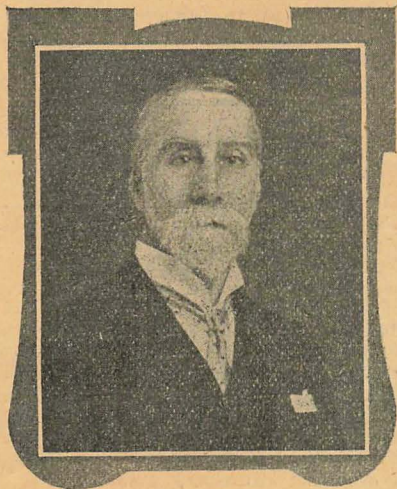


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Transition of Mr. H. A. Kersey.

A TRIBUTE TO "UNCLE HARRY."

When to the world, sporadic waves,
From the immortal life,
Gives to each mourning heart that craves
An answer to eternal strife:
We turn to those who lead us right,
And find our troubles cease.
Through death's cold portal, in their might,
They lead the world to peace.

G.F.K.

Mr. H. A. Kersey passed into spirit-life on March 10th, at the age of 81 years. Many Lyceumists will only know his name by reading it in the LYCEUM MANUAL: others will have read of him through studying the Education Scheme. Mr. Kersey was one of the very active spirits who pioneered the commencement of Lyceums in this country. He was associated with Spiritualism over fifty years ago in Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Society he was attached to has just celebrated its jubilee and retains in membership at least one (Mrs. Moore, who was and is still conducting a weekly service), and who well remembers the great work "Uncle Harry" did for local and national Lyceum work.

Mr. Alfred Kitson had compiled some copy for a LYCEUM MANUAL which had been published in one of the Spiritualist journals. The editor of the journal refused permission to Mr. Kitson to reprint them. This editor also refused to issue them through fear of loss. Various Lyceum Conferences had all agreed on the necessity of a manual for Lyceums and the dilemma remained until Mr. Kitson went to Newcastle to open a Lyceum there. By the inspiration of Mrs. E. H. Britten, the zealous earnestness of Mr. Kitson and the financial and literary enthusiasm of Mr. Kersey, a book was eventually compiled which has been gradually enlarged to the present Manual. 2,000 of these Manuals were sold in thirteen months and a steady sale has gone on ever since. Mr. Kersey published the book without profit to himself and eventually gave the book to the B.S.L.U. along with the Spiritual Songster (compiled by Mr. Kersey's sister).

Mr. Kersey has been President of the Annual Conferences for nine years: four years before the formation of the B.S.L.U. and five years since its inauguration. He made a splendid chairman and his disposition can be obtained by a study of the G.C.R.'s over his name in the LYCEUM MANUAL. He was strongly opposed to any kind of adjective being attached to Spiritualism. "Let me have my Spiritualism without prefix or affix" was one of his favourite platform remarks.

A few people remain amongst us who worked with him in the early days. Their minds will be filled with many memories of days gone by. We, to-day, reap the results of their labours and it is our task to keep the Banner flying, in the spirit which

animated these worthy pioneers of the most priceless possession the world has ever known: the certainty of a future life and the added joy of a real communion with the spirit world.

The voice of their melody wanders free
Thro' the wail of our broken song:
And the gleam of their snowy robes we see,
When the earth grows dark with wrong:
We feel the touch of a vanished hand
That thrilled in the days of yore:
And leads us on to the Summerland,
Where we live for evermore.

THE TWO ANGELS.

Two angels, one of Life and one of Death,
Passed o'er our village as the morning broke;
The dawn was on their faces and beneath,
The sombre houses hearsed with plumes of smoke.
Their attitude and aspect were the same,
Alike their features and their robes of white:
But one was crowned with amaranth, as with flame,
And one with asphodels, as flakes of light.
I saw them pause on their celestial way;
Then said I, with deep fear and doubt oppressed,
"Beat not so loud, my heart, lest thou betray
The place where thy beloved are at rest!"
And he who wore the crown of asphodels,
Descending, at my door began to knock,
And my soul sank within me, as in wells
The waters sink before an earthquake's shock.
I recognised the nameless agony,
The terror and the tremor and the pain,
That oft before had filled or haunted me,
And now returned with threefold strength again.
The door I opened to my heavenly guest,
And listened, for I thought I heard God's voice;
And, knowing whatsoever He sent was best,
Dared neither to lament nor to rejoice.
Then with a smile, that filled the house with light,
"My errand is not Death, but Life," he said;
And ere I answered, passing out of sight,
On his celestial embassy he sped.
'Twas at thy door, O friend! and not at mine,
The angel with the amaranthine wreath,
Pausing, descended, and with voice divine,
Whispered a word that had a sound like Death.
Then fell upon the house a sudden gloom,
A shadow on those features fair and thin:
And softly, from that hushed and darkened room,
Two angels issued, where but one went in.
All is of God! If He but wave His hand,
The mists collect, the rain falls thick and loud,
Till, with a smile of light on sea and land,
Lo' He looks back from the departing cloud.
Angels of Life and Death alike are His;
Without His leave they pass no threshold o'er;
Who, then, would wish or dare, believing this,
Against His messengers to shut the door?

H.W.L.

B.S.L.U. ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

President: Mr. C. J. Williams, Mr. G. A. Mack.
Vice-President: Mr. C. J. Williams, Mr. G. A. Mack, Mr. A. Kitson, Mrs. L. Nurse, Mr. E. A. Keeling.
Treasurer: Mr. R. A. Owen.
Auditor: Mr. F. F. Ball, Mr. J. W. Nurse, Mr. S. Watson, Mr. C. A. Lloyd.

(1) A number of nominations have been received which are invalid through lack of the consent of the nominees or their unwillingness to stand for the positions.

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.

THE RECENT EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS.

On the day of the examinations, in most districts a severe snowstorm was raging. This prevented many intending candidates from attending the examination. Therefore the number of sitters is once again much below the number of entrants.

The total numbers of sitters are:—Grade I. 557; Grade II. 266; Grade III. 147; Grade IV. 34; Grade V. 12. Total, 1016. Lyceums, 114.

This does not include the Oral Grade; nor the candidates in New Zealand (whose papers have not yet arrived).

Full particulars, also of District Councils, will be given in the book of EXAMINATION RESULTS, LISTS AND SUMMARIES.

This book should be ready by the end of April (by post, 7d).

OF INTEREST TO THE CANDIDATES.

(i). Your marked examination papers, and your certificates, will be ready for posting to your Lyceum Secretary, about the middle of April.

They will ONLY be sent, AS SOON AS READY, to those Lyceums that have sent on the shilling to pay for the postage.

If you want YOUR certificate and paper as early as possible, find out if YOUR Secretary has sent on the postage, and, if not, urge and persist that it be sent on at once. Forty-four (44) have NOT yet paid, and those 44 parcels may not be sent off till after Conference at Whitsuntide.

The parcels cost from 9d. to 1/6 to be sent, so a uniform rate of one shilling is charged; as the exact amount is not known in advance.

(ii). If you are a Guild member, please see this month's Guild Page for information about how to obtain the new ribbon badge that you have earned.

THE MARKING SCHEME.

The following is the standard of marks adopted by the Committee this year:—

Distinction—90 per cent. to 100 per cent. for all grades.

Honours—80 per cent. to 89 per cent. for all grades.

First Class—70 per cent. to 79 per cent. for all grades.

Second Class—60 per cent. to 69 per cent. for Grades III., IV. and V.; 55 per cent. to 69 per cent. for Grades I., II. and Oral.

Third Class—50 per cent. to 59 per cent. for Grades III., IV. and V.; 40 per cent. to 54 per cent. for Grades I., II. and Oral.

Failure—Below 50 per cent. for Grades III., IV. and V.; Below 40 per cent. for Grades I., II. and Oral.

THIS YEAR'S EXAMINERS.

Grade V.—Mr. E. W. Oaten (of Manchester).

Grade IV.—Mrs. P. Street (of Reading).

Mr. C. J. Williams (of London).

Grade III.—Mr. W. G. Gush (of Huddersfield).

Mr. J. Haigh (of Huddersfield).

*Mr. and Mrs. Mack (of Runcorn).

Grade II.—*Miss G. M. Halliday (of Halifax).

*Mr. W. Burrows (of Halifax).

*Miss E. Elliott (of Moston).

*Mr. A. Collinge (of Moston).

Grade I.—Mr. J. Jackson (of Reading).

*Mr. R. Gurd (of Brighton).

*Mr. N. Ainley (of South Shields).

*Mr. R. Hunter (of Newcastle).

Mr. J. Stewart (of Glasgow).

Mr. J. Shaw (of Glasgow).

Mr. D. Hamilton (of Glasgow).

Mrs. J. Greenwood (of Hebden Bridge).

*Mrs. F. M. Leng (of Hull).

*Miss V. G. Rayner (of Nottingham).

*Misses E. & M. E. Lawton (of Barrow).

Those marked with an asterisk (*) have themselves worked through, and passed, most or all of the Grades; and several have acted also as Tutors.

The rest are well-known advocates and workers, thoroughly conversant with the teachings of the Lyceum and of Spirit-

ualism; and have rendered us faithful and valuable services in previous years. Some of these, too, have acted as Tutors in their own districts.

All our Examiners are members of Our Lyceum Guild.

NEXT MONTH.

The next issue of the BANNER is the one in which appear the various reports for Conference. Therefore our next article will be the Education Report to Conference. There will be no Education Page in the June BANNER, as the space will be needed for the full report of Conference proceedings.

REVISION NOTES.

The MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE consists of Mesdames Pickles and Greenwood, Misses Heap and Kitson, Messrs. Williams (ex-officio), Kitson, Knott and Connor. Mrs. Pickles is the chairman and Mr. Connor the Secretary.

The aim of the Committee is to bring the MANUAL thoroughly up-to-date, and to make it a perfect text-book for the Lyceum Movement. The Silver Chains, the Golden Chains, and the Musical Readings, should deal with every phase of Spiritualism, including the latest scientific discoveries bearing on our subject.

The Editor of the BANNER has generously promised space for an occasional column of Revision Notes, and in these Notes the whole Movement will be kept aware of the suggestions that are sent in from time to time. In its turn, the whole Movement must strive to send in suggestions likely to be of help. It is only in this way that a text-book, representative of the whole Movement, can be produced. It will, of course, be impossible to send a personal reply to all correspondents, but all suggestions will be carefully considered by the Committee.

It would be a grand thing if all the new additions to the Manual could be supplied by Lyceumists, but the Committee would be glad of help from Spiritualists who are not yet Lyceumists. We have many Spiritualist poets who could write Silver Chains; we have many Education students and Guild Members who could write—have written—Connective Readings to some of our present songs and Silver Chains; we have many Lyceumists and Spiritualists generally who could write Golden Chains on the scientific and spiritual aspects of our Movement. Let us all join in, and work hand in hand, and the MANUAL we produce shall be a credit to Spiritualism. It cannot be guaranteed that all that is submitted can be published—the MANUAL must be kept within reasonable limits of size—but a careful selection will be made, and as many as possible used. But please remember, all efforts must be on Spiritualism: scientific, philosophic, or religious. The MANUAL is to be a text-book on SPIRITUALISM.

Several suggestions have already been received. It has been suggested that there should be a Children's section; that all the Silver Chains with musical settings should be removed to the Songs section, thus making room for new recitations; that Summaries should be written to follow the most difficult Silver Chains; that the wording of some of the Connective Readings and Golden Chains should be altered; and (by Mrs. Raymond of Liverpool) that expression marks to help in singing should be added.

It will be seen that most of these suggestions would require the production of, practically, a new Manual, and at once will arise the questions—what about the present edition; what will happen when supplies of the new edition are bought, and attempts are made to use them in the Session? etc. There is only one answer to all these questions. The Lyceum Movement must make up its mind whether or not it wants an up-to-date MANUAL. If it doesn't, the only thing the Committee can do is to make a few additions, and allow the present text to remain as it stands. But if a new MANUAL is desired, the Movement must make up its mind to "scrap" the present edition when the new edition is ready. Next month I shall show how this can be done without putting any financial strain on even the poorest Lyceum.

Think these things over; talk them over—in your sessions, in your Committees, at your District meetings; instruct your delegates what attitude to adopt at the Conference at Whitsun, when the new Manual is being discussed. And in the meantime, let me know your opinions. I shall be glad to receive them.

All correspondence must be addressed to the Revision Secretary—Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

Advent.

THE BEGINNINGS OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

By A. T. CONNOR.

CHAPTER IV. (continued).

The Weekmans were often, of a night, disturbed by loud noises, and sometimes they heard the sound of someone walking in the cellar (it will be remembered that there was only a single thickness of boarding between the cellar and the room above). Their little daughter slept in the room where the noises were heard, and one night she woke them all by screaming very loudly. On rushing into the room they found her sitting up in bed, crying and screaming—and it was some time before she was calm enough to tell them that something had been moving around her, and over her head and face; that it was cold, and she had felt it all over her. This was between twelve and one o'clock, so the parents took the child (she was only eight years of age) into their bed; and it was a long time before they could get her to consent to sleeping in her own bed again.

