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## Springtime.

By W. WOODALL (Derby).

Surely this is the most beautiful of all the seasons of the year, when Nature is awakening, as it were, from sleep, and once again garbing with renewed beauty. As one strolls into the byways and lanes one can see on every side the hedgerows and trees bursting into leaf, each seeming to vie with the other in its efforts to reveal unto man that there is a Supreme Power which rules and governs all things. Here and there one can discern the blackbird and thrush snugly ensconced amid the budding hawthorn, intent on keeping their embryo families in a state of progression and unfoldment, whilst their mates are singing praises in notes of joy and sweetness on some near-by bough. There are, indeed, signs on every hand that our Father God, the source from which all life emanates, is once again bringing to our notice that life is one continual scene of evolution and progression.

Turning to the gardens, we see there a general move on the part of the beautiful and many-hued flowers. How they are tended and watched as they spring up into greater vigour, watered and fed as the days go by with all that is needful for their development, until at last we see them in all their beauty and loveliness, fully expanded and made perfect by that Supreme Power, which is continually at work to gladden the heart of man.

Is not all this symbolic of the progress that should be made in our movement? Can not our children be likened unto these beautiful flowers and buds? Every church in our cause should make some effort to cultivate these young plants, to see to it that they are tended and nurtured amid proper spiritual environments, and in the teachings of their own church, for on them the future stability of Spiritualism rests. It is incumbent upon every society, who do not already possess one, to establish a Lyceum for the training and development of the young, otherwise their churches will have no solid foundation, and will prove to be built on the quicksands, so that when the winds of adversity shall blow they will not be able to stand firm to the truth. All other religious bodies are fully alive to the fact that their future prosperity depends entirely on the training of the children. Jesus, the Nazarene, no doubt foresaw the great possibilities of the little ones when He said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." He knew they were essential to the carrying on of His work when He should be called to the Father.

## Notice of Motions

for 1922 B.S.L.U. Annual Conference to be held at Manchester, on June 3rd and 4th, 1922.

### AGENDA CONFERENCE.

#### M.C. NOTICE OF MOTION.

(1) That the number of future M.C. Members consist of seven members including the officers (except the Gen. Sec. and Adviser) a total Committee of 9 persons.

#### M.C. NOTICE OF MOTION.

(2) That the Adviser's duties and attendances at meetings be discussed.

### BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

#### AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION.

- (A)—That Article XV shall be amended to read:—  
"The number and duties of the Lyceum Union's Trustees, and the conditions governing their appointment, services and dismissal, shall be as set forth in the Bye-laws (including the Trust Deed.)"
- (B)—That Bye-law 12 shall be amended in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Trust Deed Committee's report to Conference.

### RESOLUTION.

"That the present Trustees of the Lyceum Union shall be appointed Trustees under the new Trust Deed."

Trust Deed Committee:

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Sec.

MARY E. PICKLES, Chairman.

"That Scotland be formed into an area by itself as, owing to its geographical position, it is impossible for a representative in England to make himself acquainted with the Scottish Lyceums. This is only following the precedent set by the S.N.U. who have made Scotland a separate District."

SCOTTISH D.C.

### NOTICE OF MOTION FROM MOSTON LYCEUM.

That Bye Law 5, Finance Sec. 2 under The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union Bye Laws be deleted and in place of such should be:

"That a minimum rate of 5s. for members up to and including 25 and over 25 to 50 10s., and then in shillings for every 5 up to 50.

### LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

#### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS.

Article X. To last paragraph add:—

"during the preceding three years."

Bye-Law 10. Section 1. Amend to read:—

"For the purpose of electing the Executive Council, the Lyceums in the Union shall be divided into the following electoral areas:—

- (A) Scotland and Ireland.
- (B) Tyneside and Tees-side.
- (C) Eastern Yorkshire.
- (D) Western Yorkshire.
- (E) Northern Lancashire and Cumberland, &c.
- (F) Southern Lancashire and Cheshire.
- (G) Midlands and Wales.
- (H) Southern England and London.

(as defined by the Management Committee). Each area shall elect one representative to the Executive Council in the following manner:—

Sub. Section B. Article 5. Add after section (d)

"The D.C. Executive shall be composed of the Officers and such other members as the Council may deem advisable."

A. T. CONNOR, Secretary.

MARY GORDON, President.

### NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

#### ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION.

Page 4. Article IV. Management.

On line 3 after the words consisting "of" delete to the word "shall," insert "three members whose election shall be subject to the conditions set forth in Articles IX and X."

Article VI. Annual Conference.

In section (b) delete "or approved" and add to this section "for Lyceum Districts."

Article VII. Representation.

In para. 6, on line one, after the word "Council" delete to the word "be" line 2, insert the word "shall."

New para. "Affiliated District Councils shall be entitled to two (2) representatives, who shall be elected at the Annual Council meeting in February, and whose election shall be subject to the foregoing, and subsequent regulation so far as they apply.

Article VIII. Business.

In No. 8 of Agenda add "and E.C. Members."

Article IX. Nominations.

Delete sections "c" and "d."

Article X. Election of Officers.

In para. one, on line 4, after the word "hercin" delete to end of para.

In section (b), line one, delete "twenty" substitute "fifteen" (15).

Section (c) delete the whole of this section.

*Article XV. Trustees.*

The number and duties of the Unions Trustees and the conditions governing their appointment, services and dismissal, shall be set forth in the Byelaws, including the Trust Deed.

*Article XVI. Expenses. (New Article).*

The Expenses of the Officers, Management Committee, Trustees and Auditors, shall be borne by the Union when such are engaged upon the Union's business.

*Article XVI. become XVII.*

LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCILS.

On line 10, after the word "by" delete to the word "at" line 11, insert "Two representatives who shall be elected as provided for in Article VII., para 7.

*Article XVII. Revision becomes XVIII.*

SUBSECTION A.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED DISTRICT'S COUNCIL.

*Article 3. Objects.*

Section (e) to read "Propaganda meetings conducted on Lyceum educative lines."

Sec. (e) to become sec. (f).

*Article 5. Officers.*

Section (b) on line one delete "20" insert "15"; on line 3 same section after "ture" delete to end of section (b).

*Article 10. Business.*

New para. "Propaganda Meetings conducted on Lyceum educative lines."

SUBSECTION B.

"CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILS."

*Article 3. Formation.*

On line one, after the word "in" insert the words "affiliation and."

*Article 5. Officers.*

On line 3, after the word "Visitor" delete to "All" on line 5. In Section (b), line one, delete "20" insert "15." On line 3, same Section, after the word "candidature" delete rest of section.

*Article 11. Order of Business.*

(1) Delete words "Hymn and Invocation." substitute "Opening Exercises."

(i) Delete "Hymn and benediction," substitute "Closing Exercises."

SUBSECTION C.

CONSTITUTION FOR SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUMS.

*Article 5. Annual Meeting.*

In last paragraph on line 3 delete "12" substitute "15."

*Article 6. Duties of Officers.*

Section 8, at end of Section add "Such subjects for study shall be in conformity with the principles of Spiritualism and Lyceumism."

*Article 8. Discipline.*

On line 2, delete the words "religious opinions or."

BYE-LAWS.

*Bye-law 1. Annual Conference.*

Sec. 2, after "Committee" add "when Conference assembles one shall be appointed from the floor to act on the Standing Orders Committee, as per Sec. 6, Bye-law 2.

*Bye-law 2. Duties of Officers.*

Section 1. The last paragraph in Section 5 transfer to Section 1.

Sec. 3, on line 6, delete "Management Committee," substitute "Trustees."

*Bye-law 3. District Visitors.*

Sec. 1, on line 6, after "District" insert "where such is a Lyceum District and not a Council District," rest of para. stet.

Sec. 3, on line 2, after "Unions" insert "or Council Secretary (as the case may be)."

Sec. 4, on line 4, after the word "the" insert "Union or Council."

*Bye-law 4. Membership.*

On line 4, delete the words "District Visitor," substitute "President."

On line 8, after the word "Visitor" delete "the words "or electoral area representative."

New Section 4. Lyceums shall when applying for membership deposit the sum of 10s. for the certificate of membership. Such sum shall be returned when Section 3 above is complied with.

Sec. 5, on line 3, after the word "year" insert "such return shall be a duplicate copy of the register, containing such name and all the additions made thereto during the year" rest of Section stet.

SEC. 6. NEW SECTION.

"The General Sec. shall collate all the duplicate return forms of the registers and shall issue annually a statement showing the number and names of Lyceums:—The number of Officers and Lyceumists attached to each Lyceum and the numerical strength of the whole movement along with the previous years' figures, showing the increase or decrease of membership."

*Bye-law 5. Finance.*

Section 6, delete "1s.," substitute "2s."

*Bye-law 7. Annual Returns.*

After the words "March 1st" add "Lyceum Secs. shall when returning such form, send also the duplicate of the register as defined by Bye-law 4, Sections 5 and 6.

*Bye-law 10.*

Delete the whole of this Bye-law.

*Bye-law 11. District Councils becomes No. 10.*

*Bye-law 12. Trustees, becomes Bye-law 11.*

*Bye-law 13. Amendments, becomes Bye-law 12.*

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec.

BOLTON, BRADFORD ST. LYCEUM.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

*Article IV. Page 3. (Management).*

The Officers of the Union shall be, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, who, together with an Executive of five, whose election shall be subject to the conditions set forth in Articles IX. and X., as provided for in the bye-laws, shall form the Management Committee.

*Article VI. Para. B. Page 4.*

District Visitors appointed by the Union, for Lyceum Districts.

*Article VII. Para. 6. Page 4.*

The United Districts Council shall be entitled to one representative, whose election shall be subject to the foregoing regulations, in so far as they apply.

*Article VII. New Para. 7.*

Affiliated District Councils shall be entitled to two representatives, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in February, and shall be governed by the foregoing subsequent regulations, in so far as they shall apply.

*Article IX. Page 5. Nominations.*

Delete Para. D. Management Committee.

*Article X. Page 6. Para. 1. Election of Officers.*

With the exception of the General Secretary, all members of the Executive shall be elected for a period of 3, 2, and 1, year, and shall if duly nominated, be eligible for re-election, subject to all the provisions enumerated herein and in the Bye-law.

*Article X. Para. B.*

Delete "20" insert "15."

*New Article XIII. Page 7. (Expenses).*

The expenses of the Officers, M.C., Auditors, and Trustees, shall be borne by the Union, when such are engaged upon the union's business.

*Article XIV. becomes (Discipline).*

New sub-section D. "By fines not exceeding £1."

*Article XV. becomes (Voting). Para. 2.*

The President shall have one vote, and shall use it, for a casting vote or otherwise.

Para. 3. All Officers shall be elected by ballot.

*Article XVI. becomes (Trustees).*

*Article XVII. (L.D.C.). Para on line 9, 10 and 11.*

A District Council shall have the power to elect its own Officers, and be represented by two delegates, who shall be elected, as provided for in new para. 7, Article VII., at all Conferences.

*Article XVIII. becomes (Revision).*

SUB-SECTION A.

*Article 2. Page 9. New para. E.*

"Propaganda conducted on Lyceum Educative Lines." Old para. E. becomes F.

*Article X. New para. 4.*

"Propaganda conducted on 'Lyceum Educative Lines.'" "

*Article XII. Paras 1 and 11.*

Alter to "Opening and Closing Exercises."

SUB-SECTION B.

*Article V.*

At each Annual Meeting the following Officers shall be elected: President, Secretary, Treasurer and District Visitor. All candidates for office must fulfil the following conditions.

*Article XI. Para 1 and 11.*

Alter to "Opening and Closing Exercises."

BYE-LAWS. PAGE 23.

*Bye-law 1. Sec. 2.*

The Standing Orders Committee of the Conference, shall be appointed by the Management Committee, and one elected from the floor of the Conference.

*Bye-law 2. Sec. 1. New Para.*

It shall be the special prerogative of the President to grant credentials, etc., etc.

*Bye-law 2. Sec. 3.*

On line 6, delete "Management Committee," insert "Trustees." On line 9, after "Management Committee," add (and Trustees).

*Bye-law 2. Sec. 5. Para 3.*

Delete the whole.

*Bye-law 2. Sec. 5. Para. 4.*

Transferred to Sec. 1.

*Bye-law 3. (District Visitors).*

Sec. 1. The Secretary of each District Council, shall present Lyceums in their District, with such suggestions as may be helpful to the Management Committee. The reports to be printed in the LYCEUM BANNER.

*Bye-law 3. Sec. 2.*

The District Visitor or Visitors, shall be elected by each District Council, whose duties shall be to visit at least once, during the year, every Lyceum in the District, to encourage, and help them by suggestions of improvement, when such are necessary; rest of para. as stated on page 26.

*Bye-law 3. Sec. 3.*

Each District Visitor shall make a quarterly report to the Council's Secretary, of the visits made, interviews, both sought and held, and the results.

*Bye-law 3. Sec. 4.*

Delete (General), insert (Council Funds).

*Bye-law 4. Sec. 1. Para. 2.*

Delete the whole, and substitute, "Lyceums shall, when applying for membership, deposit the sum of for membership certificate, such sum shall be returned if application is refused, or when certificate returned upon lapsing membership.

*Bye-law 4. Sec. 5.*

On line 3, after "each year," insert, "Such return shall be a duplicate of the register, containing such names, and all additions, made thereto during the year.

