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The Months.

By MRS. M. E. PICKLES.

When you read this we shall have entered into another year; probably with new resolves and a determination to exceed all other things we have ever done, and a desire to make life if possible, much happier.

I have been wondering how I could convey a message to every reader and at last I have decided to write about the months, how they have received their names; and I shall attempt to send through to all, just a few words applicable to the months of your birth. First of all let us imagine the coming in the pageant of months of a strange figure, a god with two faces who looks backward and forward, and who carries in his left hand a key. This is Janus. The Romans worshipped Janus in a temple, that was kept open during the war, but was closed in times of peace.

He was the god of beginning and ends.

The pious Roman who wanted to begin a matter well, or to make a good end of something, implored the assistance of Janus.

This god was also the doorkeeper of heaven, and the Romans regarded him as the protector of their gates and doorways.

This temple had twelve doors in it, just as the year has twelve months.

It was a wonderful idea to name this first month of the year Janus because of the suggestion of looking forward and back.

It is a month of beginnings and a month of ends.

To January's children come the words of the poet:—

God gave you to us, could we doubt,
That He will bless you,
In your coming in and your going out,
One whom he loves and has allowed so far,
Must always follow where his footsteps are."
And in all times of peril or distress or loneliness
This steadfast love will bless.

February at one time was the last month in the year, but 450 years before Christ, it was placed after January instead of before, thus becoming the second month. Later on March was reckoned as the beginning of the year and so February once again became the last month.

Now it has settled down to its second place, but every four years it has one day added to its twenty-eight, and so it remains the most restless of unsettled months in the calendar.

The name of February comes from a Roman festival of purification, named Februa, in honour of the god Lupercus.

This suggests cleansing and purifying and was regarded by the Romans as a festival of spiritual cleansing, but they celebrated the festival by overeating.

It rather reminds one of the spring cleaning in our homes, the throwing away of all waste stuffs and making room for new things,

The thoughts called forth are—The sweetness and purity of sincere friendships, with the hope and desire that real spiritual friendship may be part of the business of eternity.

March presents a figure in a chariot which is drawn by two horses named Terror and Flight. It is a mighty threatening figure brandishing a long spear, lifting a gleaming shield to heaven, and raising its head high so that the lightnings play about the great helmet.

This is Mars, the god of war.

To the Romans Mars was more than a fighter; they regarded him as a god who could do anything because he was so strong. They prayed to him for rain, and consulted him in their private affairs, offering all kinds of gifts at his altar.

March is mostly a rough, boisterous month, but—

How many an angel lies enthralled within rough human bodies, needing only an Angelo to set him free.

The first in the art is faith in goodness, the second love of goodness; the third employment of heavenly weapons—kindness, influence and prayer.

Next we arrive at the angel of Spring, the messenger of good tidings.

Smiling April, month of sunshine and showers.

She is "The Opener." The Romans saw that this month opened the gates of birth, and restored to life all those lovely and gentler things which had hidden from the blasts of winter. And so this is the month of beauty and new birth when the earth wakes from its winter sleep, and my message to April's children is—

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love, to work and play, to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the most of them; to despise nothing in the world but falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing in the world except cowardice; to be governed by your admiration rather than your disgusts, and to know that sunshine and shower will bring forth sweetest May flowers.

The goddess Maia was the daughter of Atlas, and it was supposed that the weight of this vast round world rested upon his shoulders.

He had seven daughters who lived in a mountain, and Maia was the most famous of all the seven sisters because of her son, Mercury, who ran swiftly from heaven to earth, on errands to the gods and goddesses.

Jupiter, the father of all the gods, took Maia and her sisters and placed them near together as stars in the sky.

The cluster of six stars called Pleiades are supposed to be Maia and her sisters.

The seventh star of the cluster is invisible. it represents one of the sisters who married a man condemned to roll a stone up a hill eternally and who ever after hid her face in sorrow. So much for the story of May. Yet it is—

A Gladsome morn, and a gladder morrow;
A crown of joy, o'er a cross of sorrow,
A brave wayfaring, through brief distress,
Angelic food in the wilderness.

Two figures come next, one is the goddess Juno, the other is Junius.

Juno was the beautiful but jealous wife of Jupiter, who drove about in a chariot drawn by strutting peacocks, and Junius was a proud and haughty man; without either modesty or sweetness.

These two contend for the brightest and grandest place in the calendar, the month of roses and garden glory.

There is no admiration for god or goddess, for our hearts rejoice in the splendour of summer and

The harvest hope of each buried seed,
Faith to follow where love shall lead,
Until the radiant wings of morning
Shall bear thee beyond earth's brightest dawning,
To find in the promised Fatherland
Where all thy loved ones in glory stand,
Deathless day.

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The Education Scheme.

THE NEW YEAR.

Educationally, as far as Lyceumism is concerned, the New Year finds hundreds of Lyceumists, both children and adults, who are keen, interested and progressive, busily studying the Handbooks and the Manual in preparation for the coming examinations, to be held next month.

The Education Committee wishes all students pleasurable and profitable hours of study, and every success in the examinations. The Committee congratulate each Lyceum represented in the examination lists on its being true to its name and purpose; and urges each Lyceum not represented this time to make AND KEEP, the New Year resolution to begin the studies now in Session and Group, and to send in every eligible member next time.

'KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.'

No one is too old to learn, and no one can ever learn too much.

To aid all thoughtful Lyceumists, and especially those who are students and candidates, to think and reason clearly, and logically, we have much pleasure in giving a series of helpful essays in this year's twelve monthly issues.

Here is the first of the series of

ESSAYS ON REASONING.

BY A. T. CONNOR.

I.—How we Reason.

These little essays are not intended to take the place of a textbook on Logic, but rather to show that Logic is a subject well worthy of study by every Lyceumist, young or old. Some people think that Logic claims to be able to tell us what is right or wrong, but that is not so. Logic is the Science of Reasoning, and only claims to *guide us aright when we are thinking*. As we all have to think, or use our reasoning powers, we might as well learn to think along proper lines—and we can be absolutely sure of doing this if we study and practice Logic.

Some who have never heard of Logic can reason very clearly, but this does not mean that everybody can, or even that these people would not be able to reason better for having studied the science of clear thinking. That this is so can be proved from our own Spiritualist movement. Many people are born with the gift of clairvoyance or psychometry well developed, but it does not follow that everybody is a good clairvoyant or psychometrist—although we all know that a course of proper development would make us all fairly good psychometrists or clairvoyants, and would also improve the powers of the "born" psychic. (For the sake of the younger Lyceumists, may I explain that a "psychic" is a person who uses psychic or soul powers, such as clear-seeing (clairvoyance), etc.). In the same way, the study of Logic will develop our thinking powers, and teach us how to reason properly.

There are two kinds of reasoning—*Inductive* and *Deductive*. These are hard names, but they must be used. In *Inductive Reasoning*, we take notice of various things that are happening around us, and try to reason out why they happen—or, as scientists would say, we seek the law of nature which underlies the manifestation. For instance, we attend (say) a hundred Spiritualist meetings, and see varied exhibitions of clairvoyance or psychometry, and we notice that the psychics all go about their work in more or less the same way, and manifest the possession of the same psychic powers. From this we draw the conclusion that these psychic powers *may* be common to the whole human race (at least), and we begin to think that we are on the track of a law of nature. Now, a law of nature is *not* a rule laid down by university professors, or by anybody else. A law of nature is something that is true of many things or individuals—but we are not able to claim that we have found a new law until we have examined more things or more individuals. So we have to examine every thing or individual in the same class that comes under our observation. But in examining more individuals we find more things coming apparently under the same law. We find that some people, although they cannot actually see, can feel the presence of the spirit friends who are visible to the clairvoyant, and can even describe them so accurately that the descriptions are recognised; we find that others, although they cannot actually hear, can yet in some way "get" messages; that others can at once tell the true character of people they have met for the first time, and others again get warnings of "good" or "bad" events that are about to happen. These and other experiences convince us that all these things

prove the possession by all these individuals of a power which we call psychic power. And as all human beings are alike in their mental make-up, and in possessing psychic bodies—by analogy (which I shall explain later) we come to the conclusion that all human beings should possess these powers. This is as far as Inductive Reasoning will take us. To get farther we must employ Deductive Reasoning.

In *Deductive Reasoning* we infer what will happen because of the existence of any law of nature. By *inference* we suppose that if something is true, something else connected with it should be true. The conclusion arrived at above, by the use of analogy, is an inference. Our next step is to test our inference by further investigation, and if our new evidence contradicts what we have inferred, then our inference is wrong and we must abandon it—and make a new inference that will agree with the new facts, *as well as* the old ones. As we have already tested what came under our own observation, we must now turn to the discoveries of other investigators; and in reading modern books and journals we find that at the present day, in practically every country, psychic gifts are being used and studied, with the same conclusions being arrived at. In ancient books also we read of similar manifestations, although the writers differ from us as to the cause. So at last we arrive at the confident conclusion that the possession of psychic powers by human beings is a law of nature.

This is how we reason, if we want to do it properly, and be certain that our conclusions are correct. But we must be careful as to what we infer. Ancient writers inferred that psychic powers were the manifestations of a personal God through instruments chosen for a special purpose. Their mistake was made because they only studied a very few cases, and had not the means of comparing their studies with those of students in other countries. So they thought that their local god had made a local manifestation for local purposes—and even the psychics, not knowing that others had the same powers, thought that *they* had been specially chosen. We know now that they were wrong—and that the only safe method of finding truth is to make our investigations and experiments world-wide.

We can now see that reasoning properly is much harder than it at first appeared. We must first of all collect and classify our facts; then by induction find a law of nature that will account for them; then by deduction infer what we should be able to find if the law is true; then by investigation and experiment, test the law by the facts at our disposal—and lastly, having taken every care to keep on the straight line of reasoning, and found that we have not inferred more (or less) than our ascertained facts will justify, we can boldly proclaim our new law.

But there are many pitfalls to be avoided and many safeguards of which advantage may be taken—and these must all be considered in future essays.

(To be continued).

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

A joint meeting of the Education Sub-Committees of the Spiritualists' National Union and British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union was held in November, 1921.

Matters of mutual interest and benefit to both Unions, in their educational work, were considered, and helpful resolutions drawn up, to be submitted to the respective Unions.

An important one concerns *Grade V. Students*.

"After a discussion on the standard of efficiency which would entitle such students to be recommended to apply for the S.N.U. Intermediate Certificate, it was agreed that the invitation should only be given to those candidates who had passed Grade V. (i) with Distinction (90 to 100%); (ii) with Honours (80 to 90%); or (iii) First class (70 to 80%)."

REPLIES TO ENQUIRERS.

(i) The Principles of Spiritualism.

These were originally given inspirationally, by Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten, and in the form given in the G.C.R. 136 in "The Lyceum Manual,"—six in number. The Lyceum Union has kept to that number; but the S.N.U. has sub-divided the fifth ("personal responsibility, with compensation and retribution hereafter for all the good or evil deeds done here") into two; and so gives seven principles instead of six.

But whether you call them six or seven, their meaning and application are the same; and the matter is not worth quibbling about. There are far more important matters to engage our attention and time and energies.

(ii) Candidates and our Lyceum Guild.

No, candidates need *not* be Guild members. The column for the Guild number was put on the form in order to help with the booking of promotions for those successful candidates who are Guild Members.

But the Guild and Education Scheme are "twin souls," and each does propaganda work for the other. So why not work in- and for, both?

(iii) Delayed replies from the Education Secretary.

If no reply to an order, enquiry, or letter, sent to the Education Secretary, is received within a week, please investigate the matter at once. Most are answered within two days of their arrival; but never more than a week is allowed to elapse, even in the busiest periods.

But, if you want goods or a reply in time for the Sunday, do not post later than Wednesday. There is no Sunday delivery yet.

(iv) *Postal Orders*, sent to the Education Secretary, should be made payable at either Hanging Heaton, or Batley.

Postal orders for the General Secretary should be made out for Wardieworth Post Office.

The General and Education Secretaries will appreciate care being exercised in this matter.

Next Month.

In next month's article we hope to give—

(i) Hints on how to answer questions.

(ii) Helpful extracts from the reports of the Examiners of the papers of the last examinations.

(iii) The lists and summaries (Lyceums, D.C's., and Areas) of entries for next month's examinations.

(iv) The second Essay on Reasoning.

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Phrenology Practically Explained.

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

10. ALIMENTIVENESS.

Drs. Gall and Spurzheim, who discovered most of the phrenological organs, were disposed to think appetite for food to be connected with a primitive power, having a separate organ, although they were unable to locate it. Dr. Hoppe, Mr. W. H. Crook and George Combe, after much careful research and experiment, definitely proved the existence of such a cerebral centre.

The faculty is known as Alimentiveness, and is located in the base of the brain near the Foramen Magnum, and its development is shown immediately in front of the upper part of the ears, though under and internally to them.

N. L. Fowler accounted the front portion of the organ of Alimentiveness to be the seat of Bibativeness, which gives preference for liquids, whilst Alimentiveness gives preference to solid foods. The function of Bibativeness is generally explained in combination with Alimentiveness.

Alimentiveness may be termed the feeding instinct and appetiser, prompting the sense of hunger and thirst, and giving pleasure in eating and drinking. It is a necessary propensity, but should not be a ruling one. Some persons find little or no interest or pleasure in partaking of food, and having a poor appetite, indifference regarding food and nutrition, and often being accompanied by a predisposition

to suffer from indigestion, the coming round of meals times tends to bore and sadden rather than exhilarate them. Others look forward to meal times with the greatest pleasure that human beings can possibly experience; their mouths water—to use an ordinary expression—with the thought of the enjoyment of the fine flavours of sweets, savouries and viands which they are longing to taste; they consider feasting one of the greatest joys of existence, they eat on all possible occasions to the full and overflowing, frequently making themselves ill by so doing. More than half of the ills of humanity result from over-eating and drinking; such feed the body at the expenses of the mind, they live or exist wholly on the animal side of their natures, as though the physical constitution was the all important side of the individual, and the psychic or soul self of lesser worth; while a few go to the opposite extreme and the soul forces so predominate in them as to well-nigh destroy the body, and such retard their own progress by not giving the physical constitution its rightful support. It is usually best to adopt the happy medium.

There is scarcely anything so productive of such good results as the practice of moderation regarding the partaking of food. The proper support of the body is important, not alone from the standpoint of physical health and strength, but because the physical constitution is the mind's instrument, and the body, as also the brain, is sustained by the food we eat; the body is like an engine and needs to be properly stoked; either an excess or deficiency being injurious to the individual. Hence the faculty of Alimentiveness has a rightful place, and is essential in the human constitution; and developing the body and mind; yet men and women are frequently careless in regard to the gratification of this faculty. Many people eat far too much, and often food of the wrong sort, which coarsens the physical constitution and retards and stultifies the mind's powers. Thus the physical organism is impaired, resulting in ill-health, and the higher mind forces are checked. Those who desire to develop the intellectual side of their natures, and particularly the moral and spiritual qualities, should exercise great care in the selection of diet, as well as moderation regarding the quantity they take.

The British are generally good feeders. The Americans are much too dyspeptic as a nation to be representative Epicureans. This faculty is often observed to be large in the proverbial Banqueting Alderman and Public Officials of our large towns and cities, who have a particular penchant for table luxuries.

