton
- G Manchester**, Collyhurst, Oldham-road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. E. Shearnsmith, 109, Lightbourne rd., Moston, Manchester.
- G Manchester**, Moston, Ashley-lane, 10-30 Mr. A. Hood, 11, Archer-street, Queen's-road, Cheetham, Manchester.
- G Manchester**, Moss Side, 66, Raby-street. Miss M. E. Baker, 22, Cliff rd-st., Brook's Bar, Manchester.
- G Manchester**, Newton Heath, Allen-street, 2-30 p.m. Miss Fanny Shaw, 8, Holt lane, Farnsworth.
- G Manchester**, Higher Openshaw, Alabamra Buildings Bank St., 2-45 p.m. Mrs. Ellis, 12, Neville Street, Openshaw.
- G Manchester**, Pendleton, Ford-lane, 2-15 p.m. Mr. A. Betts, 62, Duchy Street Seadley.
- G Manchester**, Salford (Central), High street, off Cross Lane, 10-30 a.m. Miss M. E. Cross, 490, Eccles New road Weaste.
- G Manchester**, South Princess-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Hamer, 12, Worthington-st., Old Trafford.
- G Sale**, Public Library, 10-30 p.m. Mr. J. Shaw, 10, Woiesley-road, Sale, Nr. Manchester.

### North-East Lancashire Council District :

- Secretary Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftsbury-road, Darwen
- District Visitor**, Mr. Reuben Latham, 173, Colne Road, Burnley.
- C Accrington**, Pearl-street, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. C. Cahill, 6, John street, Church
- C Accrington**, Argyle street, Miss Wright, 15, Steiner's View, Church.
- C Blackburn**, St. Peter-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mrs. Robinson, 38, Harwood street.
- C Blackpool**, Albert-road, 9-15 a.m. Miss E. Robinson 30, Oxford road
- C Burnley**, Hammerton-street, 10 a.m. A Duerden, 19, Dorset-street, Rose Grove, Burnley.
- C Burnley**, North street, 10-0 a.m. Miss Emily Poppleton 84, New Hall street.
- C Clitheroe**, Old Weavers Institute, off Salford-street, 10 a.m. Miss M. Knowles, 46, Taylor-street.
- C Colne**, Cloth Hall, 10 a.m. Miss E. Hartley, c/o W. Johnson, 61, Knotts-lane
- C Darwen**, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. Haworth, 1, Hindle street
- C Earby**, Geernead Avenue 10 and 1-45. Miss F. Astley, 25 Shuttleworth-street, Earby, via Colne.
- C Fleetwood**, Kempst, 11 and 2-30 Mrs. Pitcher, 12, Darbshire-road
- C Great Harwood**, Mercer-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Waterhouse, 55, Church street
- C Nelson**, Vernon-street, 10 a.m. Miss M. Berkeley, Howard-street, Carr-road.
- C Padtham**, Ightenhill-st., 10 a.m. Mr. John Hood, 116, Burnley-road
- C Preston**, Central, Clarke's-yard, 10 a.m. Mr. C. E. Tearle, 174, New Hall Lane.
- C Preston**, Central Buildinga, Lancaster-road, 10-30 Mr. R. Smalley, 90 Wellfield-road
- C Preston**, Progressive 10 a.m. Mr. W. E. Mason, 37 Wildman street, Preston.
- C Rawenstall**, Bk. Gmerod-street, 10-15. Miss A. Wainley, 2, Patrick Square, Hgher Cloughfold
- C Rishton**, Eschill-rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss Taylforth, 56, Spring street, nr. Blackburn
- Barrow-in-Furness**, Dalkeith-st., 10 and 2 p.m. Mr. Jas. Swann, 72 Thwaite-street
- Barrow-in-Furness**, Dalton-street, Mrs. J. Nock, 78, Blake-street
- C Dalton-in-Furness**, Beech hill, 2 p.m. Mrs. A. Leggs, 2, Union street
- C Lancaster**, G. J. Street, 1-30 Mr. Frank F. Ball, 8, Trafalgar road
- C Millom**, Holborn Hill, Main street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. R. Wilkinson, 25, Main-street
- C Ulverston**, Burlington street, 1-30 Mr. J. J. Taylor, 13, Casson street, Ulverston

### Nottingham Council District :

- Secretary, Miss Victoria G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham
- District Visitor**, Miss Ethel Swadden, 322, Radford-road, Nottingham
- H Belper**, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside
- H Eastwood**, Hill Top, Nottingham road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Smith, Alma Villa, Barber-street, Eastwood, Notts.