On another occasion, when Mrs. Weekman was away, her husband was awakened by hearing his name called. Supposing that somebody wanted him, he sat up in bed for some time; but he heard no more and could never find out who or what had called him. This experience, and that of his little girl, might have been put down as being merely vivid dreams, had they not been borne out by the experiences of the Foxes, and the clairvoyant vision (as it afterwards turned out to be) of Mrs. Lape, the Weekman's servant. One day, while she was working in the kitchen, she was startled by seeing a man in the adjoining bedroom. She had been in the kitchen a long time, and, as there was only the one door in the bedroom, she knew that nobody could have gone in there without being seen by her. The man, who was a complete stranger to her, was of medium size, and was dressed in a black frock coat, light trousers and a cloth cap. He stood facing her as she looked into the bedroom, but did not speak, nor did she hear any noise at the time. She rushed off to find Mrs. Weekman, who was busy in another part of the house, but by the time they returned the mysterious stranger had disappeared. Mrs. Weekman thought it was somebody trying to frighten her, but she persisted in thinking that the appearance was supernatural—though she had never believed in such things until her own experience. Truly, experience teaches!

It is a pity that Mrs. Lape did not stand her ground, and call Mrs. Weekman, instead of running to find her—but regrets are vain, and we must take things as they actually happened.

These stories add an air of probability to the claims of the invisible knocker; but even more remarkable evidence was forthcoming. It will be remembered that in the pedlar's story mention was made of the hired girl who left the house with Mrs. Bell. That girl, whose name was Lucretia Pulver, still lived in the neighbourhood with her mother; and when the murder story spread abroad they presented themselves, and made statements of which the following is a summary:—

Lucretia, who was about fifteen years old at the time, had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Bell for about three months in the winter of 1843-44, first as a hired girl, and afterwards as a boarder; and it was during this latter period that she first heard the noises, and after she had been dismissed in a surprising manner by Mrs. Bell, only to be invited back in three days' time. But we had better take the story in its proper order.

One day, about two in the afternoon, a pedlar called at the house. He was a man about thirty years of age, dressed in a black coat and light trousers, and carried a trunk and (as far as Lucretia could remember) a basket. He was claimed as an old acquaintance by Mrs. Bell, and she and he held a long conversation, in which he seemed to be telling her of his personal affairs. Soon after, Mrs. Bell called Lucretia and told her that she could not afford to keep her any longer; adding that, as she herself was going to Loch Berlin (a neighbouring village) to spend the night, if Lucretia would pack her clothes at once they could both go away together. Before leaving, Lucretia had a look at the pedlar's stock of goods, and saw some things which she would have liked to buy; but she had no money, so the pedlar promised her that he would call at her home the next morning. She and Mrs. Bell then left the house, and Mr. Bell and the pedlar remained behind. The

pedlar did not call at her home next day, and she never saw him again.

Three days afterwards, Mrs. Bell invited Lucretia to come and board with her, and go to school. But after a week she asked the girl to leave school and do housework for her, saying that she had to alter a couple of coats for her husband, as they were too large for him, and out of fashion. They were ripped to pieces when Lucretia first saw them. It was about this time that Mrs. Bell gave her a thimble, which she said she had bought from the Pedlar.

It was after her return that the girl first heard the noises—under the foot of her bed. Then one night, when Mr. and Mrs. Bell were away at Loch Berlin, she sent for her little brother and a girl friend named Amelia Losey to sleep with her. The boy was asleep when the girls went to bed about eleven, but they were still awake when the clock struck midnight. Suddenly they heard a sound as of a man walking through the pantry, down the stairs and half-way across the cellar—where the footsteps ceased. As may be imagined, they were very much frightened, and got up and fastened the windows and doors. They felt safer after that, but even then were so nervous that they got very little sleep for the rest of the night.

One day, about a week after the pedlar's visit, Lucretia had occasion to go down into the cellar, and walking across it, sank knee deep in a quantity of loose earth in the centre of the floor. She was so startled that she screamed. On Mrs. Bell asking her for the reason of her screaming, she in turn asked what Mr. Bell had been doing in the cellar. Mrs. Bell laughed, and said it was only where the rats had been working in the ground. But a night or two after this Mr. Bell carried some earth into the cellar, and was at work for some time "filling up the rat-holes."

After a time Lucretia left the Bell's, but occasionally visited them. On one occasion Mrs. Bell told her that the pedlar had been there again, and showed her another thimble and some other things which she claimed to have bought.

Lucretia couldn't make up her mind what to think of the noises—even after she had heard the story obtained from the Knocker. Mr. and Mrs. Bell appeared to her to be very good people, only that they were rather quick tempered. But she mentioned that the Bell's dog seemed to sense something wrong, for it would sit under the bedroom window and howl all the night long.

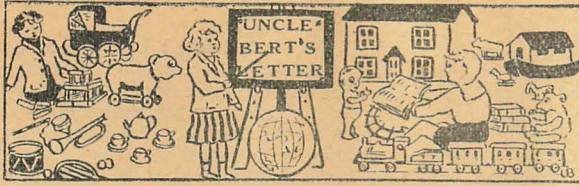
Lucretia was not the only one who heard these noises, for one day Mrs. Pulver, who was a frequent visitor at the house, found Mrs. Bell quite ill from want of rest, and on enquiring the reason, was informed by Mrs. Bell that she didn't know whether she had "the fidgets" or what, but she could hear someone walking about the house all night, and was "sick of her life."

A few months after these events the Bells left the neighbourhood.

Perhaps it would be as well to state here how these statements were obtained. The details were first put on record on 11th March, 1848, in the Fox Cottage at Hydesville, by Mr. E. E. Lewis, of Canandaigua, New York. He called on that day, and interviewed the members of the Fox family, and about twenty of their neighbours; the statements made were at once taken down in writing, read over to those who had made them, and then signed. Mrs. Fox and Lucretia Pulver declared their readiness to repeat their statements under oath. Those summarised above are typical of all, and contain all that the other witnesses declared. Mr. Lewis collected the statements into a pamphlet, which was published in May, 1848. So Wm. Duesler's very valuable statement was made a week after his last experiment, and whilst the details were still fresh in his mind, as were those of the Foxes and the other neighbours. It will be observed that the accounts of the Pulvers and the Weekman's are not so clear about dates—but they were made about four years and one year after the events described: a point which we must remember when examining the evidence.

But Mr. Lewis's was not the only statement of the facts, although it is most important as being the earliest. Other pamphlets were issued—by D. M. Dewey (1850), Dr. J. B. Campbell (1851) and E. W. Capron—and the foregoing account is a blend of them all. It will be seen that the story is not about something that was said to have happened fifty or a hundred years before the story was written, but is an account of things that were happening even as the historians were recording them.

(To be continued).



My Dear Boys and Girls,

Here I am again, just jumping out of the Banner's Easter Egg to write you another letter. I expect, instead of you jumping out, it is a case of Easter Eggs jumping in.

It was certainly not a bad day's work for you, when someone added such nice tasty things to this old festival, and some grown-up people can do their share of eating them too. I expect you would be winners in a prize competition for eating the most, so I shall not offer a prize, as it might make you ill, but I hope you will enjoy them just as much.

I think a few things boys and girls have told me would interest you, I simply love getting your letters and adding your names to my list of nieces and nephews, and in one case I note, one group leader is making a collection of letters to save you the expense of postage. I hope others will do likewise, and I will reply in like manner where stamps are enclosed.

This month I can only refer to a few, but every letter is valued.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—"I think we have the best Conductor." That's fine! I hope all Lyceumists will think the same of their leaders, and all credit to those who can earn such love and esteem.

HOUNSLOW.—"I write to a boy in South Africa, through my School." Note my remarks to Tiny Tots this month.

LEICESTER.—"What a glorious responsibility you have under taken." I fully realise this, but the assistance of good thoughts is of great value.

COLNE, LANCs.—"Lyceum teachings though simple, help us to become worthy of God's blessings." That is a very nice expression, regarding our teachings, I think.

BLANTYRE, SCOTLAND.—Calisthenics, I sometimes go wrong, but keep on trying until I conquer."

That is a lesson, we can all accept, big and little.

NANTYMOEL, WALES.—"The Lyceum is a band of little children, gathered together, to love one another." And if we learn no other lesson than this, our efforts in Lyceum work will not be lost.

I must not take up any more space this month with my letters, but I am sorry to say, out of the fifteen Lyceums in the London District, I have only received one letter this month, and no entries for the Competition. Now come along, Londoners, and see if you cannot do better this month.

BLACK AND WHITE.

Well, my little chicks, this is a nursery or playroom story, and as I enter the door, Oh, my! toys everywhere. Here is Billie's engine, with a wheel off, here is Mamma's writing pad, which she has looked for everywhere, Mr. Nobody has brought it here by mistake, and here is Dadda's watch, being examined to see how the wheels go round, and now I can see the head of a doll, I may find the rest later on, but look! what can I see now? why! a beautiful doll fast asleep. Oh! is it not sweet: pink cheeks, lovely curly hair, and lying by its side is a Golliwog, with its black hair and face showing the whites of his eyes, and his pearly teeth, and when I ask the little boy and girl, who are busy playing, which one of the two they like best, what do you think they say: why we love them both as much as each other, and this is the lesson. The world is a very big place, and there are all sorts of little boys and girls living in various parts, some have black skins, some yellow, and so on, while you and I have what is called white, and I want you to love them all, because they are all God's children, therefore our brothers and sisters.

Here is a Pearl. My own dear little girly says sometimes:

"Black and brown, and yellow babies too,

They lift their little hands to God, as English children do."

So never be afraid, if you should meet a black man, and if any of those naughty grown-up people have told you, that the black man is a bogie-man, you tell them they have made a mistake, there is not such a person, never was, or ever will be.

I have heard black people praising God, just the same as we do, and I hope I shall one day, get some letters from Lyceumists whom we call black boys and girls. Loving black and

yellow children, simply means the "Brotherhood of Man," which we older people talk about, so I am sure you will remember this.

For older boys and girls I hope they too will take note of this lesson. This month my lessons to you are two subjects linked together: "Resurrection and Springtime" because the two go together whichever one we place first, they both mean "New Life." When Jesus was crucified, it was not the end of His work: No! it was the beginning of a far greater work, and springtime reveals to us a greater work in nature's "New Life."

The Daffodil seems to stand up proudly, and say I am the King of Spring in flowerland, while the hedgerow and other tokens of Spring fill the air with praise.

The Cricket Bat and Tennie Racquet come out to take the place of football and indoor games, and speaks of the "Freedom of fresh air to us, and I would say to you: "Awake with the Spring, and just as nature gives us thoughts of love, just try and be Springtime flowers, brightening up the earth, by cheering people up, and it may be some of you have been having a little nap during the winter, I mean by that you have not been displaying so much energy in the Lyceum. Work as you should, now "Awake" and make every day of your life a resurrection day, by jumping out of your bed in the morning saying, a new day is born unto me. "Let me be kind in word and deed just for to-day," and when you go to bed at night, ask yourself: "what good deeds have I done to-day?" and in this way you will soon find there are three hundred and sixty-five resurrection days a year, instead of one, and each of these will bring with it new opportunities for you to do good, so I would further suggest you make your life into sums "addition" and "subtraction": at the end of each day, add up the good and the bad deeds and subtract one from the other, and you will soon find that the good ones come out on top, I am sure. Try it, and write and tell me how it works. Always remembering you are now in the springtime of youth, and you have many seasons in front of you, in which I hope and pray, you will be great workers in the cause we love so dearly. Again I would say to each one of you boys and girls "Awake" to the glorious opportunities which are yours.

COMPETITIONS.

In order that Lyceumists I know personally, including those of my own Lyceum, should all have an equal chance, in these competitions, I have arranged with an independent judge, who I can be sure will only award prizes on merit. The essays received last month on "Why I like the Lyceum" were of a high standard and prizes have been awarded to:—

RONALD REDWOOD, age 11, Nantymoel, and
REGGIE HOLLINGS, age 13, Castleford, tied, extra prize given.

SYLVIA STOODLEY, age 13, Devonport.

while special mention is made of the following:—

IVY MARCROFT, Heywood, Lancs.

MARGARET BRIMER, South Shields.

HELEN JONES, Sheffield.

The Best Pearl received this month:—

"Minutes spent for God, are Pearls strong for eternity."

—F. W. SILVESTER, Wolverhampton.

This month I shall award two prizes, one boy's and one girl's for the best account received on: "HOW I WOULD SPEND TEN SHILLINGS," and I want you to spend the whole amount on yourself.

COMPETITION RULES.

1. Name in full, age, address, Lyceum Conductor's name and address. Write replies on one side of the paper only, leaving one inch blank margin on the left hand side.

2. Competitors must be regular attendants at Lyceum; not over 14 years of age, and each reply must be your own individual work.

3. Address to Uncle Bert, 2, Villiers Road, Osterley, Middlesex, not later than the 12th inst.

Prizes will be sent to your Lyceum Conductor.

Tommy: "I wish I was a little black boy."

Nurse: "Why, dear?"

Tommy: "I should never have to be washed."

Now I have sent you my letter, so you owe me one, and do not forget to send a pearl.

"Smile and be contented."

2, Villiers Road.

Osterley, Middlesex.

With love, yours,

UNCLE BERT.

The Scottish Page.

MY DEAR FELLOW LYCEUMISTS,

Contributors should note that communications should be written on one side of the paper only. I trust that the movement in Scotland will take full advantage of the space so kindly bestowed by the Editor of the BANNER. The B.S.L.U. is, without doubt, the greatest asset of the Modern Movement of Spiritualism. The moulding of the child mind into proper ethical, moral and religious channels is the finest work any group of men and women can undertake. There is no other movement in this country that so completely embraces the physical, mental, moral and spiritual education of the young. Some day we may yet see a Spiritualist as Minister of Education. Then we assuredly will breed a race where each individual will seek to put more service into the commonwealth than the equivalent of what he takes out, because mankind will know, as the result of our education, that happiness does not reside in the external things around us, but may be found among the rich possessions of the mind. No effort at self-improvement is wasted effort. The only asset that we take with us into the life beyond is our mental and spiritual endowment.