Excess of this propensity leads to gluttony, gormandizing, an immoderate craving for food and drink, and, with large Bibativeness, intemperance. There are many records of gormandisers which, though interesting, are often very repulsive, particularly to refined persons. It is stated that Vitellius, the Roman Emperor, in whom this propensity was immensely large, at one time ordered two thousand kinds of preparations of fish and seven thousand of fowl, all served up at a single meal. He expended on his table alone at the rate of one thousand millions annually; at least his exasperated subjects tore him to pieces, lest in another year he should consume on his table the opulence of the whole Roman Empire. In the portraits of Louis XIV., this organ is enormously developed; he was called the Banqueting Monarch, because of his love of feeding.

This organ is large in all carnivorous animals, and less conspicuous in the herbivorous species.

Young Lyceumists under 12 years of age are invited to contribute letters to the Editor stating how they spent Christmas. A lady has written desiring to see some efforts from boys and girls printed in the "Lyceum Banner." A few of the nice letters will be published. Please write in ink and only on one side of the paper. Send your letters to the Editor before January 23rd.

The Melbourne Spiritualists' Lyceum and Church are about to erect a Memorial Temple in honour of Mr. W. H. Terry who has done so much for the Movement in Australia. Over £1000 has already been subscribed for that purpose. It is proposed to build a £19,000 Temple.

Mr. Terry was a Pioneer Spiritualist and the founder of "The Harbinger of Light."

Our New Year's Ideal.

WHEREIN HAVE WE ADVANCED?

TRUTH COMES ONLY IN RESPONSE TO EFFORT.

By J. RUTHERFORD, Roker-by-the-Sea.

*With wide-embracing love,
Thy spirit animates eternal years,
Pervades and broods above,
Changes, sustains, dissolves, creates and rears.*

—EMILY BRONTE.

A wise man advises that we should see to it that we read and speak two or three reasonable words every day, amid the crowd of affairs and the noise of trifles. I should say boldly that we should astonish every day by a beam out of eternity; retire a moment to the grand secret we carry in our bosoms, of inspiration from heaven.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

Life is a mission: every other definition of life is false, and leads all who accept it astray.—MAZZINI.

All laws, principles, elements and compositions are an emanation from some great unchangeable, inexhaustible Fountain of Truth.—A. J. DAVIS.

Old things are for ever passing into new things, darkness into light, winter into spring. In Europe there are a great many changes in course of accomplishment, in science, in government, in invention, in religion, and in thought. At the same time men cry out impatiently, "Wherein have we advanced? With all our vaunted science are we any wiser than our fathers?"

Through the recent horrid war, it must be admitted that there has been an immense fall in the wave of progress, but we believe that this fall is only temporary, because the discords of peoples, and the imperfections of the globe will be eventually overcome by the ceaseless and unerring working of the Supreme Power.

It is established beyond question that "if all the demands of the physiological law are not properly obeyed; if this law is in any way interfered with, or violated in any particular or general sense, there must of necessity be a corresponding result following the violation. There is constantly in operation one law and principle of goodness to produce pure effects; an interruption of this power produces impure results.

Every individual must "work his own spiritual passage." Only by the response to effort, and a certain amount of cost, Truth comes into possession, or rather possesses one!

Upon each generation is imposed the obligation of such efforts, and can we doubt that if one generation is slack and fails to realise its possibilities the next generation suffers the consequences? We should not be where we are in knowledge and attainment if past generations had not striven for knowledge and wisdom! We too must strive, as they did, that the next generation may be enriched.

The truth is we should pray and work for a state of society in which there are square, honest and sober lines adjusting themselves to the standard of right doing. We mean a domination of the "Golden Rule"; honesty and integrity in human affairs; peace and goodwill; riddance of restless discontent, an in place of it, calm; peace with our neighbours; joy and healthful living in conformity to the laws of nature, which are the laws of God.

Problems are before us to-day, more perplexing than any that the past has ever known; passions at work in it fiercer than ever fired hearts in the jungle with rage; interests at stake with it more conflicting than any that a Marathon or Waterloo decided. Is there no probability of settling them without bloodshed?

Literature in all ages has had its words that were half battles; eloquence its vibrations of air that have shaken the world wider than packs of artillery; religion its love whispers that neither Greek nor Roman Legion could withstand, and before which Empires have tumbled down as readily as savages before canister and grape. Paws and claws, if not yet extinct, have climbed up from the feet into the forehead, and from weapons that scratch and tear into weapons that think and plan.

It is mind to-day, behind the cannon, that are the world's real battlefields; ideas that are battering down strongholds which shot and shell, armoured ships and gaping mortar have knocked at in vain; ink that is solving questions of State

that blood has only confused. And the process is bound to go on, till nations shall wage their wars with logic and reason, and civilised countries as little think of going about the world with armed forts, and showing off "destroyers," as civilised individuals do now of going about, revolvers gleaming from their pockets. In this reform every citizen can help and is what every Soldier should rejoice in, as he does now in giving him the more effective weapon, in what our great poet, Tennyson, sang so grandly in the Charge of the Light Brigade, has also sung in the charge of all the ages,—

"Moving upward, working out the heart,
And let the ape and tiger die."

With this change of method will come the world's real struggle to see which are the fittest nations to survive. The lesson does not stop with militarism. What are creeds, forms and great ecclesiastical systems but the outward armour in which men have sought to protect the inward spirit of religion? What are many of the churches and denominations of the past but monsters of the theologic ages, rivalling those of geology in their fierceness? What the rack, the stake, the thumb-screw, the inquisition, and later, all the awful imagery of eternal suffering, but the teeth and claws and jaws of the old brute world reappearing on earth in subtler and sharper forms. How many of the old dogmas are now dead as the old brutes! How certain are all the institutions and all the churches, whose trust is in any outward letter or outward form, sooner or later also to go! Christianity lives because an element within it has refused from the start to encase itself in any words or forms, used its divine food for inner growth, adapted itself to the world's progress, and relied, when assailed, for its real defence, on the inner weapons of reason, spiritual insight and the power of truth.

There cannot be a doubt that the world—as witness the Washington Conference—is on the path of a higher evolution. The great work before us is to lift up the unfit. Lifting up the unfit—the undeveloped and uneducated—operates I believe, as nothing else can, to lift up the fit themselves with being more fit. Bodies grow by what they take in; souls by self-sacrifice and what they give out. It may truly be said that no man ever made himself a worthy temple but that the presence of the Spirit filled it with the train of glory. Having received the vision the man must tell it, despite the possible scorn of the age; the light must be sent gleaming through the world.

"Slowly out of the ruins of the past—like a young fern—
frond uncurling out of its own brown litter—
Out of the litter of a decaying society, out of the compressed mass of broken-down creeds, customs, ideals,
Out of distrust and unbelief and dishonesty, and Fear,
Out of the cant of Commerce, the crocodile sympathy of nation with nation;

The despair and unbelief possessing all Society—rich and poor, evacuated and ignorant, the money-lender, the wage slave, the artist and the workwoman alike;

All feeling the terrible and tension of the modern problem;
Out of the litter and muck of a decaying world,

Lo! even so

I see a new life arise."

(E. CARPENTER).

The "new life" will inevitably arise if we are loyal to our new year's ideal—the ideal of the "perfect love of all wisdom." We cannot raise the harvest without planting the seed. "Wisdom," says our Seer, A. J. Davis, "is a name given to the highest embodiment and comprehension of all scientific, philosophical, spiritual and celestial principles; while Knowledge is a name given by the Harmonial Philosophy to the minds practical available recollection of facts, things, events, and experiences. But knowledge, nevertheless, is the forerunner and ordained servant of Wisdom; the well-furnished and frescoed vestibule leading to the inner temple of Truth." "Be ye therefore perfect," said Jesus of Nazareth, "even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

How wonderful is the universal energy! Never tiring, inexhaustible, and eternal in its operation, it moves in atom and in star, informing the fleeting shapes of time with its glowing, pulsating power. Man is a portion of this creative energy, and in him it manifests through a combination of mental faculties as love, will and wisdom. He is not merely a blind conductor of energy, but he consciously uses, contracts and directs it slowly, but with certainty, he is gaining control of the forces without, and is making them do him obedient service; and just as surely will he gain control of

the forces within the subtle energies of thought, and direct them into channels of harmony and happiness.

Man's place in the Cosmos is that of a king, not a slave, a commander under the law of God, and not a helpless tool in the reign of evil. His own mind and body are the dual dominion over which he is to reign, a Lord of Truth, the master of himself, wise user and controller of his store of creative energy. Let him walk the earth unashamed, strong, valiant, tender, and benign; no longer prostrate in self-abasement, but walking erect in the dignity of perfect manhood; not grovelling in selfishness and remorse, and crying for "pardon," and "mercy," but standing firm and free in the sublime majesty of a pure life.

"Grief passes, sorrow endures for a moment;
So a certain stage belonging it dogs the footsteps of the individual;
Then fading and passing it leaves him free, a new creature, transfigured to more than mortal. . . .
Not pleasure alone is good, but pain also; not joy alone, but sorrow;
Freed must the psyche be from the putra, and pain is there to free it.
Throes and struggles and clenchings of teeth—but pain is there to free it.
Lo! the prison walls must fall—even though the prisoner tremble.
Long the strain, sometimes seeming past endurance—then the dead shall give way, and a new landscape discloses.
Curtain behind curtain, wall behind wall, life behind life; Dying here, to be born there, passing and passing and passing.
At last a new creature behold, transfigured to more than mortal!
How brief after all is pain, but joy, ah! joy is eternal!
And then the veil that divides, the subtle form of illusion—The prison-wall so slight, and at touch it parts and crumbles, And opens at length on the sunlight world and winds of heaven."
(E. CARPENTER).

Averil.

By W. GEORGE WHEELER, L.P.I.

Averil's teacher had taken her to the Dore Gallery to see the famous masterpiece "Christ leaving the praetorium," and she sat for fully half an hour on the couch looking on that sublime production.

She was only a poor girl from Slum-land, but her eyes were of heaven's own blue, with fathomless depths of thought and feeling, passion and emotion.

The unregulated minds of the demoralized glanced into that exquisite face with hungry animalism, but she had Angels and Spirits to protect her—devils could not harm her pure, transparent Soul. Her poor neighbours thought her sweet and generous, though slightly touched in the upper storey, Little they knew about it. The girl lived more in five minutes than hundreds of these wretched creatures lived in a whole lifetime.

Averil looked at the Dore picture, and her Soul filled its cup to the very brim. There was more in that Christ to her than even the Immortal Artist himself divined, for she had an Ideal of her own, and that Ideal intermingled with the wonderful Soul upon the canvas.

She did not say: 'What a wonderful psychic face.' How sad and pathetic; how tender and compassionate! What eyes to fill the Soul with a thousand tender feelings and emotions! She did not say this, but her eyes looked it and a hundred things beside.

The man was a mere shipwreck. His soul had long been stagnant. His body diseased and now reduced to a skeleton was a painfully sad sight. The kind neighbours who had at first helped him feared disease, corruption, pestilence—they kept away.

The girl with the Dore picture in her Soul sat by him, and watched over him far into the night—her heaven-blue eyes filled with the divine fires of inspiration. When he slept she wrote by candle light, sweet and wonderful things. She had the Soul of the Artist. He woke to feel her lovely, pure eyes looking into his. She washed his body; she roused his Soul.

He had lived in hell all his life until now. The eyes of this girl gave him his first glimpse of heaven.

The washerwoman who had tried to be good to him had rough coarse hands. They hurt him. This girl's hands were charged with something psychic, her fingers possessed healing virtues. He sometimes wondered if she were an angel instead of the girl a bit gone in the upper storey. Life was becoming full of mystery.

So the girl Averil, wrote her thoughts. She lived within herself a full rich life. Her Ideal illumined her. The Christ of Dore blended with the Christ of her Soul.

She had no kinship with this man. He was practically a stranger to her. The Christ in her pitied and loved the lost.

Averil was selling flowers in the market place. She looked frail, but her eyes possessed the same bewitching loveliness, the same heaven's own blue. The woman next her displayed prints and pictures—common things chiefly, but with a few gems for the cultured Soul.

The girl noticed a copy of her beloved Dore picture, priced at a few pence, greatly soiled. She picked it up and looked lovingly at it.

"Do you want it?" said the woman.

"My flowers have not sold well to-day" came the answer, "I am very poor."

"You can pay me to-morrow, or some other day."

The girl was grateful, and the picture became her own.

"You love the Beautiful?"

It was the voice of a flower purchaser, and very sweet.

The girl looked up from her Dore and smiled.

"It's a lovely thing, isn't it!" she said.

"The artist did well for humanity when he produced it," said the stranger. "It is lovely."

The girl's eyes flashed with their unfathomable light.

"You have seen the original?" he remarked.

"My Sunday School teacher gave me that pleasure," she said.

"Would you care to see another lovely thing—Mostyn's Gethsemane?"

"Is that a picture?" she enquired.

"Yes."

"Come then," he said, reading her answer in her face. "I'll buy all your flowers and have them sent to the Children's Hospital."

Later, Averil was standing by an open door, viewing Mostyn's picture. The life sized figure of the Christ seemed a living personality to her. "Would she never remove her wondering eyes?"

The stranger at last took her hand, laughed sweetly, and said: "You've had your shillingsworth, I think."

Then she prettily thanked him. He walked back with her to the market place, and disappeared.

The heat was oppressive. A flower girl was faint in the market place. It was the flower girl—Averil.

A man was passing wearing a big tie and a soft hat. He had unusually long hair, and deep set powerful eyes. The girl fell just as he passed. He gracefully caught her in his arms and carried her into a cool spot. He evidently knew how to treat her, for she soon recovered.

"Come and rest in my house," he said.

She smiled and followed him. She had confidence in his face. He was no longer a stranger.

"You have not forgotten the Mostyn picture?" he enquired.

"My Soul can never forget," said the girl.

He looked pleased, and remarked: "I am a poet, and you have the look of a poetess."

"My name is Averil. A simple flower girl. My poems are unknown," she murmured.

"Are there none who read your verse?"

"None."

"Then let me be the exception," he said.

She unfolded a sheet of paper which had been hidden in her gown, and read it to him with dancing eyes.

"You have the Soul of the poet, Averil. It is exquisite."

A few days passed and the girl was composing in the study of the great master. Her work was recognised. She was receiving the necessary education.

Two years later all the world of poetic Art were perusing the loveliest sonnets ever produced by a flower girl.

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For the Sake of the Child.

THE LYCEUM BANNER resumes a cover this month. It will cover the same policy as hitherto. The chief object is its issue as the Official Organ of the B.S.L.U. It also provides an avenue of expression for anyone who has a brain-wave for the good of the movement or a criticism of present methods.

Whilst the paper endeavours to supply a stimulus to the young Lyceumists, it is impossible to provide by printed words much help to children below 8 years of age.

The very young must essentially depend on the help which can be given by adults who are interested in child-welfare sufficiently to interpret whatever message we are able to give to the children.

When we have the desire, we must also study ourselves and remove the link of years which has caused us to live in a grown-up world. We can retain the wisdom and simplify it by associating education to the child's mind.