H **Ilkeston**, St. Mary's-street, 2 p.m. Mr. E. Clarke  
126, Bath street

B **Leicester**, Rupert-st., Lecture Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 16, Curzon-street.

B **Leicester**, Silver-street, Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. A. Hurst, 97, Haddenham-road, Nasboro'-road

H **Mansfield**, Quaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. J. W. Wright 78, Welbeck street

H **Nottingham**, Hawarden terrace, Gregory Boulevard 10-45 and 2 p.m. Mr. J. W. Allen, 43, Eland-street, New Basford.

H **Nottingham**, (Mechanics' Minor Hall), North Church st., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briar-street, Meadows.

H **Nottingham**, (Gladstone Hall), Lamartin st., 2-30. A. Shipley, 45, Hungerhill-road.

H **Nottingham**, Parliament-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Holland, 13 Bertha-terrace, Brerlay-street.

H **Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Beaconsfield street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss Gerty Elliott, 7, Gilead-st., Bulwell

H **Sutton-in-Ashfield**, Twitchell, Miss Carr, 53, Neabitt street.

### The Scottish Council District :

Secretary, Mrs M. Drummond, Westburn, Cathcart Road, Rutherglen, Glasgow.

**District Visitor**, Mr. D. Niven, 25, Gardner's Crescent Edinburgh.

A **Aberdeen**, Music Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. J. S. Sontar, 51, Whitehall road

A **Dundee**, Rattray-street, 12-30 a.m. Mrs. E. Essenof 10, Thomson-street

A **Edinburgh**, Queen's Hall, 5, Queens-street, 1 p.m. Miss E. Copley, 149, Constitution street, Leith, Edinburgh.

A **Glasgow**, Sauchiehall street, 4 p.m., Miss H. Cleland, 1, Holyrood Quadrant.

A **Glasgow**, 100, West Regent-street 1 p.m. Miss H. C. McConnell, 201, Clark-st-n-road, Cathcart, Glasgow

### Sheffield Council District :

Secretary, Mr. C. H. Saxelby, 148, Chippingham-street, Attercliffe, Sheffield.

**District Visitor**, Mr. C. E. Welch 19 St. Helea's-street, Chesterfield.

H **Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 and 2-15. Mr. J. J. Hobler, 32 Holme-st. S. Overgate st.

H **Mexborough**, Lee's Arcade, 10-30 p.m. Mr. J. W. Oates, 5, Don-street Swinton, near Rotherham

H **Rotherham**, Percy street 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mr. R. Ainsworth, 28, Rotherham-road, Catcliffe, Rotherham

H **Sheffield**, Bold-st., Bradford-st., Attercliffe Common, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. C. Saxelby, 148, Chippingham street, Attercliffe.

H **Sheffield**, Beech 44, Gifford-road, 10 and 2-30. Mr. Geo. Porter, 12, Prospect square, Prospect road, Heeley

H **Sheffield**, Central Middle Class Schools, Paradise Square, 10 a.m. and 3-0 p.m. Mrs. Organ, 66, Trickett road, Hill-borough.

H **West Melton**, nr. Rotherham. Mr. H. Trigger, 18, Co-operative street, West Melton

### Southern Counties Council District.

Secretary, Mr. A. H. Coles, 5, Queen Anne Gardens, St. Swinton's road, Bournemouth

**District Visitor**, Mr. J. Jackson, 62, Blenheim road, Caversham Reading

B **Bournemouth**, 5, Lansdowne road, 3 p.m. Mr. L. Hitchcock 3 Oswald-rd Moorndon Bournemouth.

B **Brighton**, Old Scine Hall (52a, Old Steine). Miss Goodwin "Lanwood" 3, Chesham road

B **Brighton**, The Old Barn North Gardens, 2-45 p.m. Mrs. Dingley, 119, Preston-road.

B **Portsmouth**, 73, Victoria road, Southsea, 3 p.m. Mr. R. B. Song 76, High street

B **Reading**, The New Hall 6 Blagray st., 3 p.m. Mr. A. M. L. Lawrence The Ferns Whitlay Wood, Lane.

