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PRICE TWOPENCE.

From the President.

Dear Lyceumists,

To you all I extend my hearty Greetings and best wishes for a Bright and Happy New Year. May our progress in the year that is before us be greater than ever, each one striving for the great ideal:—The True Brotherhood of Man.

May we be earnest and sincere, true to ourselves, true to the Lyceum teachings, for in so doing we cannot fail in our duty to our brothers and sisters, our Cause, the Spirit friends and our Father, God.

C. J. WILLIAMS.

Foundation Day.

Dear Mr. Editor,—

First of all Greetings and Good Wishes for a Prosperous New Year to all readers.

In conforming to the M.C.'s resolution viz.: "That we draw up a programme for Foundation Day (last Sunday in January) to be published in the January issue of the LYCEUM BANNER," I am impelled to write a few lines as preface, relating to what *should* become a great annual event. I have perused Lyceum Reports in March issue and can find no trace of Foundation Day being observed, but in March BANNER of last year six out of a total of 300 Lyceums celebrated the Founding of the Lyceum Movement.

From time to time I have reminded our Lyceumists through our official organ, of the duty we owe to our Lyceums, and one of my greatest desires is to see this Anniversary Day become of real service to the whole Spiritualist Movement.

I fully realized that two or three years would speed by before we could have unanimity; but there is no excuse now for not complying with the M.C.'s request.

I feel confident there are few societies that will not allow Lyceums this especial Sunday for their very own, providing Leaders have approached the Church Committee before the booking of speakers.

Here is a link by which Churches and Lyceums can join closer together.

The S.N.U. has established a Pioneer Sunday, and it lies within our power to help the parent body to make that day a successful yearly event. So you see we each receive a mutual benefit. Remember all we labour for is for the future good of Spiritualism, and in whichever aspect we work, one of the Lyceumists' mottoes is "Service." The largest proportion of Lyceums hold their sessions in the morning, and we earnestly request the observance of the Foundation Day programme; but where afternoon sessions are the rule, the programme may be adhered to then.

Opening Hymn. 339—S.S. 07.

Invocation by Conductor or young Lyceumist.

Silver Chain Recitation 78. Invitation to Lyceum.

Musical Reading 235. Have Faith in one another.

Golden Chain Recitation 148. The Origin of the Lyceum.

(Here questions may be asked and answers briefly given, always remembering the Lyceum is not wholly a discussion class.)

Marching and Calisthenics of not more than 15 or 20 minutes' duration.

Reading by Conductor, or Lyceumist.

A child is the repository of infinite possibilities. Enfolded in the human infant is the beautiful image of an imperishable and perfect being. In the baby constitution we recognise the holy plans of Divine Goodness—the immortal imputations of Divine Wisdom—the image and likeness of the Supreme Soul—the possibilities of the greatest manhood, womanhood, or angelhood.

FROM A. J. DAVIS' MANUAL.

Amiel the great thinker said, "Watch disciple of life; Watch and labour towards the development of the angel within thee."

The deeds we do, the words we say,

Into the still air they seem to fleet,

We count them ever past

But—They shall last.

What do we know of sorrow, pain and trouble? Only what has grown out of the heart-soil, scarred by the plough, and torn by the harrow. Look at the receding storm, and see the splendour of the rainbow.

Go into the depths of a murky swamp, and say "a nest of pestilent fevers";

Lo—at our feet the delicate beauty of an orchid.

The tree felled and wrought into shapes of grace and use and not the living cedar in the forest, is that which gives forth its incense of praise.

A cross of shame—A Roman instrument of torture and humiliation.

A soul arising after martyrdom, to continue in Spiritual Spheres its wonderful conception of service.

We are trying to see beyond the quick satisfaction of hate, to the long joy of forgiveness.—Beyond the appetite of the pleasure of self-control.—Beyond the greed of luxury of giving.

Past gold to the treasures of contentment.

Let us see past profit to usefulness.

Past passion to poise.

Past the glare of power to the abiding beauty of service.

Further, let us try to have a clear vision, that we may peer beyond the boundaries of our country unto all the world. Then the human infant passes beyond the stage of possibility, into the fuller realm of knowledge, conscious of the Divinity within, imparting in turn Goodness and Wisdom and in tune with all.

M.E.P.

Closing Hymn. 325 or 326.

HYMN 325.

Thou God of peace before we part
Send some kind angel to each heart
Lead us we pray with loving hand,
Until we reach the Summerland.

Dear Angel-guides, may your sweet peace,
Remain with us, till this life cease;
Then bear our souls to that bright shore—
Where loved ones meet to part no more.

An Interesting Balance Sheet.

During last summer the Sheffield District Committee of Churches and the local Lyceum District Council held a Joint Demonstration in Sheffield. The procession was marshalled by mounted police at the front and rear. Decorated drays with Tableaux of Lyceum children portrayed and symbolized Lyceum methods of tuition.

The following statement is a proof of the earnestness of the Sheffield District. The people have passed through much penury. Their courage and policy may stimulate other districts.

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
To Patrons, Subscriptions	..	..	..	12	2	0
„ Church Grants: Attercliffe	..	..	..	3	10	0
„ „ „ Chesterfield	..	..	..	2	0	0
„ „ „ Centre	..	..	..	1	1	0
„ „ „ Doncaster	..	..	..	1	10	0
„ „ „ Rotherham	..	..	..	1	10	0
„ „ „ West-Melton	..	..	..	1	0	0
„ Teas: Total Cash	..	..	..	35	1	6
„ Sale of Programmes	..	..	..	3	16	10
„ Collection: Norfolk Park Gates	..	..	..	2	3	0
				£63	14	4

PAYMENTS.				£	s.	d.
By Rly. Fares, National Representatives	..	..	..	2	15	0
„ Rly. Fares Hull Banner Carriers	..	..	..	2	14	2
„ Paper, etc.	..	..	..	0	7	0
„ Two Prize Bands	..	..	..	12	0	0
„ Adverts. Daily Papers	..	..	..	0	19	0
„ Grants: Park Attendants	..	..	..	0	5	0
„ „ Police Benevolent Funds	..	..	..	0	10	0
„ Catering, Hot Water, etc.	..	..	..	28	6	9
„ Programmes	..	..	..	2	7	6
„ Printing and Posting	..	..	..	3	19	0
„ Postage, Stationery, etc.	..	..	..	1	7	3
„ Sundries	..	..	..	0	6	1
„ Balance	..	..	..	7	17	7
				£63	14	4

J. K. JONES, President.

C. H. SAXELBY, Hon. Secretary.

Our Education Page.

(THE B.S.L.U. EDUCATION SCHEME).

EDUCATION SECRETARY—(Miss) M. E. Kitson, B.A., 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorks.
ORAL GRADE SECRETARY—(Miss) A. Hesp, 17, Burlington Place, Dewsbury Road, Leeds.

IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES.

The names of your Lyceumists who intend taking the Education Examinations next month should already have been sent along to the Education Secretary. But, if for any reason, you have been unable to send them in, you still have a chance, as the closing date for receiving entries has been postponed from 21st December to 12th January.

SEND IN YOUR LATE ENTRIES THIS WEEK and so save your candidates from being disappointed.

THE ORAL GRADE EXAMINATION.

(i)—No FEE is being charged for the children who take the Oral Grade Examination.

(ii)—A Special Certificate, suitable for a child, will be issued to each successful candidate.

(iii)—Lycceums entering children for the Oral Grade should, if possible, appoint an Oral Grade Supervisor—to hear the S.C.R.'s and ask the questions of the children, in a separate room from the one used for the written examinations.

(iv)—Send the name and address of the Oral Grade Supervisor; and the list of Oral Grade entrants, to Miss Hesp. She will forward full instructions how to conduct the examination.

CHANGE OF MISS HESP'S ADDRESS.

Will Secretaries and all correspondents please note that Miss Hesp's address has been changed. She now lives at 17, Burlington Place, Dewsbury Road, Leeds.

A COMPLAINT—AND A REQUEST.

The Education Secretary, during the past month, has had to pay extra postage on several letters, because of insufficient postage having been put on (or no stamps at all!) Please will all correspondents put the correct amount on—2d. if more than one ounce and less than three ounces; and an extra half-penny for each additional ounce.

PRACTICE—QUESTIONS.

Tutors who wish to prepare their candidates for the written examinations should set them typical questions and let them practise writing the answers (see article in September BANNER, 1922). Suitable questions are those set at the 1921 and 1922 examinations. These appeared in the April BANNER for 1921, and March BANNER, 1922; or copies of the question-papers can be obtained from the Education Secretary (if a stamped addressed envelope be enclosed with the request for copies).

SUMMARIES OF MANUAL SELECTIONS FOR THE GRADES.

We now give the remaining summaries to complete the set. Candidates are advised to take care of the BANNERS for October, November and December, 1922; and of this issue and those for February and March. They will be helpful for the work to be done in the Grades still to be taken.

It is not claimed that these Summaries are the only correct interpretation of their respective MANUAL selections. They are only given as ONE interpretation; and as hints to help tutors and students—showing how summaries may be prepared.

When using them, students are advised to compare them with the actual MANUAL reading or recitation. As nearly as is possible (in the space available) the summaries appear in relation to the order of the MANUAL sections of the Programmes (given in September) for groups or Weeknight Classes.

SUMMARY OF M.R. 208—HOME AFFECTIONS.

(FOR GRADE I.).

The verses teach us that life may be regarded as a voyage over the seas of time. The voyage may start in the morning sunshine of love and hope; but storms will arise, and the morning's glory may be hidden "by the noon clouds that darken our prime." When this happens we must look—not backward for the "lost hills of morning," but forward to the calm of evening and the hush of the twilight, when we shall sail home to our haven of rest. If our lives are guided by love, the memory of us will cheer and encourage other voyagers—just as sunrise cheers the hearts of sailors who have been on watch during the darkness of night. The life of the soul will weather all storms, and shine brightly when all else is "darkness and cold."

NOTES.

1st verse: "Our prime."—"Prime" comes from primus—"first"—and here seems to refer to the first part of the voyage.

1st Reading: The "true greatness" of a country depends not on its foreign possessions, but on the advancement of its people and the happiness of their homes, where all should live in comfort, love and harmony.

"Hoary-headed" refers to old people, who should always be treated with courtesy and consideration—even when they are our own parents or relations.

"Wisdom of the aged"—These old people have had a long experience of life, and even the young may benefit from their advice.

"Registered indelibly on thy heart."—If we make an entry in a book, using indelible ink (which cannot be rubbed out) what we write has been "registered indelibly." In the same way, our mothers' teachings of virtue make an impression on our characters that can never be removed.

2nd Reading: "Inspirations to virtue."—The purity and virtue of our own sisters should not only fill us with pride, but should inspire us ("fill us with the noble idea") to respect and guard the purity and virtue of all women—who are our sisters under our Second Principle.

3rd Reading: A home can never be completely happy unless every member of it tries to make it so.

"Angels and Ministering Spirits."—Both terms refer to our spirit friends—but "angels" may be taken to refer here more to the spirit "messengers" who come to teach us spiritual truths; while "ministering spirits" may be taken as referring to those who come to help those in trouble, comfort the sorrowful and heal the sick.

SUMMARY OF M.R. 211—BE KIND TO OTHERS.

(FOR GRADE I.).

The verses teach us that we should be kind to others while we can, for we may not always have the opportunity—then, if perhaps, we lose all our friends, it will be sweet to remember that we always treated them well. We must not be too ready to listen to tales about those we know, as they may only be lies told through envy or spitefulness; and little differences of opinion should never be allowed to interfere with our friendship for others. Neither should our love cease because our friends meet with misfortune, or even if they fall into disgrace—for it is then that they will be most in need of the comfort of our love. So, under all circumstances, we must try our hardest to be kind to each other.

NOTES.

1st Reading: A "cruel tyrant" is one who always insists on having his own way, and doing what pleases him, no matter who suffers, or how they may suffer.

An "ignominious coward."—"Ignominious" means "disgraceful," and a "coward" is "one who has no courage." What is taught here is that those who rob little birds' nests only do so because the birds can't hurt them. They wouldn't try to rob the nest of a big bird, such as a rook or an eagle.

"Ignoble" means "not noble"—low and mean.

2nd Reading: "Equals by right."—As Spirits we are all sons and daughters of God, and the only difference that there can be between us is our spiritual development—which depends on ourselves.

"Generosity" means willingness to share with others.

"Benevolence" means wishing well to others.

3rd Reading: Thi. explains itself.

SUMMARY OF M.R. 203—THE VOYAGE OF LIFE.

(FOR GRADE II.).

In the verse, Life is referred to as a voyage. We must guide our ship (barque)—which is here used as a symbol for the body—with care; for, although the current is mild, there are many hidden dangers, and false lights will be shown to make us sail towards them. But we must sail straight on, for the DANGERS cannot harm us if we keep away from them. Others may be wrecked, but we shall be safe, even when storms rage around us, and the waves run high in the blackness of the night, if we only keep to the helm and steer a straight course. Even if we get among the breakers, courage and a manly faith will save us; for a voice (the voice of duty) will tell us the true course along which we can steer in safety.

NOTES.

1st verse: "Golden lights . . . to lure."—at dangerous parts of the sea-coast lighthouses are built to show sailors where

to steer their ships in safety. Many years ago there were men called "wreckers," who used to light fires on hills near the sea; and sailors, seeing them and thinking they were lighthouses, steered for them—and their ships were wrecked on the rocks. The wreckers then robbed the ship, and drowned the crew and passengers. In the Voyage of Life we must beware of "false lights," for they will only lead us to ruin.

But we must remember that it is *not* the lights that matter, but *what lie hidden* behind them. The boy or girl who wants to "look big," and "takes" mother's pennies to buy sweets for schoolmates, is a thief just the same as if the pennies had belonged to a stranger—and sooner or later it *may* be strangers' pennies that will be stolen. . . . The boy who pretends to have done things which *he knows* very well he hasn't done is *telling lies*; and some day he may tell lies that will get others into trouble—all for his own benefit or glory. . . . The youth who begins to go to public-houses "because of the jolly company" he finds there, is taking the first step towards a habit that may ruin his life—for the first drink is seldom also the last. . . . The young man or woman who starts with a shilling bell is starting a habit that has led to misery, and crime of every kind—including suicide. They are not "sports," although they may think they are—they are *only ignorant fools*! Thousands of homes have been wrecked because the father and mother drank or gambled, or both. . . . And the boy who thinks it manly to use bad language knows that he wouldn't use it before his mother—because *she* wouldn't think it manly; she would only think it horrible.

There are many other "false lights" which may be mentioned by the tutor—but it should always be pointed out that it is the *glare of the lights* that hides from us the dangers that lie behind. But the "lights" can *always* be put out—by self-control, by common-sense and by clearness of thought. The boy and the girl, the youth and the maiden, the man and the woman can test each "light" by asking mentally a simple question:—"If I do, shall I be a "dashing" daredevil, or shall I be only a silly ass or worse?"

4th verse: "Breaker."—Waves that *break* on the shore, or over sunken rocks.

Connective Readings: These explain fully and clearly the SYMBOLICAL teaching of the verses. (See S.C.R. 78—NOTE on "Right symbols.")

SUMMARY OF G.C.R. 142.—THE AIM OF SPIRITUALISM. (FOR GRADE II.).

