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Parliamentary Rules of Order.

A SIMPLE GUIDE FOR LYCEUMISTS.

Issued by the B.S.L.U. for the purpose of facilitating the business proceedings of Conferences, District Councils and Lyceums.

1. The presiding chairman is responsible for the maintenance of order, and, whilst being strict and decisive in *(his)* rulings, should act impartially.

2. Members when rising to speak should address the Chair in distinct tones, saying "Mr. President," "Lady President," or "Mr. Chairman," then state own name and that of the particular body represented.

3. Business must be introduced by way of a "Resolution," "Motion," or "Proposition," which are interchangeable terms.

4. Resolutions and Amendments must have a bearing upon a definite subject and always affirm, never deny. That so and so *shall* be, or *is* to be, is the framework of the motion.

5. An Amendment must be intelligible and relevant to the original motion. It modifies, trims, or suggests an alternative, by the insertion, omission or substitution of words.

6. A direct negative to a "Resolution" cannot be accepted as an "Amendment." A rejection is carried only by voting upon the question, for and against.

7. A "Rider" is an addition which adds a material relative fact or theory to the "Resolution" or "Amendment."

8. All "Resolutions," "Amendments" and "Riders" must be proposed and seconded before discussion can be allowed.

9. All important motions should be submitted in writing duly signed by the proposer and seconder.

10. If there be no "Amendment" moved the "Resolution" is put to the meeting. If there be an "Amendment" it is put first, and if carried the original question as amended becomes the "Substantive Motion," and is then put. In each instance the voting must be taken For and Against.

11. It is advisable to allow only one "Amendment" to be discussed at a time.

12. Anyone desirous of moving a further "Amendment" should give notice of same to the Chair before the question is put, stating the nature of such "Amendment."

13. An Amendment can be amended; such being termed "An Amendment to an Amendment." In this instance the "Original Motion" retires for the time being, whilst the "Amendment" is treated as the "Original Motion," and the "Amendment to the Amendment" becomes the "Amendment."

14. The mover of a "Resolution" has the right to reply excepting upon purely formal motions, such as, e.g., Minutes, Reports, Accounts, Adjournment, etc., or when an "Amendment" involving an alternative policy set out in the "original resolution" becomes a "Substantive Motion." Only arguments advanced must be dealt with; no new matter being introduced. The mover's reply shall conclude the discussion.

15. Only a seconder of a "Resolution" may reserve his speech until later in the discussion, by stating such desire to the Chair.

16. A member may speak not more than once on a "Resolution" or "Amendment," except to a point of explanation or order, which must be stated briefly.

17. Prolonged discussion may be closed by a member rising to formally move—even though another member may be speaking—"That the question be now put." If it be seconded it is put *without discussion*, and if carried the Chair may only allow the mover the right of reply, after which the vote must be taken.

18. The "previous question" or "that the original question be not now put," or "that we proceed to next business" takes precedence over all other motions, but a two-thirds majority vote is required to carry same. Either of the aforesaid cannot be moved during the discussion of an "Amendment."

19. For the purpose of obtaining the opinions of the members, four methods of voting may be used, viz.:

1. By calling out "Agreed."

2. By show of hands.

3. By Ballot. (Seven members may demand a ballot on any motion.)

4. By Roll Call.

20. When voting is equal the Chairman has a Casting Vote.

21. Members are not compelled to vote, but it should be pointed out that abstention from voting is generally regarded as having agreed with the majority. *The member who is silent is held to give consent.*

22. Occasionally matters of urgent importance, require the suspension of Standing Orders, which are rules relating to the orderly transaction of business. This can only be obtained by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

VOTING.

Illustrative examples of voting methods are shown as follows: A resolution and an amendment are before a meeting. Fifty members are present.

(a) CORRECT PROCEDURE.

For the Amendment, 19 votes.

Against the Amendment, 30 votes.

For the Resolution, 24 votes.

Against the Resolution, 20 votes.

Resolution is now the Substantive Motion.

For the Substantive Motion, 40 votes.

Against the Substantive Motion, 10 votes.

Resolution is carried.

It is possible for the voting to result as follows:—

For the Motion, 24; Against, 26.

In the latter case it will be seen that the Resolution and the Amendment are defeated.

INCORRECT PROCEDURE.

For the Amendment, 19 votes.

For the Resolution, 24 votes.

Resolution declared carried.

(b) Twenty members are really in favour and ten are against both resolution and amendment. Correct procedure would result as follows, viz.:

For the Amendment, 20 votes.

Against the Amendment, 30 votes.

For the Resolution, 20 votes.

Against the Resolution, 30 votes.

Neither would be carried, not having secured a majority vote. The incorrect procedure which is in general practice would show:

For the Amendment, 20 votes.

For the Resolution, 20 votes.

Ten would not vote, and the Chairman might give a casting vote. It will be obvious that motions could thus be carried and acted upon despite the fact that a minority vote prevailed.

An unpopular vote of this description is to be deprecated as it often caused needless dissatisfaction and discord.

TRUST DEED COMMITTEE.

The final meeting of above Committee was held at Rochdale on Saturday, 25th March. The minutes of last meeting, and correspondence arising were accepted. The Report to Conference was considered and adopted.

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Sec.

Many articles are unavoidably crowded out.—Ed.

The Spiritual Culture of the Lyceumist.

BEAUTIFUL IDEAS—ABUNDANTLY FOUND IN THE POETS—
ENRICH AND ELEVATE THE MIND.

Poetry,—raised to its highest power,—Identical with Divine Wisdom.

Behind every Ideal is another Worthier, Purer, and Better.
J. RUTHERFORD, Roker-by-the-Sea.

A symbol always stimulates intellect; therefore is poetry ever the best reading. The very design of imagination is to domesticate us in another, in a celestial nature. The poet contemplates the central identity, sees it undulate and roll this way and that, with divine flowings, through remotest things; and following it can detect essential resemblances in natures never before compared. He can class them so audaciously because he is sensible of the sweep of the celestial stream.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

Truth reveals itself in beauty. For if beauty were mere accident, a rent in the eternal fabric of things, then it would hurt, would be defeated by the antagonism of facts. Beauty is no phantasy, it has the everlasting meaning of reality, the facts that cause despondence and gloom are mere mist, and when through the mist beauty breaks out in momentary gleams, we realise that Peace is true and not conflict, Love is true and not hatred; and Truth is the One, not disjointed multitude. We realise that Creation is the perpetual harmony between the infinite ideal of perfection and the eternal continuity of its realisation; that so long as there is no absolute separation between the positive ideal and the material obstacle to its attainment, we need not be afraid of suffering and loss. This is the poet's religion.—RABINDRANATH TAGORE in his "Creative Unity."

With respect to Spiritual light which the angels enjoy, I have seen it with interior vision. Light with the angels of the highest heaven is so brilliant that it cannot be compared even to the whiteness of snow, and so glowing that it cannot be compared even to the glory of the Sun of this world. In a word, that light exceeds a thousand times more any light on earth. The light enjoyed by the angels of the lower heavens can in a measure be described, but it exceeds even the brightest light of our world, the reason of the indescribable brilliance of the light of the angels of the higher heavens is that their light is one with their wisdom, and as their wisdom is indescribably superior to that of men, so also is their light . . . The Perfection of Life is the perfection of Love and Wisdom.—So far as man does from love what wisdom teaches, he is an image of God.—EMANUEL SWEDENBORG.

In Dr. A. J. Davis's "Children's Progressive Lyceum Manual" I find this excellent idea: "Every beautiful and pure and good thought is an angel of mercy purifying the soul." A true and beautiful thought has its source in the mind, unfolding itself like as a flower, and is vitalised by the poetic centres—"Ideality," "Sublimity" and "Spirituality." These faculties inspire us to ascend the higher planes of life, and to radiate spiritual splendour and power. And as it is our supreme aim to develop in our scholars the highest conceivable elevation of soul—to help to evolve in them every beautiful and pure and good thought, we must ensphere them with ideas positively charged by the spirit of light, love and beauty. Such luminous mental food is to be found broadcast in the poets. And Poetry—raised to its highest power—is identical with religion grasped in its inmost truth. I am not alone in this view. Thos. Carlyle, in his review of the poet Burns, said "Poetry is but another form of wisdom, of religion: is itself wisdom and Religion."

Already our Lyceumists have been helped by many good selections from the poets. A. J. Davis's Manual contains a great variety of quotations—"Golden Pearls"—calculated to deepen the sympathies, quicken the perceptions, and enrich the mind. In a "Child's Book of Religion for Sunday Schools and Homes" the Rev. O. B. Frothingham, through Messrs. G. P. Putnam (New York and London), has given a fine collection of poems, gospels, legends, etc. His work is modelled in great measure on the system of our Secer. In his preface, Mr. Frothingham says—"All available sources have been freely drawn from with suitable acknowledgements to the authors. Where the pieces were entirely original, as in the case of those taken from A. J. Davis's little manual for the Children's Lyceum, special permission to use them was cordially granted. The list of 'Rules for the Good Life,' and the questions and answers on the subject of Rewards and Punishments were copied

with some changes from Leigh Hunt's lovely little book 'The Religion of the Heart.' Mr. Frothingham, who has now ascended, was the most advanced Unitarian Minister in New York, and was highly favourable in his pulpit utterances to Spiritualism. His many works, notably "The Religion of Humanity," "Transcendentalism," "Stories from the Life of the Teacher," "The Cradle of the Christ," "The Spirit of the New Faith," "Vision of the Future," etc., are all of noble literary excellence.

Our chosen books, like our chosen friends, may readily raise or sink us to their own level. Ruskin in his "Sesame of Lilies" has a characteristic passage in which he personifies books and makes them address us thus: "Do you ask to be the companion of nobles? Make yourself noble, and you shall be. Do you long for the conversations of the wise? Learn to understand it and you shall hear it. But on other terms, No. If you will not rise to us, we cannot stoop to you. You must rise to the level of our thoughts, if you would be gladdened by them. . . . If the person who wrote the book is not wiser than you, you need not read it; if he be, he will think differently from you in many respects." Strange that it should be necessary in this matter of literature, to insist so strongly upon a principle which is the natural rule of our daily lives.

Our Lyceum teachers should not rest content with the prose and verse in our published manuals. Beautiful as undoubtedly these are, they should always be on the search for fresh inspirations. In the works of the Brownings, Wordsworth, Whitman, Ed. Carpenter, Tagore, etc., are mines of untouched poetic wealth. And our young friends should not miss that highly spiritualistic poem "Aurora Leigh" by Mrs. Browning. Alluding to this poem, Arnold Bennett, the well known writer of fiction, says "If you once work yourself into this poem, interesting yourself primarily (as with Wordsworth) in the events of the story, and not allowing yourself to be obsessed by the fact that what you are reading is poetry—if you do this, you are not likely to leave it unfinished. And before you reach the end, you will have encountered *en route* pretty nearly all the moods of poetry existing: tragic, humorous, ironic, elegiac, lyric—everything, you will have a comprehensive acquaintance with a poet's mind." It was Mrs. Browning who exclaimed—

"Earth is crammed with heaven,
And every bush affire of God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes."

Great spiritual culture is to be derived from Wordsworth. His vital poems are pervaded by one living soul, and—amid all their variety of subject—related to one leading idea, the marriage of the spirit of man to the external universe, whose "spousal hymn" the poet chants. They constitute together the spiritual body of his mind, exhibiting it as it grew into beautiful and melodious form through thirty years of intense contemplation. One of his most remarkable poems is that on Tintern Abbey, "Lines composed on Revisiting the Banks of the Wye." We have here that spiritualization of nature which constitute the depth and charm of Wordsworth's divine philosophy. After describing the landscape which he now revisits, he proceeds to develop the influence it has exerted over his spirit.

"These beauteous forms,
Through a long absence, have not been to me
As is a landscape to a blind man's eye:
But oft in lonely rooms, and 'mid the din
Of towns and cities, I have owed to them,
In hours of weariness, sensations sweet,
Felt in the blood, and felt along the heart,
And passing even into my purer mind
With tranquil restoration; feelings, too,
Of unremembered pleasure; such, perhaps,
As have no slight and trivial influence
On that best portion of a good man's life,
His little nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love. Nor less, I trust,
To them I may have owed another gift
Of aspect more sublime; that blessed mood,
In which the burthen of the mystery,
In which the heavy and the weary weight
Of all this unintelligible world,
Is lightened; *that serene and blessed mood,*
In which the affections gently lead us on,
Until the breath of this corporeal frame,
And even the motion of our human blood

*Almost suspended, we are laid asleep
In body, and become a living soul;
While with an eye made quiet by the power
Of harmony, and the deep power of joy,
We see into the life of things.*

Never before has the gift of the real seer been expressed in such beautiful words. It is, however, in the sublime "Ode on the Intimations of Immortality," that we next perceive the power of Wordsworth's imagination in all the various modes of its expression—descriptive, analytic, meditative, interpretative, abstract, and ecstatic; and in this ode each of these modes helps the other; the grand choral harmonies of the rapturous upward movement seeming to be born out of the intense contemplation, that hovers divinely over the outmost bounds of human conception, to scrutinize in the dim dawn of consciousness,

*"Those first affections,
Those shadowy recollections,
Which be they what they may,
Are yet the fountain light of all our day,
Are yet a matter light of all our seeing."*

It is from these that we have ecstasy almost as a logical conclusion; for

*"Hence in a season of calm weather,
Though inland far we be,
Our souls have sight of that immortal sea
Which brought us hither,
Can in a moment travel thither,
And see the children sport upon the shore
And hear the mighty waters rolling evermore."*

We have no space to particularize the felicity of Wordsworth's muse in dealing with the affections, or the depth of power of his pathos.

A great idealistic poet is Rabindranath Tagore. The most beautiful and permanently valuable trait of his genius is his mystical sense and the power of realising and making us realise the spiritual significance of things. His English is pure and simple and harmonious. But the great feature of Tagore's works is of course their being masterpieces of literature in the Bengali language. My readers are doubtless aware that the Nobel Literature Prize was awarded to the poet, and that he devoted the amount—£8,000—towards a school he had organised to teach the young on natural lines and free from artificial dogmas. Tagore explains that he undertook this mission through having himself suffered so much at the hands of "Educators."

Carlyle has called religion "the chief fact with regard to man"; and it is very interesting to know Tagore's religious ideas, both because religion is the most important element of a man's life, and because in the case of such a deeply spiritual mind as Tagore's the world may well expect a gospel of true wisdom and real profundity of thought, illumined by a vivid inner realisation and experience. His ancestry, the special bent of his genius, his habits of life, his temperament, and his studies have fitted him to be a spiritual leader while being a poet and a practical patriot. It is this combination of great gifts that more than anything else has endeared him to India, and won for him the reverence and love of the whole world.

Tagore's loftiest religious message I find is contained in his *Sadhana* or the *Realisation of Life* and his *Gitanjali*. Tagore's great spiritual gospel is the gospel that India has been giving to the world during the immemorial ages—the gospel of spiritual unity and divine immanence.

"The stream of life, that runs through my veins night and day, runs through the world and dances in rhythmic measures.

It is the same life that shoots in joy through the dust of the earth in numberless blades of grass and breaks into tumultuous waves of leaves and flowers.

It is the same life that is rocked in the ocean cradle of birth and of death, in ebb and in flow."

Tagore teaches again and again in a convincing manner the immortality of the soul, and its ascent "to the lotus feet of God."

"The time that my journey takes is long and the way of it long.

I came out on the chariot of the first gleam of light, and pursued my voyage through the wilderness of worlds, leaving my track on many a star and planet.

It is the most distant course that comes nearest to thyself, and that training is the most intricate which leads to the utter simplicity of a time."

Death, our poet holds, is merely the preparation for a higher and fuller life—if this life has been lived in love of man and God and has been full of high purpose and achievement.

"And because I love this life, I know that I shall love death as well; the child cries out when from the right breast the mother takes it away, in the very next moment to find in the left one its consolation."

And what more beautiful than this:—

"There must come a full time to weave perfection into music. Life drops towards its sunset to be drowned in golden shadows."

The Seer is associated, as his father was before him, with the Unitarian Movement in India. "I and my Father Are One" he interprets in the rational and spiritual sense: we are all sons of God—all one with the Divine Fountain Mind.

Rabindranath believes that the raptures of divine union can only be attained by love, renunciation, and utmost simplicity and self-surrender.

"My song has put off her adornment.

She has no pride of dress and decoration.

Ornaments would mar our union; they would come between thee and me; their jingling would drown thy whispers.

My poet's vanity dies in shame before thy sight. O master poet,

I have sat down at thy feet. Only let me make my life simple and straight, like a flute of reed for thee to fill with music."

India is famous not only for its art and poetry, but also for its aesthetics; and some of the greatest poets and artists of India have been among the greatest art critics of the world. Tagore carries on this literary tradition, and we find in him vision and imagination and a keen realisation of the laws of poetic truth and poetic beauty. In his essay on *The Real and the Ideal*, he brings out a great truth of art in his own and inimitable manner. He describes the difference between the real and the ideal by first pointing out a great psychological truth. We see objects but the conception of beauty is an *inner discernment*; the vibrations of ether are transformed into the sensation of light; and other incidents are transformed with joy and pain in the heart. "The music which the great sea had struck in the inner chord of my soul could never be a mere echo of the wail of wind and the murmur of waves that I heard around. It was a distinct music and in sweet order, one by one, the notes of it opened out to me like the petals of a full blown flower." Thus he gives the negative to the mere mechanical explanation of things. The music of the waves is beautiful; but the inner music evoked by it is of an even deeper and truer reality and sweetness. Tagore proceeds:—"A singular glory covered the entire universe—bliss and beauty seemed to ripple all over the world . . . Then nobody and nothing whatsoever remained unwelcome to me . . . Even the coarse forms and features of some of the members of the labouring class, as they passed by on the street, had an inner glory for my soul . . . We see that all that the artist is anxious for, is to express this invisible and inexpressible within, lying in the heart of the visible and the tangible without . . . The invisible and inner beauty of the Universe is a thing of the heart and the artist knows it as such. He rends the veil woven by habit and brings out that inner beauty . . . He thus proves that no form is ultimate or final in the universe."