An individual who can come down to the level of a child so that confidence, trust and equality prompt a little social love arising in the child's mind has found the necessary soil in which to plant desires which shall lead to goodness.

Children desire to make things, see them come into shape from raw materials or mixed ingredients. They are practical builders rather than little thinkers. Hence we must make provision for practical lessons of a religious and social character.

The sun is more to a child than God. A doll is more appreciated than a blessing. Rain and water are new things to play with, rather than a means of getting damp feet. Little minds are afraid of darkness because there is an absence of light. They do not understand it is the happy hunting ground for the display of many spiritual forces. Darkness has no terrors for blind people. Grown people who are in spiritual darkness, or unaware of these existent forces, are subject to fear similar to the child when in earthly darkness. The medium often discerns spirit lights which normal daylight would not allow to be seen. There lights are produced from the phosphorescence of the spirit-world by unseen and seen intelligences and convey a definite meaning to active mediumship.

The reader will understand that many people do not understand the why and wherefore of existent spirit-forces and emanations. This is a world unknown to them, but mediums are capable of displaying and making many of these matters understood by the common mortals.

There are many things perplex the minds of children which can be interpreted by adults to young minds.

The eternal "don't" should be largely obliterated as a warning of bad effects resulting from certain causes. Healthy children are active and wilful. The negative "don't play with fire" can with utility be changed to "that will burn your hands." Whilst open fires exist in most houses and mothers cannot constantly watch their children it is better to find the handle of an oven door is hot by experiment than to prevent the children touching it when in the parent's presence. Two lessons are immediately learned: the value of obedience and the meaning of pain. A child or a man must learn by experience. The destructive temperament of a boy can easily be stayed from

coming into existence at all, if a parent will take a little trouble to teach construction instead of letting a child's vitality run riot. It is in this method of education where the Lyceum provides an avenue of expression for the lover of child-life. There is no end to the methods which can be adopted which please children.

Messrs. Pitman and Sons publish many useful books of instruction on manifold topics and the simple making of things. The fingers of a child are the keynote to its mind. One feels the Lyceumists should immediately take up the study of child-welfare from the standpoint of a child's necessities and natural powers, and not from the grown-up methods of a cast-iron curriculum.

A child of town-life sees a bird flying and calls it an aeroplane. He sees a new moon and calls it a bursted balloon. He has been artificially removed from a real concept of nature's ways: we have to bring it to him in the Lyceum and take him to it by a ramble in the fields. A child sees the nest of a hedge-sparrow and says "how funny," but the man who shows it to him feels "how sad." We've made an awful chaos of God's world and these things must be changed.

Children like vivid colours and are fascinated by moving things, either animal or mechanical. Any woodworking Lyceumists who has a little astronomical knowledge and would take the trouble to illustrate the various orbits and groups of stars which prevail in the stellar universe will always find an interesting little audience. The writer has only twice seen a microscope in a Lyceum during 25 years' continual attendance.

If time permits more help may be offered to interested Lyceumists in the near future, with the hope that the children below 8 years of age may find an added interest in attending the Lyceum. There are many people already in our Lyceums with the knowledge necessary to display guidance to those who yearn to take charge of children's classes, but feel to lack the method of applying their earnestness to useful purposes.

The pages of the LYCEUM BANNER are ever open, as space permits, to articles which will appeal to the mind of a child.

£2000 Effort.

Since the last report, matters have moved slightly to the advantage of the Union. The amount up to the present is £165. This total has been raised by the assistance of the Donation of the M.C., One from U.D.C., Seven from Private Individuals, Two from overseas Lyceums, and Eight FROM OUR OWN HOME LYCEUMS. Have you ascertained if your Lyceum is amongst the latter?

I am quite aware of the hard times that we are passing through at the present, and realise that "BUTLEI OT BUSINESS" but we must not forget that "LABOUR OVERCOMES ALL DIFFICULTIES."

As our representative having this effort in hand, I feel justified in continually bringing before your notice the very slow progress that this fund is making. Up to the present time some forty-four gross pencils have been sent out to Lyceums to assist them in raising their quota in this effort, yet I have only received actual returns from the Lyceum as a direct result of an sales. Probably it is that the other Lyceums are waiting till they acquire the necessary £10. If so may I suggest you do not wait, but send along any cash you have received so that the same can be put into the Union's £2000 banking account. It will be making more with the interest whilst therein.

I am also asked to mention to the people of Yorkshire that at Leeds there is a first class Concert Party known as "THE MERRY E'S" who are quite willing to oblige any Lyceum in that district at any time with an evening's concert in aid of this fund. Don't all write at once, but if you are out for same just send along a letter to Mr. E. Moore, Secretary of the Leeds Psycho Lyceum, whose address you will see in this month's issue of the BANNER. To anyone in Lancashire or Cheshire there is also another Concert Party I know of who have promised to help any time and they are "THE RUMMUNS," seven real good Lancashire artists (I have heard them and know) and if anyone would like these, just drop a line to J. Bell whose address you ought to know: If not, send c/o THE BANNER.

At the last Conference at Burnley one Delegate, when the matter of the £2000 effort was raised, stated in his remarks, "let us wait till we get the cash before we talk about what we shall do with it." May I suggest that we GET the cash and that every Lyceum and Lyceumist commences the year 1922 with the idea of assisting this fund as soon as ever possible and so that the UNION on that sound financial basis which is so necessary.

Your Lady President, Mrs. M. E. Pickles, has given this fund very thought and assistance. She commenced and led the M.C. donation. She is also selling Post-cards for the benefit of the fund and has handed over a further £1 from this source. Let me then ask all to do their duty by the Union and DO IT NOW.

Many of the Lyceums will be having their prize distribution in the near future. May I suggest that with each book you present a bookmark. I have still a large stock of these on hand, so send your orders along.

J. BELL,
97, Chatham Street, Stockport

Letter Box.

Loving wishes, fondest thought,
By this rhyme from me are brought.
Greetings for your New Year's Day
Truer than all words can say;
Though we may be far apart,
I shall be with you in heart.

VERNON HART, Johannesburg.

Sir,

May I, through the medium of our dear "Lyceum Banner," send my best and kindest regards to all friends of North East Lancashire? I came to Canada in March of last year and after being seven months away on the prairie farms and a few weeks in the bush, I got to this great western city of Winnipeg. I had been in touch with the then Lyceum Secretary, Mr. Charles Forrest, and so I was met at the station and taken home and given a right hearty Lancashire welcome. Anyone who has been a stranger in a strange land can realize how grand it is to meet brother and sister Lyceumists.

It was my greatest pleasure to visit Winnipeg Lyceum. What a welcome they gave me: I was made right at home and we had a beautiful session. This is my impression. Although on the small side it is a beautiful little church and what is more it is their own property and was built by themselves. There would be about 35 present when the bell called order. "In the march of life" was sung with heartfelt spirit. The silver chain, "Backbone," was well read and good time was kept. The musical reading "Spiritual Harps" was fairly well rendered. Young and old all helped to make the marching a pleasure. The discipline was excellent and a good percentage went through the first series of calisthenics very well. Several pearls were given and much interest was added by asking the members to explain their pearls. I gave to Winnipeg the best fraternal greetings of the N.E. Lances., and of the Nelson Lyceum. For which they thank you ever so much. Winnipeg Lyceum is a beautiful little home; I can honestly say to anyone who comes out to Western Canada, that if they can just hit the trail for Polson Avenue, they are sure of a jolly good welcome. I ask all Lyceums in the Dear Old Country to pray for their brothers and sisters abroad. May our bond of brotherhood be maintained throughout the world. I hope and trust I am not taking up too much time and space; but I did so want to tell you how I found these dear people of Winnipeg Lyceum; they are just splendid. The officers are mostly young and have long years of faithful service before them. I am not a good letter writer; I would sooner be working "behind the scenes," but perhaps you will understand my humble effort.

Wishing all old friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours fraternally.

C. STARKIE WEST.

The Lyceum Reciter.

THE GAMBLER'S WIFE.

Coates.

Dark is the night! how dark! no light! no fire!
Cold, on the hearth, the last faint sparks expire!
Shivering she watches by the cradle side,
For him who pledged her love—last year a bride!
"Hark! 'tis his footstep! No—'tis past; 'tis gone:
Tick!—Tick!—How wearily the time crawls on!
Why should he leave me thus? He once was kind!
And I believed 'twould last—how mad!—how blind!

"Rest thee, my babe!—Rest on!—'Tis hunger's cry!
Sleep!—for there is no food! the fount is dry!
Famine and cold their wearying work have done.
My heart must break!—And thou!" The clock strikes one.

"Hush! 'tis the dice-box! Yes, he's there, he's there,
For this! for this he leaves me to despair!
Leaves love! leaves truth! his wife! his child! for what?
The wanton's smile—the villain—and the sot!

"Yet I'll not curse him! No! 'tis all in vain!
'Tis long to wait, but sure he'll come again!
And I could starve and bless him, but for you,
My child!—his child!—Oh fiend!" The clock strikes two.

"Hark! how the sign-board creaks! The blast howls by!
Moan, moan! A dirge swells through the cloudy sky!
Hal! 'tis his knock! he comes!—he comes once more!
'Tis but the lattice flaps! The hope is o'er.

"Can he desert me thus? He knows I stay
Night after night in loneliness to pray
For his return—and yet he sees no tear!
No! no! it cannot be. He will be here.

"Nestle more closely, dear one, to my heart!
Thou'rt cold, thou'rt freezing! But we will not part.
Husband!—I die!—Father!—It is not he!
O God! protect my child!" The clock strikes three!

They're gone! they're gone! the glimmering spark hath fled,
The wife and child are numbered with the dead!
On the cold hearth, out-stretched in solemn rest,
The child lies frozen on its mother's breast!
The gambler came at last—but all was o'er—
Dead silence reign'd around—The clock struck four!

WOLSEY AND CROMWELL.

Farewell, a long farewell, to all my greatness!
This is the state of man: To-day he puts forth
The tender leaves of hopes, to-morrow blossoms,
And bears his blushing honours thick upon him:
The third day comes a frost, a killing frost;
And,—when he thinks, good easy man, full surely
His greatness is a ripening,—nips his root,
And then he falls, as I do.

I have ventur'd,
Like little wanton boys that swim on bladders,
This many summers in a sea of glory;
But far beyond my depth: my high-blown pride
At length broke under me; and now has left me
Weary, and old with service, to the mercy
Of a rude stream, that must for ever hide me.

Vain pomp and glory of this world, I hate ye;
I feel my heart new open'd: O, how wretched
Is that poor man that hangs on prince's favours;
There is, betwix that smile we would aspire to,
The sweet aspect of princes, and their ruin,
More pangs and fears than wars or women have;
And when he falls, he falls like Lucifer,
Never to hope again.

Cromwell, I did not think to shed a tear
In all my miseries, but thou hast forc'd me
Out of thy honest truth to play the woman.
Let's dry our eyes: and thus far hear me, Cromwell;
And,—when I am forgotten, as I shall be;
And sleep in the dull cold marble, where no mention
Of me more must be heard of,—say I taught thee;
Say, Wolsey,—that once trod the ways of glory,
And sounded all the depths and shoals of honour,
Found thee a way, out of his wreck, to rise in:
A sure and safe one, though thy master miss'd it.
Mark but my fall, and that that ruin'd me.
Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambition;
By that sin fell the angels; how can man then,
The image of his Maker, hope to win by't?
Love thyself last: cherish those hearts that hate thee;
Corruption wins not more than honesty.
Still, in thy right hand, carry gentle peace,
To silence envious tongues. Be just, and fear not;
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,
Thy God's, and truth's; then if thou fall'st, O Cromwell,
Thou fall'st a blessed martyr.

O Cromwell, Cromwell,
Had I but serv'd my God with half the zeal
I serv'd my king, he would not in mine age
Have left me naked to mine enemies.

Our Lyceum Guild.

Leader: MARY E. KITSON, B.A.

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

Our Aim:—To develop ourselves (i) physically, (ii) mentally, (iii) psychically, (iv) spiritually.

(For a copy of Our Aims and Rules, or for further information, or for form of application, please apply to the Leader—(Miss M. E. Kitson, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, (Yorks.).)

TO ALL MEMBERS, READERS, AND LYCEUMISTS.

The Guild gives fraternal greetings to you all, with every good wish for a year of success and progress. And to each one, who in any way has worked in, and for, the Guild since it was started, we give sincere thanks and appreciation; and trust to receive your continued help and interest.

OUR ESSAY COMPETITIONS.

No further competition will be held until the examinations are over.

In our last, there were twenty-one competitors (5 Probationers, 10 Novitiates, 4 Initiates, 1 Associate, and 1 Fellow).

All the essays were so good that the marking had to be done very severely, to prevent too great a number of stars being won.

Therefore the seven winners of stars are to be heartily congratulated on their success.

It will not be possible to publish the winning essays, because of the limitations of space.

WINNERS OF STARS.

Elizabeth North (S. Shields). Associate ..	88%
Alfred Collinge (Moston). Initiate ..	99%
Edith Gush (Huddersfield). Novitiate ..	100%
Grace Parrish (Ilford). Novitiate ..	92%
Bert Hardwick (Jarrow). Probationer ..	95%
Bernard North (Huddersfield). Probationer	89%
Doris Bottomley (Huddersfield). Probationer	88%

NEXT MONTH.

Several matters of interest must be held over until next month. Space does not allow them to appear this time. So in February's issue we hope to give:—

- (i) Reports of Guild classes.
- (ii) Extracts from Guild correspondence, and replies to enquirers.
- (iii) Important suggestions for a permanent Guild badge.
- (iv) An article (from a new member) on "Why I left the church and became a Spiritualist."
- (v) The summary for the year 1921 of the Guild's membership.
- (vi) The balance-sheet of the Guild's account.

THE DUTY WHICH LIES NEAREST.

(WINNING STORY.—BY EDITH GUSH).

Once upon a time, as old stories say, there lived in a town not very far away, a family named Maxwell.

The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, and their two daughters, Mary, aged twelve, and Joan, aged six.

Mary was a great bookworm, who, when she was *not* reading, would sit making up stories of which she was the heroine, and it is thus we find her one winter's afternoon towards tea-time.

Joan was sitting near the window, struggling with a scarf which she was knitting for her father, though it was growing dusk.

"Knit two, seam two, knit—" said Joan softly, "oh dear, it's wrong again, Mary!"

Mary did not answer, she had just got to the point of her day-dream, when, as a nurse, she rushed back into a burning hospital to rescue a child who had been left behind.

"Mary!" repeated Joan, a little louder.

Mary came back to earth with a jerk.

"What do you want, Joan?" she asked sharply.

"Oh, Mary, will you put my knitting straight?" pleaded Joan, "I must have dropped a stitch or seamed three, or something, and it is in a muddle."

"I don't wonder at it, when you try to knit in this light," answered Mary, "I'm not going to bother with your knitting, you must ask mother."

Joan gave a little sigh, gathered up her knitting, and trotted away to her mother, leaving Mary to her day-dreams.

But the thread was broken, and Mary could not resume her story where Joan had broken it off. Instead she rose and lit the gas, and, not heeding the fact that it was time to lay the table for tea, settled down to a book of poetry.