B **Southampton**, Cavendish Grove, The Avenue 3 p.m. Mr. Mathieson 21 Heysham road Shirley Soton

B **Southampton**, Temple 45, St. Mary's-road, 3 p.m. Mrs. Wattlely, 13, Latimer street

### South-East Lancashire Council District :

Secretary, Mr. A. Barley 24 Hill-street Heywood.

**District Visitor**, Mr. S. Carter, 283, Newchurch Road, Stocksands, Bacup

G **Bacup**, Christ Church-street Todmorden-road, 10 a.m. Mr. J. I. Ridgehall, 11, Todmorden-road.

G **Dearnley**, Rochdale-rd., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Holt, 1, Silver hill Dearnley, near Rochdale

G **Heywood**, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. J. Turner, 21, Glegge street, Hopwood

G **Littleborough**, Hartley-street, 10-0 a.m. Mr. R. Nall, 104, Summit, Rochdale

G **Middleton**, Gilmour street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. John Liddle, 108, Higher Townley-street, nr. Manchester

G **Oldham**, Elliot-st., 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Mr. R. Slater, 25, Chaderton-road, Oldham.

G **Oldham**, 164 Union St., 3 p.m. Mr. Wm. James 3, Bredbury street, Chaderton, nr. Oldham.

D **Rochdale**, 108, Yorkshire street, 10-15 and 1-45. Mr. L. Livesey, 82 Newboulst, street.

G **Rochdale**, Penn-st., 10 a.m. Mr. W. Kershaw, 9, Basil street

G **Rochdale**, Regent st., 10 a.m. and 2. Mr. J. Nurse, 82, Syke road.

G **Rochdale**, Summer-st., Mr. G. H. Stott, 14 Pioneer-st.

G **Todmorden**, Eagle Street, 10 and 1-30 Mr. H. S. Potts, 273, Halifax road

G **Todmorden**, Roomfield Buildings, Halifax road, 10-0 and 1-15. Mr. W. H. Dawson, 39, Knott's-road, Lydgate, Todmorden.

### South Wales Lyceum District :

Secretary, Mr. Eben Lewis, "Bryn Hyfryd," Caerau, Bridgend

**District Visitor** : Mrs. Tims, 25, Gordon-street, Cardiff.

J **Aberavon & Port Talbot**, Water Street, 10-30. Mr. M. Radcliffe, 26, Vivian Terrace

J **Barry Dock**, Sydenham, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. E. Taylor 14, Burlington-street, Barry Dock, Glam.

J **Caerau**, Spiritual Church, 2-30 p.m. Mr. R. Williams, 56 Humphray's terrace, Caerau, Bridgend

J **Cardiff**, Central, Mr. Alex Dawson, 4, Llanbradach-st-Grange-town, Cardiff

J **Cardiff**, Northcote-street, Mrs. E. A. Stone, 122, Diana street, Roath Park, Cardiff

J **Ferndale**, 1, Fountain st., 2-30 Mr. D. Williams, 79, Lake-street, Ferndale, Glam.

J **Garw**, Secretary Mr. A. Lines, 13, Blaengarw road, Blaengarw, nr. Bridgend, Glam.

J **Mountain Ash**, Muskin School; Mr. J. W. Aitill, 2, Middle-Pit, Cwmpennar, Mountain Ash

J **Nantymoel, Glam.** Mr. W. Redwood, 3, Gwendoline Street

J **Pontypridd**, River-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Ezra, 16, Pandy-street.

J **Tredegar**, Mon. Temperance Hall, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Jacobs, 24, Morgan-street, Tredegar, Mon.

### The Tees-side Lyceum District :

Secretary, Mr. E. W. Buckingha, 43, Surrey st., Middlesboro'

**District Visitor**, Mr. G. Edwards, 12, West End, Redcar on Sea.

E **Darlington**, Bondgate, 2 p.m. Miss C. Wilson, 54, Trafalgar Terrace, Hopetown, Darlington.

E **Darlington**, High Northgate, 2-0 p.m. E. Botterill, 30, Salisbury Terrace

E **Darlington**, Witton Park, Mr. E. Meek, 9, High Abion street, Witton Park

A **Gurney Valley**, 2 p.m. Mr. J. Chessmond 58, Gurney Valley

E **Middlesbrough**, 57, Grange-road, West, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. W. Buckingha, 43, Surrey street

A **Shildon**, Newlands av. 2 p.m. Mr. Th. s. Jones, 4, Liburn-street Old Shildon

A **Stockton-on-Tees**, Cecil-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. Neale, jnr., 6, Cecil street

A **Stockton-on-Tees**, New Brunswick-st., 10-45 a.m. and 2-30. Mrs. Wells 10 Kensington-rd Oxbridge.