Goethe held that the progress of his life had consisted in changing coins of lesser worth for those of a greater value until his treasury was filled with pure gold. That which we build we shall inhabit; that which we make ourselves by the exercise of formative will-power, that we shall be. Life, like the coral reef, is made up of innumerable constituent elements each in itself unimportant. Everything we experience is but an image of something better. Wordsworth clearly expressed the educational value of life in his "Prelude" when he wrote—

"How strange, that all

The terrors, pains, and early miseries,

Regrets, vexations, lassitudes, interfused

Within my mind, should e'er have borne a part,

And that a needful part, in making up

The calm existence that is mine when I

Am worthy of myself."

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SUNDAY, MAY 7th, 1922.

The Conference.

The time is fast approaching when a few Lyceumists can meet each other face to face. Lyceums cannot make their pilgrimage to our Mecca, except by delegation. We shall meet and part again. Many people may wonder what we have done. What good is it all? and where does the child come into the deliberations?

We shall get just as much out of the Conference as we put into it. If we can image progress in our minds and the work is started, we shall accomplish our desires. Life is a reflex of our own knowledge and perception.

The child does not seem to have much chance during the Conferences, but some short reports have great possibilities: hence we know that it is necessary to look beneath the surface of the Education Report to find that a very deep earnestness is prevailing in the Lyceums. Many tutors, students and examiners have entered this phase of work which displays a real motive and depth prevails in the characteristics of many Lyceumists. The adult movement will realise an improvement in platform efficiency as these students further enhance their gifts and eventually occupy the platforms of the Churches.

Day by day, as people in increasing numbers are recognising the truths of Spiritualism, we feel the increasing necessity for competent leaders in towns where Spiritualism is displaying itself as a new force.

Quite a number of people have had revelations, visions, automatic writings, etc., and have rushed into print by issuing a book of their experiences, though their experiences may only run through a few months.

Spiritualism is not a subject which should be used as the plaything of an idle hour, but a serious, psychological, intellectual and scientific course of study. A great many of the laws by which many phases of phenomena are produced cannot yet be scientifically explained. It is presumptuous of anyone to rush into print and become dogmatic and dictative.

It is a common fault to try and make new discoveries fit in or agree with existing things and forces. Men once thought the blood was the life. Others say the final word has been written. Some men make everything conform to their religious belief or say it is evil.

We are attempting, in the Lyceum movement, to make a race of mankind who are self-reliant: children who revere the principle of truth rather than the individuals by which the truth has come to them.

This standard of judgment is the guiding principle of the Lyceum Conference: To revere and build on the eternal verities of an ever-expanding life and love which can encompass all living beings under the realm of God.

In these efforts we do not lose will or reason, but we do find an exalted life draws to itself the influences and thoughts which prevail in the spheres of existence by physical decay. Thus we learn of the reality of communion with people in the higher realms of activity. We learn about their life and methods, rising to spiritual conditions, scenes and mental states which

cannot be imagined by the non-Spiritualist, as it has never entered into their experience.

By the light of our increased wisdom and under angelic guidance we hold our Conference and pray for harmony, peace and love to prevail in our deliberations.

The M.C. at Sheffield.

Despite the awful industrial depression prevailing in Sheffield, the Attercliffe Church and Lyceum gave a very hearty welcome and showed appreciation of the visit of the B.S.L.U. Management Committee on April 8th and 9th.

All the members were present except Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Ball, who were absent through sickness: and Mr. Lewis, who had previously stated reason of absence.

On the Darlington case, it was decided that the District Council's decision be confirmed.

Difficulties were reported in two districts.

The Treasurer gave the financial statement: a loss of about £50 on the past year's work. He also spoke of the supplementary Audit.

Facilities of voting, etc., were granted to Lyceums newly affiliated.

The Secretary reported the progress of the Revision of the Lyceum Manual and answered some complaints *re* delays.

A new hymn sheet was sanctioned. It will probably be used at the Conference.

The Gen. Secretary read Miss Kitson's Education report and the M.C. decided that the Secretary send a letter of thanks for her voluntary interest and work as Secretary of the Scheme.

The list of District Visitors was confirmed.

The Area Nominations were reported to have been checked and confirmed by the President.

The S.N.U.E.C., U.D.C., £2000 Effort (£300 in hand), and other reports were given and all were adopted.

A number of applications were considered and approved.

Mr. Bell gave the arrangements for Conference up-to-date, and they were approved, with a little modification.

It was decided that the Standing Orders Committee meet at 11-0 a.m.; the M.C. at 1-0 p.m.; the Conference at 3-0 p.m.; adjourn for Tea at 5-0 p.m. and resume at 6-0 p.m. The Sunday morning resumption was provisionally fixed for the Welcome at 9-30 and the business at 10-0 a.m.

It was agreed to ask the Auditors to be the Credential Committee with two local assistants.

It was agreed that a charge of 3s. 6d. be made for the Certificate of Membership; to be returned on the cancellation of membership and the return of the Certificate.

The nominations for office and the Conference motions were referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the local Church and Lyceum for accommodation and the opportunity of meeting in Sheffield.

LYCEUM MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Revision Committee have met and also had much correspondence in completing the Revision up-to-date.

The Revision was delayed by giving preference to other important Conference Committees.

A number of former editions was produced by the Secretary.

It was decided to make the necessary corrections as instructed by last Conference.

The new Manual is based on the matter printed in the Edition prior to the Harmonised Edition.

A complete revision will take a few years to compile. It was therefore deemed unwise to keep Lyceums waiting so long, and make a revision which is mainly a reversion to the 10th Edition, especially as the stock in hand was running very low.

The Management Committee concurred with this view, and the book will soon be on sale, in the various bindings (except No. 5.)

The Revision Committee recommend to the Conference the re-appointment of a Revision Committee to continue the Revision, or add to the present text of the books.

The Revision Committee have used their best efforts since last Conference to produce a book which will meet the Conference instructions.

G. F. KNOTT, Secretary.

The 33rd Annual Conference

OF THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION

will be held on Saturday, the 3rd of June, at 3 p.m., and on Sunday, the 4th of June, at 9-30 a.m. in the Blackley Co-operative Hall, Manchester.

President: MRS. MARY E. PICKLES, of Blackpool.

AGENDA.

1. Opening Exercises and Welcome.
2. Appointments: (a) Messenger; (b) Tellers; (c) Scrutineers.
3. Minutes of last Conference.
4. Correspondence.
5. President's Address.
6. Unfinished Business on the Agenda.

FROM THE M.C.

(b) 2. There shall be two Representatives to the Executive Council of the Spiritualists' National Union (Ltd.). They shall be nominated from the members of the Management Committee and duly elected by Conference to serve for two years, the one receiving the lower number of votes of the two elected at the first election, shall retire at the end of the first year, but shall be eligible for re-election if the necessary conditions are fulfilled.

LIVERPOOL D.C.

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

7. Reports: (a) Management Committee; (b) Treasurer; (c) Auditors; (d) Trustees; (e) Trust Deed Committee; (f) Banner; (g) Education; (h) U.D.C.; (i) Manual Revision; (j) S.N.U. Conference and E.C.; (k) Guild; (l) Overseas; (m) £2,000 Effort; (n) Secretary's Statement and Interim Report.

8. (1) Elect Officers: (a) President; (b) Vice-President; (c) Treasurer; (d) S.N.U.E.C. Representatives.

2. Declaration of Area Results.

9. Elect Auditor.

10. Elect Representatives to other Conferences.

11. Select date and place of next Conference.

12. Motions. (a) To amend the Constitution:

Article IV. From M.C.

(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.

N.E. Lancashire Spiritualists' Lyceum District Council (N.E.L.D.C.).

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."

Bolton, Bradford St. Lyceum (Bolton).

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 elections 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. Annual Conference.

From N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.

Article VI. Para. B. Page 4.

District Visitors appointed by the Union, for Lyceum Districts.

Article VII. Representation.

From M.C.

Para. 4. Delete "within seven days after the election" and insert "not later than five weeks prior to Conference."

N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.

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 sub-

ject to the foregoing, and subsequent regulations so far as they apply.

Article VIII. Business.

From M.C.

New Section (E) Any Committee elected by a B.S.L.U. Conference.

Agenda. New Section 9. Elect S.N.U.E.C. Representative and rennumber others.

From N.E.L.D.C.

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

Article IX. Nominations.

From N.E.L.D.C.

Delete section "c" and "d."

From Bolton.

Delete Para. D. Management Committee.

Article X. Election of Officers.

From N.E.L.D.C.

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

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

Section (c) delete the whole of this section.

From Bolton.

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.

Para. B. Delete "20" insert "15."

From London L.D.C.

To last paragraph add:—"during the preceding three years."

Article XIII. Discipline.

From Bolton.

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

Article XIV. Voting.

From M.C.

To transfer this Article to the Bye-Laws.

From Bolton.

Para. 2. The President shall have one vote, and shall use it, for a casting vote or otherwise.

Para. 8. All Officers shall be elected by ballot.

Article XIV. Trustees.

Trust Deed Committee's Recommendation.

(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 set forth in the Bye-laws (including the Trust Deed.)"

From N.E.L.D.C.

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

New Article (XVI).

From N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.

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.

From N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.

Article XVI. become XVII.

LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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."

From N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.

SUBSECTION A.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNITED DISTRICTS' COUNCIL.

Article 3. Objects.

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

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

From N.E.L.D.C.*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.***From N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.**

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

From Bolton.*Article XII. Paras 1 and 11.*

Alter to "Opening and Closing Exercises."

SUBSECTION B.

*"CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILS."**Article 3. Formation.*

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

From N.E.L.D.C.*Article 5. Officers.*

On line 3, after the word "Visitor" delete to "All" on line 5.

From N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.

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

From N.E.L.D.C.*Article 11. Order of Business.***From London L.D.C.**

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

From N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.

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

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."

SUBSECTION C.

CONSTITUTION FOR SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUMS.

From N.E.L.D.C.*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."

MOTIONS (b).

TO AMEND THE BYE-LAWS.

BYE-LAWS.

From N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.*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.

From N.E.L.D.C.

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

From Bolton.*Sec. 3.*

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

Sec. 5. Para. 3.

Delete the whole.

From N.E.L.D.C.*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."

From Bolton.

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.

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.

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.

Sec. 4.

Delete (General), insert (Council Funds).

From N.E.L.D.C.*Bye-law 4. Membership.*

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

On line 6, after the word "Visitor" delete "the words "or electoral area representative."

From M.C., N.E.L.D.C., and Bolton.

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

*M.C. (3s. 6d.). N.E.L.D.C. (10s.).

From N.E.L.D.C. and Bolton.

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 year's figures, showing the increase or decrease of membership."

From Moston Lyceum.

That Bye Law 5, Finance Sec. 2 under The British Spiritualist's 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.

From Bolton.*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.

From N.E.L.D.C.

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

From N.E.L.D.C.*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."

From M.C.

Bye-law 9. Invitations for Conference.

Section (b) delete "involving expense" and alter to read "authorised and (or) approved."

Section (c) to consider the deletion of the word "free."

From London L.D.C.

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, etc.:"

From Scottish L.D.C.

"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.)"

From N.E.L.D.C.

Bye-law 10.

Delete the whole of this Bye-law.

Trust Deed Committee's Recommendation.

(B)—That *Bye-law 12 shall be amended* in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Trust Deed Committee's report to Conference.

The Standing Orders Committee have collated the various motions. Where two or more were identical, one is inserted under all the names. The full text is in April "Banner."

(c) GENERAL MOTIONS.

(1) M.C.

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

(2) Trust Deed Committee's Recommendation.

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.

13. Notices of Motion for next Conference.

14. Votes of thanks to retiring Officers, Executive Council, Auditor, the local Churches and Lyceums.

Nominations:—

For President: Mrs. M. E. Pickles, Blackpool; Mr. C. J. Williams, Peckham; Mr. T. H. Wright, Sowerby Bridge.

For Vice-President: Mrs. M. E. Pickles, Blackpool; Mr. C. J. Williams, Peckham; Mr. T. H. Wright, Sowerby Bridge; Mr. G. A. Mack, Runcorn; Mr. W. Ford, Reading.

For Treasurer: Mr. R. A. Owen, Liverpool.

For Auditor: Mr. W. Thistlethwaite, Keighley; Mr. J. Lloyd, Pendleton.

M.C. ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Mrs. M. E. Pickles	4
Mr. C. J. Williams	4
Mr. R. A. Owen	4
Mr. A. Kitson (excused 2) ..	2
Mr. G. F. Knott	4
Mr. J. Lawrence (sick 2) ..	2
Mr. Wm. Ford	3
Mr. F. F. Ball (sick 2) ..	2
Mr. G. A. Mack	4
Mrs. E. Begg	4
Mr. J. P. Simpson	4
Mr. J. Lord	4
Mr. J. Bell	4

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Management Committee have held their Quarterly Meetings at Newcastle, Stockport, Liverpool and Sheffield. The Lyceums in those towns are hereby thanked for very generously assisting in the work of the Union.

The 1920 Retrospective Fees, about which much delay in payment has occurred, have now been paid by almost all Lyceums.

The two Representatives on the S.N.U.E.C. who were appointed by the last Conference have reported progress quarterly to the M.C. and are issuing a separate Report to the Conference.

There was no invitation from any Lyceum or District Council to hold the Annual Conference in any town under Constitutional procedure. The North-east Lancashire Lyceum District Council offered an invitation to hold the Conference in Blackpool or Fleetwood: with a provision that Delegates make and pay for their own billeting arrangements, after the Council had prepared a list of boarding-houses, etc., to assist Delegates in the choice of billets.

The M.C. carefully considered this invitation and came to the decision that Blackpool was an inappropriate place for an Annual Conference at Whitsuntide and finally decided to seek the co-operation of the Manchester District Council by asking them to extend an invitation for the 1922 Conference, to be held in Manchester as a good centre. After due consideration, the Manchester and Salford D.C. decided to do their utmost to make the Conference a success, and, as far as possible, provide the Conference arrangements as hitherto provided.

The £2000 Effort has been invested as a separate Fund and a special Report is issued elsewhere.

Two new Services of Song have been donated to the Union by Mrs. Mout, of Stockport; and Mr. Seddon, of Leigh. They have been published by the Union and are now on sale.

There has been a Revision of the Manual according to the instructions of last Conference and the New Edition is now on sale. For further particulars, see the Lyceum Manual Revision Committee's Report.

The Report of the S.N.U. Annual Meeting was published in the August issue of the LYCEUM BANNER.

The following Lyceums have been received into membership of the Union:—Nantymool, West Pelton, King's Heath, New Manchester, Hull (Metropole Hall), New Shildon, Small Heath, Devonport, Merthyr Tydvil, Doncaster, Hebburn on Tyne, Hampton Hill, Shaw, Crompton, Greenock, Hamilton, Beeston, Barnoldswick, Bristol (Dighton Hall), Methuen (U.S.A.), Hucknall, Little Ilford, Hadfield, Adelaide (Australia), Blyth, Holbeck, Cwm and District, Scarborough.

Various legal matters have been referred to the Trustees.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Ball and Mr. Mack have been elected as the Standing Orders Committee for the Conference and have arranged the Conference Agenda.

Along with the Trustees collaboration, the General Secretary's Agreement has been completed.

The position of the District Visitors' duties, etc., was referred to the U.D.C. for discussion and will be further considered at the Conference. The District Visitors are hereby thanked for their efforts under the difficult conditions which have prevailed.

We regret that industrial and other conditions prevent an immediate increase of activities in South Wales.

With a view to economy the M.C. discussed a decrease in the size of the M.C. Whilst not in perfect agreement on the matter the M.C. decided to put a motion on the Conference Agenda so that it could be discussed.

Mr. Kitson has kindly offered the Agency for the sale of his Autobiography to the B.S.L.U., which has been accepted tentatively, pending the cost of publication, etc.

Since the appointment of Mr. Kitson as Adviser the M.C. have invited him to our meetings just as we felt was necessary. The Conference is being asked to define the Adviser's duties and powers.

Lyceums are requested to take advantage of two Annual events:—A. J. Davis Lyceum Sunday and the Pioneers Sunday.

Various difficulties have arisen between Lyceums and Churches. The Presidents and Secretaries of the two National bodies have met and drawn up a suggested arrangement for adoption.

The M.C. desire to express their pleasure at the continued success of the Education Scheme and acknowledge the indebtedness the Movement owes to Miss Kitson and the staff of voluntary workers who are carrying on the Scheme.