In conclusion, might I appeal to all my fellow Lyceumists to memorise the following lines from a poem, entitled *The Everlasting Quest*, by John Roebuck:—

Down in the grave of blighted hope;
 "Forbear my soul, forbear to grope
 Awake, arise, and breast the day.
 Your task lies in the untrod way.
 The road you've travelled has vanished quite,
 The way you go is full of light.
 Oh, soul, from out your tomb arise
 And onward, upward raise your eyes.
 Awake, arise, and face the day,
 Life's wonder is its unknown way."

JOHN M. SCOTT.

COUNSELS BY THE WAY.

Let love distinguish you. To be the child of the Divine Love, both in its realisation and manifestation, is more to be desired than earthly inheritance and power. For love enriches the life. Love exalts the vision. Love ennobles purpose. The regnancy of love is assured.

If ye love, ye will not fail in the way. If ye truly love, ye will give love. If ye give love, many will rise up to call you blessed.

Love begets. It is ever creative. The offsprings of love are manifest in blessed ministries.

Therefore, love ye one another. To rule by love those within our circle is a greater thing, and more to be desired than to rule a kingdom of the earth.

To love our neighbour as ourself is surely a Divine ambition. It is the selfless way. Seek ye unto the finding of it. Let the Good of love, and the Truth of love, ever be expressed in all your ways. For the Good of love is its healing power, and the Truth of love is its radiance.

If ye love souls it will not be necessary to tell them so. Love is its own manifestor.

Where you have not yet acquired the power to give love, do not profess it. Never say to any one that you love them, when you have not found a place for them in your heart. But pray for the love to become within you, and then will love look out from the windows of your being and its beams will fall upon souls.

Extract from *Life's Mysteries Unveiled*.
 "BON ACCORD" LYCEUM.

ON TIME.

Fly, envious Time till thou run out thy race:
 Call on the lazy leaden-stepping Hours,
 Whose speed is but the heavy plummet's pace:
 And glut thyself with what thy womb devours,
 Which is no more than what is false and vain,
 And merely mortal dross;
 So little is our loss,
 So little is thy gain,
 For, when as each thing bad thou hast entombed,
 And, last of all, thy greedy self consumed,
 Then long Eternity shall greet our bliss
 With an individual kiss,
 And Joy shall overtake us as a flood;
 When everything that is sincerely good

And perfectly divine,
 With Truth, and Peace and Love, shall ever shine
 About the supreme throne
 Of Him, to whose happy-making sight alone
 When once our heavenly-guided soul shall climb,
 Then, all this earthly grossness quit,
 Attired with stars we shall for ever sit,
 Triumphant over Death, and Chance, and Thee, O Time!

JOHN MILTON.

J. M. ANDERTON, "Bon Accord," Aberdeen.

DUNDEE, Rattray Street.—Our twenty-first Anniversary Service was held on Sunday, 4th March. It took the form of an Open Session, combined with the Parent Society, and was held in the evening, at 6-30, instead of the afternoon. There was a good gathering of members and friends. Mr. Urquhart, our Conductor, was in the chair, along with Mrs. Odhner, who gave clairvoyant descriptions. The session was opened with Hymn 305, and Mr. Urquhart took for his prayer Hymn 2, by Lizzie Doten. Solos, duets, trio and recitations were rendered by the following Lyceumists:—Dorothy Hardy, Hannah Hepburn; trio by May Scott, Willie Scott and Frank Milne; duet by Annie Urquhart and Willie Clark; recitation by Margaret Essenoff; solo by Kenneth Urquhart; recitation by Wallace Clark; solo by Miss Hoy. Marching and calisthenics were gone through. Mrs. Odhner gave clairvoyant descriptions and all were recognised. Closed with Hymn 306. All felt that it was good to have spent a night with the bairns. Mr. Harold Short accompanied Mrs. Watt at the piano with his violin, and they were very much appreciated.—E. Essenoff, Sec.

Letter Box.

Sir,—In last month's issue of the BANNER, page 37, George MacDonald, of Bon-Accord Lyceum, tells the story of a gentleman who, while on a visit in Aberdeenshire, greatly admired a certain old castle and asked who it belonged to, and was informed by his host that the owner was "just a commoner whose father was only a carpenter," whereupon the guest replied, "Ah, you must remember that Jesus Christ was only a carpenter."

I presume that the point of this story and its value, in the estimation of your contributor, lies in the gentleman's reply to his host that:—"Jesus was only a carpenter," with which statement he evidently agrees and for which he has therefore made himself responsible. But was Jesus a Carpenter? Will Geo. MacDonald give the rest of us Lyceumists his authority for that statement?

All Lyceumists are, or should be, interested in all that can be known concerning the life of Jesus, and, I think, great care should be taken that correct statements, not merely guesses, should be made concerning so great a personage, so that true and not false impressions should be made upon the minds of children, just as great care as is taken with details concerning the Fox family or Andrew Jackson Davis. I have searched the Scriptures, but find no warrant for the statement referred to.

E. ELLIOTT, Reading Lyceum.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

Some Lyceums desire longer time for choice of nomination officers after receiving the official forms. All the dates are provided in the Constitution and the remedy is an amendment thereto, which cannot now operate for a few years.

The Annual Conference will be held at Liverpool. Lyceums can now prepare to consider the attendance of their delegates.

Mrs. Raymond will have charge of the billeting arrangements. Delegates should apply and enclose a stamped addressed envelope if they require accommodation (before May 7th) to Mrs. Raymond, 3, Hick's Road, Seaforth, Liverpool.

Lyceums who wish to be represented at the Annual Conference and whose names are in the above list should send the Annual Fees. The Delegates' application Forms will be immediately sent to the Lyceums. April 14th is the last day for receiving delegates' names.

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

Lyceum Reports cannot be inserted in the May issue of the BANNER, as the Annual Reports for the Conference must be inserted and the space will not allow for Lyceum Reports in the Conference issue.

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MEDIUMSHIP AND CIRCLES.

THE PASSPORT TO SPIRIT COMMUNION.

(Continued from page 33).

Last month I dealt chiefly with the forming of the Home Circle, and this time I want to elucidate a little to help those students who have arrived at a certain stage and are earnestly desiring help.

Let us consider clairvoyance. You begin to see things that you have not been conscious of before.

A large or small patch of colour comes before your closed eyes.

It may be blue, helio, or any other colour, but note particularly if it will help in the future.

You appear to see it advancing or retreating, then it may begin to open out, and you may see a symbol of some kind, or an eye, or even a face in the course of time. Each time you will gain confidence and begin to describe what you see.

When you have reached this stage, you will find that as you describe, more will appear, until in the course of time there is a more perfect sequence of pictures. I would advise you to be very careful here, in your interpretations of symbols, as you can do more harm than good. The inspirers generally help to interpret, when you have grown accustomed to them, attempting to jump to our own conclusions. Sometimes the medium becomes conscious of someone he cannot see, and immediately feels like somebody else altogether.

This we know as sensing, I prefer to call it "soul sensing," and I think it is very convincing to the student, because he recognises there is some other intelligence apart from himself working with him.

It is well to speak of this when it occurs, and describe the feelings and symptoms as they come, because it all helps in the unfoldment of the higher faculties.

Also it is gratifying to the one who is trying to manifest.

Here it will be advisable to halt by the way till we recognise a little of the law of attraction.

It has been said it is one of the greatest laws of the universe and if this is true, its operations reach out beyond this plane of the physical life.

When we grasp this great truth, we at once realise, a little of the law, in attracting those intelligences from the other side, by living purely and truthfully day by day. So you see dear student you have no cause to fear any low or uninvolved spirit from the other side taking possession. Like attracts like, must inevitably be born in mind, and woe betide any man or woman who is false to his or her mediumship.

Pure and high-souled mediums generally see the bright spirit people, because of this law, and it is quite common to see first a baby, then sense growth to a fully matured form, and when this is the case, you can judge it was a baby passing away and growing into manhood or womanhood in spirit life.

This to my mind is one of the most beautiful sights the clairvoyant can ever see.

Often their white robes glisten with lights and gems of spiritual attainment.

An infinite desire wells up within me for the baby's mother to see this sight, for then she would never shed another tear or want her dear one back in earth life.

Scenes and pictures of varying descriptions are very often shown and sometimes the medium says he sees articles of furniture but of course the student has by this time learnt, that the operating intelligence is impinging, upon his consciousness, these things for different and obvious reasons. Sometimes for identification, or sometimes to recall some incident to the mind of the hearer.

Though we fail many times to recognise these things, yet the spirit friend has done what he could to awaken recognition. We may become conscious of a pair of eyes, and if we follow that up, we shall be enabled to give a perfect description.

I was sitting one day in the B.S.L.U. office, talking with a stranger, on many things, and all at once I saw a pair of lovely large eyes looking at me, and they apparently filled the room, so intense were they.

I spoke of this to the gentleman and immediately I could see a boy's lovely face, and after giving the many details, it transpired that it was his own son, who had passed away a few months before.

He was overjoyed, and afterwards he told me it was sufficient proof to him that his boy did really still live and love.

So if little things only come at first, persevere, and rest assured more will follow in their train.

It is impossible to write in detail about all the aspects, but just a few thoughts culled by the way may be of service to those who are interested. It would make a very valuable record if all our noted clairvoyants would tell us how they see and hear.

It appears to me that the density of the physical body is the real obstruction, for I can say truly "I see" meaning the ego, or soul, or that at times I am able to peer through the denser vehicles, and with eyes of the ego or soul, behold the things that are on higher planes.

I know there may be confused ideas, and probably denials in this, but I am writing at this moment of personal experience.

I know that I see, not only straight in front of me, but at the side and at the back, and that whilst describing something in one part of the room, I am seeing at the same time something in another part. I have a distinct feeling too, that it was there all the time, but that I had to condition myself to see it.

I hope to deal more definitely with this aspect in some other article, for I believe these are just faint relations of the higher attributes we all possess.

So after all it is experience which counts to the student most, though he should aim at procuring the best of literature, and the books referred to in B.S.L.U. Handbook: "Spiritualism for the Student and Investigator," would certainly help.

Experiences vary and differ very much in detail, but now and then we seem to catch a glimpse of the methods of the workers on the other side, and I am confident they work as scientifically as our material surroundings will allow, and that they specialise very much in the same way that doctors and physicians do here.

(To be continued).

NOTICE OF ARREARS.

Lyceums whose subscriptions are not paid before March 1st shall cease to be entitled to any of the benefits and privileges accruing from membership. (Bye-law 3. Sec. 2.).

The attention of the Lyceums enumerated below is drawn to the above Bye-law as their Lyceums are now in arrears. There are many new secretaries who may have overlooked the payment and a quick reply is hoped for as their Delegates will not be able to attend the Annual Conference unless the fees are paid at once.

Handsworth, Daisy Hill, Windhill, Yeadon, Coventry (Broadgate), Coventry (Lockhurst Lane), Halifax and Huddersfield D.C., Brighouse (Commercial Street), Quarmby, Holbeck, Hull (Metropole), York, Pemberton, Southport, Clapham, Lewisham, Little Ilford, Wimbledon, Dalton-in-Furness, Preston (Clarks Yard), Ulverston, Long Eaton, Nottingham (Hawarden Terrace), Nottingham (Mechanic's Hall), Nottingham (Glastone Hall), Nottingham (Parliament Street), Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow S.M.U., Kirkcaldy, Bourne-mouth, Bristol, Southampton (Temple), South East Lancs. D.C., Crompton, Middleton, Oldham (Water Street), Rochdale (Halliwell Street), Shaw, South Wales C.D. Merthyr Tydvil, Mountain Ash, Tredegar, Yst.ad (5s.), Darlington, Chester-le-Street, Easington Lane, Stanley, Tunstall, Hanley.

THE BROKEN CROSS.

A. GALPIN, Leicester.

Quickening his pace, a traveller crossed the dusty country road to where, gleaming white in the dusky twilight, he espied a stone. It was set a few yards back from the road which skirted the village churchyard, and had the appearance of a milestone, seeming to bear an inscription.

Finding it difficult to read by the failing light, the man knelt down in the long grass. A look of pained surprise crossed his face as he read the words. He took off his cap and bowed his head in prayer for a few seconds.

Lying in the long grass, and entirely hidden, were other pieces of the stone, which on being uncovered showed him that once a cross had been erected there. The words "In loving memory of one that passed this way," and the date "September 8th, 1915" was all that was told.

Weary and sad, John Lane sat by the stone to rest. The sounds of the village died, and except for a light in the distant tavern, all the world seemed dark. He closed his eyes as he rested, and peace calmed his thoughts.

"Sleeping by the roadside when home is so near, That will never do my lad. I say, wake up! wake up now!" An elderly man was bending over John, and shaking him by the shoulder.

"I don't believe yo' wus asleep, but yo' wus dreaming, for sure. Cum, get up," he added, as John showed no signs of moving.

"Yo' can't stop here all night, man; there's supper to be 'et, and all spoiling too. That's better," he said, as John got up and fixed his knapsack in position.

"Not a word, not a word do yo' tell me, until yo've supped. Two blessed hours have I kept that food hot if I've kept it a minute, but I knowed yo'd come, I know'd yo'd come—and late," he grumbled.

Stopping any explanation that John might be disposed to make, or ask for, the old man trotted a few feet in advance, trusting his new acquaintance would follow.

John looked in wonder at the little man, a slight bowed figure in rusty black, muttering to himself as he hurried along.

Straight through the High Street the men went, past the smithy at the bend of the road, and then to a tiny cottage almost hidden by a high hedge growing round it.

Along a flagged path to the front door the old man trotted, took a door-key from a nail hidden by clematis growing up the front of the cottage, and ushered John into the cosiest living-room possible.