Spiritualism aims at bringing man into harmony with God (Infinite Love and Wisdom), and makes absolute religion (religion without sect or creed) the point where Man's will and God's will harmonise. Therefore it lays down no creed, recognises no symbol (such as the cross, the crucifix, etc.), and has no specially sacred places nor specially sacred days (—all times and all places are sacred). Considering forms and ceremonies as useful only to those who need them, and in no way necessary, it cheerfully *lives* its religion under all conditions of life. It does not make the means the end (as is done by those (say) who bow to the crucifix—which is only a symbol of self-sacrificing love), and prizes signs (or symbols) only for *what they teach*. Its temple is all space; its shrine (or altar) a good heart; its creed (what it believes in—not the creed that *is insisted on*) ALL Truth; its ritual (or form of worship) works that are useful and good. Its faith is in a divine life; good works without, spiritual beauty and purity within; and deeds of love to God THROUGH HIS CREATURES. It asks no pardon for sins; it only seeks an opportunity to atone. It bows to no idols, whether persons, books, or figures made of wood or metal. It reveres truth only, even though spoken by a "heathen," and rejects falsehood, no matter what power may seek to bolster it up. Its aim is—"Be ye perfect as God is perfect." It teaches that every man must work for his own salvation, and must worship God himself (not through a hired priest); but gladly accepts any words of wisdom or truth spoken by others. It calls God our Father; looks on Jesus as a brother, and identifies "the heavens" with the Summerland. Its prayer is "Thy will be done"; and its church includes all human beings. So let us enter the holy temple of the universe, worship God in spirit and in truth. All true aspiration, all noble effort, is worship.

SUMMARY OF G.C.R. 138.—DEATH AND THE AFTER LIFE.

(FOR GRADE III.).

Death is the separation of the spirit body from the physical body. The physical body decays (in the grave), but the Spirit goes on into Spirit life. We cannot all see spirit bodies, because

we have not all developed our psychic sight (just as we cannot see the air, because our eyes are not keen enough). But Spirit existence is proved by Spirit communications and by the various phenomena which the Spirit friends produce; as well as by the spiritual experiences of many still in the physical body. And these phenomena are not miraculous—for miracles are supposed to happen outside natural law, and all our phenomena are governed by laws of Nature.

Death is really re-birth (into spirit conditions) and is as natural as the birth into physical conditions. So we should not fear death, as the Spirit is not affected by it, ever when the death is violent. But we all instinctively cling to physical life, and this instinct prevents us from trying to cut life short in order to escape trouble or pain, or to reach Spirit life before we are ready for it.

Man the Spirit holds the same relation to the Spirit World as man the physical being holds to the physical world, and the knowledge, attainment and experience of the Earth life form the basis of the Spirit life. In Spirit life we are still the same individuals, with the same powers and the same virtues (and vices). Hence it is better to live to a ripe old age, as there are many lessons to be learned on Earth which are missed by those who die young. All the lessons learned on earth are retained in the Spirit World, and a path of never-ending progression is open to everyone who wills to tread it. Eternal progression is an expanding of the spiritual nature; and as the Spirit progresses the spirit body becomes more and more refined and beautiful—at last reaching a state of refinedness and purity that is beyond words to express.

(The Committee expresses its sincere and grateful thanks to Mr. A. T. Connor for this series of Summaries; and appreciates his interest in the work for the education of Lyceumists, and his earnest labours on their behalf.)

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- (i) Make orders to the Education Secretary payable at Batley.
- (ii) Do not cross orders.
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- (iv) Write name and address legibly (or PRINT them), PLEASE.

£2000 Effort.

The activities of the £2,000 Effort have not been pushed during 1922, mainly through the slump in trade which has caused so much unemployment and consequent lack of funds in the Lyceums.

There is nearly £300 in hand and the hope of increased support from the Lyceums who have not contributed to the stabilisation of the Union will carefully consider the necessity of supporting the Effort, by which all Lyceums will mutually benefit through increased office facilities.

It is impossible to provide the Union with the many Lyceum requisites for supply to Lyceums until the office is adequately established with proper quarters and staff to cope with the growing necessities of the Union.

The Secretary of the Fund, Mr. J. Bell, urges all Lyceum Secretaries to push the Effort forward during 1923 so that something tangible can be done with the amount raised during the year.

The Radiation of Psychic Influences.

EVERY VITAL SPHERE A FACTOR FOR GOOD OR EVIL.
ADVENT OF A "LOFTIER RACE" POSSIBLE ONLY BY
THE ASCENDANCY OF SPIRITUAL FORCES.
PROGRESS IN THE DEMONSTRATION OF HUMAN
RADIO-ACTIVITY.
OUR PARAMOUNT DUTY.

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

*The All-Round Man, working, not laboriously, but gleefully, with head and hands,
Giving as much as he gets, and fearing most to be borne on other's shoulders,
And shriving in his heart the highest ideal of all, which is Health:
Health, the one holiest word
(The holiest prayer, 'Lord make us whole');
Health of body, mind, and soul, the soul enthroned at the living centre;
Health of Society at large, each receiving his own, and according to others, no one having too little and none too much, the give and take of equals;
Health breathed in like ozone, sweet and satisfying to lung and nostrils;
Health, the only wealth, and which we lose in scrambling for mere things—
Health!—ERNEST CROSBY.*

Every human soul is surrounded with an atmosphere, more or less pure and influential. This atmosphere is an emanation from the individual, just as flowers exhale their fragrance.—A. J. DAVIS.

"A healthy harmonious nature," says our inspired leader, Dr. A. J. Davis, "flows through life like a peaceful river through groves and green fields. But a nervous, irritable, discordant temperament is a dual vexation in itself, whilst it is both a demon and a hell to all about it, and it is to meet and master such that the angels descend and labour, and it is for such that the noblest of earth are often stoned and sacrificed and nailed to the cross. But the day of deliverance will yet dawn."

Although the absolute self—the God within—is perfect, external conditions of life—economic and hygienic—must prevail in order to bring about the ideal physical temple through which the inward divinity may fully express itself. The poet exhibits true insight when he affirms—

*"These things shall be: a loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise
With flame of freedom in their souls,
And light of knowledge in their eyes."*

It would seem that the important thing is for the elevated minds of earth to co-operate with those of higher spheres to radiate—more potently than ever before—an uplifting atmosphere upon the masses, and thereby create an aspiration to attain spiritual and moral progress. An individual may have great intellect, fine artistic gifts of expression, large social influence, but if he is without sincerity and high ideals, he will count for nothing that is good in the lives of others. We each exercise an influence for good or evil, and recognising this fact, must take ourselves in hand watching not only what we do, but what we are or rather what we are becoming. In the long run our worth is measured by this moral influence. Mary's Son, who exercised the most potent influence in history, did not hesitate to declare that he consecrated himself to the Divine Will for the sake of his fellow men.

All Spiritualists recognise the truth of the existence of the human aura; and almost an age before the illustrious Dr. Mesmer lived and taught, Swedenborg, in his revelations of the other life, affirmed the reality of a vital emanation. He said—"From every angel, and from every spirit also, proceed spiritual spheres of life which surround them, and by which the quality of their affections is sometimes known at a considerable distance. These spheres flow from the affection, and thence from the thought, or from the love and faith of every one. Those which go forth from the angels are so full of love that they affect the inmost life of all with whom they are present. I have sometimes perceived them myself." The divinity of human nature was also revealed to Swedenborg who continues: "In every angel, and also in every man there is an inmost or supreme degree, or an inmost and supreme somewhat, into which the divine principle of the Highest first or proximately flows, and from which it arranges all other interior things which succeed

according to the degrees in the angel or man. This inmost or supreme principle may be called God's entrance to angels and men, and also His especial dwelling place in them. By virtue of this inmost, man is man, and is distinguished from brute animals, which do not possess it; and hence it is that man is capable, as to all the interiors of his rational and natural minds, of being elevated by the Creator to Himself; that he may believe in Him, live Him, and thus see Him, and be able to receive intelligence and wisdom, and to speak from reason."

We have thus a divine and also a psychic ether. There is also a physical ether which fills space, "not only," as Sir Oliver Lodge observes, "space which appears to be empty, but space which appears to be full; for the luminiferous ether must undoubtedly penetrate between the atoms—must exist in the pores so to speak—of every transparent substance, else light could not travel through it." Like the ether of space, the divine ether or breath of God enters our souls and imparts ideas which are building up the "loftier race" that is to be.

A beautiful idea—the inspiration of the inmost spirit will, if not impeded or nullified by waves from lower but useful mind centres—combateness, destructiveness, acquisitiveness, secretiveness, etc., reach outward expression in iridescent rays which illumine and render happy all upon whom they fall. A perfect thought results from balanced and pure radiations through the three avenues of the soul—love, spiritual and moral faculties, and intellect. This superior thought lifts to a higher plane, quickens the best and most elevating powers of our nature. Thus when a steady impulse is given by different waves, all acting harmoniously and uniting their force to a common focus, we have genuine love, will, and wisdom—perfect thought and power. When however, the mind is one real calm, and no sensation or impulse can stir it, no desire stirs a wave and the will is entirely silent, we have hopelessness; and a still lower state is despair.

The medical profession are now jubilant in their assumption that, through their mechanical hypnotism, they have completely deposed the theory of a vital emanation which was called by the mesmerists "the vital fluid." Mesmer, they now acknowledge was a pioneer in mental healing, but they consider him in error about the virtue of "passes" or laying on of hands or of imparting healing force. A short time ago I showed an able medical gentleman a slide of radium under the microscope, the undulations and emanations, like a tide, were manifested in all their splendour, and I asked him if he could believe in the soul's radiations after observing the radio-activity of a mere particle of matter found in pitchblende rock. He replied: "I see the influence from radium, but I can not see what has been termed 'the vital force,' therefore I can not therefore accept the notion of its reality." I need not say that the most potent elements are invisible. Progress however has been made in bringing vitalising emanations into the view of the senses. Dr. Baraduc, an eminent French physician, made a series of experiments, the result of which he claims to be able to photograph human magnetic emanations by means of a sensitised plate; while Dr. Paul Joire has invented an instrument—the Stenometer—through which radiations from the finger tips can be made to attract or repel a straw resting upon a central pivot under conditions precluding the possibility of heat or atmospheric pressure being a motive force.

About 1845,—long before the scientific world heard of radio-activity, the eminent German chemist, Baron von Reichenbach, in his great work on the finer forces said—"Man has fingers which he uses for many purposes. But have you ever seen in broad daylight anything coming out of them except the product of subcutaneous action? Then go into some semi-dark room, and place your hand before your eyes, having in front of you a black screen. Provided you are a sensitive, you will see an amount of vaporous colourless and non-luminous efflux at the extremity of each finger. It is neither smoke nor steam. It appears like a restless flame or an ascending current of vapour, but it is subtle. We do not know its nature; we can only surmise that we are in the presence of a dynamic agent, such as electricity, magnetism, light."

Medicos admit that if "Suggestion" is given by a person of poor mental strength, health and firmness, it will have little or no effect upon a patient. This indicates that the formula is not the actual agent of healing and that in reality the good effect is produced by the aura of the operator. Science now teaches that all forms of matter are "radio-active," that is they throw off emanations like the magnet. About fifty years ago our inspired Hudson Tuttle in his great work—the *Arcana of Nature*—wrote: "We must confess that we know of force, but of matter we know nothing. What we call matter, that which we see, feel, and taste; which manifests gravity, impenetrability

etc., is not matter but force which surrounds and conceals something beyond. This something lies beyond our ken." From the standpoint of spirit, so-called, physical maladies, in the last analysis, are engendered by incapacity to control and direct the outward organism; and the "loftier races" will be those that having control over the "atoms" shall aggregate them and form the perfected body.

Our paramount duty as spiritualists is to become first intellectually respectable, to be capable of performing uses—healing the sick and spreading wisdom, proving beyond doubt a rapport with higher spiritual spheres. Each invisible wave of the higher ether bears with it the Divine word; and true culture will make us worthy instruments of the Supreme. Then we shall be elevated beyond mere traditions, Sacred books, and even spirit messages. In the spiritual consciousness of each soul there lies the natural organ of divine knowledge: therein God reveals to the reverend listener, by His "still small voice," all His high and sacred lessons of love and holiness; and it becomes incredible that any traditional revelation should transcend in authority this original and perpetual one. The apparent uncertainty of the "Inner Light," the boasted certainty of the written "Word" will not deceive the truth lover, for he learns that the divine voice in his heart speaks clearly, precisely in the ratio of his own faith and obedience, and that the supposed certainty of the written Word does not exclude, and never has excluded, the most monstrous misapprehensions and mistakes.

"The Upanishads say with great emphasis, *'Know thou the one, the soul. It is the bridge leading to the immortal being.* This is the ultimate end of man, to find the ONE which is in him; which is his truth, which is his soul; the key with which opens the gate of the spiritual life, the heavenly kingdom. These desires are many, and madly they run after the varied objects of the world, for therein they have their life and fulfillment. But that which is ONE in him is ever seeking for unity—unity in knowledge, unity in love, unity in purposes of will, its highest joy is when it reaches the infinite. One which is eternal unity. Thence the saying of the Upanishad, *Only those of tranquil minds and none else, can attain the abiding joy, by realising within their souls the Being who manifests one essence in a multiplicity of forms.* Through all the diversities of the world the One in us is threading its course towards the One in all: this is its nature and this is its joy. But by that devious path it could never reach its goal if it had not the light of its own by which it could catch in a flash the sight of what it was seeking. The vision of the Supreme One in our own Soul is a direct and immediate intuition, not based on any ratiocination or demonstration at all. Says the Upanishad: *'This deity who is manifesting himself in the activities of the universe always dwells in the heart of man as the supreme soul. Those who realize him through the immediate perception of the heart attain immortality.'*"—Rabindranath Tagore on "Soul Consciousness."

Essays.

THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS.

The Spiritualist when reading a Bible can understand many things written therein which often puzzle professing Christians. By the teachings of Modern Spiritualism he is able to interpret the wondrous signs given, and the 'Miracles' which were performed before the birth of Jesus and after.

The Church has always believed in the Ministry of Angels as its creed tells us, but the Spiritualist's conception of the term 'Angel' is vastly different from that of the Church followers. We know that our friends, who pass from this life into the higher, take with them all the characteristics by which we have known and loved them. Freed from their earthly bodies they are able to progress more rapidly, and thus purify themselves to become our willing helpers and guides. There are some who do not actually come into our earthly surroundings, but are able to use that power of thought, which travels any distance, to envelop us and keep us safe. These are the 'Angels' of Spiritualism.

Many people believe that the manifestations recorded in the Bible were produced by celestial beings who had never lived upon Earth, and not by 'human spirits.'

After his death, Samuel manifested his presence to Saul; Moses and Elias spoke with Jesus at the Transfiguration, and when Paul was on his way to persecute the Christians at Damascus, a light shone upon and about him, he fell to the earth and heard a voice say to him "I am JESUS whom thou persecutest."

There are many arguments against the teaching of the Church regarding "Angels." What would such creatures know of human sorrows, weaknesses or trials? How could they minister comfort to the sad, not having felt sorrow?

In this life there are times when we might feel in doubt of getting any consolation from this world, but there is an inner power that bids us go forward to fight out earthly battles. Our Angel friends are ever with us. What made the 'Pioneers of Freedom' fearlessly brave the scorn and tyranny of the world? They had the truth, the 'Word of God' and those who fought for the freedom of Spiritualism prized the truth more than public opinion.

When once the facts of Spirit Ministry had been established nothing could shake the faith of these great workers. If we want the Angels to help us we must attune ourselves accordingly.

We are all brothers here, with God as our Universal Father. Every man is bound to assist his brother and work with him and for him. The ruling force in the angel world is Love,—Love for the Father, and His creation, love for the task allotted to each one, that of lifting up the fallen and weak, inspiring the teachers of the people, and guiding all gradually along the 'Paths of Progression.' If we could make Love the ruling force of this world, the task of the angels would be easier.

Sometimes it is very difficult for Angels to penetrate the armour we put around us, but if we pray for a pure, open mind our thoughts will be in harmony with God's messengers and the channel of communion will be free.