*Bye-law 4. New Sec. 6.*

The secretary shall collate all duplicate return forms of the registers, and shall issue in the May LYCEUM BANNER a state-

ment, showing the numerical strength of the whole movement, and such increase, or decrease, along with the previous year's figures.

*Bye-law 5. Sec. 2.*

Members' Subscriptions shall be based upon the annual return made to the general secretary, and shall be 4d. per each Lyceumist, with a minimum payment of 10s. for any Lyceum, whose numerical strength is below 40 members. They shall be due on the 1st day of January in each year.

## Letter Box.

Dear Sir,

As one interested in the growth and success of our Lyceum Movement, I should like to know what has become of the "South Wales Lyceum District Council." For months past I have not received any correspondence whatever from the Secretary; no talk of any Conference, no murmur of any move, and it has become in my opinion a hopeless dead entity. A reply to these few words would greatly oblige me and I anticipate some further information.—Observant.

The Editor has asked for some information and the following is the reply:

Dear Sir,

Regarding your query about the S. Wales L.D.C., I regret to report that it is still in a state of suspended animation. There are several causes why it is in such a state. It came into existence during most strenuous times; kindred organisations that had long been in existence and well established were feeling the pinch of financial difficulties. However, the activities of the L.D.C. brought the number of affiliated Lyceums from five up to nineteen; but the B.S.L.U. made greater strides than the "toddling infant" was able to keep pace with. The demand for the increase of the affiliation fees caused a division in the Council as to whether it should remain affiliated to the B.S.L.U. or not. Then came the coal crisis. South Wales was harder hit than any other part of the country, even now the economic conditions have not regained their normal state.

At the outset the personnel of the Council were inexperienced "raw material," and they had to set about to arouse the interest of those in apathy.

A Lyceums' Conference called during the coal "lock-out" proved futile, and so disheartened were those who attended, that some of the most ardent workers and staunch supporters deemed it unwise to carry on any longer, and expressed an opinion that it would be better to wind it up than to suffer it to die through lack of support.

But, working upon the idea that economically matters would soon come better, and that it would be easier to revive a slumbering Council than to form a new one, we did not "wind up" but held hopes that the Council should be active again very soon.

Last November as you are aware the Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. made an effort to pay a visit and carry on a propaganda campaign. That proved of no avail; only three lyceums offered whole-hearted support. The tone of the majority of other replies was the same—"financial difficulties"; they had as much as they could do to carry on the work of the parent churches.

In response to a communication, I have received a letter from Mr. Richards, secretary of the S.W. District Council of Churches (who has always kept a close watch upon the Lyceum movement) stating that from impressions gathered in the meeting of that Council, held on March 5th, when the matter of Lyceums was brought forward and strongly pressed by himself and Mrs. Lynch, president of the L.D.C., there are slight indications of in awakening.

So rather than let the juvenile cause die, another joint effort as being made to get the Lyceum Council active and flourishing in this coal-mining district, even though it be found necessary to carry on apart from the B.S.L.U.

E. E. LEWIS, Sec.

Bristol Lyceum complains about the delay in the supply of *Manuals*. The Revision is now completed and in the printers' hands. They will be in stock shortly.

## The B.S.L.U. Education Scheme.

### CONCERNING THE RECENT EXAMINATIONS.

Many candidates who took the Education Examinations in February have enquired about various matters. Therefore we are giving the requested information here, as it may be of interest to other candidates too.

- (i.) The papers are in the hands of the Examiners. The average number sent to each one is large, and an Examiner's leisure time is limited, so please try to be patient whilst waiting for results.
- (ii.) When the Education Secretaries receive the marked papers, all results have to be booked and the classified lists made out. Meanwhile the certificates are being filled in, ready for the successful candidates.  
All this takes at least a month after the return of the marked papers by the Examiners.
- (iii.) Results, therefore, can not be published before the first or second week in May. But all Lyceumists who have taken the exams. will know their results *before* Conference is held, and successful ones will have received their certificates (if their Secretaries have sent on the postage).

### RESULTS AND LISTS.

As last year, the classified results will be printed in booklet form. As soon as the booklets are ready, copies will be posted to those who have sent their orders. (*No* private lists for single Lyceums can be sent this year.)

If you want a copy, and have not already sent for one, send *now*. (The price is sixpence each, if ordered before the end of April. The full published price of ninepence will be charged on and after 1st May.)

### THE CERTIFICATES.

- (i.) Early in May the certificates for successful candidates will be sent off to the Secretaries of those Lyceums from whom a shilling has been received to pay for the postage.  
The other parcels of certificates will be taken to Conference and handed over to the Lyceums' representatives there.
- (ii.) As the postage on these parcels ranges from 9d. to 1s. 6d., a flat rate of one shilling has been charged.
- (iii.) *New certificates.* It was found necessary to get a new supply of certificates for Grades I., II. and III.; therefore some improvements have been made.  
This year the certificates for the same *Grade* will *not* be alike (as in previous years); but, instead, the certificates for the same *class* (in *each* Grade) will be alike; each *class* having its own kind of certificate.  
Third class certificates for Grades I., II. and III. will be alike, the number of Grade only being different; second class certificates for these three Grades will also be alike; but different from the third class ones; and so on.  
The certificates for those obtaining Distinction (in Grades I., II. and III.) are very nice indeed.  
The wording too has been altered, and brought into line with that used by the Universities and Board of Education, and other public examining bodies.

### SITTERS IN THE FEBRUARY EXAMINATIONS.

Out of the 1,327 entrants, 993 actually took the examinations; that is, 75 per cent. of the candidates sat, as compared with 70 per cent. last year.

Very many candidates were prevented from sitting on account of sickness, caused by the influenza epidemic.

The Committee sympathises with them in their disappointment, and trusts that they will take the examinations next time, and score the highest marks because of the extra year's study.

### LISTS OF SITTERS.

(For lists of entrants, see the BANNER for February and March.)

#### (i.) GRADES.

Grade	V.	2	Grade	III.	63	Grade	I.	631
"	IV.	19	"	II.	278			
						Total		993

#### (ii.) AREAS.

Area	A.	174	Area	E.	107	Area	J.	59
"	B.	138	"	G.	104	Colonial	*	8
"	H.	116	"	D.	93			
"	C.	107	"	F.	87	Total		993

#### (iii.) COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

Tyneside	...	161	Birmingham	...	47
N.E. Lancashire	...	107	Liverpool	...	30
Leeds	...	85	Tees-side	...	15
Halifax & Huddersfield	...	74	Bradford	...	13
London	...	67	South Wales	...	12
Nottingham	...	64	Scottish	...	10
Southern Counties	...	64	N.E. Cheshire	...	9
Bolton	...	63	Unattached	...	10
Manchester	...	57	Colonial	...	8
Sheffield	...	50			
S.E. Lancashire	...	47	Total	...	993

#### (iv.) LYCEUMS.

Papers were received from 110 Lyceums, two failing to send in any from the candidates entered.

### ESSAYS ON REASONING.

By A. T. CONNOR.

#### III.—Terms.

Terms play an important part in the practice of Logic (or correct reasoning), as they are the foundations on which all propositions and syllogisms are built, and as such they require careful consideration. All names of persons, places, things or qualities of things are terms, and a term may consist of one word or of many. "Spiritualist," "Lyceum" and "Union" are all terms, but so also is "The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union."

Now let us examine these terms. The term "Spiritualist" may be applied to every person who accepts our Principles; a Lyceum is any one of the 250 bodies forming the Lyceum Union; a union may be formed by musicians, students, workers, employers, and dozens of other occupations, trades, etc. But "The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union" is a name that can be applied to only one body. Therefore the first three are called GENERAL TERMS (because they can be applied GENERALLY to more than one person or thing), and the last is called a SINGULAR TERM (because it stands for one SINGLE thing, and one thing only). Of course, a singular term may stand for a person, such as "Secretary of the B.S.L.U. Education Committee."

Terms may be CONCRETE or ABSTRACT—in the first case when they are the NAMES of ACTUAL THINGS, such as *snow*, *sugar*, or *Lyceum*; in the second case when they are the names of QUALITIES of THINGS, such as *whiteness*, *sweetness*, or *educational*—but these can best be studied in a book on Logic.

Then there are what are known as COLLECTIVE TERMS. "Lyceum" is a general term, when it is used for the Lyceum as a body; but when it is used as the name for a number of students who have COLLECTED to study Spiritualism, it is also a collective term. "Lyceum Union" is a singular term when it stands for the Union as a body; but when it refers to a number of Lyceums which have collected to assist each other in the issue of textbooks, and to regulate Lyceum methods of teaching and government, it is also a collective term. Thus a collective term may be either general or singular, and we must take great care not to use a general term in its collective meaning, or a collective term in its general meaning—in all cases we should see that the context makes the exact meaning perfectly clear.

NEGATIVE TERMS can easily be recognised, for they denote the absence of some POSITIVE quality, as un-faithful, dis-honest, non-Lyceumist. Care must be taken that OPPOSITE terms, such as *short* and *tall*, *high* and *low*, are not treated as positive and negative.

Finally, we must always take into account not merely the NAME of a thing, but the QUALITIES which the name suggests. For instance, we should never dream of saying that a table was a wardrobe—because "table" suggests qualities which we know a wardrobe does not possess. Or take the term "committee." If we saw half-a-dozen people standing at a street corner, and chatting over the news of the day, we should not call them a committee, because they do not possess the necessary qualities. But if we put these same people into a room, let them represent some body (such as a Lyceum), and give them power to transact the Lyceum's business—we at once agree that they possess the necessary qualities, and we call them a com-

mittee. There are many such bodies carrying on the business of various organisations and the term committee can be applied to each of them. The number of things to which a term can be extended (or applied) is called its EXTENSION, and the number of qualities suggested by the term is called its INTENSION. As a rule, when we increase the number of qualities (intension) we decrease the number of things to which the term may be applied (its extension). Take "committee" again. If we increase the intension by adding the term "education," we get a new term, "Education Committee." Now there are many committees which do not meet for educational purposes, so the new term cannot be extended to so many bodies as the original term could be applied to and therefore the extension is decreased. If we add a further new quality by placing "B.S.L.U." before "Education Committee" we decrease the number of bodies to which the term extends, to one—for there can be only one B.S.L.U. Education Committee.

All this at first seems very confusing, and of doubtful use, but as students of Logic—or as Lyceumists who want to be sure that we are reasoning along proper lines—we shall find that unless we get a thorough grasp of the use and meanings of terms we shall not be able to build up (or examine and criticise) propositions with any great degree of accuracy or reliability. With constant practice the confusion, which is only apparent and not real, will disappear. We must not forget that, though there are many kinds of terms, yet the words we use are not grouped under their various headings. For instance, the word "library" is a general term, a concrete term, a collective term, and (as it can be applied to thousands of collections of books) its extension is very great.

We must learn to distinguish between general and particular, general and collective, positive and negative, concrete and abstract terms, and to know why any given word is any given kind of term. When we do this—and we can only do it through constant practice—we shall be able to go forward confidently to the building up (or breaking down) of propositions.

(To be continued.)

[We much regret that this article was crowded out last month. —EDITOR.]

## The Sunderland Lyceum Mission.

Children have for generations been the victims of the old dismal creeds, but thanks to the enquiring spirit now prevailing, the "religions" based on these creeds are now tottering to their fall. Unlike the Sectarian "Sunday Schools," our Lyceums teach natural and spiritual truths—truths which are in harmony with the Higher Sphere of life. Our Leader, Dr. A. J. Davis, said in his Lyceum Manual—"The Lyceum is an inspiration—that is to say, it is an idea which was found to have expression in the Summer Land—and our desire to realise on earth, as far as possible, the music and harmony of the heavens. The wise and gentle men and women who, as angels of purity and beauty, inhabit the Summer Land, educate the little babes who go there every day, and not only those who are children in years, but also in other matters of thought and principles. The Lyceum, is, I believe, a grand ideal. Its design is to raise all to the glorious possibilities within them. Sublime potencies lie concealed in all; they only await favouring circumstances and fostering conditions to enable the soul to ascend to the newer and higher plane of being."

Some eight years ago, it was deemed desirable to form a Lyceum in connection with the Derwent Street Church. During that period the School has had many trials; two years ago it approached the rocks. Mrs. Petrie, the President of the Church, sent out an "S.O.S." for assistance, and Mr. Slimin responded and took charge, and, with the help of a few earnest workers, the Lyceum has got on the path of victory. The roll has now on it some sixty names. An original feature of the Movement is that members take the Sunday Service once a quarter. This has proved highly interesting, and at the present time the Lyceum is forming a nucleus for a church choir. Thus Sunderland has a real, live progressive Lyceum. With Tennyson, Spiritualists say:

'Spirit, nearing yon dark portal at the limit of thy human state  
Fear not thou the hidden purpose of that Power which alone is  
great,  
Nor the myriad world, His shadow, nor the Silent Opener of the  
Gate.  
J. RUTHERFORD, ROKER-by-the-Sea.

## Faith.

By MRS. M. E. PICKLES.

I had<sup>7</sup> been wondering what my next article could be about, when a Lyceumist made a suggestion which I accepted and at once decided to give a few thoughts on "Faith."

It is a little word, but a large majority of people give it a very important part to play in their lives.

In ordinary speech it is a term used to devote the leap of the mind from the known to the unknown; an act of scientific faith in the law of the Uniformity of Nature, showing a universal principle on the basis of certain established data. For instance, we have faith that the sun will rise and set each day, because it has always done, but we have only proof that such has been the case in the past and faith in the same demonstration in the future.

