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## THE DESTINY OF MAN.

Out of the cosmos came mankind, with evolution's roll,  
And in his birth we see design which gave to man a soul:  
If God there be, we find in life strange laws made understood,  
And with the greatness of His will, appreciate the good.

Thus virtue breeds, within our hearts, desires for things divine.  
We feel the breath of vital powers may be more superfine:  
True knowledge guides, in wisdom's way, the intellectual,  
So we transcend the human way of creed and ritual.

Revealed to us, our angel friends portray sweet freedom's peace,  
Wher final thoughts are each dispelled, and fears of Hell shall cease:

The endless torments evermore, from every sinner torn,  
We face the future, filled with hope, at each returning morn.

Thus men may choose, within the law, to cease from war and strife,

And live in concord, peace and love throughout the earthly life:  
Finding, in all life's various ways, discord no longer lives,  
But riches, more than untold gold, harmonious conduct gives.

The cosmic spirit fills us all in days of joy at last:  
God moves in us a living force, the night of fear is past:  
A stage beyond our mortal sight, we see the future way  
Is made for service, love and truth, in God's eternal day.

Spirit to Spirit, here at last, Man's mission is made plain:  
Dear ones who died and left our sight, return to us again;  
Thus do we see the soul evolves, the Mediums are here  
To move mankind to higher things, within the heavenly sphere.

G. F. KNOTT.

## LYCEUM DEMONSTRATION AND RALLY, HARROGATE, JUNE 16TH.

Upwards of 400 members and friends of the following Lyceums journeyed to Harrogate on June 16th, to participate in a Demonstration:—Halifax (Alma Street), (Raven Street), Dewsbury, Batley, Batley Carr, Marsden, Quarmby, West Vale, Bishop Auckland, West Auckland, Witton Park, Chester-le-Street, Middlesboro', West Hartlepool, Keighley, Newcastle, Skipton, Leeds, Bradford, Castleford, Darlington, and Doncaster. Among the visitors were Mr. Hunter (Tyneside), Miss N. Duffield (Tees-side), Mrs. Ward (Castleford) and Mr. Harding (Wakefield). Great praise is due to the splendid sacrifices that were made by the friends who came long journeys to take part. Tea was served by the Harrogate friends at their Hall. Our beloved pioneer, Mr. Alfred Kitson, had a rousing welcome. The local police assisted in the marshalling and a procession a quarter of a mile in length was formed, led by Mrs. M. H. Naylor, Miss Alice Hesp and Mr. Alfred Kitson. The pageant presented was splendid. The Banners of Halifax (Raven Street) and Batley Carr were carried, and the Skipton Lyceumists wore pretty sashes. Hymns were sung en route, and when the Stray was reached a large company had assembled to witness the Open Session. After the singing of "Joy Bells," Mrs. M. H. Naylor gave a beautiful invocation. A silver chain recitation was then rendered. Mr. Kitson was the Conductor. Marching and calisthenics were then taken part in, and were greatly enjoyed by all. Mr. Kitson gave a fine address on the grand work of our Lyceum Movement. Mr. Ben Carter read a letter of greeting from our President, Mr. G. A. Mack. Mr. J. H. Baldwin (Leeds) also gave a brief inspiring address, and was supported by Mr. Hunter (Newcastle). Fine weather and harmony prevailed, and the singing of "God be with you" brought a close to a memorable and joyous gathering. It is expected that in the near future a Lyceum will be opened at Harrogate.

Books form the doorway to the soul,  
Where written thoughts can find their goal.

## The Next Best Step.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Kitson, in the preface to his Autobiography, refers to the Lyceum Movement as being "destined to be the backbone of the philosophical and religious aspects of Spiritualism."

What a testimonial to the Lyceum Movement and its possibilities! Can we reach the high standard that Mr. Kitson has placed before us? Here we have a prophecy which, if fulfilled by the Lyceumists of the world, must place Spiritualism in its rightful position—the foremost ethical and religious system. We can justly feel proud that we are attached to a system of teaching that is destined to make better men and women. Do we all really feel our position? Do we realise our responsibility? It is of little use if we simply accept the prophetic statement, and fail to do our best to achieve the objects for which we stand. Longfellow says "Let us then be up and doing." By following this command, we shall be doing something toward realising the ideals we have had placed before us by those pioneers who have passed to the Great Beyond, and who now give us of their added wisdom to assist us in the achievement of physical, moral, spiritual and religious excellencies. Some people live on the reputation of their ancestors, and do little to improve what has been left to them. This attitude will not bring into concrete existence the state of being that we desire; hence, as Lyceumists, we must let our watchwords be "Onward, swerve not to the left nor right." Let us use the achievements of the pioneers of Lyceumism and Spiritualism as stepping stones to higher things, *but climb we must*, or we shall be left behind in progression's race, and the prophecy will not be fulfilled.

Some weeks ago, the Lyceum System was criticised through the press, a statement being made to the effect that our system was destroying the souls and bodies of our children. I do not intend to vindicate our Movement. You all know that a system which has for its objects the promotion of Truth, Justice, Fraternal Love, Purity, Beauty, Music, Art, Health, Science, Philosophy and Spirituality, cannot have anything but an uplifting effect upon those practising it, and being the Truth, it is bound to come uppermost without any vindicating. What we must do, as Lyceumists, is to show by our actions of love and goodwill, that our System of Education is the finest extant, as stated in my appeal in the June issue of the LYCEUM BANNER.

In that appeal, I asked for increased numerical strength in the Movement. Now, my request to you is that you put your best into the educational side. It is of little use having a large number of Lyceumists, if we are not attempting to live up to our ideals. We must educate ourselves physically, mentally, spiritually and morally, so that a good influence shall be felt. This influence, in turn, will have a beneficial effect upon those with whom we come in contact. This is one of the ways we shall achieve our object, and bring the prophecy to pass.

How many of us would like our backbone to be as flexible as a jellyfish? Probably you have all seen a jellyfish in the water, especially those who have been fortunate enough to visit the seaside. Fancy having a backbone that would bend like the jellyfish bends. You would not be able to walk as erectly as you do. You would bend over. Why do I mention this? Because I want you little ones to realise how necessary it is to develop yourselves physically and morally, how essential it is to have a strong backbone. It will show to the world what a Lyceum training has done for you. This will influence those with whom you come in contact. They will realise that what has made you physically, mentally, spiritually, and morally strong, ought to do the same for them. They will probably follow your example.

Do you realise that as a result there must be added strength to our Movement, numerically and spiritually?

Orly time is then required to achieve our object, and the more effort we put into the work, the sooner shall we be the philosophical and religious backbone of Spiritualism.

G. A. MACK.

Music is the art of expressing ideas and sentiments  
by means of sound.

## 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 SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

At the recent Conference not all our Lyceums were represented, but there were pleasing signs of progressive thought amongst Lyceumists. It was quite evident that many of our thoughtful workers were realising that our Education Scheme is yet in its infancy, and that great developments are possible. And, further, it was also evident that it is becoming the accepted thing, in the minds of Lyceumists, that real and progressive Lyceumists—and Lyceums—take the various Grades as a matter of course.

Several of the keen Lyceumists have already reached the stage at which they realise that it is of advantage to possess a knowledge of the correct use of the English Language. So great was their enthusiasm in this matter, that they wanted it to become compulsory for students of the Education Scheme to study English (viz. grammar, spelling, and composition).

A long discussion took place on the subject, in which points for and against it were brought forward. It was finally decided that, at present, the Education Scheme is too "young" for it to be wise to make a study of English compulsory; but that tutors be advised to give some attention to the subject, where possible.

The specially pleasing feature was that most delegates present took it for granted that all Lyceums studied the various Grades, and took the respective examinations in them.

Before we have had many more Conferences, a Lyceum won't dare to be a slacker, and not study the essentials of Lyceum teaching and history; and every Lyceumist, who is of any worth at all, will be working through the Grades.

### THE STUDY OF ENGLISH.

Some of our students who realise their own lack of knowledge of the correct use of the language, have asked that an easy, but helpful, text-book be recommended, which they could study and receive benefit from, and which would help them to express their thoughts clearly and in correct language.

Such a book is Arnold's "Junior English Composition," by E. J. Kenny. Its price is two shillings, and it is published by Edward Arnold, of 41 & 43, Maddox Street, Bond Street, London, W. Any bookseller can procure a copy for you in three days. From personal experience of the use of this little book, in classes, I can highly recommend it to any one who wishes to acquire a good working knowledge of our language.

Of course, the most satisfactory way of using it, is to study a section and then work the exercises on it, and submit them to some one who can correct them and give explanations about what has been done wrongly. Most Lyceums possess some member who could, and would, do this very helpful work for students. But even if that means of help is not possible, a careful study of the book will prove to be of great use.

Also, we would advise students to make a careful study of the series of "Essays on Reasoning," which appeared in the BANNER last year. They give valuable help in the art of writing clearly and logically, and will help you to give concise answers to questions.

### SOME COMMON ERRORS.

It has been asked if some of the common errors in the use of our language could not be given, and how to correct and avoid them. To do this satisfactorily, it would be necessary to give a course of English Lessons, with exercises on the various things studied. At present, this is not possible, but the text-book mentioned does this fully.

However, here are a few sentences, such as one frequently hears or reads, that are faulty. What is wrong with them? Can you tell? Also, *why* are they wrong? (The text-book will tell you the reason).

*I have wrote to you before. I and my sister have forgot to send the money for our new badges sooner. Our tutor soon learned us the work for Grade I. These sort of questions are very puzzling. Grade V. is the most hardest Grade of the lot. Each Lyceumist should send in their name to the Guild. It's time I sent on to you the money for the BANNERS who come safely each month. I am pleased to now enclose it. Arent I careless! Their is to be a meeting of the committee on th 18th, will all members please bring there own copies of the Constitution with them. With them new*

*books to help us we didn't ought to fail this time. This recitation were specially wrote for my brother and I. We was encored when we said it at the open session last sunday.*

(The corrections of these few sentences will be given next month). Examples in the wrong placing of words, and the use of wrong words, etc., will appear in a later issue.

### NOTES ABOUT THE 1924 EXAMINATIONS.

- i. The date of the examinations is 17th February.
- ii. The Syllabus of Work for the various Grades has been revised and brought up to date. Orders may now be sent. The price is 1½d. per copy, post free, for orders of less than one dozen, or 9d. per dozen.
- iii. Will each Lyceumist who took the examination last time, please try to persuade another Lyceumist to take up the work for the next examination. And will each Lyceum that sent in candidates try to get another Lyceum to send in candidates next time, and give any necessary help.

### STUDIES FOR 1924 EXAMINATIONS

We urge you to begin your studies at an early date, and to read and re-read your Handbook and Manual, so that you will be very familiar with the text on which you will be examined.

Use the programme of work planned out for you in "How to prepare for the Education Examinations," and the Summaries of the Manual selections (given in last year's BANNERS).

Several students have asked that the summary of G.C.R. 148 (for all the Grades) be given again, so in compliance with this request, the summary will appear in our next article.

Also, Mr. J. Tinker (the author of the articles) has very kindly consented to write a series of short essays on the more difficult sections in the Handbook which are set for Grade 11. The first article from him will also be given next month.

### THE ORAL GRADE

We earnestly hope that Leaders of young Lyceumists under 10 years, will persuade their Committees to buy a supply of the Oral Grade Primer, and that they will use it week by week in the groups, so that the children may become familiar with the various questions and answers, and gain a knowledge of the basic teachings of Lyceumism and of Spiritualism, in as simple a form as is possible. We urge this, irrespective of whether the children take the Oral Grade Examination or not; though, of course, we should like as many as possible to take the examination next February.

### LISTS OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES IN THE LAST EXAMINATIONS.

There are still some copies left of these lists, and we here make a special appeal to each one who passed any Grade in last February's examinations to send for a copy, if one has not already been obtained. These lists form a handy reference-book for the successes of your own Lyceumists, and also show how you compare with other Lyceums. A copy ought to be on view in every Lyceum that sent in any candidates.

### THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 1923-1924.

The Education Committee, with the exception of Mr. Mack (the newly elected President) in the place of the retiring President, and of Mrs. Pickles (who declined re-election), consists of the same members, as they were again re-elected *en bloc*. Also, the officers were re-elected, to serve for another twelve months.

### IN CONCLUSION

We ask every one of you, who is interested in the Scheme, to do your utmost to make this coming season of work, and the entries for the 1924 examinations, a record in every way.

Not fewer than 2,000 sitters are wanted for the 17th day of February, 1924. PLEASE DO YOUR BIT TO WIN THE WAR AGAINST AN IGNORANT AND UNPROGRESSIVE LYCEUMISM.

### BOLTON SHIELD COMPETITION.

The Bolton Lyceum District Council Shield Competition has resulted as follows:—Bolton (Bradford Street), 143 marks; Horwich, 121 marks; Bolton (Henry Street), 117 marks; Bury, 113 marks; Bolton (Deane Road), 109 marks; Radcliffe, 104 marks.

W. JOHNSON }  
G. WALSH } *Adjudicators.*

## The Poetical Language of the Mental Faculties.

(To be recited by Groups of Children).

By F. W. C. AND I. CLARKE.

(Continued from page 43).

### APPROBATIVENESS.

When I am about you will look out for fame;  
 Approbativeness is my long-sounding name.  
 Good opinion from others you are sure to desire;  
 To praise and distinction your thoughts will aspire.  
 Ambitious you'll be, and quite sensitive too;  
 To please others there's scarcely a thing you won't do.  
 To excel and gain notice you'll work very hard,  
 Counting praise from another your sweetest reward.  
 I am good, if used rightly, and many can tell  
 Of great service I've rendered when I've been used well.  
 But flattering words from an insincere mind  
 Count for nothing but loss, as too many oft find.  
 Ah! from words idly uttered much sorrow has grown;  
 Those who much praise would seek are to much sorrow prone.