She opened the book at random, and her eyes fell upon a recitation entitled, "Your Mission." I think that most of us know that piece, but it was new to Mary, and as she read it, she began to think that here was a cap which fitted her.

She was reading it for the second time, when Mrs. Maxwell entered the room.

"Mother," said Mary, "will you tell me what this piece of poetry means, please?"

Mrs. Maxwell took the book from Mary. "I don't think it needs much explaining," she said, "It means that everyone has a mission to perform, but while some are fitted for a great work, others are only fitted for a small one."

"Oh," said Mary, "then I have been 'standing idly waiting for some greater work to do.' when all the time my mission may lie in putting Joan's knitting straight, or getting tea ready?"

"Yes, Mary, that is right," answered her mother. So Mary decided to turn over a new leaf, and, though nothing is done all at once, I think that she will succeed in *finding her mission* at home.

OUR NATURE ARTICLE.

WINTER BUDS.

BY MARGARET E. LAWTON.

Winter is upon us, and King Frost frequently has the country side in his icy grip. Out in the woodlands the leafless branches show dark and gaunt against the dull sky. The cold wings of autumn have swept the leaves from most of the trees, and yet, every leaf eer it fell, left behind it the promise of leaves for next year. For, as Ruskin says, "Every leaf has assuredly an infant bud to take care of, laid tenderly as in a cradle, just where the leaf stalk forms a safe niche between it and the stem." Nature bestows infinite care on the buds, because they are the future life and hope of the plants.

Buds are wonderfully planned. They contain the baby branches, with every leaf beautifully folded so that it takes up as little room as possible. These tiny leaves are very tender and so they are protected from the cold air by thick, brownish scales. Often the scales are sticky, so that they are waterproof, and sometimes the leaves themselves, as well as the scales, have a warm blanket of downy hairs.

The buds are formed in the Summer-time, when the leaves still clothe the trees. When Autumn comes, the tiny buds help to push off the old leaves from the twigs, and each leaf, in falling, leaves a scar just below the buds, to show where it grew.

In Spring the tiny branches enclosed in the buds, commence to grow. The scale leaves are pushed aside, and in time fall to the ground. The scales leave a ring of small scars on the twigs. Thus, by noticing the distance between one ring of scars, and the next ring, we can tell how much a twig has grown in a year, and by counting the rings, we can judge the age of the plant.

Not all of the buds contain branches. Some are flower buds. The flowers are often found in the buds at the tips of twigs. If the end bud holds a branch, the twig will continue to grow in the same direction, but if it is a flower bud, when the flower fades, the two side buds just below begin to grow, and so make a forked branch.

The buds are a great help in distinguishing the trees in the winter time. The sturdy, twisted branches of the oak tree have several smooth, brown, egg-shaped little buds. They form quite a cluster round the ends of the twigs, and the twigs always turn skywards. The short, fat, black ash buds are arranged in pairs on each side of the smooth, grey twigs. The ash leaves do not appear until the early Summer. Country people watch for the opening of the oak and ash buds, as a sign of a wet or a dry year, for—

"If the oak before the ash,
Then you'll only have a splash.
But if the ash before the oak
Then you're sure to have a soak."

The horse chestnut buds are large and sticky; and below every bud is a horse-shoe shaped leaf scar with the five "nail" scars left by the leaf veins. These are amongst the most interesting of the buds, when Springtime calls to the leaves to throw off their scale-coats. Sycamore buds are sturdy, oval ones; smooth, green, and beautiful because they are always arranged so evenly around the greenish-grey twigs. My own favourites

are the slender brown, pointed buds of the beech and birch trees. The beech buds are about an inch long, and although dainty, are much sturdier than those of the birch. With the small, delicate buds, the strong, supple and slender branches, and the silver grey of the bark, the birches are truly the "ladies of the wood."

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

On 18th December (the day of writing) there are 1,121 members in Our Lyceum Guild. Of these, 16 are unattached, at present, to any particular Lyceum, for various reasons; and the remaining 1,105 are drawn from 114 of our Lyceums.

LYCEUMS WITH GUILD MEMBERS.

The following list gives particulars of Lyceums having Guild members.

The Guild here urges those lonely ones in the twenty Lyceums at the bottom of the list, and in the twelve immediately above, to read again the Aims and Rules, refresh their memories concerning their own pledges, and then work harder to redeem them during 1922; and to ensure the names of their Lyceums being much higher in the list of membership next January. No Lyceum is fairly represented until it has at least 10 members.

How many has your Lyceum? Are you doing anything to interest non-Guild members of your Lyceum, and to persuade them to join?

(continued in next column).

1922.

BY W. WOODALL, of Derby.

"Time, like an ever-flowing stream,
Bears all its sons away."

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SPECIAL REPORTS.

EAST HAMILTON.—We held our seventh Anniversary on December 4th. The morning Open Session was conducted by the Lyceum Adults, Mr. Gretton, our past Conductor, occupying the Chair. In the afternoon a Demonstration was given by the children of what they are taught in the Lyceum, each group being represented by its colour. At the evening service a piece entitled "Our Home," was rendered by the Lyceumists before a large congregation. Special singing was rendered by the Church choir, under the able conductorship of Mr. Lester. Great credit is due to the children for the manner in which they rendered their respective parts, also to our Conductor Miss Palmer for the patience and endurance which she displayed to bring them to such perfection. Also to Mr. Lester and the choir for helping to make the service such a success. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—J.H.

ELLAND.—Dec. 4th we held an Open Session which was well attended by parents and friends. Our speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Lightowler, of Bradford, who complimented our Lyceum, saying that we were progressing in the way we ought to do. Under the Conductorship of Mr. Sadler the children performed the marching and calisthenics in fine style. Recitations and solos were rendered by the following Lyceumists:—John Rae, Florence Rae, Thomas Aspinall, Annie Aspinall and Edith King. Elsie Green, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—On November 27th, 1921, we held a Joint Session with Blackpool Lyceum. It would be impossible for me to try to convey by mere words what a glorious happy session we had on this occasion. The number of Lyceumists and friends present was at least 100.

Mrs. Nurse, the Conductor of the Blackpool Lyceum, took charge of the Session. We also had with us on this auspicious occasion, Mr. Wilkinson, President of the Blackpool Church and Past President of the B.S.L.U.

Solos, recitations and a pianoforte solo were beautifully rendered by Blackpool and Fleetwood Lyceumists, which were heartily appreciated by all present.

A pleasing feature of the Session was the Presenting of a Birthday Card to one of Fleetwood's youngest Lyceumists by Mrs. Nurse, this being something that the Fleetwood Lyceum have inaugurated and in the course of a year every Lyceumist receives a Birthday Card from the Lyceum.

Mr. Wilkinson spoke to the Lyceum and stated how proud and happy he was to be there. Mrs. Nurse and Mr. Batley also spoke to the Lyceum and their comforting words did much to create the harmony and love that was predominant in the session. The session came to a close all too quickly much to the regret of all present. I am confident that this session will always remain a very pleasant memory to all who were with us.

After the session, tea was provided by Fleetwood Lyceum at which many of our Blackpool Lyceumists and friends remained.

Mr. Wilkinson and Mrs. Nurse conducted the Evening Service at 6-30 p.m. Mrs. Nurse took for her subject: "The Lyceum and its Teachings," and Mr. Wilkinson gave an Address on "Watchman, what of the Night." Again two of the Blackpool Lyceumists, Miss Garlick and Miss Shufflebottom favoured us with beautiful solos.

Both addresses and solos were heartily appreciated by the large audience. Mr. Batley conducted the Service at 8 p.m. and so a very happy, instructive, and glorious day came to an end.

The Fleetwood Lyceum Extend to all Lyceumists New Year's Greetings and wish them all Prosperity.—John A. Jordan, Con.

GLASGOW, McLellan Galleries.—We held our Annual General Meeting on 18th December, when the following Office bearers were appointed. Conductor, Mr. Jas Shaw; Assistants, Miss McIntosh, Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Gentleman, Mrs. Kitson; Guardian, Miss Nellie Moore; Assistants, Messrs. Jas. Stewart, and Buchan; Secretary, Willie Shaw; Roll Keeper, C. Hill; Treasurer, Edward Spencer; Librarian, Willie Fleck; Capt. of Guards, Willie Wyllie; Pianist, Miss Brown; Violinists, Messrs. Kitson and Shaw; Leader of Praise, Mr. Buchan; Socials Convener, Miss McCradie, assistants, Mrs. Wyllie, Mrs. Fairgreaves, Miss A. Rainey, Miss Livingstone; Marching and Calisthenics Leaders, Mr. Rankin and Miss Chissel; Liberty Group Leader, Mr. David Smith. Owing to lack of time the definite appointments of Group Leaders were left over for the Guardian and Committee to decide.

We have now 149 members on the roll, including all officers. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—H. Cleland, Sec.

MOSS SIDE, Raby Street.—At our Liberty Group we had with us Mr. Collinge of Middleton who gave us an address on

"Sex Education" which was well appreciated by a large number of adults and an interesting discussion arose.

We are looking forward to our Children's Xmas Party which is to be held on December 30th.

We are still keeping up to our name and enrolling new members each week. We wish all Lyceumists a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—H. Moulson, Sec.

MEXBORO.—On 27th November, we held our "Lyceum Day." The Afternoon Open Session was a very instructive afternoon, enjoyed by all present. Evening: a service of song "Into the Light" was given. The children sang well, conducted ably by Mr. Stubbs. Duet by Mrs. C. Haywood and Mrs. Beecham. The story was read very impressively by Mr. Jepps who conducted the service. Many thanks are due to all workers who helped in our day's effort to spread the spiritual truth to people.—J. Wm. Oates, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—We held our Open Sessions on December 4th, Mr. Alfred Kitson being the speaker. We opened by singing "The March of Life." Invocation given by Mr. Kitson. The Silver Chain Recitation "The Divine Order" was conducted by Mrs. A. E. Bentley. Solos were rendered by Miss Edna Wates and Miss Elisa Pitt; the children responded most heartily with Recitals which made all feel the power and the enjoyment we can derive from the little efforts they put forward. The Marching and calisthenics were ably conducted by Mrs. R. Hope, the leaders being complimented by Mr. Kitson on their Leadership.

At 6-30 we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Kitson Lecture on "The Divine Order," which was very well appreciated by a good congregation. Recitations were given by Miss Mona Eastwood, Miss Elisa Pitt, Masters Woodfine and Pitt; this concluded a very pleasant and instructive service.

On December 11th, our brother Lyceumists, Mr. J. Hamer, gave the Liberty Group a paper on "Inspiration," which gave us much food for thought and will no doubt be very instructive to those that are proving the Truth of Spiritualism.

Wishing all Lyceums every success.—Albert Hope, Sec.

SUNDERLAND, Derwent St.—On Dec. 11th we held our Lyceum Sunday Service in the evening. The children took their part in giving Pearls and Recitations which they afterwards explained. Silver Chain No. 57 was conducted by the Guardian, Miss E. Faller, who at the end explained it to the best of her ability, which was very nice. Musical Reading 222; Miss A. Reed, Miss H. Petrie, and Master H. Stacey taking the separate readings. Then came the presentation to the Lyceum by the Conductor in the form of a pen painted banner which was given by Mrs. Allsop in memory of her two children who passed into higher life a short while ago. Mr. English gave a short address for the benefit of the Lyceum. Mr. Campbell spoke a few words on Spiritualism. This ended the service which was enjoyed by everyone present.—J. Faller, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Fowler St.—On Nov. 27th we held a Flower Service, compiled by Miss Bogue of Gateshead. Miss North presided and Mr. J. Russell conducted the singing. The platform was tastefully decorated with flowers, and the children also had flowers. It was very successful and highly appreciated by a large audience.—E. Short.

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 Dec. 4th, opened by singing 340. Marching and calisthenics were very well conducted and well done. We are having our Church enlarged and hoping to have it finished at Xmas. Recitations and solos were rendered by young and old. Mr. Birtwell played the organ.—S. J. Woolmington.

BARNOLDSWICK.—We held our Open Session on Nov. 27th. One little boy, Reggie Hartley, gave four recitations, and his brother Lawrence gave three. The following also took

are the slender brown, pointed buds of the beech and birch trees. The beech buds are about an inch long, and although dainty, are much sturdier than those of the birch. With the small, delicate buds, the strong, supple and slender branches, and the silver grey of the bark, the birches are truly the "ladies of the wood."

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

On 18th December (the day of writing) there are 1,121 members in Our Lyceum Guild. Of these, 16 are unattached, at present, to any particular Lyceum, for various reasons; and the remaining 1,105 are drawn from 114 of our Lyceums.

LYCEUMS WITH GUILD MEMBERS.

The following list gives particulars of Lyceums having Guild members.

The Guild here urges those lonely ones in the twenty Lyceums at the bottom of the list, and in the twelve immediately above, to read again the Aims and Rules, refresh their memories concerning their own pledges, and then work harder to redeem them during 1922; and to ensure the names of their Lyceums being much higher in the list of membership next January. No Lyceum is fairly represented until it has at least 10 members.

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BY THE WONDERMAN.

There are more things in the world we cannot see than things we can see. We know how to tell whether things have life and now I will tell you about the tiniest things on earth which have life. They are called germs or microbes. These wonderful little creatures are necessary for all forms of life, great and small. They are not all evil; it is only a few kinds which make us ill. Even a magnifying glass, a glass which makes things look much larger, will not show us these tiny creatures. We have to use a microscope which makes things look ever so much larger. Microbes are everywhere except in fire. Though you cannot see them, they are on everything you touch, on everything you see, in or out of doors. You cannot see the gas, but you know it is there when you put a light near it; you cannot see the air but you can feel it when it comes in at the window. You cannot see these microbes unless you look with the help of a microscope. Though they are so small, they never stop working and they are always doing things for us.

WHAT IS A MICROBE MADE OF?

There are thousands of different kinds of microbes but they are all made very much alike. Every microbe is made up of a tiny piece of living matter called a cell. That is its whole body. It has no head, and no limbs. There is just one tiny cell which moves and grows though it has no mouth, no lungs, no muscles.

Some microbes are round, some are like little short rods, some are thick, and some are slender like those which cause influenza and consumption. Of course, to see this plainly, a microscope which makes things look a thousand times larger, may have to be used.

A HUNDRED MILLION MICROBES.

Microbes may be round or short or long according to the place they grow in, just like people may be tall when they grow in healthy places and other people may be short when they grow up in bad air or slums.

The smallness of these living creatures is wonderful. If you took some of the rod-like microbes, a hundred million would be necessary to cover a shilling in a single layer. Nearly ten million would be required to reach a yard. Clever men know that this is true and there may be living things, even tinier than these wonderful microbes.

HOW DO THEY GROW?

When a microbe gets the food it likes, it grows very quickly. It does not stop feeding and growing when it has reached its full size. It just splits into two microbes. There is a reason for this. The two new cells have just the same stuff in them as the big one had, but they have between them, a bigger surface and it is through this surface that food comes. The microbe wants as big a surface as possible to take in food, just as a big animal must have a big mouth and not a small one like a mouse has.