E **West Hartlepool**, 49, Whinby street, 2 p.m. Mr. J. J. Dawson, 75, Healf street

### The Tyne-side Lyceum District :

Secretary, Mr. Ernest Curtis, 20, Hill-wood-avenue Shildon-road, Wallsen

**District Visitor**, Mr. W. Hall, 10, Curzon-st Gateshead

A **Chester-le-Street**, Front-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. Hunley, 3, Greenbank Terrace.

A **Dunston-on-Tyne**, Elision rd, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Aitken, 63 Queen street, Teams Gate-head.

E **Easington Lane**, Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroline street, Hetton-le Hole, Co. Durham.

E **Gateshead**, Rectory Hall, St. Cathbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Hall, 23, Villa Place.

A **Heaton and District**, 2-30 p.m. Mr. M. Rogerson, 14 Barrington-terrace Hetton-le-Hole.

A **Hirst**, Spiritual Church, Muburn street, Ashington. Mr. J. Stifford, 51, Myrtle street, Hirst, via Morpeth

A **Jarrow**, Market-square, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. A. Hudson, 8 Gray-street, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

A **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, B-nwcl Co-op Hall, 2-30 Mr. R. H. Hilton 64 Manilla street, Benwell

A **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Eaton & Byker Co operative Heaton Road Guild Room 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Hunter, 39, Mowbray-street Heaton

A **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Ruthe-rd, 2-30. Mr. G. S. Dawson 51, Copeland-terr Shieldfield, Newcastle

A **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Co-operative Hall (No 1, Shield road Heaton

A **North Shields**, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley-street, W 2-30, Mrs R. H. W. Robson, 4, Cambridge Avenue, Whittle Bay

A **South Shields**, Fowler Street 2-30. Miss E. Short, 226, St Vincent Street, South Shields

A **South Shields**, High Shields, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Wm Wood 487 John Williamson street

A **South Shields**, 4, Cambridge-street, Mr. Parker 9, Nichol's Buildings

A **Sunderland**, Cromwell street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. G. Allison, 5 Eden terrace, Durham road.

A **Sunderland**, 2, Drwett-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Fuller, 42, Hartgate street.

A **West Pelton**, Iron Schools, 2-3 p.m. Mr. Dance, 9, Ewen terrace.

A **Stanley**, Ox Hill School, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Jennings, 40, Hirstea street, West Stanley

A **West Stanley**, 3 p.m. Mrs. J. Teasdale 97 Elam street, South Moor Stanley, Co. Durham

### Unattached Lyceums :

D **Belfast**, St George's Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. Geo. Donaldson, 39, Oldpark-road.

H **Derby**, Forester-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Gilbert, 120, Abbey-street

E **Grimshy**, Kent-street 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss G. Powell, 6, St. Helier's road, Cleathorpes. Goodman 26, Fildes-street, West Marsh

J **Hanley**, Marsh street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. B. Petz, 86 Wellisle-street, Shelton Stoke

D **Leigh**, The Avenue, 10 a.m. Mr. T. Gregory, 18, Brackley Street

E **Lincoln**, Progressive Hall Coultham street, 10-15 a.m. Mrs. H. C. Dobby, Stanley House, Santhorpe-street.

G **Scunthorpe**, Lincoln Clayfield Road, Mrs. Begg, Keat Home Cottage, Walcot, Scunthorpe

### Colonial Lyceum :

Auckland, N.Z., Karangahape-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Hopkinson, 38, Elgin-street, Grey Lynn

Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Wickham-street, 2-30 p.m. Miss Pauline Lowe, St. Alma, Amy-street

Wickham-terrace

Calgary, 2 p.m: Mr. R. J. Abam, 220, 15th street North West

Edmonton, 102 Avenue, Alberta, Canada, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. S. McCordia, 2004-90 ave, Edmonton

Hamilton, Ont., Canada, Farrars Hall, Barton St E 2-45. Miss Solina Ethells, 1000, Barton-street, E.