Let us rest on the Divine Spirit Power within and around us, and develop our spiritual powers. Thus we shall come into communion with the high and good, who will lead us upward and along the road of Perfection which leads to God.

A Paper read by GLADYS WOODMAN
to the Reading Lyceum.

Flowers.

An Essay by JACK WILLS, aged 13 years.

Summer time to us means flower time! When we look at different shades of flowers, we say to ourselves, how lovely these flowers look. Sometimes we pick a flower just for amusement or a button-hole: why not let them live in their natural form of existence? When we look at a flower, we sometimes see a bee getting honey; the bee goes into the flower and its fur coat rubs on the sides of the flower, hence it takes the pollen from one flower to the other; therefore we get beautiful shades of mixed colours. The pansy for instance, has beautiful tints of colours, such as purple, yellow, white and sometimes other colours. Early in spring we see beautiful flowers such as the snow-drop, daffodil, etc. Some people dislike the snow-drop, because it is all white. Go out into the country in spring, and notice a meadow or a field strewn with snow-drops, what better can you have, to see a meadow or a field strewn with snow-drops, like snow. The rose is the symbol of love. What better can you have than a beautiful red rose in full bloom. The scent of it gives the weary mind an enlightening thought. Flowers are the outcome of nature. Some flowers won't let an intruder come near; the flower closes its honey cell, and will only allow the bee to collect the honey from their cells. These flowers are sometimes very antagonistic to their intruders. They seem to shut themselves away, from what they call evil visitors. Many people do not know what work flowers do. They bring happiness in the home, and brighten the minds of little children. Sometimes we have beautiful bunches of flowers brought to us from the spirit world, by little children representing their love. Little children love to pick flowers because they appeal to them. In the hospital you always notice beautiful bunches of flowers, because they help invalids to gain strength. All flowers give and take. The little dog-daisy has been sent here for some purpose or other, many people trample it down, or crush it, just for amusement: why not let it live and die, among its companions, even if it does not seem much to you. Flowers can feel, and they get into communion with each other, if we only knew. Flowers talk with us in their own way. The aster, for instance, has beautiful crimson petals, with a yellow centre. Sometimes you see a garden strewn with crimson, red, and purple petals and the garden looks extremely pretty. God sent flowers to show his Divine love to man. Every flower has its own sense of attracting visitors. They attract the visitor by means of their beautiful colours. The apple attracts man's eye by means of its rosy colour; the same with all fruits, and all flowers.

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Education.

We should obey the laws of physical health; eat pure and appropriate food, drink pure water, breathe fresh air, cultivate cleanliness in habit and in person, and take due exercise and rest.

Our intellectual duties are the cultivation of our reasoning and instructive faculties in Truth, and to spread its light abroad that others may be guided thereby.

L.M.: G.R.C. 144.

With the growing numbers of Lyceumists and Spiritualists who have entered into a study of revelation and communion with the people who have changed from human intelligences to spirit-beings, the need of knowledge from experienced people is daily being needed to guide aright those who are desiring enlightenment and information.

Education is something more than the narrow concept of compulsory school-days. It is an unfolding life-process. All life is governed by laws, subject to cause and effect. Knowledge is subject to observation, experiment and deduction. The inferences deducted can mostly be verified by experiment. We observe by the results the accuracy of any statement.

The definite laws of physical science are the stepping-stones to the land of science. The apparently indefinite laws of spiritual science are not really indefinite, but appear to be so because we have not the necessary knowledge of the laws underlying the phenomena, or even many of the common practices of mediums. We need to research and restudy much of the common faculty which is called "clairvoyance" or "clear-seeing."

Many different forms of Mediumship have all the same verbal expression which conveys to the listener the same mental impression of a relative who is "dead."

One of the best clairvoyants in England never "clear-sees" a spirit-form. He feels an internal fulness (like wind) forming in the chest. As the "wind" rises and reaches the throat, words are formed and the voice speaks the name, address and other descriptions of people who formerly were known by some of the hearers present. We need some definite words to describe these various forms of mediumship. No one can say the medium in the above case "saw" the spirits, yet it is classed as clairvoyance.

The medium was the agent of an impression which he willingly received veridically and dynamogenously, and through the metetherical environment was able to convey, from the spirit, a mnemonic chain which gave illusory objectivity to a sensation the percipient experienced and resulted in a paraphrasial interpretation of each phenomenon.

What actually occurred was that the spirit, by an act of impression and sensation, retrocognized through, and with the willing co-operation of the medium, something which has come within the knowledge and surroundings of some persons present in the meeting to prove the existence of a supernormal faculty was possessed by the medium and resulted in the description of a "dead" friend.

Some people have been sitting in Circles and Lyceums for twenty years. Length of membership does not imply ability

to conduct the meetings. A circle opens the door to a great study where the books of life are revealed, but the student must read for himself before he can explain the contents to others.

In the Lyceum the task is not so great, as the need is mostly to satisfy young minds and much detail must be left for the Liberty Group, where we can guide the student to the studies which will provide the answer to his thoughts, theories and facts.

No settled syllabus can be offered to all Lyceumists who have reached the adolescent age or the Liberty Group, providing the Education Scheme has been taken from the age of ten years and upwards.

The B.S.L.U. Scheme provides the necessary fundamental knowledge to understand the simple and actual things which have transpired to make plain and amplify the facts of survival over death and the existence of communion between spirits and mortals.

There is an eternal study full of fascination and charm for any serious-minded person who cares to admit his ignorance and is willing to search for the truth and joy of eternal life, and all the religious problems which have perplexed humanity through the ages are there for research and solution.

Whilst Conductors need a knowledge of Lyceum essentials, many persons can be found who are capable of conducting the Liberty Groups. If this duty is placed with some competent person, the Conductor is freer to consider the welfare of the other groups.

When the Lyceum Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Leaders is over, many Lyceumists heave a sigh of relief: "thank goodness that's over." Dear Lyceumists, it has only been a mark-time and period of interrogation. You will know best whether you are progressive or retrogressive. A Lyceum is composed of a number of people who have met to do things which would not have the same effect if done alone. If some of us sang alone, Ugh! and yet we like to sing amidst the throng: Some who can sing may charm us with their voices.

The Conductor who has the happy knack, the sweet smile and appealing voice will be successful in dealing with the children and encouraging the leaders.

Education for young people is a fascinating theme. The world of nature provides a never-ending theme for stories founded on real plants, real animals, real birds, real toys and real people.

No real scheme of voluntary education will be successful which has not got a little play-way in its methods. Children must have it all play-way at the beginning. Gradually work and play divides itself into duty and pleasure: for some of us duty means sacrifice and pleasure means service, yet we are happy as it means the growth of the soul. To some the motherly instinct or paternal care fills the larger portion of life. It finds expression in the fraternal spirit in youth and leads us to social life. A true concept of social life will never interfere with individual expression and ideals of each one, nor will the great intellects flinch from the poor their human needs, because they have the power to focus around themselves more wealth than can be thoroughly enjoyed.

True education rests upon the knowledge of things and forces. True wisdom depends on the application of our knowledge to human needs. True love inspires us with the Divine Intuition of Right and Wrong. This is our inherent birthright which no man can give or take away. It is the king of our environment and gives us the desire for change when things go wrong.

The Lyceum system is liberal and harmonious. The only bonds we have are our own limitations. Education broadens our vision and experience. It surrounds with the knowledge of immortal life. We realise our ideals may be real.

When we are weary of the ways of the world, we can turn to the ways of the spirit. There we can meet the occult, mystic, psychic, ethereal and spiritual conditions of life with its vague fancy and real imaginations, its hallucinations and spiritual verities, and the supraliminal spheres of intellectual peace.

The General Secretary regrets that the pressure of work prevents immediate attention to all letters.

The MANUAL orders have been met, as far as supplies will allow. There are a number of waiting orders yet to be filled. The books will be sent as soon as the MANUALS required come in stock.

The Bound Volumes of the LYCEUM BANNER will be on sale shortly. Orders can be sent to the General Secretary. Price 5s. 6d. post free.

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Guild Motto:—"We live to learn and learn to live."

Guild Aims:—To develop ourselves—Physically, mentally, psychically, spiritually.

(For further particulars of the Guild and its work; and for application form to become a member, apply to the Leader—
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TO ALL LYCEUMISTS.

The Guild takes this opportunity of wishing all Lyceumists a happy and prosperous New Year, and twelve months of congenial work and play, with success crowning all earnest endeavours.

TO ALL MEMBERS.

As your New Year's gift to the Guild, please help it to send in a big percentage of its members next month for the Education examinations. You can do this by interesting your fellow Lyceumists in the Scheme, and setting them the example of studying, and taking the examination.

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

Since we gave the list last month, the following enrolments have been made:—

(i) <i>Fleetwood Lyceum</i>	15 new members.	Present total	—16
(ii) <i>Preston (Lancaster Rd)</i>	10 " " "	" " "	25
(iii) <i>Batley Carr</i>	5 " " "	" " "	33
(iv) <i>Hucknall (Notts.)</i>	2 " " "	" " "	2
(v) <i>Jarrow-on-Tyne</i>	1 " member	" " "	18
(vi) <i>Plaistow</i>	1 " " "	" " "	5

Our total number of members now (17th December), is 1427 representing 132 Lyceums.

Will you help to make it 2,000 *this* year?

ARTICLES CONTRIBUTED BY GUILD FREEMEN.

We have great pleasure in giving the first article of each of the three series, which we promised last month. They will be not only interesting and helpful to individual members, but will also prove of value as lessons for reading and discussion in Lyceum Groups, at Guild Classes, and Study Groups.

ADVENT.

THE BEGINNINGS OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

By A. T. CONNOR.

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY.

The object of all study is to find out "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." Therefore, the writer of a scientific or historical treatise who introduces more than is needed for the accomplishment of his task, is not only wasting space, but is supplying matter which may confuse and mislead the student. Personal comments, emotionalism, and homilies based on the facts, are equally out of place in a text-book—where facts, and facts only, should be stated. The author may reasonably, and with benefit to the student, devote some space to an impartial examination of the facts supplied, and may even help new students by pointing out their significance—but anything in the nature of rhapsody should be avoided.

In the following chapters I propose to relate the plain story of the Hydesville Knockings, and events following or related to them; and then, taking the various evidences and sources of evidence, to examine them calmly and critically—finally disregarding everything at all liable to challenge, and emphasising the historic, scientific or logical value of the remaining facts or proofs. It must be borne in mind, however, that any evidential points disregarded are not necessarily discredited or rejected, but are only put to one side because they are not now capable of conclusive proof, and may be denied just as logically as they may be affirmed. The sole intention is to show that, apart from these debatable points, there is undeniable proof that on the night of 31st March, 1848, a human spirit broke through the barrier separating this life from the life to come, and established intelligent communication between the physical and spiritual planes of existence.

The story really commences on the fateful 31st March, 1848, the stories relating the previous events having been told after that date. But, in order to get the proper "atmosphere" for my story, I am going to begin with 11th December, 1847, when John D. Fox took over the tgnancy, and deal first with the

period beginning with that date and ending with the night when the invisible knocker proved that he could "see as well as hear." I shall then describe the method of investigation undertaken by the Fox's and their neighbours, and proceed to the stories told by Lucretia Pulver and her mother, and the Weekmans—and also the denial made by John C. Bell and his friends. The removal to, and experiences in, Rochester will next be dealt with, including the four meetings in Corinthian Hall, with the tests to which the young mediums were put. I shall then ask the reader to join with me in examining the evidence—including the finding of the skeleton in 1904 (56 years afterwards); and we shall devote a chapter to recording our reasoned conclusions.

This will really conclude the story of Hydesville; but as, in this country, the average investigator is unaware of the many eminent people who, in those early days, carried out tests and satisfied themselves of the truth of Spirit return and communication, I have thought that it would be both helpful and interesting if I added further chapters on events at Auburn, and the tests received by early investigators. Also, as a warning against giving way to fanatical sentimentality, I shall describe the results of this disease as it exhibited itself in one case in America, and shall conclude with a statement of my opinion of a sane Spiritualism that should go serenely on its way, acknowledged on all sides as a science, a philosophy and a new revelation of religion.

It is impossible to emphasise too strongly the great importance to the Spiritualist Movement of these early knockings. They were not by any means the first recorded (the Epworth knockings occurred in 1716-17); but on this occasion, for the first time, the spiritual telegraph was intelligently used, and the messages received given not to a select body, but to the world at large. And there are many evidences that the world was gradually being prepared for a spiritual outpouring, one of the most important being recorded by Mrs. Britten in her "History of Modern American Spiritualism" (1870). She had been lecturing near a community of "Shakers" (who, according to Mrs. Britten, claim that since their foundation manifestations of spiritual presence: through rappings, movements of furniture, visions, trance, clairaudience and clairvoyance: have been common amongst them), and was visited by a deputation, one of whom produced a document, signed by many witnesses, and dated about 1829-30, in which the "great spiritual crisis" of 1848 was foretold, and the Shakers warned that their special gifts would be withdrawn for a season and poured out upon "the world's people." To this end the Spirit organisers began to prepare mediums, and took advantage of the spread of mesmerism to send through messages whose spiritual source is now acknowledged—the greatest of these "mesmeric subjects" being Andrew Jackson Davis. His "Divine Revelations" and "Great Harmonia" were produced before the date of the Hydesville Knockings, but the Harmonial Philosophy is acknowledge to be decidedly Spiritualistic.

But whilst minds like those of Andrew Jackson Davis and the Rev. S. B. Britain were being prepared as channels for the sublime utterances of exalted spiritual entities, the Spirit organisers were choosing a place and a medium whereby they could attract the attention of the whole world. The place selected was Hydesville, and the mediums were the Fox sisters. The selection was not made in any haphazard fashion; for the aura of the little homestead was so favourable that the murdered pedlar had already been able to knock, and in the Fox family had already been manifested the possession of psychic powers. Mrs. Fox's sister and maternal grandmother were intuitive clairvoyants, and had many convincing experiences—so the mediumistic gifts of the Fox girls were inherited. The Spirit operators had carefully selected all the instruments required for their great effort.

CHAPTER II.

HYDESVILLE.

In the little hamlet of Hydesville, near the town of Newark, Wayne County, New York State, stood a cluster of wooden homesteads, one of which has since become famous all over the world. This house was a humble frame dwelling, facing south; consisting of two fair-sized parlours opening into each other; east of these a bedroom and a pantry opening into one of the sitting-rooms—and a stairway between the pantry and the bedroom, leading from the sitting-room up to the half-storey above, and from the pantry down to the cellar. Into it, on 11th December, 1847, there moved a farmer named John David Fox, with his wife and two little daughters—Margaretta, aged 15 years, and Catherine, aged 12.

Soon after their arrival, the Fox's were occasionally dis-

turbed by hearing noises in the house during the night. By the month of January the noises had developed into slight knockings. It sounded like someone knocking on the floor of the east bedroom, and sometimes as if the furniture was being moved about. At first Mrs. Fox thought it was the hammering of a neighbouring shoemaker, but it soon became evident that the knockings were located in the house; for not only could the knocks be heard in different parts of the house, but the family noticed that the knocks were accompanied by a slight, tremulous jarring of the chairs and beds, and also sometimes of the floor—the motion being distinctly felt if a hand was placed on a chair, or if any of them stood on the floor. After a time the noises varied, sounding sometimes as if someone was walking in the different rooms.

During February the noises developed in loudness and varied in character, and became so frequent that the family began to be worn out through lack of proper rest. Not only did the sounds continue, but occasionally the bed-clothes were pulled during the night, chairs were moved from their places, and on one occasion the children were frightened by feeling something heavy, like a large dog, lying across their feet. Night after night, Mr. Fox and his wife got up, lit a candle, and searched the house from attic to cellar—but all to no purpose. Although the noises continued during the search—from the walls, from the floor, and even from the cellar—they were unable to discover anything that would explain what was happening.