More wonderful than the way microbes grow, is the rate at which they grow. Starting with one microbe and giving it enough food, in only twelve hours we should have about eighteen millions. In twenty four hours, if they all lived, the children of one microbe would form a line reaching from end to end of England. In an hour or two, from one microbe there would grow more microbes than there are people in the world. This does not happen because microbes cannot get enough food of the right kind. If they could—they would soon be the only kind of living things left on the earth. Unfortunately, perhaps, microbes can grow at a rate like this when they attack us and make us ill, when our bodies are just suited for microbes to grow in. We should be careful to keep our bodies healthy, so that the microbes of disease cannot get the food they want.

IS A MICROBE A PLANT OR ANIMAL?

Only a few kinds of microbes can live in our bodies. Many are killed when they try to enter, if our bodies are healthy.

Microbes are really tiny plants but they have to feed as animals do. You remember that animals have to live on food made by plants. Microbes cannot make their own food out of the air, they have to eat the food furnished by other living creatures, animal or plant. Some microbes only eat dead remains whilst some eat things still alive.

MICROBES KEEP THE WORLD FRESH AND YOUNG.

Think of the millions of creatures that have lived upon this

earth, in the air, and in the sea. Why is the earth not heaped up with their dead bodies? Because there is always something at work turning these bodies into new and useful materials. It is the wonderful microbes which act like men who empty the dustbin and keep the streets clear of all refuse.

Microbes are the humblest and smallest kinds of living creatures. Yet without the work they do in changing disagreeable and dangerous things into new sources of life, we ourselves would not exist. Though they are so very important, it is only fifty years ago that men found out anything about them. We do not know and cannot guess at what things there may be still to wonder at.

Best wishes for a very happy New Year from,
THE WONDERMAN.

District Visitors' Reports.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

On Sunday, November 20th, I paid my official visit to Edinburgh. I found a very lively Lyceum, 50 young people and a few adults being present, and I am told this is a fair average. The usual exercises were gone through with credit but I would suggest a little more responsibility be given to the young people, also that the seating be arranged that the children see more of each other face to face. I am glad to say Edinburgh joins heartily in the Propaganda Work, and steps are being taken to see that the Churches in the East are stirred up, as is being done in the West.

It is with great pleasure I enclose applications from Greenock and Hamilton for membership in the B.S.L.U.

J. STEWART, Scottish D.V.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE.

OLDHAM CENTRAL, Walter Street.—I visited this Lyceum on October 30th, morning session. A few minutes' late start. Scholars present, 20, 2 late. Readings and Recitations.

Pearls, Recitations, Readings, solos and duets, found good responses. Marching very fair but short. Hall being over top of Cottages. Calisthenics very fair, singing very fair. The conduct of this Lyceum was good. This Lyceum and Society seem to keep having drawbacks in having to remove just as they are getting nicely settled. But they could do with a larger hall. I caught this Lyceum unawares as they did not know my position until the close of session.

OLDHAM, Elliott Street.—I visited this Lyceum on Sunday, October 30th, afternoon session: prompt start. An Open Session was being held all day on this date. Scholars attendance, 49. Readings and responses were good; Pearls, recitations and solos, good responses. A very interesting and instructive item was an appeal for stories. Two small boys responded and I thought this was very good. Marching and Calisthenics were good; Swedish drill was given by request, this also was good. The conduct of the session was very good. It was a good session all through. Mrs. Platt the Conductor, had the session well in hand.

SHAW, Lyon Street.—I visited this Lyceum on October 16th, morning session, and found both Church and Lyceum were united and bona fide. Prompt start; scholars present, 18 and all in time. Readings, and responses good; rather too many readings. Marching good. Music and Calisthenics were very fair, signing was very fair. The description of this Lyceum is excellent. Every scholar paid the best attention to the Conductor and I never heard a whisper.

CROMPTON.—I visited this Lyceum on October 16th, afternoon session. Prompt start, 47 scholars Present. Pearls, recitations and solos; good responses. Marching very fair but short, owing to afternoon service of Church. Calisthenics very fair, singing very fair. The conduct of this Lyceum was very good; the attention to the Conductor was all that could be desired.

I made enquiries concerning the bona fide of this Lyceum and find that this Lyceum is under the management of the Committee of the Parent Body.

These last two Lyceums are only just commencing after being closed for a length of time. They have joined the B.S.L.U. and been accepted. I expect there will be improvements the next time they are visited; all seem to be earnest workers.

S. CARTER, D.V.

District Council Reports.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD.

Name and Date Visited	Punctuality	Singing	Reading and Responses	Marching	Calisthenics	Discipline	Questions	Groups	Efficiency of Officers	Total
Total Marks allotted.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20	10	100
Ramsden St.	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20	10	100
Oct. 23rd.	7	8	9	9	8	9	8	18	8	84
Slaithwaite.	8	7	8	7	7	10	8	18	8	81
Aug. 7th.	8	7	8	7	7	10	8	18	8	81
St. Peter St.	9	7	8	8	8	11	9	5	16	79
Sept. 23th.	9	7	8	8	8	11	9	5	16	79
Alma Street	9	7	9	7	7	8	7	18	6	78
Oct. 1st.	9	7	9	7	7	8	7	18	6	78
West Vale	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	15	7	76
Sept. 4th.	8	7	8	7	8	8	8	15	7	76
Quarmany	7	6	7	7	7	8	0	16	5	63
Oct. 9th.	7	6	7	7	7	8	0	16	5	63
Sowerby Bridge	6	6	6	7	7	6	8	18	7	61
Oct. 23rd.	6	6	6	7	7	6	8	18	7	61
Hebden Bridge	5	8	8	7	6	9	0	8	2	53
Aug. 31st.	5	8	8	7	6	9	0	8	2	53

T. ELLIS, Adjudicators.
W. BURROWS.

PRESENTATION OF A SILVER BELL.

The Presentation of a Silver Bell was made by our Vice-President, Mr. A. Collier, Dewsbury, to the Winners, Dairycoates, Hull, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. In a few well chosen words Mr. Collier congratulated the Dairycoates Lyceum on their success and handed the Bell and Certificate to Mrs. Downs, the Conductor.

Mrs. Downs in replying said she was very sorry there were so few present, but it gave her great pleasure to receive the Bell on behalf of the Lyceum and hoped it would not be the last time but the first of many more such occasions of success and said this was only the second time they had entered and last year were second and it already proved they were progressive. Mrs. Cooke moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Collier and seconded by Mr. Downs. Rest of the evening spent in Games, Dancing and songs by Mr. Collier, Mrs. Butler, Miss Downs and an old Lyceumist, one of the first to join the Lyceum who now spent most of his time at sea.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Quarterly Meeting held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Theaker Lane, Armley.

The President, Mr. Kitson, occupied the Chair. Minutes, Correspondence, Reports, accepted. Resignation of D.V., Mr. Vernam, he having gone to America, accepted with regret. A Resolution was brought forward: "That each District Council have a Representative on the Management Committee and pay the expenses of same and we favour D.C. Representation instead of Areal Representation." Voting, 7 for, 9 against. Competition Business: Mr. Downs declared the result of Competition which will be found below. New Associates, 2. Vote of thanks passed to local friends for their hospitality. Next meeting left in Secretary's hands.

MERIT COMPETITION FOR 1921.

LYCEUMS	Punctuality	Reading and Responses	Marching	Calisthenics	General Behaviour	Singing and Harmony	Pearls, Songs & Recitations	Efficiency of Officers	Total Possible No. of Marks
Dairycoates Hull	10	11	14	15	11	11	12	12	96
Dewsbury	10	11	15	14	11	11	11	12	95
Wakefield	10	10	15	14	11	11	11	12	94
Leeds Psycho ..	10	11	14	14	11	11	10	11	92
Leeds, Easy Rd.	9	11	14	13	11	11	11	11	91
Castleford	10	11	14	14	12	11	10	9	91
Heckmondwike ..	10	9	14	13	12	11	10	8	87
Holborn Hall, Hull	9	9	13	12	12	11	9	9	84
Armley, Leeds ..	10	9	12	11	12	10	10	9	83
South Elmsall ..	10	10	13	12	11	9	9	7	81
Liversedge	10	10	12	12	10	9	9	7	79

Mr. J. DOWNS, Adjudicators.
W. H. VERNAM,

LONDON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at the Stead Bureau on Saturday, 17th, December, Mrs. Mary Gordon presiding. There was a good attendance of delegates, and the meeting was very harmonious. The rules for the Silver Bell Competition were approved, and it was reported that eight Lyceums had entered. The Presidents' address breathed hope for the future, and was accepted after full discussion. Committees were appointed to arrange the Social in March and the Demonstration in May. It was decided to hold the A.G.M. on 25th February, at Stead Bureau.

The Executive will visit Fulham on 22nd January.

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Collyhurst on Saturday, December 10th. Lyceums represented: Pendleton, Collyhurst, Maskell Street, Moss Side, Raby Street, Moston, New Manchester, Princess Road and Crescent Road. Miss Elliott presided. Correspondence was accepted. District Visitor's Report was passed. Delegates Report of U.D.C. was accepted. It was resolved to hold a Guild Evening at a later date at Crescent Road. It was decided to hold the annual meeting and Election of Officers on Saturday, February 4th, 1922, at Pendleton Ford Lane. All Lyceum Delegates and Associates are earnestly requested to attend. Meeting to start at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. nominal charge. Grand Social at 7 p.m. in aid of Council Funds. A Vote of Thanks to Collyhurst Friends brought meeting to a close.—C. A. LLOYD, Sec., (Pro. Tem.)

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council held the last quarter's meeting on Saturday, December 17th, at Blackpool, in the Albert Road Church. Misses S. W. E. Mason and Kirk appointed credential officers. Opening song, 368; Invocation by President.

Delegates were welcomed by Mr. Albert Wilkinson to Blackpool who wished to all success in their efforts. Minutes were read and accepted. Arising out of the Minutes it was resolved that E.C. invite applications for Teachers, etc., for the English Classes so that Classes may proceed. Re. Constitution revision that minutes be accepted and copies be circulated to all Lyceums in the D.C. and a special meeting be called to discuss same. Resolved that when Lyceums have considered the amendments, any further amendments must be sent in to Secretary not later than January 31st, 1922.

Correspondence.—Letter from B.S.L.U. (2) Barrow Corres. accepted. Re. Conference Messrs. Latham and Shuttleworth were appointed to interview the Church President during tea recess.

President's address re Ideals and the Real and the making evident of our system Re. the Guild, £2000 Effort, and the retrospective fees, and wishing all Lyceumists A Merry Christmas and Bright and Prosperous New Year. Address adopted.

Treas. Report showed loss of £2.

Adjudication Report and Balance Sheet accepted. No. 1. North St., Burnley; No. 2, Hammerton St., Burnley; No. 3, Blackburn; No. 4, Darwen; No. 5, Clitheroe.

The narrow margin of 8 points separated the first from the fifth. Best thanks of Council were given to Mr. J. B. Battersby for his labours and sacrifices for the adjudication. Mr. Battersby was re-appointed. Thanks were also given to Miss M. E. Lawton for the offer of services. Sec. appealed for Lyceum Secs. to make Lyceum directory in the BANNER reliable. Messrs. Latham and Shuttleworth gave report of deputation to Blackpool President and reported success. Mr. Wilkinson stated that he and his colleagues would do all in their power to make same a success and would do the work of allocating the accommodation, if applications were sent in, in good time.

The thanks of the Council were tendered to Mr. Wilkinson for his offers. Credential Report, E.C. Area Report. Delegates 26, Associates 16, Visitors 4. Total 51. Expenses 18s. 6d. per Lyceum.

Re D.V.'s and U.D.C. report. Delegates to take same back and send in their reports not later than January 31st, 1922.

Area Rep. gave a report and same was accepted. Meeting places for 1922 are: February 18th, Burnley North St.; May 18th, Darwen; June 17th, Lancaster; September 16th, Preston Progressive; Dec. 17th, Gt. Harwood; February 17th, 1923, Preston, Lanes. Road. Votes of thanks were given to Blackpool friends for their labours on our behalf. Mr. R. Latham to arrange for the presentation of Shield and Messrs. Shuttleworth and Battersby to be responsible for its renovation.—J.S., Sec.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

EAST HAMILTON.—We held our seventh Anniversary on December 4th. The morning Open Session was conducted by the Lyceum Adults, Mr. Gritton, our past Conductor, occupying the Chair. In the afternoon a Demonstration was given by the children of what they are taught in the Lyceum, each group being represented by its colour. At the evening service a piece entitled "Our Home," was rendered by the Lyceumists before a large congregation. Special singing was rendered by the Church choir, under the able conductorship of Mr. Lester. Great credit is due to the children for the manner in which they rendered their respective parts, also to our Conductor Miss Palmer for the patience and endurance which she displayed to bring them to such perfection. Also to Mr. Lester and the choir for helping to make the service such a success. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—J.H.

ELLAND.—Dec. 4th we held an Open Session which was well attended by parents and friends. Our speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Lightowler, of Bradford, who complimented our Lyceum, saying that we were progressing in the way we ought to do. Under the Conductorship of Mr. Sadler the children performed the marching and calisthenics in fine style. Recitations and solos were rendered by the following Lyceumists:—John Rae, Florence Rae, Thomas Aspinall, Annie Aspinall and Edith King. Elsie Green, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—On November 27th, 1921, we held a Joint Session with Blackpool Lyceum. It would be impossible for me to try to convey by mere words what a glorious happy session we had on this occasion. The number of Lyceumists and friends present was at least 100.

Mrs. Nurse, the Conductor of the Blackpool Lyceum, took charge of the Session. We also had with us on this auspicious occasion, Mr. Wilkinson, President of the Blackpool Church and Past President of the B.S.L.U.

Solos, recitations and a pianoforte solo were beautifully rendered by Blackpool and Fleetwood Lyceumists, which were heartily appreciated by all present.

A pleasing feature of the Session was the Presenting of a Birthday Card to one of Fleetwood's youngest Lyceumists by Mrs. Nurse, this being something that the Fleetwood Lyceum have inaugurated and in the course of a year every Lyceumist receives a Birthday Card from the Lyceum.

Mr. Wilkinson spoke to the Lyceum and stated how proud and happy he was to be there. Mrs. Nurse and Mr. Batley also spoke to the Lyceum and their comforting words did much to create the harmony and love that was predominant in the session. The session came to a close all too quickly much to the regret of all present. I am confident that this session will always remain a very pleasant memory to all who were with us.

After the session, tea was provided by Fleetwood Lyceum at which many of our Blackpool Lyceumists and friends remained.

Mr. Wilkinson and Mrs. Nurse conducted the Evening Service at 6-30 p.m. Mrs. Nurse took for her subject: "The Lyceum and its Teachings," and Mr. Wilkinson gave an Address on "Watchman, what of the Night." Again two of the Blackpool Lyceumists, Miss Garlick and Miss Shuffelbottom favoured us with beautiful solos.

Both addresses and solos were heartily appreciated by the large audience. Mr. Batley conducted the Service at 8 p.m. and so a very happy, instructive, and glorious day came to an end.

The Fleetwood Lyceum Extend to all Lyceumists New Year's Greetings and wish them all Prosperity.—John A. Jordan, Con.