### SELF-ESTEEM.

I'm called Self-Esteem, and my teachings are these:  
 That Self is a person we do well to please.  
 To do all things well, that we never may feel  
 A moment of shame, or the future reveal  
 Some unworthy act that we fain would conceal.  
 To win self-respect is most worthy, I'm sure;  
 Self-confidence, too, is a thing to ensure.  
 Reliance and dignity, just and true pride,  
 Are virtues that none may cast lightly aside.  
 To be fit to command is a most worthy thing;  
 I've talents, I know, and their praises I sing.  
 But to none will I ever yield power to say  
 I was false to my trust or threw honour away.

### FIRMNESS.

Hold fast! is my cry. Be stable and sure,  
 Be persistent and thorough, and learn to endure.  
 'Tis Firmness I'm called; you cannot drive me:  
 Nor move me, once settled; who'er you may be.  
 Persevere; be tenacious of purpose and will,  
 I cry "Though you fail," "Up and try again." still.  
 Give your mind to the best, and by might and main,  
 Work for knowledge that helps you your end to attain.  
 Ne'er waver or turn; be persuaded by none;  
 If your *purpose* be good; have an eye for *That One*.  
 Your end once accomplished, to others may show,  
 'Tis good to "hold fast" in the way you should go.

### CONSCIENTIOUSNESS.

Should you be deciding the most fitting way  
 To map out your life; hear what I have to say.  
 Conscientiousness I, truth and duty I serve,  
 Nor from rectitude's path, would I willingly swerve,  
 Ev'ry promise I make I will strive to fulfill;  
 Seeking rather for justice, than others' goodwill.  
 All my debts I would pay with the greatest of care,  
 Give each one his due: but *no more* than his share.  
 Consistent, I'd be; making ever my guide  
 The voice of my conscience, my joy and my pride.  
 Let me counsel all friends, if their joys they'd retain,  
 To heed now this warning, and never refrain  
 From first asking Conscience approval to show;  
 Or decline altogether; should conscience say no!

### HOPE.

My name is Hope: with my rose-coloured glass,  
 Added joy to all pleasures I'll give as they pass.  
 I'll hold out bright prospects for journeys to come;  
 And fill with bright sunshine the realms of your home.  
 Let me reign o'er your hearts; and where'er you may go,  
 Life shall yield to you charms, that the hopeless ne'er know.  
 If sorrows oppress, then call me to your aid;  
 And no future shall harm you, or make you afraid.  
 I'll banish your sorrows, enhance all your joys,  
 And make life worth living for all girls and boys.  
 Let me say ere I go, I believe all is right,  
 And life's future for you will be gladsome and bright.

### SPIRITUALITY.

All joys of earth shall pale and fade before the joys to come!  
 When you reach the Realms Celestial, your Happy Heavenly  
 Home.  
 When your spirit, freed from bondage of this fleshy garb, shall  
 know  
 Ev'ry beauty, ev'ry pleasure, that the Spirit World can show.  
 All the marvels, and the wonders of the Universe I love;  
 And know that spirit guidance, is the gift of God above.  
 I will teach of spheres supernal, and how inspiration flows—  
 Ope' your sight, with Heavenly vision, that no earthly eye e're  
 knows.  
 By inner power perceiving, you the truth shall e're discern;  
 And trusting all to providence, His wisdom hourly learn.  
 Your loving friends and kindred, tho' they've passed Death's  
 mystic veil,  
 Shall never cease their ministry, their love shall e're prevail.  
 I am the medium, through which, their messages may flow,  
 To voice their words of comfort, and their forms I sometimes  
 show.  
 Spirituality can give you the knowledge all men crave,  
 That Death; in life's an incident—man triumphs o'er the  
 grave.

### VENERATION.

Veneration I'm called, my aid I will lend  
 In teaching respect; to age, parent and friend.  
 Devotion I'll rouse, aspiration inspire,  
 And show you great virtues that most men admire.  
 "In lowly prostration to Heaven we'll plead,  
 Imploring Our Father to grant us our need;"  
 I will reverence teach, for the wise and the great,  
 Who serve in high office their Country and State.  
 Obedience springs from the gifts I bestow,  
 To superior folk, I, in deference bow.  
 But thro' all, I depend on Our God's loving power  
 To guide and sustain me through every hour.

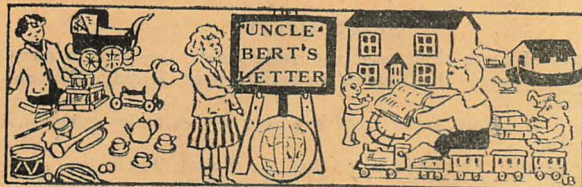
### BENEVOLENCE.

Benevolence, I, who will watch o'er your keep;  
 While those little eyelids are closed in sweet sleep.  
 'Tis I who would guide, and guard your life's way,  
 Cherish and bless you, nor e'er say you nay.  
 With tender compassion your well-being seek,  
 Restowing most care where my charge is most weak.  
 I'll arouse your desire to do good and help all;  
 Giving aid and true service, where'er need may call;  
 In all reform movements I'll find you a place  
 To work for the good of the whole human race.  
 I would give you *my best*, nor ever demur,  
 Should you ask for those gifts, that "I" seem to prefer.  
 I depart, but in leaving, would say 'ere I go,  
 All gifts, that are mine, with much love I bestow.

### Labour: Its Unity and Eternity.

Why are we here upon this earth—you, I,  
 And all of us? Not surely, that we may  
 Pursue the paths of ease and indolence!  
 Nor get that we might toil for self alone.  
 Regardless of our fellows and their needs!  
 Nay, we are here, to labour for the good  
 Of all mankind, and for the furtherance  
 Of God's eternal kingdom! We are here,  
 Each one of us, to be a help to all  
 With whom we come in contact. How then may  
 We best achieve the purpose of our lives?  
 By toiling as Christ toiled at Nazareth,  
 Not grudgingly but with a cheerful heart,  
 Remembering our neighbours and their wants!  
 So only may we emulate His life  
 And go about, as He did, doing good!  
 And, if our labour should be each for all  
 And all for each, so must it never tire  
 Nor cease; but always its fine pathway tread  
 With ne'er a pause, to all eternity:  
 That, so, we may draw ever nearer God,  
 The fountain-head of purity and love.

CLAUDE GREENING.



My dear boys and girls,

This month I am writing you my letter from "the land of spades and pails," surrounded by sand-castles and the merry ring of children's voices. Of course, there are a few discordant noises when some dear tiny tots fall over, or find that their big brother or sister has taken their spade or pail by mistake; but tears in this land of happiness are soon forgotten, and joy abounds.

Now I must tell you where we are staying; we are at Paignton, in Devonshire, and we are staying with two ladies who are real living Lyceumists, and as there is no Lyceum here at present, we have held a beautiful drawing-room Lyceum, which I hope will lay the foundation stone for another link in our chain; and further, I am trying to impress friends at Torquay to do likewise. I must tell you why I call these two ladies we are staying with real living Lyceumists. There is one small room in their house, which has dolls, pictures, and ornaments of all kinds in it, and who do you think these belong to? They belong to a dear, sweet little girlie in Spirit-life; and what are they for? They are for dear little Flossie, for that is her name, to come back to earth life, to learn what you little boys and girls love, because you see Flossie passed into the Summer land when she was a tiny baby. Now I am sure Mamma or Dadda will be able to explain the full meaning of this to you, as I have not the space to go into a fuller explanation now, but I have had the pleasure of holding a happy conversation with Flossie, in which I promised her I would tell all my boys and girls about her and we are hoping at a later date space will permit for more news of Flossie to be printed in these pages, but for the present I want you to place a greater value on your toys, always remembering that little boys and girls in the Summerland often return to watch you in your play, and even when you are away from home, at school, or on your holidays, they can still see your many playthings, and how careful we should be in our conversations when we are at play, shouldn't we?

#### AT THE FAIR.

I know all you tiny tots love a fair-ground, where you can go with your pennies and ride on the Roundabouts, Swingboats, Helter Skelter, Joy Wheel, etc., and so do I, although I am grown up. Why, you should have seen Auntie Ruth, my little girlie and I, last summer, together with several other adult Lyceumists whose names I dare not mention, or it would be off comes my head and on goes a cabbage, and that would never do. We went to a big fair and rode on the Switchback Railway, the Joy Wheel, the Helter Skelter, saw the Haunted Castle and many other of these attractions, but Auntie Ruth and I were thrown off the Joywheel so many times that by the time we had finished it was not only the Horses that were going round, but the houses and everything else appeared to be going round, too. Well, I wonder if I can find a lesson for you, from these things. Let me first take the tiny tots roundabouts: there is a big wheel in the centre, which someone has to turn so that you can enjoy your ride. Now I want you to think of your Lyceum as a roundabout with a big wheel in the centre. Who is it that turns it? Why, your Conductor and Group Leaders, making the Houses of Happiness go round for you to enjoy every Sunday. Then the Swingboats: the harder you pull the ropes the higher you go. In just the same way the harder you work in your Lyceum the higher record you gain. And then the Joywheel: you get on, and once it starts, you soon find yourself sailing across the floor, but you are up again in a minute, and on again. Now how often do you slip off by doing a naughty action? But if you do you must not give up, just jump up quickly and get right back to the centre of the joywheel of good intention, and if you do this your little lives will be a fairground of happiness.

#### ANY PORT IN A STORM.

As I sit facing the open sea, with its ships passing to and fro, this old saying comes to my mind, and at first it seems

a very careless idea, for, in the event of a storm, if all these boats began rushing off in all directions, just think of the accidents there would be and the loss of life (on this side) it would mean. Yes, but this old saying which, of course, applies more to the old sailing ship days, has a much deeper meaning. First the Captain or Skipper has to have a knowledge of every port round the coast, and further, he must know where the hidden rocks and sandbanks lay, so that in time of need he can steer his ship to safety at the nearest port. This knowledge is gained by the aid of chart and compass, together with many years of service, and the lesson I want you to learn, is, that however young you are, you are captain of your life's ship, which is sailing on the sea of life, you are sure to run into storms sooner or later; the storm of disappointment, the storm of temptation, the storm of struggle. Which are your ports of safety in such events; have you ever thought about them. The Bible and the *Manual*, together with the advice you receive Sunday by Sunday, are good for chart and compass, but where are the ports? There are many, but I will give you the two main ports.

First: The spiritual port, "God," where we gain the help of His guardian angels.

Second: The material port, "Home," where we receive the love of our parents.

The best illustration I know of these two ports is that contained in the story of the Prodigal Son. When the storms became too much for him, he made for the port of safety, his Father, God and Home. So, boys and girls, I would have you think of these ports, for storms will come, sooner or later, and many men and women have been shipwrecked because they have failed to learn the ports of safety and help ever open to them. Then be captains worthy of the name. Know your ports.

#### READ AND WRITE.

Many thanks for your letters and photographs. I was speaking at a Lyceum Anniversary Service, a few weeks ago, and I read several of your letters, because they are so interesting, and I did not want to keep all the good things to myself. But you see some of you have really been addressing an adult meeting through me, in this way, and it shows you, too, how useful your letters are to me. I should like to receive a lot more from some of our big Lyceum Centres, such as Bolton, Manchester, Preston, Nottingham, Glasgow, Sheffield, Rochdale, Darlington, Newcastle, London, Overseas, and several other Lyceums from which I have not heard yet. You see I am aiming at getting one great chain of nephews and nieces from all parts. Every month I get new links, but this month I want a record number, so do not disappoint me. Now what sort of letters do I like? Letters like the following:—

One little girl says she thinks I am an old gentleman, but her mother says I might be young. I wonder who is right.

Another little boy, writing to thank me for his prize, says: "I wish both you and Auntie Ruth every happiness." We think this is beautiful.

One of the tiny tots told me all about his whip and top, and his train, which has a clockwork motor. I hope it will not run over the cat. And a little girl tells me she goes to bed when she is told. I hope you do too. And then ever so many tell me about their Lyceum, and about their books, etc. So you see there is quite a lot of things for you to tell me. And I have only had one complaint about my replies. I sent a lot of love and kisses to one Lyceum for the tiny tots. Some of the adults got jealous and wanted some too. I have referred them to Auntie Ruth.

Then there are your beautiful Pearls which you send me. If you do not like competitions, you can all send a pearl, and the tiny tots can get their big brother or sister to write for them; I do not mind. And lastly, I want to thank the many adults who send me expressions of encouragement. They are a great help.

#### COMPETITIONS.

My co-worker who judges your efforts tells me, after giving the names of the winners, you all deserve special mention, and so I shall have to give the names of the Lyceums:—

Winners:—Edith Brown, age 13, Dewsbury.

Lily Beck, age 12, Horwich, nr. Bolton.

Special mention to members of Bolton, Hebburn, West Hartlepool, Battersea, South Shields.

#### AWARDS OF MERIT.

Miss Simm, Darwen. Essay on "Duty."

Miss Reynolds, Leyton. Essay on "Conquering Ourselves."

A future Competition will be about your Summer Holidays, so keep this in mind when you go away, or if you spend them at home. This month two prizes for essays on:—

#### MY FAVOURITE GAMES OR HOBBIES.

I will give a pearl this month:—

“To appreciate nature, you must view it through God-touched eyes.”

#### RULES.

1. Name in full, age, address, Conductor's name and address. Write replies on one side of paper only, leaving one inch blank margin on the left-hand side.
2. Competitors for Prizes must be regular attendants at Lyceum, not over 14 years of age, and each reply must be your own individual effort.
3. Competitors over 14 years of age mark papers “Liberty Section.” Address to Uncle Bert, 2, Villiers Road, Osterley, Middlesex, not later than July.

Prizes will be sent to your Conductor and a receipt for same is requested.

Little boy to his father: “Are you still growing, Dadda?”

Father: “No, dear. Why?”

Boy: “Because the top of your head is coming through your hair.”

Now for a great heap of letters to me this month, please. And I want all of you to direct your thoughts to Paignton and Torquay, to workers who are entertaining the thoughts of taking up Lyceum work.