"Home!" thought John, sensing the warmth and comfort, "a fitting place for such a strange and kindly creature."

While John was eating, the old man brought slippers and foot-stool, placing them by the fireside, and not until the supper dishes were cleared away would he seat himself. Then curling himself up in a big arm-chair he prepared to talk or listen.

The feeling of strangeness had given place to comfort, and leaning back in his chair, John looked at the elfin face peering at him through a cloud of tobacco smoke.

"And so your journey ended at the Broken Cross, well, well!" John gave a start as the thin voice broke the silence. "Now I knowed just how you'd feel, I've seen lots of folk stop at the milestone, he-he! Some of 'em laugh and goes on agen; some of 'em takes it as a matter of course. One man last summer carried on something fine, said it ought to be shifted; well—p'raps"—here the little voice broke and a far-away look came into the eyes so big in the small and wrinkled face.

John smoked on. He became aware of the voice again, hushed as if in converse with some unseen presence.

Louder then came the voice as it addressed John again.

"Your journey is finished, John Lane. Here is the place you set out to find. Gone is she to whom you was bringing comfort. The Broken Cross is all that's left."

Again the voice hushed to a murmur; the little head sank between the shoulders as if age was suddenly exacting toll.

The old man was ill thought John rising, alarmed at the change in the eyes watching him. Another intelligence seemed to have taken possession; but obeying a gesture to be calm, John resigned himself with an inward prayer.

Soft and benign came the look into the eyes as John waited in silence. Calm and peace filled the room; all sadness left the heart of the man, as an air like a benediction pervaded all.

The voice took up the conversation again, John noticing without surprise a different manner of speech.

"Your journey ends here, John. Here is the house you hoped to find, the old man is father of the girl you sought. He says the Broken Cross is all that is left. He knows that that is not so for I am with him. I, his daughter. A few years ago a lad and lass planned their future here, and all was bright. But war broke out in France, and there came the call for men to defend their country.

Tom Moore was one of the first to volunteer for active service. Many tears were shed and promises given. Then one day the boy came home on his last leave before going abroad. He had wonderful news and a scrap of paper for his sweetheart, that made her cheeks glow; and so, a few days before his leave was over, the two young people journeyed to town and were married secretly. No one knew the two spent the last few days together. Th girl returning to her father's house, and the boy going back to the army. Terrible times followed; when the British army was repulsed and gloom settled over the country. Dark grew the days for the girl. The village wives seeing her, pointed the finger of scorn.

One day there came news that a battalion of English soldiers had been annihilated, Tom Moore and other lads of the village amongst them. The girl shunning the villagers in her sorrow, took to walking alone in the evenings. Heavy rains fell over the country and much of the land was flooded. Myers' dam over-flowed, making the short-cut to the mill dangerous. One night the girl, unaware of the flooded dam, went in the direction of the mill, for there Tom Moore had lived. Her heart was heavy, for her future looked hopeless. On she went, unheeding the way, when suddenly coming towards her, walking with quick step and out-stretched arms, a wealth of love and joy in his eyes, came Tom, her husband.

Her sorrows fled from her as with a cry of inarticulate love she sprang to meet him. Her tired feet stumbled, greedy weeds and water dragged at her feet, the dank cold waters threatened to cover and drag her down, and down. But his loving arms caught her. Up, up! he bore her, into light, and warmth, and love, and the dark waters and despair which had menaced her, faded away.

They found her next morning—drowned. Twelve good men and true, who had known her from babyhood, shook their heads, and said: "Suicide!"

And so she was buried in unconsecrated ground outside the churchyard."

The voice paused, the tick-tock of the clock was the only sound to be heard.

A minute, and the voice sounded again.

"Tom Moore's comrade to whom he had told the story of his marriage, determined at Tom's death, to find his wife, and tell her of the love and sacrifice of her husband. Now your journey and task are ended. Peace be with you." With a sigh the voice finished.

Tick-tock, tick-tock, went the clock in the corner.

With a start the old man sat erect in his big chair.

"This will never do my lad, this will never do! Sitting in the dark with no fire, while a good bed is waiting you?" Lighting a candle from the dying fire, he beckoned John to go upstairs.

Early the next morning, John was awakened by the sun shining on his face through a curtain of clematis. Hearing someone in the garden, he looked out of the window and saw the old man tying up his flowers.

"Good mornin' to yo,' sir, I hope yo' have rested well! Breakfast is quite ready," called the old man as John opened the window.

"I have indeed rested well, many thanks to you," answered John with a happy laugh.

The morning passed quickly, when John, trying to thank the old man for his hospitality, said that he must resume his journey.

"But your journey ended at the Broken Cross," said the old man. "I told you so last night."

"Tell me, what is the meaning of the Broken Cross?" queried John, "and why does it stand there?"

"It is the emblem of pain and suffering made by the scorn of misunderstanding men," the old man answered, "but, thank God! it is broken."

Our Lyceum Guild.

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

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(For further particulars of the Guild and its work, and for application form to become a member, apply to the Leader—(Miss) M. E. KITSON, B.A., 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorks.)

OUR MEMBERSHIP (on 18th March).

1465 members, representing 133 Lyceums.

GUILD PROMOTIONS.

Those of our members who took the Education Examinations in February will soon know their results (see EDUCATION PAGE in this issue).

The successful ones will be entitled to promotion in the Guild Classes, and to the new ribbon badge to show their new standing.

Last year, the new badges were sent with the marked examination papers; but that will not be done this year, for several reasons.

TO OBTAIN YOUR NEW BADGE.

New badges may be obtained separately, by each individual member, or all the members of one Lyceum may send their applications collectively, and thus save postage. However, whichever way you send in your application, the following rules must be observed:

TO OBTAIN YOUR NEW BADGE, send in your application to the Guild Leader, and give (i) your full name; (ii) Guild number; (iii) Lyceum attended; (iv) Grade now passed; (v) marks obtained; (vi) class in which placed, i.e., Distinction, Honours, 1st, 2nd or 3rd; (vii) private address. Also enclose an envelope, addressed to yourself and with a 1½d. stamp on; and send threepence (3d.) in stamps to pay for your new badge. (No letter will be necessary if the above information has been given.) If you are entitled to an essay-badge worked on your ribbon, give particulars. The applications will receive attention in the order in which they come; but any that do NOT COMPLY with ALL the rules will be IGNORED. A few days may elapse before you receive your badge, if the demand is heavy at the time and if the supply of worked badges has run out, and is being replenished.

OUR SERIES OF ARTICLES.

Our fourth article of Mr. Connor's series on the Hydesville Knockings will be found in another part of this issue.

LYCEUM IDEALS.

(Suggestions for Thought and Action).

By J. TINKER.

IV.—MORALS. (L.M. 144, 220).

The entire world appears to the Buddhist as the realisation of the moral law, since in his view beings take rank according to their virtues or vices, mount or descend in the ladder of life according to their moral elevation or abasement.

—M. GUYAN (105-6, 138).

The revolution Jesus wished to affect was always a moral revolution.—RENAN.

Philosophy was that power by which reason conducted man to happiness. Every pleasure is in itself good, but in comparison with another it may become an evil. The philosopher differs from the common man in that, while both seek pleasure, the former knows how to forego enjoyments that will cause pain and vexation hereafter, whereas the common man seeks only to enjoy. No life can be pleasant but a virtuous life, and the pleasures of the body are insignificant when compared with those of the soul. The former are transitory: the latter embrace past and future.—EPICURUS (113-129).

Enjoyment is the result of an energy which at the same time perfects that energy. The most noble of all enjoyments is the result of Reason. The perfect exercise of reason is Virtue.—ARISTOTLE (D.M., p. 16.)

I think, therefore, it is apparent that everywhere that which governs according to nature and pays all possible attention to the felicity of the governed in this manner becomes the leader of that which he governs, and directs it to that which is best.—PROCLUS (134, 206, 215).

Spiritualists insist that spiritual progress depends on "Character, not creeds," or on creeds only as they establish charac-

ter (106). The formation of character is by those habits "relating to right and wrong, determined by duty," classified as morals. (Hbk. III. p. 16; II. p. 7).

The standard of duty is in the laws of Nature, developed by and in the best of Humanity (112, 115, 121).

That is the justification for that wonderful compilation of the best principles for the development of character, our Manual. As Spiritualists we must educate our children to a morality superior to that of either Agnostic or Christian, because of our freedom from their limitations and our access to spiritual forces they decline to use.—(212, 136, 226).

Sages and mystics agree that while "the object of life is happiness" life must be the expression of virtues and not a selfish pursuit of pleasure. The divine urge within us can only be satisfied by that Harmony of the true, the good, and the beautiful (Plato), which brings the Beatific Vision of the God who is Love (Mystics), and therefore is also Wisdom and Law. (116, 135, 6, 25). Those who have enjoyed the hallowed harmonies of spirit communion will not be deluded by carnal lusts and worldly vanities. Cultivate the noblest! (137).

Study the newspapers—not with prurient curiosity and hunger for tragic thrills, but to get at the root causes and remedies for the evils displayed. Study them by the forces pulsating our own lives. Why are our names not "in the papers" for the derision of the tragic-thrilled? There are two rules for the "respectable": (1) Love of right and courage to do it; (2) Love of wrong, but fear to do it. What an interplay of both operates in that strife of the God with the beast which is called morals and results in character! What puerile compromises are contrived?

What are most prominent in the papers? Sexual lusts and revenges, drink and drugs, gambling and profiteering, sensual luxuries and lascivious amusements, lordships and treacheries, parasitism and turbulencies (134). These are not for us to enjoy, but to reform. (231, 124, 132, Hb. II., p. 14).

It is not sufficient that a habit is apparently harmless. We are striving for the spiritual progress of the children, and must abstain from all acts, however pleasurable, that do not intensify our powers for development. Spiritual character means love and chastity, temperance and abstinence, prudence and confidence, fortitude and gratitude, industry and tranquility (9, 42, 51, 110, 119, 126-7, 133). These are the Twelve Apostles of our Christhood: "the intrinsic goodness."

Thereby we not only get a sound mind in a sound body, but develop those finer bodies by which we commune with souls in higher spheres. It is the special duty of Spiritualists to regulate conduct for that higher development. (108, D.M., p. 19-20). Psychic mediumship is not always accompanied by the best morality, but the best morality is essential to the best mediumship—the communion of saints, which operates in spheres superior to the ordinary spectacular varieties, and may or may not include them. That is the fundamental fact substantiating G.C.R. 142, to which we must educate our children. How can we? (Hb. III., p. 15., O.S. 11, 14-15, 112).

Next: "OUR SYSTEM."

Mr. TINKER requests that "leaders and judges will send their proposals and opinions" to HIM—"not for insertion, but for candid, helpful information, to support or modify his own very decided convictions as to the necessity of improvements both in the sessional system (not ideal principles) and actual methods in use."

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

By WM. WOODALL (South Shields).

APRIL. BLUE FLOWERS. PERIWINKLE. This grows in woods and on banks, etc., in bare places. The leaves are of a glossy dark green, a long pointed oval in shape, in pairs at the joints of the branches. The flowers stand on tender foot-stalks one at a joint, long and hollow, parted at the rim into four or five petals. This is very binding in its effects, and if chewed will stop bleeding at the mouth and nose. It is good for nervous disorders and hysterics.

ROSEMARY.—This aromatic plant is mostly grown in gardens. The root is rather long, woody, divided and a little fibrous. The plant is covered with a tough brown bark, but the young shoots are a greyish green. The leaves are many and firm in substance, in shape oblong, narrow and sharp pointed, a very fine green on the upper surface and silvery grey underneath. The flowers are a pale blue, variegated with white, and rather large. It is a good remedy for windiness in the stomach,

bowels and spleen. It opens and clears away obstructions of the liver. The leaves dried and rubbed small and smoked in a pipe help wonderfully in coughs and consumption, by drying the distillations that cause these diseases. A weak infusion of leaves make a palatable substitute for tea and very agreeable to people of dyspeptic stomachs and nervous habits.

ROSEMARY (Marsh).—You may find this perennial herb in low, damp woods, and near water. The description of the other kind will do for this, only the plant is smaller and the flowers vary a little, being a light blue, variegated with white and purple. This plant is very drying and binding in its nature, and good for diarrhoea and dysentery, stops spitting of blood, bleeding of the gums, and fastens loose teeth. Good in all kinds of hemorrhages.

PURPLE. CORALWORT.—In some places called **DOG TOOTH VIOLET.** You may come across this plant in woods and shady lanes. When this first springs up it is with one or two winged leaves upon brown footstalks, curled down at first. When fully opened they consist of seven sad green leaves, dented about the edges and pinnate in form. There are no leaves on the lower half of the stalk. Upon the top of the stalk there stand four or five flowers with long hucks on short foot stalks. The flowers are a pale purple consisting of four petals each, followed by small seed pods. This is extra good for gravel, pains in the sides and bowels, inward wounds and ruptures, also to stop fluxes. Made into an ointment, it is very good for wounds and ulcers.

WHITE. DAISIES. These are so common that they seldom attract attention, yet they are one of the most wonderfully constructed composite flowers that grow. It is a very powerful wound herb and ought to be kept in stock, made into an ointment for outward use, and a syrup for inward. Good for all manner of wounds. Good for palsy, sciatica, or gout. This applies to all Daisies, large and small.

PARSLEY PIERT.—This is to be found in moist, sandy, and barren places everywhere, from April to October. It has a small thready perennial root that shoots up many long, slender footstalks set so full of leaves that it can scarcely be seen. The leaves are about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. broad, deeply dented about the edges, of a dusky green colour. The flowers are very small. This is good to break and dispel stone and gravel, it cleanses the kidneys and purges off all concretions. Good for jaundice and stranguary.