GLASGOW, McLellan Galleries.—We held our Annual General Meeting on 18th December, when the following Office bearers were appointed. Conductor, Mr. Jas Shaw; Assistants, Miss McIntosh, Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Gentleman, Mrs. Kitson; Guardian, Miss Nellie Moore; Assistants, Messrs. Jas. Stewart, and Buchan; Secretary, Willie Shaw; Roll Keeper, C. Hill; Treasurer, Edward Spencer; Librarian, Willie Fleck; Capt. of Guards, Willie Wyllie; Pianist, Miss Brown; Violinists, Messrs. Kitson and Shaw; Leader of Praise, Mr. Buchan; Socials Convener, Miss McCradie, assistants, Mrs. Wyllie, Mrs. Fairgreaves, Miss A. Rainey, Miss Livingstone; Marching and Calisthenics Leaders, Mr. Rankin and Miss Chissel; Liberty Group Leader, Mr. David Smith. Owing to lack of time the definite appointments of Group Leaders were left over for the Guardian and Committee to decide.

We have now 149 members on the roll, including all officers. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—H. Cleland, Sec.

MOSS SIDE, Raby Street.—At our Liberty Group we had with us Mr. Collinge of Middleton who gave us an address on

"Sex Education" which was well appreciated by a large number of adults and an interesting discussion arose.

We are looking forward to our Children's Xmas Party which is to be held on December 30th.

We are still keeping up to our name and enrolling new members each week. We wish all Lyceumists a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—H. Moulson, Sec.

MEXBORO.—On 27th November, we held our "Lyceum Day." The Afternoon Open Session was a very instructive afternoon, enjoyed by all present. Evening: a service of song "Into the Light" was given. The children sang well, conducted ably by Mr. Stubbs. Duet by Mrs. C. Haywood and Mrs. Beecham. The story was read very impressively by Mr. Jepps who conducted the service. Many thanks are due to all workers who helped in our day's effort to spread the spiritual truth to people.—J. Wm. Oates, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—We held our Open Sessions on December 4th, Mr. Alfred Kitson being the speaker. We opened by singing "The March of Life." Invocation given by Mr. Kitson. The Silver Chain Recitation "The Divine Order" was conducted by Mrs. A. E. Bentley. Solos were rendered by Miss Edna Wates and Miss Elisa Pitt; the children responded most heartily with Recitals which made all feel the power and the enjoyment we can derive from the little efforts they put forward. The Marching and calisthenics were ably conducted by Mrs. R. Hope, the leaders being complimented by Mr. Kitson on their Leadership.

At 6-30 we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Kitson Lecture on "The Divine Order," which was very well appreciated by a good congregation. Recitations were given by Miss Mona Eastwood, Miss Elisa Pitt, Masters Woodfine and Pitt; this concluded a very pleasant and instructive service.

On December 11th, our brother Lyceumists, Mr. J. Hamer, gave the Liberty Group a paper on "Inspiration," which gave us much food for thought and will no doubt be very instructive to those that are proving the Truth of Spiritualism.

Wishing all Lyceums every success.—Albert Hope, Sec.

SUNDERLAND, Derwent St.—On Dec. 11th we held our Lyceum Sunday Service in the evening. The children took their part in giving Pearls and Recitations which they afterwards explained. Silver Chain No. 57 was conducted by the Guardian, Miss E. Faller, who at the end explained it to the best of her ability, which was very nice. Musical Reading 222; Miss A. Reed, Miss H. Petrie, and Master H. Stacey taking the separate readings. Then came the presentation to the Lyceum by the Conductor in the form of a pen painted banner which was given by Mrs. Allsop in memory of her two children who passed into higher life a short while ago. Mr. English gave a short address for the benefit of the Lyceum. Mr. Campbell spoke a few words on Spiritualism. This ended the service which was enjoyed by everyone present.—J. Faller, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Fowler St.—On Nov. 27th we held a Flower Service, compiled by Miss Bogue of Gateshead. Miss North presided and Mr. J. Russell conducted the singing. The platform was tastefully decorated with flowers, and the children also had flowers. It was very successful and highly appreciated by a large audience.—E. Short.

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.

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after Dec. 19th.

RULE 3.—Lyceums taking 1 dozen copies are allowed free insertion of 25 words; 2 dozen 50 words; 3 dozen, 75 words 4 dozen copies or over, 100 words.

Additional words to be paid for at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. This Rule does not apply to Lyceums numbering fewer than 20 members.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than January 25th, to ensure insertion in the February issue.

RULE 5.—Colonial Reports, if posted to the Lyceum Banner within 7 days after the events reported, will be inserted in the next issue after receipt at the "Banner" Office.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 4th, opened by singing 340. Marching and calisthenics were very well conducted and well done. We are having our Church enlarged and hoping to have it finished at Xmas. Recitations and solos were rendered by young and old. Mr. Birtwell played the organ.—S. J. Woolmington.

BARNOLDSWICK.—We held our Open Session on Nov. 27th. One little boy, Reggie Hartley, gave four recitations, and his brother Lawrence gave three. The following also took

part to make the session a good one. Recitations: Mrs. Whittaker, and Doris Shackleton (a visitor); Songs: Mrs. Waterworth, Mrs. Lang and Miss Jackson. Readings: Mrs. Brotherton and Mr. J. Lund. Immediately at the close we held our re-election of officers.—J. Woffenden, Sec.

BARROW, Orange Hall.—On Dec. 4th, we held our Open Session. Pearls were given. The following Lyceumists kindly gave Recitations: W. Groves, D. W. Groves and W. Chisholm. A solo was rendered. We also were pleased to have a visit from Dalkeith St. Conductor and he gave a short address which was enjoyed. We extended Fraternal greetings.—M. Frankland, Sec.

BEDWORTH.—Open Session, Dec. 4th. Recitations given by F. Ison, P. Alsop, M. Wood, P. Wood, A. Tebbit, and M. Richards. Lyceum Hymns were rendered by four of the Groups.—Miss C. Rowe.

BRADFORD, Boynton St.—On Dec. 4th, we held our Open Session. Readings by Mrs. Ward and Mr. Whitehead. Trio Mr. Ackroyd, Lily Scarborough, Charlotte Wroe. Recitations, Arnold Abbot, Thomas Wroe and George Tempest. Duet, Sarah A. Wroe and Florence Holdsworth.—Mrs. Ward, Sec.

BRADFORD, Harker Street.—We held our Open Sessions on Dec. 4th. Recitations were given by Herry Stead, Annie Stead, Nellie Turner, Fred Kellet and Mrs. Leach. Duets by Ernest and Albert Crowther; Miss A. Carter and Mrs. Stead. Solos by Miss A. Carter and Miss G. Brearley. Mr. Exley read to us. We had a very enjoyable time. Wishing all Lyceumists success in the New Year.

We commence at 10-30 Morning; 1-45 Afternoon; Open Session, 2-30 Afternoon.—G. Brearley, Sec.

BURNLEY, Hammerton St.—On Dec. 11th we held our Lyceum Day which was a great success. It will be long remembered. Miss E. Elliott, of Manchester, was the speaker and truly she gave good account of the ability that she possesses in speaking. In the morning our Lyceum was filled with eager Lyceumists who did credit to their officers in all departments. In the afternoon we held an Open Session and during this service our Conductor, Miss A. Crossley, beautifully performed the ceremony of naming the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pattison (nee Longworth), giving it the Spirit Name of "Angelic Messenger." The items were all splendidly rendered and the most interesting feature was the recitation by the youngest child in the school. Miss Mary Hocking; her courage was well worthy of the reception she got. Miss Elliott spoke of the undoubted progress our Lyceum was making. At the evening service her address was well delivered and the leaders once again gave of their best in songs. The day was indeed a red-letter day and will ever be an example to the coming leaders.—Albert Barton Marshall, Sec.

DARLINGTON, Blackwall Gate.—Lyceum Sunday held December 11th, proved a tremendous success, the Church being filled on both occasions. During the afternoon service the prizes for good attendance during the year were presented by Mr. Petch, an old and valued worker of the Lyceum. Madame Stone, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, the speaker for the week-end, addressed a few appropriate remarks to the children. Marching and Calisthenics went with a swing, numerous recitations, etc., were given. We were also favoured with a Duet from the Misses E. Sleightholme and H. Lambell. At the Evening Service the Service of Song "Spirit Return" was very effectively rendered by the Choir and elder Lyceumists. Mrs. Todd, in the absence of our Musical Director, ably presided at the Piano. Altogether a very enjoyable time was spent. The collections taken at both services proved a record.—C.W.

DEWSBURY.—At the Session on Dec. 4th we had a most interesting ceremony in the naming of a child of one of our old Lyceumists, ably performed by Mrs. Peel, who gave it the name of Dorothy Joy, spirit name, Loyalty. Very nice session. Pearls, etc. Solo by Miss E. Brown. Our earnest wish is that the little flower will ere long be one of our ranks.—E. Wilson, Sec.

GT. HARWOOD.—Our Open Session was held on Dec. 4th, conducted by Mr. Parkinson. The readings and singing, etc., were ably gone through by the following Lyceumists: S.C., May Pickvance; M.R., C. Bleasdale, Mr. Thornley and Mrs. Howarth; G.C., Alice Hopper. Solos were rendered by Annie Owen, Annie Thornley and Hilda Frankland. Recitations by Willie Barrington and Herbert Thornly. Duet by Ethel Frankland and Agnes Frankland. Also by Mrs. J. Hodgson and Alice Taylor. Trio by Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Howarth and Mrs. Hudson. Marching and calisthenics were gone through.—Ada Waterhouse, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Nov. 3rd and 4th a Bazaar was held for the Building Fund, the Lyceum having a stall, and it raised (with gifts, etc.), £25.

On Dec. 4th we held an Open Session, the following taking part: Recitations, Betty Barron, Alice Robinson, Irene Jewitt, Rosie Howard, George Hockley and Billie Sutherland. A dialogue was given by Robert Rolands and Billie Sutherland.—Gladys Powell, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peters Street.—On Nov. 20th, our D.V. Mr. Akroyd visited us and took the Liberty Group. We had an interesting discussion on the relativity of hypnotic and mesmeric sleep and the trance medium state, and on Nov. 27th he visited us again when we continued the discussion.

On Dec. 4th we held our Open Session which was successful from all points of view. There were numerous Pearls, recitations, solos and duets by the scholars and a good attendance of friends. On behalf of St. Peters Street Lyceum I extend the wish for a Bright and Prosperous New Year to all Lyceums.—W. Hirst, Sec.

LANCASTER.—On Dec. 4th, we held our Open Session. Some good recitations were given by the scholars and a pleasant morning was spent. On the 11th a very interesting item in the morning's session was the naming of the baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stephenson. The ceremony was ably performed by Mr. Dobson of Barrow, who gave the child the earthly name of Ethel May and Spirit name "Pearl." It was also the recipient of a small Silver Cup, the gift of the Lyceum.—W. H. Freeman, Sec.

LEICESTER, Silver Street.—On December 4th, we held our Open Session and solos and recitations were rendered by the scholars; I am sorry we do not get the support of the parents on our Open Session, which disheartens the Leaders, and also the scholars, who are doing their very best to carry on the good work. I hope in the future to give a more favourable report of the support of the parents.—A. Hurst, Sec.

LONDON, Woolwich & Plumstead.—On Nov. 20th, the London Lyceum District Council paid us a visit. Three principal members were absent, and not substituted.

On Nov. 27th we held our Monthly Meeting which was a great success and promises us great hopes and encouragement for the New Year. The marching, Calisthenics, attendance and individual efforts are improving every week.—A. J. Hockley, Sec.

LIVERPOOL, Romer Rd.—We held our election of officers on 11th December: the following being elected. Con., Mr. Roose; Asst. Mr. A. Roberts; Guardian, Miss H. Kirkham; Sec., Miss Ihle; Musical Con., Miss Pape; Asst., Miss Cheeseman; Min. Sec., Miss V. Johnson; Marching Con., Mr. Cretney; Captain of Guards, Mr. Kirkham.—P. Ihle, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Collyhurst.—On Dec. 18th we held our Open Session which was a good success and thoroughly enjoyed. Solos, recitations and pearls were ably rendered by Lyceumists and friends. The visitors were very pleased with the efforts put forward and at the progress we have made. We all wish every Lyceum a successful and Happy New Year.—J. E. Shearsmith, Sec.

NELSON, Vernon Street.—On Dec. 4th, we held our usual Open Session and Election of Officers: there was a very good attendance. The following rendered items: Mr. R. Pearson, Mrs. Haythornthwaite, Frank Haythornthwaite, Prince Pearson, Ida Middlebrook, Janey Robinson, Claudine Stephenson, Kate Smoothy, Ivy Greenwood, Bertha Robinson, Lily Robinson, James Parkinson and Albert Ellis. We had a very pleasant and harmonious session.—M. Berkeley, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Rutherford Street.—Dec. 4th, Open Session: Good attendance and good responses. The young did well in individual efforts. Miss J. Bolton and I. and V. Huckle were first in the field and very seldom miss a Sunday without reciting some good pearls; and solos were also rendered. On Dec. 15th we held the Third B.S.L.U. Social and on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, we hold our Children's Feast and Xmas Tree. A new scribe has been elected, one of our oldest Lyceumists Mrs. Wilkinson of Wallsend, who comes from an enthusiastic family of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis.—G. Sample Dawson.

NEW MANCHESTER.—On Dec. 4th we held our Annual Election of Officers, viz: Con., Mr. Higson; Treas., Mrs. Mason; Asst. Con., Mr. Cooper and Mrs. Ray; Trustee, Mr. Cooper; Musical Con., Miss E. Husband; Asst. Musical Con.

Mrs. Jackson; Marching con., Mr. Grimsditch; Leaders, Sidney Cooper and Kathleen Husband; Guardian, Harry Cooper; Group Leaders, Liberty, Mr. Jones; Children's, Mrs. Barrett. There has been fair progress made, all credit being due to the retiring Officers.—G. W. Barrett, Sec.

NEWPORT, MON., Central.—We held our Open Session on December 4th. Recitations and pearls by Willie Rowe, Leslie Folkes, George Smith, Mr. Reade, Mr. Taylor, Iris Higgins, Hilda Rowe, Ada Reade, Vida Pitman, Ivy Seal, Sophie James, Nellie Smith.

On December 11th our Conductor, Mr. Rowe, named three children. The first being Elizabeth, the infant of Mrs. Jones (Verona); the second, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oakley, earth name Lily (Lucia); the third, Dora, the 1st daughter of Mrs. Jones (Olivet). Solo by Miss Lillian Seale, "Angels Lead my Footsteps." Altogether a pleasant and interesting time. The Workers Win.—H. Folkes, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics' Hall.—December 11th, Annual Election of Officers. Con., Miss Rayner (her eighth year); Asst., Mr. Bostock; Guardian, John Pepper; Captain, John Steel; Guards, Horace Collings, Ernest Walker; Group Leader, Miss Rayner, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Peel, Mrs. Walker; Organist, Miss Holmes; Assistants, Miss Burgess, Miss Winnifred Buck; Marching Conductor, Mr. Jarvis; Marching Leaders, Miss Hartwell, Miss Tunnicliffe; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Peel; Auditor, Albert Pepper; District Council Representatives, Miss Rayner, Mr. Peel.—O. Peel, Sec.