With Love,

UNCLE BERT.

2, Villiers Road,

Osterley, Middlesex.

## 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.

**DONCASTER, Spring Gardens.**—We held our first Open Session on June 17th, conducted by Mr. J. Ockleford and assisted by Miss B. Moseley. Miss K. Cross ably presided at the piano. A solo was rendered by Frank Cross. The following Lyceumists took active part:—Lily Woodcock, Grace Taylor, Norah Whitely, Marjorie Richardson, Harold Stubbings, Fred Overton, Fred Keightley and Victor Winwood. Benediction by Fanny Moseley. A successful day.—W. Moseley, Sec.

**JOHANNESBURG.**—Mr. Butters has been our Conductor now for the past six years, and we are sorry, in one sense, to say good-bye to him for the coming six months, as he is leaving us for a holiday. It will be very difficult to fill his place as Conductor, especially in the musical section, in which he took such an active part. Before departing, the Church and Lyceum made him a handsome presentation, in token of his arduous work, both for the Church and Lyceum. He was given a hearty send off as he left us on February 30th. His position of Conductor during his absence will be carried on by the elder children of the Lyceum, under the guidance of Mr. Gamble.—Vernon Hart, Sec.

**LONDON, Brixton.**—On Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, an interesting ceremony took place. The occasion was the dedication of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Staton, grandson of our Conductor. The ceremony was performed by our President and the child received the name Leslie. The guides of our Vice-President then gave the spirit name of “Faithful.”

On the following Sunday, June 10th, the dedication of Stella Octavia, the daughter of Mrs. Johnson, and John Frederick, son of Mrs. Williams. The ceremony was performed by our Conductor, and our Vice-President was again the medium, when the spirit names of “Stella” and “Power” were respectively given to the children.

On both occasions the children were presented, on behalf of the Lyceum, with a Lyceum Badge.—G. Tuttlebee, Sec.

## Herbs: When and Where to Find Them and Their Medicinal Value.

By WM. WOODALL (South Shields).

MAY (continued).

**PURPLE. Self-heal.** Wherever you may ramble, you are likely to come across the *Self-heal*; a plant often mistaken for *Wood Betony*, although the leaves of these two plants are different. The leaves of the *Self-heal* are dark green and a pointed oval, without dents. The stalk is from nine to twelve inches long; and the leaves are set in pairs, with the flower-head at the top of the stalk. This is a splendid herb for wounds. If you should cut yourself or have an accident, when you are in the country, just take this herb, bruise the leaves, and apply it to the wound. It will soon stop the bleeding, and start the healing process. This herb can also be beneficially used to heal inflammations; and to bathe ulcers and other sores.

**WHITE. The Archangel.** A very plentiful and useful herb, found in hedgerows and on banks, is the *Archangel*. This plant looks very much like a *Stinging Nettle*, but as it does not sting, it is called *Deadnettle*. Its stalks are square, and grow twelve to twenty-four inches high. The leaves are serrated at the edges and pointed. They grow in pairs at the joints where the flowers appear in whorls. *The Red and the Yellow Archangel* have the same virtues. They are specially good for hardness of the spleen; and if made into an ointment, they are good for the King's Evil, and hard swellings and tumours. The ointment will also heal green wounds and ulcers; and ease Sciatica, and pains in the joints. As a beverage, this herb helps to drive away melancholy and quickens the spirits, making the elderly people feel young again!

**Kidney-wort.** This plant grows on old stone walls and in other stony and rocky places. The root is round and smooth, and has a few small fibres. The leaves are flat, circular and rather thick, with a long foot-stalk fastened underneath about the middle. The leaves are pale green, and rather yellow on the upper side. From them rises a hollow stalk, about six inches high, and bearing two or three small leaves, long and divided at the edges. The top of the stalk divides into branches, which bear spikes of flowers. These are bell-shaped and of a whitish-green colour. An ointment made of this plant is very good to ease painful hemorrhoids and other swellings of a like nature, also good for chilblains. An infusion of this herb is good for inflamed liver, caused by stone; and to cool a hot stomach.

*Lily-of-the-valley* is so well known that there is no need to describe it. It is very good for the head and nerves, epilepsy, and vertigo. It is of value in apoplexy, and strengthens the heart. It is one of the ingredients in Cephalic snuff.

*Sicklewort* grows from a small fibrous root. Its leaves have long foot-stalks and are five-cornered, serrated about the edges, smooth, shining, and dark green in colour. The bare stalks are about a foot high, and bear white five-leaved flowers in small umbels. Each flower is succeeded by two rough seeds. This plant may be found in thickets, woods, etc. It is one of our finest wound herbs for inward and outward use; and is also good for hemorrhages, ruptures, etc. Only the leaves are used.

**YELLOW. Avena or Herb-Bennet** is mostly to be found in shady places under hedges, or the borders of woods, etc. This herb might be mistaken for a buttercup, but it belongs to the Rose family. Its root is short and creeping, the radical leaves are long-stalked and divided into lobes and toothed leaflets, the terminal leaflet being large, the lower ones small. The stem-leaves are composed of three long leaflets, roughly toothed. The stipules are large and toothed. The stem grows very high, about three feet, bearing flowers on long foot-stalks, with one flower to each stalk. The calyx has five long pointed lobes and five pointed bracts, alternating with them. The five petals spread out flat, the calyx showing between them. The stamens and carpels are numerous. This herb is good for diseases of the chest, “stitches” and pains in the side, and to expel raw humours from the stomach. It also makes a good Spring medicine for removing obstructions of the liver, and helps digestion by strengthening the stomach. It should be drunk freely.

**Broom.** At this time of the year, the hedges and waste grounds are made gay with the bright flowers so much like the *Furze*. The stalks are square, without prickles, and the flowers grow the full length of the young branches. This is a very useful herb and should be kept in stock. As an ointment, it is good for Sciatica, gout, and pains in the joints. Taken inwardly, it is splendid for the liver and bladder; and, with the addition of juniper berries, is especially good for dropsy.

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## Life in the Spirit World.

The value of a Lyceum training from childhood through the Liberty Group gives an education with a broad vision and basic facts to face life and its problems with an unbiassed mind. Revelations through the experience of an unfolding consciousness breeds a love of study and desire for beauty. Alfred Kitson gave our movement "The Workers Win" as a motto. It has been an inspiration to many and we all face our labours in the Lyceum with a braver heart when we think of his integrity and perseverance.

We firstly become aware of our existence in a human and physical world. The main desire is for food, clothing and shelter and other possessions necessary for our welfare. We spend our energies in considering the needs of life and persuing the accumulation of the substance which will provide us against want. 90 out of each 100 people are engaged in the wrong vocation, which has been chosen by our parents without knowing or considering very much of the actual powers and inclinations we possess. The result is unhappiness and discontent.

A few people have seen the folly of shutting out the spiritual side of life and have realised that when we spend the whole of our time in the pursuit of substance we neglect the actual verities of life. Hence progress is slow. We suffer from consumption and palliate, but do not remove the congestion in large towns and the unhealthy occupations which cause this white plague. This has a reflex condition on spirit-life. Many people pass herce who should have enjoyed the earthly existence many years longer.

We need physical expression, but what influences our physical life here is power or lack of power which animates our minds. If we seek economic expression only, the mind and spirit is stunted and not fully developed. We possess an earthly body, a spiritual body, and an innermost spirit. These need cultivation, growth and attention. Nothing grows by neglect, except fungi, disease, enui and coma. Coma is more than sleep. It is intellectual dormancy or trance. Men become automatums, subject to the law of environment, a healthy being must develop body, soul and spirit. If Lyceumists will read "Our duties" (144) "aims" (142) "Principles" (136) in the Lyceum Manual, they will see the spiritual forces are the dominating factors. The spirit world comes very near to us and we feel its vibration if we open our minds to its existence and influence.

Man is a social animal. Social life depends on moral relationships. Morality depends on the right use of intelligence. War is immoral because it produces discord. It has been made an artificial economic necessity. We fight to a standstill and talk it over at the finish. Why not talk it over at the beginning and save the bloodshed? The spiritual forces are submerged. Thus the spirit of man is subdued and we feel the unwholesomeness of discord and long for the happiness and peace we could enjoy if we could but soar to the thoughts to which our spirit yearns, for we have an inherent knowledge of right and wrong given to us all by divine intuition. Real spirit communion means bringing our spiritual perception to the height of those with whom we desire to contact. So life in the spirit world comes nearer to us as we turn our minds and thoughts to the fascinating theme of

linking up again with our loved ones who move in the etherialised states which we call the spirit spheres. Their encircling charm will surely envelop us and once we have felt the vibration of their old love coming again in our midst, so soon shall we realise the value of their knowledge.

Life in the spirit world is very transient. Changes take place at will: bodies are made visible and invisible. "N" Rays, Odic force, ectoplasm, even what was once thought to be the Holy Ghost and the psychic cloud enter the mind and vision of mankind and we know the nearness of spiritual things. We get the aura and then the intelligence working through. Clairvoyance and transparency of vision are the action of spiritual intelligence with the substance of which thoughts and things are made. Thus we grow in spirit here and now, Spirit life blends with earth life. Morality is a social phase of spirituality. Thus we get the link between morality and religion. We betides the mediums and others who misuse these powers. We cease to appreciate the immoral, for the motive is mundane and material. It is far better to develop our own inner powers than depend upon the sensations of another to interpret the message of God in our lives. We are Spiritualists; hence we live in a world where speech is a poor description of our regard for the spirits we love. The soul speaks and we vibrate to the harmonies of God and bask in the freshness of His eternal joy and praise for the existence by which we realise the fulness of His power.

Life in the spirit world will give us the golden key to the door of every heart. There is no money in the spirit world to buy in service those whom we wish to work and provide the necessities of life for us. We must think our own thoughts, perform our own acts and find ourselves responsible for all we do.

No more alluring theme can enter the mind of man. To that experience we shall all pass. The forces and powers are with us now to arrange our lives according to His principles of truth, justice and freedom. Every home can be a heaven. Every child can have loving parents or guardians. O, what joy we miss by greed and discontent. Some-day, sometime we'll understand.

How real are the invisible forces of life we shall know later, when we have given up the sordid method of chasing the decaying phantom of trying to buy happiness by the accumulation of worldly possession. Happiness belongs to the spirit of man. Let us harness the forces of nature to the will of man that we may make a better world of amity and peace. That is the surest way to realise life in spirit and in truth. Our children will bless us and we shall bask in the sunshine and appreciation of their love. Remember, or learn, that we possess a spirit now and the spirit world is about and within us. Everything was a thought before it became a thing. With beautiful thoughts we can make lovely things. May we ever strive to have courage to work for and appreciate God's holy laws and concord which blends the earthly and spiritual spheres into one whole consciousness where we may walk hand in hand with angels and ever remember "The Workers Win."

## B.S.L.U. £2,000 Effort.

At the Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U. the £2,000 Effort was fully defined, and discussed with animated interest. We know now the £2,000 must be raised in full, before it is applied to the purpose for which it is intended.

The Trustees of the Union will take immediate charge of £250 of the amount already raised, and each £50 will be transferred as it accrues.

Various schemes are being put forward by other sections of the Spiritualist movement and the B.S.L.U. must be ready to face the increasing responsibilities which come to us as the movement grows.

The Lyceumists can now read the Conference Report in the BANNER. The £2,000 Effort Report is at the bottom of page 92. There was an interval between the discussion; everybody had a good meal and then sang heartily "Forward press to conquer." The next resolution was carried unanimously. Maintain this spirit, ask your Lyceum, are we in the £2,000 "Honours List" as having done our quota? The object is worthy. Our growth depends upon it and I am waiting to send a receipt for your contributions.

29, Kliffen Place,

W. BURROWS, Hon. Sec.

Coronation Road, Halifax.

The Bradford District Council are holding a Field Day and Demonstrator at Skipton on Saturday, July 7th, commencing near Skipton Station (Carlton New Road) at 2-15 p.m.

## The B.S.L.U. Conference.

### PROPAGANDA MEETING AT LIVERPOOL.

After the close of the Conference, a Propaganda Meeting was held in Daulby Hall, Liverpool.

Mr. C. J. Williams, the retiring President, occupied the Chair and was supported by Mr. G. A. Mack, the President-elect, the members of the M.C., Mr. J. Skelton, and Mr. G. F. Berry (representing the S.N.U.) and Mr. E. A. Keeling.

Mr. R. Hunter invoked a blessing on the meeting.

The Chairman explained the purpose of the Conference, paying a tribute to Liverpool for the long activities in the movement of Spiritualism and the initiative which had emanated therefrom.

As retiring President, Mr. Williams inducted the President-elect, Mr. G. A. Mack, of Runcorn, into the Chair and transferred to him the badge of office. Mr. Williams hoped that the new President would have the same loyal support which had been given to him; much can be done by help and sympathy. "The movement is spirit guided," said Mr. Williams. "We seek their help and guidance and hope for the continued assistance of our arisen workers. He placed Mr. Mack in the chair with the hope that high influences would ever help him in his work.

Mr. Kitson, the Adviser to the Union, spoke with a quiet eloquence of the movement and the people who had passed through the Presidential chair, mentioning the good work done by Mr. Chiswell, Mr. Keeling and Mr. Owen, who had all been attached to Liverpool. He also paid tribute to those now in spirit who had passed through the chair. He hailed the presence of W. Johnson, J. Clarke, T. O. Todd, and H. A. Kersey in our meeting. It added a significance to the in luction. Mr. Kitson also mentioned the LYCEUM BANNER, the badge, the Guild, and the Education Scheme and the inspiration of our angel-friends. He hoped all these links would help the new President to quit himself worthy of the cause which had accorded him its highest honour. (Applause).

The new President, Mr. G. A. Mack, a little affected, said he appreciated the honour which had been conferred upon him and regretted that Mr. Williams was not continuing in active touch with the M.C. He hoped we should find Mr. Williams active in the London Area when the M.C. visit there in July. He spoke of the pioneers who stood for the the right and hoped some of their wisdom would fall upon his shoulders as a mantle to help him in his term of office. Mr. Mack concluded by saying that he would try to justify his term of office by doing his best for the Union.