Gradually, during March, the noises increased in loudness and frequency, and the climax was reached when, one night near the end of March, Kate, the youngest girl, felt as if a cold hand was being passed over her face; and this so alarmed the children that Mrs. Fox decided to move their bed into her room. On March 30th, they were disturbed all night, the noises being heard in all parts of the house, even on the door. At first Mr. Fox stood behind the door, ready to open it the instant the raps were heard; but though he opened the door immediately, he was not able to see anyone, or to find any clue to the mystery. Then Mr. Fox stood outside the door, whilst Mrs. Fox stood inside—and the knocks came on the door between them! They heard footsteps in the pantry, and as if someone was walking downstairs, but all their searching was of no avail. They found it impossible to rest, and at last Mrs. Fox, remembering other stories she had heard, came to the conclusion that the house was haunted by some restless, unhappy spirit.

(To be continued).

LYCEUM IDEALS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THOUGHT AND ACTION.

By J. TINKER.

What is the Lyceum? What is its object? What is its glorious aim? What is the chief principle? "Read, mark, learn," &c., I.M. 108.

What is an ideal? The highest and best conceivable: the perfect.

Is there a single member or leader that has gone through a series of meditations on our ideals and our methods to achieve them? Most of us have correct fragmentary ideas, but what about a closely studied co-ordinated system conceived as a result of individual effort? Ideal is "the perfect," not simply as an "idea" in the mind, but as a state to which we strive, the purpose of our education, the business of our developed faculties.

We cannot conceive absolute perfection. Yet whilst we strive towards the "highest and best conceivable" we are prompted to get beyond that to the absolutely perfect; for, as we advance our conceptions of the best also advance. Our aim is "the spiritual, moral, and intellectual elevation of its members, and through them of the world at large." "Elevation," upliftment—to what heights? We are Lyceums for Spiritualism, and therefore our aim, our ideal, is "to effect a complete at-one-ment and union of man with God," "perfect harmony with the divine will"; "its watchword is, 'Be ye perfect as God is perfect,'" (142).

What is God? What ideal can we make of the Incomprehensible? How can That be the "best conceivable"? Yet there are those who developed faculties by which they attained such a wonderful degree of "illuminated unity" as convinced them of their at-one-ment with the Highest, though the Incomprehensible. We rise to the Unknown by the Known—for the known is not limited to scientific ideas in the normal memory. The knowledge with which our faculties work is the possession of powers to perceive and respond to the cosmic life, possessions each human constitution has inherited. Not by the logic of the science of externals can Man or God be found; but by the develop-

ment of the faculties of our whole personality in response to the Cosmic Whole (1 and 2).

What are our conceptions of God? For light upon the quality of our ideals can be drawn therefrom—even if we refuse to conceive a God—for in the reasons for that refusal may be discerned such lofty ideals of a consistent God that all that is known by us fails to prove such a One as that for which the faculties crave. Our liberal education does at least free us from special personifications and divine personalities as gods to be worshipped. The Incarnation we uphold includes not only Jesus, but all Humanity; and not only all human beings, but the rest of the Cosmos, which is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace";—"feed on him by faith with thanksgiving." (Prayer Book). See also L.M. 142.]

Our ideal is that "infinite, eternal, and all-perfect Spirit" which is "All Wisdom, Love and Law," hence our title of Spiritualism, philosophically and theologically. We know our own spirits only by their powers—fundamental principles—cognitive, emotional, conative—especially in communion with the "spiritual" as Spiritualists may exercise that communion. We know that those fundamental principles and powers of spiritual communion and manifestation are not the special prerogatives of any man of any race or age. They are apparently Cosmic, and in the Inscrutable Manifestor of Cosmic Wisdom, Love, and Law, spiritually and physically, we place our Ideal (112, 136, 137).

Hence our determination not to be bound by any titles or creeds that have some person or class of devas or spirit guides as interceptors of our adoration and service to the Supreme. The fascinating Wisdom of the East is too much fettered by its connection with the sciences of ancient times, and is more fettered by the painful efforts to fit pagan gods into theosophic symbology for too-systematised grades of celestial hierarchies. However, one precious thing the Wisdom of the East, whether of Benares or Libya, Judea or Greece, does reveal is that at-one-ment comes not theologically but mystically, and especially by the "path" of Abou Ben Adhem—who "loved his fellow men."

Christianity has done much to liberate the world from bondage to pagan theologies and worship, whatever the Church Fathers retained in their rites and ceremonies and Neo-Platonism. We welcome the Christians and Theosophists who are permeating our churches and Lyceums, especially for their spirituality and exalted ideals. We welcome also the Rationalists, with their reminders that the Lyceum was the school of Aristotle, not of Plato or Plotinus or Paul. But we have to get harmonious as well as liberal education, and our Spiritualism must therefore be a trinity in unity—Rationalism, Communism, and Mysticism. (Next paper: "Faculties?")

HERBS.

WHEN AND WHERE TO FIND THEM; AND THEIR MEDICINAL VALUE.

By WM. WOODALL, (S. Shields).

Dear Fellow Guildites and Lyceumists,—

(I place the Guild first as its membership shows the progressive Lyceumist). In writing to you upon this subject I have a great desire to interest you in a health-giving educational hobby that will bring you closer to Nature. It will give you a greater knowledge and insight into the bountiful munificence of Nature's God in providing plant life to please the eye and to keep the body in health. It may also be made a profitable hobby. During the first three months of the year it will not be a hard matter to be fairly inclusive in the choice of herbs to describe, but after that it will be impossible to deal exhaustively with the subject, owing to the limited space available. The whole issue of the LYCEUM BANNER would not suffice, so we must content ourselves with a description of the most useful—and very often the most common is the most useful—samples. What is missed out one year may be included the next year. My desire is to deal each month with the herbs in season that month. Here again the want of space is felt, for writers of other articles have to be considered and rightly so. So I shall try to get a little in advance during the first three months of the year. A description of herbs to be gathered in June would be of little use appearing in August. In these cycling days it is an easy matter to get away into the lanes and to the banks of rivers and streams, away from the dust and fumes of motors, where you will see Nature in all its beauty and cleanliness, where you can study the simplicity and complexity of flowers and marvel at their perfection.

It will be necessary to give some explanation of the terms used

in describing foliage and flowers in order to avoid repetition and so save space. Technical terms will be avoided except where necessary, as in cases where the same plant receives different names in different localities, and where the same name is given to different plants. The Latin name never applies to two different plants. In giving the following explanation of terms used experienced Botanists and Herbalists will kindly bear with me, I am not writing for them. I will give it in alphabetical order for easy reference, taking leaves first.

Axil—The hollow or angle between the stem and the leaf stalk. *Axillary*—What is formed in or growing from an Axil. *Bi-pinnate*—is a term used where pinnæ are in themselves pinnate. *Bract*—a small leaf growing just below a flower. *Bractlet*—a very small Bract. *Cauline Leaves*—Leaves that grow from a stem, not direct from the root. *Involucre*—a series of leaves like bracts growing mostly under a cluster of flowers. *Phyllaries*—The Bracts, or sometimes scales, that form the Involucre to a head of composite flowers. *Pinnate*—where the leaf is broken up into small leaflets arranged on each side of the midrib terminating in a single terminal leaflet. *Pinnatifid*—a leaf cut deep into lobes, not down to the midrib, to form leaflets. *Radical*—A leaf springing direct from the root. *Stipules*—Small leaves in pairs at the base of some leaf stalks.

FLOWERS: These being of a complex nature are harder to describe so that they may be easily recognised. *Anther*—The pollen sac of the stamen. *Calyx*—The sepals of a flower. *Corymb*—A cluster of flowers, the peduncles of each flower of varying length, to bring them on a level at the top. *Cyme*—Where a shoot terminates in a flower and sends off side shoots each in its turn ending in a flower and sending off similar shoots forming a rather loose cluster. *Carpel*—Composed of one or more ovaries and containing one or more Ovules. *Cleistogamic*—Flowers without a Corolla, whose Sepals never open, but by self-fertilization develop into fruit. *Dinarpic*—Flowers that appear in two forms, one with a short style and anthers near the mouth of the corolla tube, the other with a long style and anthers half way down the tube. *Filament*—The stalk portion of the Stigma. *Hypogynous*—Name given when Petals or Stigma spring from beneath the base of the ovary and not joined to the calyx. *Inferior*—Denotes that the Calyx or Corolla is below and free from the Ovary. *Inflorescence*—The arrangement of flowers on a plant. *Ovary*—The enlarged base of the flower containing one or more Ovules. *Ovule*—The seed receptacle. *Peduncle*—The flower stalk. *Pistils*—Organs, in three portions, within the Stamens. *Pistillata*—Flowers without Stamens. *Pollen*—The fertilising powder of the Stamen. *Panicle*—A single flower stem with flowers branching out on rather long footstalks, each foot stalk having another one branching from it. *Raceme*—A single flower stem like a spike, each floret having a short footstalk. *Receptacle*—The enlarged fleshy head of the flower stalk. *Sepals*—Usually green, a leaf-like covering round the base of a flower. *Stamen*—Organs, in two portions, within the Corolla. *Staminate*—Flowers without Pistils. *Stigma*—The summit of the style. *Style*—A slender, central organ, absent in many flowers. The Stigma and the Style comprise the Pistil. *Spike*—Formed by a single flower stalk around which florets sit without foot stalks. *Umbel*—A flat top cluster of flowers, branching out from the main stalk.

SUMMARY. The peduncle is the flower stalk, the Receptacle is the enlarged head of Reduncle—containing the Ovaries, around which are the Stamen composed of filament and anther, the Pistil composed of Ovary, Style and Stigma, and around these the Petals forming the Corolla, around the base of all being the Calyx formed by the sepals.

An interesting and absorbing hobby connected with this is to take a book with you when in the country to press samples of plants and flowers. When you get home take them out of the pocket book and place all in a larger book until perfectly dried and pressed. The reason for taking a book with you when collecting is that if you carry them home without you will find that the tender leaves are curling up, making it very difficult to obtain a perfect sample. When specimens are thoroughly preserved, obtain a copy book, gum narrow strips of paper over the stems of plants to keep them in place in copybook and underneath each specimen write name of plant, colour of flower, height of plant (if only a small portion is used), and month when in flower. Such a book is very interesting to visitors and friends and a ready reference to refresh your own memory. Again for easy reference, when describing herbs I will arrange them according to colour of flowers.

(To be continued.)

"Essential Propaganda."

BY MCGREGOR ENGLISH.

It is essential that all Spiritualists, including Lyceumists, should revolutionise their activities. The instrument, *propaganda*, may be utilised in a diversity of ways by Press, Pamphlets, Leaflets, in the worship and even at the tea-table and fireside. Then we have the family circles and those individualistic mediums who issue private invitations to especially privileged individuals to attend their psychically advanced seances. There are also the Lyceums and the different psychic colleges, wherein students are learned how to develop, along right and proper lines, their different gifts; all these are necessarily essential in their proper spheres.

The propaganda that is the most essential is for great and eloquent dictators to put all their physical and spiritual energies forward for the benefit of themselves and of all those who wish to partake thereof.

Let us descend logically to the fundamental basis of this great truth, "That if there are no Sowers, Reapers are unnecessary," and we realise the essentiality of *propagandists*.

If this propaganda is generously and wisely administered it shall assist in kindling an unknown consciousness or light of enquiry, at first faintly, but which shall, by constant assimilation of the necessary knowledge derived from the philosophy of Spiritualism, shine with a refulgent illumination that shall brighten their Spiritual conditions. I dare proclaim "That once this fire of enquiry has been properly ignited, all the water that is, and ever shall be in this universe, shall never extinguish it." As a religion it has no equal: the majority of its adherents wholly worship it as one, but it is more than that. Its comprehensiveness, tolerance and variety assist in its constructions as a world's *panacea* religiously, industrially and commercially, because if its tenets or principles are strictly carried out, the practitioner becomes an adequate acquisition to a healthful, helpful, peaceful, and truthful citizenship where this spiritual condition of citizenship is predominant.

Only there can the *Heaven* we have so diligently and so undesparingly been searching for exist. Propaganda should have its incipient, here and now, by making a personal appeal to all the different Spiritualistic societies and Lyceums, in each city, town or village, to assist in a united and harmonious effort. Each society including Lyceum, whether large or small, affluent or poverty stricken, worshipping in Church, School-room, or Public Hall, whether their pulpit be a box, table or Rostrum, is a part of one stupendous whole, whose members are its body with the S.N.U. and B.S.I.U. combined as its *Soul*. Very few of us are so perfectly and intellectually developed to understand its realness "That all discord is harmony misunderstood." In its stead let us create a more suitable and concrete harmony that everyone whether learned or ignorant can understand, all endeavouring to assist by labour as well as finance in making competent propagandists, and, instead of one society and Lyceum reaping the harvest, every society and Lyceum shall, in accordance with its capacities to cater, benefit therefrom.

A very glaring report is to hand concerning the activities of one Lyceum. There are over 100 members and they pay fees for 50 Lyceumists. Nearly 39 of the scholars are taking the Education Scheme Examinations but they only take 12 copies of the BANNER.

The officials of this Lyceum seem to forget that the Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER is also the General Secretary, who reads the Reports and checks the Returns. An elastic temperament is the only explanation of the above details; it is hoped Lyceum officials will note the above before sending in the Annual Returns.

Appreciation of Mr. Connor's able ESSAYS ON REASONING has been expressed in many quarters. Recently we heard of a Lyceumist who lent a copy of the BANNER to a fellow-workman, a non-Spiritualist. On returning it, he said, "I've enjoyed reading your paper. Have you the copies for the previous months? I'd like to follow up those ESSAYS ON REASONING."

Lyceumists who have read them carefully will be ready to express their ideas clearly, concisely and logically when answering their examination questions—to the delight of the examiners.

The Editor regrets that a large number of Reports and Articles are crowded out.



UNCLE BERT'S ALPHABET.

- A stands for Adults we want to attend,
 B Bright hour, we know you will spend.
 C Children all happy and free,
 D Drilling, we want you to see.
 E Example, all should reveal.
 F Friends, young and old, we appeal,
 G God, to whom we all aspire,
 H Helpers, we always require.
 I Invitation you should accept.
 J Joining you'll never regret,
 K Keeness we ask all friends to give,
 L Lyceumist, who learn how to live.
 M Motto, perfection we set,
 N New Members, we seek to get.
 O Officers, who need your best thoughts,
 P Progression, the lesson you're taught,
 Q Quotations, you express, old and new.
 R Results, depending on what YOU will do.
 S Spiritual, from A to Z.
 T Tuition, by which you are led,
 U Unity, we strive to maintain,
 V Victory, we want to attain,
 W Welcome (awaiting), so just come along,
 X *Xenodochè'um, to join in our song,
 Y YOU,—so bend your ears low,
 Z Zeal, we ask you to show.

(* a building for strangers.)

Measuring Time.

BY THE WONDERMAN.

Everywhere there is change. It goes on and never stops. Nothing stays as it is. The face of the earth, the wind, the stars, the trees, our bodies, our minds, never stop changing. we call this change, time. As change goes on, time goes on. If everything stopped just as it is now, if trees and flowers did not grow and die, if no more wheat grew, if no hunger came, if no wind blew, if the earth stood still, if we stopped thinking, then there would be no change and there would be no time.

Throughout all ages men have found it convenient to have some means of measuring the flight of time. They must have some standard of time. It is of no use to talk of a bag full of nuts if one means a sweet bag full and another has a vision of a sugar bag full. So ages ago, the time the earth takes to go round the sun was called a year, and the time the moon takes to go round the earth was called a month. In a day and a night, the earth revolves once.