LADY'S SMOCK.—In some districts called **MILKMAIDS.** From the beginning of April to the end of June these flowers are to be seen in abundance in moist meadows and swampy places. Although they appear white, at close quarters they are more of a lilac colour. Its leaves are cut up into distinct leaflets, those from the roots more rounded, those from the stem more long and narrow. The flowers are very much in shape like the stock gilliflower.

It may be eaten like watercress. It strengthens the heart, warms the stomach, restores the appetite, and helps digestion.

(APRIL.—to be continued).

OUR NEXT GUILD PAGES.

(a) The Guild Article next month will take the form of the annual Report to Conference, and will give a summary of work and aims, etc. But our series of Articles by contributors will be given as usual.

(b) In June's issue (the Conference Number) there will be no Guild Page, the space being needed for Conference matters.

(c) In the July BANNER our usual Page will be resumed; and we hope to be able to introduce one or two new features; also to take steps for the issue of a permanent badge, and an "All Grade" certificate to qualified Freemen.

(d) In July will be announced our next competitions (see last month's Guild Page).

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

"That the Conference discuss the inter-relations of the M.C. and Conference Committees."

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE D.C.:

That a paragraph be framed and inserted in the Bye-Laws or Trust Deed to the effect: "That the Chief Officers, i.e., Conductor and Secretary of affiliated Lyceums which meet in Churches attached to the S.N.U., Ltd.,—such officers shall be members of that said Church."

District Visitors' Reports.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

I paid my second visit to Radcliffe on Jan. 14th, 1923. We had a prompt start with 29 present. Opening song very fair; Silver chain and Musical Reading very well explained. All Oral questions answered. The election of officers next took place, and caused the marching and calisthenics to be dispensed with. General conduct very fair. Closing song sung well.

I paid my second visit to Daisy Hill on Feb. 4th, 1923. We had a prompt start with 12 present. 5 came late. Opening song very fair. Silver chain, Musical Reading and Golden chain, explained fairly well. Majority of Oral Questions answered. No marching or calisthenics. General conduct, very fair. Closing song, good. It is a great pity that the Adult Officials of this Lyceum do not take a greater interest in its welfare.—F. Jones, D.V.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

On January 21st, 1923, I visited Hull Dairycoates Lyceum. They started with 52 present, several came in late. Opening Hymn 330; then the Invocation was given by the whole Lyceum. Silver Chain No. 4, very little comment. The Secretary read the Annual report and balance sheet omitted at their Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Musical Reading 203, the connective readings were given by children. Conductor, explained the meaning of the Reading very nicely and one boy gave very nice answer to question asked. Golden Chain 136. The Conductor asked if anyone could give the Seven Principles; there was no response. One little girl gave the meaning of Vicarious Atonement very nicely; there were no pearls, recitations, or solos; marching moderate, calisthenics fair.

I visited Hull No. 3. Lyceum on January 28th, 1923. They started prompt with 235 present. Opening Hymn 363; then a girl about 13 years gave Invocation very nicely. All joined in the Lord's Prayer. Silver Chain 78, Musical Reading 235, Golden Chain 148. There were many questions asked by the children and very nicely answered.

There were eleven pearls given and each one was very well explained by the giver; two boys gave two nice recitations. There were three solo's rendered well under the conditions as they had no Instrument to accompany them. Marching and calisthenics good. There were none came late.

On Feb. 4th I visited the Hull No. 1. Lyceum. Golden chain 135 explained very well; marching and calisthenics good. Eight Pearls were given and most of them well explained; there were no solos or recitations but the conductor had a very nice gramophone there and played two nice solos which seemed to be enjoyed greatly. The singing was good, also general conduct good.—J. Downs, D.V.

NOTICES OF MOTION—(continued).

2. New Paragraph to Bye-Law 7:

"The General Secretary shall, the last week in December, issue a statement to the D.C. Secretaries or D.V., as the case may be, giving the financial standing of every Lyceum in each District Council or Lyceum District."

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec.

LONDON D.C.:

1. "That the Manual Revision Committee be authorised to proceed with the consideration and preparation of a revised edition of the Lyceum Manual, irrespective of its effect on the present edition."

2. "That all Lyceums be urged to establish a 'Revised Manual' Fund of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per member per month, so that at the end of the Revision period each Lyceum will be in a position to purchase a full supply of the new edition."

3. "That each District Council be urged to form a District Revision Committee—to meet at least once a quarter, and forward reports and suggestions to the Revision Secretary."

4. "There shall be two representatives to the Executive Council of the Spiritualists' National Union (Ltd.). They shall be (a) the General Secretary, who shall serve during his term of office, and (b) one other nominated from the Management Committee, who shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election if the necessary conditions are fulfilled."

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS D.C.:

"That the Trustees of the B.S.L.U. be instructed to engage the necessary assistance in the office which will meet the requirements of the Union."

SHEFFIELD D.C.:

"That the question of assistance to the General Secretary of the Union be considered for the carrying on more efficiently the work of the Union."

SHIELD COMPETITION.

LYCEUM		SINGING			READING			MARCHING			CALISTHEN.			GENERAL CON.			TOTAL
		Precision	Expression	Tone	Unison & Response	Delivery	Mental Efficiency	Time	Carr.	Accuracy	Time	Accuracy	Energy	Attentiveness	General Standard	Devotional Aspect	
Moston	1st	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	65
	2nd	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	69-132
Collyhurst	1st	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	49
	2nd	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	63-113
Manchester Progressive	1st	3	4	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	53
	2nd	3	4	4	3	3	2	4	4	4	4	4	5	2	3	4	58-112
Newton Heath	1st	4	4	4	3	3	2	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	61
	2nd	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	4	4	4	3	4	4	49-111
Moss Side	1st	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	5	54
	2nd	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	56-111
Salford Central	1st	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	2	3	4	4	5	4	4	3	54
	2nd	3	4	4	2	2	1	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	45-100
Cheetham Hill	1st	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	49
	2nd	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	4	4	46-95
South Manchester	1st	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	4	3	3	2	3	4	44
	2nd	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	4	3	3	3	3	4	48-92
New Manchester	1st	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	2	4	2	2	3	4	3	4	44
	2nd	2	2	2	4	4	3	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	44-88

District Council Reports.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The above Council held the Annual Meeting at Keighley in February. A record of Delegates and Associates attended. Minutes of last Annual Meeting confirmed. Also last Meeting Minutes confirmed. Correspondence passed. President's address accepted. Balance Sheet and Auditor's report accepted and showed a balance of £3 6s. 10d. District Visitor's Report accepted. Election of Officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Hargreaves; Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. Barnes; Treasurer, Mr. T. O'Neal; Secretary, Mr. E. Aked; D.V., Mr. Robinson; Auditors, Mr. W. Thistlethwaite and Mr. E. H. Coles; B.S.L.U. Conference Delegate, E. Aked; U.D.C. Delegate, Miss Stair. Election for Judges for Shield and Bell Competition left over until next Meeting. Associates Rules gone through and alterations made.

We had a fine Open Session in the afternoon, our newly elected President, Mr. Hargreaves, being the Conductor. Evening Service, Mr. Aked in the chair. Meeting addressed by Mr. Hargreaves, Mr. W. Barnes and Mr. Schofield. Vote of thanks to our Keighley friends brought a great day to a close.

E. AKED, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The next meeting of above Council will be take place on Saturday, June 9th, at Queen Street, Normanton. Business to commence at 3-30 p.m. prompt. Will all Lyceum Secretaries and Associates please note. Tea provided.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Council was held at Daulby Hall, Liverpool, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. The Election of Officers resulted in the following:—President, Mr. E. A. Keeling; Secretary, Miss Gladys Owen; Treasurer, Mr. W. Rossiter; D.V., Mr. Geo. Mack; Auditors, Mr. Watson and Mrs. Clitheroe; Representative S.W.L. Group, Miss G. Owen; U.D.C. Representative, Mr. Keeling.

All reports were accepted. It was decided to hold the Shield Competition during 1923. It was rather disappointing to have only 5 Lyceums represented. It is hoped that at future meetings all Lyceums in the District will be represented.

GLADYS OWEN, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting was held at Peckham on Saturday, 24th Feb., Mr. Chas. J. Williams presiding over a record attendance of delegates and Associates. The President's address (printed below) gave rise to an interesting discussion; the Secretary's report outlined the activities and achievements of the past year; the Treasurer was able to report a comfortable balance in hand; and all the other reports were equally satisfactory.

Mr. W. Ford, our Area Representative, gave us the greetings of the S.C.D.C., and urged the great necessity of the South pulling together.

The new Executive is:—President, Mr. C. J. Williams; Vice-President, Mrs. Barnard; Treas., Mr. R. T. Barnard; D.V., Mr. M. Clegg; Assist. D.V.'s Mrs. Clegg and Mr. F. J. Miles; Sec., Mr. A. T. Connor; Assist. Sec., Miss Eva Connor; also Messrs. E. W. Drury (U.D.C. Del.) and C. Barrington. Delegate to Conference, Mr. Connor. Mr. Williams intimated that he did not intend to accept nomination for Area H. and the Lyceums were advised not to oppose Mr. Ford.

Three resolutions for Conference were fully discussed, and as a result a District Revision Committee was formed, consisting of the E.C., Miss E. Long and Mr. C. Drinkwater; and the District Lyceums were recommended to form each a similar Committee and to establish a Manual Fund. U.D.C. delegates: Messrs. Drury and Barnard; U.L.S.: Mrs. Clegg.

A. T. CONNOR, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

We have reached another milestone on the road of progress. Another year has passed away and we are here to consider and review past work, to arrange for the year that is before us.

Mrs. Mary Gordon, whom you elected as President last year, has crossed the sea to a new field of labour, where we trust her sphere of usefulness to the Spirit World has been enlarged, and that her efforts are appreciated. America's gain is our loss. Still, the work has to go on,—the gap filled—the banner of progress to be upheld. At the B.S.L.U. Conference in Manchester at Whitsuntide last, the highest honour in the Movement was conferred upon me, and so, indirectly to London, and as you agreed that I should fill the vacancy in this Council. I have had a double responsibility, the hardest being to fill the position vacated by Mrs. Pickles—a very able President—among those who look askance at the South. London in the last few years has left its mark on the National work and I look to London

Lyceumists to do their part, that we may be worthy of the confidence of the whole Movement. The past year's record is so far satisfactory, we are increasing in strength, various efforts compare favourably with other districts, but we can do better.

There has been more harmony and union between the Council and Lyceums, and one can look with bright hopes to the future. I appeal to you, the leaders of the Children's Cause, to realise your responsibility, not only to the children and the Cause we all love so well, but to the Spirit friends who so willingly serve us, that we may in turn do their bidding. Peace and happiness comes in loving service to each other. The shortage of Lyceum Manuals during the greater part of the last year, caused much inconvenience to the Lyceums, entailed more work for the General Secretary of the B.S.L.U. and eventually—delay in acknowledging letters, and some complaints have been made, and with justification. However, we trust that all this is past, and look for better things in the future, and if any present feel they have a grievance—Let it pass. We are all human beings and have limitations, and the best of us cannot please all. You will elect your Officers for the coming year, and decide on future activities, and having done so, may you each one through your Lyceums loyally carry out the work entailed with all its responsibilities. Then is success certain.

I will not weary you with an account of past and future activities, the various reports and motions will enlighten you. In closing I would thank all my co-workers for the assistance so loyally given in the duties that have devolved upon me; especially when a meeting of National importance has called me away when this E.C. was visiting one or another of your Lyceums, and I had to forego the pleasure of being amongst you. They each did their best and carried on. Be earnest, be diligent, be sincere, be ever alert to the promptings of those higher intelligences in this glorious work and we need have no fear for the future.

SOUTH-EAST LANCS. DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council took place at Rochdale (Penn St.) on Saturday, March 10th. The President, Mr. A. Wright, in the Chair. Minutes, Correspondence, and Reports accepted. The accounts were approved. President's address accepted. The President thanked all who have helped the Council during the past year, and urged the members to try to arrange a programme by which the Lyceums in the Council may become more closely in touch with each other, also expressing his pleasure at the attendance and advice of our Area Representative, Miss E. Elliott.

Election of Officers:—President, Mr. A. Wright; Secretary, Mr. T. Dixon; Treasurer, Miss L. Isherwood; D.V., Mr. A. Hudson; Assist. D.V., Mr. S. Carter; Auditors, Miss Curry and Mr. Cullen; Delegates to Conference, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Dixon; Fraternal Delegate to Manchester District, Mr. Dixon.

It was decided that D.V. should use his own discretion as to whether he visited Lyceums once or more in each year. Miss Elliott and Mr. Buckley were elected pro. tem. Credential Officers. Report: 12 Delegates, 3 Associates and 1 Visitor.

On the motion of the President, a vote of thanks was given to Miss Elliott for help and guidance in Lyceum work. Next Meeting will be held at Middleton (Gilmour St.), on Saturday, May 5th. A vote of thanks was given to Penn St. for entertainment.

T. DIXON, Sec.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

The Fourth Annual General Meeting of the above Council was held at Reading Spiritual Church on Saturday, Feb. 23rd and Sunday 24th, our President, Mr. Street, took the Chair at 3-30. After the opening Hymn the Invocation was offered by Mr. Cager, of Brighton. Our President expressed his pleasure in being able to welcome such a representative gathering. 6 Officers, 10 Delegates, 11 Associates; Mr. Hill, of Brighton, Mr. A. Lawrence, of Reading, were appointed tellers.

Mr. Scoggins, Brighton, Mr. Long, Portsmouth, were appointed Scrutineers. The Minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and adopted, with slight alterations.