The Revision of the Constitution is placed before you with the request that you will consider the various amendments to meet the growing interest in the Movement.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

Balance Sheet Year Ending December 31st, 1921.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To M.C. Expenses:—								By Collections:—								
Preston		16	0	3				M.C. Propaganda Meetings:								
Hymn Sheets		0	5	0				Preston		1	18	0				
					16	5	3	Bolton		6	4	2				
Bolton					15	12	10	Wallsend		11	0	6				
Wallsend		24	17	10				Stockport		21	12	4				
Advertising, etc.		1	15	6									40	15	0	
					26	13	4	„ Conference, Burnley:—								
Stockport		12	7	8				Collections, etc.		16	9	9				
Hymn Sheets		0	14	0				Meals		48	8	6				
Rent, Advertising, etc.		6	6	6									64	18	3	
					19	8	2	„ Subscriptions		180	15	0				
„ Conference, Burnley:—								„ Subscriptions (Retrospective)		21	10	0				
M.C., D.V.s. Expenses		36	16	10									202	5	0	
Hall, Advertising, etc.		14	13	3				„ Donation						0	4	3
Cost of Meals		42	11	0				„ Education Dept.:—								
					94	1	1	Cash Balance, £5/6/4; Fees, etc.,								
								£14/16/2; Handbooks, etc.,								
„ Salaries, General Secretary & Adviser					172	0	8	£63/18/5; Stock, £33/17/3						117	18	2
„ Rent, Lighting, etc.		26	10	0				„ Transfer from Publishing Fund:—								
„ Printing, Stationery, etc.		10	1	6				Proportion of Salaries ($\frac{3}{8}$)		253	10	0				
„ Office Requisites		6	6	1				Proportion of Rent, Lighting,								
„ Typing Minutes		3	4	0				Stationery, Meetings, etc. ($\frac{3}{8}$)		128	16	6				
„ Advt., T.W., 12/-; Secs. Ins., 32/6...		2	4	6									382	6	6	
„ Postages		10	11	7				„ Transfer from Lyceum Banner Account:—								
					58	17	8	Proportion of Salaries ($\frac{1}{8}$)		42	5	0				
„ Mr. Hey's Funeral, etc.					2	6	7	Proportion of Rent, Light, etc. ($\frac{1}{8}$)		20	1	5				
„ Legal Charges, Trust Deed					11	0	0						62	6	5	
„ D.V.'s Expenses, 15/-; Sundries, 10/3					1	5	3									
„ S.N.U. Subs., £11/18; Peace Council,																
10/-					12	8	0									
„ Education Dept.:—																
Meetings, £23/8/7; Postage, £18/9;																
Printing, etc., £67/18/1; Hand-																
books, £26					135	15	8									
„ Sub-Committees:—																
Finance and G.P., £5/11/4; Pub-																
lishing, £5/11/4					11	2	8									
„ Conference Committees:—																
Manual Revision, £1/9/10; Trust																
Deed, £5/5/4; Joint Trading,																
£1/6/10					8	2	0									
„ Trustees' Meetings					5	7	10									
„ Delegations:—																
S.N.U. Conference, £2/8/4;																
U.D.C., £4/12					7	0	4									
„ Bank Commission, etc.					1	14	6									
„ Balance, to Accum. Fund Account ...					105	12	5									
					£870	13	7						£870	13	7	

PUBLISHING FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.			
To Stock of Publications, Dec. 31st, 1920					560	0	0	By Manuals, Songsters, etc.		836	9	10			
„ Printing and Binding Manuals		191	0	0				„ Bank Interest		1	15	8			
„ Printing and Binding Songsters		194	3	5				„ Stock of Publications, Dec. 31st, 1921		563	12	3			
„ Printing and Binding Outlines		15	15	6				„ Deficit Balance to Accum. Fund		57	6	11			
„ Printing Service of Song		18	13	0											
„ Printing Naming Registers, etc.		2	12	11											
					422	4	10								
„ Postage and Stationery					55	15	3								
„ Fire Insurance and Sec.'s Liability...					4	5	0								
„ Labels, Packing Paper, etc.					16	10	9								
„ Advt., Lyceum Banner					5	0	0								
„ D.D. Home's Books					4	2	11								
„ Audit and Stocktaking					8	19	5								
„ Proportion of Salaries... ..		253	10	0											
„ Proportion of Rent, Lighting, etc. ...		128	16	6											
					382	6	6								
					£1459	4	8						£1459	4	8

LYCEUM BANNER ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
To Outstanding Accounts			41	15	5½	By LYCEUM BANNERS	464	5	3½
„ Printing, etc., BANNERS	409	8	6			„ Outstanding Accounts	54	16	0
„ Carriage, £76/12/2; Labels, £1/12...	78	4	2			„ Balance, Loss, Accum. Fund	89	14	7½
„ Blocks			5	11	10				
			493	4	6				
„ Postage				7	13	0½			
„ Stationery				3	16	6			
„ Proportion of Salaries	42	5	0						
„ Proportion of Salaries, Rent, Light- ing, etc.	20	1	5						
			62	6	5				
			£608	15	11				£608 15 11

INCOME TAX AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
To Income Tax (Publishing Account)...			10	1	0	By Interest, Sowerby U.D.C.	7	0	0
„ Outstanding Account			10	1	0	„ Income Tax returned	3	0	0
						„ Balance to Accum. Fund	10	2	0
			£20	2	0				£20 2 0

ACCUMULATIVE FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
To Deficit, Publishing Account...			57	6	11	By Balance, A.F. A/c., Dec. 31st, 1920...	991	11	0
„ Deficit, LYCEUM BANNER			89	14	7½	Less £2,000 Effort	10	0	0
„ Deficit, Interest Account			10	2	0				981 11 0
„ Balance			929	19	10½	„ Balance, General Account			105 12 5
			£1087	3	5				£1087 3 5

LYCEUM HOME FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
To Balance, Sowerby Bridge U.D.C. ...	100	0	0			By Balance, Dec. 31st, 1920	130	3	8
„ Balance, Bank	36	3	3			„ Donation			0 4 0
			136	3	3	„ Bank Interest	0	15	7
						„ S.B.U.D.C. Interest	3	10	0
									4 5 7
						„ Income Tax Returned			1 10 0
			£136	3	3				£136 3 3

£2,000 EFFORT FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
To Postage and Stationery			2	13	3	By Balance, Dec. 31st, 1920	10	0	0
„ Balance			171	18	8	„ Donations, etc.	164	8	10
						„ Bank Interest			0 3 1
			£174	11	11				£174 11 11

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
To Accumulative Fund Account	929	19	10½		By Sowerby Bridge U.D.C.	200	0	0	
„ Outstanding Account	10	1	0		„ Outstanding Accounts	54	16	0	
„ Lyceum Home Fund	136	3	3		„ Cash in Bank	87	15	4½	
„ £2,000 Effort Fund	171	18	8		„ Lyceum Home Fund	136	3	3	
					„ £2,000 Effort Fund	171	18	8	
					„ Education Department Stock	33	17	3	
					„ Stock, Publications	563	12	3	
			£1248	2	9½				£1248 2 9½

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

Audited and found correct, 13th of March, 1922.

(Signed) WILL EDWARDS,
WALTER THISTLETHWAITE.

B.S.L.U. TRUSTEES REPORT.

The Trustees have met at Rochdale and Stockport to deal with the financial affairs of the Union entrusted to them.

Mrs. Jessy Greenwood was appointed Chairman and the General Secretary of the Union was made their Secretary.

Mr. R. Latham and Mr. J. Shuttleworth were chosen to act for the Trustees on the 1921 Conference Trust Deed Committee.

Various matters have been referred to the Union's Solicitor; he has also arranged and completed the transfer of the Deeds and Documents to the Trustees.

The agreement with the General Secretary has been drawn up and signed by all parties.

The transfer of the Ainsworth Legacy is subject to the approval of the Charity Commissioners. The Union's Solicitor has approached the Commissioners to sanction the transfer.

Copyrights are being registered for all new publications issued by the B.S.L.U.

All trusts, except the Ainsworth Legacy, have been duly transferred to the Trustees.

All Trustees have been present at the meetings.

Chairman.
Secretary.

TRUSTEES FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INVESTMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Sowerby Bridge Urban D.C. Mortgage, General Fund	200	0	0
Sowerby Bridge Urban D.C. Mortgage, Lyceum Home Fund	100	0	0
	£300	0	0

Signed, W. EDWARDS,
W. THISTLETHWAITE, Auditors.

Report of the Trust Deed Committee.

The Committee, consisting of Mrs. Pickles, Messrs. Bentley, Latham, Knott, Shuttleworth and Connor, were appointed to "draw up a Trust Deed, under the provisions of the S.N.U. (Ltd.) Trust, such Deed to preserve the independence of the B.S.L.U. in its internal affairs."

The Committee have met only twice, as their desire has been to avoid all possible expense. At the first meeting, the present Trust Deed was examined, and various amendments were considered and adopted. The Secretary was instructed to draw up a new Draft Trust Deed, which was submitted first to the members of the Committee, and afterwards to the S.N.U., by whom it was approved.

The Committee have throughout kept in mind the spirit as well as the terms of the resolution passed at our last Conference—that, first of all, the internal independence of the Lyceum Union should be preserved, and secondly that, subject to our first essential, the legal security of the Union should be secured beyond all question.

This the Committee consider they have done. The terms of our Draft Trust Deed provide that there shall be twelve Trustees, six representing the S.N.U., and six the B.S.L.U., and that the conduct of the Union's affairs shall be handed over to the six Lyceum Union Trustees—who, in all vital affairs, are subject to the will of Conference or our M.C. Thus the supremacy of Conference, representing the constituent members of the Union, is secured. In all business matters the Trustees have complete executive freedom, without personal responsibility, and therefore can carry out Conference instructions without vexatious interference. In case the Joint Trust should prove unworkable, the Deed provides for the annulment of the arrangement, and for the continuance of our own Trustees in office and executive power. The Deed also gives the Union power to dispense with the services of unsuitable or rebellious Trustees, so that they can always be removed from office. The Committee wish it to be fully understood that this provision has no reference to past or present Trustees—but they have considered it their duty to legislate for the future as well as the present, and to ensure that at no time can the wishes of the Union be defied, no matter who the Trustees may be.

One effect of the New Deed will be that each Lyceum Union Trustee must become a Subscribing Member of the S.N.U., and the Lyceum Union will become liable for the sum of five shillings per annum for each; but the 30s. will be more than repaid by the fact that the Lyceum Union will become part of a legal body, and will always be sure of the support of the S.N.U. in any legal difficulty that may arise. Again, all legal business must be

done on the Saturday of our Annual Conference, but this can easily be arranged by the Standing Orders Committee. The Special Conference referred to in the Deed, and provided for in Bye-law 12 (n) can be held on the Saturday of any Conference, by resolution (if the necessary 28 days' notice has been given), and so the expense of two meetings can be avoided. Also, all delegates of voting age (12 years) may vote at Conference, and we can still transact ordinary business on the Sundays—thus obtaining all the benefits of legal standing without any of its drawbacks.

A study of the New Deed will reveal the following points—(1) Our six Trustees will have sole charge of the Lyceum Union's business (par 5); (2) at a possible joint meeting of the full board of Trustees our representatives can never be outvoted, no matter how they may be outnumbered (par 8); no Trustees meetings can be held, unless called on the instructions of the Chairman of Trustees or the President of the Lyceum Union (Bye-law 12 (e)); and (4) the Joint Trust can be dissolved by giving six months' notice to the S.N.U. (par 9). In addition (5), in practice the S.N.U. Trustees are nominated by the body setting up the Trust Deed, and the Lyceum Union can therefore exercise some control over the appointment of the six S.N.U. Trustees. In the opinion of the Committee, all these safeguards secure the internal independence of the Lyceum Union. At the same time we secure legal standing.

By removing the conditions governing the appointment, services, and (if found necessary) removal of Trustees, from the actual Trust Deed to the Bye-law, the Committee have secured that these conditions may be altered at any Conference, without making necessary the alteration of the Deed (as would be necessary under the present Deed).

The Committee therefore make the following recommendations—

(A) That Art. XV. of the Constitution 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 (Trustees) shall be amended to read:—

(a) The number of Trustees shall be twelve—six elected by the Lyceum Union, and six appointed by the Spiritualists' National Union; in the event of any Trusteeship becoming vacant from any cause whatever, a new Trustee shall be elected by the next Annual General or Special Conference of the Union.

(b) All Lyceum Union Trustees shall be elected by ballot at an Annual General or Special Conference of the Union. Candidates for Trusteeship shall have been bona fide members of some affiliated Lyceum for a period of not less than five consecutive years at the time of their candidature, and shall have made not less than 15 attendances at some affiliated Lyceum during the year preceding, and shall have signified to their nominators in writing their consent to serve in the capacity of Trustee if appointed; and all nominations shall be subject to the general regulations which govern the nomination of all the Union Officers.

(c) Trustees must make not less than 15 attendances at some affiliated Lyceum during each year they continue in office, and failure to do so shall be considered as an automatic resignation from Trusteeship. Any Trustee notifying his or her Lyceum of inability to attend through sickness, such notification shall be recorded as an attendance.

(d) Whenever an Annual or other General or Special Conference of the Union shall by a two-thirds majority vote resolve upon the removal of a Trustee or Trustees, such vote shall be sufficient to remove the said Trustee or Trustees from office, provided that notice of the proposal so to resolve be circulated with and included in the Conference Agenda.

(e) The General Secretary shall act as Secretary to the Trustees, and shall keep a register of the attendances at all their meetings, and a record of all the business done by them, of which a report shall be presented to the Annual Conference for discussion. The Trustees shall have power to appoint a chairman, and from time to time to make regulations for the conduct of their business; and such regulations shall be binding on all persons affected thereby. A meeting of the Trustees may be convened by the authority of the Chairman of Trustees or the President of the Lyceum Union.

No resolution of any meeting of the Lyceum Union Trustees, at which less than four Trustees are present, shall be binding; and

they shall not take any action which is not approved by a two-thirds majority of the Trustees present.

(f) The Trustees shall hold all deeds, documents of title and securities for money, and shall be responsible for their safe custody; and shall produce them for inspection when required by the Auditors of the Union, or by a resolution of the Annual Conference or of the Management Committee (but no personal liability shall be attached to any Trustee except to the extent of any such funds or effects of the Union as may be actually received or held by him or her).

(g) The Trustees shall have power to inspect personally or by deputy the books, stocks, and accounts of the Union at all reasonable times, and shall be entitled to have furnished to them forthwith all such information relating to the affairs of the Union as they may require.

(h) The Trustees shall engage in service such person or persons, and upon such terms, as a resolution of Annual Conference of the Union may direct.

(i) The Trustees shall submit to the Auditors of the Union for certification an account of the trust funds, and furnish such account to the Secretary of the Union in time for publication with the Union's balance sheet.

(k) The Trustees shall when requested to do so by a resolution of the Annual Conference:

(1) Associate, amalgamate, or join in membership with any body or bodies or society whose aims and objects are sympathetic to those of the Union.

(2) Promote or join in promoting legislation or petitions which have for their aim the betterment of the Commonwealth.

(l) (1) The Trustees shall attend or appoint a Representative or Representatives from among themselves to attend any Conference or Management Committee Meeting to which they may be specially summoned by the Secretary of the Union, to answer such questions as may be put to them and that are relevant to their duties.

(2) Trustees shall be entitled to attend at and form a constituent part of all General Meetings and Conferences of the Union upon the same terms as the Officers of the Union.

(m) The Trustees shall be entitled to be paid by the Treasurer of the Union for any and all legitimate expenses which may be incurred in the proper fulfilment of their duties.

(n) (1) A Special Conference of the Lyceum Union shall be convened by the General Secretary, on receipt of instructions so to do from the Management Committee or the Trustees, or at the request of not less than fifty Lyceums—by notice announcing the place, day and hour of the Conference, and the business to be transacted or discussed. Such notice shall be in the hands of every Lyceum and Lyceum District Council Secretary, or other person or persons entitled to receive the same, not less than twenty-eight (28) days before the date of the Special Conference.

(2) Only those persons entitled to attend and vote at an Annual Conference, as set out in Article VI. of the Constitution, shall be entitled to attend and vote at a Special Conference, and no votes shall be given by proxy.

(3) A resolution passed at a Special Conference by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the persons present and voting shall be "a Special Resolution" within the requirements of the Trust Deed, and shall be binding on all members of the Lyceum Union, whether present or represented at the Special Conference or not.

(4) Except where a special resolution is specially required, a resolution passed at a Special Conference by a simple majority of the persons voting shall be binding on all members of the Lyceum Union, whether present or represented at the Special Conference or not.

(5) The Chairman of a Special Conference shall have a casting vote, and the minutes of such Special Conference, signed by the Chairman thereof shall be conclusive evidence that the recorded resolutions have been passed by the requisite majorities, and are legally binding.

(o) The provisions of the final draft of the Trust Deed shall be considered as included in this Bye-law.

(C) That Bye-law 12, sec. (o) shall refer to the following:—

DRAFT TRUST DEED.

THIS INDENTURE is made the _____ day of _____ 1922 between the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union (hereinafter called the Lyceum Union) of the first part, The Spiritualists' National Union Limited (hereinafter called "the Union") of the second part and _____ (being the present Trustees of and for the Union under the provisions hereinafter recited and hereinafter called "the Trustees") of the third part.

WHEREAS the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union was established as a Voluntary Association on the ninth day of May, in the year 1890, for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the Spiritualist Movement, and is governed by Articles of Constitution as amended and set up at Manchester on the Third and Fourth days of June, 1922, and is in affiliation with the Spiritualists' National Union, Limited.

AND WHEREAS the Union (which was duly incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1901, as a Company Limited by guarantee and not having a capital divided into shares) is empowered by Clause 3 Sections (h) and (v) of its Memorandum of Association as follows (1) To act with or without remuneration as Trustee; for Spiritualist Societies, Churches, Institutions, or Organisations or individuals or corporate or other bodies and for such purpose so far as the law may from time to time allow to take Conveyances Assignments, Surrenders, or Leases of any real copyhold leasehold or purely personal property, and to hold and manage the same on such trusts as shall be determined upon by the members or subscribers or such Societies, Churches, Institutions, or Organisations or by such individuals respectively with the approval of the Union and to convey, assign, or surrender and generally to deal with the same in accordance with the usual practice as to trusts and trust properties. To appoint or join in appointing Trustees to act instead of the Union in the like capacity with the like powers and for the same purpose as the last before mentioned; and (2) to purchase, take on lease, hire, or otherwise acquire and also let lease or dispose of any premises or other property for the purposes of the Union and to erect if necessary any buildings for such purpose. To appoint Trustees to hold lands of any tenure for the purposes of the Union.

AND WHEREAS the Trustees have been duly appointed Trustees of and for the Union in respect of both the said purposes.

AND WHEREAS the Union has approved of the Trusts hereinafter contained as appears by the minutes of (a) a Meeting of its Council and (b) a General Meeting of its Members both held at _____ in the County of _____ on the _____ day of _____ 1922 and the Union is a party hereto to confirm its approval of the same and of the conveyance hereby effected.

AND WHEREAS the Lyceum Union at its annual Conference held at the Metropole Hall, Hull, on the 25th and 27th days of May, 1917, in compliance with Article XV. of its Constitution elected the Trustees, and the Union at a meeting on the _____ day of _____ held at _____ appointed them Trustees of the Union and empowered the Management Committee to transfer and vest all the existing funds of the Lyceum Union (with the exception of the sum of £400 which should be retained by the Treasurer as working capital) to and in the Trustees and provide for the Trustees to hold such existing funds and all future funds, gifts, legacies or any property whatsoever as Trustees of the Union. AND WHEREAS provision has been made in the Articles of Constitution of the Lyceum Union for the Trust Deed hereinafter contained AND WHEREAS the funds of the Lyceum Union as set out in the Schedule hereto have been transferred and vested in the Trustees NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that it is hereby declared as follows:—

1. The Trustees so long as they shall respectively remain Trustees of the Union and all persons hereafter becoming Trustees in succession to them (all of whom are hereinafter included in the expression "the Trustees") shall hold the existing funds of the said Lyceum Union (except as aforesaid) and may acquire real and personal property of any nature and shall hold any and all funds, gifts or legacies which are now or may hereafter become the property of the Lyceum Union and all investments at any time representing the same or any part thereof (all of which are hereinafter included in the expression "the trust funds") and all income arising therefrom upon trust to pay and apply the same for or toward all or any purposes of the Lyceum Union or specified in any special trust and with and subject to the powers hereinafter mentioned and the Articles of Constitution of the said Lyceum Union.