So in the realm of human relations we have faith or otherwise in men and women according to honour made known to us from our contact with them in the past, and we generally express the thoughts prompted by their conduct. Thus, "I have faith that he will be true to his word."

In the great world of religion it is what the eye is to the body—faith to the soul.

Some say it is the medium or instrument by means of which the soul enters into communion with God.

Theologians have made attempts to define and analyse the word and one school of thought says it is a divine endowment—a special religious sense,—created in the soul for the purpose of exercising religious functions. The bible speaks of it in many ways, conveying different senses.

One writer says "It is the assurance of things hoped for, the proving of things not seen," and it is out of these interpretations of faith that Christian mysticism has developed.

The marvellous cures by faith of disease has often been described as the healing power of God, and in the early days of the church the practise of anointing the sick for the purpose of curing them was the normal function of the clergy.

The doctors generally attribute the cures to the power of suggestion upon the minds of persons who are at the time in a state of strong religious fervour.

There is no agreement generally how it is done, but results show transmitting and receiving, under the belief that having all faith, cure is effected.

Christian Science is a doctrine of mystical philosophy of the Emersonian school of Boston, derived in its turn from the pagan thought of Greece and Rome; its main contention, the non-existence of matter, is a form of belief that springs up from time to time in the course of the ages.

Let us leave these ideas for a bit and touch one aspect which I feel we are all interested in, viz., that kind of faith which helps us to see good in all our fellow men. There are times in our lives, when we say we have lost all faith in every one, because we have been sorely tried in friendship's name—men trade upon friendship to gain their own individual ends.

What a dire result this has. "Hope," the fair sentinel, seems to have vanished altogether and in her place reigns "despondency." We feel we cannot reach out to the other sister "Charity," for quite a lengthy period. Hope was the bridge by which we could reach her. So Hope has gone. 'Tis then when we try to analyse elusive "Faith," for we see in the study of great men that they have passed through periods of discouragement, sorrow and disappointment, and that those periods are what make their lives fruitful. Often their faith in conquests kept them battling against fearful odds, and perhaps gave them strength to keep on.

However great the trial has been we can always look back without concern when we know that above all else we have kept faith with ourselves; so with the poet we may—

"To thine own self be true;  
And it follows as night the day  
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

When we have been tried and not found wanting there is sure to be a building faith, sending out bright rays of light and warm to all our fellow men, and it is this which we as Lyceumists ought to give and be able to receive from each other. So let us be true to all and from the smouldering embers of faith, facts will arise, which all truth seekers will see, and become spiritually strengthened thereby. So may we all think together.

Then have faith in one another,  
And let honour be your guide.

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### Universal Spiritualism.

Spiritualism is founded on incontrovertible facts. The evidence is too strong for denial. Many people have opposed the revelations, to fall before the growing experiences of the increasing numbers of converts to an acceptance of the truth that death is a transition by which mortals pass into immortal progression.

Now the facts are too strong to be put away, the decadent dogmatic and creedal Christians are becoming anxious to absorb Spiritualism as part of their faith, to give it new life and vigour.

The Spiritualist is not anxious to quarrel with the Christian in his search for truth, but he refuses to be harnessed with obsolete ideas which, like barnacles to a ship, hinder human and spiritual progress.

The point of contact, relation or fusion is perplexing many minds to-day. Spiritualism formed its principles many years before the Church held out its hand to grasp it. The Spiritualist National Union is a body outside the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical domain of the Church. This group of Spiritualist Churches has worked independently of other religious bodies, because in the early days of Spiritualism orthodox science and religion turned a deaf ear to the revelations which would have kept life and vigour in these two aspects of life and study.

When science and religion find a presumptuous finality they become decadent, their popularity wanes and adherents fall away. In turn they are forced to study progress, and Spiritualism is found as the touchstone for their salvation.

Lyceum leaders are particularly interested in the discussion which is prevailing between Christianity and Spiritualism.

Spiritualism is greater and more potent than Christianity, as practised or believed in to-day, can ever be. This does not mean that a belief in Christ, Buddha or Mohammed is denied, but it does mean that the lesser cannot contain the greater, and Christianity is the lesser of the two forces to-day, because its field is narrowed by conventions of the human minds who control its policy and doctrine. Spiritualism has wisely placed its control under the eternal verities of the spirit world, from which emanate sporadic gleams of higher genius than mortals know. Hence Spiritualism is far greater than Christianity can ever hope to be.

The human race are attempting to visualize an international code of morals and conduct, under the League of Nations. Christianity gives this dream its blessing.

Spiritualism solved these problems at its inception, for all races and religions have gathered to its circles and seances. Discord is overcome. The babel of tongues may perplex, but a means is always found, by the wings of love, to convey the message intended. The Spiritualist loves the Christian, but he can only love that part which is lovable, and many Christians continue to hate the Spiritualists.

The Christian opposes the religion of the Buddhist. The Mohammedan says both are infidels.

The Spiritualist gathers all in his circle. Natural and Spiritual laws are the environment of activity. "God's in His Heaven and all's right with the world." Through the lack of knowledge of his laws we break the conventions of God, pain comes into existence, the experience of sorrow is common and we learn the value of sympathy, or the awakening of friendship, service and love. Where love exists, we build from intangible sources the material things of life. The laws of God can never be written, except on the souls of men who vibrate to His will.

There are good Buddhists, Christians, Mohammedans and Spiritualists, and there are also people who trade on the names unworthily.

And so, we find the conduct of life is simply a choice of good and evil. Evil is based on ignorance. Goodness is a positive force which builds, unites, and when divided creates new power and strength wherever it locates itself.

The very first thing which happens to us in Spiritualism is invariably the knowledge of the presence of someone who loves us, we on earth and they in spirit, and yet death has not stayed their love or changed their interest, but they see with a clearer vision. No matter what our religious views or in what part of the world we are, the mother guides her anxious son. Often the guidance is unknown to the son, as the clouds of dogma envelop him as in a dream. Spiritualism will open his spiritual eyes, and hence we repeat that the lesser cannot contain the greater.

Spiritualism is a mighty binding force which links the worlds of matter and spirit, enobles and stimulates science, glorifies and gives real extending life to religion, binds the races of mankind in a great brotherhood and only bends the knee to the laws of God.

Thy will supreme, O God, I see  
A world of men who worship Thee.  
Religion's feud and discord past;  
We found the mould of peace at last.

### Ice and Fire.

BY THE WONDERMAN.

Once, a very, very long time ago, the whole of England was covered with ice. This was in the time called the Ice Age. What was the cause of this no one can really explain, but in many parts of Europe the mountains tell their own tale. From the polished surfaces, and boulders perched on the edge, we can read the story of how the valleys were once filled with rivers of ice.

#### *Rivers of Ice.*

Even to-day, in some parts of the world, there are rivers of ice flowing down valleys from ice-covered mountains. They are called glaciers. In our own country they disappeared thousands of years ago. In Switzerland and Norway, we only find glaciers a few thousand feet above sea level, but in very cold countries like Greenland, the glaciers flow right down to the sea. Just as in a river of water, where the water is always moving, so the ice in a glacier is always moving, but very slowly. It moves a few feet a day. The ice at the sides is held back by rocks and moves more slowly than that in the middle. The snow on the mountain side presses on the ice all the time, and when ice is pressed very hard it is melted, so that it flows along over the jutting pieces of rocks and then freezes again when it is not pressed so hard.

#### *Floating Mountains of Ice.*

In very cold countries the ice moves on until it reaches the sea and then, instead of continuing its way downwards, it comes to the level surface of the water. It then begins to crack and huge pieces break off and float on the water. In warm countries the ice melts before it reaches the sea and a clear stream of water comes from it.

If you float a piece of ice or look at the frozen ponds you will see that much more of the ice lies below the level of the water than lies above. There is actually about eight times as much ice below the level of the water as there is above. Sometimes sailors see mountains of ice or icebergs floating 300 feet above the level of the water. That is about thirty times the height of an ordinary kitchen. See what a gigantic size an iceberg may really be.

Sometimes icebergs are carried far enough from these cold regions to cross the routes of steamers, and animals have been

known to be carried on them from the land where the glacier began.

Once England had such rivers of ice flowing down the valleys. Rocks are found with their surfaces smoothed and polished by the water underneath the ice, and scratched by the ice as it moved along. Ridges of stones have been found which were carried along by ice and then deposited when it melted.

#### *Holes in the Earth's Crust.*

You have seen how the earth's crust is in some places covered with ice, now you will see how fire sometimes bursts through.

In many parts of the world are some special kinds of mountains called volcanoes. In the centre of each is a hole, called a crater, through which comes, or has come, fiery rocks from the earth's furnace. All volcanoes have a similar shape, because they have been made in the same way. They are generally found near the sea. They may have been caused by earthquakes. The sea floor may have been disturbed so that sea water has flowed through cracks into the interior of the earth, causing an eruption and spreading of the steam upwards till it has forced its way through some weak spot in the earth's crust.

In the beginning of a volcano, steam and melted rock were thrown up through a hole or crack. This gradually became heaped up round the hole or crater until after much activity a mountain shaped like a cone was formed.

Some volcanoes are continually active, throwing up steam and melted rock all the time. Others burst forth more furiously, from time to time, destroying vegetation and villages near. Others have been quiet so long that no one knows when last they were active.

#### *A Red Hot River.*

The melted rock which comes out of the volcanoes is called lava. It flows like a stream down the mountain side, sometimes at a great rate. First it is white hot, but as it flows it becomes cooler, becoming red hot, then black like cinders. This lava is really all kinds of melted rock, pumice stone being one kind.

There are no large volcanoes on Mars. On the Moon, there are what appear to be volcanoes.

#### *Another Hot River.*

In Iceland, New Zealand and North America, in certain parts there gush from the earth fountains of steam and hot water. These fountains are called Geysers, which means gushers. The hot water contains many dissolved salts which are left behind round the geyser, forming the same shape as that round a crater.

Compared with the size of the red hot furnace in the earth, the crust is very thin, and you can now understand something of the causes of earthquakes.

The part which seems so solid to us is really always in movement. There are very wonderful instruments to test the movements in the earth's crust. Some of the wonderful instruments in Greenwich Observatory are even affected by children playing on the hill near.

You will have realised now something of the great contrasts in the earth's covering. There are still regions man has not yet explored because of the intense cold and there are still regions not yet explored because of the dense vegetation favoured by heat and moisture.

## Spring Cleaning.

### FOR YOUNG READERS.

Personally, I don't care much for spring cleaning, even though I realise its necessity. Things are turned topsy-turvy and old treasures are often banished just because they are useless and shabby. How I wish things inanimate could grow old and friendly without getting dirty and worn-out.

The wall paper under the window, where little fingers have torn bits away, the dirty patch on the wall against the door where the dog will insist on rubbing his sides as he talks to you; all have to be removed and replaced by nice clean paper; but those marks come again, don't they? telling us of our daily round and common tasks.

Poor old spider up in a top corner of the kitchen, has waited patiently all the winter through, now down he must be swept to destruction without giving him warning. I'm glad I'm not a

spider! I think the Angels manage their spring cleaning much better than us.

You didn't think they did such things up in the sky? Let me tell you all about it. Do you think the clouds never get dirty, nor the stars need polishing, nor the moon or sun need cleaning? Of course they do.

First of all the clouds are turned and shaken and dusted. Down to earth come tiny bits shaken off, and we say "Hurrah, it's snowing." There are lots of clouds, so we get a good deal of snow. When the clouds are finished, off go the Angels to the stars. They rub and rub until all the star-dust is rubbed away, which, drifting downwards, falls to earth, and so we get daisies.

Next is the Sun's turn to be cleaned. He takes a tremendous lot of polishing, for the damp and fogs of winter have made him rusty. We may not see him for a few days, and the rain drips and drips, but out he comes at last, bright and shining; and where the water, with which he has been cleaned, touches the earth, up spring buttercups, primroses, dandelions and lots of other flowers.

Now comes the Wind's turn; but he must be caught first. He often breaks away just as they think they have him fast, and so little pieces are broken off. Now you can understand the little warm winds we get sometimes in the early spring; but when the rude March wind is blowing fiercely, you will know that the wind is trying to break away. He has to be finished with a few shower baths, because he is so restless, and down come April showers.

I believe I'm correct in saying that the Moon is last. She is so patient, gentle and calm, that the Angels can safely leave her until the others are finished.

They wash her and polish her and see their own loveliness reflected in her beauty. Down comes the gentle dew from her bath, sweet-scented, and behold—blossom on hedges and trees!

This work ended, the Angels rest on the fleecy clouds and look earthwards. As little children pick the daisies in the fields Angel kisses are wafted down to them, and so clover flowers are born. An Angel sighs—and meadow-sweet springs into life. Yes, I think spring cleaning in the skies is a pleasanter task than ours, nevertheless we must put on our aprons and make a start in our own little Heaven within four walls.

A. GALPIN.

The Nantymoel Lyceum has been in existence twelve months and is growing nicely under the efforts of Mr. Redwood, who has done much for the success of the Lyceum. The Children have enjoyed a chara-trip to the seaside and other treats. They hope to increase their efforts and we wish them success.

Dr. J. M. Peebles has passed into spirit-life, having lived 86 days short of 100 years. Known as the "Pilgrim," he went five times round the world for Spiritualism.

He wrote many books and gained much knowledge. His memory and work is respected by many early Spiritualists.

His books were written in such a style as to make the reader long for a library to look up the quotations of much he referred to

Mr. J. A. Laycock, formerly Conductor of Armley Lyceum, has re-opened the Lyceum at Scarborough. Any support visitors can give will be welcome.