Mr. G. F. Berry (S.N.U.) said he felt honoured in representing the S.N.U. with a view of bringing the two Unions closer together. He hoped we should bring power and knowledge to Lyceumists as students for platform work, as they will be the future exponents of Spiritualism. He wished the Lyceum Union every success.

Mrs. M. E. Pickles spoke of the gratuitous work of the members of the M.C., with harmony as the keynote. The work is educational, and we may, in the future, need a chairman, apart from the Honorary President.

In speaking of the soul's growth, clairvoyance is not what it is often thought to be, and it comes in a way we do not expect. The opportunity of further unfolding the seed in the womb of earth's darkness brings forth the link with higher things and the fruits thereof are helpful. The old ideas will fall away. If ministers had done their duty there would have been no need for the re-birth of Spiritualism. It came through the influence of child-life and we are made young by association. Mrs. Pickles appealed for harmony in the home, with every home represented in the Lyceum and every Lyceum in the Church. The national movement will then grow ariht.

The General Secretary conveyed the thanks of the Conference to the very many people in Liverpool and both Churches and Lyceums in Liverpool for the admirable arrangements for the Conference. He concluded with a respectful memory to those who were responsible for the inception of the Lyceum Movement, some of whom emanated from Liverpool.

Mr. J. K. Jones, supporting the appreciation, gave special thoughts to the ladies, who work behind the scheme of things, and have such a large, but quiet, share in the success of our meetings. He appreciated the efforts to give the child a chance and spoke of Spiritualism as the great illuminant of life.

Mr. E. A. Keeling acknowledged the thanks of the Conference, spoke of the old Associations, and said Liverpool hoped to vie with Manchester in the number of Conferences held in their cities. It is a glorious thing, said he, to fight for the things we believe to be right: to strive strenuously to achieve our desires.

We must never pander to the things which lower our movement. The truth is too precious to be made cheap.

Miss A. Appleton and Miss G. Owen sweetly rendered solos during the evening.

A retiring collector was taken for the S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence. (The above report was crowded out last month. Ed.)

## Our Lyceum Guild.

(Worked in conjunction with the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme).

OUR MOTTO:—"We live to learn, and learn to live."

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

(Full information about the Guild, how and why to become a member and to realise its aims, may be obtained from the Leader—(Miss) M. E. KITSON, B.A., 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorks.).

OUR MEMBERSHIP (on 17th June):—

1,545 members, from 135 Lyceums.

THE SPECIAL MOTTO FOR THIS MONTH.

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

### PROMOTIONS AND BADGES.

Every Guild member, who passed one of the Education Examinations last February, earned the right to claim a new badge, to show his (her) promotion in the Guild classes. There were 358 successful Guild members. Of these, 224 have applied for, and received, their new badges. What about the other 134? Will they please send in their applications at an early date.

If any of you did not receive the printed application form, with your marked examination paper, it was because you did not put your Guild number on your examination paper (on the slip). However, you can get your new badge by sending 3d. (in stamps) to the Leader; enclosing a stamped addressed envelope (NO LETTER); and giving the following particulars (on a sheet of paper)—(i) your name, (ii) Guild number, (iii) Grade passed last February, (iv) marks won, (v) class; (vi) your Lyceum, (vii) your address.

### GUILD MEMBERS AND THE EXAMINATIONS.

Since the examinations, 59 successful candidates who were not then members, have joined the Guild, (one of Grade IV., two of Grade III., eight of Grade II., and 48 of Grade I.). Including those, we find that—

out of the 12 who passed Grade V. 10 are Guild members, out of the 32 who passed Grade IV. 27 are Guild members, out of the 108 who passed Grade III. 87 are Guild members, out of the 258 who passed Grade II., 143 are Guild members, out of the 471 who passed Grade I., 150 are Guild members, out of the 881 who passed we have 417 Guild members.

Considering these numbers, we are fairly well pleased; but considering the 1545 members and their promises, we are anxious for a great increase next year on these totals.

### LYCEUMS WITH GUILD MEMBERS.

It is realised that, owing to transference of members to new Lyceums, to members leaving, and to the closing of some Lyceums, the present lists of members per Lyceum are now inaccurate and unsatisfactory. It is hoped to communicate with Lyceum Secretaries during the next three months, in an effort to correct these lists and bring them up-to-date. The Leader will be grateful for the co-operation of Secretaries in this effort.

### TO OUR GUILD CLASSES.

At your coming meetings, will you please discuss the following matters affecting the work and welfare of the Guild, and report your decisions, suggestions, etc., with a view to realising these aims in the near future?

- (i) How to get a Guild Supplement in the LYCEUM BANNER. (The printer charges £7 for a four-page one).
- (ii) The enrolling of LYCEUMS in the Guild.
- (iii) Competitions for Guild Lyceums.
- (iv) The holding of District Rallies and Outings; Sports, Competitions, etc.
- (v) A Guild Holiday Camp (when, where and how).
- (vi) How to interest more Lyceums and Lyceumists in the Guild.
- (vii) How to help Guild Classes.

### JUNIOR MEMBERS OF THE GUILD.

Since the institution of the Oral Grade Examination, several young Lyceumists who have passed it are anxious to join the Guild, and to be able to wear a badge. It has therefore been decided to open a Junior Section of the Guild, for all Lyceumists of not less than seven years and under ten.

No certificate will be issued to them till they are old enough to join as a full member (when 10 years old); but the only charge will be the threepence for the badge.

TO BECOME A JUNIOR MEMBER, write on a sheet of paper—(i) name, (ii) address, (iii) Lyceum, (iv) whether you have passed the Oral Grade or not, (v) if you have, the marks you won; if not, when you will take the examination. Also enclose 3d. for your badge, and a stamped addressed envelope (but *no letter*). You will then receive a pale pink ribbon badge, with gold bands on if you have passed the Oral Grade Examination; and can join in the work of the Guild.

### OUR ANNUAL COMPETITIONS.

We hope that a big number of our Guild members will take part in the competitions this time.

#### (a)—Prizes and Merit Badges.

Each entrant, whose effort scores 85 or more marks, will be entitled to a special sign worked on his (her) ribbon-badge—as in previous competitions. Moreover, if, for any one of the subjects set, there are more than four successful efforts, the one scoring the highest marks will be awarded a book-prize to the value of five shillings (the choice of book being left to the winner).

#### (b)—The Marking of Efforts sent in.

- (i) The judge's decision must be accepted as final.
- (ii) For essays, marks will be awarded for:
  - (a) originality of ideas and grasp of subject;
  - (b) essential matter, and arrangement (or development);
  - (c) keeping to the point; and conciseness;
  - (d) style, language, fluency, and coherence;
  - (e) correct grammar and spelling;
  - (f) general appearance, neatness, and care.

#### (c)—Rules.

- (i) Each competitor must be a Guild member.
- (ii) Any member may enter for one, or more, of the competitions for which eligible; but may only submit one effort for one subject.
- (iii) An entrance fee of sixpence for each effort sent in must be paid. (Only send *stamps* for amounts under 1s.).
- (iv) For essays—write on *one* side of the paper *only*; and use *ink*.
- (v) On a slip of paper, give (a) your name, (b) address, (c) Lyceum, (d) age, (if under 21), (e) Guild number, (f) Grade last passed (if any), year, and marks.
- (vi) Do *not* enclose a letter.
- (vii) If you want your effort to be returned, enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.
- (viii) In the top left-hand corner of your envelope, write the words "Guild Competition."
- (ix) Post your effort not later than 31st August.

NOTE.—The Leader reserves the right to publish any winning effort, but does not promise to do so.

#### (d)—Subjects for the Competitions.

##### 1.—Open to all members:

- (a) An Essay on, "My Hobby."
- (b) An Essay on *either* the Guild Motto, *or* the special motto for this month.
- (c) An original dialogue, or play, suitable for Lyceumists.
- (d) A design to head Our Guild Page, or The Education Page.

##### 2.—Open to members of 18 or over.

- (a) A conversation between a Lyceumist and an educated Christian, about Lyceumism and Spiritualism; each meeting the other's arguments.
- (b) Do animals survive physical death? (Give reasons for *your* opinion, and *against* the opposite one).

##### 3.—Open to members under 18.

- (a) A conversation between a young Lyceumist and a Tutor about, "Children in Spirit Life," *or* "Our Principles."
- (b) My pet(s).—
- (c) An original story, teaching the lesson *either* of Personal responsibility, *or* of the Brotherhood of Man.

#### (4) (a) For Freemen—

Essay on *either* Four-fold Development (physically, mentally, psychically, spiritually), *or* the spiritual forces involved in the practices of prayer and worship; and their effects and value.

(b) For Fellows.—An educated, open-minded, church-woman, recently said, concerning spirit-communion, "I don't doubt the truth of it, but I fail to see the need for, and use of, it. Death is only going on a stage further in our life's work, and to me it seems utterly selfish to expect spirit-people to leave their own spheres, and bother them with our affairs. We may miss them, when we are in certain moods, but we can overcome that. Besides, what is communicated is so trivial, or so contradictory, or unreliable, that it is valueless."

How would you answer these points, and prove the need for, and value of, spirit communion?

(c) For Associates.—Draw up a Programme for a full Lyceum Session; and write an essay on the connective teaching running through the songs, and chain recitations.

(d) For Initiates.—Write "connective readings" (each one not to exceed 100 words) after each verse of *either* S.C.R. 4, or 93.

(e) For Novitiates.—Write an essay on any Manual selection in Grade II Syllabus, discussing it, and expressing your opinions on it.

(f) For Probationers.—An original story, to teach one or more of the lessons of M.R. 211.

(g) For Junior Members.—An essay on the meaning of S.C.R. 19.

## Lyceum Ideals.

(Suggestions for Thought and Action).

By J. TINKER.

### VII.—OUR MANUAL.

Our main purpose is to develop moral habits and spiritual characters . . . and the building of character BY EXPERIENCE is of more importance than routine repetition of text-book maxims.—(L.M. 78, 79, 173). Art. VI. J.T.

Music is to be an invariable and prominent element (D.M., p. 5). A choir should be formed . . . a band or an orchestra. . . Bring cultivated singers before your Lyceum . . . or an occasional lecturer, *using designs, &c.* (L.M., Programme suggestions).

Punctuality should be inculcated: there should be promptness and precision in all the exercises. Make the Lyceum the theatre of whatever ennobles the character (L.M. suggestions).

### THE PROGRAMME.

1 & 4.—The first operation in the programme of the session is the distribution of badges, etc. But if punctuality is to be inculcated, "at the appointed time for commencing," the Conductor should give the five rings, and ask the Guardian and Leaders to mark the attendance registers. Better still, let there be a star-card system. Punctuality means the exercise of virtues of self-control and courtesy, that are necessary for the proper cultivation of the social affections and for that individual spiritual development which is of more importance than the development of mediumship. To mark as early those who come anything from five to fifteen minutes after the time for commencement is to encourage unpunctuality and to be unjust to those who were present for the "five strokes."

2.—Opening Song.—"Members shall stand while singing." They should also sing—not shriek, shout, or mutter, or take stock of each other. In some Lyceums I have wished the Conductor would request the whole Lyceum to take one step forward from the seat and "space out" with four inches between separate members. Drill-sergeant methods are repugnant to us, but all modes of lounging or slovenliness are hindrances to physical, mental, moral, and spiritual culture. A kindly but firm course of training in uprightness and attention in these matters would be more valuable than several chain recitations. We must realise the need to insist that the members *exercise their individual powers of self-control* in every item of the session, to practise what we teach, then and there.

Thoughts of music as the most powerful instrument in spiritual education recall the hallowed and exalted times I had when playing the compositions of the glorious masters on a three-manual organ in Leeds. Now I have to listen to tiny pianos!

O, for Bach and Haydn, Handel and Mendelssohn, Mozart and Beethoven, played orchestrally! To be infused for years with the spirit of these and other masters is indeed an education. What are we doing? Our Songster is good for children as a primer—an introduction, and we should at least take care that the music is sung, without distractions, with full concentration of attention, with due rhythm and expression. That cannot be done with incompetent musical directors, nor if late comers are allowed to cross the floor during the song. These are *not* small matters; at all events, if they are small, they are those that count more in true education than the glib reading of phrases which are little understood and less remembered.

The Songster is an admirable compilation, and should be better realised by better rendering. But it does not provide all that is worthy to be used for the full expression and stimulation of the spiritual nature. We need not, even in the poorer Lyceums, be limited to the Manual and Songster. There are useful hymns in the S.N.U. hymn book that could be occasionally used.

Is it a sign of progress that we are not preparing a supplement to the Songster, or is it fully understood that that is included in the work of the Revision Committee?

"Have the Lyceum well drilled in music: cultivate the dramatic."

3.—Invocation. The ideal is *not* for the Conductor or some other verbose adult to deliver a solo invocation; and certainly *not* for it to "embrace the whole domain of Nature." The instructions are that *all* should take an audible part. Personally, I support those who limit—or almost limit—the Invocation to a Chant, or even such songs as 13 and 218. We need a fresh supply of poems and music for this special purpose.

5.—S.C.R.—We should adhere more closely to the Davis ideal in p. 21. D.M. "Will any one propose a question for next Sunday?" Either adopt a single question or a special S.C.R., but give the Lyceum the whole week to prepare—and for the Conductor or other leaders to prepare to meet questions. And heartily support the Oral Grade Primer suggestion:—

"The children should be asked to learn the Silver Chains at home and recite them at the Lyceum as individual efforts; whilst the summaries and catechism could be studied in the Oral Grade Group. The questions and answers might also be learned at home—by learning two a week the child could go through them all about three times a year, and then have time for a final revision."

And the whole Lyceum might beneficially undertake the Oral Grade! Then adults may make additions suited to their requirements by their own selections.