OLDHAM, Walter St.—On Dec. 17th, we had a very interesting Session. We adopted some of the Songs from the Manual, to the Xmas Carol tunes, we had a fine time. We also had the Naming of the Baby of our Conductor and Mrs. Woods, Francis Ellen Woods, Spiritual "Florence Victor;" our worthy President Mr. Standish officiated; Compliments of the Season, to all Lyceumists is the sincere wish of the Central Lyceum.—W. Jame., Sec.

PRESTON, Lancaster Rd.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 4th. We had a good session. The readings, marches and calisthenics were gone through splendidly. The Open Session was great, numerous Lyceumists took part with Solos, recitations, pearls, etc., a morning well spent by all. The Season's Greetings to all Lyceums and Lyceumists.—R. Smalley.

QUARMBY.—We held a splendid Open Session on Dec. 11th. Our District Visitor and a number of Peter St. friends were with us. Our scholars are progressing.—A. Ollerinshaw.

ROCHDALE, Regent Hall.—Dec. 3rd, Lyceum Tea-Party and Entertainment; solos, Maud Shepherd, Floren e Howarth, Robert Isherwood; Recitations, Dorothy Knott; Laura Ingham; Eric Jenkinson; Ernest Berry. Violin Solo, Agnes Firth. "Babes in the Wood" were acted by the junior scholars and a dialogue by the Senior members. Mrs. Firth distributed the prizes; Pianist, James Marsh; and Miss Edith Shepherd presided. We also had a surprise visit from Mr. Jack Bell, who gave two humorous songs, which were much appreciated.—Agnes Firth.

ROTHERHAM.—Ordinary Session held Dec. 4th. Mr. J. Dalton presided and was highly appreciated; the collection was the last of three to be forwarded to the Russian Famine Fund. This is our second donation and we hope to see other Lyceums making an effort in this direction. Yes! Mr. Bell, we are taking our corner in the £2,000 Effort. Wishing all Lyceums a Happy Prosperous and Progressive New Year.—R. Ainsworth.

SHEFFIELD, Centre Lyceum.—Dec. 4th, we had our Open Session. Pearls, recitations, solos and duets were well given by the Lyceumists.—Mrs. H. C. Organ, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Gifford Rd.—On Nov. 6th we held our Open Session; a good attendance of elder and junior Lyceumists. A very pleasant afternoon session was spent.—G. Porter.

SOUTH SHIELDS, High Shields.—Dec. 4th. We had a welcome visitor in the person of Mrs. Graham of Simonside, who gave an interesting and very helpful address to which all listened with appreciation.

Dec. 12th, Mrs. Parker named the infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hopper, giving to it the name of Dorothy Isabel with the Spirit name of Lily, bestowing upon it a Lyceum Badge and receiving it as a member of Lyceum.—Wm. Woodall, Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick St.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 4th. Solos were rendered by Mr. Jack Brown, Mrs. Dale and Mrs. Fordy. In marching and calisthenics there was a big improvement. On Dec. 14th, we had our Annual Tea and

Social which was a great success in every way. The opinion being of all, it was the "Best Ever."—A. Hickman, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On November 26th, we held a social evening in the school in aid of the £2,000 Effort. On December 4th, we held an Open Session. Items were sung from the Manual by Misses A. Wild and E. Barrett. A number of recitations and pearls were rendered and Mrs. Greenwood of Hebden Bridge, spoke a few words. On the whole a very enjoyable session was experienced by an extra large attendance of scholars.—John Teal, Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.—On Wednesday evening, November 30th, a social was held in our Church, the proceeds being for our Lyceum Funds. Solos and recitations were rendered by most of our Lyceumists, including Daisy Shooter, age 6; Bennie Miller, age 7; and Norah Carr, age 5; who helped to make our meeting more musical and interesting. The sum of £2 8s. 5d. was realised. Everyone went home feeling happy, and pleased to have been there, in such perfect harmony and homely conditions.—E. Carr.

TOTTENHAM.—The closing month of 1921 will always be remembered by us as an important one as it saw the birth of our own "Lyceum Magazine," ably edited by Susie North. Though we hope it may improve in outward appearances the contents is very good indeed, and we do once more appeal to every Lyceumist to send along a few original contributions for our next number. Everything else going on well. The Season's compliments to all.—O.M.

WALSALL.—We held our Open Session on December 4th, with a fairly good attendance. Several gave recitations and pearls. The latter showed a decided improvement; the children being better able to explain the meanings of them. The Lyceum is growing and officials and leaders of the Lyceum decided to have a social evening, which took place Wednesday, November 23rd. Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. A. Keay, who supplied all present with nuts, fruit, sweets and crackers (the latter causing plenty of amusement). A most enjoyable evening was spent.—D. Allen, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—With a splendid gathering of old and new Lyceum members we held our monthly Open Session on December 4th. Our Lyceum is growing by leaps and bounds, and the following children ably contributing to make a very pleasant afternoon: pearls, A. Wilson, and A. Leevens. Recitations and songs, K. M. and A. Mordaunts, D. and P. Peacock, and F. Moore. Miss Moore accompanied on the piano. Mrs. Twinn presided.—Miss R. Chambers, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—We opened our Lyceum Session on December 4th, 1921, with the Hymn 398, "Shoulder to Shoulder," followed by Recitations by May Staley, Maud and Dorothy Elliott, Emma Thornton, Connie Gray, Doris Peniluna, James Peniluna. Much good will be done by these children taking such a deep interest. "God Bless the Children."—H. Trigger, Sec.

WINNIPEG.—We held the usual Open Session on December 4th, which was fairly well attended. Mr. C. S. West, a prominent worker from Nelson, Lanes., has been with us for the past three weeks, and this afternoon he rendered a pleasing poem which was greatly appreciated by all present. Pearls and recitations from Ella Crawley, Winnie and Edna Brown, Jaen Benson, Helen Lawrence, Mrs. H. Forrest, Miss N. Johnson, Misses Violet and Lily Pilkington, Mr. C. S. West, Mr. Wm. T. Brown, Miss Anderson, W. Chadwick, Sylvia Parkinson and Mrs. Wm. T. Brown. Solos from Mrs. H. Forrest, Mrs. Crawley and Helen Lawrence, which ended a very pleasant afternoon. We have held our Half-Yearly Meeting for the election of officers when the following were elected: Conductor, Wm. T. Brown; Asst., Miss M. Anderson; Secretary, L. W. Brown; Treasurer, Miss Anderson; Guardian, Mrs. H. Forrest; Capt. of Guards, Fred Benson; Guards, Geo. Dale and Miss N. Johnson; Musical Director, Jeniva Sumarildaso; Asst., Helen Lawrence; Auditors, Mr. W. Chadwick and Mrs. Crawley; Teachers, Wm. T. Brown, Mrs. Crawley, Helen Lawrence and L. W. Brown, Sick Visitors, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Forrest.—L. W. Brown, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—Mr. Edw. Gransbury very ably conducted the naming ceremony of Millicent Abbott. We are making very satisfactory progress, and wish all Lyceumists and co-workers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. We also tender our most sincere sympathy to our friend, Mr. J. Lawrence, of Newcastle, in his great loss, through the passing to the higher life of his wife.—Mrs. Ada Meakin, Sec.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

Lyceum Districts.

Birmingham District.

- Mr. A. O. Thomas, Lyceum District Visitor, 20, King-street, Darlaston, Staffs.
- J Birmingham**, Handsworth, 58, Villa-road, 3 p.m. Mr. J. Maybury, 21, Mardock-rd., Handsworth
- J Birmingham**, King's Heath Tindall St Schools 11-5 a.m. Mr. T. R. Fletcher, 19 Homor-street, Moseley
- J Birmingham**, Salfley, Alum Rock Road, 3 p.m. Mr. W. Page, 188 Wright-road, Salfley, Birmingham
- J Coventry**, Bull-street (off Hertford-street), 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-street, Queensland Avenue
- J Coventry**, Broadgate 3-5 p.m. Mr. J. Dalrymple, 1 Thornhill-road
- J Foleshill**, Broad street, 10-45 a.m. Mrs. E. Hutton, 278 Longford-road, Longford, nr. Coventry
- J Walsall**, Temperance Hall, Freer-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. D. Allen, 29, Willows-road
- J Wolverhampton**, School-street, 2 p.m. Mr. A. Hodges, 66 Curzon-street
- J Wolverhampton**, Temple-street, 2-15. Mr. C. E. Hughes, 13 Cousins-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. S. E. Candon, 15, Queb-c-street
- D Bolton**, Deane road, 10-30 a.m. Miss S. Concannon, 2 Blackburn road
- D Bolton**, Henry-street, 10-15. Mr. L. Turner, 55 Bridgeman-place
- D Bury**, 66, King-street, Rochdale-road 10 and 1-45 Mrs. Norris, 5 Hopkinton-street, Elton Bury
- 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. Mr. J. Butterworth, 1, Church street East

Bradford Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. E. Aked, 96, Eelholme View, Beechcliffe, Keighley
- District Visitor**, Miss Mary L. Stair, 14, North-street, Keighley.
- F Bradford**, Boynton-street, 10-45 and 1-45. Miss Ward 32, John-street, Lowmoor, Bradford
- F Bradford**, Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Simpson, 29, Young street, Gillington
- F Bradford**, East Bowling, Wakefield-road, Harker street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss G. Brealey, 9, Coventry street, Wakefield road
- F Bradford**, 433, 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, Killingall road, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Babbs, 3, Dundas-street, Laisterdyke
- F Kelkley**, Heber-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. F. Binns, 10, Hill Street
- F Shipley**, Teal-court, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 28, St. Paul's road
- F Windhill**, Schoolhill, 10-30 and 1-30 p.m. Miss E. Alderson, 57, Avondale road
- F Yeodon**, Town Hall, 10 and 1-45. Mr. G. W. Elliott, 17, Ivegate, nr. Leeds
- F Skipton**, Mr. W. Reynolds, 11, Cumberland street.

Halifax and Huddersfield Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. J. Manning, 5, Hope-street, Hebden Bridge
- District Visitor**, Mr. Seth Ackroyd, 118 Rashcliffe Hill, Huddersfield
- F Brighouse**, Commercial-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. Crossley, Bryan Place
- F Brighouse**, Martin-street, 10-30 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 D. Allured, 33, Midland-street
- F Huddersfield**, St. Peter-street, 10-30 a.m. & 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Hirst, 18, Newhouse-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. Ollermslaw, 152, Acre-street, Lindley, nr. Huddersfield
- F Slaithwaite**, Laith-lane, 10-15 a.m. Mr. F. Barrett, 474, Spurn Point, Linthwaite, near Huddersfield
- F Sowerby Bridge**, Houlins-lane, 9-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. John Teal, Hoyle House
- F West Vale**, Halifax, Green Lane, 10 and 1-45. Miss C. Eastwood, 12, Haigh Street, Greetland, Halifax

Leeds Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes, Wakefield
- 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. Miss Mary Allott 8 Parker-street, Half Acres, Castleford
- 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**, Dairycoates, Dea-street, Hessle-road, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. A. E. Cook, 3, Alma Avenue, Edinburgh-street.
- E Hull**, He born all H burn-street, Witham, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. A. Millson, 8, Arthur's-terrace, Courtney-street, Holderness-road
- E Hull**, Metropole Hall 2-0. Mr. Martin, 6a Walker's Square, Sykes-street
- E Leeds**, Armley, Theaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. W. Akroyd, 11a Canal-road, Armley
- E Leeds**, Rookingham-street, Wale Lane (Psycho), 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. L. Moore, 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, Selborne-place, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mrs. Manuel, 57, Bawerley-street, Dewsbury-road
- E Littletown**, Well-street, 2 p.m. Miss A. Hirst, Well-street, Littletown, nr. Liversedge
- E Moorhorpe**, Barnsley-road, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. Geo. Kelly, 53, Wesley-street, Moorhorpe, 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, Miss L. Jenkinson, 22 Queen Victoria-street
- E York**, Spen Lane. Mr. T. Fowler, 30 Richmond-street, Hallfield-road, Layerthorpe, York

Liverpool Council District :

- Secretary, Mrs. E. Clitheroe, 9b, Greenough-street, Wigan.
- District Visitor**, Mr. G. Thompson, Old Waterman's Arms, Weston Point, Runcorn
- D Birkenhead**, 46, Bridge-street 11 a.m. Mr. Pittard, 45 Livingstone-road, Tranmere, Birkenhead
- D Liverpool**, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. C. Thompson, 43 Clifton-road, Tue Brook, Liverpool
- 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**, Hawkehead 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**, Niners' Hall, Millgate, 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. Barnard 15, Ashmere Grove, Brixton, S.W. 2
- B London**, Fulham, S.W. 12, Leticia-street, Munster-rd, 3 p.m. Mrs. E. Drew, 55 Winchenden-road, Fulham, S.W. 6
- B Hampton Hill**, Middlesex, High-street, 3 p.m. Mrs. Kirby, 17 Oak lane, Twickenham, Middlesex
- B London**, Hounslow, Adult School—Miss Maud Weller 15 Hounslow-avenue, Hounslow
- B London**, Upper Holloway, N., Grovedale road, 3 p.m. Miss Janet Smallman, 9, St. Mary's road, Canonbury, N. 1.
- B London**, Kingston-on-Thames, Bishop's Hall, Thames-street, 3 p.m. Miss F. Blake, 157, Park-rd., Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.
- B Ilford Broadway**, Miss Eva Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, E. 7.
- B London**, E., Manor Park, Shrewsbury-road, 3-0 p.m. Miss F. Crawley, 20, Raymond-rd., Upton Park, E. 13.
- B London**, Peckham, Lausanne-road, 3 p.m. Mrs. B. M. Bell, 21, Crewys-road, Peckham, S.E. 15.
- B London**, E., 13, Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Miss B. Manning, 67, Kharoum road, Plaistow, E. 13

- B London**, Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Mr. O. Mesberg, 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. A. J. Hockey, 65, Pattison-road, Plumstead, S.E.
- B Wimbeldon**, 4 and 5, The Broadway, 3 p.m. Miss Q. Morgan, Spiritualist Mission, Broadway, Wimbeldon, S.W.
- B Walthamstow**, 3 p.m. Mr. F. H. C. Ball, 2 Mersey-road, Forest-road, Walthamstow, E. 17
- B Lewisham**, Lime Grove Mr. E. E. Young, 25 Nallett-road, Hether Green, S.E. 13

Manchester Council District :

- Secretary, District Visitor, Miss Sharples, 47, Donro street, Newton Heath Manchester
- G Hollinwood**, Byrom-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Taylor, 80, Albert-street
- G Manchester**, Ardwick, 38, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m., Mr. G. A. Dixon, 31, Royd street, C. on M. Manchester
- G Manchester**, Crescent road, Chestham hill, 10-30 Miss E. Bowling, 27 Weatherall St., Hr. Bronghton
- 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, Chestham, Manchester
- G Manchester**, Moss Side, 66, Raby-street. Mr. H. Moulson, 143 Baresford-street, Moss Side, Manchester
- G Manchester**, Newton Heath, Allen street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. R. W. Marks, 69, Couran street, Harpurhey, Manchester
- G Manchester**, Higher Openshaw, temporarily closed. Mr. Taylor, 82 Lees-street, Higher 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, 499, Eccles New road Weaste
- G Manchester**, South Princess-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. H. ps 5 Fern-street, C. on M
- G Sale**, Public Library, 10-30 p.m. Mr. J. Shaw, 10 Wolesley-road, Sale, Nr Manchester
- G Manchester**, Moss Side, 66 Raby-street, 2-30 Mr. H. Moulson, 143 Baresford-street, Moss Side
- G New Manchester**, 377 Oxford-road, 10-30 Mr. G. W. Barrett, 13 Shaftsbury-street, C. on M