2. The Trustees shall have power from time to time to invest the trust funds or any part or parts thereof and the income arising therefrom upon such security or investments as they in their absolute discretion shall think proper (being investments authorised by law for Trustees) and may from time to time at such discretion as aforesaid vary such investments without being responsible for loss, and may place the same on deposit in their name at any Bank as Trustees of the Union and shall have full power to sell or realise any of such investments and obtain payment of any moneys so deposited as aforesaid, unless otherwise instructed by a two-thirds majority of an Annual or Special Conference of the Lyceum Union.

8. The Trustees shall have power to erect (with power to alter and pull down buildings and again rebuild) purchase, lease, hire, sell, exchange, mortgage or otherwise acquire or dispose of any property (real or personal) as a two-thirds majority of an Annual or Special Conference of the Lyceum Union may deem necessary to fulfil the requirements or further the interests of the Lyceum Union and a purchaser assignee, mortgagee, tenant or otherwise shall not be bound to enquire as to the authority for any sale, exchange, mortgage, lease or otherwise.

4. The Trustees shall have power to require securities to be given by the principal Officers of the Lyceum Union or any Officer in receipt of money in such sum as they may determine for the faithful performance by such Officers of their duties.

5. The Trustees shall have power to defer, subject to the approval of the Management Committee of the Lyceum Union, the operation of any financial resolution which may be adopted at an Annual or other General or special Conference which they consider prejudicial to the best interests of the Lyceum Union until such times as they shall have an opportunity of explaining their objections to the Conference next following, the decision of which latter Conference shall be final.

6. To enable the said Lyceum Union to direct or control to a considerable extent the management of the said trust funds, the Trustees may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such members of their body as they think fit. Any Committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed on it by the Trustees. In particular the Trustees may (and where practicable shall) delegate their powers to a Committee consisting of such of them the Trustees as are directly and specially interested in the Lyceum Union and especially such Trustees as have been nominated or recommended for appointment as such Trustees by the Members representing the Lyceum Union.

7. The provisions of the Union's Articles of Association and of the Lyceum Union's Constitution and Bye-laws as to the appointment and qualification of new Trustees and the discharge and retirement of Trustees and otherwise shall apply to these presents by way of extension and variation of the statutory provisions.

8. All the trusts, powers, discretions, and authorities hereby given to or vested in the Trustees shall be exercisable by a majority of the Trustees as fully and effectually in all respects as the same might have been exercised by the whole of the Trustees, always provided that one or more of the Lyceum Union's Trustees form part of the majority.

9. In case the Union shall have power to hold said trust funds (as not being in excess of the value allowed by law for the time being to be held by a Corporation or Company of the same class as the Union) it shall be lawful for the said Lyceum Union by special resolution to request the surviving or continuing Trustees to convey and transfer the said trust funds to the Union to be held by it upon the trusts declared by these presents and thereupon such last mentioned Trustees shall forthwith convey and transfer the said trust funds accordingly and the trusts, powers, discretions and authorities given to or vested in the Trustees by this Deed shall thereafter be exercisable by the Union or its Council according to its Articles of Association for the time being but in case the said Lyceum Union shall at any time by special resolution request the Union to retire from the trusts of these presents or in case the Union shall at any time desire to retire or be discharged from the said trusts and shall signify such desire by giving six calendar months' notice in writing under the hand of its Secretary addressed to the then Secretary of the said Lyceum Union the said Lyceum Union shall forthwith or (as the case may be) before the expiration of the said notice proceed to appoint new Trustees of these presents and the Union shall at the request of the said Lyceum Union and at the cost of the body proposing such conveyance or assignment convey or assign trust funds then vested in the Union and affected by these presents to such persons as the said Lyceum Union may appoint in pursuance of the provisions herein contained and it is declared that during such period as the trust funds shall be vested in the Union under this clause the Union or its Council shall be entitled to act in its capacity as Trustee in all matters affecting the trust funds according to its Articles of Association Rules and Bye-laws from time to time in force, always provided that, in case the Lyceum Union shall, by special resolution, decide to terminate this Deed, and shall signify such decision by giving six calendar months' notice in writing under the hand of its Secretary addressed to the then Secretary of the Union, the Trustees shall before the

expiration of such notice convey or assign the trust funds then vested in them to the Trustees appointed by the Lyceum Union under these presents who shall remain in office as Lyceum Union Trustees unless or until new Trustees have been appointed.

10.—The Trustees shall be required to submit to the direction of a two-thirds majority vote of the Conference of the Lyceum Union in all matters not provided for herein, and shall not interfere with the work or actions of a Lyceum Union Conference or its Officers or Management Committee in any matters that are not provided for herein.

11.—Subject as aforesaid the Trustees shall hold the said trust funds and the proceeds thereof on the trusts and terms declared by or contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Union each dated the 18th day of October, 1901.

IN WITNESS whereof the said parties hereto of the first and third parts have hereunto set their hands and seals and the Union has caused its Common Seal to be hereunto affixed the day and year first before written.

(D)—That the present Trustees of the Lyceum Union shall be appointed Trustees under the new Deed.

In conclusion, the Committee have kept in mind the fact that they were engaged on legal work, and have not allowed any consideration whatever to interfere with their determination to draw up the Trust Deed, and all the regulations governing it, in such a manner as to make the legal position of the Lyceum Union secure for all time.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to our Vice-President, Mr. C. J. Williams, for his kindness in typing the necessary copies of the Draft Deed and Bye-law, this report and all the necessary circulars, thus saving expense to the Union.

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Sec.
MARY E. PICKLES, Chairman.

THE LYCEUM BANNER REPORT.

THE LYCEUM BANNER has been issued at a loss during the past year. The Editor was faced with providing an official organ which gave an opportunity for displaying and encouraging Lyceum activities, or running a small magazine by reducing the size and costs to make it pay for its publication.

The former course was adopted and has been commended by the Lyceums by increased sales.

Since the size of the type was reduced an equivalent to six extra pages has been added to the magazine. The present issue is increased by an eight-page supplement and will incur a loss of about £10 on the issue.

There is a decrease in the cost of paper and labour which will ease the loss during 1922.

The Cover has been resumed and is appreciated.

In modern commercialism, no paper is able to pay its way without advertisements. In dealing with advts., it has been found that the possible advertisements supplied by agents would not be acceptable in many cases to Lyceum principles.

The many voluntary contributors are hereby cordially thanked for the generous and helpful articles.

Much space has been given to the Education Scheme and Our Lyceum Guild. The success of these two sections have amply compensated for the space given and linked the Lyceums in a progressive and educational policy.

The request is made to Lyceums, District Visitors and Councils to make their Reports as brief and concise as possible to allow for articles of greater utility from District Visitors and other writers.

The future policy proposed is to keep the LYCEUM BANNER at the present price and give as large a paper as possible, gradually coming within the trade rates to Lyceums and newsagents.

The sales have increased 650 copies per issue during the last two years. The circulation of the present issue is 5,500.

GEO. F. KNOTT, Editor.

Mr. Chas. Chatfield, the Secretary of the Melbourne Lyceum, sends an interesting letter with a number of photos of the Lyceum during the celebrations of their foundation day. A report of progress is promised for the Conference.

The Revised LYCEUM MANUAL is in the hands of the printers and will be ready shortly. Orders will be despatched in rotation.

For Mr. Connor's Article, see page 65.

Education Report to Conference, 1922.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 1921—22.

The 1921 Conference re-elected the members *en bloc*; and at the first Committee meeting immediately after, the officers were re-elected *en bloc*, too. Therefore the Officers and Members of the Education Committee from 1920 to 1922 have been:—

Chairman—Miss HESP (Leeds).
Secretary—Miss KITSON (Batley).
Assistant Secretary—Mr. CONNOR (London).
Sub-Committee to meet the S.N.U.—the three officers.
Members—Mrs. PICKLES (Blackpool),
 Mr. KITSON (Batley),
 Mr. KNOTT (Rochdale),
 Mr. OWEN (Liverpool),
 Mr. LATHAM (Burnley).

REPORTS OF WORK DONE.

As last year, quarterly reports have been sent to the M.C.; and monthly reports, instructions, and articles given in the LYCEUM BANNER.

JOINT MEETING WITH S.N.U.

The Education Sub-Committees of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. met at Huddersfield on 19th Nov., 1921, and discussed educational matters of mutual interest and benefit to the two Unions.

EDUCATION LITERATURE AND PRINTING.

The Handbook (No. 3.) for Grade V. students was issued in July, 1921. As it proved to be also of general interest, and helpful to investigators, leaflets advertising it, and display-cards (for issue with big orders) were obtained.

Several Churches have the Handbook on their Literature Stalls, and LIGHT and TWO WORLDS ordered supplies.

The present edition of No. 2 Handbook will soon be exhausted, and the Committee has decided to issue a reprint, with several necessary additions.

A new supply of certificates for Grades I, II & III has been obtained (for particulars, see April "L.B.")

The usual circulars, forms and cards, etc., for propoganda work, examination entries and work, and general correspondence have been obtained as needed.

SALES (for 1921)—by the Education Secretaries.

- (i) Syllabuses—391.
- (ii) No. 1. Handbook—1021.
- (iii) No. 2. Handbook—483.
- (iv) No. 3. Handbook—702.

THE EXAMINATIONS.

As full particulars have been given in the "L.B." month by month, will interested Lyceumists please refer to those articles for details.

Also, summaries and lists of results will be issued in pamphlet form, and be on sale at Conference; and will give full information about numbers, Lyceums, D.C.'s and Areas, etc.

THE COMMITTEE GIVES sincere thanks to the Examiners for their willing help, and valuable services; and also to Mr. Williams (the Vice-President of the B.S.L.U.) for so kindly typing the copies of questions for Grades IV & V.

The work entailed by the interim examination was too heavy in comparison with the results obtained; and, in view of the fact that the Secretary's spare time is fully occupied with the annual examination, the Committee has been reluctantly compelled to decide that the interim examination must be discontinued.

After full consideration of the urgent and repeated suggestions of the various Examiners, the Committee has decided to raise the standard for 3rd and 2nd Class passes, in Grades III., IV. and V., to—THIRD, 50 to 59 (instead of 40 to 54); SECOND, 60 to 69 (instead of 55 to 69); other Classes and Grades to remain as at present.

It has also been considered advisable to add an Oral Grade to the Education Scheme (for Lyceumists under 10); and a Syllabus is being prepared for publication in the BANNER.

GENERAL NOTES ABOUT THE EXAMS.

(i) Year.	Entered.	Sat.	Passed.	Lyceums represented.
1921.	1105	770	669	81
1922.	1327	993	867	112

(This year, Winnipeg Lyceum, Canada, has sent in candidates.)

(ii)—The influenza epidemic was raging when the day of the examinations arrived, and was responsible for a big percentage of the non-sitters.

(iii)—The increase in the number of Lyceums interested in the work of the Education Scheme is a pleasing sign of the growing spirit abroad of progress and interest in matters educational. The Committee hopes that the time is very near when every Lyceum will work through the Grades as an integral part of the year's sessions; and as the rule, not the exception, for general Lyceum tuition and training.

On behalf of the Education Committee,

ALICE HESP (Chairman).

MARY E. KITSON (Secretary).

United Lyceum District Councils.

In presenting this, our Fourth Annual Report, we feel that we are a little nearer to the realisation of our objective. Membership is growing, and all Councils are in affiliation excepting one, which for a time ceased its activities but has now been re-suscitated; and there are hopes that this body will fall in with the rest as soon as its internal organisation is completed. We are in communication with another district where a District Council does not at present exist, with a view to the formation of this necessary local body.

We would ask District Councils and Lyceums affiliated therewith to study carefully the reports of the U.D.C. Conferences, so that they may keep themselves fully informed in matters of national importance. In order that the U.D.C. may be a true mirror of the National Movement, we are asking that all Delegates from District Councils (or the D.C. Secretaries) will forward to the U.D.C. Secretary a monthly or quarterly report of their Districts' activities—of difficulties, matters in dispute, etc., that a report may be presented to each U.D.C. meeting showing how the Movement is faring nationally, and with what difficulties it has to cope; so that advice or assistance may be given as and where required. This Report would be helpful not only to the U.D.C. but to the Management Committee and its Area Representatives, by putting them into touch with all that was transpiring in the Areas.

The Council is also doing its utmost, through the D.C. delegates, to urge on the Movement the vital importance of the £2000 Effort, the Education Scheme and Our Lyceum Guild, and the internal organisation of Lyceums. We regret that the new Fund is not making the headway one would like to see in a "progressive" body, and we hope that those who have not yet helped will hasten to do so. The Lyceum Movement belongs to the Individual Lyceumist, and what it can and will become depends on *all* of us—individually. If we are alive to the grand possibilities of Lyceumism, we shall see to it that our M.C. is furnished with the wherewithal to do the work that we from time to time instruct them to do. Their success really rests with us.

The Lyceum Guild also demands attention by reason of the work it is doing, and we have urged all District Councils to recommend it to all Lyceumists, and to point out the duty of joining it and becoming a WORKING part of our Movement. After all, mutual encouragement and mutual help is the key-note of true Brotherhood.

Educationally the Movement is progressing, and getting nearer to its goal; but still greater results can be achieved by the District Councils taking a deeper and more practical interest in our National Scheme, and encouraging and assisting Lyceumists to know their -ISM thoroughly. Thus we shall obtain in time a realisation of the aim of our Founder and his great Disciple—A MOVEMENT UNITED IN THOUGHT, IDEAL, WORD AND DEED.

A. T. CONNOR, President,
 J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Hon. Sec.

Guild Report to Conference, 1922.

THE GUILD'S FORMATION, AIMS AND RULES.

For full particulars about these matters, we refer delegates to (i) last year's Report to Conference, and (ii) the printed sheet of Aims and Rules. (Copies of the latter may be obtained from the Leader—by post, or on personal application at Conference).

THE GUILD'S MEMBERSHIP.

(i) On 16th April, 1920, the first member was enrolled; on 18th April, 1921, there were 790 members, from 96 Lyceums; and on 16th April, 1922, there were 1175 members from 114 Lyceums.

(ii) The list of members includes practically all members of the M.C., the Trustees, and the Education Committee; also many S.N.U. workers; the Officers of the U.D.C.; all the Examiners under the Education Scheme; all the writers of Grade V. Handbook; besides well-known workers in Areas and D.C.'s.

(iii) In the recent Education Examination, 420 Guild members sat, representing 82 Lyceums.

(iv)—During the past year, many members won promotion on the exam. results, and as soon as results of the 1922 exams are published, many more new badges will need to be issued. The Guild congratulates all members working through the Grades,—and wishes them every success.

GUILD COMPETITIONS.

Essay Competitions have been held during the year; and each candidate scoring 85% of the marks has won a star for his (or her) badge. Several have been successful.

GUILD CLASSES.

A pleasing increase has been made in the number of Lyceums holding Guild Classes. At these, hobbies are followed, exam. studies pursued, physical exercises taken, games and dances indulged in, stories told, books read, discussions and debates held, and—in the favourable weather—rambles and outings are held. Some classes have given concerts, and held socials, Musical Evenings and Sales of Work.

THE FIRST GUILD RALLY.

On the first Saturday evening in April, the First Guild Rally was held at Manchester (in Cheetham Lyceum's Hall), under the auspices of Manchester and Salford D.C.

Guild members in Manchester rendered solos, recitations, etc., and these were followed by an address by the Guild Leader on the Aims, Rules and Work of the Guild. Questions were then invited and answered. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation, by the President of the D.C. to the Guild Leader, of a beautiful brooch. The brooch is a six-pointed star embodying the six colours of the Guild Badges; the centre of the brooch being a circle (in helio) bearing (in silver) the Leader's initials, and the year.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyable, and, we hope, will prove beneficial to the Guild itself, and to the Manchester section particularly.

GUILD AMBITIONS.

(i)—To have a Guild Supplement to the 'BANNER', at least quarterly.

(ii)—To enrol Lyceums—awarding special badges according to the educational status of the Lyceums as a whole.

(iii)—To organise District Rallies and Outings.

(iv)—To issue a special badge to each member who passes through all the five grades in the Education Scheme.

THE GUILD'S BALANCE-SHEET.

As no previous balance sheet has been given, we here give the items of income and outgo since the Guild's formation.

INCOME.	£ s. d.	OUTGO.	£ s. d.
Fees .. (1175) ..	58 15 0	For Badges— (ribbon, silk, pins) ..	14 18 9½
Donations	7 14 0	Printing:— (1500 certificates 6000 'Aims & Rules Sheets,' forms, slips P.C's, notepaper) ..	39 5 6
New Badges	2 17 1½	Big Register and petty cash and record books ..	3 7 9
		Envelopes (for cer- tificates)	1 6 10½
		Rubber stamps, pads, ink stand	1 8 3
		Postages	7 3 0
		Balance in hand ..	1 15 11½
Total	69 6 1½	Total	69 6 1½

IN CONCLUSION,

—the Guild tenders its sincere and appreciative thanks to all those who have helped—the writers of articles, those who have helped in the propaganda work, those who have sent donations, those who have helped to make the ribbon badges; competitors, candidates, etc., and all who have been faithful to their Guild promises.

MARY E. KITSON (Guild Leader).

N.B.—The usual articles, letters, reports, etc., must be held over until next month.—LEADER.

£2000 Effort.

It is nearly 2 years ago since the above was inaugurated at the Keighley Conference and although we have made slow progress it has been sure.

At the last Conference I was only able to report the realization of £47 in 12 months but evidently someone has been working hard since then for we now have a grand total of £280 1s. 0d.

I wonder if I should be asking too much if I pleaded for this to be made up into £500 by Conference. Just let us all pull together and see if we can accomplish in 2 months what it has taken us two years to do.