In consequence of Area B. Representative, Mr. Ford, having to leave for London to attend the London Lyceum District Council who were also meeting, it was decided to ask him to give his report. He had visited a number of Lyceums during his term of Office; he pointed out that it would be necessary for Lyceums to give greater assistance to the B.S.L.U. Union in the near future. He had as a member of the M.C., placed his services at his Area's disposal, and was always in readiness, to do what he could to further the interests in the South. It was a report that was greatly appreciated. It was moved by Mr. R. Churn and Mr. Long: we tender our thanks and accept Report. Carried with acclamation.

Correspondence was next dealt with and several matters were confirmed. The Secretary next gave a report of the year's working. The Propaganda Meeting of the Council had resulted in Exeter starting a Lyceum, and it was gratifying that its Conductor, Miss Munday, was a delegate with us at the Meeting. Deighton Hall, Bristol, had also joined us, but was not represented, making 10 Lyceums in our Council. The report was accepted on the motion of Mr. Churn seconded by Mrs. Taylor of Portsmouth.

The Treasurer's report and balance sheet was next taken which showed a Balance in hand of £14 0s. 1½d. as per our collections had realised £20 13s. 7d. Subs., £4 18s. 0d., Donations £1 18s. 10d.

Expenditure: D.V., £5 10s. 0d.; Officers' Rail fares, £6 3s. 6d. Delegate to Conference £3 0s. 0d. Postage and Stationery £1 3s. 10d. Balance sheet accepted. The Auditor, Mr. Harry, of Portsmouth, expressed his satisfaction and had found everything in order and suggested a method he would like to see adopted. Mr. Scoggins moved, Mr. Long seconded, Auditor's report be accepted. Mr. Hill, Mr. Cager of Brighton, moved the adoption of Balance Sheet.

Our D.V. in his report said in visiting Lyceums he had travelled over 1,000 miles. He found a growing enthusiasm. Devonport and Exeter, the new formed Lyceums were progressing. Worthing were unable to form a Lyceum as the property owner would not have children in building, but he hoped to see a Lyceum there soon. Report adopted.

We adjourned for Tea at 5 p.m. This was provided free to all who were present. 27 enjoyed this repast.

We re-assembled at 6 for the Election of Officers. All nominations set in were for the present Officers en-bloc, who were declared elected. In addition Mr. Geo. W. Sanders was elected Auditor, Mr. Harry, Portsmouth, serves another year.

Area B.: Mr. Ford was again unanimously nominated as the Candidate for our Area.

The President's Address was on the Necessary Teaching in our Lyceums, and their positions to Parent Churches. It was very helpful and instructive and filled all with enthusiasm; he was thanked for his address which was adopted.

Delegates to the B.S.L.U. Conference were the Sec. and our D.V. After Open Council the usual votes of thanks to local friends, the meeting closed.

Our visitors were invited to join the local members in a Whist Drive and Dance in our Guild Hall, Blagrove St., about 70 being present. Prizes for Whist and Dancing were given at the close. Refreshments were distributed and this enjoyable gathering closed at midnight.

Our meetings continued Sunday. Our 49th Reading Boy Scouts, held a Church Parade and Inspection on the Green in front of the Church. 50 Officers, Scouts and Cubs, marched into the Church for Service, 11-30. About 200 were present; Mr. Street's address was "The Making of a Ladder." The Sec. also gave a short address. The Lyceum Open Session at 3-0 was a great gathering, about 170 present. The local Conductor, Mrs. Street, invited our President to conduct. All delegates took part in Readings or Greetings; a number of pearls were given; the D.V. gave short address. It was a splendid session.

Sunday Evening, a crowded Church. An augmented Choir of 50 voices who rendered very beautifully an anthem "Son of my Soul." Mr. Street gave a masterly address. Subject, "A Country of True Homes."

Sunday Teas were supplied to all, at which a collection for the F.O.B. fund was taken.

It may interest Lyceumists to know that the delegates, officers and associates to this Conference had to travel 2,688 miles. This requires some enthusiasm and neutralises our success through the great expenses. In spite of this we finished with £14 0s. 1½d. in hand. Our May Meeting will be held at Portsmouth Temple.

JOHN JACKSON, Sec.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

The Annual Conference was held at Heaton and Byker Church on Feb. 25th, at 10-30 a.m. Mr. Hunter, President, in the Chair. Mrs. Meakin, West Pelton, was elected an Asso. Member. The President in his address dwelt upon the necessity of Lyceums taking more interest in the work of the D.C.

Minutes of August and November Conferences were accepted, also of E.C. The Conference reluctantly accepted the resignation of Benwell Lyceum. Re Joint Committee with N.D.C. suggested rules were read and it was decided to leave the matter to the E.C.

The Balance Sheet showed Income for 1922 to be £13 2s. 8½d., and Expenditure £12 17s. 8½d. The Reports of D.V., Auditors, Teeside and N.D.C. delegates, Choir Sec., and Shield Adjudi-

cators were accepted. First Lyceum was declared the holders of the Shield for 1923.

Correspondence: Re Gransbury Testimonial Fund it was decided that as Lyceums and Lyceumists are subscribing through their own Church the Council could not subscribe

New Business: Commencing 1924 it was decided that Conferences should be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month. (Lyceums Secs. please note). That the Financial year end on Dec. 31st. Re motion that each Lyceum be represented on the E.C. it was referred back to the E.C. and Lyceums to discuss. It was decided that the retiring President be Past President with a seat on the E.C.

Closing date of the "Effort" for £2,000 Effort was fixed for April 30th and the result to be declared at the next Conference.

Future Conferences are June 3rd, Hetton; August 5th, Whitley Bay; November, Derwent St., Sunderland; Feb., 1924, Rutherford St., Newcastle.

Notice of Motion: All E. C. members to become Associates.

Election of Officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Slimin; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Hall; D.V., Mr. Hunter; Sec., Mr. N. E. Ainley; Treas., Mr. M. Mather; Adjudicators, Mr. J. Dawson and Mr. Woodall; Auditors, Mr. G. S. Dawson and Mr. Hall, of Wallsend.

Roll Call showed 16 Lyceums represented, 16 Asso. and 1 N.D.C. delegate. A vote of thanks to retiring officers finished the business for the day.

At the evening service, addresses were given by the D.V., Sec., and Adj., Mr. Woodall, with the President in the Chair.

N. E. AINLEY.

BIRTHS, IN MEMORIAM, AND MARRIAGES,

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

BIRTH.

NORMANTON.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Calcutt, on Feb. 15th, the gift of a son, Frank.

IN MEMORIAM.

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

But thy spirit may be near us
Sometimes, darling, on our way,
And its happier presence cheer us
In our lonely toilsome life.

PLAISTOW.—ASKINS—In ever loving memory of our dear son, Arthur, who passed into the higher life April 21st, 1920, aged 2½ years.

"Whilst the light lasts we shall remember you, dear,
And in the darkness we shall not forget."

—Mum, Dad and Family.

HETTON-LE-HOLE.—In memory of our dear friend, Annie Jones, who passed to the higher life, March 27th, 1922.

Special Reports.

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

HETTON AND DISTRICT.—On March 18th, our Lyceum gave a Service of Song, entitled, "Into the Light." Our President, Mr. Lawther acted as chairman. After the hymn and invocation, Ernest Reay gave the reading, which was appreciated by all. Mrs. Kennedy conducted the singing, and Jasper Lawther officiated at the organ. Prizes were awarded to various children for pearls, etc., given during the past year. All present enjoyed the service. An After Circle was held which proved beyond a doubt the continuity of life.—E. Reay, Sec.

HEBBURN.—March 11th, the evening service was taken by the Lyceum Choir in a Service of Song entitled "Unseen Hands." Mrs. Phillips, President, read the connective readings very effectively. The Choir give an excellent rendering of the hymns, Miss Waller presided at the organ and Master R. Saint, the violin. A duet by the Misses Potts and recitations by

Miss Colquhoun and Master Hipkins were very impressive.—Jennie Causby, Sec.

WINNIPEG, CANADA.—On March 4th we held the Open Session, the Princess Street Lyceum which has just recently begun visited us. The conductor made them all welcome and said "he would like to see them on any future occasion that they were able to come." The Conductor of the new Lyceum, Mr. Hargraves, was then asked to grace the platform.

The session was very good, the marching and calisthenics being very well done and we were complimented by the members of the visiting Lyceum. There were pearls and recitations from: Edna Brown, Winnie Brown, Ella Crawley, Tressa Pursglove, Leighton Rogers, Harold Brown, Mrs. Crawley, Wm. T. Brown, Mr. C. S. West, Helen Lawrence and Millie Crawley; also two solos from Winnie Brown and Mrs. H. Forrest, and last but not least a pianoforte solo from Irene Kobb.

Mr. Hargraves gave a short address and invited this Lyceum to be with them on some other Sunday, which I am sure this Lyceum will do.—Louis W. Brown, Sec.

BATLEY CARR.—On March 4th we held our Open Session before an excellent gathering. Opening hymn 371, followed by Silver Chain No. 82. Responses very good. Marching and calisthenics ably gone through. There was also an interesting ceremony performed by one of our Conductors, Mrs. W. H. Smith, who named two children. One belongs to our Secretary, Mr. Womersley, named Eileen, spirit name "Violet," and the other belongs to one of the members of our Church, Mrs. Lockwood, named Walter, spirit names "Faith, Hope and Charity." We closed a memorable session by singing heartily together hymn 398. Fraternal greetings to all.—G. A. Watkins, Conductor.

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 March 21st.

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 May 23rd, to ensure insertion in the June issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Argyle Street.—March 4th, splendid Open Session. Opening hymn 312. Invocation by Mr. Langtree, who impressively named the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, giving earth name Margaret Mary, spirit name "Light," welcoming her in our Lyceum. Mrs. Pickles spoke a few words. Closing hymn 337.—M. Barnes, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—We held our Open Session on March 4th. Opening Lyceum song 354. Invocation by Miss Coleclough. S.C. 79, M.R. 202, G.C. 119. Marching and calisthenics were very good. Recitations by the following:—Ame Rimmer, W. E. Swift, W. Langham, A. Wilson, Irene Lee, Anne Smith and Elsie Turner. Solos:—Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Holden and A. Wilson. We all spent a grand time together. Mr. H. Thompson was the conductor. Benediction by Mr. T. Fazakerley, Sec.

BACUP.—We held our Open Session on March 4th. Opening hymn 410. Invocation 307, S.C. 20, M.R. 221, G.C. 101. Marching and calisthenics were excellent. Pearls:—Mrs. R. Lord, Mrs. Fox, L. Taylor, Mr. Lord, E. Taylor and Mr. Ridehalgh. Recitation, Kitchner Amyes. Songs:—Mr. Lord and Mrs. R. Lord. Trios: Gerty Salisbury, L. Taylor, Eva Taylor, Hugh McKenna, R. Amyes, E. Tempest, Mrs. Carter. Solos, H. Ashworth, Hugh McKenna, Miss Doris Clayburn. A session well spent.—B. Lord, Sec.

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—We held our Open Session on March 4th. Recitations were given by the following Lyceumists:—M. Howbrook, J. Howbrook, E. Nock, E. Hankinson, W. Eccles, E. Broadbent and D. Brown. Greetings to all Lyceums.—S. J. Nock.

BEDWORTH.—Open Session, March 4th. Recitations by P. Alsop, M. Wood, A. Davis, H. Marston, I. Tebbit, L. and G. Chapman. Lyceum songs were rendered by three Groups.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—We held our Open Session on March 4th; also services; afternoon and evening. Mr. Taylor conducted. Recitations were well rendered by Esther Dunn, Norah Whiteley, Isabel Armour, Freda Whiteley, Eva Williams, Marie Leighton, Doris Dunn, Charlie Ellis. Solos by Dorothy Lindop, Elsie Thompson, Percy Woodley, Norah Whiteley and Mr. Woodley. Pianoforte solo, P. Northcot. Clairvoyance by Mrs. Leighton. Good meetings well attended.—Mrs. Thompson, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On February 25th we held our Open Session. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends from local Lyceums. We welcomed into our midst two new Lyceumists in Norman Memory and Jack Berry. The former was named by our speaker for the day, Miss Elliott, and the second by our President, Mr. Wolstenholme.

On February 17th the ladies held a Ladies' Effort, which was an enormous success financially and otherwise. Well done the ladies. Best wishes to all other Lyceums and Lyceumists.—James T. Smith, Sec.

BRADFORD, Harker Street.—March 4th was our Open Session. Recitations and duets were rendered by Lyceumists. Mrs. Hargreaves spoke kindly and encouragingly to the scholars.—Mrs. Birkett, Sec.

BURNLEY, North Street.—On March 4th we held our Lyceum Anniversary. We had our usual Open Session in the morning, with an average attendance. In the afternoon we again held an Open Session, marching, calisthenics, etc., before a large number of parents and friends. We were favoured by numerous recitations, etc., by the Lyceumists. We had Mr. Batley, of Fleetwood, President of North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, as our speaker for the day. In the evening he spoke on the subject, "The value of a Lyceum training," before a large congregation. A red-letter day.—May Wagner, Sec.