Alfred the Great used to work eight hours, sleep eight hours and play eight hours. To judge the time, he marked his candles so that he knew how long the different sections took to burn.

One of the earliest ways of telling the time, was to fix a stick straight in the ground and notice how far the shadow fell along the ground. The shadow becomes shorter before noon as the sun is travelling overhead and it becomes longer as the sun sinks.

In Korea, people still tell the time by suspending a piece of hemp rope knotted at equal distances. A light is set to the bottom and the rope burns slowly and regularly.

Many of you will have seen an egg boiler, one end of which is filled with sand which pours through a hole in the bottom in a certain time. The hour glass was similar but larger.

Notches were sometimes made on a straight piece of wood to mark the flight of the hours according to the hemp or hour glass.

A small dish with a hole in the bottom was sometimes floated on water till the water came through the hole and the dish sank. Men knew the time it took to sink.

Sundials are still numerous. The sun casts a shadow from the pointer and the time is told by the number on which the shadow falls.

It was Galileo who watched a beautiful bronze lamp swinging from the roof of the cathedral at Pisa. He noticed that it seemed to swing regularly. To prove this, he put a finger on the pulse of his wrist and compared the swinging of the lamp with the beating of his pulse. He found that whether the lamp made large or small swings, each swing took the same time as the other. Fifty years later he made use of his discovery by making a clock that depended on the swing of the pendulum.

It is the pull of the earth or gravitation which influences the pendulum. When the pendulum hangs quite still, the bob of the pendulum is as near the centre of the earth as it can get, because the earth pulls it towards the centre. If we push or lift the bob of the pendulum it begins to swing from side to side. When the bob reaches the end of its swing, gravitation pulls it back, but on the way downwards, the bob has gained some power which carries it up the other side. Then it falls again and swings up the other side. The swinging does not go on for ever because the air has resistance in it and causes the pendulum to lose some of its force.

Some clocks will go for years without winding, others for eight days and others for a day. They all do the same sort of work in the same time. There may be heavy weights to pull and make the wheels go round. To make the wheels go round regularly the wheels have teeth which fit into the teeth of other wheels. One wheel turns round in sixty seconds and another takes sixty minutes. These wheels make the hands move round on the face of the clock.

Some clocks strike the hour. When the minute hand points to twelve, a little hammer at the back of the clock gives a blow or some blows on a bell, according to the position of the hour hand. The alarm clock rings a bell at the time for which it is set.

In France there is a wonderful clock which dates from the sixteenth century. It is the clock in the Cathedral of St. Jean. It is thirty feet in height. Its pendulum is nine feet long. It has a number of very amusing figures. A crowing cock stands at the top. There is a beadle who makes his rounds, there are little statues to represent the days of the week. While the chimes are going, there is an angel beating time with head, foot and wings. Another angel turns an hour glass when the chimes have stopped playing.

There is a story of a girl who was scared by a watch. In the early seventeenth century many people had never seen a watch. In Herefordshire there lived a man who had the reputation of being a sorcerer. One day, the maid, going into his room, heard something saying, "tick, tick, tick." The maid looked about and saw a case with queer figures on it. She thought it contained an evil spirit and catching hold of the string with a pair of tongs flung it out of the window. Luckily the string caught on a sprig of elder and the gentleman was able to get back his watch.

District Council Reports.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The D.C. Meeting was held at Laisterdyke on Nov. 26th. All Lyceums had Delegates, also all Officers present and a few Associate members. We also had with us Mr. Burrows, our Area Representative. Minutes of last meeting passed, also Correspondence. U.D.C. Delegate's report passed; the report was fully discussed and various suggestions adopted. The £2,000 Effort and our Field Day Fund were discussed and various suggestions put forward to raise funds for both objects. Miss A. Berry was moved as an Associate member. Officers of the Council were presented with Buttonholes.

In the afternoon we had an Open Session and Prize Distribution. Prizes being presented by our President, Mr. Hudson.

Evening services. Mr. Aked in the Chair. The Meeting was addressed by Mr. Hudson, Miss Stair, Mr. Burrows and Mr. Ellis, President of H. & H. D. C. Solos were rendered by Mr. Robinson, Mr. Bedford and Mr. Brewerton. Mr. O'Neal gave Clairvoyance. Vote of thanks brought our enjoyable day to a close.—E. Aked, Sec.

THE SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

The Scottish District Council held their Quarterly Meeting in the Co-operative Restaurant, Hamilton, on Saturday, 2nd December, 1922. Mr. Newton, President, was in the Chair.

It was with much regret that the Council was compelled to accept the resignation of Miss Neilson from the office of Secretary and Treasurer. Miss N. Moore was temporarily appointed in her place.

The President in his address said he was glad to see such a representative meeting. He drew attention to the fact that this was the first occasion on which the S.C.D. had met in Hamilton and he considered that it showed the spirit of enthusiasm which permeated the Hamilton Lyceum when we consider that the Lyceum only started a year ago. He also gave a warm welcome to the delegates from our youngest Lyceum, Falkirk.

The Lyceum movement in Scotland is forging ahead. Three new applications for affiliation were received and accepted unanimously.

A special Fund for Propaganda work has been started. Various schemes for raising funds were put forward, and a Free Gift Draw has been arranged. Our President opened the Fund by handing over 10/- which he had received for lecturing.

It was also agreed that a special collection be taken annually on the first Sunday after 13th January in memory of the passing on of A. J. Davis, these collections to go to the Propaganda Fund.

Re the paragraph in the MANUAL "Thou shalt not kill," the question was raised as to whether or not the Lyceums would uphold any members who, in the event of war, stood for the Lyceum teaching. After discussion, the Council decided that, should the necessity arise, the Lyceums would uphold such members.

NELLIE MOORE, Sec.

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The above Council held the Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 1922, in the Lyceum at Gt. Harwood. Mrs. M. E. Pickles in Chair, supported by Miss M. E. Lawton, Messrs. Wagner, Battersby and Shuttleworth. Minutes of last meeting were accepted. Questions were asked on Parliamentary procedure and election of representatives. Resolved: that for all future appointments of this Council, Candidates must have signified their willingness to serve in the capacity selected, and shall be present at the meeting when such appointments are being made—unless a satisfactory reason be sent explaining their absence. This motion to be circulated to all Lyceums in District. Correspondence and Presidential Address were accepted.

Reports: Adjudication Report was given showing Burnley (Hammerton St.) as the winners. Adjudication Balance Sheet. Treasurer's Report accepted. D.V. Reports from Burnley (Hammerton St.), Blackburn, Gt. Harwood, Preston (Clarke's Yard), Accrington, Dalton-in-Furness, Barrow, (Orange Hall). Resolved that reports be sent to Lyceums concerned. Sec. Report gave précis of work done during year. Table of associates and when same are due. Suggested that time limit for fees be applied. Accepted and resolved that all Lyceums be notified of the time limit. U.D.C. Report given and accepted. Resolved that we adhere to our definition of the word "leaders." Morals: General controversy raged round this and it was resolved that we go into this matter fully at our next meeting. Report accepted. Motion from North St., Burnley, *Re* D.V. was referred back. Lancaster *re* notifying home Lyceum (delegates) Resolved, that we adopt this procedure. Adjudicator. Notice of Motion: That we revert to the original usage for shield, *i.e.*, that of choral contests—the Lyceums to constitute the choirs—each Lyceum to select opening song, Musical Reading, closing song, and shall be judged on these by a fully qualified judge. Marks to be allowed as is usual in choral contests, and allowances for Juvenile sections. Credential Report: E.C. 5, Delegates 32, Associates 3, Visitors 10, Total 50. Pooling, 12s. 8d. per Lyceum.

Demonstration Sec. gave report *re* his enquiries and interviews with Railway Co., and facilities for guaranteed trains and fares for same. Resolved we have a Demonstration on June 9th, 1923, at Morecambe, D.C.'s in the vicinity to be invited. Circulars to be issued to all Lyceums in the district. Question of putting the B.D.C. in this area discussed. Notice of motion given *re* visiting and interchanges. Votes of thanks were given to local friends for assistance rendered.—J.S.

Lyceum Reports.

KIRKALDY.—Sunday, 3rd December, will remain a memorable day in the history of our Lyceum, which was only inaugurated a few months ago, and during that time has made rapid progress. In our leader, Mr. Stewart, and his earnest assistants we have a band of men and women whose sincere love know no bounds in making our services interesting and instructive. On this occasion the baby daughter of Mr. Stewart received the rites of baptism. The ceremony which was conducted by Mr. Hendry was witnessed by a large attendance of the children along with their parents and friends. Mr. Horace S. Hambling Wundee, who was the speaker in the Adult Society, gave a few happy remarks, and sang a solo. Miss Brown also sang. In the name of the Lyceumists Miss M. Brown presented the baby with a beautiful silver loving cup. Mr. Stewart returned thanks and said how pleased he was to bring his first born to her first Lyceum Service.—Annie Brown.

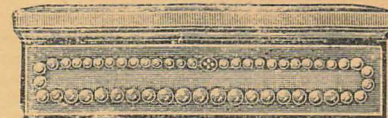
NEWCASTLE (Rutherford St.)—On Dec. 3rd we held our usual Open Session. A good attendance: 64 strong. Musical Reading "Are we not Brothers," and Golden Chain "Brotherhood" brought forth discussion. Marching and calisthenics good and showed improvement. Solos: Mrs. Proud, Miss Nicoll, Miss Stokoe, Miss Greenwell, Mrs. Whitfield, Miss Callender and Miss Turnbull. Pearls: Miss Hayles, Miss Cowe and Mr. Stephenson. Recitations: Miss Hayles, Miss Willis, Miss Bolton.

Education Scheme: two weeks holiday and then full speed ahead for Feb. 19. If we don't succeed we shall try again. The Workers WILL win.—G. Sample Dawson.

WICAN.—Sunday, Oct. 29. Lyceum Day. At the afternoon service the Chair was occupied by our old pioneer Mr. Belshaw. The speakers were Mrs. Clythero and Mr. Wm. Rossiter. At the evening service the Lyceumists rendered a Service of Song entitled "Into the Light"; the connective readings were read by Mr. Walter Marsh in a very pleasing manner.

Our District Visitor, Mr. Mack, paid us a visit on Sunday, Nov. 5th. We also had with us Mr. Keeling of Liverpool, who presented us with the Shield, we being the successful competitors for the season 1922-23. We send fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists.—Wm. Rossiter, Sec.

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Some letter of that After-life to spell;
And by-and-by my Soul returned to me,
And answered "I myself am Heav'n and Hell."

Of my base metal may be filed a key, that shall unlock the door.

Surely not in vain

My substance from the common earth was ta'en,
That He Who subtly wrought me into shape
Should stamp me back to common earth in pain.

Why, ne'er a peevish boy,
Would break the bowl from which he drank in joy,
Shall He that made the vessel in pure Love
And Fancy, in an after rage destroy?

Mr. A. W. Orr has kindly lent a photo of Mrs. E. N. Britten for the use of the Union. His new address is 57, Enys Road, Eastbourne.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after Dec. 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 30 members.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Jan. 23rd, to ensure insertion in the February issue.

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

Special Reports.

BURNLEY, North Street.—We held our Lyceum Day on December 10th. As our Speaker for the day we had Mr. Connor, of London, supported by Mr. Knott. Morning, usual Lyceum session. Afternoon, Open Session. The following Lyceumists endeavoured to make the session a success: Ida Tomlinson, Nellie Higgin, Flora Towler, Minnie Arundel, Emily Poppleton, Betsy Laycock, Frank Watson, and Peter Anforth. Mr. Connor in the evening spoke on the subject, "Some Problems of the Future." He ably dealt with the future problems of our 'ism with his usual brilliant eloquence. Mr. Knott supported Mr. Connor in his bright and breezy manner, driving home to a large congregation a number of vital points. A remembrance day.—May Wagner, Sec.

CALGARY.—I have great pleasure in forwarding you a report of our Thanksgiving Sunday which was held on November 5th, 1922. The fruit and flowers were given to the sick and needy at the close of our Sunday Night Service. Readings were given by Mrs. Campbell, Nancy Legge, and Mr. B. Baring. Solos by Mr. Hill, "Sweet Summer Land"; Miss Garrad, "A Prayer Perfect"; Billy Legge, Nancy Legge, and Dorothy Legge. Duet by Agnes and James Smith. Pianoforte solos by Miss A. Broadly, William Garrad. The Service was very ably conducted by the Assistant Conductor, Miss Garrad. One of our Lyceum members clairvoyantly saw the founder of the Lyceum Movement, "Andrew Jackson Davis," surrounded in gold.—H. Thomson.

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA.—It is with the greatest of pleasure that I announce the re-opening of our Lyceum, after a short close owing to illness and holidays. We have re-opened with double our previous number and a great advance is assured for the future. We were pleased to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who have just returned from a holiday in England. We are already busy preparing for the Anniversary which is to take place in January.—V. Hart, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Argyle Street.—We held our Open Session on December 3rd. Opening Hymn 365, Invocation by Mrs. Dyson, S.C.R. No. 13. M.R. 214 well read. G.C.R. 118. Pearls were remarkable. Recitations by Misses Smith, Caple, and J. Bradshaw. Solo by Miss Barker. Duets by Misses Bradshaw, Smith, Kenniford and Whalley. Benediction by Miss Barnes.—J. Silcock, Sec.

BACUP.—On December 3rd we held our Open Session. Opening Hymn 330. The Invocation was by Mrs. Ridhalgh. S.C. 78; M.R. 218; G.C. 142. Closing Hymn 363. Pearls: Mrs. Ridhalgh, Mrs. Tattersall, Mr. Lord and Mrs. Fox. Recitations: Kitchner Amos, Hugh McKenna, Lottie Taylor and Gertie Salisbury. Duet; Miss Tempest, Miss Haworth; Mrs. Lord and Mr. McKenna. Trio: Miss Alexander, Miss Tattersall, Miss Salisbury. Song: Mrs. Carter. The whole session was very enjoyable.—B. Lord, Sec.

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—We held our Open Session on December 3rd. A good number of Lyceumists responded well with recitations, pearls and readings; also duet by Edith Nock and J. Brown.—S. J. Nock, Sec.

BEDWORTH.—Open Session, December 3rd. Recitations by P. Alsop, H. Kemp, A. Tebbitt, M. Wood, F. Ison, P. Rowley and A. Davis. Songs by Liberty and Excelsior Groups.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—We held our Open Session on November 5th. Conducted by Mr. Taylor. Recitations by Doris Dunn, Esther Dunn, Edna George, Ethel George and Charles Ellis. A good session well attended.—Mrs. E. Thompson, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter's Street.—On Saturday, December 2nd, 1922, A Bachelors' Effort was held. About 450 sat down to a meat tea, followed by a most humorous Entertainment given by the Bachelors, followed by dancing. An enjoyable evening was appreciated by all present. The Effort was a splendid success, about £20 being raised by the Bachelors.—Mr. T. Wood, Bachelors' Effort Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—On Sunday, December 9th, we held our election of officers: Conductor, James Worthington; Assistant, John Jackson; Secretary, John R. Askew; Minutes, Annie Blacklock, Lilian Speight; Treasurer, Walter Ridings; Guardians, Emma Seafie and A. Batten; Captain, Alice Kershaw; Guards, R. Ormrod, H. Bromiley, R. Terry, H. Farrimond; Musical Directors, W. Ridings, L. Farrimond, P. Howeroft; Librarian, Annie Blacklock; Marching Conductor, J. R. Askew; Assistant, Fred Johnson. We extend the heartiest of greetings to all Lyceums and may they progress in numbers and efficiency during the coming year.—John Robert Askew, Sec.