Many Lyceums I feel sure are accumulating sums towards their individual £10 and I would be grateful if these Lyceums would send in what they have got on hand at once (no matter how small). With these in I am sure we should be well on the way for the £500 we want for Conference meeting.

From conversations I have had with several Lyceumists when visiting, there still exists a misunderstanding between the Daulby Hall and Clarke's Yard Preston Motions. I think I am correct in stating that they are two very different ideas. As Secretary of this Fund I have been asked such questions as "When are the shares being issued?" "To whom will these be made out," &c., &c., also "What about continuing the Daulby Hall motion and Clarke's Yard and making the £2000 Effort into the British Spiritualist Lyceum Union Trading Company Limited?" It makes one wonder what reports some delegates take back from Conferences and it seems a remarkable co-incidence that nearly all these have been asked by Lyceums who have not yet contributed.

Although I have asked for these queries to be put into "Black and White" none have been received, and my advice to those seekers of such information is to bring such matters before your Local Councils, then if not satisfactorily explained on to the U.D.C., and I can guarantee your delegates will receive a definite understanding there.

I have in hand a supply of bookmarks which I should be glad to dispose of and shall be happy to supply orders in rotation as they are received. I am appending a full list of Donations to date and if your Lyceum's name does not appear there ask yourself the question "Why not," and be up and doing.

Special thanks should be given for the excellent individual effort put forward by the President, Mrs. Pickles, who is out to raise £10 as the result of selling photo postcards. Not only with this but for the gentle hints she has dropped to those Lyceums who have not yet subscribed.

	£	s.	d.
Daulby Hall	10	0	0
M.C.	10	0	0
Macclesfield	12	0	6
Leicester	0	4	6
U.D.C.	10	0	0
Runcorn	12	4	6
Lancaster	10	0	0
Mr. J. Buckley	1	12	0
Halifax (Alma St.) ..	7	6	0
Miss Elliott	0	10	0
Winnipeg (Canada) ..	10	0	0
Blackpool	10	0	0
Blackburn	10	0	0
Armley	2	0	0
Sir A. Conan Doyle ..	10	0	0
Wellington (New Zealand) ..	5	5	6
Coventry	1	13	0
Exley &c.	0	3	0
Alfred Smedley, Esq. ..	50	0	0
Sowerby Bridge (1st donation) ..	6	10	8
Mr. A. Sutcliffe	5	0	0
J. Bell (Balance of Trading to Dec. 31st.) ..	1	5	2
Wigan	10	0	0
Mrs. Pickles	3	0	0
Nelson	0	15	0
Leeds (Roxburgh Rd.) ..	0	12	0
J. Bell	0	2	6
Glossop	0	13	0
Brighton	3	10	4
Stockport (Lord St.) ..	10	0	0
Bolton (Bradford St.) ..	10	0	0
Sowerby Bridge (2nd Donation) ..	3	9	4
Dewsbury	10	0	0
Bury (King St.)	1	4	0

Sheffield	2	0	0
Princess Hall (South Manchester)	5	0	0
Darwen	10	0	0
Hebden Bridge	10	0	0
Ashington	1	0	0
Burnley	10	0	0
Mrs. Pickles	3	0	0
Huddersfield (Ramdsen St.)	2	0	0
Newcastle, Heaton & Byker	10	0	0

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J. BELL, Hon. Secretary.
R. A. OWEN, Hon. Treasurer.

The above is in the Special Banking Account under the £2000 Effort.

The Annual Statistical Returns of Lyceums in Membership with the B.S.L.U.

No. Lyceum.

No.	Lyceum.	Officers.	Members.
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.			
1.	Handsworth	16	27
2.	Saltley	—	—
3.	King's Heath	—	—
4.	Coventry, Bull Street	9	40
5.	Coventry, Foleshill	10	30
6.	Coventry, Broadgate	—	—
7.	Walsall	17	83
8.	Wolverhampton School Street	—	—
9.	Wolverhampton, Temple Street	5	27
BOLTON DISTRICT.			
10.	Bolton, Bradford Street	20	75
11.	Bolton, Deane Road	7	28
12.	Bolton, Henry Street	6	42
13.	Bury	3	45
14.	Daisy Hill	12	19
15.	Horwich	28	39
16.	Leigh, The Avenue	8	30
17.	Radcliffe	18	25
BRADFORD DISTRICT.			
18.	Bradford, Boynton Street	11	21
19.	Bradford, Whetley Lane	12	28
20.	Bradford, Harker Street	14	24
21.	Bradford, 432, Manchester Rd.	10	31
22.	Bradford, Otley Road	6	24
23.	Laisterdyke	13	82
24.	Keighley	13	57
25.	Shipley	12	23
26.	Skipton	7	32
27.	Windhill	12	13
28.	Yeadon	6	37
HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.			
29.	Brighouse, Commercial Street	9	63
30.	Brighouse, Martin Street	—	40
31.	Elland	7	34
32.	Halifax, Alma Street	12	52
33.	Halifax, Raven Street	8	51
34.	Hebden Bridge	13	41
35.	Huddersfield, Ramsden Street	9	41
36.	Huddersfield, St. Peter Street	10	88
37.	Marsden	—	—
38.	Quarmby	8	40
39.	Slaithwaite (fee paid)	—	—
40.	Sowerby Bridge	24	62
41.	West Vale	9	56
LEEDS DISTRICT.			
42.	Batley	—	—
43.	Batley Carr	11	35
44.	Castleford	10	34
45.	Dewsbury	20	101
46.	Hull, Dairycoates	16	84
47.	Hull, Holborn Hall	12	70
48.	Hull, Metropole Hall	14	31
49.	Leeds, Armley	21	71

50.	Leeds, Psycho	25	58
51.	Leeds, Easy Road	15	88
52.	Leeds, Roxburgh Road	13	36
53.	Heckmondwike	9	39
54.	Littleton	8	42
55.	Moorthorpe (South Emsall)	8	39
56.	Normanton	6	44
57.	Wakefield	17	54
58.	Pontefract	—	—
59.	Morley	8	27
60.	York	6	44
61.	Hunslet, Emmanuel Lyceum	—	40
62.	Scarborough	—	30

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

63.	Birkenhead	8	71
64.	Liverpool, Daulby Hall	14	74
65.	Liverpool, Romer Road	7	43
66.	Pemberton	6	10
67.	Runcorn	9	44
68.	Southport	6	22
69.	Warrington	14	44
70.	Wigan	5	52

LONDON DISTRICT.

71.	Clapham	6	22
72.	Fulham	6	5
73.	Hounslow	5	19
74.	North London	12	36
75.	Kingston	7	37
76.	Ilford	5	23
77.	Manor Park	10	39
78.	Lewisham	—	17
79.	Peckham	8	57
80.	Plaistow	7	43
81.	Tottenham	12	35
82.	Woolwich and Plumstead	8	32
83.	Wimbledon	—	—
84.	Walthamstow	6	40
85.	Hampton Hill	—	22
86.	Little Ilford	—	43

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

87.	Hollinwood	—	—
88.	Manchester, Ardwick	9	54
89.	Manchester, Cheetham	4	32
90.	Manchester, Collyhurst	13	62
91.	Manchester, Moston	10	82
92.	Manchester, Newton Heath	10	37
93.	New Manchester	11	31
94.	Manchester, Higher Openshaw	—	—
95.	Pendleton	20	75
96.	Manchester, Princess Hall	14	36
97.	Salford	7	41
98.	Sale	9	30
99.	Manchester, Raby Street	14	85

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE.

100.	Ashton under Lyne	5	24
101.	Glossop	7	30
102.	Heaton Norris	5	29
103.	Hyde	12	115
104.	Macclesfield	6	40
105.	Mossley	—	—
106.	Stockport, Central	22	77
107.	Stockport, Higher Hillgate	12	77
108.	Hadfield	—	29

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

109.	Accrington, Argyle Street	—	—
110.	Accrington, Pearl Street	4	45
111.	Barnoldswick, West End	12	80
112.	Blackburn	20	100
113.	Blackpool	18	72
114.	Burnley, Hammerton Street	25	93
115.	Burnley, North Street	—	161
116.	Barrow in Furness, Dalkeith Street	13	35
117.	Barrow in Furness, Ramsden Street	6	43
118.	Clitheroe	5	45
119.	Colne	8	64
120.	Dalton in Furness	—	—
121.	Darwen	18	81

122.	Earby	11	67
123.	Fleetwood	18	80
124.	Gt. Harwood	8	77
125.	Lancaster	12	83
126.	Millom	3	34
127.	Nelson	16	109
128.	Padiham	10	32
129.	Preston, Clarke's Yard	9	34
130.	Preston, Lancaster Road	10	60
131.	Preston, Progressive	8	42
132.	Rawtenstall	9	38
133.	Rishton	10	37
134.	Ulverston	6	39

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

135.	Belper	24	72
136.	Eastwood	4	26
137.	Hucknall	10	24
138.	Ilkeston	—	—
139.	Leicester, Rupert Street	9	68
140.	Leicester, Silver Street	5	59
141.	Mansfield	6	130
142.	Nottingham, Hawarden Terrace	6	44
143.	Nottingham, Mechanics' Hall	14	70
144.	Nottingham, Gladstone Hall	—	—
145.	Nottingham, Parliament Street	—	—
146.	Nottingham, Hyson Green	7	43
147.	Sutton in Ashfield	6	42
148.	Beeston	—	10

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

149.	Dundee, Overgate	26	60
150.	Dundee, Rattery Street	15	16
151.	Aberdeen	4	27
152.	Glasgow, Association	35	114
153.	Glasgow, S.M.U.	8	90
154.	Edinburgh	8	42
155.	Greenock	—	27
156.	Hamilton	—	30
157.	Adelaide, Australia	—	38

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

158.	Chesterfield	16	80
159.	Mexborough	7	40
160.	Sheffield, Attercliffe	26	70
161.	Sheffield, Centre	17	49
163.	Sheffield, Heeley, Gifford Road	12	56
164.	Rotherham	12	81
165.	West Melton	6	31
166.	Doncaster	—	25

SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

167.	Bournemouth	12	24
168.	Brighton, Old Steine Hall	11	25
169.	Brighton, The Old Barn	21	54
170.	Portsmouth	7	83
171.	Reading	10	171
172.	Southampton, Temple	12	48
172.	Southampton, Church	—	40
173.	Devonport	6	35

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE.

174.	Bacup	10	37
175.	Dearnley	3	20
176.	Heywood	10	40
177.	Littleboro' (temporarily closed, fees paid)	—	—
178.	Middleton	10	36
179.	Oldham, Elliott Street	17	61
180.	Oldham, Central	10	39
181.	Rochdale, Penn Street	9	57
182.	Rochdale, Regent Hall	9	48
183.	Rochdale, Yorkshire Street	8	38
184.	Todmorden, Eagle Street	—	—
185.	Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings	10	30
186.	Shaw	—	34
187.	Crompton	—	41

SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

188.	Caerau	—	50
189.	Cardiff, Central	12	36
190.	Cardiff, Northcote Street	—	—
191.	Mountain Ash	2	25
192.	Newport	8	41
192.	Pontypridd	—	—

193.	Tredegar	—	40
194.	Garw	—	—
195.	Nantymol	7	30
196.	Aberavon and Port Talbot	—	—
197.	Merthyr Tydvil	—	50
198.	Cwm and District	—	30

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

199.	Darlington, High Bondgate	—	—
200.	Darlington, High Northgate	4	71
201.	Gurney Valley	18	76
202.	Middlesboro'	15	85
203.	Shildon	9	36
204.	Stockton on Tees, New Brunswick Street	8	42
205.	Stockton, Cecil Street	14	96
206.	West Hartlepool	9	36
207.	Witton Park	—	—
208.	Old Shildon	7	19

TYNE-SIDE DISTRICT.

209.	Chester-le-Street, Mechanics' Institute	5	55
210.	Dunstan-on-Tyne	6	40
211.	Gateshead	16	74
212.	Hetton and District	10	81
213.	Hirst	16	134
214.	Jarrow	11	49
215.	Newcastle, Benwell	—	—
216.	Newcastle, Heaton and Byker	16	71
217.	Newcastle, Rutherford Street	—	—
218.	North Shields	11	103
219.	Wallsend	6	40
220.	South Shields, Fowler Street	15	79
221.	South Shields, High Shields	14	76
222.	Sunderland, Cromwell Road	8	30
223.	Sunderland, Derwent Street	8	40
224.	West Pelton	8	41
225.	Stanley	—	—
226.	West Stanley	6	44
227.	South Shields, Cambridge Street	—	—
228.	Easington Lane	9	37
229.	Hebburn	—	50
230.	Blyth	—	28

AREA LYCEUMS.

231.	Belfast (Fee paid)	—	—
232.	Grimsby	7	43
233.	Hanley	10	87
234.	Lincoln	25	59
235.	Scunthorpe	—	—
236.	Bristol	—	40

OVERSEA LYCEUMS.

237.	Auckland	—	—
238.	Brisbane	—	—
239.	Calgary	—	—
240.	Edmonton	—	—
241.	East Hamilton	20	125
242.	Hamilton	—	—
243.	Johannesburg	—	—
244.	Melbourne	—	—
245.	Methuen	—	80
246.	Toronto	—	—
247.	Winnipeg	14	36

Total Officers, 2,008; Total Lyceumists, 10,567.

Delegates wishing to raise any questions on the above list must give seven days' notice to the General Secretary. The blanks in the figure columns denote the fees have not been paid and the number of Lyceumists have not been sent in to the Union.

Attercliffe Lyceum.

On Saturday and Sunday, April 8th and 9th, we had the M.C. of the B.S.L.U. with us, Saturday and Sunday morning were confined to business. Mr. P. Ballard conducted the Sunday morning session in a very pleasing manner, about half way through the session we were happy to have our Area Representative, Mr. J. Bell with us. His presence was enjoyed by all and his remarks were jovial and instructive.

The afternoon session was thrown open and the Church was full.

Lyceums represented at the Session were: Rotherham, West-Melton, Darnall and Parkgate.

Letter Box.

RE THE NEW MANUAL.

Sir,—In the opinion of this Council, it is desirable that, in the interests of propaganda work, the Spiritualist Movement should, as a whole, present unified and harmonious teaching on (a) the Ego, (b) the Ego's body, and (c) the World in which the Ego manifests after the death of the physical body.

It is therefore suggested that the following definitions should be adopted by the Lyceum Movement, and used in all official publications of the Lyceum Union:—

- (a) (1) The Ego is the Divine in Man, and is Life, Love, Wisdom and Power.
- (2) It shall be known as the Spirit or Soul, the two terms being regarded as practically synonymous.
- (b) (1) The body of the Ego, through which it functions on planes other than physical, is composed of ultra-physical substances, of which the chemical composition is unknown.
- (2) It shall be known as the Spirit-body.
- (c) (1) The world in which the Ego manifests after physical death is an actual world, bearing the same relation to the spirit body that the physical world bears to the physical body.
- (2) Its name bears no reference to the material of which it is composed, but to the conditions prevailing there.
- (3) It shall be known as the Spirit World—that is, the world in which the Spirit or Soul manifests in conditions favourable to spiritual progression.

It is hoped that the above suggestions can be published in the May issue of the BANNER, so that all Lyceums will have plenty of time to discuss them in Session, and give instructions to their delegates.

Thanking you in anticipation, yours fraternally,

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Sec.,
London Lyceum D.C.

Scots District Visitors' Report.

I concluded last month's report with the announcement that a Lyceum was about to open in Kirkealdy. On March 26th propaganda teams from Edinburgh and Glasgow went through and at 3 p.m. found a most enthusiastic gathering—about 60 in all were present, fully one half being young people. The D.V. was in charge of the proceedings, assisted by Mr. Stewart, the Conductor-elect, and Mr. D. Niven, late D.V. Everything went most happily and we feel a sure foundation has been laid. Subsequent reports tell us that the roll has now a membership of 25, and besides the Sunday session a few enthusiasts meet on Thursday evenings for calisthenics and other practice. I hope to announce this Lyceum as having joined up next month.

Some time ago Glasgow Lyceumists emigrated to Adelaide, S.A., and all the time they have been keeping in touch with their friends at home. A year or two ago books were obtained, a Lyceum was started, and I am now glad to say federation with the Union has taken place. The Lyceum is known as St. John's Spiritual Church Lyceum and meets every Sunday at 3 p.m. at Towers Court, Victoria Square, Adelaide. There are 38 on the roll and the Secretary is Nellie Smith, 1, Clifton Place (off Currie Street). This Lyceum is under the Scots District Council.

Aberdeen Lyceum reports the formation of a Propaganda Team—there is work for it in the district—all Good Luck. The D.V. hopes to keep it busy.

Hamilton Lyceum on Sunday, April 2nd, sent two young delegates—Annie Gilmour and John Colquhoun—to visit Glasgow. They were met by the Propaganda team and introduced to the Mediums Union and Glasgow Association Lyceums by both of whom they were hospitably entertained, and on leaving at night they expressed their thanks for a most enjoyable and instructive day. Many more of such visits are under consideration, and it is hoped the young people of Scotland will take full advantage of them.

J. STEWART, D.V.

NOTE.—Numerous comments have been submitted by Glasgow Lyceumists concerning the D.V.'s report in the April issue. As the conduct in the Lyceum is a purely domestic concern they are not inserted. We may add that Glasgow Association Lyceum has always been one of the most commendable Lyceums in the movement.—Ed.

Scots' D.V. Notes.

I am glad your Editor has given me the opportunity to speak to you of something which has been brought home very forcibly to me and of which I am constantly reminded as I visit the various Lyceums not only in Scotland but throughout the whole country. The Scots centres are so far apart that months may elapse between my visits, so that if I can speak to you through the mediumship of the BANNER we shall be brought into close touch every month. The Scots District Council jurisdiction now extends from Aberdeen to Adelaide, South Australia!