CARDIFF, Queen's Street.—On February 25th we held our Open Session. We spent a good afternoon. The children gave recitations and pearls. Solos were rendered by Miss Davies and Mrs. Hannam. An organ solo by Mr. Northan. The Lyceum rendered a hymn, entitled "Home all beautiful." Mr. J. Woodland spoke a few words and also gave an experiment of a "Vacuum," which was very interesting. We had a pleasant programme.—F. J. Davies, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.—We held our Open Session on March 11th. Conductor, Mr. Crann. Recitations by Blanche Kidd and Freddie Charles. Solos beautifully rendered by Marjorie Crann, Lily Sykes, Elsie May Sykes. Fine and instructive pearls given. Closing hymn 378 brought a well spent session to a close.—W. Gamble, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On March 4th we held our Open Session and the following obliged:—Recitations by K. Widdowson, Lillian Slater, May Wheatley, Edwin Slater, Connie Slater, Edith Slater, Marion Wagstaff, Sidney Hobster, Avis Bown, Elsie Gore, Mr. E. Hobster, Kenneth Bown and Willie Campbell. Pianoforte solos by Gladys Marchant and Millicent Barson. Solo by Mr. Taylor. Violin solo by Nancy Mathews. A few words and the presentation of a bell by Mr. Bown brought the session to a close.—Irene Mariott.

DAISY HILL.—On February 24th we held a Chorus Girls' Concert, in which Lyceums and friends took part. Recitations by Miss L. Clayton, Miss P. Markland, Mrs. G. Markland, Hilda Morriss, Miss J. Jones, Miss Ellison, Miss B. Livesey, Miss D. Abrams. Songs by Miss W. Schofield, Miss J. Jones, Miss B. Livesey, Miss Morris. Songs and sketch by Chorus Girls. Conducted and ably organised by Miss W. Schofield. Chairman, Mr. J. Powers. Many thanks to Lyceumists for their efforts.—Proceeds to Building Fund, £1 4s.—Mr. J. Hope, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—A successful event was held in our Schoolroom on Tuesday, March 13th, in the form of a Whist Drive and Fancy Dress Carnival. The proceeds were in aid of the Whitsuntide Treat. The room was tastefully decorated with streamers. Confetti and fancy costumes presented a most brilliant sight. The duties of M.C.'s. were ably carried out by Messrs. W. Shaw and L. Bland. Owing to the small accommodation of our rooms we limited the tickets, and we realised £5 6s. Mr. Stanley W. Stokes' Band provided the music for dancing.—L. Bland, Sec.

FLEETWOOD, Kemp Street.—On February 16th we held our Annual Prize Distribution and Social. Prizes to the number of 78 were presented by our Conductor, Mr. Batley. The recipients of prizes have worked hard by their attendance, etc., during 1922 to earn their prizes. The prizes consisted of 12 specials, 43 firsts, 17 seconds and 6 thirds. This record speaks volumes for the progression made by our Lyceum at Fleetwood. After the prize distribution an enjoyable social evening was spent, which brought a happy evening to a close.—John A. Jordan, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—On March 4th we held our Open Session. S.C. 97 was conducted by Sidney Hudson, M.R. 201 by William Parkinson, Mrs. Allen and Mr. Balfour; G.C. 101 by Hubert Norris. The following contributed to an excellent programme:—Maggie Nelson, Edna Parker, Alice Fletcher and Alice Haworth. Wishing all Lyceums every success.—Mrs. F. Haworth, Sec.

HAMILTON, Scotland.—On Saturday, March 3rd, we held our first Whist Drive and Dance, which was a great success. Following the whist, tea was provided by the lady members of the Lyceum. Dancing to 10-30 p.m. brought a very pleasant evening to a close.—Hugh Porteous, Sec.

HANLEY.—On the 4th of March we had a most delightful afternoon. Our old friend, Mrs. Timmes, kindly presented our Lyceumists the prize awards for 1922 (140 in number). Mr. Albert Wedgwood moved a vote of thanks to the Committee for the good work they had done and were doing. Mr. Frank Rowley seconded same. A few pleasing remarks by Mrs. Timmes and Mr. Lovatt, our Conductor, concluded a most enjoyable afternoon. The collection amounted to £1 10s.—Wm. Pyatt, Sec.

HORWICH.—On March 10th we had a Tea Party and Social, in aid of the Building Fund. We had a fine gathering and everyone enjoyed themselves.

On March 17th we had a Grand Social, in aid of the Young Ladies' Stall at the Bazaar. It was a great success, both financially and for enjoyment. Credit is given to Miss Nellie Davies, the accompanist, and the caterers, Mrs. Ridgway and Mrs. Davies, and all the artistes, who helped to make the evening a success. Good work is in progress at our Church for the Bazaar. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists.—Doris Ward, Assistant Sec.

JARROW.—On Tuesday, December 26th, we held our Annual Christmas Tea and Social. The children sat down to well-laden tables at four o'clock. We had games from half-past six until ten o'clock; also prizes were given to those who won at games. Before leaving each one received a bag of fruit. We thank one of our Lyceumists, Mrs. Richardson, for a child's wool dress, which she gave towards Lyceum funds. A splendid day, which was appreciated by all. ("May Hardwick," in January issue, should have read "Inos Hardwick, the young daughter of our Conductor").—Mrs. R. Overton, Sec.

LANCASTER.—We held our usual Open Session on March 4th. Our young people seem really alive on Open Session mornings. The Lyceum was favoured by recitations from Annie Smith, Emma Bewes, Florrie Dennison and John Turner. Solos were rendered by Jenny Jackson, Mr. Thompson and Miss Makin. Our Conductor asked for pearls, which quickly became a competition between boys and girls, the girls giving the greatest number, but I think our boys will be ready next time. Greetings to all.—Marion Swale, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—On February 25th, Nurse Welbourne, President of the Society, kindly distributed the prizes to the scholars. There was also a special book given to our late Conductor, Miss A. Clarke, as a mark of appreciation for services rendered to our Lyceum for the past nine years.

March 4th, Open Session. Recitations and solos by the following scholars:—Misses E. Goldsmith, P. Goldsmith, D. Jayes, C. Iliffe, D. Goldsmith and Mr. H. Jayes.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LEICESTER, Silver Street.—On March 4th we held our Open Session, when the following responses were given:—Duets by Misses R. Lucas and D. Spencer; E. Smith and L. Lucas; Masters B. Parker and S. Smith. Trios by Misses R. Wilkinson, D. Wilkinson and K. Browning; K. Browning, P. Smith and D. Wilkinson; A. Dilkes, D. Parker and E. Garret. Solo by Miss C. Jones. Recitation, Miss L. Lucas. It was a record

session and was greatly appreciated by a large number of visitors from Rupert Street and other friends.—J. H. Wicks, Sec.

LIVERPOOL, Boaler Street.—March 12th. The Lyceum held a Social and Concert. A great success in every way and a very pleasant evening spent.—M. Preston, Sec.

LONDON, Hounslow.—Progress has been made during the first quarter. March 4th, children gave an interesting programme. Mr. Miles gave an address. Note—Lyceum Sunday, 25th.—A.E.F.

LONDON, Peckham.—We held our Open Session on Sunday, March 18th. Recitations were given by Edgar Watts, Trissie Bell, John Borthwick, Mary Borthwick, Norman Williams and Gordon Turner. Little Phyllis Watts sang a song, "Little Brown Sister," and Norah Clarkson gave a pianoforte solo. A happy and enjoyable session.—B. M. Bell, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Collyhurst.—On 18th March we held our Open Sessions, which were well supported. In the afternoon a lecture was given by Mr. Garner. The day proved a success and a most pleasant time was spent.—L. Burns, Sec.

MOSS SIDE, Raby Street.—On Friday, March 16th, we held a Carnival Dance, in aid of the Children's Whit-Week Trip. There were 200 tickets sold and everyone had a very enjoyable time together. We have had the pleasure of several fine speakers, which have been very interesting. Lyceum is making fine progress.—H. Moulson, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Maskell Street.—On March 11th we held our Open Session Services, which were well attended. In the evening the Lyceumists rendered the part-songs, "Hymn to music" and "There is music by the river," both being much appreciated. Greetings were extended to us by the District Council representative and Collyhurst, Moston, Moss Side, South Manchester, Longsight, Sale, Cheetham Hill, New Manchester, Barrow and Lancaster Lyceums. Our best thanks are due to our Musical Director, Mr. Holden, for his earnest and patient work in order to make the musical portion of our session a great success.—Geo. Dixon, Sec.

MILLOM.—March 11th, Miss Lawton, of Barrow, visited our Lyceum and gave an address to our children on "Education," which was well appreciated. We have a nice lot of scholars.—John Cairns, Sec.

NEW MANCHESTER.—The Lyceum is progressing. The Group classes, which are held every alternate Sunday, are very instructive. A hearty invitation is given to all. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceums.—B. Jackson, Sec.

NELSON.—On Saturday, February 24th, the Children's Welcome Class held a Fancy Dress Carnival and Medley Concert. The event proved a success, and a pleasant evening was spent by all present. Also on March 4th we held our Open Session, when the following contributed items:—Hilda Leech, William Tancock, Ida Poutney, Beatrice Terry, Irene Jackson, Alice Poutney, Ivy Greenwood and Luther Horsefield. The Council report was also given by Mr. R. Pearson, when a little discussion took place *re* Judging and Calisthenics. We send our best wishes to all Lyceums at home and abroad.—Mrs. Parkinson, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Rutherford Street.—On Sunday, March 4th, we held Open Session. Prompt start and a really good session. Recitations: Miss J. Bolton and D. Wilkinson. Pearls: Mrs. Bolton, Proud, Mr. Archbold, Mrs. Whitfield, Master Heath, Miss Willis. Solos: G. S. Dawson and Mrs. Proud. Thirty-seven Lyceumists attended the interment of Bro. H. Kersey, the Lyceumists' friend, at Jesmond Dene, the 13th inst. Catch the sunshine.—G. S. Dawson.

NEWPORT (Mon.).—The Open Session was conducted by the new Conductor, Miss Young. There was an attendance of about 60 children and adults. Two new adult members were welcomed. Mr. Norton gave a short address. Solos were rendered by Misses Elsie Pugh, Elsie Stock and Jessie Leighton. Pearls by Mrs. Gordon Thomas, Mollie Oakley and Percy Dennison. Willie Rowe, Ivor Gamblin and Hilda Rowe. Recitations by Rona Thomas and Vida Jones, Maisie Reade and Ada Reade, Dorothy Cross, Willie Radnor and Horatio Radnor.—(Mrs.) Kate Armstrong, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Parliament Street.—We had a Service of Song on March 4th. A number of visitors from the Mechanics' Lyceum attended and all had an enjoyable time.—L. Murdock, Sec.

OLDHAM CENTRAL, Water Street.—S.C.R. 30, A. Buxton; M.C.R. 211, M. Grange, A. Howarth, C. Howarth; G.C.R. 140, Mr. Woods. Service rendered by the following Lyceumists:—Recitations, reading, solo and pearls: Misses Fielding, A. Chappell, L. Pointon, Mrs. A. Clegg, Hilda Palmer, Ivy Palmer, Mr. Con. Woods, Buckley, Standish, F. Chappell, R. Chappell, W. Woods, J. Chappell, Mr. Brufton, J. Brufton. 6.30, Miss Mabel Miles.—E. L. W. Norbury, Sec.

PARKGATE.—We held our Open Session on March 11th, conducted by Mrs. Lidgett. Misses Andrews and Farnum, of Darnall Lyceum, helped with solos, etc. An enjoyable afternoon.—F. Cook, Sec.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.—On March 4th we held our Open Session and had a good gathering. The session was conducted by Phyllis Langford, one of our young Lyceumists, who did very well for her first time. The usual procedure was gone through, finishing with solos, recitations and duets. A morning enjoyed by all.—Rd. Smalley Sec.

RUNCORN.—The Annual Social and Prize Distribution was held by the Runcorn Lyceum on Wednesday, March 14th. A most successful and harmonious evening was enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Flemming, the Conductor of the Widnes Lyceum, very gracefully distributed the prizes.—Ch. Cohen, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Centre Lyceum, Princess Street.—Having removed from our temporary premises at the Trades Hall, we opened our new room at 109, Princess Street with an Open Session, on March 4th, when we had a crowded audience. Many Lyceumists from Darnall came to give us a good send-off. Mr. and Mrs. Walker took the evening services.—Mrs. H. C. Organ, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Towler Street.—This month we have welcomed our new Conductor, Miss North, and on the 18th celebrated our 11th Anniversary, the services being a great success.—N. E. Ainley.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On March 4th Open Session was held, 2 p.m. We had a very good attendance of scholars, who gave of their best towards making the session a successful one. Duets from the *Manual* were rendered by E. Barrett and M. Robinson, Misses N. Hirst and E. Thorpe, E. Whiteley and N. Greenwood, M. Whiteley and P. Iredale. Recitations by C. Smith, K. Rushworth, M. Sutcliffe, J. L. Whiteley and H. Lucas. Numerous pearls with exceptionally good meanings were given. Mrs. Thackray, the speaker for the day, addressed the children and gained their wrapt attention, as she spoke to them in tones of encouragement.—John Teal, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick Street.—March 4th we held our usual Open Session. Opening hymn 394. Invocation by Mrs. Williams, S.C. 51 and M.R. 221, were read by children with every success. G.C. 125. Questions were asked by Lyceumists on the G.C. A marked improvement in marching and calisthenics. A most enjoyable session.—G. Tuck, Sec.

WALSALL.—On Sunday afternoon, March 4th, the prizes for regular attendance were distributed by Mrs. Lucy Jones, of Leicester. There was an attendance of about 140 parents, leaders and children, and over 60 selected prizes were presented. Mr. V. H. Lawton (Superintendent) conducted the Open Session, in which about 20 scholars took part. In giving away the prizes Mrs. Jones said that the numerous Lyceums she had visited she thought Walsall was the best. She also spoke of the value of the training to be found in the *Lyceum Manual* recitations. Mr. John Venables, J.P., President, referred to the early days of Lyceum work in Walsall over 40 years ago, and to the present Superintendent being an old Lyceum boy.