Applications for membership of the B.S.L.U. have been received from the following Lyceums, and will be duly considered at the E.C. Meeting on April 8th:

Hucknall, Little Ilford, Barnoldswick, Beeston, Hadfield, Adelaide (Aust.), Blyth and Holbeck (Emanuel Lyceum).

The officers of the S.N.U. and the B.S.L.U. are conferring with a view of stabilising the relations of Churches and Lyceums. By an amicable arrangement both sections are an asset to each other.

Lyceum Secretaries who are anxious to save postage, by using a 1d. stamp for postage of Reports, must write nothing but the report, omitting, "Dear Sir and yours truly, etc." and marking the envelope "M.S.S. for Press."

The Editor invites essays on the subject, "What I Would do, if I Could." Contributors state name, age and address. Please write on one side of the paper only. There is no age limit and essays from children will be specially welcomed.

## Our Lyceum Guild.

Leader: MARY E. KITSON, B.A.

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

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### TO OUR MEMBERS.

Our total now stands at 1,170 (*i.e.*, on 18th March), representing 114 Lyceums.

Of these, 534 entered their names for the recent Education Examinations, from 84 Lyceums. Out of this number, 420 have taken the Examinations, representing 82 Lyceums.

The Guild earnestly hopes that ALL Lyceums with Guild members will be represented in the examination lists next year; and that every Guild member who is not a Freeman will be true to his, or her, promise; and study for and take the examinations.

### TO GUILD CLASSES.

Will Secretaries or Leaders please send in accounts of work being done, and of plans made; that others may be interested and given ideas on what to do.

Also, will members please discuss the matter of a permanent Guild badge (see February's article), and send in to the Leader their opinions and suggestions.

### THE FIRST GUILD RALLY.

Manchester and Salford District Council are to be heartily congratulated on being the first body to organise a Guild Rally. They have arranged for all Guild members in their district to hold a rally at Cheetham Lyceum on the evening of 1st April. The Guild Leader has been invited to meet them and address them on the aims and objects and work of the Guild; and of its "twin," the Education Scheme. ALL Lyceumists will be very welcome. A full report will be given next month.

Hurrah for Manchester!

### A CHILD'S VISITS TO THE SPIRIT WORLD.

The following interesting letter has been received from one of our eleven-year old Guild members—Lucy Chapman, of High Shields Lyceum. She is to be congratulated on her experiences; and we hope she will pay yet other visits (and send us accounts of them).

If any other members have had interesting experiences, we would welcome their accounts, for the interest and benefit of other members.

"Dear Leader,

"As a member of the Lyceum Guild I should like very much to tell you of two experiences I have had of visits to the spirit spheres. As it is a true experience, I hope it will be of interest to other members. My Aunt Lucy, in spirit life, had previously promised to take me to visit the spheres where she lived. It was on Friday night, January 18th, that I was taken away by my aunt, after I had gone to bed. I saw her at my bedside and she had brought some scent for me to smell. When I had smelled it, I found that I was in the spirit world, walking along a pathway. As we were walking along we came to a seat which was formed of sweet-smelling flowers, some being roses. She told me to sit down and rest, but I thought I should crush the flowers. I was quite astonished to see that the flowers were none the worse for my sitting on them. We went further along and came to some woods. Out of the woods came two of my cousins and an aunt and uncle. We all went on together, and passed some of the most beautiful country scenery. We played games, romped about and spent a very jolly time together.

"We went further along the pathway, enjoying the sweet smell of the flowers and the lovely singing of the birds.

"Then my aunt said that it was time for me to go home. It was not at all my wish to go, because I wanted to stay there. When she brought me back into my bedroom I saw my body lying in the bed, which seemed rather strange to me. I found myself in bed by my aunt giving me the same scent to smell.

"About a fortnight later I paid another visit to the spirit world, with the same aunt. This time my experience was a little different from the one before. It was one Saturday night,

when in bed, that I saw my aunt with a rose which she had brought for me to smell. When I smelled it, I seemed to float out of the window, and then I found I was in the spirit world for the second time, led by my aunt. As we were walking along the road we came to some lovely valleys and waterfalls. Later on we came to some dark paths and light ones. When I saw this my aunt said to me, 'We must never go down these dark paths.' When we started to walk along the pathway by which we had come, my aunt said that it was time for me to go home, but I did not want to return. She gave me the same rose to smell and when I had smelled it I was very sorry to find myself in bed."

### OUR NATURE ARTICLE.

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

BY WM. WOODALL (South Shields)

**MOLLUSCS.** The marine aquarium must have its snails, even as the fresh-water one needed them; so let us next consider these.

We will begin with the common *Periwinkle*, so well known in our fish-shops. Seeing it there, looking like a black uninteresting shell, gives you no idea of its beauty when alive in its natural element.

The body and horns are covered with fine black stripes. In searching for specimens, experience has taught me to look amongst the smaller stones for the finest ones.

You may think that the *Whelk*, so dear to the palate of the Londoner, should come next, but, although it is such a pretty animal, I do not recommend it for the tank, as it is so voracious. All the other Molluscs would soon disappear, if it was introduced among them.

Its eggs may be found on the shore in abundance about May and June.

They appear like small bunches of grapes. The embryo whelk may be seen in the centre of its gelatinous covering, where it remains until old enough to look after itself.

*Limpets* are very common, and are found adhering very tenaciously to the rocks. To obtain a few without damaging them you must be very quick to insert the blade of a knife under the shell before they take the alarm and close down.

The *Smooth Limpet* adheres to the weeds. It has a very pretty small shell, nearly transparent, coloured red, yellow, brown or blue.

When the Limpet adheres to the glass side of the tank you can see the wonderful arrangement by which it holds fast. It acts like the leather "sucker" by which boys will carry stones about.

It has the power to draw the centre part of its body up, forming a vacuum, then the air pressure enables it to become fixed to the rock. There is a natural secretion by means of which it glues all around the outer disc of the shell, thus excluding air and water. This the Limpet can dissolve when it wills to do so, and set itself free.

The *Cockle* will prove an interesting study for the young naturalist, but it does not live long in captivity. The peculiar foot-like appendage by which it moves about can be seen to great advantage. Cockles are to be found in certain localities buried in the sand, mostly near the mouths of rivers.

The *Mussel*. There are different forms of Mussels. The edible *Mussel* is found in large quantities attached to rocks, to the piles supporting piers, lock gates, &c. It has a very strong silky fibre, called the *Byssus*, an appendage to enable it to secure itself to its support.

It is very interesting to watch it travel about.

The *Sand Mussel* has a long syphon, used for breathing purposes when its body is buried under the sand. This syphon may be seen slightly protruding from the sand.

There is a small yellow Mollusc, very nearly the shape of the *Periwinkle*, but more blunt at the point of the shell.

It is called the *Yellow Periwinkle*, but unlike that creature you cannot keep it any length of time unless you periodically take it out of the water for a time.

Another interesting specie of Molluscs is the "Topo." There are several specimens of this class, all very pretty in their markings. In shape they are somewhat like a small broad-ended cone with the opening under the broad end. A variety very commonly met with is of a purplish-grey, set with very

fine lines, set close together, and radiating in zig-zag fashion from the centre.

Another kind commonly met with is rather flatter in shape and mostly olive green in colour, with red lines. Another, more beautiful in appearance and rising more gradually to the apex, is rather larger than the foregoing (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or so), and generally marked with red and white.

It is very interesting to watch this Mollusc cleaning the confervae from the glass. It is just like a scythe at work. Its tongue (under the microscope one of the most wonderful things in Nature) passes over the glass with a circular motion; whilst it is drawing its head back for another sweep it advances its foot, so following up its work like a mower.

One of the most useful creatures in the tank is undoubtedly the *Oyster*, although not one of the prettiest.

As a scavenger it is *par excellence*. Nature has provided it with two tubes, an inlet tube and an outlet one. The latter is provided with a filtering arrangement by means of which it retains as food spores from the weeds, animalculæ and other floating matter. A constant stream of water is passing through these tubes, helping to keep it pure. Two in a tank would be very useful.

When hunting amongst the rocks you may come across a variety of Molluscs without shells, commonly called *Sea-slugs*. These are very pretty in the aquarium, some having brilliant colouring. One of the most common is the *Sea-lemon*. This animal has a body, bright yellow in colour and covered with excrescences, making it look not unlike a half lemon. It is one of the largest of the Slugs, 3 inches and over, and may be found by looking closely in crevices and under overhanging rocks. The gills at one extremity and the tentacles at the other will well repay a close study.

The *Aborescent Sea-slug* grows to about two inches in length, and is coloured very brightly with crimson, variegated with brown, spotted with white. It is of a very beautiful appearance, the branches covering all sides and extending in bushy tufts, six or seven in number on each, gradually decreasing in size towards the tail. They may be found amongst the seaweed. Another beautiful species, when expanded, is the *Crowned Eolio*. In colouring it is very conspicuous, being crimson, blue and white.

When searching for slugs, examine the seaweed minutely, when you will notice small lumps of a jelly-like substance of no particular shape. Shake these off carefully and place them in clean water, when you will find your reward. It is natural for most Molluscs to be left by the tide for an hour or two daily, so if you could arrange the sloping part of your rockery to be lifted clear of the water daily for a short time it would be beneficial to them. Some of them will climb out if the tank is not protected, fall on the floor, and so come to an untimely end.

## Phrenology Practically Explained.

### DEFICIENT COURAGE.

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

It is indeed surprising what a vast number of people there are who in other respects are highly gifted, but who are lamentably deficient in courage.

Genius is usually regarded as a rare quality; thus if our own, our neighbour's, or someone else's child shows some particular sign of genius, we hold it in high esteem, and as an intellectual example to others. Yet it may surprise many to know that courage is a quality quite as rare as genius. For one truly courageous individual, or one possessing the elements of true courage, we find more who do, or under favourable circumstances would, manifest more than average intelligence.

Courage may be classed with the rarest of qualities. The newspaper press, recognising this, is ever ready to extol and applaud acts of personal bravery, pluck and daring.

National greatness is the outcome, not only of courage, but also of well-directed intelligence and sense of duty; yet we have many brave sailors and soldiers, and many records of heroic actions of those who have imperilled or sacrificed their lives for the good of their fellows.

The quality of courage arises out of the faculty of Combativeness, which, under the guidance of the higher mental powers, prompts us to protect the weak, to secure the rights of the poor

to overcome obstacles and surmount difficulties in spite of tremendous odds, and so attain the highest liberty, the truest freedom, and strive to bring about the greatest happiness for the greatest number.

It costs men much to be courageous when they must of necessity go against public opinion, fight the popular party, and for conscience sake take the weakest side.

There are many men and women who have great gifts to present to the world, but have not the pluck or courage to display them, though it may not always be lack of courage that hinders the manifestation of their gifts. There are often other weaknesses as well inhibiting the output of mentality and genius; hence the advantage of knowing these hindering conditions on the basis of phrenological developments.

There are two distinctive kinds of courage—moral and physical. Ministers, lawyers, authors, teachers, agitators, especially need moral courage, since they have to appeal to others through their intellect, reason and moral faculties. Soldiers, sailors, aviators, explorers, hunters, wild-animal tamers, require physical courage, and many mechanics, manufacturers and others who work in dangerous positions and businesses.

One in whom Combativeness is small and Destructiveness large will frequently put up with a great deal of imposition and opposition without any particular show of resentment or self-defence, but when thoroughly aroused, his wrath and indignation may be so excessive as to be almost uncontrollable. I have examined many such persons, who, when they could restrain themselves no longer, have given way to passion to such an extraordinary degree as seriously to affect their health.

The man with large Destructiveness and small Combativeness tends to be more passionate than pugilist, and as he possesses none of the lawyer-like argumentative, cudgel-using characteristics as a ready means of defending himself, he will hold aloof or steer clear of opposition if he can do so conveniently, but when it is necessary to resort to self-defence he does not play a losing game. He hits hard, his blows are powerful, forcible and effective, and his speech is scathingly bitter, wrathful and vindictive.

## Reconciliation.

"Remember, Tom, this is my last effort to end this quarrel. I'm not asking you to say that you are wholly in the wrong. I only ask you to meet me half way before the Committee, and admit that in the heat of discussion we both made statements we now realise were spoken too hastily, and that we mutually desire to withdraw them."

Tom Bailey's response was a laugh and a shrug of the shoulder. He believed he need only remain firm, and this very obvious desire for Peace would lead his brother to make still further concessions. "Do quit play acting," was all he permitted himself to remark.

Henry's face flushed at the unyielding insult. "I warn you," he cried passionately, "This is my final word. If you have made no mistakes, neither have I"; and he flung himself out of the room.

The brothers had both done excellent work for their Political Party, and each had supporters who desired to see them adopted as Parliamentary Candidate for their native City. In the end some rather shameful misrepresentation put Henry out of the running, and the choice fell on the younger man.

A quixotic feeling of delicacy prevented Henry from saying all he could in his own self-defence. Fighting his own flesh and blood was more than he could endure. Tom felt no such scruples and did not hesitate to take advantage of Henry's weakness. He further exploited to the full the discovery that his supporters were only too anxious to believe his assertion that all the trouble arose from Henry's jealousy of his popularity. The explanation was so naturally obvious, it saved further thought. Besides with an Election just ahead everybody agreed that in the interest of the Party further enquiries with the possible consequent unpleasant revelations against the Candidate were to be discouraged.