Next: Programme (*continued*).

## ADVENT.

### THE BEGINNINGS OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

By A. T. CONNOR.

#### CHAPTER VII.

##### THE GRAVE GIVES UP ITS DEAD!

The following extracts are from the papers published at the time and are given without present comment.

FROM THE "BOSTON JOURNAL" OF NOV. 23, 1904.

Rochester, N.Y., Nov. 22, 1904.—The skeleton of the man supposed to have caused the rappings first heard by the Fox sisters in 1848 has been found in the walls of the house occupied by the sisters, and clears them from the only shadow of doubt held concerning their sincerity in the discovery of spirit communication.

The Fox sisters declared they learned to communicate with the spirit of a man, and that he told them he had been murdered and buried in the cellar. Repeated excavations failed to locate the body and thus give proof positive of their story.

The discovery was made by school children playing in the cellar of the building in Hydesville known as the "Spook House," where the Fox sisters heard the wonderful rappings. William H. Hyde, a reputable citizen of Clyde, who owns the house, made an investigation and found an almost entire human skeleton between the earth and crumbling cellar walls, undoubtedly that of the wandering pedlar who it was claimed was murdered in the east room of the house, and whose body was hidden in the cellar.

Mr. Hyde has notified relatives of the Fox sisters, and the notice of the discovery will be sent to the National Order of Spiritualists, many of whom remember having made pilgrimages

to the "Spook House," as it is commonly called. The finding of the bones practically corroborates the sworn statement made by Margaret Fox, April 11, 1848. The Fox sisters claimed to have been disturbed by rappings and finally by a system of signals got into communication with the spirit.

According to Margaret Fox's statement the spirit was that of a pedlar, who described how he had been murdered in the house, his body being buried in the cellar. There were numerous witnesses to the rappings, but although the cellar had been dug up many times no traces of the body were found until the crumbling cellar walls revealed the skeleton.

The name of the murdered man, according to this revelation to the Fox sisters, was Charles Rosna, and the murderer a man named Beck. In 1847 the house was occupied by Michael Weekman, a poor labourer. He and his family became troubled by these mysterious rappings, which followed in succession at different intervals, especially during the night. The family became so broken by fear and loss of sleep that they vacated the house. On Dec. 11, the Fox family moved in and two months later the rappings were resumed and the family became frightened. Finally Margaret and Cathie grew bold and asked questions which were answered, revealing the murder.

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FROM THE "SUNFLOWER," DEC., 1904.

The following bit of information was transmitted hitherto, which, if confirmed, will create additional interest in Spiritualism, although, by no means confirming the latter, as that does not rest exclusively on the phenomena at Hydesville; for since then we have had many additional phenomena, as the varied physical phases, materialisation, slate-writing and drawing, painting, levitation, passing of matter through matter, trance-speaking, clairvoyance, psychometric reading, and numerous other modes of communicating with the spirit world. The correspondant says:—William H. Hyde, who recently found the arm and leg bones of a human being at the old Fox homestead, made another search in the cellar where the bones were first exposed by the caving in of the inside cellar wall. Mr. Hyde discovered all the other important bones except the skull. The latter corroborates the statement as made in the history of the first rappings, a work entitled "The Missing Link in Spiritualism."

(Note by Editor.—Attention is drawn to the fact that a portion of the skull (which the foregoing report declares to be missing) was discovered during the digging operations at the time of the "Knockings."—1848.)

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FROM "HYDESVILLE IN HISTORY," 1917.

In am indebted to Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader's splendid little book, "Hydesville in History," for the following extracts from P.L.O.A. Keeler's account of the finding of the pedlar's remains in the cellar at Hydesville:

It is a matter of history how excavation followed excavation, the men of the neighbourhood eagerly volunteering the digging, going all over the floor to a great depth, this being frequently repeated by other workers covering several years. But these careful examinations failed to substantiate the constant assertions of the spirit, for they revealed no indication whatever of a hidden body. It is a regrettable fact that both Mr. and Mrs. Fox and their three noted daughters passed from mortal life before this mystery was solved.

Only a very few years ago the east wall of the cellar caved in, revealing an inferior piece of construction, but, stranger than all, it entirely hid from view back of it the original and still standing outer wall of this cottage cellar. This inner wall was, of course, invisible on the outside, and would not be observed on the inside unless there had been something to specially attract attention to it, and measurements made of the length of the cellar on both the inside and outside. The stones with which this additional wall was built corresponded with those used in constructing (adjacent) fences or dividing lines, and could easily have been made use of unnoticed by the not-near neighbours. Between these two walls was exhumed, long after the decease of the Fox family, the perfect skeleton of a man and a tin pedlar's pack such as was carried by itinerant salesmen in those days. Comment is unnecessary. And the statement adhered to so persistently by the manifesting body of the pedlar, that his body was buried in that cellar, was absolutely verified."

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The Fox Cottage was purchased by Mr. B. F. Bartlett of Cambridge, Mass., and moved to Lily Dale, New York, during

the month of April, 1916, as a matter of preservation, and as a memorial to Spiritualism and the Fox sisters.

The furniture includes the tin trunk carried by the pedlar at the time of the murder, and dug up with the skeleton in 1904.

#### CHAPTER VIII.

##### THE SUMMING UP.

The finding of the skeleton puts a new value on the evidence of the pedlar, which till then was without sufficient corroboration. We may disregard the discrepancy in time—after all there is not so much difference between "over four" and "about five" years, especially as the Knocker was only estimating time, as spirits do. There are several reasons why the children were not produced—"Rosna" might have been a "business" name; or the children, after the death of their mother, may have been removed to some remote part of the country, whither news would travel slowly, if at all; or their guardians may have hesitated to bring them forward in a matter of such fierce controversy. And the wrong description of the burial place may admit of explanation. The first digging proved that a human body had been buried in the place indicated—the finding of the bones and part of the skull suggest that it was the skeleton which was removed, and built-in with stones from the fence. The pedlar was aware of the first burial, but most probably was not "in touch" when the skeleton was removed. The finding of the tin pedlar's pack also serves to connect the remains found with the story told to Mrs. Fox and Wm. Duesler.

All the circumstances point to John C. Bell as the murderer. We must take into account the good character given to the Bells by Lucretia Pulver and the citizens of Lyon—but it seems beyond all doubt that in this instance the Bells were tempted, and fell. Let us review the incidents of the fatal day: the pedlar arrived, and talked over his private affairs with Mrs. Bell; Mrs. Bell and Lucretia left Mr. Bell and the pedlar alone for the night—and the pedlar was never seen again. It must be admitted also, that Mrs. Bell's excuse for dismissing Lucretia is very unsatisfactory when we remember that within a fortnight the girl was back again on the old footing.

Mrs. Lape's clairvoyant vision agrees with Lucretia's description of the pedlar—and although Mrs. Lape could not tell how the "man" got out of the house, she was certain that he could not have got into the bedroom without having been seen by her—had he been "physical." If we couple these facts with the noises which terrified Mrs. Bell, and the persistent howling of the dog under the bedroom window—both happening after the visit of the pedlar—we can arrive at only one conclusion.

We must now consider the phenomena, and whether they were fraudulently produced. Margaretta Fox's "confessions" do not affect the issue, for at Auburn, Hydesville and elsewhere the knockings were produced in her absence. The same may be said of Mr. Fox, who, it will be remembered, was the only member of the family present when the knocks were produced during the night of 31st March. Further, on the Sunday, with such a crowd present, and in full daylight, it would have been impossible to carry out such a deception without detection—particularly when we consider the number and accuracy of the "tests" asked for and obtained. Finally the sufferings of the Foxes, and their joy when they thought that at last the "obsessing spirits" had left them in peace, seem to point to the conclusion that the knockings were not produced by them.

The only doubt that can possibly linger is whether, during investigation, the precautions taken by the investigators were sufficiently thorough; but it is only necessary to read the preceding chapters to become convinced that nothing could have been more thorough than the precautions taken both by Wm. Duesler and the committees at Rochester. Regarding the latter, Mrs. Britten complains bitterly of the unnecessary severity of some of the conditions laid down. No precaution was neglected, and yet the phenomena were produced, to the consternation of those who had set out to "expose how it was done." Instead, they were convinced that no fraud had been used, and that the knockings were not produced by any physical means. In other words, they were forced to admit that the phenomena were super-physical, and that an invisible intelligence was at work, not only in producing knocks, but in correctly answering questions which had not been put into spoken words.

Having carefully considered all the evidence, we are entitled to pronounce our verdict, and to claim that, on a certain afternoon in the winter of 1843-44, a pedlar who called himself Charles B. Rosna called at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Bell in Hydesville; that during the night he was murdered by Mr. Bell; that his body was buried along with lime and charcoal, in the centre of the cellar; that his skeleton was afterwards removed to the roughly constructed tomb against the cellar wall; that the

memory of his wrongs chained the pedlar to the house; and that, on the night of 31st March, 1848, the barriers to communication were at last broken down, and while in the cellar lay all that was left of the murdered body, in the bedroom upstairs the wronged spirit was telling his story to a startled woman and two frightened little girls—through whom it has been communicated to the world.

(To be continued).

## 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. or additional 9 words. Poetry 6d. per line.

### MARRIAGE.

June 9th, at Attercliffe Spiritual Church, between Mr. G. A. Gregory and Miss P. F. Fukes, members of Centre Lyceum. Conducted by Mr. J. K. Jones. Reception held Lyceum Hall, Princess Street.

### IN MEMORIAM.

OLDHAM (Central)—Alice Buxton, passed to the higher life on Monday, June 18th, 1923. "With deepest sympathy."

RUNCORN.—Mr. Joseph Edward Jones, passed away March 29th, 1923; aged 54 years. "An old worker."—J. E. Jones, Sec.

WAKEFIELD.—In loving remembrance of Kathleen Mary, the dearly loved and eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harding, who passed to the higher life July 9th, 1918.

"The chain of love and memory is still unbroken."

## S.D.C. Quarterly Conference.

The above Conference took place in the Forester's Halls, Rattray Street, Dundee, on Saturday, June 2nd. Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen were well represented, but one would like to see a better turnout of the "provincials." The business transacted was of great importance to all Lyceumists. Applications for affiliation from Govan and the Progressive Lyceums provided a lengthy discussion. Mr. Stewart handed his resignation to the Secretary, stating that he could not conscientiously carry out his duties as D.V. when requested by the S.L.D.C. to append his name to one form, and to speedily arrange a mutual meeting in the other case. His resignation was accepted, and Mr. James Shaw, of the Glasgow Association, was unanimously elected D.V. Mr. Shaw's address is 3, CARFIN STREET, GOVANHILL, GLASGOW, and all in need of any advice on Lyceum affairs shall have his very best attention.

A sum of money, about £16, was handed over to the Treasurer as the result of a "gift sale."

The Conference then divided on the resolution of the Glasgow Association, printed in last month's *Banner*, and it was defeated by a large majority. Mr. Dan Urquhart made an eloquent plea on behalf of the S.D.C. as their fraternal delegate, but the delegates all voted as instructed by their Lyceums.

On the suggestion of the D.C. Secretary it was agreed to hold the next Conference at Kirkcaldy, housing and entertainment expenses to be borne by the D.C., in the hope that that district might receive a stimulus. Thereafter the delegates were entertained to tea in the splendid rooms of Messrs. Draffen and Jarvie, Ltd., housing and hospitality being borne conjointly by the Excelsior and Rattray Street Lyceums. In the evening a social and dance was held in the Rattray Street Hall, and many of the delegates remained over the week-end.

On Sunday the two Lyceums held a Joint Open Session in the Forester's West Hall, under the joint leadership of Mrs. Blackham and Mr. Dan Urquhart. The Hall was packed by old and young. Rattray Street orchestra accompanied the singing and the Excelsior Band led the marching and calisthenics. Messrs Newton (D.C. Pres.), Stewart (Area Rep.), and Shaw (the newly elected D.V.), were on the platform watching the proceedings, and at the close each paid a warm tribute to the local Lyceumists for their splendid display of work and unity. "Up wi' the bonnets o' Bonnie Dundee."

## District Visitors' Reports.

### BRADFORD DISTRICT.

I attended Shipley on February 25th. 16 scholars present. Prompt start. Readings were ably rendered, questions were very well answered by visitors. It was their 36th Anniversary. Services on that day. Marching and Calisthenics were very encouraging.

IVY ROOMS, February 25th. 32 present. Silver Chain was ably rendered. Musical reading had many comments. The Library Group discussed the subject "After Life." Marching and Calisthenics good.

RIPLEY STREET, March 4th. 23 present. Mrs. Birstow referred to the question on the S.C.R. Many pearls. A reading was given from which a great lesson could be learned. Marching and Calisthenics fairly well done.

KEIGHLEY, April 1st. The Lyceum Councils' President, Mr. Hargreaves, was present. S.C. and M.R. were greatly discussed. Interest was taken in response to Golden Chain which opened out many avenues of thought. Marching and Calisthenics were conducted by Mr. Somner with great vigour. 40 present.

LAISTERDYKE, April 15th. 23 present. Silver Chain and Golden Chain were discussed by various scholars which gave a most elaborate explanation of their respective readings. Pearls were taken and discussed. Questions and answers on the G.C.R. were most inspiring. Marching and Calisthenics were well done.

BOYNTON STREET, April 22nd. 25 present. Questions were asked about the pearls. Marching and Calisthenics were interesting. Mr. Ackroyd was asked many questions on the G.C.R. which he answered well.—W. Robinson, D.V.

### LEEDS DISTRICT.

On May 13th I visited Armley. They started prompt with 85 Lyceumists. Invocation by Conductor. Silver Chain, Golden Chain and Musical Reading were read, many questions were asked and were very ably replied to by Lyceumists and Conductor. Pearls were also given. Several nice recitations. Two boys sang a duet well and there were several solos well rendered. They gave a good display of Marching and Calisthenics. General conduct was excellent and harmony good.