Hamilton, Ont., Canada. Mr. J. Morris, 14, St. Matthew avenue

Johannesburg, 11 a.m. Jappa-street, Mr. Vernon Hart, 27, High-avenue, Bezuidenhout Valley, Johannesburg.

Krugersdorp, Kruger-street, 3 p.m. Warne, 17,7a, Sivevweg street

London, Ontario, Mrs. Cawson, 139 William-st. Toronto, 487, Dovercourt-road, 2-30 p.m. Miss Appleton, 883, Dovercourt-road.

Vancouver, Canada, 2-30 p.m. Wm. Robertson, 445, Glen Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Waihi, Auckland, N.Z., 11 and 2-30 Miss Winifred Morton Morton-road, Waihi, N.Z.

Wellington, N.Z. Kent Terrace 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Atkinson, 9, Tonks Grove

Winipeg, Poision Avenue, 2 p.m. Mr. Charles. Forrest, 363, Poision-avenue.

### Non-Federated Lyceums.

Aberavon, above Post Office, 2-30. Mr. Radcliffe, 26 Vivian-terrace.

Abercynon, Navigation Schools, 2-30. Mr. W. C. James, 229, Abercynon-road

Aberystwyth, M. R. S. Jones, Cynon Chambers, Carnetown, Hill-street, Aberystwyth.

Abertillery, Central, 2-30. Mr. Jas. Burt, 41, Richmond Hill Six Bells, Abertillery, Mon.

Barnoldswick, West End, Central Temple, 10 and 1-30. Miss Benthams 52, Esp Lane

Barnsley, George-yard, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. C. Hunt, 18, Freeman-street.

Bedlington, Y.M.C.A., 2-30. Miss Alice Bell, "Den House" Furnace, Bedlington.

Birmingham, Small Heath, 495, Coventry-road, 3 p.m. Mr. J. H. Shiple, 15, Woodwor-h-road

Bristol, Thomas street 1 p.m. Mr. E. Hitchon, 4, Harrow road, Brislington

Bristol, Grosvenor road, 3 p.m. Mr. A. Avcliffe, 71, Warmminster road, St. Werburghs

Burnley, Richard street, 10 a.m. Miss A. Dyson, 5, Kingsland road, Burnley Wood.

Burton-on-Trent, Horninglow-road, 10-45 a.m. Miss D. Brooks, 12, Horninglow-street

Cheser, Commo-hall-street, 11-0 a.m. Mr. T. J. Pickethall, 127, Garden-lane

Cheser-le-Street, Mr. Clayton, Liverpool House, Newcastle Bank

Doncaste, 83, Spring Gardens, 9-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. Wm. Lowe, 17, Prospect rd., Bentley, Toll Bar, nr. Doncas er

Dundee, Overgate, Operative Hall, 12-45 p.m. Mr. Robert Grossett, 105, Hawkhill.

Earlswood, Leigh-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Mausley, 6, Alpine st eet

Fenton, 8, Market street, 2 p.m. Mr. J. S. Bickel 24, St Clair's reet, Loughton, Stoke-on-Trent

Leeds, Hunslet, 10-15 and 1-45, to Williamsons Bldg., Dewsbury road, Mr. J. Nolan, 8 Dewsbury-place, Hunslet.

London, Erixton, Spiritual Brotherhood Church, Stockwell Park Road, S.W., 3 p.m. Mr. W. J. Clements, 62, Hubert Grove, Landon-road, Stockwell.

London, Little Iford, Third Avenue, Manor Park, 3-15. Miss E. M. Wilson, 7, Walpole-oad, East Ham, E 6

London, E., Stratford, Idmiston-road, 3 p.m. Miss M. Wright 38, Cedars-road, Stratford, E. 15

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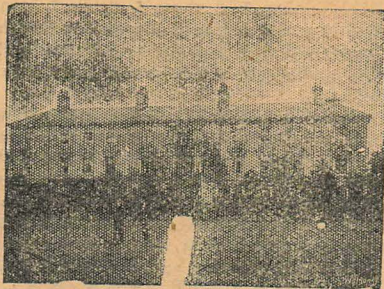
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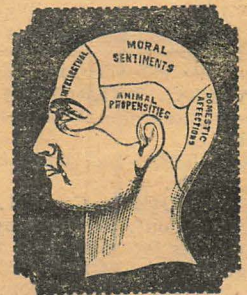
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