The injustice was permitted to remain, and Tom, quite mistaking the significance of what he called Henry's play acting, stifled his conscience with the outworn adage "All is fair in war."

But the years passed, and Henry made no further advance. Tom's victory began to hold a hidden sting. Henry was building up a reputation in other fields of labour, and his steadfast refusal to utter any word of criticism against his brother at last

stood out in startling contrast to Tom's persistent calumny. The very one-sidedness of the attacks recoiled to Tom's detriment.

The truth finally dawned on Tom that the gulf between them must somehow be bridged. In the same moment he realised the full significance of Henry's declaration, "If you have made no mistakes, neither have I." Only himself could now repair the breach, and the longer he delayed, the more difficult it became to acknowledge his own unworthy part in driving his brother from Political life. Time and again he determined to right the wrong, but shrank as often from the ordeal. Unhappily he delayed too long. A tragic motor accident plunged him into the unseen world, and the reconciliation he longed for remained uncompleted.

Meanwhile Henry found other avenues through which to express himself. Among other pursuits he sought to explore the mysteries of Psychic Research. In due course he gained entrance to the dark Seance Room and studied the much discussed phenomena of Materialisations. One such evening not long after Tom's death an invitation reached him to take part in a more than usually interesting experiment with a medium newly arrived from America. Wonderful softly glowing lights floated round the room disappearing as suddenly as they came. Voices out of the void sang loudly, or made trite remarks. A tambourine rose apparently of its own accord, and shook itself in jingling time to the rhythm of airs played on a gramophone. Henry was getting a little weary of it all. So far nothing new had manifested; certainly he had yet to get the indisputable test that would satisfy his critical faculties.

Suddenly something tugged at the lapels of his coat. Obedient to the instructions he stood up and leaned forward over the table around which all sat. Again a soft light glowed dimly, throwing some small illumination on a figure just building up. He marvelled at the delicate wax-like features. Slowly the eyes opened, and with a shock he knew he was looking into the face of his brother Tom. He felt himself drawn towards the form, and then a voice, faint but clear, and with the old remembered tones, broke on his ear.

"Henry," it cried, "forgive me. I understand things better now. I could not rest with the past unredeemed."

GEO. F. BERRY.

## BIRTHS, IN MEMORIA, AND MARRIAGES,

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

### MEMORIAM.

**BRIXTON.**—Foll.—In ever loving memory of our dear boy, Douglas, who passed away April 11th, 1919. Mother and Dad.

"Lost one? No, not lost, for near us  
In the Spirit still thou art,  
And in all our best affections  
Bearest still a precious part.

**CHESTERFIELD.**—I regret to record the passing of the Higher Life of Jean Marriott on Sat., March 18th, 1922. Aged 5 years.—J. J. H.

**LEEDS, Easy Rd.**—We regret to record one of our Lyceum-ists, Sydney Britten, passed to his heavenly home Feb. 9th, 1922. Aged 20 years.—May Hurley, Sec.

**LONDON, Plaistow.**—In ever loving memory of our dear son, Arthur, who passed into the higher life April 21st, 1920. Aged 2½ years.

"God folds them in His bosom  
Through all the happy hours  
He gathers to His own dear home  
The well beloved of ours."

—Mum, Dad and Family.

**NEWCASTLE, Rutherford St.**—In affectionate memory of our late Brother, Robert Finley, who passed to higher life March 16th, 1921. A faithful worker in the cause of Spiritualism. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

"Till we meet again."

—E. Wilkinson, Sec.

## JOHN HENRY STIER.

With deep regret we announce the passing away of John Henry Stier, late of Yorkshire, on February 8th, at his residence in Toronto, Canada.

Brother Stier, as his York friends will recall, held the Presidency of York Spiritualists' Evidence Society for about 20 years, as well as being Treasurer of the York Union for four years. Together with his dear wife, Martha Stier, he organised the Britten Memorial Spiritualist Church, Toronto, Canada, in 1915, and with untiring efforts they have succeeded in building a beautiful edifice, worthy of the cause for which he lived.

The funeral service was held on February 11th, at Britten Memorial Spiritualist Church, Toronto, where the mortal remains of Brother Stier laid in state amongst banks of floral tributes received from friends of all denominations. Over 1000 people attended and a more uplifting and inspiring service could not have been witnessed. A soprano solo by Mrs. Lane, with violin obligato, opened the ceremony, followed by the reading of the burial ritual by Brother Louth, of Hamilton, after which W. F. Johnson, President, spoke a few words of love about Brother Stier. Mr. Gelhart, of Stratford, Ontario, also spoke in very inspiring terms of our late brother.

At the graveside his favourite hymn was sung, "The World has felt a quickening Breath," and a beautiful uplifting prayer was offered up by the Widow, which sent a feeling of love through the hearts of the thousands gathered together to see the material remains of our beloved Brother laid away.

## District Visitors' Reports.

### SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

During the past few months I have been in the habit of taking with me on my visits to Lyceums some children of other Lyceums and asking them to write reports on what they saw. I think it will interest the Lyceum, concerned to hear what the young visitors think, and I therefore give a brief resumé of the reports handed me:—

We visited the Aberdeen Lyceum on the 5th March. The pearls of thought were mostly read, instead of being committed to memory. We were delighted by the thorough manner in which the marching and calisthenics were done. The children were attentive and their conduct showed that they were in earnest. We could not believe that it was only started a few months ago.

We visited Edinburgh on March 5th, 1922. The turn-out was very good, considering the weather, there being nearly fifty present. Twenty-pearls were contributed; the recitations were given slowly and distinctly, but the singers did not keep time with the organist. The march-nig was gone through with smiling faces. For Group badges they wore artificial flowers and were very attentive to their Conductor, which showed that they were well trained.

We visited the Greenock Lyceum on March 5th, 1922. There were seventeen members present. Ten pearls were given and one recitation. Marching on the whole was very good, but was done rather too much in the centre of the hall. The calisthenics were also very good, but the wing movement differed from other Lyceums. The greetings of the Greenock Lyceum were sent to all others.

One Sunday during March we visited the Mediums' Union Lyceum in Glasgow. There were sixty present, half being children. The usual exercises were gone through, but the young people were very much in the background; the members seemed frightened to say a pearl and a great number of the children did not join in the marching and calisthenics, being quite crowded out by adults, who went through their tasks with much shuffling of feet and the expression on the faces was very sad. There are four groups, each of which has colours. In the Liberty Group experiences of spirit return were discussed.

We next attended the Lyceum of the Glasgow Association at 4 p.m. Over one hundred were present, including sixteen late comers. Twenty-one pearls were given, one recitation and three musical pieces (soloists should not hide themselves behind the musicians). Here also many children were squeezed out of the marching and calisthenics by adults, some of whom treated the marching as a joke, for they would keep turning their heads and giggling to the one behind, and the shuffling of feet was very noticeable. Discipline throughout was very slack.

We visited Hamilton on 19th March. There were eighteen present. Two recitations and thirteen pearls were contributed, most of them coming from the younger members. The marching and calisthenics were well done, but the faces of the marchers were dull and dreary-looking. The Lyceum was excellent and deserves praise for the way it was conducted.

Personally, I think these comments not unfair. I have given them as nearly as possible in the young people's own words.

*Aberdeen* I feel deserves great credit for the highly efficient state in which I found the Lyceum. In some items it showed its youth, but in its spiritual conception it was grand. The physical culture was on different lines from the usual Lyceum routine, but whoever is responsible for it missed nothing. I have never seen marching better designed to collect power—power for young and old—nor have I seen calisthenics arranged to assimilate such power to the best advantage. I hope soon to have a propaganda team from Aberdeen to give a demonstration.

Another Lyceum is under consideration by the Aberdeen Psychological Society, and I trust shortly to announce its advent.

*Edinburgh* is feeling a wave of enthusiasm. Its propaganda team is a capital corps and the Glasgow Lyceums felt the better for its visit. I am looking forward with great hopes.

*Glasgow* Lyceum is growing slowly in numbers and interest. The members are becoming more adept in the various exercises. The new quarters in Shepherd's Hall, Catchart Street, are a decided improvement on its former abode.

*Glasgow Lyceums* both, I am sorry to say, are suffering from overgrowth. In one respect this is a good sign, but as a Lyceumist who can see effects on both places I regret it. Peter Pans are very nice in story books, but in Lyceums they are Frankensteins—they run the Lyceum to suit themselves—they monopolise the space required for physical culture, the children find the time allotted for musical contributions and recitations seized on by the seniors—they lose interest and fade away. I could say much on young men lounging about corridors smoking, or flirting with young ladies, but there is not space at my disposal. I am not unsympathetic and I only wish our churches had their Young Men's and Women's Christian Associations, etc. It is sad indeed to see parents force their way into lines already crowded, whilst their own and other children sit as "wallflowers," and it is sadder still to see the young members gradually drop out of the physical culture altogether—why, they don't know—they just feel "fed-up"—aye! fed-up with that unsympathetic sexual magnetism given off so ignorantly and so selfishly by young men and women who should now surrender place to those for whom the Lyceum was inaugurated.

*Hamilton* is consolidating—the children enjoy their Lyceum and are entering into its spirit and enthusiasm.

*Kirkcaldy*. Teams from Glasgow and Edinburgh visit Kirkcaldy on March 26th, to assist me in opening a Lyceum.—J. Stewart, D.V.

## United District Council's Meeting.

Held March 11th and 12th, 1922, in the Collyhurst Lyceum, Manchester.

Mr. A. T. Connor presided. Mrs. M. E. Pickles gave the invocation.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last U.D.C. Meeting, and it was moved by Miss Elliott, seconded by Miss Kitson, that minutes be taken as read.—Carried.

Questions were asked re Birmingham District as to what progress had been made re establishing a D.C. The Secretary replied that, owing to many reasons, the resolution from last meeting had not been fully complied with, and sickness on the part of the Birmingham representative had prevented any definite arrangement being come to. This was corroborated by the General Secretary, B.S.L.U. Mr. R. A. Owen said that he had introduced this matter at Walsall, as they would be in the Birmingham district. The President, B.S.L.U. would be in Notts, May 21st and May 28th and 29th in Birmingham, and there had a suggestion been thrown out that she should spend the whole of the week interviewing down there and to get a Birmingham L.D. Council established.

Mr. Owen spoke re the passing of Dr. J. Peebles on February 15th, within 36 days of the century mark.

Resolved "That this meeting of the U.D.C., assembled at Collyhurst, Manchester, hearing with regret of the passing to the

higher life of Dr. J. M. Peebles, on February 15th, 1922, in his 100th year, desire to place on record our deep appreciation of the services rendered to the cause of Spiritualism and the Lyceum, and offer our congratulations to him upon his transition following a life of faithful devotion to the cause of Truth." A silent vote was given standing.

Agreed we adopt Parliamentary procedure for the business of this meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**—Letters were read from Wigan Lyceum, B.S.L.U., Ed. Secretary, Manchester, Sheffield (2), Tyneside, Bolton, N.E. Lancs., and N.E. Cheshire (2). Correspondence was accepted, and Secretary's action endorsed re expressing condolence to Mrs. Worthington and family, of Bolton.

The President's address offered welcome to delegates, and spoke re the importance of the agenda as published in the "L.B.," re D.V.'s re the system of electing representatives, of the election of Treasurer and the propaganda meetings on the Sunday. The address was accepted.

Re October Meeting. Moved that Secretary arrange with the Darlington people, and, if futile, the meeting place be arranged by the Officers.—Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**—The interim Financial Statement was accepted.

Moved that we make a grant of £5 to the £2,000 effort.—Carried.

The Secretary spoke re meeting places from 1923 onwards, and it was moved that the Council solicit invitations for 1923 and onwards.—Carried.

Moved that typed copies of these minutes be obtained from this meeting onwards, and circulated to all delegates and to the absent Council Secs.—Carried.

**ANNUAL REPORT TO 1922 CONFERENCE.**—

Agreed that Officers draw up the same.

Moved that we pay on 13 D.C.'S, as per list of 1921.—Carried.

**DELEGATE TO CONFERENCE.**—Moved that Secretary, Mr. Shuttleworth, be delegate to Conference.—Carried. The Secretary reserved his right of speech upon certain matters. D.C. delegates were asked to table nominations. Nominated up to date: President, Mrs. M. E. Pickles, R. Latham, and C. J. Williams; Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Pickles, R. Latham, and C. J. Williams. Treasurer: Mr. R. A. Owen. Auditor: F. F. Ball.

**RE ADJOURNMENT.**—Moved by Mr. R. A. Owen, seconded by Mrs. M. E. Pickles, that we adjourn at 10 p.m., Saturday, to 9-30 a.m., Sunday. A.—See notices of motion, "March Banner."—Carried.

**MOTIONS FROM SOUTH-EAST LANCE.**—Withdrawals advised. Moved that Secretary write S.E. Lancs. re this question, and that they withdraw this motion.—Carried.

**N.EAST CHESHIRE MOTION RE SECRETARY.**—Agreed as unnecessary.

**TREASURER.**—Opinions were expressed re length of period for election, and many opinions were stated, but in the end the general agreement was—for annual election.

**£2,000 EFFORT, AND TURNING SAME INTO A TRADING DEPARTMENT.**—Questions were asked if same was turned into a T.D.: who would get the profits, and how would the Union benefit?

The originators of the motion, if they make a stand, could object legally if same was turned away from the original project. Also, who will be the holders of the shares already subscribed?