I visited South Elmsall on May 6th. They started prompt with 51 Lyceumists present. Mr. Kelly gave the Invocation. There were several questions asked on the S.C.R. and I was greatly interested in the way a boy, about 12 years, and a girl, about 9, endeavoured to explain. The Conductor and one or two adults explained so ably that it was very interesting. The musical reading was nicely given and explained. Marching and calisthenics were gone through very nicely. I have found a great improvement since the last time I visited them. The general conduct and harmony was good.

I paid a visit to York (Spen Lane) on Sunday, April 22nd. They started prompt with 24 present. Invocation by Conductor. Silver chain and musical reading were very nicely read and explained. The marching done very nicely under the conductorship of Mr. Cooper. The Conductor invited me to present the Education Certificates to the successful candidates, and I was pleased to see they had done so nicely and they promised the would endeavour to get more through next year. There were several solos sung nicely. I am pleased to say that this Lyceum seems to be progressing well, but could do with more adult members. The general conduct was good. Good harmony prevailed.—J. Downs, D.V.

### SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

I attended Shaw, Lyon Street, on March 18th, and the session commenced with 14 present at 10-15. Pearls, recitations and solos, fair; Marching, good; Calisthenics, fair; The grounds for a good Lyceum with adult assistance.

March 25th I visited Crompton. Regret finding this Lyceum in a poor way. 10 minutes late start; no silver chain recitations; pearls, fair. One solo good; calisthenics, poor; singing not in harmony; short of leaders; 12 present. This Lyceum certainly requires assistance. Report since visiting that it has closed.

April 1st, Penn Street, Rochdale. Punctual start with 20 present, increased to 43 afterwards. Readings good; marching excellent; calisthenics fair; pearls and recitations fair; solo good. A good session and educational.

April 8th, Todmorden, Eagle Street. Punctual start, 15 present, 1 late. Readings, marching and calisthenics, fair. Pearls good. No solos, etc., as no musician present. A good exhibition of Sandow exercises. A good discussion in the adult class ought to show results. This Lyceum has some good workers who ought to prove their value.

April 15th, Heywood. 6 minutes late start. 20 present; 5 coming late. Reading very fair. Pearls good. Solos, duets, marching, calisthenics, fair, but plenty of room for improvement. Musical Conductor had not previously come in touch with Lyceum work. General conduct fair.

April 22nd, Littleborough, Hartley Street. Punctual start, 1 late. Readings good. Pearls and recitations (2), good. Solos (4) good, and singing, fair. Marching and Calisthenics poor. Plenty of room for assistance if it can be given.

April 29th, Oldham, Elliott Street. 35 minutes late start with 8 present; 3 came late. Readings, pearls and recitations, fair; marching and calisthenics, good; music, very good. This Lyceum could make itself felt if it would. I am hoping that they will try.

A great deal of work is to be done in this district before the Council is really known and Lyceum work understood.—A. Hudson, D.V.

### TEE-SIDE DISTRICT.

I visited Stockton (Cecil Street) on May 20th. Session opened prompt. 94 present. The Silver Chain was well read; musical reading well rendered. A good many questions were forthcoming after the reading of Golden Chain. The marching and calisthenics were smartly done.

On May 27th I visited Witton Park. The Silver Chain, Musical and Golden Chain readings were well read and sung. A good shower of pearls. Numerous recitations and solos were given. A very enjoyable session.

I visited Shildon (Psychological) on June 10th. The Silver Chain, Musical Reading, and the Golden Chain were well rendered. The marching and calisthenics were very good, perfect time being kept throughout. Pearls, recitations and solos were given by the children. There was a very instructive lesson on "Evolution," illustrated by blackboard illustrations. Altogether a very enjoyable and instructive session.—George Neale, Junior, D.V.

### SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

Accompanied by our President, Mr. P. R. Street, I visited Mighell Street, Brighton, on April 22nd. Mr. Street was in Brighton to open the new Church. Nearly 100 present, including visitors. Session commenced promptly. Invocation by Mr. Everitt, President of the Church. The S.C.R. was commented upon by Mr. Gurd. A stirring address was given by Mr. Street, who also presented certificates for Education Scheme. All entrants had passed, several in honours with distinction. Some good marching was performed. Also a good social programme. Items: Songs by Norman Robinson, age 4, Alma Cox and Nellie Davey. Pianoforte solo by George Parkes, and a pianoforte duet was well rendered by Mr. C. and Gwennie Rhoades. A short address by D.V. A farewell was given to Donald McPherson who is going to America. Lyceum growing fast and improving in everything except singing. The new Church is a very nice, lofty and bright building, with ante-rooms and every convenience. It was a very bright session and well conducted by Miss A. Scoggins.

I visited Portsmouth Temple on June 3rd. Members present, 29 children and 31 adults. Invocation and chant. Roll call. The Conductor, Mrs. Hayward, invited me to take charge of session. Silver Chain was conducted by a young girl volunteer; this was her second attendance at Lyceum. Some very fine pearls were given, followed by good discussion. A lot of pearls were missed by the elder scholars owing to lack of time. M.R. and G.C.R. Good discussion. Marching and some good drill followed.

A very good social programme was given. Items by Mr. Brown, R. Russell, V. Rose, J. Davies and E. Twine. Nine items could not be taken through lack of time. Doxology and salute brought a fairly good session to a close.—Ernest C. Cager, D.V.

## District Council Reports.

### BRADFORD LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Our June meeting was held at Boynton Street Lyceum. All Lyceumists represented. Also a number of Associate Members and all Officers. Our President, Mr. Hargreaves, in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting adopted. Correspondence adopted. Confirmation of Associate members made at last meeting. Field Day Sub-Committee minutes confirmed. All the time given to working of our Field Day to be held at Skipton, on July 7th, 1923. Resolved to invite various Lyceums near at hand to take part in the demonstration. A splendid open session was held in the afternoon. Readings given by G. Tempest. Solos given by A. Roe, F. Holdsworth, and A. Scarborough. Recitations given by Willie Aked and Miss Berry, and a good number of Pearls.

Evening Service, Mr. Aked in the chair. Meeting addressed by Mr. Barnes and Mr. Hargreaves. A pleasing feature of this service was the platform graced by a number of Lyceum scholars. It was the Boynton Street Anniversary. Vote of thanks given to our Boynton Street friends. Don't forget our Field Day at Skipton, on July 7th, 1923. All friends invited.  
E. AKED, Sec.

#### BOLTON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held at Bury, King Street, on Saturday, May 12th, 1923. Mr. Hibbert, of Bolton (President), was in the chair, and welcomed all Delegates and Associates present. E.C., 4; Delegates, 10; Associates, 9. Total 23.

Minutes were read and adopted. The President gave his address which was very inspiring and gave us plenty of suggestions for work for the benefit of the Council and the movement. The Secretary's, Treasurer's, and D.V.'s reports were all accepted. The Treasurer's report was more satisfactory than at previous meeting. U.D.C. report was ably given by Mrs. Johnson and accepted.

It was arranged to hold a picnic to Daisy Hill Lyceum, on Saturday, June 2nd, 1923, to assist this Lyceum who at present are in very low water. Some very helpful suggestions and encouragement were given for this Lyceum to be more earnest in their work for the movement and so raise this Lyceum once more to their old standard, ever bearing in mind "The Workers Win." On Sunday, June 10th, Delegates from most Lyceums paid another visit to this Lyceum to assist in Sunday's morning session, good work being done.

Conference business was then discussed and Delegates instructed how to vote. Fraternal Delegates report to N.E.L.D. Council was accepted.

A Social Evening was held and large numbers were present. Proceeds for Council Funds brought a most enjoyable day to a close.

On Saturday, April 28th, we held a Social at Deane Road Spiritual Church for presentation of Shield to winning Lyceum, Mr. Hibbert in the chair. Adjudicator's report and presentation of Shield by the President. Songs and recitations by Lyceumists, and dancing were indulged in, which everyone enjoyed. Refreshments were also served.

Vote of thanks to local friends for loan of Church brought a most memorable day to a close. Proceeds in aid of Council Funds realised £3 10s. 0d.

E. DEAN, Sec.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday, June 9th, Normanton, Queen Street.

The President, Mr. G. Lilly, of Normanton, opened the meeting, and asked the delegates to sing "Waiting for us there." Mr. Down, D.V., gave the Invocation. The President welcomed the delegates and said how pleased he was to be President of the Council and his first meeting was at home in Normanton. He hoped the meeting would be harmonious. We must endeavour to be courteous one to another and try to help whenever possible. He gladly welcomed the delegate from Morley (Queen Street), Mrs. Harrison, and trusted she would feel quite at home amongst us. Mrs. Harrison suitably replied. Minutes, Correspondence, Reports accepted. The D.V. had visited York (Spenn Lane) South Elmsall and Armley, and reported great interest and good progress all round. Interchange of the Reports presented to the meeting shows great activity, and the eagerness to know more of our truths.

Treasurer's Report. In this report the Treasurer showed a nice balance but hoped we should not stop there, but endeavour to do all we could to help the Council financially. Many questions were asked, and answered satisfactorily. Mr. Crann, Castleford, said all Lyceums should enter the Merit Competition.

The General Fund shows a balance of £7 8s. 8d. Field Day Fund £6 14s. 9d.

Mrs. Dixon, Normanton, was elected Associate.

Open Council. Morley (Queen Street) accepted members of Council. Secretary to write Scarborough. Secretary elected as representative to demonstration to be held in Doncaster. Agreed we hold a Field Day in 1924, and if possible, on June 21st.

Notice of motion "that Affiliation Fees to Council be raised from 3/- to 4/-." Dewsbury mentioned they had invited the Management Committee to hold their meeting at Dewsbury on October 21st, and asked the Lyceums around to help to make it a financial success. Next meeting to be held at Birstall, in September. Vote of thanks accorded the Normanton friends.

Present:—Officers, 4. Lyceums represented: Armley, Dewsbury, Castleford, Wakefield, Birstall, Leeds (Psycho), Heckmondwike, Morley (Queen Street) Normanton. Associates, 3; and 6 friends from Birstall who seem to take a deep interest in the Council. Delegates collection, 4/11. Proceeds of tea, 13/6.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held at Fulham on Saturday, 16th June, Mr. C. J. Williams presiding. Mr. E. Vickers wrote inviting the Council to make up a party of Lyceum workers to visit Letchworth on a Saturday during July. The Secretary was instructed to thank Mr. Vickers and suggest a Saturday in August (Mr. Vickers has consented). The various reports were accepted and the final arrangements for the M.C. visit approved.

On the minutes a discussion was raised on the status of the Area Representative—whether he should be regarded as a full member of all Councils in the Area outside his own district, or only as a "courtesy" member and honorary officer of such Councils. It was finally agreed that "the Area Representative should be entitled to attend all meetings of the Councils outside his own District, with power to advise, guide and make suggestions and to take part in discussions—but not to vote or initiate business."

Mrs. Barnard was appointed Marshall for the Demonstration.

A. T. CONNOR, Sec.

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held on Sunday, May 27th, at Princess Street. Mr. H. Heath presided.

Minutes of last meeting were accepted as read, and same were adopted. Mr. Heath, President, welcomed all to the Council, and specially referred to Wombwell, whom we expect to become affiliated to the B.S.L.U. He also congratulated Mr. J. K. Jones on his membership of the M.C. of the B.S.L.U. as our Area Representative.

Progress Reports were accepted; the movement in the district is progressing.

The following motions were carried by the Council:—

1. That Mrs. Bruce and Messrs. Heath and Saxelby form Sub-Committee to consider Church and Lyceum relations in conjunction with the Sheffield District Committee.
2. That we consider an Annual Outing, held in conjunction with the S.D.C., would have a beneficial effect on the movement in the District.
3. That the local Manual Revision Committee be Messrs. Batty, Heath, Hopkins, Jones and Saxelby.
4. In future all Lyceum progress reports be written out and handed to Council Secretary for filing.
5. That the Council Meetings shall be held every two months, Delegates to report to Council (at its next meeting) the wishes of their respective Lyceums.

Mrs. Bruce was elected Adjudicator to replace Mr. Rawlinson, who resigned owing to pressure of other work in connection with the movement.

Mr. G. Armitage was appointed District Visitor, necessary owing to Mr. Hopkins being Conductor of Princess Street Lyceum, which requires all his time.

The Council conducted afternoon session and evening service. Lyceums and Associates please note the Council will assemble on Sunday, July 22nd, at Attercliffe, Bold Street. Business 10-30 a.m. "Demonstration." Usual catering arrangements. Council will conduct services.

Don't forget August 18th, Demonstration date.

C. SAXELBY.

#### TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The E.C. of the above Council held a meeting to make further arrangements for the Annual Demonstration which this year it is intended to celebrate at Gurney Valley, on Bank Holiday, August 6th.

The following arrangements were made:—Parade will commence at 1 o'clock from Shildon, a band leading the same; also a little girl from each Lyceum, dressed in white, and carrying flowers, will enhance the beauty of the march. A prize will be given to the prettiest girl. There will be sports, and prizes given to the successful ones. All orders for milk should be sent to Gurney Valley Secretary, at least two weeks before the outing. Mr. Atkinson is arranging train facilities.

Any Lyceumist who may be in the district at that time is heartily invited to attend.

Will all Lyceums in the district notice that the next Conference is to be held at Cecil Street, Stockton, on Sunday, August 12th, at 10-30 a.m.?

All notices of motion, etc., should be sent in at once.

Invitations for future Conferences will be kindly invited.

Numbers of Associates, Delegates, etc., should be in not later than Saturday, July 28th, to enable Cecil Street to cater with success.

*Will all Lyceumists please note that until further notice all Correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Atkinson, who has been elected Secretary, pro. tem. His address is 1, Haswell Street, Stockton.*

E. W. BUCKINGHAM, Sec.

#### TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference was held at Houghton-le-Spring, on June 3rd. Mr. Slimin, President, in the chair.