Many a time on my round I have occasion to ask one of the workers the why and wherefore of a part of the Lyceum routine which comes under my notice, and usually I get the answer that it was taught them by somebody who has seen it in another Lyceum, or that it was spoken of by so-and-so who knew somebody who had a cousin, or an uncle, or a grandmother, who knew somebody, who did it somewhere else: then when I set to work to trace the family history of that item I find myself in the position of a schoolmaster who stands beside a boy who has just completed a page of his writing copy. The first line as an example is all right, the second line is an attempt to imitate it, the third line reveals the faults of the second and a few more; further down the page the first line is evidently lost sight of, with the result that the last line and the first line are almost strangers. Religious history has exactly similar experience. Somebody taught somebody else what somebody else had already passed on from some other somebody—adding or knocking off—consciously or unconsciously—and ere long the original messenger became so distorted or obscured as to be almost unrecognisable—whilst the spirit behind the message gradually got lost sight of in the various expositions—then forgotten, finally denied altogether.

Is this same process going on in our Lyceums? True we have books—some Lyceums run according to book—forgetful in many instances of "the letter killing the spirit" (to make a misquotation). But throughout the whole country I find that more and more there is a tendency to become mere automatons in our Lyceum work—going through the various exercises as if they were meaningless rituals. Phenomena is *sometimes* discussed but the deeper side of our various exercises are slurred over, and our Group lessons are more concerned with social and political problems than the study of our Spiritual life. Do not think me pessimistic—here and there are little rifts in the material clouds through which the spirit still shines. But I must call attention to this state of affairs—we all slip into it in divers manners and have regularly to clear away the cloak of laziness, the dust of selfishness and the tarnish of forgetfulness from our own lives. How much more therefore is it necessary in our public life that we ever keep the source of our inspiration clean and pure, and the access to it free to all who desire the Fountainhead.

Now can any Lyceumist tell me the name, the symbol, the colours, the flower or any distinctive feature of the Guardian Angel of your Lyceum? What! You never knew your Lyceum had a Guardian Angel!! Well! Well! Don't you know that the workers on the other side of Life are as well—nay better—organised than the workers on this earth are? And where two or three are gathered together in God's name there these ministering Angels are, to keep and to bless. Think it over—who bring spirit children so regularly to the Lyceum every Sunday? and the more you think the greater becomes the certainty. Well then—are you working hand in hand with these workers? do you know anything about them at all—are you ever conscious of their presence? I wonder if your Editor would allow me to ask the Lyceumists to write me the best description of the Guardian Angel of the Lyceum to which the Lyceumist belongs. If you know nothing of this Angel try to picture what he (you may find it a she) would be like—think of all the people who attend your Lyceum compressed together to make one individual and you will be able to judge the kind of Angel who would be attracted (by love or by duty) to such an individual. I shall (if permitted) make a few observations later but I should like to hear from the young people concerning their views on the subject. I want all Scotch Lyceumists up to the age of 17 to take part and send their description of the Lyceum Guardian Angel. If any other Lyceumists outside of Scotland would like to write me on the subject I shall be glad to hear from them. All your descriptions should be in my hands by May 15th. I hope to encourage any Lyceumist displaying special merit.

J. STEWART, Scots. D.V.

The Month of May.

BY MARY E. PICKLES.

By the time we have received our BANNER we shall have arrived at the fifth month of the year, viz., May.

Its Latin name is *Mains*, connected with *Major*, signifying the month of growth. The Romans considered May an unlucky month for marriages, because the festival of the *Lemina* to the spirits of the unhappy dead was held during the month and became popular superstition.

Māya which means in Sanscrit, matter, according to the Vedantic philosophy is the veil of Nature which obscures the True. Alternatively the term signifies a charm weaver who conjures up visions of the transient glories of this earth in order to captivate *Atma*, or the soul. According to the Hindoo philosophy *all* are born in *Māya*, the conception of which is akin to the Christian's idea of original sin.

Apart from all these definitions, we know the children's great desire is to have a maypole in this month with its many coloured ribbons, that they may dance around it to their utmost satisfaction.

Many years ago very tall poles would be set up on village greens, or in open spaces of towns in England to form the centre of the festivities associated with the coming of May. They would be garlanded with leaves and flowers and long coloured ribbons attached to the poles were held by dancers who plaited and un-plaited them in the course of their evolutions.

The custom was assailed by the Puritans of the 16th and 17th centuries as a survival of ancient idolatry.

In some places the Maypole was a permanent fixture.

The London maypole, demolished by the Commonwealth, was replaced on the Restoration by a pole 134 feet in height. It stood on the Strand near Somerset House, and was removed to Wanstead, Essex, in 1717.

Maypole dances have been revived in many English centres.

The first of May is known as *Mayday*, and probably its festivities originated in the Roman *Floralia*, the festival in honour of *Gloria*, goddess of flowers. In England flowers and boughs of hawthorn (*May*) were brought from the woods, and the prettiest girl in the village was crowned with flowers as queen of the *May* and the custom of the *Maypole* was set up.

Mayday was the chimney sweeps holiday. On the Celtic *May Day* festival, called *Beltane*, fires were kindled on the hill-tops. Of recent years the day has been observed as *Labour Day*. This ancient Celtic festival survived long in Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and elsewhere, and the name is still used in Scotland for *May Day*.

Fire played a most important part. A banquet was held and a fire lit on the top of a hill: a cake was then cut up, and the person to whom a special piece fell by lot was regarded as one to be shunned and even threatened with death. Other ceremonies consisted in driving cattle between two fires, or compelling a young man to leap through the flames three times. This resembles the Roman festival *Palilia* which was held in a town of *Pales*, goddess of herdsmen, at which fires of hay and straw were lighted, through which shepherds drove their herds, themselves leaping through the flames. The object was to secure protection for the cattle and a flourishing crop, leaping through the fire perhaps being a reminiscence of early human sacrifice.

Labour Day is a day set apart for *Labour Demonstrations*. Since 1890 the year of the Berlin Congress, it has been held on *May 1st* in most European countries, when processions and demonstrations are organised and the aims of the labour parties expounded. Rites and ceremonies in many religions too are prevalent in this wonderful month of *May*, which brings to our minds the words of Andrew Jackson Davis: "It is wise and good to celebrate the inauguration of any movement, which has for its object the welfare of humanity."

This year the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia is to celebrate on April 30th, its seventieth anniversary, thus ushering in this glorious month of Spring the joyful tidings that there is no death.

Yet it is but a renewal and revival for these truths have even been, for those who cared to seek for them, and the history of Spiritualism cannot be measured by the space of time.

So as we all rejoice silently, give thanks to the Great Creator for all the beauties he sends through His natural manifestations, we are celebrating the growth of the greatest gospel of hope the world has ever known. May the spring time of all your hopes bring full realisation.

THE CLEVEREST OF ALL INSECTS.

BY THE WONDERMAN.

Have you ever noticed during the summer time, in wood or field, little mounds of earth over which busy little creatures run here and there with not a minute to waste? These queer black creatures are ants, the most wonderful things in Nature. They are related to the bee and have bodies much alike but much smaller. A dog's cleverness cannot be compared with that of the Ant.

What Ants Can Do.

Like men, Ants love company. They live in cities, build wonderful dwellings, do their own special work, cultivate crops and store food in barns, keep cows and milk them and even keep pets.

They play games too and jump and dance with each other. They are like men in other ways. They have armies and make slaves of weaker Ants. They hate strange Ants and kill them. Ants love their relations.

An Ant's Memory.

An Ant's memory is wonderful. An Ant which has been away from its nest and kept prisoner for months is recognised and caressed when it returns. If a stranger comes with the freed prisoner it is killed. You know that a dog remembers people by its sense of smell. An Ant's memory is probably helped in the same way. Each colony of Ants has its own scent.

An Ant which has been born away from its own nest is recognised by the Ants in its nest.

Ants can make each other understand messages too. If an Ant finds a piece of food too large for it to carry home, it goes back for help. As many Ants as are needed then go back with it and carry the food home. Suppose two Ants found food. Fewer Ants would go for the smaller piece than for the larger piece. There must be some kind of speech between the Ants.

The Queen Ant's Wedding.

Like the bees, the Ants have their queens. The queen and males have wings when they are born. The workers have no wings. On a bright summer day the queens and males are married. Their honeymoon lasts one day. They fly away into the sunshine. The queen comes back the same day and bites off her wings. She has never to fly again.

The fate of the poor male is worse. He dies at the end of his wedding day.

The Queen's Splendour.

As soon as the newly married queen comes to earth she goes off with a number of worker Ants as her attendants to start a nest. The workers may carry her off to their own nest and even though there may be already some queens in this nest, the new arrival will not be attacked. If a queen Ant lives in a nest after her marriage and leaves it for another she will be attacked and killed in the new nest.

The workers may clip off the queen's wings for her or she may do it herself. A guard is set round the new queen till she settles down happily. Wherever the queen goes, her subjects show great joy and skip and leap and prance. Her attendants remain faithful.

The Ant's City.

To the Ants, the nest is a city, a fortress and a storehouse. There is an underground city with galleries and halls, floor above floor.

The big red wood Ant gathers heaps of pine leaves which are like long thin needles, puts them over his nest and makes a dome with shutters and doors which he closes for safety at night.

A nest may include a lot of dwellings. There may be thousands of Ants in one nest. The brown Ant builds a nest of thirty or forty storeys, which means it is about six or eight inches high. As wonderful as skyscrapers!

The Brick Makers and the Brick Layers.

The Ants share the work of building. They make their own bricks and build them up without tools. Some of them take moist earth or clay and mould it with the help of their mouths into sticky pellets. Others scoop little hollows in the floor leaving little ridges between the hollows. Then other Ants lay the pellets on top of the ridges and build up the walls like our bricklayers do. Others make the dust of wood, earth and spiders' webs into a past for building.

Umbrella Ants.

The Umbrella Ants have two special sorts of soldier Ants. One kind have hard, horny helmets, the others have big heads covered with stiff hair. The soldiers do not work like the others. When the workers go out, the soldiers form a guard and if they are attacked the soldiers put their heads down towards the enemy who cannot hurt the soldiers' heads at all.

The workers climb trees and cut the leaves into pieces about the size of a sixpence. Sometimes there are other workers at the foot of the tree to receive the pieces as they fall and carry them home. They carry the pieces of leaves upright like an umbrella.

Other workers take these leaves and mix them with earth to build a watertight roof. Men do not like these Ants because they destroy fruit trees and coffee trees whose leaves they like best.

To do all this wonderful work, the Ants use their jaws and feet. Each Ant has two horny threads in the front of its head, called antennae. You will have seen the antennae of the butterfly. It is supposed that the Ant speaks, smells and hears by these.

Next month you will hear how Ants keep cows and pets and grow crops.

Essays on Reasoning.

BY A. T. CONNOR.

IV.—PROPOSITIONS.

It is a common saying that "what is true of the individual is true of the class"—but this statement has to be examined very carefully. The CLASS has to be very strictly defined. Take the term "horse." One horse may be white, but that does not mean that all horses are white. What is meant is that in so far as *horse-like qualities* are concerned, all horses are more or less alike. They have four legs, hoofs, a long head, a tail, etc. Take also the general term "Spiritualist." Ernest Oaten and Dr. Powell are Spiritualists, but whilst Dr. Powell is a believer in Spirit Return who uses his knowledge to bolster up Christianity, Ernest Oaten is a Spiritualist who believes that the teachings of "returned" Spirit Friends reveal an entirely new conception of the relationship between God and Man. We can see, therefore, that when we speak of a class we must carefully define of what the class consists. It is just the same with mediums. A medium may be capable of producing physical phenomena, healing, automatic writing or trance control; yet they are all mediums. The only thing we can insist on is that all physical mediums, or all trance mediums, should exhibit *similar phenomena*.

When building up Propositions, we must take care that all the terms we use come strictly under a rigid definition; for if we don't, and use our terms carelessly, we shall find ourselves coming to some very strange conclusions.

A Proposition is a statement in so many words that any given thing contains certain stated qualities, or is contained in a certain class.

For instance, in the proposition—

"The Lyceum Union is an Educational Body,"—

we make the claim that the Lyceum Union is included in the class "Educational Bodies." And when we say that

"All educational bodies are worthy of support,"

we state that all educational bodies possess certain qualities.

But when we say that "No really civilised nation makes preparation for war," we are stating a very different proposition. The former two are POSITIVE propositions, the last is a NEGATIVE proposition. One states that the term is contained in a certain class, the other asserts that it is NOT contained in a certain class.

These are not the only kinds of propositions of which we have to learn. There is the HYPOTHETICAL proposition, which always (or nearly always) begins with "if," or a word of similar meaning. "If the Lyceum Union is an educational body, it ought to turn out able scholars" (which it is doing through its Education Scheme). "If A.B. is a physical medium, he should be able to produce physical phenomena (given proper conditions)."

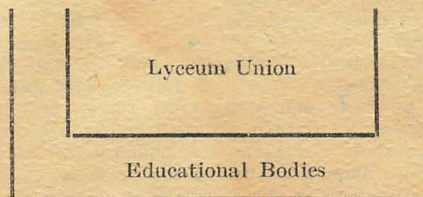
If a proposition contains the words "or" or "either," it is called a DISJUNCTIVE proposition, because it *disjoins either* of the terms from the stated class. "He is *either* a physical medium *or* a mental medium" means that the medium under

discussion is excluded (shut out) from one of the two classes named.

Not only must we divide our propositions into the foregoing classes, but we must decide whether we are going to use them in a UNIVERSAL or PARTICULAR sense. A Universal proposition is one in which the term is *distributed*, or used with its full meaning—that is, to include everything that comes under the definition. "All Lyceumists are earnest students of Spiritualism"—is a Universal proposition, because it includes ALL Lyceumists. But "Some Spiritualists are unwilling to study our philosophy"—is a Particular proposition, because it only applies to a *particular part* of the class "Spiritualist." We must study these two kinds of proposition very carefully, because more mistakes are made by arguing from the particular to the universal than in any other form of reasoning. When a fraudulent medium is exposed (although it is generally by experienced Spiritualists, who are the only people capable of detecting fraud—*because they know what to look for*), unthinking people generally say: "Oh, they're all alike"—which is not only unfair, but very illogical. Out of ten mediums, six might be frauds, but if the other four give genuine phenomena, what they produce should be convincing to every unprejudiced scientific mind. It is very misleading to argue from the particular to the universal, and we must take great care that we don't fall into the error. We must always find out whether the statement is made about ALL or ONLY PART of the class under consideration, and then we will be sure to come to a correct judgment.

Propositions are divided into SUBJECT, COPULA and PREDICATE. The *subject* is the term of which something is said; the *copula* is the word or words joining the two terms together (every proposition consists of two and not more than two terms), and the *predicate* is what is said of the subject. For instance, in the proposition "All Lyceumists are earnest students of Spiritualism," the subject is "All Lyceumists," the copula is "are," and the predicate (or what is said about "all Lyceumists") is "earnest students of Spiritualism." But the three parts are not always so easily found, nor are they always in the same order. In "strong is truth," the predicate comes first and the subject last. Truth is to be found among the things labelled "strong."

The great difficulty at the beginning is to find out which is the predicate and which the subject. This difficulty can be overcome by considering the proposition as a nest of boxes, such as children use for building. We can then imagine the predicate as the larger box, into which the subject should fit. Take—"The Lyceum Union is an educational body." The large box will be "Educational Bodies," and the smaller box that should fit into it will be "Lyceum Union," as shown,



Once we have mastered propositions, and are able to tell at a glance which are positive, negative, hypothetical or disjunctive, and whether they are used universally or particularly, and when we can readily distinguish the subject from the predicate, we shall be able to tackle SYLLOGISMS and find out their logical value.

(To be continued.)

MRS. M. E. CADWALLADER.

The following message have been received from Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, the Editor of the Progressive Thinker, U.S.A. Many Lyceumists will remember the visit of Mrs. Cadwallader to the 21st Lyceum Conference held at Birkenhead during 1910.

"Greetings to all Lyceumists. The many pleasant hours I spent with you have not been forgotten, and I would like to have some information in regard to your Lyceum Conference. I am expecting to cross the ocean to attend the International Conference, under the auspices of the S.N.U. Already I can imagine meeting and greeting dear Mr. Kitson who is one of my oldest friends."

M. E. CADWALLADER.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.
SHIELD COMPETITION.

	Singing			Reading			Marching			Calisthenics			General Discipline			Total
	Precision	Expression	Tone	Unison and Response	Delivery	Mental Efficiency	Time	Carriage of Figure	Accuracy	Time	Accuracy	Energy	Attentiveness	General Standard	Devotional Aspect	
Newton Heath	4½	3	4½	4½	3½	3	4½	4½	4½	4	5	4½	4½	4½	5	65
Cheetham Hill	3½	3½	4	3½	4	4½	4	4	4½	3	3½	3½	4	4½	5	58
Collyhurst	4	3	3½	4½	3	3½	4½	4	3½	3	4½	4½	4	4½	4	57½
Moston	3	3½	2½	4	3	4½	4½	4	4½	3	3½	3½	4	4½	4½	56½
Moss Side	3½	4	3½	3½	3½	5	3	3½	2½	4	4	4	3½	5	4	54½
Salford (Central)	2½	3	3	3½	3½	3	4	3	3½	3	3½	3½	4	4	4½	52
Salé	3	2½	3	4	4½	3	2	1½	4	4	3	3½	2½	3	4	47½
South Manchester	3	2½	3	3	4	3	2	2½	2	3	2½	4	2½	3½	4½	44½
Maskell Street	3	3	2½	3	2½	3½	2	2½	2	1	2½	1½	3	3½	4	40½
New Manchester	3	2½	4	3½	3	2	2½	2	1	2½	1½	4½	4	4½	4½	53½

G. A. HOOD, Adjudicator.

Mr. Ernest Vickers, a Past President and Trustee of the B.S.L.U., sends his compliments to BANNER readers, and his many friends will be exceedingly glad to learn he has recovered his health after many years of infirmity. He is now strong and well again, living at Letchworth, and hopes to visit some of the London Lyceums in the near future. His spirit friends gave him a prophesy that years must elapse, but he would eventually regain his normal strength. Through their help he is now recovered. We hope the London Lyceums he visits will welcome and make good use of his presence.

District Visitors' Reports.
SOUTHERN COUNTIES.