BRIGHTON, Old Barn.—Lyceum still going strong in spite of difficulties of limited room and lighting. Much interest and enthusiasm shown in Grade lessons, Social Programme and Responses well sustained by Norman Smith, Eileen Robinson, Nellie Davey, Gracie, Gwennie and Edie Brown, Alma Cox, George Parks, Bob Davey and Mr. Atheral.—H.J.E.

CAERAU.—The Lyceum has progressed under the guidance of Mr. Edward Jones. Pearls are flowing. Golden and Silver Chains are having very keen attention. A Special Session is being held every Monday evening to round up our Calisthenics which have been sorely neglected. Also a Special Group Meeting has commenced to prepare for the forthcoming examination. It is expected that we shall have about thirty to forty scholars prepared.—Robert Williams, Sec.

DONCASTER, Wood Street.—We held our Open Session on December 3rd. Invocation, Miss Johnson. Conducted by Mr. H. Taylor. The following Lyceumists took part: V. and A. Crossland, Doris Batty, Mrs. and E. C. L. F. Gomersall, Mr. H. Taylor, R. Smith, and A. Naylor. We spent a pleasant time together.—Doris Batty, A.S.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on December 3rd. Recitations were said by Marion Nichol, Dolly Nuttall, Doris Haynes, Alice Bannister, Mary Wilde, Jack Foster, Alan Bannister, Norman Knight, Jim Waddington and others. Our Conductor was pleased by the way the children came forward to make a pleasant afternoon possible. This year, we have increased the number of our scholars, and have had some good times, but hope to do better next year.—Ed. Bannister, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—On December 3rd we held our Open Session. The Silver Chain was led by Mr. Howarth. The Musical Reading by Mr. W. Parkinson, Walter Taylor and Dorothy Hartley. The Golden Chain by Ernest Allan. We had recitations from Maggie Melson, Harold Pickup, Lizzie Heys, James Taylor, and Hubert Morris. Solos were given by Annie Owen, Dorothy Hartley, Maggie Heys, Maud Hartley and

Alice Howarth. Duets by Alice Owen and Alice Taylor, Mrs. W. Howarth and Mrs. Hudson. We had a visitor with us, Mr. Botham. He spoke a few words and he took our Evening Service, which was very interesting. Wishing all Lyceumists a bright and prosperous New Year.—A. Waterhouse, Sec.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On December 17th we held our Open Session, which was well attended. Mr. Hardwick conducted. We had great pleasure of having with us Mrs. Hall, of Gateshead, Judge of Tyneside Lyceum District Council, who dedicated Lyceum Banners over to the Lyceum. As Mrs. Hall gave the Banner to each Leader of the different Groups, she explained the meaning of the colours of the Banners. May Hardwick, granddaughter of our Conductor, presented Mrs. Hall with a bouquet. We thank Mrs. Lamb for the love of making the Banners, which are beautifully done. Wishing all Lyceumists A Happy New Year, is the greetings from our Lyceumists.—Mrs. R. Overton, Sec.

LANCASTER.—On the 2nd of December we held our Open Session. It was most interesting to see the children's enthusiasm as they followed each other in quick succession, not giving the adults any chance, so eager were they "to do their bit." We had recitations from Annie Smith, Abraham Kirk, George Townson and Florrie Dennison. A trio, Misses Jewett, Such, and Townson. Solo, Eva J. Jackson. Duet, Misses Jewett and Pearson. A pianoforte solo by Miss Jenny Aldren. New Year Greetings to all Lyceums, trusting each will have as happy and as busy a time with their children as we are preparing for.—Miss M. Swale, Sec., pro. tem.

NELSON.—On December 3rd we held our usual session. The attendance and response were very good. Recitations were ably rendered by the following: Lily and Ivy Greenwood, Hilda Leach, James Parkinson and William Jancock. One of our new Lyceumists who is about to leave us to go to the States along with his son said a few encouraging words to the Lyceum. We wish them every success in their new abode. We also wish every Lyceum in England and abroad A Merry Xmas and a much brighter New Year.—H. Cockshott, Sec.

OLDHAM, Walter Street.—On December 3rd the Lyceumists rendered good service. Silver Chain Reading by A. Howarth. Musical Readings by M. Grange, J. Goulden, J. Brufton. Golden Chains by H. Palmer. Reading, Recitation, solos and pearls by Mrs. Chappell, L. Pinton, F. Palmer, A. Buxton, L. Ogden, M. Norbury, Daisy Goulden, C. Howarth, Ivy Palmer, A. Palmer, Mr. Wood, Mr. Brufton, W. Woods, F. Chappell, R. Chappell, also three visitors. Evening speaker, Mrs. Buxton, who gave an address, "Life and Knowledge," Ed. L. W. Norbury, Sec.

ROCHDALE, Penn. St.—About 180 persons attended our Annual Tea and Prize day on December 9th. During the evening a capital Concert was given, consisting of the following: A musical play entitled "Happy Hearts," by The Primary and Junior Classes. Duet from "Il trovatore," by Miss Wilson and Miss Wright. Violin solo by Mr. Wright. A short Operetta, entitled "Have your own way"; and Glee by the Choir. All were delightfully rendered and gained applause. The Prizes were presented by Miss Shipley (late Conductor) and Mr. Holt (Conductor) presided. Miss Lucy Wilson was the accompanist.—E. E. Wright, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—The usual Sessions have been held throughout the month. Open Session was held on the occasion of the visit of the Sheffield Lyceum District Council on November 26th, when a record session was held.

Sunday, December 17th, our Annual General Meeting was held and the following officers were returned for service for year 1923: Auxiliary Conductor, Mr. J. K. Jones. Conductor, Mr. P. Ballard. Assistant Conductor, Miss M. Salmon and Mr. W. Goodall. Treasurer, Mrs. C. Nelson. Secretary, Mr. F. Smith. Assistant Secretary, Mr. S. Smith. Musical Conductors, Messrs. Hales, Nelson and Master Robinson. Guardian Mr. G. Armitage. Capt. of Guards, J. W. Smith. Marching Conductor, Mrs. E. Stanford. Guards, Misses E. Bacon, G. Buttery and N. Shaw and Masters H. Robinson, R. Tishman and H. Phillipson. A vote of thanks was returned to retiring officers.—Chas. H. Saxelby, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Gifford Road.—On December 3rd, we held our Open Session. A fairly good number of recitations, solos and duets were rendered by Lyceumists. A pleasant afternoon session was enjoyed by all present.—G. Porter, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick Street.—On December 3rd we held our Open Session. Opening hymn 387. Invocation

by Mrs. Williams. S.C. No. 78, M.R. 222, G.C. 144. Questions on G.C. by children. Marching and calisthenics were excellent. Pearls, recitations, quartettes, and solos from children. Altogether a most successful session.—Geo. Tuck, Sec.

WALSALL.—On December 3rd we held our Open Session. The following Lyceumists contributed to an excellent programme: Nellie Walker, Arnold Stanton, Edith Roberts, Joseph Tenant, Horace Haden, Doris Moore, Willie Haden, Vera Hughes, Edna Rathbone, Thomas Coles, Queenie Hutchins, Mirian White, Norman Bleasdale, Dorrit White, Jessie Harrison and Ivy Wilkinson. The Fountain Group rendered a song entitled "Childhood's Faith." A most enjoyable Session was spent by all present.—Lily Wadsworth, Minute Sec.

WEST MELTON.—We held our Open Session on the 3rd December. We opened with hymn 385, "The Sweet Land of Sunshine." Invocation by Lizzie Stacey. Thomas Pashill conducted the Musical Reading, 236. Recitations were given by the children. Girls: J. Kenning, D. Peniluna, Lizzie Stacey, R. Rawlinson, H. Kenning, M. Walton, E. Thornton, C. Rawson, E. Rawson, M. A. Speight and W. Rawlinson. Boys: J. Farrer, T. Turner, T. Pashill and J. Staley. A Reading by May Staley. Mr. Lee and Nellie Rawlinson conducted Marching and calisthenics. A pleasant time together.—G. Lee.

District Council Reports.

COVENTRY DISTRICT.

FORMATION OF A COUNCIL.

At a meeting of Delegates held at Broad St. Hall, on Nov. 9th, it was decided to form a District Council for Coventry and the following officers were elected:—President, Captain Maddocks (Nuneaton); Sec., Mr. E. E. Hutton (Broad St., Foleshill); Treasurer, Miss Rowe ((Broadgate); Dist. Visitor, Mr. Burrows (Bull St).—E. E. Hutton, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at Bond Street, Dewsbury. The Chair was taken by the President, Mr. A. Collier. The meeting was opened by singing Hymn 306, Lyceum Band. Invocation, the President. Chairman's remarks. A hearty welcome was given to the Commercial St. Batley Delegate, and we invited them to become members of the B.S.L.U. and the Council. The President trusted all would take a deep interest in the business before them and not only here but the Lyceum Movement in general. Minutes confirmed. Correspondence caused a lot of discussion, especially the one received from Holborn Hall. Agreed: to accept pending a reply from the General Secretary. Reports: D.V.'s, Visitor's, Treasurer's, U.D.C. Delegates', and Silver Bell Presentation. The Secretary reported the Dewsbury Lyceum handed over to the Council the sum of £4 2s. 0d. result of Presentation. The Field Day Secretary's Report caused great discussion. The Field Day report deferred till next meeting. Competition Business. Agreed to continue Competition for 1923 under the rules of 1922. Entrance Fee, 4s. Associates: two accepted. Lyceums agreed to take part in Inter-change. Next meeting: Easy Road, Feb. 17th, 1923. Nominations will be closed on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1923. Vote of thanks to local friends, Mr. Lilly moved, and Mr. Hargate seconded, that our best thanks be given to Dewsbury Friends. Mr. Whittles accepted on behalf of Dewsbury Lyceum.

Officers, 3; Lyceums represented: Armley, Castleford, Dewsbury, Easy Road, Heckmondwike, Normanton, Birstall, Wakefield, Leeds Psycho, Dairycoates, Holborn Hall, Metropole Hall, Hull, and Leeds District Committee Delegate. The Secretary reported 3 Lyceums only had responded in the special effort towards Council Funds.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Peckham on Saturday, 16th Dec. Mr. C. J. Williams presided. There was a good attendance, ten Lyceums being represented. *Re* Mr. Ford's complaint about Mr. Connor, it was decided that this was not Council business. Miss Smallman resigned the posts of Assist. Sec., and Sec. of the Silver Bell Competition, and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Miss Eva Connor. The President, in his Address, pleaded for co-operation and harmony in Lyceum and District work, and for increased interest in the Education Scheme. All the reports were very satisfactory, and show that the London standard is improving. The Education

Report caused discussion and several questions, and Mr. Connor was complimented on his Logic Articles and Summaries in the BANNER.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Peckham on Saturday, 24th Feb., and all nominations for office must be forwarded to the District Sec., not later than 22nd January.—A. T. Connor, Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held on November 26th at the Attercliffe Spiritual Church. The day's proceedings were presided over by Mr. J. K. Jones. Lyceums represented were:—Attercliffe, Barnsley, Centre, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Darnall, Mexbro', Rotherham, West Melton and Heeley, with Sheffield District Committee, four Associates, three visitors and five Officers, making the strength of the Council thirty-one.

It was resolved: "That the 1923 Joint Demonstration be held at Doncaster on Saturday, August 18th."

All Lyceums in the District reported progress during the last Quarter with the exception of Rotherham and the newly formed Lyceum at Heeley.

The thanks of the Meeting were returned to Officers and Committee and all workers connected with the August Demonstration. Mr. J. K. Jones gave the U.D.C. report and several points were discussed and recommendations sent out to Lyceums. The result of the Adjudication Scheme was given by Mr. T. Oliver which placed Doncaster as the winners of the Banner and Chesterfield the Bell. It was resolved: "That the Adjudicator's report be published in the BANNER."

All Lyceums in the District are recommended to support the nomination of Mr. J. K. Jones, Council President, for Area Representative.

It was resolved: "That the Nottingham Lyceum District Council be asked to support Mr. J. K. Jones's nomination."

The Open Session was conducted by Mr. J. K. Jones assisted by Council. The tone of the session was very good and reported by all as a splendid Session. Evening Service was conducted by Council.—Chas. K. Saxelby, Sec.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above D.C. was held at Bacup on December 16th. Mr. Wright in the chair. Minutes, and various Reports were accepted with thanks. Arising from discussion on U.D.C. Report it was resolved: "That letter of appreciation be sent to U.D.C. regarding Mr. Owen's Remarks on 'Efficient Tuition to Lyceumists about sex-passion and relationship.'"

Resolved, that invitation be sent to U.D.C. to hold their October Meeting in Rochdale under the auspices of the D.C., and that Secretary write all Lyceums in the district, re hospitality, etc., so that delegates will be able to bring definite proposals to D.C. March Meeting.

Invitation from Penn Street, Rochdale, to D.C. to hold Annual Meeting in March at their Lyceum be accepted with thanks.

Votes of thanks to delegates and Bacup friends for hospitality concluded the meeting, after which an enjoyable social evening was provided for those who stayed behind.

Annual Meeting at Penn Street, Rochdale, on March 10th.
T. DIXON, Sec.

TEES SIDE DISTRICT.

The above named Council will hold their Annual Meeting on February 11th (Sunday) in the Middlesbrough Lyceum Room, at 10-30 a.m.

Minutes, Report, Treasurer's, Auditors', Secretary's, District Visitor's, and Assistant D.V's, Correspondence, Election of Officers for 1923, New Business, Roll Call.

Meeting places required for August, November, and any future dates.

Dinner and tea will be provided by friends at Middlesbrough. Will all endeavour to attend. The "Compliments of the Season," extended to all in their work for the Lyceum.

E.W.B., Sec.

District Visitors' Report.

REPORT OF VISITS TO LYCEUMS IN THE SHEFFIELD LYCEUM DISTRICT DURING 1922.

Fellow Lyceumists,

We completed the task asked of us. We have visited all the Lyceums in the District twice. The work has been pleasant but difficult. We were given a schedule to work to. It was

possible under that schedule for any Lyceum to gain 200 points. That schedule has tied us down somewhat, and to such an extent that we are inclined to think the most efficient Lyceum is not going to be awarded the "Premier Prize." We think that the adjudicators in future should be given some latitude, and that at the close of our visits, when summarising, a fixed number of points should be given to the adjudicators to use at their discretion. Doncaster is a small but very efficient Lyceum. They have done very well, but are hardly to be compared to Chesterfield or Attercliffe. By this, one is not to understand that these two Lyceums are a long way in front of Doncaster. You will see that Doncaster is entitled to the "Premier Prize."

Now for criticisms. We find that one of the biggest mistakes in the Lyceum method is the lengthy answers to questions given by Conductors. On some occasions they have seemed to take the form of an address. What would be best we think, that before the conductor answers any question he should ask other Lyceumists to try and answer the question, trying the youngest first. If he gets no reply from these, he should appeal to older members to supply the answer, and give them encouragement by thanking them for attempting and failing. There is much room for improvement of the mental abilities in all Lyceums.

Reading and Singing: All Lyceums can be greatly improved. Too little notice is taken of stops.

Marching: We think much confusion is caused by the way Lyceumists form up and time is lost.

Calisthenics: Little energy is displayed, and benefits are lost as a result. The importance of calisthenics cannot be too strongly enforced.

Four Lyceums showed improvement on the occasion of our second visit. We suggest a variation of the order of sessions.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL ADJUDICATION PLAN.