**TRADING DEPARTMENT.**—The General Secretary, B.S.L.U., said the idea was abroad that all that needed doing was to open a T.D. stock same, and people seemed to think this would be successful. The real thing, he stated, was to find the needs of the movement, and to cater to supply the demand, otherwise the money would be wasted. Opinions are being expressed that the money cannot be touched until the full amount is raised.

Agreed, delegates take this matter back, and be prepared in Conference when this matter is raised, and that delegates read the reports of 1920 Conference re this and August "Banner," 1921.

**D.V. QUESTION.**—Letters to hand were read from Manchester, Sheffield, Bolton, Tyneside, N.E. Lancs. Scotland complained of the physical difficulties in Scotland re this question.

**RE AREA REPRESENTATION.**—

	FOR.	AGAINST.	NEUTRAL.
Scotland.	N.E. Lancs.		Leeds.
Tyneside.	N.E. Cheshire		Halifax and Huddersfield.
Teeside.	Manchester.		Bradford.
London.	Bolton.		S.E. Lancs.
	Liverpool.		

**VOTES OF THANKS.**—Moved that we record our best thanks to Manchester D.C. for the way they have entertained this Council.—Carried.

Adjourned, 10-10 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12th.**—Commenced 10 a.m. Mrs. Ennion gave the invocation.

The President introduced the business re Standing Orders and the Internal Ed. Scheme. It was moved that S.O. be suspended until the remainder of Agenda is disposed of.

**AMENDED.**—that we devote from 10 to 10-30 to this, and the rest of the morning to the Internal Ed. Scheme.

For Amendment '8. Against 4.

The discussion on the Areal System took place, and many opinions were given pro. and con. as per list before given. In the end, it was moved that this question be referred back to the D.C.'s. and that they be asked to fully consider the pros. and cons. of the whole in view of the expressions of opinions here arising out of the discussion of the Area Scheme, as suggested by the proposed amendment to Art. 4 in March 'Banner.'—Carried.

**SEC. 6.—INTERNAL ED. SCHEME.**

(a) Agreed for adoption.

(b) Explained by Mr. R. A. Owen re reasons for questions being asked, and the real opinion of the questioner re this matter.

(c) That readings should be given in a style so as to hear the whole as one voice. That correct articulation be encouraged, and punctuation marks be taken notice of. If proper care is taken, it enables the practice of deep breathing to be practised.

It was stated that response leaders had in the past been appointed. This was stated to encourage automatism.

Sec. (c) recommended for adoption.

(d) Re criticising the errors of others in a tactful manner, so as not to cause offence.

Dictionary terms are not always in agreement with popular pronunciation. This section does not refer to words alone, but to the general actions of leaders.—Recommended.

(e) Cultivate sequential thought. Select programme to be the expression of the nucleus of central thought.

Ed. Sec. stated that above would obtain if the session programme in the Ed. Scheme was followed.—Agreed for adoption.

(f) Encourage the younger portion of Lyceum to select and conduct a session, and seek the reason therefor.

(g) Use of blackboard for Objective Study re the putting of the central thoughts on the board as the session progresses. Agreed (f) and (g) for adoption.

(h) Pearls, Recitations, and Essays.

The need of these is a system of memory training—the elocutionary benefits. Pearls ought to be explained by the giver. Essay should be encouraged from the Lyceumists of all ages.

The whole of Sub-Sec. recommended.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec.

March 12th, 1922.

### MASSED SESSION, DOWNING ST., CO-OP. HALL. Sunday, March 12th.

Opening song, Hall of Progress. Invocation by Mrs. M. E. Pickles. A greeting was given by the Moston Lyceum on behalf of M.D.L.L.D.C. The President extended the Welcome to the U.D.C. to Mr. J. Tinker, a past Sec. of the B.S.L.U., and invited him to come on the platform with the Council.

A Welcome was extended to the Council by two wee Lyceumists from the Moston Lyceum.

S.C.R. conducted by M. E. Kitson, who invited questions from the juvenile section of the Session.

Solo, Miss Hong, Pendleton, "Nearer my God to Thee." Recitation, Master Stansfield, of West High Street Lyceum. Musical Reading, "Home Affections." Readers were Mr. Hunter, Tyneside; Miss Stair, Bradford; Mr. Brown, Liverpool; Duet, Miss Smethurst and Mr. Kershaw, of Cheetham Hill Lyceum, "Crossing the Bar."

"The Aim of Spiritualism," conducted by Secretary.

Marching was conducted by Misses E. Elliott and Sharples. 700 were present and 200 marched and took part in calisthenics.

Recitation, Miss B. Hyland, Raby Street, "Life's Journey." Solo, Miss Sharpe, Maskett Street, "Beyond the Dawn." M.R., A. Owen in a few words introduced a resolution on the Educational controversy going through the country.

**MOTION:** moved and seconded and carried unanimously:

"That this meeting of the representatives of the British Spiritualists Children's Progressive Lyceums assembled in the Co-op. Hall, Manchester, strongly protests against the proposed economies in education, believing them to be productive of serious injury to many thousands of children, and to constitute a grave menace to the prosperity of the whole nation. Further it calls upon the Government to put into force the whole of the provisions of the Education Act, of 1918, as they believe it can be attained only by developing the capacities—physical, mental, moral and spiritual—of the rising generation to the highest pitch possible.

Master Pitt recited. Miss Gething and F. Robinson gave solos, and Mrs. Pickles gave a short speech. Mrs. E. Elliott gave a few announcements.

### MASS MEETING.

A mass meeting was held in Downing Street Hall on Sunday evening, Mr. A. T. Connor presided.

The President, in introducing the speakers, pointed out, that through Spiritualism we had discovered that life was continuous and eternal, and all who realised this, realised also the need of preparation for the great life of which the present was only a fraction. Further, we realised the duty of declaring our knowledge to all who did not know. Lyceums were formed for the purpose of studying Spiritualism and of teaching the young how to think along proper lines. The Lyceum had a message for the adult as well as for the child. The speaker described the development of the Lyceum Union and the District and United Districts' Councils, and claimed that this organisation was the only means of overcoming the danger of Lyceums or Districts falling into mental ruts.

Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A. (Education Secretary), said that as the Lyceum Movement was primarily for children, she would ask them to consider children. Using a beautiful simile of a gardener looking after seedlings in his garden—she drew a picture of what a perfectly trained child's experiences would be. Just as gardeners must love their plants, so must parents love their children. Food, clothing and shelter were not sufficient—the child needed more. The plant requires pure air and bright sunshine; children also were influenced by the atmosphere (mental and spiritual) in which they were trained, and required the sunshine of love and sympathy. The child's mind should be developed by the best and brightest and noblest surroundings. The child's future could be secured by proper training now; and just as gardeners carefully selected their seeds, so must we exercise care in considering the child's mental gifts, so that it should not be forced into uncongenial paths of life, but should be allowed to judge for itself.

Mr. R. A. Owen (B.S.L.U. Treasurer) referred to the invisible audience that always attends our meetings, and spoke of the work of the early pioneers, who now surround us and influence us to avoid their mistakes. We were opposed to the errors of theological dogma being taught to our children. Spiritualism and Lyceumism had greatly influenced the educational work of the nation. But we must not dogmatise. He was with the chairman in objecting to a child being crammed with Spiritualism of any type. We must confine our efforts to preparing children for the intelligent use of life and experience. At present they did not know, but when old enough they would revolt against everything that did not appeal to their reason. The speaker ended with an appeal for increased and extended education.

Mrs. M. E. Pickles (President, B.S.L.U.), was controlled by an Egyptian priest, who in a deeply interesting account of his life, told how he had gradually woke up to the possibilities which had surrounded him in the everyday world, and how the gradual development of clairvoyance had convinced him of continuous existence. He had discovered that earth-life is a school, and that when he entered the cloister he had lost the opportunities which might have been his. His lesson was that those who flee from life lost life's experiences.

During the meeting two solos were very ably rendered—the first by Mr. Hood "Trust to the Future"—music specially written by Messrs. A. and F. Collinge, and the second "Perfect Day," by Miss Ida Sharples.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec.

## District Council Reports.

### BRADFORD DISTRICT.

Meeting held at Boynton Street, Sunday, March 12th; a good attendance of delegates and officers present. Minutes of

last meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence passed. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mr. Hill, Associate Member, and to Mr. Beardsworth.

Resignation of Vice-President accepted. Mr. J. P. Simpson was made a life member of the B.L.D.C., for services rendered to the Council.

Election of Vice-President. Mr. Robinson, of Ripley Street, was duly elected.

Much discussion took place re Area Representatives. It was decided to support staying as it is at present. Four new Associate Members were made:—R. Hull, Ripley Street; W. Robinson, Ripley Street; T. O'Neil, Keighley, and Worsley Simpson, Whetley Hill.

Our Open Session held in the afternoon. Evening service, Mr. Aked in the chair. Addresses by Mr. Hudson, Mr. Teal, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Simpson. Vote of thanks to our Boynton Street friends brought a good day to a close.—E. Aked, Sec.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT.

General Meeting held on Saturday, February 25th, at Batley Carr.

Minutes, Correspondence and Reports were accepted. President's address. Welcome to all in the near vicinity, where the Lyceum movement started. Mr. Kitson mentioned the passing on of Mr. Colbeck, a very ardent worker and one of the D.Vs. A vote of condolence was passed, to be forwarded to Mrs. Colbeck.

Election of Officers:—President, Mr. A. Collier, Dewsbury; Treasurer, Miss Kitson, Batley Carr; Secretary, Mr. Harding, Wakefield; D.V., Mr. Downs, Hull; B.S.L.U. Delegate, Secretary, U.D.C. Delegate, Miss Kitson. Nominations, Area Representatives, Mr. Kitson and Mr. A. Collier. Nominations, Officers, B.S.L.U.:—President, Mrs. Pickles; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Latham and Mr. Williams. Competition business: Agreed to have a Competition this year. Adjudicator from Bradford District Council, if possible. Entrance fee 4/-. Field Day business: Agreed to proceed with Field Day as previously arranged and the Secretary, Mr. Downs, to arrange a meeting to raise money for Council, which is in need of funds. Delegates were asked to take back to their respective Lyceums the dire need for funds and the financial difficulties of the Council. Date and place of next meeting: Agreed to accept Liversedge's invitation, to be held in June. Vote of thanks to retiring officers and local friends were recorded.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

The Annual General Meeting was held at 30a, Baker Street, on Saturday, 25th February, Mrs. Mary Gordon presiding.

Nearly all the affiliated Lyceums were represented, and the proceedings were harmonious and beneficial. The President's Address, and the various reports, were accepted as very satisfactory. The elections resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Mary Gordon; Vice-President, Mr. C. J. Williams; Treasurer, Mr. R. T. Barnard; D.V., Mr. M. Clegg; Assistant D.Vs., Mrs. Clegg and Mr. F. J. Miles; Secretary, Mr. A. T. Connor; Assistant Secretary, Miss Janet Smallman. The *Manual* and the Area System were discussed, and it was decided to advocate amendments. It was also decided to support Peckham Lyceum on the occasion of the B.S.L.U. M.C. visit in July, 1923.

The following appointments were made:—Conference Delegate, Mr. A. T. Connor; U.D.C., Mr. Barnard and Mrs. Gordon; L.D.C. (of S.N.U.), Mrs. Clegg. Mr. C. J. Williams was unanimously elected as London's candidate for Area B.

On Sunday, 15th April, the Executive will visit Little Ilford Lyceum for the Monthly Conference.—A. T. Connor, Sec.

The following address was given by Mrs. Mary Gordon, President, L.L.D.C.:—

In presenting my Annual Report to this our A.G.M., a review of the past year's work will show the Council's ambitions for still further progress.

It is my desire to congratulate all for their co-operation, good work and added interest, but now I want to impress upon all the delegates the great need for still further efforts, so that London will not only have Lyceums, but a real, live Council, all working together to further our great Cause.

During the year I have visited many parts of the country, as well as every Lyceum in London, and I am sure, from what I have gathered from time to time, London has not yet reached its ability. Our object as a Council has been to

further the progress of our Lyceum movement, and no matter where we have visited we have always seen that progress has been made.

The keynote to our success has been "Love" and an object, and further still a great enthusiasm for all.

With reference to officers of Lyceums, I would remind all that their main object should be for the interests of the children and not particularly for the sake of the office, for without good leadership no Lyceum can expect to progress.

The nominations for 1922 returned all retiring unopposed, amid great satisfaction. The President thanked all Lyceums, through their delegates, for such a splendid return, which showed that the work of 1921 had been appreciated, and gave the Council an opportunity of proceeding with the schemes formulated during 1921.

In moving the acceptance of the address, Mr. Wattley, of Plumstead, emphasised the need for the remarks the President had made, especially when speaking of those seeking office in Lyceums. He hoped that all delegates present would bear in mind the words of advice given by our President.

E.A.F.

#### TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council was held in the Co-operative Hall, Heaton, on March 6th.

Mr. J. Dawson presided. Minutes, Reports, Balance Sheet accepted. The result of Shield Competition was announced and showed that Rippon Hall, North Shields, had won it with total marks of 86½.

The Election of Officers for 1922 resulted as follows:—President, Mr. R. Hunter; Vice-President, Mr. J. Dawson; District Visitor, Mr. W. Hall, Sen.; Secretary, E. Curtis; Treasurer, Mr. R. Robson; Adjudicators, Mrs. Hall and Mr. M. Mather; Auditors, Mr. Ainley and Mr. Slimins; B.S.L.U. Representative, Mrs. Hall; U.D.C. Representative, Mr. Hunter; T.C.S.D. Representative, Mr. W. Hall, Jr.; N.D.C. Representative, Mr. J. Dawson.