I visited Portsmouth Temple on February 4th, and had the honour of conducting the Session, which commenced with Hymn 388. 39 members present. A fair number of adults. Invocation and Roll Call; after which everyone present gave pearls. Some very fine pearls were given. M.R. 201 was taken, members taking the Readings. I then witnessed some very good drill and marching. Orders were given by gongs on the bell. A good Social Programme. After a song by Mr. Mead, items were given by Mrs. Sandell, Sonny Burchell, Bobbie Taylor, Nellie Burchell, Nellie Humphreys, age 7; Edna Holmes, age 6; Mary Hayward, Alice Humphrey, Clifford Taylor, Ivy Dark and Vera Rose.

During my address I found 16 were sitting for Grade Exams. A very bright Session. Good singing and responses and very orderly. Scholars encouraged by their conductor, Mr. E. G. Harry. A delightful visit. Week-end fare, 8s. Distance, 88 miles—Ernest C. Cager, District Visitor.

TEES SIDE DISTRICT.

I have visited the following Lyceums: *Witton Park*, 19th February, 1922. The Lyceum was opened promptly. S.C.

good. M.R. good. S.C.R. good. Recitations good. Singing good. Neither calisthenics for marching. Roll Call. Eleven present. Only two adults. The condition of the Lyceum as a whole good.

Gurney Valley, February 26th, 1922. Opened prompt. S.C.R., M.R., G.C.R., good. Questions very good. Pearls good. Roll Call, 78 answered. Good conduct.

Shildon, Newlands Avenue, March 3rd, 1922. Lyceum opened prompt. Good questions. Good pearls and recitations. Good marching and calisthenics. Good groups in good order. Roll call 28 answered.

Shildon Psychological. Opened prompt. Questions and pearls good. Recitations and singing good. No marching, calisthenics or classes. Roll call 23.

Darlington, Northgate, March 26th, 1922. Opened prompt. Readings good. Questions, pearls, recitations, singing good. Marching and calisthenics very good. Groups in very good order. Roll call, 50 present.

Darlington Psychological, April 2nd, 1922. Opened prompt. Calisthenics, marching and groups in very good order. The Lyceum was practising for some musical festival to be held at a later date. Lyceum in good order.

So far as I have visited everything seems to be progressing favourably.

J. H. Foster, V.D.

District Councils' Reports.
BOLTON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the above named Council will be held in Deane Road Spiritualist Church on Saturday, May 13th, at 8-15.

Business: Minutes of previous meetings. Correspondence. Reports. Final arrangements for Demonstration. Vote of thanks to local friends. Delegates and Associates are requested to make a special effort to be in attendance.—Ernest Woodward, Sec.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES.

The A.G.M. of the above Council held at Brighton Brotherhood, Old Steine Hall, Brighton, on February 11th, 1922.

Mrs. C. R. Street, Presided, six Lyceums were represented, five Associate Members and four Officers were present, when the Council commenced its deliberations at 3-20; our President offered the Invocation.

Mr. Goodwin extended a warm welcome on behalf of the Brotherhood Society. Tellers appointed, Mr. R. B. Long, of Portsmouth and Mr. A. Lawrance, Reading. Scrutineers, Mr. Percy R. Street, of Reading, Mr. A. Scoggins, of Brighton.

The minutes were adopted. Correspondence; the new Devonport Lyceum acknowledged the valuable assistance given them by the Council.

The B.S.L.U. application for invitation to hold the M.C. business meeting, was referred to the various Lyceums, in consequence of our area being so scattered.

The F.O.B. Fund letter was also dealt with. Mrs. Baker was elected as representative to visit Southampton Temple Lyceum on the Council's behalf. Treasurer's report adopted. See Report. Two Lyceums had joined the Council, Bristol, (Deighton Hall) and Devonport, and the Lyceums had supported the Council. The District Visitor's Report showed an improvement in all Lyceums visited. Portsmouth Lyceum generously paid from its funds the expenses of the District Visitor on the occasion of his visit, for which the thanks of the Council were returned.

Election of Officers: President, Mr. Percy R. Street, unopposed. Sec., John Jackson. Treasurer, Mrs. E. Baker. District Visitor, Mr. E. Cager. Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. P. R. Street, for valuable services rendered. Area Representative, Mr. Ford. Delegate to Conference, the Retiring Secretary, auditors, Mr. Harry Portsmouth, and Mr. Cole, Bournemouth.

The President, Mrs. Street, read her address, and it was decided to forward same to the BANNER for publication.

Votes of thanks to retiring officers, Mrs. Street said the D.C. would always have her kind thoughts and support.

The Sunday meetings were of a very enthusiastic character. Our new President, Mr. Street, along with officers and delegates, aroused great interest to those who came to hear of the work in our Lyceums.

The usual votes of thanks were given to entertainers and workers, but new Secretary was unfortunately absent from all the meetings. Our May Conference will be held at Reading.—John Jackson.

BIRTHS, IN MEMORIA, AND MARRIAGES,

CRABTREE.—On April 27th, 1917, Bessie, wife of Leonard Crabtree, of Arcliffe, Sydney, N.S.W., and daughter of James and Alice E. Tinker, of Higher Broughton, Manchester.

EASINGTON LANE.—On March 27th, 1922, Annie, beloved wife of George Jones and late secretary of the above society, passed to the higher life. She will be greatly missed by all.

If love and care could death prevent
Her days would not so soon be spent;
Life was desired, but God did see
Life eternal was best for thee.

E. REAY, Sec.

LEEDS, Armley.—We regret the material loss of Mrs. Susanna Smith, who proved the grand secret on March 19th, aged 62 years.

Also our brother Lyceumists, Ernest Williams, who passed to the higher life on March 1st, aged 30 years.

"We shall know each other there."

LONDON, Hampton Hill.—Passed to the higher life on Easter Monday, Mr. Baker, treasurer of Hampton Hill Lyceum, beloved husband of our Secretary. A well earned promotion.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—Regret to report passing to higher life of Anetta Wells, 2½ years old on April 1st, 1922.

"She still lives."

Albert Colbourne, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (Heaton).—Passed to the higher life on March 29th, 1922. Robert, the dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wardle.

WEST PELTON.—We regret to announce the passing to higher life of our dear Lyceumist, Millicent Abbott, on April 5th, 1922, aged 5 months.—Mrs. Meakin, Sec.

TRANSITION.

Mrs. Berry (Elizabeth Ann) wife of Mr. E. Berry, of Bury, passed away March 29th. Our sister has been a faithful and stalwart worker in the Lyceum for many years, having held official positions, including Conductor. Her transition followed a painful operation, performed in St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, where she passed away. The remains were laid in Bury Cemetery, when Mr. Frank Hepworth conducted a most impressive service, attended by over 100 Lyceumists and friends. An appropriate Memorial Service was held in the National Spiritual Church on April 9th, Mrs. Adecock, of Bury, being the speaker.

On April 14th one of our Lyceumists, Thomas Myers, passed to the higher life. Beloved by all, more especially because he was physically crippled, his transition (after a brief illness) came as a shock. The body was interred in All Saints' Churchyard, on April 18th. About 50 Lyceumists preceded the Cortege to the Churchyard, where Mr. F. Hepworth conducted an inspiring service to the solace and edification of a large crowd of sympathetic hearers. The sympathies of all Lyceumists go out to the respective families in their bereavement.

M. H. HEPWORTH, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

WINNIPEG, No. 2 Lyceum.—An inaugural meeting which marked the advent of another Progressive Lyceum in Winnipeg, Canada, was held on Sunday, March 5th, in the newly-opened hall, corner of Princess Street and William Avenue. Quite a number were present, the majority of whom had been members of Lyceums in the Old Country. The Election of officers was the first business and resulted as follows: Conductor, Mr. W. D. White; Assistant Conductor, Mr. C. Forest; Secretary, Miss L. Pilkington; Treasurer, Mr. J. Thompson; Guardian, Mr. Johnson; Musical Director, Miss V. Pilkington; Guards, Mrs. Good, and Miss Johnson.

A number of the members spoke in no uncertain terms regarding the great necessity of a Lyceum in connection with the

Church. Mrs. Pilkington, late of Deane Road Church, Bolton, with the able assistance of Mrs. Burley, opened the church about a month ago. They spoke to the members on the necessity for harmony and toleration. On finishing her very educative talk, a little child presented Mrs. Pilkington with a beautiful bouquet of roses and hyacinths, with a note wishing success to the Lyceum. If the intense enthusiasm shown by these present is any indication, the success of the new Lyceum cannot be doubted. We hope our beloved cause may grow to be a force for good in this city. Distance is no object, and we, though far across the seas, are working hand in hand with you in the old land for a cause that will some day envelope the world.—L. Pilkington, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On March 26th, we held an extraordinary Open Session. Mr. Kitson was present and gave a short address to the children on "Progress." We had a few visitors from Alma Street Lyceum, amongst whom was our friend, Mr. Burrows. It being "Pioneer" Sunday it was very appropriate for us to have the honour of entertaining Mr. Kitson. Songs were rendered by Misses A. Wild, S. Wilson, E. Barrett and Mrs. Stansfield. A duet by Mrs. Laughton and Miss C. Thorpe. Many recitations and pearls by the young members coupled with a few words by Mr. Burrows brought the afternoon to a close. This session was as great a success as any held this year and shows much improvement amongst the youngest Lyceumists. Best wishes to all Lyceums.—John Teal, 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.

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after April 26th

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than May 24th, to ensure insertion in the June issue.

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

BACUP.—We held our Open Session on April 2nd. The opening hymn was 329, invocation 421. S.C.R. 55, M.R. 222, G.C. 140. The pearls were by Miss Rhodes, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Conn, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. Lord. Recitations were by Kitchner Amos, Miss Taylor, L. Taylor, Miss Heyworth, and Miss Tattersall. Songs: Mrs. Carter, Miss Tempest, Miss Rhodes, Miss Alexander, Miss Tattersall, Jennie Embrey, Eileen Grady.—B. Lord, Sec.

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—On April 9th we held our Open Session, when we spent a good time together. The Lyceumists responded well with recitations, pearls and solos. The following took part: D. Groves, E. Nock, W. Chisholm, Mr. Chisholm, W. Pratt. We extend our greetings to all Lyceums.—Mrs. Nock, Sec.

BEDWORTH.—Open Session, April 2nd. Recitations were given by P. Alsop, I. Tebbitt, M. Wood, A. Davis, K. Gravette, and E. Adams. An enjoyable time was spent.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—We held our Open Session on April 2nd, when the following gave recitations: Daisy Hallett, Esther Dunn, Aurthalla Robston, Victor Robston, George Holchouse and Charles Ellis. A good number of pearls were well explained. An enjoyable session. 54 present.—Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St Peter Street.—On March 26th we held our 38th Lyceum Anniversary; this was also held as the first Pioneers day. In the afternoon we held our usual Open Session; the room being crowded. A good discussion followed the Golden Chain recitation. "The Pioneers of Freedom." The marching and calisthenics were very well rendered, over 100 taking part. Several recitations and solos followed very effectively. Mr. Harrison, of Bradford, gave a few very encouraging remarks and all together we had a very remarkable session. In the evening Mr. Harrison again addressed a very good audience, his subject being, "The Supreme Sacrifice."

The choir also assisted by very ably rendering an anthem. On April 1st a tea party and concert was in aid of BANNER FUND, when 180 sat down to tea. An excellent concert was given by Jack Jones's "Chara-banc" Party.—Mrs. A. Robinson, Sec.

BRADFORD, Boynton Street.—On April 2nd, we held our Open Session. Solos, duets and recitations were rendered by the Scholars. It was well enjoyed by young and old.—Mrs. Ward, Sec.

BRADFORD, Harker Street.—On April 2nd we held our Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Farrow. We had a good selection of recitations and solos given by the scholars.—Miss P. Stead, Sec.

BRISTOL, Dighton Hall.—An excellent and successful concert was rendered by Lyceumists and friends to a packed audience on April 5th, when "Peter Pan" was given. The play was dramatised by the Secretary and most ably performed by the children; the dancing especially being commended. Proceeds are on behalf of Lyceum and Church building fund.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On Sunday, April 2nd, we held our Lyceum Day. We had excellent attendances all day. In the morning we held our session as usual. In the afternoon we held an Open Session, conducted by Miss Annie Crossley. She also named the baby of Mrs. and Mr. Goole, and gave it the name of Elsie and the Spirit name, Rosebud. We had quite a large number of visitors from Burnley, North Street, and a visit from Nelson. In the evening the Lyceum rendered a Service of Song entitled "Netty," which was also read by our Conductor. Wishing every Lyceum success.—F. Duckworth, Sec.

CALGARY, Canada.—We held our Open Session on April 2nd, the attendance being fairly good. Pearls were said by nearly everyone present. Readings by Mrs. Campbell, Miss Garrad, D. Howe and Willie Garrad. Solos by Nancy and Willie Legge. Pianoforte solo by Miss Reid. The Conductor gave a few words on the Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. Mrs. Thompson described a vision of how children are taught in the Spirit World, which was very interesting. Everyone present spent a very enjoyable afternoon.—Arthur Baring, Sec.

DARLINGTON, Psycho.—April 9th was devoted to our quarterly Lyceum Sunday. Afternoon Service took the form of an Open Session, wherein we had numerous pearls, recitations, etc., and the marching and calisthenics went with a good swing. At the Evening Service the Service of Song, "Netty," was given by the Lyceumists. Under the careful supervision of our Assistant Musical Conductor, Mrs. Keith, they gave a splendid rendering. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Airey, one of our old Lyceumists, for the very able way in which she read the connective readings. Altogether a very enjoyable day was spent.—Charles Wilson, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on April 9th. Recitations were rendered by the following: Frank Thornton, Granville Millward, Jack Foster, Elsie Clarke, Clarence Clarke, Harold Millward, Doris Haynes, George Robinson, Marion Nichol, Queeny Dawson, Alice Bannister and Evelyn Taylor. We had a very good attendance and a pleasant afternoon was spent together.—F. Astley, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on April 2nd. Commencing with hymn 320. The following Lyceumists took various readings and gave recitations and in so doing helped to make the session a pleasant one. S.C., Mrs. J. Hodgson; M.E., Mr. Howorth, Edgar Hudson and Alice Hopper. G.C., Mr. Parkinson. Recitations were given by A. Owen, F. Pickavance, and A. Howorth.—Ada Waterhouse, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—We had two pleasant Sessions. Recitations by Percy Stanham, Billy Brown, Irene Jewitt, George Hockley. Solos by Mrs. Barron, and the Misses Elsie Cole, Kate Sutherland, Alice Robinson, Molly Barron, Lizzie Nicol, Edith Reckitts, Connie Jones, and Nellie Hockley. Duet by Bob Rolands and Bob Sutherland. Pearls plentiful as usual.—Molly Barron, Sec.

HEATON NORRIS.—We held our Open Sessions on April 16th, and we had a good time together. Our friends from Lord Street Lyceum gave us a visit and the Sessions was well conducted by Miss G. Dale. Recitations and pearls. Solos were rendered by two Lyceumists from Lord Street. We had the naming of a baby between the sessions. I am pleased to report progress in our Lyceum.—Mrs. E. Downs.

HORWICH.—On March 20th, 30th, and April 1st, we held an "At Home" in our school room, which was a treat to see. Lyceumists and Church members all worked hand in hand to

make it a success. Our "At Home" made all feel and understand what the true meaning of home should be. Everything was carried out up-to-date. Our President, Mr. Fernihough, and his daughter, were the host and hostess. We also had a page boy and page girl, ladies in waiting, post girl to deliver messages, and waitresses for chocolate table. All praise was due to our outside artistes.—Annie Purchas, Sec.

LEIGH, Temple.—On Tuesday evening, April 4th, we held a Social for all our Lyceumists, 56 being present; games and dancing were indulged in. A very enjoyable evening being spent.—T. Gregory, Sec.

NELSON, Vernon Street.—On April 2nd we celebrated our Anniversary by holding Open Session morning and afternoon and "Service of Song" in the evening. We had a splendid attendance at all three services. At the Open Sessions we had a very good programme of solos, recitations and musical items. The Service of Song entitled "Into the Light," with Mrs. Parkinson as reader, was rendered by the children, assisted by the choir, and was conducted in a most appreciative manner by Mr. Middlebrooke, choirmaster.—M. Berkeley, Sec.

PRESTON, Lancaster Road.—We held our Open Session on April 2nd, and had a good time. Marching and calisthenics were carried out very well and we had a good Open Session, Lyceumists taking part in good numbers with recitations, songs, duets and readings. A grand time and enjoyed by all.—Rd. Smalley, Sec.

QUARMBY.—We held our Lyceum Anniversary, Open Session and Prize Distribution on Sunday, April 9th. We had a good attendance and a glorious day.—Alice Ollerenshaw.

RAWTENSTALL.—On Saturday, March 25th, we held our Annual Concert and Prize Distribution in connection with Lyceum. Prizes were given by Mr. J. H. Howarth, of Rochdale. The concert was given by the Lyceum and Choir under the tuition of Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Sparks and Mr. A. Howarth. The Lyceum presented Mr. A. Howarth with a pipe and pouch for services rendered. Miss Gladys P. Walmsley presided over an enjoyable evening.—Miss A. Walmsley, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—The Lyceum held their Open Services on March 26th. Many friends from other Lyceums were present. The children responded with recitations and recitals in an excellent manner, which is usually a marked item in our Lyceum. The Conductor, Mr. W. E. Bentley, brought a successful service to a close by extending our kind greetings to all friends present; also to convey them to their respective Lyceums. At 6-30 the Lyceumists rendered the Service of Song entitled "Spirit Return." The reader being our esteemed President, Mr. James Hamer. The efforts put forward by the children and reader made the service one of harmony and all present enjoyed the services immensely.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On the 9th of April we held our Children's Day. There was a large attendance at the Open Session, when our children gave some lovely pearls and recitations which we all enjoyed. In the evening the Lyceumists took the platform before a large congregation who were delighted with the children's efforts.—P. Parfitt, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—On Saturday, March 18th, we held Service of Song for the benefit of our esteemed President, Mr. Edw. Gransbury, who has worked 42 years for our Movement.