	Number of Marks Possible	Precision	Tone	Expression	Union	Delivery	Mental	Efficiency	Trims	Accuracy	Carriage	Time	Accuracy	Energy	Attentioness.	General	Standard	Devotional	Aspect	Attendance	Punctuality	Individual	Efforts	Efficiency of Officers	Marks Gained 1st Visit	Marks Gained 2nd Visit	Total
Doncaster	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	91	100	200
Chesterfield	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92	178	
Attercliffe..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95	164	
Centre	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	87	163	
Mexbro'	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	143	
West Melton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	137	
Rotherham	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76	133	

T. OLIVER,
W. RAWLINSON, } Adjudicators.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

Lyceum Districts.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT:

Mr. A. O. Thomas, Lyceum District Visitor, 20, King-street, Darlaston, Staffs.
G Birmingham, Handsworth, 58, Villa-road, 3 p.m. Mr. E. W. Jones, 77, Hamstead Road.
G Birmingham, Saltley, Alum Rock Road, 3 p.m. Mr. W. Page, 188, Wright-road, Saltley, Birmingham.
G Walsall, Temperance Hall, Freer-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. V. Vables, Shaw Street, Walsall.
G Wolverhampton, Temple-street, 2-15. Mr. C. E. Hughes, 13, Cousin's-street.

BOLTON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. E. Dean, 77, King Street, Bury, Lanc.
District Visitor, Mr. F. Jones, 32, Bright Street, Radcliffe.
E Bolton, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Miss E. Scaife, 127, Ainsworth-road, Elton, Bury.
E Bolton, Deane-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss S. Concannon, 2, Blackburn-road.
E Bolton, Henry-street, 10-15 Mr. L. Turner, 55, Bridgeman-place.
E Bury, 69, King-street, Rochdale-road, 10 and 1-45. Mr. M. H. Hepworth, 312, Hornby Street.
E Daisy Hill, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Withington, 3, Wood-street, Westhoughton, nr. Bolton.
E Horwich, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss A. Purchas, 108, Lee Lane Horwich.
E Radcliffe, Railway-street, 10-30. Mr. J. Butterworth, 32, Eton Hill Street.

BRADFORD COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. E. Aled, 96, Eelholme View, Beeccliffe, Keighley.
District Visitor, Miss Mary L. Stair, 14, North-street, Keighley.
D Bradford, Boynton-street, 10-45 and 1-45. Mrs. Ward, 32, John-street, Lownoor, Bradford.
D Bradford, Carlisle-road, Ivy Rooms, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Simpson, 29, Young-street, Gillington.
D Bradford, East Bowling, Wakefield-road, Harker-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss P. Stead, 27, Runswick-terrace, Bankfoot, Bradford.
D Bradford, 452, Manchester-road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. F. Ling, 5, Tichborne-road, W. Bowling.
D Bradford, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Miss H. Raistrick, 64, Dover-street.
D Bradford, 5, Laisterdyke, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Babbs, 3, Dundas-street, Laisterdyke.
D Keighley, Heber-street, 10 and 1-30. Miss F. Hudson, 29, Fell Lane.
D Shipley, Teal-court, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 29, St. Paul's-road.
D Windhill, Schoolhill, 10-30 and 1-30 p.m. Miss E. Alderson, 57, Avondale-road.
D Yeadon, Town Hall, 10 and 1-45. Mr. G. W. Elliott, 17, Ivegate, nr. Leeds.
D Skipton, Mr. W. Reynolds, 11, Cumberland-street.

COVENTRY DISTRICT.

G Coventry, Bull-street, (Off Hertford-street), 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-street, Queensland-avenue.
G Coventry, Broadgate, 3-0 p.m. Mr. J. Dalrymple, 1, Thornhill-road.
G Coventry, Foleshill, Broad-street, 10-45 a.m. Mrs. E. Hutton, 278, Longford-road, Longford, nr. Coventry.
G Coventry, Lockhurst-lane.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. J. Manning, 5, Hope-street, Hebden Bridge.
District Visitor, Mr. Seth Ackroyd, 118, Rashcliffe Hill, Huddersfield.
D Brighouse, Commercial-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. Crossley, Bryan Place.
D Brighouse, Martin-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mrs. G. Crowther, 13, Church-street, Raistrick.
D Elland, Southgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss Elsie Green, 10, James-street.
D Halifax, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. P. Chapman, 47, Grove-terrace, Upper Washer-lane, Kings Cross, Halifax.
D Halifax, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. L. Blackburn, 16, Luton street, Queen's Road.
D Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. G. Nicoll, Bankfoot House.
D Huddersfield, Ramsden-street, 10 a.m. Miss D. Bottomley, 9, Rose-street, Turnbridge, Huddersfield.
D Huddersfield, St. Peter-street, 10-30 a.m. & 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Hirst, 18, Newhouse-place, Highfields-road, Huddersfield.
D Marsden, Oliver Lane, Closed.
D Quarmby, Quarmby road, 10-30 and 2. Miss A. A. Ollerinshaw, 152, Acre-street, Lindley, nr. Huddersfield.
D Slaithwaite, Laith-lane, 10-15 a.m. Mr. F. Barrett, 367, Spurn Point, Linthwaite, near Huddersfield.
D Sowerby Bridge, Hollins-lane, 9-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. John Teal, Hoyle House.
D West Vale, Halifax, Green Lane, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. T. Flintoff, 6, Hoults' Lane, Greetland, Halifax.

LEEDS COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes, Wakefield.
District Visitor, Mr. J. Downs, 6, Wellington-terrace, Bean-street, Hull.
C Batley Carr, Carr-street, 10 and 2. Mr. W. Womersley, 112, Oaks-road.
C Birstall, Batley, Railway-terrace, Mr. J. M. Fone, 16, Ealand-crescent, Batley.
C Castleford, Lower Oxford-street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. W. Smith, 48, Cambridge-street.
C Dewsbury, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. E. Whitworth, 79, Granville-street, Bradford-road, Batley.
C Heckmondwike, Tower street, 2 p.m. Miss R. Wambleton, 2, Wellington-street, Union-road.
C Holbeck, West Place, Elland Road, 1-45 p.m. Mr. R. Shooter, 13, Rydall-place, Holbeck, Leeds.
C Hull, Dairycoates Dee-street, Hesse-road, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. A. E. Cook, 3, Alma Avenue, Edinburgh-street.
C Hull, Holborn Hall, Holborn-street, Witham, 10-30 and 2-30. Mrs. Brown, 80, Porter-street.
C Hull, Metropole Hall, 2-0. Mr. Martin, 6a, Walker's Square, Sykes-street.
C Leeds, Arndley, Theaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. L. P. Firth, 17, Ebenezer-place, Tong-rood, Arndley.
C Leeds, Rockingham-street, Wade Lane (Psycho), 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Lewis, 13, Sydenham-place, Holbeck, Leeds.
C Leeds, 7, Easy-road, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. E. Bates, 48, Clifton-terrace, Sutherland-road, Leeds.
C Leeds, Roxburgh-road, 16, Sillborne-place, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss Thompson, 20, Northcote-street, Beeston-road.
C Littletown, Wall-street, 2 p.m. Miss A. Hirst, Wall-street, Littletown, nr. Liversedge.
C Moorthorpe, Barnsley-road, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss I. Dawson, 57, Victor-street, Westfield-lane, South Elmsall, nr. Pontefract.
C Morley, Queen-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Merton, 20, Gainsborough-street.
C Normanton, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss L. Walker, 140, Wakefield-road.
C Pontefract, Beast Fair, 1-0 p.m. Mr. C. Parker, 14, Southfield-avenue, Earswood, Pontefract.
C Scarborough, Sherwood-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. A. Laycock, Northleigh, 5, Blenheim-street, N.S.
C Wakefield, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side entrance), 1-45. Mr. J. T. Hargate, 8, Doncaster-road.
C York, Spen Lane. Mr. T. Fowler, 30, Richmond-street, Hallfield-road, Layerthorpe, York.

LIVERPOOL COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Miss G. Owen, 5, Hick's-road, Seaford, Liverpool.
District Visitor, Mr. G. A. Mack, 15, Clarence-street, Runcorn.
F Birkenhead, 46, Bridge-street, 11 a.m. Mrs. J. Thompson, 5, Woodview Avenue, Seacombe, Cheshire.
F Liverpool, Dauby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. C. Thompson, 43, Clifton-road, The Brook, Liverpool.
F Liverpool, Boaler-street, 3 p.m. Miss P. Ihle, 11, Brackley Avenue, Marine Park, New Brighton.
F Pemberton, 10-30, Back Lane, off Ormskirk Road.
F Runcorn, Ashridge street, 11-0 and 2-15 p.m. Mr. C. Cohen, 16, Waterloo-road.
F Southport, Hawkhead Hall, 10-30 a.m. Mr. F. Park, 88, Milton-street.
F Warrington, Sankey-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. James Lawton, 7, Heist-street.
F Widnes, Moor-lane, 1-30. Miss P. Lewis, 20, Bridge-st.
F Wigan, Miners' Hall, Millgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. J. Rossiter, 5, Birch-street.

THE LONDON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.
District Visitor, Mr. Myers Clegg, 82, Studley Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.
H London, Clapham St. Luke's-road, S.W.4., 3 p.m. Mrs. K. M. Barnard, 145, Ashmere Grove, Brixton, S.W.2.
H London, Fulham, S.W.12. Lettice-street, Munster-rd. 3 p.m. Mr. W. E. Turner, 12, Pethenia-rd., S.W.6.
H Hampton Hill, Middlesex, High-street, 3 p.m. Mrs. Kirby, 17, Oak Lane, Twickenham, Middlesex.
H London, Hounslow, Adult School—Miss Maud Weller, 15, Hounslow-avenue, Hounslow.
H London, North London, Grovedale-road, 3 p.m. Mr. Drinkwater, 119, Isledon-road, Finsbury Park, N.7.
H London, Kingston-on-Thames, Bishop's Hall, Thames-street, 3 p.m. Miss L. Hart, 131, Waldegrave-road, Teddington-on-Thames.
H Little Ilford, Third Avenue, Church-road, Manor Park, 3 p.m. Miss N. Ashworth, 235, Parkhurst-road, Manor Park, E.12.
H London, Lewisham, Lime Hall, Lime Grove, S.E. Mr. E. E. Young, 25, Mallet-road, Hither Green, S.E.13.
H London, E., Manor Park, Slarwsbury-road, 3-0 p.m. Mr. W. P. George, 53, Little Ilford-lane, Manor Park, E.12.
H London, Peckham, Lausane-road, 3 p.m. Mrs. B. M. Bell, 21, Crewys-rond, Peckham, S.E. 15.

H London, E., 13, Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Miss T. Manning, 67, Khartoun-road, Plaistow, E.13.
H London, Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Miss A. Long, 13, Rostrevor Avenue, Stamford Hill, N.15.
H London, Walthamstow, 5 p.m. Mrs. Chigrell, 105, Chelmsford-road, Walthamstow, E.17.
H London, Woolwich and Plumstead, Invicta Hall, Crescent, road, Plumstead, 3-0 p.m. Mr. H. Watthey, 4, Richmond-place, Plumstead, S.E.18.
H London, Wimbledon, 4 and 5, The Broadway, 3 p.m. Mr. W. Robertson, 95, Serrort-ave., New Maldon, Surrey.

MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. Hood, 11, Archer Street, Cheetham, Manchester.
District Visitor, Miss Sharples, 47, Douro street, Newton Heath, Manchester.
F Manchester, Ardwick, 38, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. G. A. Dixon, 31, Royd street, Co-on-M. Manchester.
F Manchester, Crescent-road, Cheetham-hill, 10-30. Mr. A. Robinson, 12, Clarendon-road, Crumpsall.
F Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Sharples, 47, Douro-street, Newton Heath.
F Manchester, Moston, Ashley-lane, 10-30. Mr. A. Hood, 11, Archer-street, Queen's-road, Cheetham, Manchester.
F Manchester, Moss Side, 66, Raby-street, Mr. H. Moulson, 143, Beresford-street, Moss Side, Manchester.
F Manchester, Newton Heath, Allen-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. S. Watkin, 23, Lancashire-street, Newton Heath, Manchester.
F Manchester, Pendleton, Ford-lane, 2-15 p.m. Mr. A. Betts, 62, Duchy-street, Seadley.
F Manchester, Salford (Central), High-street, off Cross Lane, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. W. Stansfield, 3, Buckley St., Lower Broughton, Manchester.
F Manchester, South Princess-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Hope, 1, Green-street, Greenheys, Manchester.
F Sale, Roebich Lane, 10-30 a.m. Mr. D. Jones, 11, Link Avenue, Winstone-lane, Stretford Manchester.
F New Manchester, 377 Oxford-road, 10-30. Mrs. B. Jackson, 21, Granville-street, Upper Brook-street, C. on M., Manchester.

NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. G. Hill, 119, Chapel-street, Edgeley, Stockport.
District Visitor, Mrs. Ennion, 95, Vienna Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.
F Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Bech, 98, Burlington-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.
F Birkenhead, Mrs. J. Thompson, 5, Woodview Avenue, Seacombe, Cheshire.
F Glossop, Fauvel Road, 10-30. Miss M. Maltby, 78, St. Mary's Road.
F Hadfield, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Williams, 59, Wedneshow Green, Hollinworth, Cheshire.
F Heaton Norris, Baker-street, 10 and 2 p.m. Mrs. Downs, 47, Belmont-street, nr. Stockport.
F Hyde, Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Bowden, 11, Walker-street, Denton, nr. Manchester.
F Macclesfield, Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Ruston, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.
F Stockport, Lr. Hillgate, Crowther-street, 1030- and 2 p.m. Mr. T. Spencer, 3, Jones-square, Hempslaw-lane.
F Stockport, Central, 15b, Lord-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. P. Parfitt, 14, Ash-st., Cheadle Heath, Stockport.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftsbury-road, Darwen.
District Visitor, Mr. Wagner, 5, Ivan-st., Queensgate, Burnley.
E Accrington, Pearl-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss S. J. Wilmington, 25, Rutland-street.
E Barnoldswick (West End), Town Head, 10 a.m. Mr. R. W. Shuttleworth, 30, Gisburn-road.
E Blackburn, St. Peter-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Smith, 65, Queen Victoria-street, Mill Hill.
E Blackpool, Albert-road, 9-15 a.m. Mr. R. Singleton, 12, Durham-road.
E Burley, Hamerton-street, 10 a.m. Mr. F. Duckworth, 25, Duckett Terrace, Burnley.
E Burnley, North-street, 10-0 a.m. Miss M. Wagner, 5, Ivan-street, Queensgate, Burnley.
E Clitheroe, Rechabites Hall, Greenacre-street, 10 a.m. Mr. W. L. King, 7, Bright Street.
E Colne, Cloth Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. J. R. Wigglesworth, 25, Rutland Street.
E Darwen, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftsbury Avenue.
E Earmby, Greenend Avenue, 10 and 1-45. Miss E. A. Dwyer, 9, Cornmill Terrace, Barnoldswick.
E Fleetwood street, Kempst, 11 and 2-30. Mrs. Pitcher, 12, Darbishire-road.
E Great Harwood, Mercer-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Waterhouse, 55, Church-street.
E Nelson, Vernon-street, 10 a.m. Mrs. Parkinson, 12, Netherfield-road.
E Padiham, Lightenhill-st., 10 a.m. Mr. John Hood, 116, Burnley-road.