The roll call showed 11 Lyceums to be represented.

In the evening Mr. Hunter occupied the chair and Mr. Robson, Mr. Dawson and Mr. Slimins delivered inspiring addresses. The usual vote of thanks to Heaton friends brought to a close an enjoyable and profitable day.—E. Curtis.

## Special Reports.

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

**DUNSTON.**—We held a very successful Open Service on March 19th. Mr. Christenson presided. Solos, duets and recitations, were contributed by Mrs. Aitken, Mr. J. Aitken, Mr. J. Davidson, Misses Johnson, Lowery, Smith, Thompson, Wilson, Bainbridge, Mason, Christenson and Master J. Smith. Mrs. Christenson accompanied at the Organ. We spent a most enjoyable time together.—Isaac Davidson, Sec.

**ELLAND, Southgate.**—March 5th, Open Session conducted by Miss Hesselden. Songs, duets and recitations by the following Lyceumists:—Mary Jane Sadler, Annie Sadler, Elsie Green, Edith King, Florrie Rae, Annie Aspinall, Nellie Berry, Thomas Aspinall and John Berry. We also had a double naming service. Our Speaker, Mrs. Sykes of Huddersfield, named a little girl Bessie (spiritual name Sympathy) and our Bro. Conductor Mr. Sadler named a little boy, Jack Selwyn (spiritual name Rose).—Elsie Green, Sec.

**FLEETWOOD.**—Owing to the epidemic of influenza in January, we had to close the Lyceum; so we celebrated Andrew Jackson Davis's Day on the 26th of February. Songs, recitations and pearls were given by Mrs. Cook junr., Miss Cook, Miss Griffiths, Miss Jordan, Edna Shaw, and Ethel Davidson. We had calisthenics and marching in the afternoon and evening which all enjoyed, and were sorry when it came to a close. The Church was full to overflowing. We have now over 100 members on the Roll. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—Mrs. Pitcher, Sec.

**HULL, Dairycoates, Dee Street.**—On March 5th we held an Open Session, when the Annual Distribution of Prizes took place. The prizes were distributed to the children in a very interesting manner by Mr. Johnson, the President of our Society, who explained the title of each book as it was presented to each child. There were solos and recitations by the younger

**Lyceumists**, also nine of the youngest Lyceumists went through a series of calisthenics which was done in a very efficient manner. At night the older Lyceumists took the platform when there were also solos and a recitation by Miss Elsie Barker; also an Essay given by Miss Theresa Cook, on a recitation from the LYCEUM MANUAL. The programme was very interesting and a great success.—A. E. Cook, Sec.

**NORTH SHIELDS**, Rippon Hall.—March 19th, Open Session, visit of District Council E.C. We had a pleasant afternoon, during which the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fannen was named by Mrs. J. Patterson, of North Shields, assisted by Guard of Honour of young Lyceumists. The ceremony was very pretty and ably conducted. Session concluded by short addresses by E.C. members.

Evening Lyceum Propaganda Service. Challenge Shield won by this Lyceum was presented by Mr. R. Hunter, President, D.C. Addresses were given by Mr. Hunter, Mr. W. Hall, Senr., Mr. Dawson and Mrs. W. Hall. Altogether a successful and enjoyable day was spent.—E. J. Robson, Sec.

**READING**.—We have had the most pleasing token of fraternal love that has ever fallen to the lot of one Lyceum to receive from another, and is in the form of a beautiful "Excelsior" banner, presented by Mrs. Heritage, in the name of Clapham Lyceum. Our appreciation, I can assure all, is heartfelt.

March 19th, the babe of Mr. and Mrs. D. Street was named "Patrick Denis Collins," with the beautiful spirit name "Ludo," meaning "The Faithful." The ceremony was ably conducted by Mr. P. R. Street, Elsie Bailey rendering later a most appropriate solo—"The Gift."—C. R. Churn, Sec.

## 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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**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 March 5th. It was well enjoyed by young and old. Recitations, solos and pearls were nicely gone through. We are improving nicely.—Miss S. J. Woolmington, Sec.

**BACUP**.—Open Session March 5th, conducted by Mr. Ridhalgh. Pearls by Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Tattersall, Mrs. Ridhalgh, Mr. Lord. Songs and recitations Miss Heyworth, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Tattersall, Mrs. Ridehalgh. Quartette, Mr. Lord, Miss Alexander, Miss Tattersall and Miss Salisbury. Duets, Mrs. Lord and Mrs. Conn; Mrs. Ridehalgh and Mrs. Lord; Miss Jennie Embrey and Eileen Grady. A good session well spent.

**BARROW**, Ramsden St.—On March 5th, we held our Open Session. Pearls were given. The following Lyceumists kindly gave recitations: Mr. Chisholme, W. Groves, W. Chisholm, Nellie Ogg and Winnie Pratt, Mr. R. Brown a solo. We extend our Greetings to all Lyceums.—Mrs. Nock, Sec.

**BEDWORTH**.—Open Session March 5th, several Lyceumists gave recitations and two Groups rendered Lyceum Hymns. A most enjoyable time was spent.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

**BLACKPOOL**.—We held a most enjoyable Fancy Dress Carnival on March 15th, presided over by Mrs. Nurse, conductor. There was a large attendance and a splendid array of fancy costumes and evening dresses. The parade and grand march was a spectacular affair. Those who won prizes kindly given by our friend Mr. A. B. Bridge, were as follows:—Master Bayliss, Charlie Chaplin; Miss Davis, "Old Woman"; Miss Thora Copestake, "Irish Colleen"; Master Hodgkinson, "Pierrot"; Mr. Savage, "Pierrot"; Mrs. Shufflebotham, "Lady of the Old Period"; Miss Bond, "Spanish Galleon"; Specials

to two youngest Lyceumists were given by Mrs. Challenor and awarded to Annie Irene Kenyon. The church was decorated and a most happy evening was spent.—Mrs. Nurse, Conductor.

**BOLTON**, Bradford St.—Our Lyceum is still growing in numbers and we hope to continue growing in spiritual attainments, feeling, as we do, the nearness of our arisen friends. We are looking forward to good times being spent on Saturday afternoons during the coming months. Best wishes and fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists and Lyceums at home and abroad.—E. Scaife, Sec.

**BOLTON**, Henry Street.—On March 5th we held our Lyceum Open Session. We had a very good attendance from other Lyceums. Pearls, recitations, and solos were rendered by Lyceumists.

Saturday the 18th inst., we had a social and concert in aid of the Lyceum Bazaar. Everything was a success, especially the sketch by the children. Everyone had a good time.—Wm. C. Bearman, Sec.

**BRADFORD**, Boynton St.—On March 5th, we held our Open Session. Solo, duets and recitations were given by the scholars. We spent an enjoyable time together.—Mrs. Ward, Sec.

**BRADFORD**, Harker St.—We held our Open Session on March 5th, and it was also our Lyceum Anniversary. We had a good time; recitations and solos were given by the scholars. In the evening we gave a service of Song entitled "Into the Light."—Miss P. Stead Sec.

**BRIGHTON**, North Gardens.—The month shows much individual progress. Good pearls and responses. Social programme sustained by Nellie Dayce, Gracie Brown, Eileen Robinson, Elsie Jackson, Norman Smith and Daisy Jacobs. We are glad that the Executive of our Church are purchasing a building which will give great scope for Lyceum work.—H. J. E.

**BURY**, King St.—Election of Officers held Feb. 26th, 1922; following accepted office for 12 months: Conductor, Mrs. Dean; Secretary, Morris H. Hepworth; Treasurer, Miss L. Adecock; Conductor, Marching, W. Berry; Calisthenics, Miss A. Dean; Guardian, Miss A. Myers; Librarian, Miss S. A. Massey; Guards, Miss N. Dean, Master W. Owen; Group Leaders, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Myers, Mr. Bewicke, Miss L. Adecock.

Tea-Party, Entertainment and Prize Distribution, March 18th. A very successful time.—Morris H. Hepworth, Sec.

**CAERAU**.—On Sunday Afternoon, March 5th, we were very pleased to have a return visit to our Lyceum from Mrs. M. A. Stair, of Keighley, which caused a great deal of enthusiasm amongst the younger portion of our Lyceum. Pearls, recitations, silver and golden chains, showed the great attraction. Recitations of a very spiritual and ethical type were delivered by the Misses Leah Thomas, Lily Rees, Stella Rees, and Mary Gomer, and a beautiful rendering of a solo was given by Master Evan Rees. Mrs. Stair then gave a few delineations of her experiences amongst the noble type of individuals who had given their whole life in sacrifice to the Movement in order that we might get from the rising generation a volume of intelligence sufficiently efficient to set out into the world to spread the glorious Gospel of Spiritualism. Mr. Edward Jones, our new Lyceum Conductor, has proved himself an asset in the training of the Child, and will make a vast improvement in their minds. Robert Williams, Sec.

**CALGARY**, Canada.—We held our Open Session on March 4th, the attendance being fairly good. Pearls were said by all in the Hall. Readings by Mrs. Campbell, Millie Roberts, Mr. Browning and Willie Garrad. Duet by Bella and Margaret Tribe. Pianoforte solo by Miss Broadley. The Session was enjoyed by everyone present.—Arthur Baring, Sec.

**DARLINGTON**, High Northgate.—March 19th we were honoured with the presence of Mr. Wardle, of West Stanley, who performed the ceremony of naming Mr. and Mrs. Grant's baby, Irene, spirit name Ivy; and addressed the Lyceum very appropriately. Would that all speakers would attend the Lyceum Sessions more.—R. P. Christopher, Sec.

**DARWEN**.—We held our Open Session on March 5th, conductor Mr. T. Harwood. A good attendance. Recitations, solos and duets were rendered by Lyceumists; a good discussion on the readings. Harmony prevailed throughout the session.—M. J., A. Sec.

**DONCASTER**, Wood St.—We held our Open Session on March 5th, 1922. It was conducted by Miss Violet Batty. Invocation by Mr. H. Taylor. Solos and recitations by the

following Lyceumists: Miss V. Batty; Misses T. and B. Moseley, A. Johnson, G. Taylor, T. Gomersall, A. Trout, C., E. and L. Gomersall, H. Taylor, W. Trout, and R. Moorhouse. It was brought to a close by Miss F. Moseley.—V. Batty, Hon. Sec.

Edinburgh.—On Feb. 26th, a Lyceum Session was held in place of the usual morning service. Conductor Rankin presided over a very large attendance of Lyceumists and friends. The marching and calisthenics were much admired, and the following items were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Recitations: Helen Lister, Minnie Hill, Eva Machardy, and Duncan Hill. Songs by Peggy Lawrence, Jessie Duncan, and Tom Morrison, Piano duet by Peggy and Jessie Woolford and Piano Solos by Winnie Morrison and Tom Wilson.—J. M., Sec.

GRIMSBY.—We had a very pleasant Sunday. Solos by Misses Cole, Robinson, Barron, Nicol, Jewitt. Duets by Mrs. Powell and Mr. Cole; Miss Shoot and Mr. Cole. Recitations: Mr. Gunhouse, Miss Shoot, Betty Barron, Irene Jewitt. Pearls were as plentiful as raindrops in April. Harmony the keynote of the day.—Molly Barron, Sec.

HALIFAX, Raven Street.—On Saturday the 18th, we received a visit from The Alma Street Lyceum Concert Party, who gave us a delightful evening's entertainment. The programme consisted of songs, recitations, sketches, etc. A Cantata given by the younger members of the Party was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The proceeds are to be devoted to our Lyceum Anniversary Fund. We have enrolled 14 new scholars this year, and have an average attendance of 73 scholars.—E. Fletcher, Report Sec.

HAMILTON, Scotland.—On 3rd March we held our first Social after a splendid Tea; the evening was spent in recitations by the Misses Gilmour, Violin Solos by Mr. Shaw, and a grand ventriloquial act by Mr. Snaith, of Glasgow. Everyone voted it splendid. Greetings to Lyceumists everywhere.—John Gilmour, Sec.

HANLEY.—On March 5th we held our Annual Prize giving. About 130 children present and a good congregation of parents and friends. There were 78 happy recipients. Our friend, Mrs. Shore, distributed the books and a pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to the distributor. This little ceremony was prettily performed by two young Lyceumists, Miss Doris Matthews and Master Frank Petz. A happy afternoon was spent.—E. Brittain, Sec.

HEYWOOD.—On March 19th, we held our Lyceum Anniversary, Open Session and Prize Distribution. Mr. Lord distributed the prizes to a fair number of scholars. Pearls, recitations, very good; solos by Mrs. Lomax, Misses Lizzie and Elsie Shipley, Miss Ratcliffe, Miss Ivy Marcroft, Mr. Marcroft gave the Invocation. Conductors, Mr. G. Barley and Mr. Pickervance. We had a good number of visitors and were honoured by the presence of the newly elected President of S.E.L.D.C., Mr. Wright. It was a pleasant and happy time. May it live in our hearts for ever and when years have rolled away may the coming of this day bring us all a sweet remembrance of the long ago.—Mrs. Birtwell, Sec.

HIGH SHIELDS.—During this month we have been working steadily onward and are busy preparing for our Anniversary. The interest awakened in some of the adult visitors has been maintained, and as a result we have had some splendid sessions. On the 19th we had a welcome visit from Mr. Palmer, of the Felling, who was the speaker for the evening service, and we were very pleased with a visit by some of the members of the Fowler St. Lyceum. This kind of visit will do much to cement a friendship between the Lyceums.—Wm. Woodall, Sec.