April 2nd we held Open Session. The following Lyceumists took part: Mr. Davison, Mr. Abbott, Mr. E. Gransbury, William Dryden, Annie Robinson, Lizzie Dryden, Dolly Meakin, John Robinson, Willie Martin, Sadie Embleton, Jessie McLean, Ena Dryden, Mary Brunning, Hampson Carr, Roland Dryden, and Maggie Potter. Quite a happy time was spent.—Mrs. Ada Meakin, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Canada.—On April the 2nd we held our Open Session which was well attended, it being a nice day, after the tedious winter we have passed through. We had pearls and recitations from Alia Crawley, Sylvia Parkinson, Winnie Brown, Millie Crawley, Jean Benson, Wm. T. Brown, Helen Laurence, Mrs. Higley, Mrs. Wm. J. Brown, Edna Brown, Florence Higley, Walter Chadwick and Harold Brown. Everybody must have had their spring voices with them as we had solos from five members, Winnie Brown, Mrs. Crawley, Mr. and Mrs. Higley, and Mrs. H. Forrest. The Lyceum sang hymn 350 in an effort to comfort Miss M. Forrest, daughter of Mrs. T. Forrest, the pastor of the Church, who is seriously ill at the present time. Questions were asked on the G.C. Recitation 185 which were answered by Mr. Brown, the Conductor, very satisfactorily.—Louis W. Brown, Sec.

CAERAU.—On Easter Sunday a Special Lyceum was arranged by the conductor, Mr. Ed. Jones, on the visit of Mr. W. H. Evans, of Merthyr Tydvil. Mr. John Connolly, our Pastor was also present. The young members interested the audience with pearls, recitations, etc. Then Mr. Evans gave an Interpretation of a Fairy Tale of Red Riding Hood, which proved very interesting and educational.—A. Williams, Sec.

CARDIFF, Central.—On April 9th, Mr. John Little was presented with a LYCEUM MANUAL suitably inscribed on his leaving for Australia.

April 16th: The children received Easter eggs.—Alex. Dawson.

DARLINGTON, High Northgate.—On April 9th we were honoured by the presence of Mr. Ben. Carter, of Halifax, who gave an instructive and encouraging address to our Lyceum. We are pleased to say that we are progressing favourably, and can record a total membership of 75.—R. P. Christopher, Sec.

DARWEN.—On Mar. 25th, we held our Lyceum Tea Party and Prize Distribution; over 120 had tea. The entertainment was given by Lyceumists. Mr. T. Harwood distributed the prizes for regular attendance.

April 2nd, Open Session; good attendance; Mrs. Pickles (President, B.S.L.U.), conducted in an efficient manner.—M.J. Asst. Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter St.—On April 2nd, we held our Open Session, which was well attended by scholars and friends; also a good attendance by Quarmby friends. Marching was conducted by one of our old workers, now a worker for Quarmby, and was executed neatly. The calisthenics were well done. Recitations, pearls and songs were given by the scholars, and a duet by Mrs. Noble and Miss A. Ollerenshaw of Quarmby. On the whole a very enjoyable afternoon was spent together.—W. Hirst, Sec.

WEDDING AT HUDDERSFIELD.

Easter Monday, 1922 will long live in the memory of the Lyceumist and Church members of Ramsden Street, Huddersfield; sixty guests assembled at a reception to celebrate the marriage of our esteemed friend and well known worker in the Lyceum Movement, Mr. Seth Ackroyd, who is the D.V. for the H. & H. D.C. The ceremony (Mr. Stabler of Brighouse, officiating), took place in the Ramsden St. Independent Chapel, kindly lent for the occasion (we are disfranchised by having the Government Official in our building), amid a good concourse of interested people. Mr. and Mrs. Ackroyd were the recipients of many useful presents and the good and hearty wishes of all present, choral services were rendered by the Choir. Glees, solos, monologues, &c., provided a well filled programme.—T.E.H.

HULL, Metropole.—We held Open Session April 2nd when the reading and responses were very good. Recitations were given by G. Gray, V. Gray, E. Sivitson, N. Sivitson, and J. Bark.

Each Sunday we get a great shower of questions, from the younger Lyceumists, which shows they have a thirst for knowledge, which is a good sign for the future.—G. M., Sec.

JARROW.—On Easter Sunday, we held our Open Session, Conductor, Mr. Hardwick, presided over Session, which was well attended. Recitations by Doris McLeod, Andrew Wake; solos by Miss Rosie Riches, Miss Gladys Havelock and Mary Potts. We also had the pleasure of having with us Mrs. Bradley, of Newcastle. As it was our Annual Prize giving day, Mrs. Bradley gave the children their Prizes, which they appreciated. She also spoke well to the children, there were thirty-two prizes given. Altogether we had an enjoyable Session.—Mrs. R. Overton, Sec.

LANCASTER.—On April 2nd we held our Open Session and the following Lyceumists took part: Recitations by Miss A. Smith & E. Pearson, Master N. Crossley, A. Wright, S. Jackson, H. Dawson, L. Parkinson & A. Kirk; solo by Miss E. Pearson.

On Sunday, 9th, we had with us Mr. Osbourn of America, who took an appreciative interest in the Lyceum work. During his remarks Mr. Osbourn told us that Mr. E. Lunt, a former Lancaster Lyceumist, who is at present in America, wished to be remembered to us. Should Mr. Lunt see these remarks, he will know that his message has been delivered and appreciated, and will be kindly accept the fraternal Greetings from the Lancaster Lyceum, amongst whom are many who still retain happy recollections of him.—W. H. Freeman, Sec.

LEEDS, Psycho.—A Grand Tea and Social was held in our Church on Saturday, April 22nd, and about 200 friends attended. A photograph of Mr. A. Kitson was Unveiled, in a suitable introductory speech by two of our youngest Lyceumists, Master Fred Waters and Harry B. Smith.

A handsome BANNER, presented by Mr. William Hindle, was accepted by Mr. Essam, conductor, on behalf of the Lyceum. A well arranged Concert and Social was then commenced, and appreciated by very many friends.

The Sunday Evening Service was taken by the Lyceumists and the newly formed Lyceum Choir received universal appreciation by a large audience.—E. Lewis, Sec.

LONDON, Peckham.—We held our Open Session on April 16th; the efforts of the little children being very delightful. Recitations were given by Mary Borthwick, Trixie Bell, Phyllis Bower, John Borthwick and Norman Williams; songs by Phyllis Watts and Norah Clarkson; duet by Mr. & Mrs. Clarkson.—B. Bell, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—We are increasing in numbers, slowly but surely. Our newly elected officers began their duties on April 2nd and if they continue as well as they are at present we shall have no fault to find. Our magazine is getting better and is unfortunately to be published once only in 2 months. Our Marching and calisthenics are improving. We send our hearty greetings to all Lyceumists.—John Coffin, Session Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Rd., West.—Held our Open Session on April 2nd with a fairly good muster. Pearls were slow, but what were given had good symbolical meanings. Recitations were good although few in numbers; solos were good; marching good and calisthenics fair, in fact an around improvement to previous Open Session. Best greetings to all Lyceumists.

“When the sun is shining
And we see the Silver Lining,
Let us not forget
Our Maker when at rest.”

From a coloured Lyceumist in the Spirit World, to cheer us all along.—A. H. Colbourne, Sec.

MOSS SIDE, Raby St.—April 2nd. We had a lovely Lyceum Day, and warmly welcomed Miss Kitson, who conducted our Evening Service; eleven Lyceumists took part in the Programme. Afternoon, Miss Sharples keenly interested a fine gathering of friends on Free-Will. We welcome Mrs. Begg, May 21st, Open Services.—Harold Moulson.

MANCHESTER, New.—We held our usual Group Class on the 16th, when Mr. Bell gave a small lecture on the “Feasts of Easter,” and the Grouping of Religions in seven classes, which set the young members thinking; discussion amongst the elders.—G. W. Barrett Sec.

NEWPORT (Mon.), Central.—On April 2nd we held our Open Session, which proved to be the best we have ever held. Our speaker, Mrs. Suddies, of Bristol, who gave some encouraging words.

On April 16th, a very pleasing ceremony was performed, in the naming of a child, ably performed by our Conductor, Mr. Rowe. The son of Mr. & Mrs. Dix, earth named Brinley James Thomas; spirit name, Arius.

On Easter Monday, April 17th, we had a tea and concert. Oranges were distributed to everyone present. Our President, Mr. Read moved a vote of thanks and presented each of the younger children with Easter Eggs and Chocolate.—H. Folkes, Sec.

ROCHDALE, Penn St.—On Wednesday, April 19th we started our Mid-week sessions, which are being held for physical improvement. The first session was very well attended. In addition to usual marches and calisthenics, other exercises are being introduced by our marching conductor, Mr. Frank Brown. We think this innovation will be successful.—T. Dixon, Sec.

ROTHERHAM.—We had an enjoyable Open Session on April 2nd, there being a record attendance. Many recitations and pearls were given. Marching and calisthenics were very good, and enjoyed by young and old. Mrs. Metcalfe, our Conductor, closed the Session, giving the benediction.—E. L. Rands, Sec.

SHEFFIELD CENTRE, Paradise Square.—April 9th and 10th, was our Lyceum Anniversary; also the Distribution of Prizes, which were presented to the children in a very interesting manner by Mr. Walker.

Mrs. Bentley was our Speaker but could not be with us until evening. The services on Sunday and Monday evening were much appreciated.—Mrs. Organ, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Gifford Road.—On Sunday, April 2nd, Lyceumists, under the conductorship of Mr. Orr, rendered Service of Song, entitled “The Song of Nature.” Crowded audience.—G. Porter, Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick St.—We held Open Session April 2nd with a good attendance. Our Lyceum took the Evening Service under the leadership of our Conductor, Mrs. Williams, and the following programme made it a successful day with the assurance we are progressing. Opened with 347 L.M., Mr. R. Brown spoke of the beautiful Lyceum teaching. Duet, Misses Dale; Recitation, Evelyn Hickman, Constance Cuthbert; quartet by four girls; Recitation, Ethel Tate, Lily Wilson, Dorothy Hickman; Duet, Mrs. Dodsworth & Miss Dickenson; Recit.: Edward Hill and Helen Sidebottom; Musical Reading 201; Golden Chain 139. Duet, Mrs. Wells and Miss Dickinson; Recit.: Miss E. Dale, Lizzie Crawford. Hymn 227, Duet Mr. Hill,

Maud Tindell; Dialogue, Irene Tindell, Edward Hill. Hymn 88; solo, Mr. Jack Brown.—A. Hickman, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—Open Session April 2nd. A very enjoyable afternoon. Good attendance. Poems and pearls were ably rendered by the following Lyceumists: Doris Penuluna, Irene Penuluna, Daisy Elliott, Kathleen Sykes, May Staley, Emma Thornton, Connie Gray, Rhoda Rawlinson, Jack Staley, John Farrar, Thomas Turner, Thomas Pastrel, Rowna Elliott and Dora Pastrel. Marching and Calisthenics conducted by Mr. Lee and Miss D. Elliott.

WINDHILL.—On April 2nd we held our Open Session. Songs recitations, pearls, and comments. Altogether a good Session was held.—E. Alderson.

District Council Reports.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

We held the Bi-monthly Conference at Martin St. Spiritualists' Church on April 9th. We commenced with Opening Hymn 25 Manual, Mrs. Ackroyd giving the Invocation, followed by fifteen minutes' spirit communion, when Mr. Ackroyd spoke on sowing, and Mr. Ellis spoke on truth. Attendance register showed 6 Lyceums represented by 8 delegates. The following business was passed and accepted: Minutes last meeting, Financial Statement, Correspondence, Delegates, Report of H.D.C. and U.D.C. meetings, District Visitor's Report, Statistical Returns. In Open Council the amendment of the B.S.L.U. Rules were discussed.

In the afternoon an enjoyable Session was held conducted by Mr. W. Burrows, of Halifax, in which delegates, Officers and Lyceumists took part.

In the evening the platform was occupied by Officers and delegates who spoke in turn of the Lyceum work that was being done, encouraging parents to send their children. Mr. Ellis, President, presided at the Morning and Evening meetings. All Officers were present except Vice-President.—J. Manning, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Quarterly Meeting of Council will be held on Saturday, June 10th at Well St., Liversedge, 8-30 p.m. Business: Minutes, Correspondence, Reports, Field Day, Business, Silver Bell Competition, Associate Members, Any other Business, Vote of thanks, etc. Tea will be provided.

The Yorkshire County Council held a Demonstration at Wakefield on Easter Monday, April 17th, and they invited the Lyceum Council to a Massed Lyceum Session. The President, Mr. A. Collier, conducted; Mr. Gush, Huddersfield, gave Invocation. Silver Chain and Musical Reading caused a good deal of discussion. The Marching was excellent considering the little room we had. Calisthenics were ably led by C. Rampley, Wakefield. The following Lyceums were represented: Dewsbury, Castleford, Liversedge, Normanton, Wakefield, Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster (Wood St.), Barnsley, Yeadon (Ripley St.), Slaithwaite, Marsden, Ramsden (St.), Hull was represented by Mr. Downs, D.V. Also present: Mr. Rothery, President, Mr. Smith, Secretary, Mr. Oliver Treasurer, Mr. Gush, Organiser. Everybody enjoyed the Session. A good dinner was served by the Wakefield Society, about 250 sat down to partake of the excellent feast. It did one good to see them.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council will hold the Inter-Quarterly Meeting on Sat. May 13th, 1922, at Darwen Church, Bank St. Commence at 3-30 p.m. Delegates and Associates are requested to bring the April and May issues of the LYCEUM BANNER along with them. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge by our Darwen friends.—J.S.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The above Council will hold its Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, May 28th, 1922, at the Sheffield Centre Church (Paradise Square) Business to commence 10-30 a.m. Lyceums please see to full representation. Usual reports etc. etc., on the Agenda.

Delegates please bring their own Lunch, tea will be provided as usual.

The Council will conduct Services.

Lyceum secretaries please notify associates to Council attached to their Lyceums of Council Date and fresh New Associate business as per Annual Meeting.—Chas. H. Saxeby.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council was held at Lyons' St., Shaw, on March 18th. Mr. J. Lord (President), was in the chair, 16 Delegates and 2 Associates present.

Minutes, Correspondence, and Report of Balance Sheet accepted. The President expressed thanks to all who had worked with him during his years of office, for the welfare of the children. The large amount of pleasure he had derived and his firm determination to work for the children's cause as long as he was able to.

The Election of Officers for 1922 resulted as follows: President, Mr. A. Wright; Secretary, Mr. T. Dixon; Treasurer, Miss Isherwood; District Visitor, Mr. S. Carter; Auditors, Misses Curry and Grainger. Mr. Carter was appointed Delegate to the Conference. It was resolved that we advise Lyceums to give duty marks where non-attendance is caused by unavoidable employment and the Lyceumist is undertaking active Lyceum work.

A vote of thanks to all retiring Officers was moved and carried unanimously. On the motion of the President, a vote of thanks was given to Lyon Street Lyceum for kindness and entertainment. T. Dixon, Sec.

Special Reports.

EAST HAMILTON, Canada.—The Anniversary of the Opening of our Church was celebrated by three day's Mass Meetings held on Good Friday, when Toronto and Hamilton Medium occupied the platform. On Saturday the Lyceumists gave a Supper, Concert and Dance. Recitation by Hetty Gretton and Sylvia Knowles. Solos by Annie Jackson and Elsie Dillon; Piano solo by Peggy Conary. Under the direction of Miss Palmer several Lyceumists assisted in a sketch entitled "Brittania." It was enjoyed by all. Sunday: the Lyceum had special services when Mr. Dillon spoke on Health; his class gave a drill. Violin solo by Willie Davies; solos by Mr. Deeks and Mr. and Mrs. Waldon from Toronto.

Sunday evening brought to a close a good weekend; several mediums took part in the services. The choir also rendered an Anthem and solo by Selina Etchells. We are pleased to say we are going to make Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Sunday an annual event.—Selina Etchells.

LONDON, Clapham.—We celebrated our Fourth Anniversary on March 26th, Mrs. Clempton, President of Society, kindly distributing the Prizes. We were delighted to have so many visitors from London Lyceums with us.

A naming ceremony, by our conductor, added to the interest of the Session. About 60 members and friends sat down to Tea. In the evening the Lyceumists very creditably rendered a Service of Song "Spirit Return."—A. C. Duke, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanic's Hall.—April 2nd, Open Session and Prize Distribution, conducted by Miss Rayner. The prizes were distributed with very interesting comments by Mr. Gush of Huddersfield; recitations were given by Edith Vine, Cyril Stapleton, Kathleen Kiddy, Lily Walker, Alec Brown, and Marie Baker Dialogue by Pansy and Violet Piteford; solo by Gwennie Raynor, and a duet by Mr. Walker and Mr. Baker. An interesting naming ceremony was performed by Miss Rayner. We had a few encouraging and instructive remarks from Mr. Gush.—O. Peel, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Fowler St.—We held very successful Anniversary Services on April 2nd and 3rd. On Sunday evening each group took part in the Service and each Leader introduced and presided over their own Group. Group songs, recitations, and essays by two younger Lyceumists made up a very enjoyable programme. A string quartette greatly assisted the singing. On Monday evening we had a change of programme and one of our Leaders presided over the service.—E. Short, Sec.

District Visitors' Report.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

I visited Radcliffe Lyceum, Railway St., on March 12th, 1922. There were forty four (44) present. We had a prompt start. The songs were sung very well and with enthusiasm. The readings were explained very well by several Lyceumists. Marching and Calisthenics were done splendidly, and order was very well maintained. Altogether we had a splendid Session. Radcliffe Lyceum has improved remarkably well during the past few months.

I visited Daisy Hill Lyceum on March 19th. We had a prompt start, with only a few present, but others came late. Fourteen scholars attended. The singing was very fair. The readings and Recitations very good. No Marching or calisthenics. Here is a Lyceum that seems to be a little unsettled, through lack of unity. I hope that the next time I visit them I shall find them working more harmoniously together.

I visited Bury Lyceum, King St., on April 2nd. We had a prompt start with 30 present. One or two late. Lyceum songs were sung very well. The readings were explained very well. Marching and Calisthenics were performed splendidly, showing great credit to their youthful conductor. Pearls, recitations, and duets, very good. A pleasing feature was a duet by two young Lyceumists aged 7 and 12 years, showing the enthusiasm which they have. Order very good. A very good Session, although the atmosphere was charged with emotion and respect for one of our arisen Lyceumists, Mrs. Berry, of Bury, who was a splendid worker for the Lyceum.—F. Jones, D.V. Please write on one side of the paper only.—Ed.