- E Preston, Central, Clarke's-yard, 10 a.m. Mr. F. Dodson, 4, Varley-street.
 E Preston, Central Buildings, Lancaster-road, 10-30. Mr. E. Smalley, 90, Wellfield-road.
 E Preston, Progressive, 10 a.m. Mr. W. E. Mason, 154, North-road.
 E Rawtenstall, Bk. Ormerod-street, 10-15. Mr. W. Entwistle, 15, Peter-street, Rawtenstall.
 E Rishton, Eachill-rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss Taylforth, 56, Spring street, nr. Blackburn.
 E Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkieth-street, 10 and 2 p.m. Mr. A. A. Worrall, 247, Rawlinson-st., Barrow-in-Furness.
 E Barrow-in-Furness, Ramsden-street, Mrs. J. Nock, 78, Blake-street.
 E Lancaster, Gt. J. Street, 10-30. Mr. H. C. Stephenson, 17, Owen-road.
 E Millom, Holborn Hill, Main-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. R. Wilkinson, 25, Main-street.
 E Ulverston, Burlington-street, 1-30. Mr. J. J. Taylor, 13, Casson-street, Ulverston.

NOTTINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Miss Victoria G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.
 District Visitor, Mr. A. Shipley, 132, Hartley-road, Nottingham
 G Belper, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
 G Beeston, Notts., Chapel-street, 9-43. Mr. S. Paling, Oban House, Chilwell-road, Beeston, Notts.
 G Eastwood, Hill Top, Nottingham road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Smith, Alma Villa, Barber-street, Eastwood, Notts.
 G Hucknall, Wesleyan Chapel Yard, Watnall-road, 10-45 and 2-0. Mr. W. Leverton, 34, Florence-street, Hazel-grove, Hucknall.
 G Leicester, Rupert-street, Lecture Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 16, Curzon-street.
 G Leicester, Silver-street, Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. A. Hurst, 97, Huddenhams-road, Nabbors-road.
 G Long Eaton, 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. A. Woodward, 40, Bennett-street.
 G Mansfield, Quaker-Lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. J. W. Wright, 70, Welbeck street.
 G Nottingham, Hawarden-terrace, Gregory Boulevard, 10-45 and 2. Miss E. Haslam, 25, Faraday-road, Lenton, Nottingham.
 G Nottingham, (Mechanics' Minor Hall), North Church st., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briar-street, Meadows.
 G Nottingham, (Gladstone Hall), Lamartin-st., 2-30. Mr. A. W. Shipley, 132, Hartley-road.
 G Nottingham, Hyson Green, Beaconsfield street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. E. Lovegrove, 50, Eland-street, New Basford, Nottingham.
 G Sutton-in-Ashfield, Twitchell, Miss Carr, 53, Nesbit-street.

THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Miss N. Moore, 85, Walter-street, Dennistown, Glasgow.
 District Visitor, Mr. J. Stewart, 415, Shields-road, Pollokshields Glasgow.
 A Adelaide, Tower Court, Victoria Square, 3-0 p.m. Miss N. Smith, 1, Clifton-place, Currie-street, Adelaide, Australia.
 A Aberdeen, Music Hall, Union-street, 3 p.m. Mr. A. M. Duncan, 55, Duthrie Terrace.
 A Dundee, 43, Overgate, 12-45. Miss J. Ramsey, 25, Kinlock-street.
 A Dundee, Rattray-Street, 12-45 p.m. Mrs. E. Essenof, 12, Thomson-street.
 A Edinburgh, Free Gardner's Hall, Picardy-place, 1 p.m. Mr. J. McIntosh, 13, Cornwall-street.
 A Glasgow, McLennan Galleries, 270, Sauchiehall-street, 4 p.m. Mr. W. Shaw, 3, Carlin-street, Govanhill, Glasgow.
 A Glasgow, 100, West Regent-street, 1 p.m. Miss H. C. McConnell, 201, Clarkson-road, Cathcart, Glasgow.
 A Greenock, Shepherd's Hall, 27, Cathcart-street, Mr. T. Yates, 13, Royal-st., Courick, N.B., Scotland.
 A Hamilton, Lesser Town Hall, 1-30. Miss C. Gadsen, 19, May-street, Hamilton, Scotland.
 A Kirkcaldy, Pioneer Hall, Carlyle-road, 3-0. Miss M. Brook, Harriet-street.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL:

- Secretary, Mr. C. H. Saxelby, 148, Chippingham-street, Attercliffe, Sheffield.
 District Visitor, Mr. Hopkins, 42, Margaret-street, Sheffield.
 C Barnsley, North Pavement. Mr. G. H. Totty, 8, Totty's Fold, Gilroyd, Earsley.
 C Chesterfield, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 and 2-15. Mr. J. J. Hobster, 32, Holme-rd., Stonegraves.
 C Doncaster, 10 & 2-30. Miss V. Batty, 2, St. Mary's crescent.
 C Mexborough, Lee's Arcade, 1-30 p.m. Mr. J. W. Oates, 5, Don-street, Swinton, near Rotherham.
 C Rotherham, Percy-street, 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mr. E. Rands, 45, Warwick-street.
 C Sheffield, Bold-st., Bradford-st., Attercliffe Common, 10 a.m. and 2-30. Mr. F. Smith, 28 Court, Attercliffe Road, Attercliffe.
 C Sheffield, Darnell, Shirland Lane, 10-0 a.m. Miss M. Jones, 29, Bradford-st., Attercliffe Common.
 C Sheffield, Heeley, 44, Gifford-road, 10 and 2-30. Mr. Geo. Porter, 12, Prospect-square, Prospect-road, Heeley.

- C Sheffield, Central, Trades Hall, Charles-street. 3-0 p.m. Mrs. Organ, 66, Trickett-road, Hillsborough.
 C West Melton, nr. Rotherham. Mr. H. Elliott, 13, Rotherham-road.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. J. Jackson, 69, Blenheim-road, Caversham Heights, Reading.
 District Visitor, Mr. E. Cager, 74, Cobden-road, Brighton.
 H Bournemouth, 5, Lansdowne-road, 3 p.m. Mr. L. Hitchcock, 3, Oswald-rd., Moordown, Bournemouth.
 H Brighton, Old Steine Hall (52a, Old Seine) Mr. J. J. Godwin, "Lynwood," 3, Chesham-road.
 H Brighton, The Old Barn, North Gardens, 2-45 p.m. Mr. H. J. Everett, 84, King's-road.
 H Bristol, 9, Cave-street, Portland-square, 3-0 p.m. Mr. J. Virgo, 28, Normandy-road, Euston, Bristol.
 H Devonport, Kerr-street, 2-45. Mrs. L. Warn, 29, Alexander-road, Ford, Devonport.
 H Portsmouth, 73, Victoria-road, Southsea, 3 p.m. Mr. R. B. Long, 81, High Street.
 H Reading, Spiritual Church, London-road, 3 p.m. Mr. C. H. Churn, 83, Catherine-street.
 H Southampton, Cavendish-grove, The Avenue, 3 p.m. Mrs. D. G. Hart, "Prenon," 33, Omdunman-road.
 H Southampton, Temple, 45, St. Mary's-road, 3 p.m. Mrs. Wattlely, 13, Latimer-street.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall-street, Rochdale.
 District Visitor, Mr. S. Carter, 283, Newchurch Road, Stacksteads, Bacup.
 F Bacup, Christ Church-street, Todmorden road, 10 a.m. Mr. B. Lord, 7, Grove-street, Todmorden-road.
 F Crompton, Cowlishaw Fold, 10-30 & 2. Miss A. Morris, 85, Victoria-street, Shaw.
 F Dearnley, Rochdale-rd., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Holt, 1, Silver hill, Dearnley near Rochdale.
 F Heywood, William-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. Marcroft, 6, Back High-street.
 F Littleborough, Hartley-street, 10-0 a.m. Mr. R. Nall, 184, Summit, Rochdale.
 F Middleton, Gilmour-street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. John Liddle, 108, Higher Townley-street, nr. Manchester.
 F Oldham, Elliott-st., 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. N. Platt, 24, Clarksfield-road.
 F Oldham, Water-street, 10-30 and 2-30. Mr. E. L. W. Norbury, 20, Taylor-street, Chadderton, Oldham.
 F Rochdale, 108, Yorkshire-street, 10-15 and 1-45. Mr. L. Chambers, 44, Bridgefield-street.
 F Rochdale, Penn-st., 10 a.m. Mr. W. Kershaw 9, Basil street.
 F Rochdale, Regent-st., 10 a.m. and 2. Miss A. Firth, 17, Marne-crescent, Spottland.
 F Shaw, Lyon-street, 10 and 2. Miss H. Grainger, 80, Neville street, Shaw.
 F Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings, Halifax-road., 10 and 1-15. Mr. W. H. Dawson, 39, Knott's-road, Lydgate, Todmorden.

SOUTH WAL'S LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. Eber Lewis, "Bryn Hyfryd," Caerau, Bridgend.
 District Visitor, Mrs. Barnstaple, 51, Wyndham-road, Canton, Cardiff.
 G Caerau, Spiritual Church, 2-30 p.m. Mr. R. Williams, 91, Victoria-street, Caerau, Bridgend.
 G Cardiff, Central, Mr. W. Litman, 16, Bloom-street, Canton, Cardiff.
 G Cwm, Station-terrace, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Davies, Triglaw, Pa k View, Waulwyd, Mon.
 G Merthyr Tydvil, Tranroad, Side North, 2-30. Miss F. Dunscombe, 40, John-street, Georgetown.
 G Mountain Ash, Moskin School, Mrs. M. Jones, Forest Level Cottages, New Town, Mountain Ash.
 G Nantymoel, Glam. Mr. W. Redwood, 3, Gwendoline street.
 G Newport, Mon., Charles Street. Mr. H. Folkes, 30, Rishon Street.
 G Tredegar, Mon., Temperance Hall, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Brown, 109, Glen Terrace.
 G Ystrad, 2-30. Mr. W. D. Jones, 32, Dfigadeva-street, Treorchy, Rhondda, S. Wales.

THE TEE-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. W. Buckingham, 43, Surrey-street, Middlesboro.
 District Visitor, Mr. J. H. Foster, 6, Eden-terrace, Corndon, near Bishop Auckland.
 B Darlington, 13a, Blackwall Gate, 2 p.m. Mr. C. Wilson, 54, Traialgar Terrace, Hopetown, Darlington.
 B Darlington, High Northgate, 2-0 p.m. Mr. R. P. Christopher, 1, Hercules-st., Springfield, Darlington.
 B Darlington, Witton Park. Mr. E. Meek, 9, High Albion street, Witton Park.
 B Gurney Valley, 2 p.m. Mrs. M. Spedding, 19, Princess-street, Shildon, co. Durham.
 B Middlesbrough, 57, Grange-road, West, 2-30 p.m. Miss A. Drew, 98, Crescent-road, Middlesbrough.
 B Old Shildon, Friger-st., Temperance Hall, 2-30. Mr. A. Aston, 41, Adelaide-street, New Shildon Co. Durham

- B Shildon, Newlands av., 2 p.m. Mr. Thos. Jones, 4, Lisburn street, Old Shildon.
 B Stockton-on-Tees, Cecil-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. Neale jnr., 60, Cecil street.
 B Stockton-on-Tees, New Brunswick-st., 2-30. Mr. G. Tuck, 7, Palmerston-street.
 B West Hartlepool, 13, Charles-street, 2 p.m. Mr. T. Robbie, 25, Richardson-street.

THE TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. Curtis, 20, Hollywood Avenue, Wallsend-on-Tyne.
 District Visitor, Mr. W. Hall, 10, Curzon-street, Gateshead.
 B Annfield Plain. Mr. J. Graham, Broadway House, North-road.
 B Blyth, I.O.G.T. Rooms, Market Place, 2-30. Mr. F. Parsons, c/o 144, Beaumont-street.
 B Chester-le-Street, Front-street, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. H. Huntley, 9, Morningside Terrace.
 B Craghead, Co-operative Hall, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. E. Bowerbank, 16, Thomas-street, Craghead, Co. Durham.
 B Dunston-on-Tyne, Ellison-rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. I. Davidson, 54, Clavering-avenue, Dunstan-on-Tyne.
 B Easington Lane, Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroline-street, Hetton-le-Hole, Co. Durham.
 B Gateshead, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Mather, 47, Claremont, North Avenue.
 B Hebburn-on-Tyne, Scout Hut, New Town, 2-30. Mr. W. Stevenson, 30, Kitchen-terrace, Jarrow-on-Tyne.
 B Hetton and District, 2-30 p.m. Mr. M. Rogerson, 14, Barrington-terrace, Hetton-le-Hole.
 B Hirst, Spiritual Church, Milburn street, Ashington. Mr. J. Stafford, 51, Myrtle-street, Hirst, via. Morpeth.
 B Jarrow, Market-square, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Overton, 81, Buddle-street.
 B Newcastle-on-Tyne, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 7-30. Mr. T. Cowe, 59, Strathmore-crescent, Benwell.
 B Newcastle-on-Tyne, Heaton & Byker, Co-operative, Heaton Road Guild Room, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Hunter, 36, Mowbray-street, Heaton.
 B Newcastle-on-Tyne, Co-operative Hall (No. 1 Room), Carville-rd., a.m. Mr. J. W. Bloomfield, 40, Coronation-street, Wallsend.
 B Newcastle-on-Tyne, Rutherford-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. S. Dawson, 94, Clarence-street.
 B North Shields, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley-street, W. 2-30. Mrs. H. W. Robson, 4, Cambridge Avenue, Whitley Bay.
 B South Shields, Fowler Street, 2-30. Miss E. Shortt, 226 St. Vincent Street, South Shields.
 B South Shields, High Shields, 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Woodall, 487, John Williamson-street.
 B South Shields, 14, Cambridge-street, Mr. Parker, 9, Nichol's Buildings.
 B Stanley, Oxhill-street, 2-30. M. Clark, 26, Forth-street, South Moor, Stanley, Co. Durham.
 B Sunderland, Cromwell-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Shaw, 11, Abbey-street, Southwick-on-Wear, Sunderland.
 B Sunderland, 21, Derwent-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Faller, 16, Robinson-terrace.
 B West Felton, Iron Schools, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. A. Meakin, 18, Pine street, Grange Villa, Co. Durham.
 B West Stanley, 3 p.m. M. Clark, 26, Fourth-street, South Moor, Stanley, co. Durham.

Area Lyceums:

- A Belfast, St. George's Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. S. Shannon, 5, Magdala-street, The Plains.
 G Grimsby, Kent-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss M. Barron, 45, Conyamore Road.
 G Hanley, Percy-street, 2-0 p.m. Mrs. S. Brittain, Milton House, Albion-street, Hanley.
 F Leigh, The Avenue, 10 a.m. Mr. T. Gregory, 18, Brackley Street.
 G Lincoln, Progressive Hall Coultham-street, 10-15 a.m. Mrs. H. C. Dobby, Stanley House, Sansthorpe-street.

Oversea Lyceum:

- Auckland, N.Z., Karangahape-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. R. R. Lewis, 22, Esplanade-road, Mount Eden, Auckland, N.Z.
 Calgary. Mr. A. Baring, 243 14th Avenue, East Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
 Edmonton, 102 Avenue, Alberta, Canada, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. McCardia, pool-4-90 ave, Edmonton.
 East Hamilton, Ont., Canada, Spiritualist Church, Balmoral-avenue, 2-30. Miss S. Etchells, 189, Roxburgh-avenue, Hamilton.
 Johannesburg, 11 a.m. Jeppe-street, Mr. Vernon Hart, 27, High-avenue, Bezuidenhout Valley north, Johannesburg.
 London, Ontario, Mrs. Cawson, 139, William-st.
 Melbourne, Australia, Mr. C. Chatfield, 14, Lennox-street, N. Richmond, Melbourne.
 Methuen, Centre-street, Mass., U.S.A. 10-30 a.m. Mr. Fred Sykes, 80, Tenney-street, Methuen, Mass., U.S.A.
 Winnipeg, Polson Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Mr. L. W. Brown, 382, Boyd-avenue.