HORWICH, Beatrice St.—On Feb. 25th, the married ladies of our Church, gave a grand concert in aid of our "Building Fund." It proved to be a great success.

Sunday morning, March 5th, we conducted our Lyceum session a little differently than usual. A very pleasant time was spent. We were favoured with recitations by Rose and Tom Warburton; solos, Duets and Quartette nicely rendered by Lyceumists. Pearls were given and explained by nearly all present. It is easy to say pearls, but let us try to explain them day by day, by the lives we live, ever realizing that we shall reap exactly as we have sown.—Annie Purchas, Sec.

HYDE.—On Sunday, Feb. 26th, we held our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, with good results. A very efficient selection of officers were appointed. We had our Open Session

on March 10th. A large number were present. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the naming and initiating into the Lyceum of the infant of Mr. & Mrs. West. The ceremony was performed by one of our old members, Mrs. Read, after which a large number of Prizes were given for attendance and recitations. An Address was given by the Conductor, Mr. Smith, also a duet by Misses L. Greenhalgh and Tooney. We had a most pleasant day.—A. Bowden, Sec.

JARROW.—On Feb. 26th, we had a very interesting ceremony in the naming of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick, named Verda, spirit name Hope. All Lyceumists joined in singing "Flowers of the Garden." Lyceumists marched round and placed a flower on the baby.—Mrs. R. Overton, Sec.

LANCASTER.—On Sunday, March 5th, we held our Open Session. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was only moderate, but if we lacked the numbers we were more than compensated by the interest evinced, and the following items were ably rendered: Recitations by Marjorie Dawson, Alma Coupland, Annie Smith, Ralph Parkinson, Maggie Crossley, Miss Swale. Solo by Mr. Thompson. At a Committee meeting held Mar. 16th, master Fred Beaumont was elected Guard vice Ralph Parkinson.—W. H. Freeman, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—On March 5th we held our Open Session when the following Lyceumists took part: Pianoforte solo by Mr. G. Hare; solos by Miss P. Goldsmith and Mr. H. Jayes; recitations by Miss P. Smith and Miss E. Wicks. We had a large number present and a very bright session. Miss A. Clarke ably conducted.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LEICESTER, Silver St.—On March 5th we held our Open Session after the ordinary session was over, and pearls were given. Solo by Miss Connie Illiffe, "Beautiful Prayer," Miss Hilda Illiffe accompanied. Duets were rendered by the following: Miss Edith Tackwood and Miss Doris Jones; Mr. Cartwright and Roland Smith; Mr. L. Smart and Charles Hallam. Recitation by Miss Lily Lucas. A few encouraging words were spoken by Mr. Wright, an old Lyceum worker. We had a number of friends present, and all spent an enjoyable afternoon.—A. Hurst, Sec.

LONDON, Woolwich and Plumstead.—We are maintaining interest in our Sessions although we do not make many new scholars. If all those who attend the Parent Societies would send their children to the Lyceums we should soon fill our Lyceums with scholars. Pearls, recitations, have been well rendered. We hope to soon have our secretary back with us fully recovered.—H. Watthey, Sec., pro. tem.

MANCHESTER, Moss Side, Raby Street.—Feb. 26th, most successful Open Services. Speaker, Miss E. Perry, of Belper, who also gave wonderful tests, assisted by Miss Smith. March 5th, Mr. G. Vernon interested our Group on "Medical Botany," proving the value of Herbs. March 19th we held an Open Circle and welcomed a large gathering of friends; our thanks are due to Miss Smith, and other Mediums for its success.—Harold Moulson, Sec.

MIDDLESBORO.—We held an Open Session on March 5th, when usual procedure took place. Pearls were slow in coming; questions were fair. We had another naming on March 19th, performed by Mr. Naylor, president of our Church. Best greeting to all Lyceums.—A. H. Colbourne, Sec.

NELSON.—On March 5th we held our usual Open Session, there was a very good attendance. Recitations and solos were rendered by the following: Mr. Pearson, Mr. Dean, A. Dean, H. Dean, L. Horsfield, J. Parkinson, A. Ellis, F. Haythornthwaite, Mrs. Haythornthwaite, Ivy Greenwood, Lily Greenwood, Rosina Pearson, Annie Hacking, Ida Middlebrook, Clara Cork, Janey Robinson, Annie Walmsley and Claudine Stephenson. We also had the naming of two babies, Mrs. Aspin taking the ceremony with great taste. We spent a pleasant and harmonious time together.—M. Berkeley, Sec.

MANCHESTER, New.—We are still out to make progression although handicapped by a small room: like everything else, time heals all wounds and makes great changes. With strength and guidance we can accomplish many things.—G. W. Barratt, Sec.

PECKHAM.—On March 19th we had a happy Open Session; the efforts were very enjoyable. Recitations were given by Trissie Bell, Mary Borthwick, John Borthwick, Norman Williams, Annie Tate, Olive Thorpe, Phyllis Bower, Lydia

Greig and Edgar Watts. Solo by Norah Clarkson. Duet by Mrs. and Mrs. Clarkson.—E. Bell, Sec.

PRESTON, Lancaster Road.—On March 5th we held our Lyceum Day. The afternoon was for Prize Distribution, 30 prizes being presented. Our Open Session was held during the evening, nearly all Lyceumists taking part in various ways. We had a large number of visitors and many Lyceumists' parents were present. I think we all had a grand time together and a day well spent.—R. Smalley, Sec.

QUARMBY.—We held a splendid Open Session on Sunday, March 12th. Our Peter Street Lyceum visited us. We had a Session well worth remembering.—Alice Ollerenshaw.

ROCHDALE, Regent Hall.—On March 5th, we had our Lyceum Anniversary. Mr. Squire Spencer, of Blackpool, was our speaker. In the morning we got a surprise visit from Mrs. Nurse, who gave a few encouraging remarks to the Lyceum. In the evening, Mr. Spencer gave an interesting address on Open the door for the children, and by gathering the children into the fold we are laying the ground work of Spiritualism in the future. During the services Miss Edith Shepherd and Mrs. Edith Robinshaw sang Solos. Miss Nellie Dearden played the organ. Mr. Hudson was the chairman.—Agnis Firth.

SHEFFIELD CENTRE.—We held our Open Session on March 5th, which was conducted by Mr. Hopkins. Recitations, solos and duets were given by the Lyceumists. We were also favoured with three pianoforte solos. We are pleased to report a great improvement in the marching and calisthenics. The whole Session was very enjoyable.—Mrs. H. C. Organ, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—Open Session was held on March 5th. Conductor, Mr. P. Ballard, assisted by Messrs. F. Smith and Armitage. The attendance was fair and the Session instructive. March 12th, morning Session, we received a visit from the Adjudicators of the Sheffield L.D. Council Efficiency Scheme, the result of which we shall hear more of in the future; the session was conducted by Mr. F. Smith.

We regret to report the transition to the higher life of Mr. Frederick Johnson, aged 74 years, the husband of our longest and eldest Lyceumist.

We are hoping to give our Lyceum an Outing on Whit-Monday, will "Old Lyceumists" please rally round the officers to ensure the success of this effort.—C. H. Saxelby, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, 44, Gifford Road.—On March 5th, 1922, we held our Open Session. Good attendance. Pearls, recitations and solos were ably rendered by Lyceumists. A very pleasant afternoon Session.—J. Porter, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON, Cavendish Grove.—On March 5th we held our Annual Distribution of Prizes and Open Session. In the absence of our Conductor, the Session was conducted by our Assist. Conductor, F. Reeves. It being his first Session as Conductor, he acquitted himself very well. We had a splendid programme, those taking part being: Elsa Saunders, R. Hart, B. Hart, Gladys Mathieson, Muriel Baker, O. Oliver, Mrs. Hart, Esther Standfield, J. Rabley, Josie Rabley and Leonard Hatch. Mrs. Podmore, of London, very kindly presented the prizes to the successful scholars and gave us some very encouraging remarks.—G. Mathieson, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—February 26th in the Liberty Group we had a good discussion on "Where, and what is God"; everyone was so interested that we decided to continue with same subject for next Group Sunday. I am pleased to report that we have not so many on the sick list, as we have gone through a very bad time in this respect. Our candidates for honours in the Education Scheme are waiting patiently for results. May we all learn to Labour and Wait.—P. P., Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick Street.—Open Session, March 5th. Opening with 337 L.M. Invocation by our Conductor, Mrs. Williams. Attendance best this year. Marching and calisthenics were enjoyed by all. Pearls and recitations by most of our scholars. Solos and Duets rendered by Mr. Dickenson, Mr. J. Brown, Mr. Hill and Miss Maud Tindell, Mrs. Dodsworth and Miss Hessie Dale. Altogether a most enjoyable Session. Best wishes to all Lyceums.—A. Hickman, Sec.

STOCKTON, Cecil Street.—On March 5th, we held our Open Session. There was a good shower of pearls and recitations too numerous to mention individually. Solos and duets were mainly by our young members. The Session was enjoyed and appreciated by 86 Lyceumists, including our oldest member, Mr. Grey, of South Shields.—Geo. Neale, Jun. Sec.

TOTTENHAM.—This month has been a very successful one. On the 19th we held our anniversary and we are now seventeen years old. It was a great success as we had eight Council members visit us, who greatly encouraged us by their cheerful words. At the end of February we issued our second Lyceum Magazine and up to the present it has been a great success.—Edith Borth, Lyceum Session Secretary.

WAKEFIELD.—On March 5th we held our Lyceum Anniversary. There was a splendid gathering of members and friends. Mrs. Bentley, Manchester, conducted Open Session, afternoon and evening service. Pearls, solos, recitations were a great success. Marching and calisthenics were very good. A great Lyceum day.—J. T. Hargate, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—We held our Open Session on March 5th, and a very good time we all had. Recitations and pearls were given by the following Lyceumists: Connie Gray, Doris Penulunce, Emma Thornton, May Staley, Kathleen Sykes, Nellie Rawlinson, Hilda Kenning, Thomas Turner, Horace Seville, James Peniluna, Lizzie Stacey, Thomas Paskall, Carrie Rawson and Jack Staley. Miss May Staley gave us a very interesting dialogue in the Yorkshire accent, "I've sent my old woman away." Marching and calisthenics were conducted by Mr. Lee and Miss Dorothy Elliott.—H. Elliott, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—We held Open Session on March 5th, which was well responded to. Pearls were given by Mr. Dryden and Lizzie Dryden. Recitations by Hampson Carr, Annie Robinson, G. Grindly and Dolly Meakin. Solos by Roland and Wm. Dryden, Annie Robinson and Mr. Geo. Davison and Musical item by Wm. Dryden. Good attendance. Best wishes to all Lyceums and Lyceumists.—Mrs. Ada Meakin, Sec.

WINNIPEG.—On Sunday, February 5th, 1922, we held our Open Session, when the following members took part in pearls, recitations and solos: Winnie Brown, Ella Crowley, Jean Benson, Sylvia Parkinson, Viola Dale, Mr. Pearson, Miss M. Anderson, Helen Lawrence, Harold Brown, Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. H. Forrest, Walter Chadwick, Millie Crowley, the Misses Pilkington recently arrived from Bolton rendered a duet which was very well received. On Saturday, February 4th, we held our Annual Prize Distribution, when the children of the primary class, directed by Mrs. Crowley and Miss Helen Lawrence, gave a splendid concert which was heartily enjoyed by all present. After the concert we had several dances. The proceeds of entertainment were about 13 dollars.—Leo Brown, Sec.

BOLTON, Deane Road.—On Saturday, March 11th, we had a tea party and concert in aid of choir funds, which realised £9 4s. On the Sunday we held our Anniversary Open Session, which was well attended by Lyceumists and friends. Fraternal greetings were expressed from local Lyceums, which brought a pleasant day to a close.—Miss S. Concannon, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Open Session, March 5th. Conducted by Mr. Thompson. Recitations by Esther Dunn, Eva Williams, Lily Leighton, Aurthalla Rolston, George Holehouse, Victor Rolston, and Gertie Phillips. Solo by Miss Rooley, Mr. Taylor gave a reading, also 16 pearls. A good enjoyable session. 62 present.—Mr. E. Thompson, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—There was a large gathering of about 70 Lyceumists and church members from all over the district to pay their last tribute of respect to the remains of Mr. J. Colbeck. The ceremony was performed by Mr. A. Kitson.

We held our Anniversary Tea and Concert on the 19th. A good tea, and a splendid performance was given by a number of Lyceumists, arranged by Messrs. Phillips and Arran. The following day we held our Anniversary Services. Speaker, Mr. Wright. Conductor, James Nixon. A much enjoyed week-end and a great success financially and otherwise.—E. Wilson, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on March 5th. The readings were gone through by various Lyceumists. S.C., Mr. Parkinson. M.R., H. Baxter, C. Bleasdale, A. Hopper. G.C., Mr. Howarth. Recitations were given by A. Owen, S. Hudson, E. Hudson, E. Allan, W. Chambers, F. Pickvance, A. Howarth, T. Grundy, W. Taylor, H. Norris. A solo by A. Frankland. In the afternoon we had our Distribution of prizes. The speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Morris, of Higher Ince.—A. Waterhouse, Sec.

WINDHILL.—We held our Open Session on March 5th. Songs, recitations and readings were very much enjoyed. A good day was spent.—E. Alderson, Sec.