WEST MELTON.—Session Sunday, March 4th, 1923. Maud Elliott gave the Invocation. Mr. Lee took Silver Chain, R. Rawlinson took Musical Reading. Recitations by R. Elliott, L. Staley, H. Kenning, N. Hallworth, E. Thornton, K. Sykes, M. Staley, T. Turner, D. and J. Peniluna, E. Walton, T. Paskell, W. Rawlinson, J. Staley. Lily Staley conducted marching and calisthenics. N. Rawlinson gave the benediction.—Mr. Lee, Conductor.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—The above Lyceum report progress. The sessions are bright and the efforts good. Pearls and recitations were numerous. Marching and calisthenics good. March 4th was Open Session. Miss Mabel Perkins (13) conducted the session very creditably. We endeavour to have a scholar conduct each Open Session.—H. Watthey, Sec.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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D Bradford, East Bowling, Wakefield-road. Harker-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mrs. F. Birkett, 7, Rutland-street, Wakefield-road.
D Bradford, 432, 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. Mr. H. Brunskill, 33, Stanacre-place, Otley-road.
D Bradford, 5, Laisterdyke, 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Babbs, 3, Dundas-street, Laisterdyke.
D Keighley, Heber-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. T. O'Neil, 6, Fern-street, Keighley.
D Shipley, Teal-court, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 28, St. Paul's-road.
D Windhill, Schoolhill, 10-30 and 1-30 p.m. Miss E. Alderson, 57, Avondale-road.
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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, Hoult's Lane, Greetland, Halifax.

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C Holbeck, West Place, Elland Road, 1-45 p.m. Mr. R. Shooter, 13, Rydall-place, Holbeck, Leeds.
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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, Armlay, Theaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. L. P. Firth, 17, Ebenezer-place, Tong-road, Armlay.
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 Littleton, Wall-street, 2 p.m. Mr. C. Hirst, 6, Belmont-street, Norrithorpe, 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. Mrs. Brearley, 9, Ilford Terrace.
C Normanton, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. Calcutt, 71, Queen-street.
C Pontefract, Beast Fair, 1-0 p.m. Mr. C. Parker, 14, Southfield-avenue, Frearwood, Pontefract.
C Scarborough, Sherwood-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. H. Middleton, Nortleigh, 5, Bleinheim-street, NS.
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F Liverpool, Boaler-street, 3 p.m. Miss M. Preston, 12, Lavan-street, West Derby-road.
F Pemberton, 10-30, Back Lane, off Ormskir Road. (Closed)
F Runcorn, Ashridge street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. Cohen, 12, Waterloo-road.
F Southport, Hawkhead Hall, 10-30 a.m. Miss E. Greenall, 165, Hart-street.
F Warrington, Sankey-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. James Lawton, 7, Heit-street.
F Widnes, Moor-lane, 1-30. Mr. F. Knight, 118, Albert-rd.
F Wigan, Miners' Hall, Millgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. J. Rossiter, 5, Birch-street.

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H London, Clapham St. Luke's-road, S.W.4., 3 p.m. Miss M. Lovegrove, 76, Bolnbroke Grove, Wandsworth Common, S.W.11.
H London, Fulham, S.W.12. Lattice-street, Munster-rd. 3 p.m. Mr. W. E. Turner, 12, Parthenia-rd., S.W.6.
H Hampton Hill, Middlesex, High-street, 3 p.m. Mrs. A. Baker, 8, East Bank-rd, Hampton Hill, Middlesex.
H London, Hounslow, Adult School—"Secretary" 2, Villier's road, Osterley, Middlesex.
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. Mr. 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. Miss D. Cra.
H London, E., Manor Park, Slrwsbury-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-road, Peckham, S.E.15.

- H London, E.**, 13, Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Miss T. Manning, 67, Khartoum-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, 3 p.m. Mrs. Chignell, 107, Chelmsford-road, Walthamstow E.17.
H London, Woodwich 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, Seaforth-ave., New Maldon, Surrey.

MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Miss A. Sharples, 47, Douro street, Newton Heath, Manchester.
District Visitor, Mr. L. Burns, 23, The Crescent, Anson Estate, Longsight, 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, Co-operative Stores, Amos-st., 10-30 Miss E. Eden, 17, Conran-st., Harpurhey, 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. H. Hankirk, 9, Miriam-street, Newton Heath.
F Manchester, Pendleton, Ford-lane, 2-15 p.m. Mr. J. T. Coates, 73, Indigo-street, Pendleton.
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, Roebriek Laie, 10-30 a.m. Mr. D. Jones, 11, Link Avenue, Urmston-lane Strtford 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. H. Gill, 119, Chapel-street, Edgely, Stockport.
District Visitor, Mrs. Ennon, 95, Vienna Rd., Edgely, Stockport.
F Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Bech, 98, Burlington-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.
F Glossop, Faulw Road, 10-30, Miss M. Maltby, 78, St. Mary's Road.
F Hadfield, Albert-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Williams, 59, Wednesough 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-road, 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, Hemphaw-lane.
F Stockport, Central, 15b, Lord-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss E. Joules, 66, Wellington-street, South.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftsbury-road, Darwen.
District Visitor, Mr. Wagner, 5, Ivan-st., Queensgate, Burnley.
E Accrington, Argyle-street, Miss M. Barnes, 51, Robert Nuttall-street.
E Accrington, Pearl-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. Fazakerley, 32, Canal-street, Church, nr. Accrington.
E Barnoldswick (West End), Town Head, 10 a.m. Mr. J. Woffenden, 4, Back Colne Road.
E Barrowford, Lee-street, 10-0 a.m. Miss A. Dugdale, 6, Holt Square.
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. F. Carter, 65, Lune Grove.
E Brierfield, John-street, 10-0 a.m. Miss E. Stockdale, 22, St. James-street.
E Burnley, Hammerton-street, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Brown, 32, Elm-street.
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. Wrigglesworth, 25, Ruffall Street
E Dalton-is-Furness, Mr. W. Travis, 13, Cavendish-street.
E Darwen, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Nightingale, 88, Queen-street.
E Earby, Greenend Avenue, 10 and 1-45. Mr. E. Bannister, 48, Ashen Lane, Earby, nr. Colne.
E Fleetwood Kemp-st., 11 and 2-30. Mrs. Pitcher, 12, Darbishire-road.
E Great Harwood, Mercer-street, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. F. Haworth, 17, Charles-street, Gt. Harwood.
E Nelson, Vernon-street, 10 a.m. Mrs. Parkinson, 12, Netherfield-road.
E Padiham, Ightenhill-st., 10 a.m. Mr. C. H. Hoole, 40, Adamson-st.

- 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. A. Stansfield, 19, Ivy Grove, Burnley-road.
 E Rishton, Eachill-rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss A. D. Hacking, 81 Spring street, nr. Blackburn.
 E Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkith-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, 7B, 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. L. Dent, Sunderland Terrace.

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, c/o Mrs. Baker, 22, Mona-street.
 G Eastwood, Hill Top, Nottingham-road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. C. Buckley, Jessop-street, Codnor, Derbyshire.
 G Hucknall, Wesleyan Chapel Yard, Watnall-road, 10-45 and 2-0. Mr. C. Hufton, 148, Watnall-road, Hucknall, Notts.
 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, Huddenharn-road, Nasboro'-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, 87, Walter-street, Dennistoun, 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 Gardeners' Hall, Picardy-place, 1 p.m. Mr. J. McIntosh, 13, Cornwall-street.
 A Falkirk, Co-operative Hall, Western Avenue, 12-45. Mr. D. Phillip, 19, Watson-street.
 A Glasgow, McLennan Galleries, 270, Sauchiehall-street, 4 p.m. Miss N. Moore, 85, Walter-street, Dennistoun, Glasgow.
 A Glasgow, 100, West Regent-street, 1 p.m. Miss H. C. McConnell, 201, Clarkson-road, Cathcart, Glasgow.
 A Glasgow, Northern, 918, Maryhill-road, 1-0. Miss E. McNab, 61, Springbank-street.
 A Greenock, Shepherds' Hall, 27, Cathcart-street. Mr. T. Yates, 13, Royal-st., Gourock, 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. Brown, 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, Barnsley.
 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. Miss R. Ha gue, 32, Helena-street, Mexboro.
 C Rotherham, Percy-street, 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mr. E. Rands, 43, Warwick-street.
 C Sheffield, Bold-st., Bradford-st., Attercliffe Common, 10 a.m. and 2-30. Mr. F. Smith, 28/3, Attercliffe Road, Attercliffe.
 C Sheffield, Darnall, Shirland Lane, 10-30 and 2-0. Miss M. Jones, 29, Bradford-street, Attercliffe Common.
 C Sheffield, Heeley, 44, Gifford-road, 2-30. Mr. Geo. Porter, 12, Prospect-square, Prospect-road, Heeley.

- C Sheffield, Central, 109, Princess-st., Charles-st., 3-0 p.m. Mrs. Organ, 66, Trickett-road, Hillsborough.
 C West Melton, nr. Rotherham. Mr. H. Trigger, 18, Co-operative-street.

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. F. T. Blake, "Oakleigh," 128, Richmond Park-road.
 H Brighton, Old Steine Hall (52a, Old Seine), Mr. J. J. Godwin, "Lynwood," 3, Chesham-road.
 H Brighton, Highell street Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mrs. Robinson, 4, Highdown-road.
 H Bristol, 9, Cave-street, Portland-square, 3-0 p.m. Mr. S. Oaten, 53, Barrett-street, Easton, Bristol.
 H Devonport, Kerr-street, 2-45. Mrs. L. Warn, 29, Alexander-road, Ford, Devonport.
 H Exeter, Market Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. H. A. Grainger, Manoa, Okehampton-road.
 H Portsmouth, 73, Victoria-road, Southsea, 3 p.m. Miss Fielden 239, Commercial-road.
 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, "Prenton," 33, Omdurman-road.
 H Southampton, Temple, 45, St. Mary's-road, 3 p.m. Miss Clark, 19, Blackberry-terrace, Berrins Valley, Southampton.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall-street, Rochdale.
 District Visitor, Mr. A. Hudson, 14, Gowers St., Rochdale.
 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. Miss S. Hardy, 6, Frederick St., Whiteles Road.
 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. Miss E. E. Wright, 4, Regent-street, Rochdale.
 F Rochdale, Regent-st., 10 a.m. and 2. Mr. J. W. Nurse, 151, Syke-road, Rochdale.
 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.
 F Todmorden, Eagle St., 10 and 1-30. Mr. H. S. Potts, 46t Stansfield Road.

SOUTH WALES 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 Cardiff, 52, Queen St., Mr. F. J. Davies, 78, Wells St., Canton, Cardiff.
 G Cwm, Station-terrace, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Davies, Trigiau, Park View, Waunlywd, Mon.
 G Merthyr Tydfil, Tranroad, Side North, 2-30, Miss E. 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. Mrs. K. Armstrong, 19, Queen's Hill, Newport.
 G Tredegar, Mon., Temperance Hall, 2-30 pm. Mr. A. Brown, 109, Glen Terrace.
 G Ystrad, 2-30. Mr. W. D. Jones, 32, Dfagadev-street, Treorchy, Rhondda, S. Wales.

THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. W. Buckingham, 43, Surrey-street, Middlesboro'.
 District Visitor, Mr. G. Neale, 60, Cecil-street, Stockton-on-Tees.
 B Darlington, 13a, Blackwall Gate, 2 p.m. Mr. C. Wilson, 54, Tratalgar 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. Mee, 10, High Albion Street, Witton Park.
 B Gurney Valley, 2 p.m. Mrs. James, 85, Gurney Valley, nr. Bishop Auckland.
 B Middlesbrough, 57, Grange-road, West, 2-30 p.m. Miss A. Drew, 98, Crescent-road, Middlesb'ro'.
 B Old Shildon, Frtger-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, No. 6, Cottage Row, Old Shildon, co. Durham.
 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-st.eet.
 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, Clavinger-avenue, Dunstan-on-Tyne.
 B Easington Lane, Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroline-street, Hettow-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. Miss J. Causby, 8, Maple-street, Jarro-w-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 Jarro, Market-square, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Overton, 81, Buddle-street.
 B Newcastle-on-Tyne, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Mr. T. Cove, 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. Miss M. Davidson, c/o Lyceum, Co-op Hall, Wallsend.
 B Newcastle-on-Tyne, Rutherford-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. S. Dawson, 94, Clarence-street.
 B New Delavel and Newsham, Infants' School-room, 2-40, Miss F. Mooze, Beatrice St.
 B North Shields, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley-street, W. 2-30. Mrs. C. Darling, 9, Hedley-street, Percy Main.
 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. Wm. 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 Pelton, 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. G. Donaldson, 181, Crumlin-road
 G Grimsby, Kent-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss M. Barron, 45, Conyamore Road.
 G Hanley, Percy-street, 2-0 p.m. Mr. W. Pyatt, 76, Mosto^u street, Birchs Head, Hanley.
 Leigh, The Avenue, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Hayes, 86, Selwyn Street
 G Lincoln, Progressive Hall Coltham-street, 10-15 a.m. Miss A. Bailey, 112, Cannon-street, Lincoln.

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, po^o-490 ave, Edmonton.
 East Hamilton, Ont., Canada, Spiritualist Church Balmora-avenue, 2-30, Miss S. EtcHELLS, 189, Roxburgh-avenue, Hamilton.
 Johannesburg, 11 a.m. Zeppu-street, Mr. Vernon Hart, 27, High-avenue, Beidenhout 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. Frad Sykes, 80, Tenney-street, Methuen, Mass., U.S.A.
 Winnipeg, Polson Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Mr. L. W. Brown, 382, Boyd-avenue.