North-East Cheshire Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. H. Gill, 119 Chapel-street, Edgeley, Stockport
- District Visitor**, Mrs. Ennon.
- H Ashton-under-Lyne**, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. H. Martin, 2 Bethel Place, West street Dukinfield
- H Glossop**, Fauvel Road, 10-30 Miss M. Maltby, 98 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**, Camberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss H. Ruston, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield
- H Mossley**, Abbey-road, 10-30 and 1-45, Miss Fanny Pinder, 8, Back Stanley-road, Nichehurst
- H Stockport**, Lr. Hillgate, Crowther-street, 1030 and 2 p.m. Mr. T. 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

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. Miss S. J. Wilmington, 25, Rutland street
- 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, 50, Oxford road
- C Burnley**, Hamerton-street, 10 a.m., Mr. A. B. Marshall, 73 Culehay-street
- 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, e/o W. Johnson, 61, Knotts-lane
- C Darwen**, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. Haworth, 1, Hindle street
- C Earby**, Geernend Avenue 10 and 1-45. Miss F. Astley, 95, Shuttleworth-street, Earby, via Colne

- C Fleetwood, Kempst., 11 and 2-30. Mrs Pitcher, 12 Darbi-hill-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 Padibarn, Ighitehill-st., 10 a.m. Mr John Hood, 116, Bunley-road
- C Preston, Central, Clarke's-yard, 10 a.m. Mr C. E. Tearle, 174 New Hall Lane
- C Preston, Central Buildings, Lancaster-road, 10-30 Mr R. Smalley, 90 Wellfield-road
- C Preston, Progressive 10 a.m. Mr. W. E. Mason, 154 North road
- C Rawtenstall, Bk. Grmerod-street, 10-15 Miss A. Walmsley, 2, Patrick Square, Hgber Cloughfold
- C Rishton, Fackill-ld., 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. L. g., 2, Union street
- C Lancaster, G. J. Street, 1-30 Mr. W. H. Freeman, 48, Trafalgar road, Bowerham
- C Milom, 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, Mr. A. Shipley, 132 Hartley-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, B.A. 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, 74, Welbeck street
- H Nottingham, Hawman terrace, Gregory Boulevard 10-45 and 2. Miss E. Haslam, 25, Faraday road, Lenton, Nottingham
- H Nottingham, (Mechanics Minor Hall), North Church st., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 5, Briar-street Meadows
- H Nottingham, (Gladstone Hall), Lamartin st., 2-30. A. Shipley, 45, Hungerhill-road
- H Nottingham, Parliament street, 6-30 a.m. Mr. W. C. Thacker 24 Lamotte Grove, Muskham-street
- H Nottingham, Hyson Green, Beaconsfield street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. Mellows, 8, Farley-street, Bulwell
- H Sutton-in-Ashfield, Twitchell, Miss Carr, 53, Nesbitt street.

The Scottish Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. A. Newton, 41 Old Dumbarton road Glasgow
- District Visitor, Mr. J. Stewart, 415 Shields-road, Pollokshields, Glasgow
- A Aberdeen, Music Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. J. S. Sonter, 57, Whitehill road
- A Dundee, Overgate 12-45. Miss D. Duffas, 34, Victoria street, Dundee
- A Dundee, Rattay-street, 12-30 a.m. Mrs. E. Essenof 10, Thomson-street
- A Edinburgh, Free Gardeners' Hall, Picardy-place, 1 p.m. Mr. J. McIntosh, 13, Cornwell-street
- A Glasgow, Sauchiehall-street, 4 p.m. Mr. W. Shaw, 3, Carlin street G. vanhill, Glasgow
- A Glasgow, 100, West Regent-street 1 p.m. Miss H. C. McConell, 201, Clark's 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. Helen's-street, Chesterfield
- H Chesterfield, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 and 2-15. Mr. J. J. Hobter, 32 Holme-rd., S. onegrave s.
- E Doncaster, 10 & 1-30 Miss V. Batty, 2 St. Mary's crescent
- H Mexborough, Lee's Arcade, 1-30 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 2-40. Mr. C. Saxelby, 148, Chippingham street, Attercliffe
- H Sheffield, Beech av., 41, Gifford-road, 10 and 2-30. Mr. Geo. Porter, 42, 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 bor ough
- H West Melton, nr. Rotherham, Mr. H. Trigger, 13 Rotherham-road

Southern Counties Council District,

- Secretary, A. H. Coles 5 Queen Anne Gardens, St Swithin's road, Pounemouh
- District Visitor, Mr. E. Cager, 74 Cobden road, Brighton
- B Bournemouth 5 Lansd wde road, 3 p.m. Mr. L. Hitchcock 3 Oswald rd Moorndon Bournemouth
- B Brighton, Op Springe Hall (52a, Old Seigne). Mr. J. J. Goodwin, "Linwood", 3, Chesham road
- B Brighton, The Old Barn, North Gardens, 2-45 p.m. Mrs. Dingley, 119, Preston road
- B Devonport, Ker street, 2-45 Mrs. L. Warn, 29 Alexander oad Ford, Devonport
- B Portsmouth, 73, Victoria road, Southsea, 3 p.m. Mr. R. B. Long, 81, High street
- B Reading, The New Hall, Blagrove st., 3 p.m. Mr. C. H. Cherr 81, Ca. h-rine st. e-t
- B Southampton, Cavendish Grove, The Avenue, 3 p.m. Mr. Vahieson 23 Hesham road Shirley Soto
- B Southampton, Temple 45, St. Mary's-road 3 p.m. Mrs. Waitley 13, Lateme-street

South-East Lancashire Council District :

- Secretary, Mr. A. Wright 4 Regent-street, Rochdale
- District Visitor, Mr. S. Carter, 83, Newchurch Road, Stocks ands, Bacup
- G Bacup, Christ Church-street Todmorden road, 10 a.m. Mr. J. F. Richey, 11 Todmorden road
- G Crompton, Cowlishaw Fold 10 & 1-45 Miss A. Morris, 85 Victoria street, Shaw
- G Dearnley, Rochdale-ld 6-30 a.m. Miss. Holt, 1, Silver hill Dearnley, near Ro hiale
- G Heywood, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mrs. Birtwell 119, Bamford road
- G Littleborough, Hartley-street, 10-0 a.m. Mr. R. Nall 104, Summit, Rochdale
- G Middleton, Gilmour street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. John Little, 10, Higher Townley-street, nr. Manchester
- G Oldham, Elliot-st., 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. N. Platt 24 Clarks-ld road
- G Oldham, Water street, 3 and 1-11 Mr. Wm. James 8 Bredbury street, Chadderton, nr. Oldham
- D Rochdale, 18, Yorkshire street, 10-15 and 1-45. Mr. Eastwood, 18 S. e-hen-street, Drake street
- G Rochdale, Tenn st., 10 a.m. Mr. W. Kershaw, 9 Basil street
- G Rochdale, Regent st., 10 a.m. and 2 Miss A. Firth, 441 Bury road
- G Rochdale, "Sunne-st", Mr. G. H. Stott 14 Pioneer-st.
- G Shaw, Lyvon-street 10 & 2 Miss H. Granger, 80 Neville street, Shaw
- G Todmorden, Eagle Street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. H. S. Potts, 273, Halifax road
- G Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings Halifax road, 10-0 & 1-15. Mr. W. H. Dawson, 39, Knott's-road, Lydgate, Todmorden.

South Wales Lyceum District :

- Secretary, Mr. Elen Lewis, "Byn Hyfryd", Caernar, Bridgend
- District Visitor :
- J Aberavon, Port Talbot, Water Street, 10-30. Mr. I. Lewis, 82 Lydrau-street, Port Talbot
- J Barry Dock, Sweeney, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. Millard, 19 Fryatt-street
- J Caerau, Spiritual Church, 2-30 p.m. Mr. R. Williams, 91, Victoria-street Caerau, Bridgend
- J Cardiff, Central, Mr. Alex D. wson, 4, Llanbradach-st-Grange-wn, Cardiff
- J Cardiff, Northote-street, Mrs. E. A. Stone, 122, Diana street, R. ath Park Cardiff
- J Ferndale, 1, Fountain st., 2-30 Mr. D. Williams, 79, Lake street Ferndale, Glam
- J Garw, Oxford-street, 2 Mr. E. Edwards 45 Bridgend-road, Pontyvenner, Garw valley
- J Merthyr Tydvil, Tranroad, Side North, 2-30 Miss E. Lunsonbe, 40 J. h-n-street, Gorton, etown
- J Mountain Ash, M. skin School; Mr. J. W. Antill, 2 Middle Pi. Cwmpennar Mountain Ash
- J Nantymoel, Glam., Mr. W. Redwood, 3, Gwendoline Street
- J Newport, Mon., Charles street. Mr. H. Folke, 30, Rhyon street
- J Pontypridd, River-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. Davis, 51, Mount road, Pont pridd
- J Trefgar, Mon., Temperance Hall, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Brown, 109 Glen-terrace

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- Secretary, Mr. E. W. Buckingha 141 Surrev st., Middlesboro'
- District Visitor, Mr. J. Riley, 5 Charles-street, Shildon
- A Darlington, Bondgate, 2 p.m. Mr. C. Wilson, 54, Trafalgar Terrace, Hopetown, Darlington
- A Darlington, High Northgate, 2-0 p.m. E. Botterill, 41 Lansdowne-street
- A Darlington, Witton Park, Mr. E. Neek, 9, High A. bon street, Witton Park
- A Gurney Valley, 2 p.m. Mrs. M. Spedding, 19 Princess-street, Shildon, Co. Durham
- A Middlesbrough, 57, Graung-road, West, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. W. Buckingha 43, Surrey street
- A Shildon, Newlamna av., 2 p.m. Mr. Thos. Jones, 4, L. burn-street Old Shildon
- A Stockton-on-Tees, Cecil street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. Neale, 1, r. 6, Cecil street
- A Stockton-on-Tees, New Brunswick-st., 2-30 Mr. A. Hickman Rockville, The Avenue, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees
- A West Hartlepool, 49, Whitby street, 2 p.m. Mrs. R. Chambers, 38, Gairford-street

- A New Shildon, Adelaide-street Miss S. Riley, 5 Charles street

The Tyneside Lyceum District :

- Secretary, Mr. Ernest Curtis, 20, Hollinwood-avenue Shildon-road, Wallsend
- District Visitor, Mr. W. Hall 10, Curzon-st Gateshead
- A Chester-le-street, Front-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. Hun ley, 3, Green bark Terrace
- A Dunston-on-Tyne, Ellison rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. Aitken, 63 Queen street, Teams Gate-head
- A Eastington Lane, Mr. E. Reay, 43 Caroline street, Hetton-le Hole, Co. Durham
- A Gateshead, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mr W Hall, 21, Villa Place
- A Hebburn-on-Tyne, Scrut Flat New Town 2-30 Mr J Webb, 3 Spencer street, Hebburn Collie y on-Tyne
- A Hetton and District, 2-30 p.m. Mr. M. Rogerson, 14 Barrington terrace Hetton-le-Hole
- A Hirst, 3, ritual Church, Muburn street, Ashington
- A Jarrow, Market-square, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. A. Hudson, 8 Grav-street, Jarrow on-Tyne
- A Newcastle-on-Tyne, B. nwell Co-op Hall, 2-30 Mr. L. M. Callum 18, Dene view South Benwell rd.
- A Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eaton & Byker Co-operative Heaton Road Guild Room 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Hunter, 30, Mowbray-street Heaton
- A Newcastle-on-Tyne, Rute 101 st., 2-30. Mrs. Wilkinson, 20 Hollywood-avenue, Wallsend
- A Newcastle-on-Tyne, Co-operative Hall (No. 1 Room) Carville rd 11 a.m.
- A North Shields, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley-street, W 2-30, Mrs R. H. W. Robson, 4, Cambridge Avenue, White 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 11 487 John Willamson street
- A South Shields, 4, Cambridge-street. Mr. Parker 9, Nichol's Buildings
- A Sunderland, Cromwell street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Shaw, 11 Abbey-street, Southwick-on-Wear, Sunderland
- A Sunderland, 27, Derwent-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Faller, 16 Robinson terrace
- A West Pelton, Iron Works 2-30 p.m. Mrs. A. Makin, 18, Inverness Gate Villa Co. Durham
- A Stanley, Othell School, 2-30 p.m. Mr. Wm. Jennings, 40, Threca street, West Stanley
- A West Stanley, 3 p.m. Mrs. Henderson, 3, Mailes street

Area Lyceums :

- D Belfast, St George's Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. Geo. Donaldson, 9 O. dpa k road
- J Bristol, Dighton Hall, 3-0 p.m. Robert Virgo 28 Normandy road, East n Bristol
- E Grimsby, Kent street 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss G. Powell, 6, S. Helier's road, Cleatho-pes. Goom-in-28, Fildes-street, West Marsh
- G Hanley, Marsh-street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. S. Brittain, Milton House, Albion-street, Hanley
- 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. D. by, Stanley House, Sansthorpe-street
- E Scunthorpe, Lincoln, Clayfield Road, Mrs. Begg, 1 House 35 Block, Sandringham-road, Crosby, Scunthorpe

Colonial Lyceum :

- Auckland, N.Z. Karangahape-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. R. R. Lewis, 22 Esplanade-road, Mount Eden, Auckland N.Z.
- Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, Wickham-street, 2-30 p.m. Miss Pauline Lowe, St. Alma, Amy-street Wickham terrace
- Edmonton, 102 Avenue, Alberta Canada, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. S. McCordia, 204 9 ave, Edmonton
- Hamilton, Ont., Canada, Farrars Hall, Barton St E 2-45, Miss Selina Etchells, 1010, Barton-street, E.
- East Hamilton, Ont., Canada, Mr. G. Rotherham 13 Little Peel street, Hamilton
- Johannesburg, 11 a.m. Jeppe-street, Mr. Vernon Hart, 27, High-avenue, Bezuidenhout Valley, north Johannesburg
- Krugersdorp Kruger-street, 3 p.m. Warne, 1 74, Sievwright-street
- London, Ontario, Mrs. Cawson 139 William-st, Melbourne, Australia, Mr. C. Chatfield, 14 Lennox street, N. Richmond, Melbourne
- Methuen, Centre-street, Mass, U.S.A. 10-30 a.m. Mr. Fred Sykes 80 Tenney street, Methuen Mass, U.S.A.
- Toronto, 487, Dovercourt-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. V. Lawren e 48, Carr street
- Vancouver, Canada, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. L. Gonzales Waibi, Auckland, N.Z., 11 and 2-30 Miss Winstred Morton Morton-road, Waibi, N.Z.
- Wellington, N.Z. Kent Terrace 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Atkinson 9, Tonks Grove Temporarily closed
- Winnipeg, Poison Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Mr. L. W. Brown, 382 Boyd-avenue