The Secretary reported that Cambridge Street Lyceum (South Shields) had joined the Council. The Minutes of February Conference and E.C. Meetings were confirmed. Several Lyceumists volunteered to help the N.D.C. at the S.N.U. Conference in Newcastle.

The Correspondence was accepted. The Choir Secretary reported that they had been passing through great difficulties, but, as they had now re-organised, they were still open to visit and help Lyceums and Churches. In accepting the report, the Conference expressed appreciation of past efforts of the choir and wishes for renewed success in the future. The B.S.L.U. Conference Report and Secretary's Report were also accepted.

In the Open Council, the E.C.'s recommendation, "That this Conference accepts these rules as governing relationships between Church and Lyceums," was carried unanimously, and with many thanks to those who had met the N.D.C. representatives to draft the Rules. It was also carried "That in future all E.C. Members must become Associate Members of the D.C.," and "That all Associates receive Conference notices and agendas."

Owing to the total receipts for the Special Effort being less than £3, it was decided to postpone the Special Effort until the November Conference. It was also agreed "That we suggest to Lyceums having Quarterly Evening Services, and that they donate one collection to the Council's General Fund."

The Roll Call showed 5 E.C., 13 Associates, 14 Delegates, representing 11 Lyceums and 1 N.D.C.

The Evening Propaganda Service was presided over by Mr. Slimin and addressed by Miss Bogue and Messrs. Hall and Ainley.

Will all Associate Members kindly forward me present postal address, enclosing (if not already paid) their contributions? Will all Lyceumists buy a ticket from their Secretary for the Special Effort and help to make it a success?

N. E. AINLEY, Sec.

**BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.**—On June 3rd we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Hargreaves. Silver and golden chain recitations and musical reading were nicely rendered. Duets by Mrs. Babbs and Mrs. Abbert, Miss Lillian Geldard and Miss Mary Ackroyd, Stanley Wilford and Ernest Robinson. Solos by Mr. Belford and Mrs. Richards. Readings by Ernest Suttersby, Edward Thompson and E. Sattersby. All were beautifully given.—J. Babbs, Sec.

**CHESTERFIELD.**—On June 3rd we held our Open Session and the following obliged:—Recitations by Rene Winter, Lillian Slater, Connie Slater, Kenneth Bown, Lizzie Siddall, Olive Winter, May Wheatley, John Slater, Edith Slater, Sidney Holster, Kenwood Widdowson, Lillian Marriott, Elsie Yore, Alice Alknow. Songs by Avis Bown. Pianoforte solo by Gladys Marchant. Pearl by Kenwood Widdowson, followed by more recitations by Eno Slater and Hilda Price. A few words by Mr. J. Hobster brought the session to a close.—Rene Marriott, Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

**RULE 2.**—Record only the events occurring after June 23rd.

**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 July 25th, to ensure insertion in the August issue.

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

**ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.**—Open Session, June 3rd. Invocation by Miss Colecough. The readings were all well rendered. Recitations by A. Wilson, R. Bibby and P. Woolmington. Solos by H. P. Woolmington. A duet by two visitors. A pianoforte solo was given by G. Farnworth. A happy session.—T. Fazakerley, Sec.

**BACUP.**—Open Session, June 3rd. Pearls: H. Greaves, Miss Taylor, Ed. Aymes and Mrs. Fox. Recitations: Miss Pachett, L. Taylor and E. Taylor. Songs: L. Scott, M. McKenna. Duet: Kitchener Aymes and H. McKenna.

**BEDWORTH.**—Open Session, June 3rd. Recitations given by P. Alsop, F. Ison, M. Wood, B. Farndon, A. Bradbury and G., C. and L. Chapman. A most enjoyable time spent.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—Open Session, June 3rd. Conductor, Mr. I. Taylor. Recitations by Letty Simpson, Esther Dunn, Freda Whiteley, May George, Nora Whiteley, Ethel George, Charlie Ellis, George Hemsall, Percy Woodley, and Willie McCready. Solos by Mrs. Holehouse, Doris Dunn, and Mr. Taylor. Violin and Piano Duets by Messrs. Pennington and Northcote. A very good session, enjoyed by all present.—Mrs. E. Thompson, Sec.

**BOLTON, Henry Street.**—On June 24th we held an Open Session in the afternoon. Recitations were rendered by the Misses A. Taylor and D. Moore, a quartet by Miss Sheffield, Miss N. Parkinson, Miss V. Hibbert and Miss D. Shipperbottom, and a solo by Miss J. Shields, entitled "Angel Care." We had a large attendance; Bradford Street, Deane Road, Horwich, Radcliffe and Bury being well represented. Marching and calisthenics went with the usual swing for which Henry Street is noted. Fraternal greetings were given and received from the Lyceums named, and if the good wishes that were extended bear fruit, we shall have the largest, the best and the brightest Lyceum in the country. Fraternal greetings to all at home and abroad.—W. C. Bearman, Sec.

**BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.**—We held our Open Session on May 24th as usual, there being a good attendance of visitors and Lyceumists. The marching and calisthenics were gone through efficiently. Mr. Alfred Kitson, who was our speaker, congratulated us on our good showing and was highly pleased at being amongst us. During the open part of the session, solos and recitations were rendered by some of our younger Lyceumists. A very good session. Best wishes to all other Lyceums and Lyceumists.—James T. Smith, Sec.

**BRADFORD, Harker Street.**—We held our Open Session on June 3rd. Solos, duets and recitations were rendered by Lyceumists and enjoyed by many visitors.—Mrs. Birkett, Sec.

**BRADFORD—Otley Road.**—We held our Open Session on June 3rd, when recitations, songs, solos and readings were nicely rendered. We had an enjoyable session.—H. Brunskill, Sec.

**BURNLEY, Richard Street.**—We held our Lyceum Day on June 3rd. In the afternoon the following helped to make the session a success:—Dolly Morrison, Jenny Duckworth, Nellie Hirst, Doris Holgrove, Lily Holgrove, Helen Ridge, Beatrice Crossley, Frank Holt, Walter Duckworth. Horace Hancock gave an organ solo. Mr. Frank Slater was the speaker for the day. In the evening Mr. J. Marshall gave a song. We enjoyed a pleasant day. Best wishes to all Lyceums.—M. Sutcliffe, Sec.

[A number of reports are too late for insertion.]

**COLNE, Cloth Hall.**—On June 3rd Open Session. Opening song 395, S.C. 74, and afterwards several recitations were given by the young Lyceumists, and also pianoforte solos. The session was very good and the feeling was of a spiritual nature.—J. R. Wrigglesworth, Sec.

**DARWEN.**—On June 4th we held our Open Session. Songs, recitations and pianoforte solos were rendered by our young Lyceumists in a very able manner. Mr. Lewis Firth addressed the Lyceum on "Education." Marching and calisthenics were also gone through. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent.—Mary Allen, Reports Sec.

**EARBY.**—We held our Open Session on June 3rd. Recitations were said by the following Lyceumists:—D. Haynes, P. Ion, C. Blackburn, G. Robinson, G. Milward, J. Foster, J. Waddington, H. Milward, M. Hunter, A. Nuttall, L. Clarke, A. Bannister, I. Eastwood, Q. D. Nuttall. Hymn No. 379 was sung by part of the Liberty Group Leaders and Teachers.—H. Astley, Sec.

**GRIMSBY.**—We held our Open Session on June 3rd in the morning, as our afternoons are taken up in training the children for a repeat performance of the service of song, "Netty," which they are going to render on July 1st. Misses F. Smith, D. Devereux, I. Jewitt, B. Barron and R. Barron recited, also Masters F. and M. Harpour and G. Hockley. Misses N. Hockley and B. Barron sang solos, and Misses G. Powell and M. Barron rendered a duet. Although the attendance was small we held a delightful session.—M. Barron, Sec.

**HANLEY.**—We held our Anniversary on June 10th, when we had a magnificent time in every way. We engaged the largest hall in the district, with the result we had a record congregation. Our programme was also a delightful one. Mrs. Pears, of Coventry, addressed the meeting. Our friends, Miss E. Hood and Mr. Oaks, very kindly rendered solos for us. I am sure the children could not have sung better. The financial part looks like excelling all previous efforts.—W. Pyatt, Sec.

**HORWICH.**—On May 27th we held our 23rd Anniversary, which was a splendid success. Lyceumists and Spiritualists of Horwich met at the Church, and then walked round the village, headed by a fine band. We held our service, including marching and calisthenics, in the open, on our own plot of land, where we are hoping to see our new Church erected before long. The evening services were held in the Church in Beatrice Street, where there was a very good attendance. Our speaker on that day was Mr. Gilling, of Manchester. All present enjoyed a treat.—Annie Purchas, Sec.

**LONDON, Plaistow.**—On June 3rd we had a record number of visitors. On the 10th our good friend, Mr. Symonds, paid us a visit. Others are welcome. Still progressing.—R. Manning.

**MANCHESTER, Maskell Street.**—On June 3rd we held our Open Sessions, which were very well attended. From the remarks passed by visitors from other Lyceums it would seem that our Lyceum is progressing every week and augurs well for the future. We are now looking forward to our Anniversary Services in September, when we shall again sing, by special request, the cantata, "Under the Palms." Greetings to all Lyceums.—G. A. Dixon, Sec.

**MARSDEN.**—We held our Anniversary Services on June 17th. Speaker, Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax. Solos by Mrs. Burns and Miss Hilda Sykes. Recitations by Lyceumists. Misses Eastwood and Noble accompanied at the organ and piano. A pleasant day was spent by all. Greetings to all.—Mrs. Sykes, Conductor.

**NELSON.**—Our Lyceum re-opened on May 13th after being closed for five weeks for an epidemic of sickness. The re-opening was welcomed by all. On June 3rd we held our Open Session, when the following contributed recitations, etc. Lily Greenwood, Hilda Leech, Stella Atherton, Marjorie Atherton, James Parkinson, Luther Horsfield, Freddie Atherton, and William Tancock. A pleasant session enjoyed by all present. Greetings to all.—Mrs. A. Parkinson, Sec.

**NEWBIGGEN.**—The Lyceum Session was held on June 3rd. Mrs. Teasdale, of Blyth, conducted. Recitations and musical solos were given by 30 Lyceumists.—T. Hope, Sec.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Heaton and Byker.**—On June 3rd we held our Anniversary Services. Solos, action songs, dialogues and recitations were rendered by Lyceumists, followed by appropriate words of praise from our Chairman, Mr. Scollar, of South Shields. All flowers were sent to sick members.—Mrs. P. Hunter, Sec.

**NEW MANCHESTER.**—It gives me great pleasure to report that we celebrated our third Whit-week Trip, and I am sure that everybody enjoyed themselves, in spite of the weather., The Lyceum is progressing.—B. Jackson, Sec.

**NEWPORT, Central.**—Open Session on June 9th, when the following Lyceumists took part:—Pearls: Doreen Taylor, Edgar and Walter Jones, Leslie and Jack Reade and Percy Dennison. Recitations: Maisie and Ada Reade and Nellie Jones. Solos: Mrs. Taylor and Miss Vida Pitman. Reading: Mr. J. Reade. Address: Mr. L. Silverthorne.—Kate Armstrong, Sec.

**OLDHAM, Central.**—On June 17th services were rendered by the following Lyceumists:—Misses Chappell, M. Grange, Harrop, Fielding, A. Buxton, C. Howarth, A. Howarth, I. Palmer and Norbury; L. Ogden, A. Chappell, Mr. Wood, Norbury, Buckley, H. Bayliss, Brufton, F. Chappell, W. Woods, R. Chappell and W. Ogden.—E. W. L. Norbury, Sec.

**PRESTON, Progressive.**—On Whit-Sunday we had with us visitors from Burnley, Blackburn and Clitheroe Lyceums, and the session was enjoyed by all present. June 1st was Open Session, recitations being rendered by Lorna Mason, Jack Mason, Walter Mayor, and Mrs. Jack Cartmell. We intend organizing a series of country rambles during the summer, to which anyone interested in our movement will be made welcome. We are pleased to report that our Lyceum is steadily increasing in numbers. Fraternal greetings to all.—E. O. Mason.

**SHEFFIELD, Centre, Princess Street.**—On June 3rd we held our Open Session. Attendance small, but good. Session enjoyed by all. Recitations, solos, pearls, given by members.

May 28th the Sheffield Lyceum District Committee took the Session and services. They encouraged us in our great undertaking in this poor neighbourhood.—T. J. Hopkins, Conductor.

**SOUTH MANCHESTER.**—The above Lyceum held their Annual Trip to New Brighton on Whit-Friday. A merry party of about 80. The weather was fine and we spent a very enjoyable time. The children enjoyed themselves immensely, along with the elders, there not being one dull moment.

On June 17th we held our Open Sessions. The full Lyceum Session was gone through at both services, the children filling a very long and pleasing programme and responded in a very able manner. We are moving forward very well at present and hope we shall be successful, as we have been for the past months, and attain to that standard which a Lyceum should do.—Albert Hope, Sec.

**SOWERBY BRIDGE.**—We held our Anniversary Services at the above Church on June 3rd. Open Session was held in the morning. Mrs. Laughton conducted, and the speaker for the day, Mr. Berry, of Manchester, was also present. Miss Nora Hagneen gave a pretty welcome to Mr. Berry and presented him with a buttonhole. The children gave of their best and the recitations and songs were a treat. Mr. Berry, in a short address, devoted himself to the children and gained their rapt attention by telling a story which was interesting to all by reason of the great lessons conveyed.—John Teal, Sec.

**WEST MELTON.**—Open Session, June 3rd. Mrs. Trigger conducted. Mr. Elliott gave invocation. Silver chain, Mrs. Rawlinson, Miss Inman and T. Turner took connective readings of M.R. Recitations by Mesdames M. and R. Elliott, N. E. and R. Rawlinson, M. and R. Jackson, H. and J. Kenning, Mrs. Staley, M. Staley, M. A. Speight, M. Darby, N. Hallworth, D. Paskell, T. Turner, J. Farrar, E. Jackson, J. Staley, B. Rawlinson, T. Paskell, E. Walton, J. Darby. Mrs. Trigger conducted marching. T. Paskell gave the benediction. Our Conductor has had an accident, and the children have all been to visit Mr. Lee.—Harry Trigger, Sec.

**WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.**—We are progressing slowly and our sessions are very interesting. Twice during the month visits have been made to Lewisham Lyceum and pleasant sessions held. On June 24th Lewisham and Peckham pay us a return visit, when we hope for another pleasing reunion. We are all looking forward to the visit of the M.C. to London, when we hope to meet some of our Northern friends again.—H. Watthey, Sec.

# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

## Lyceum Districts.

### BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT:

G Walsall, Temperance Hall, Freer-street, 2-30 p.m. Mr. N. Hughes, 16, Lr. Forster-street.  
 G Wolverhampton, Temple-street, 2-15. Mrs. A. Pearce 3, Addison-road, Birches Barn Estate, Wo'ton.

### BOLTON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. E. Dean, 77, King Street, Bury, Lanc.  
 District Visitor, Mr. F. Jones, 32, Bright Street, Radcliffe.  
 E Bolton, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Mr. T. Coutour, 94, Chorley-st.  
 E Bolton, Deane-road, 10-30 a.m. Mr. D. Cooke, 44, Bullock-street.  
 E Bolton, Henry-street, 10-15 Mr. W. C. Bearman, 3, St. Bartholomew-street, Gt. Lever, Bolton.  
 E Bury, 66, King-street, Rochdale-road, 10 and 1-45. Mr. M. H. Hepworth, 312, Hornby Street.  
 E Daisy Hill, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Miss M. Woodward, 483, Leigh-road, Daisy Hill.  
 E Horwich, Beatrice-street, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Miss A. Purchas, 108, Lee Lane Horwich.  
 E Radcliffe, Railway-street, 10-30. Mr. J. Butterworth, 32, Eton Hill Road.

### BRADFORD COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. E. Aked, 96, Eelholme View, Beechcliffe, Keighley.  
 District Visitor, Mr. W. Robinson, 9, Spicer-street, Little Horton.  
 D Bradford, Boynton-street, 10-45 and 1-45. Mrs. Ward, 32, John-street, Lowmoor, Bradford.  
 D Bradford, Whetley Lane Council School, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Simpson, 29, Young-street, Gillington.  
 D Bradford, East Bowling, Wakefield-road. Harker-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mrs. F. Birkett, 7, Rutland-street, Wakefield-road.  
 D Bradford, 452, Manchester-road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Plumb, 167, Round-street, W. Bowling.  
 D Bradford, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. H. Brunskill, 53, 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 D. Feather, 7, Maypark-terr. Shipley.  
 D Yeadon, Town Hall, 10 and 1-45. Mr. G. W. Elliott, 17, Ivegate, nr. Leeds.  
 D Skipton, Mr. E. Ingham, 5, Alexandra Terrace, Keighley-road

### COVENTRY DISTRICT.

Secretary, Mr. E. E. Hutton, 278, Longford-road, Longford nr Coventry.  
 District Visitor, Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-street, Queensland Avenue, Coventry.  
 G Coventry, Bull-street, (Off Hertford-street), 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-street, Queensland-avenue.  
 G Coventry, Broadgate, 3-0 p.m. Mr. J. Dalrymple, 1, Thornhill-road.  
 G Coventry, Foleshill, Broad-street, 10-45 a.m. Mrs. E. Hutton, 278, Longford-road, Longford, nr. Coventry.  
 G Coventry, Lockhurst-lane, 11, a.m. Mr. T. G. Tullett, c/o Mr. N. P. Ayris, 516, Foleshill-road.  
 G Nuneaton, Norman Avenue, Mr. E. Mayall, 3, Stewart-st.

### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. J. Manning, 5, Hope-street, Hebden Bridge.  
 District Visitor, Mr. Seth Ackroyd, 46, Broomfield Marsh, Huddersfield.  
 D Brighouse, Commercial-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss M. E. Oade, 28, Bryan-street, Raistrick, Brighouse.  
 D Brighouse, Martin-street, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. R. Blackburn, 10, Water-street.  
 D Elland, Southgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. H. Fox, 36, Victoria-avenue.  
 D Halifax, Alma-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. P. Chagman, 47, Grove-terrace, Upper Washer-lane, Kings Cross, Halifax.  
 D Halifax, Raven-street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. L. Blackburn, 16, Luton street, Queen's Road.  
 D Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. A. Wilde, 3, Hebden-terr., Midgehole, Hebden Bridge.  
 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, 10-30 & 2 p.m. Mrs. A. Brown, Steep Farm, Marsden nr. Hudd.  
 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.

### LEEDS COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes, Wakefield.  
 District Visitor, Mr. J. Downs, 6, Willington-terrace, Bean-street, Hull.  
 C Batley Carr, Carr-street, 10 and 2. Mr. W. Womersley 236, Common Side, Hanging Heaton, Batley.  
 C Birstall, Batley, Railway-terrace, Mrs. Terry, 18, Field Lane, Batley.  
 C Castleford, Lower Oxford-street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. W. Gamble, 37, Denton-terrace.  
 C Dewsbury, Bond-street, 10 and 1-45. Mr. L. Bland, 30 Richmond-street, Cross Bank, Batley.  
 C Heckmondwike, Tower street, 2 p.m. Miss M. Oldfield, 51, Milton Terrace.  
 C Hull, Dairycoates Dee-street, Hessele-road, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. A. E. Cook, 3, Elma Avenue, Edinburgh-street.  
 C Hull, Holborn Hall, Holborn-street, Witham, 10-30 and 2-0. Mrs. Brown, 78, Porter-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, Norristhorpe, Liversedge.  
 C Moorhouse, 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. Breatley, 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. S. Hardcastle, 6, Heywood Terrace, 2d, Lane Pontefract.  
 C Scarborough, Sherwood-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. H. Middleton, Northleigh, 5, Blenheim-street.  
 C Wakefield, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side entrance), 1-45. Mr. J. T. Hargate, 8, Doncaster-road.  
 C York, Spen Lane. Mr. H. Cooper, 110, Holgate-terrace, York.

### LIVERPOOL COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Miss G. Owen, 5, Hick's-road, Seaford, Liverpool.  
 District Visitor, Mr. G. A. Mack, 15, Clarence-street, Runcorn.  
 F Birkenhead, 46, Bridge-street, 11 a.m. Mr. J. Thompson, 5, Woodview Avenue, Seacombe, Cheshire.  
 F Liverpool, Daulby-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. C. Thompson, 43, Clifton-road, Tue Brook, Liverpool.  
 F Liverpool, Boaler-street, 3 p.m. Miss M. Preston, 12, Lavan-street, West Derby-road.  
 F Liverpool, Ashridge street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. E. Jones, 42, Shaw-street, Runcorn.  
 F Warrington, Sankey-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. James Lawton, 7, Hewitt-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. W. Rossiter, 468, Bolton-road, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

### THE LONDON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate London, E.7.  
 District Visitor, Mr. Myers Clegg, 82, Studley Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.  
 H London, Clapham St. Luke's-road, S.W.4., 3 p.m. Miss M. Lovegrove, 76, Bolinbroke Grove, Wandsworth Common, S.W.11.  
 H London, Fulham, S.W.12. Lettice-street, Munster-rd., 3 p.m. Mr. W. E. Turner, 12t, 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. C. 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 V. Ashworth, 235, Parkhurst-road, Manor Park, E.12.  
 H London, E.12, Manor Park, Slrewsbury-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, Crews-road, Peckham, S.E.15.  
 H London, E.13, Plaistow, Braemar-road, 3 p.m. Miss T. Manning, 67, Kharout-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, Woolwich and Plumstead, Invicta Hall, Crescent-road, Plumstead, 3-0 p.m. Mr. H. Watthey, 4, Richmond-place, Plumstead, S.E.18.

H London, Wimbledon, 4 and 5, The Broadway, 3 p.m. Mr. D. E. Dodd, 9, Kingston Road, Wimbledon S.W.19

### MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Miss A. Sharples, 47, Douro street, Newton Heath, Manchester.  
 District Visitor, Mr. J. E. Hart, 47, Fairlawn-street, Moss-Side, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Ardwick, 38, Maskell-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. G. A. Dixon, 31, Royd street, Co-on-M. Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Halliwell-street, Cheetham-hill, 10-30. Mr. A. Robinson, 12, Clarendon-road, Crumpsall.  
 F Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Bragg, 3, Enoch-street, Miles Platting.  
 F Manchester, Hr. Openshaw, 141, Old Lane, Mr. W. Taylor, 82, Lees-street, Hr. Openshaw.  
 F Manchester, Longsight, Shepley-street: 2-30, Miss A. Halliday, 90, Hyde-road, Ardwick.  
 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. Stanfield, 3, Buckley St., Lower Broughton, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, South: Princess-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Hope, 1, Green-street, Greenheys, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Stretdorf, Watson-street 2-30 Mr. J. Shaw, 10, Wolsley-road, Sale, nr. Manchester.  
 F Sale, Roebuck Lane, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Esker, Greenlands, Roebuck-lane, Sale.  
 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, Miss Maltby, 78, St. Mary's-road, Glossop.  
 District Visitor, Mrs. Ennion, 95, Vienna Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.  
 F Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. H. Beech, 98, Burlington-st., Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 F Glossop, Fauvel Road, 10-30. Miss M. Maltby, 78, St. Mary's Road.  
 F Heaton Norris, Baker-street, 10 and 2 p.m. Mrs. Downs, 47, Belmont-street, Heaton Norris nr. Stockport.  
 F Hyde, Clarendon-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Bowden, 11, Walker-street, Denton, nr. Manchester.  
 F Macclesfield, Cumberland-street, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.  
 F Stockport, Lr. Hillgate, Crowther-street, 1030- and 2 p.m. Mr. T. Spencer, 3, Jones-square, Hemphshaw-lane.  
 F Stockport, Central, 15b, Lord-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss E. Joulas, 66, Wellington-street, South.

### NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftsbury-avenue, Darwen.  
 District Visitor, Mr. Wagner, 5, Ivan-st., Queensgate, Burnley.  
 E Accrington, Argyle-street, Miss M. Barnes, 51, Robert Nuttall-street, (Temporarily Closed).  
 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 Barnoldswick, Green-street 10-30, E. Bullock, 12, Commercial-street.  
 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, Rutland 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, 47, Aspen Lane, Earby, nr. Colne.  
 E Fleetwood Kemp-st., 11 and 2-30. Mr. J. A. Jordan, 69, Warrenhurst-road.  
 E Great Harwood, Mercer-street, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. H. Baxter, 25, Oak-street.  
 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. W. Beetham, 15, Knowles-street.  
 E **Preston, Central Buildings**, Lancaster-road, 10.30. Mr. E. Smalley, 90, Wellfield-road.  
 E **Preston, Progressive**, 10 a.m. Mr. E. O. Mason, 314, Ribbles-ton-lane.  
 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**, Dalkieth-street, 10 and 2 p.m. Mr. A. A. Worrall, 247, Rawlinson-st., Barrow-in-Furness.  
 E **Barrow-in-Furness**, Ramsden-street, Mrs. J. Nock, 305a Duke-street.  
 E **Lancaster**, Gt. J. Street, 10.30. Miss. M. Swale, 2, Alfred-street.  
 E **Millom**, Holborn Hill, Main-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. Cairns 25, Main-street.  
 E **Ulverston**, Burlington-street, 1.30. Mr. L. Dent, 45, 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. Miss A. Neal, 95, Annesley-road.  
 G **Leicester**, Foresters Institute, 3.0. Mr. C. W. Benton 63, Fairfield-street.  
 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. J. H. Wicks, 16, Curzon-street.  
 G **Mansfield**, Quaker-Lane, 10.30 and 2 p.m. Mr. J. W. Wright, 72, Welbeck street.  
 G **Nottingham**, (Mechanics' Minor Hall), North Church st., 2.45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briars-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 **Nottingham**, Parliament-street 10.45 and 2.30. Mr. L. Murdock, 20, Lamcote Grove.  
 G **Sutton-in-Ashfield**, Twitchell, Miss Carr, 53, Nesbit-street.

## THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. J. Kenneth, 10, St. Matthew-street, Dundee.  
**District Visitor**, M. J. Shaw, 3, Carlin-st, Govanhill, Glasgow.  
 A **Adelaide**, Tower Court, Victoria Square, 3.0 p.m. Mr. A. J. Polson, 15, Little Gilbert-street, Adelaide, S. 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, Kinloch-street.  
 A **Dundee**, Rattray-Street, 12.45 p.m. Mrs. E. Essenof, 12, Thomson-street.  
 A **Edinburgh**, Free Gardener's Hall, Picardy-place, 1 p.m. Miss P. Woolford, 3, East Broughton Place.  
 A **Falkirk**, Co-operative Hall, Western Avenue, 12.45. Mr. D. Phillip, 19, Watson-street.  
 A **Glasgow**, James Robertson Halls, 26, Holland-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.  
 S **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., Gourco, N.B., Scotland.  
 A **Hamilton**, Lesser Town Hall, 1.30. Mr. H. L. Porteous, 14, Delburn-street, Motherwell.

## 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, Earnsley.  
 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. Hague, 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. Mr. J. Hobson, 77, Horninglow-road Firth Park Sheffield.  
 C **West Melton**, nr. Rotherham. Mr. H. Trigger, 18, Co-operative-street.  
 C **Parkgate**, Ashwood-road, 2 p.m. Mr. F. Cook, 20, Harpur-street, Rotherham.

## SOUTHERN COUNTIES COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. J. Jackson, 69, Blenheim-road, Caversham, Heights, Reading.  
**District Visitor**, Mr. E. Cager, 74, Cobden-road, Brighton.  
 H **Brighton**, Old Steine Hall (52a, Old Steine), Mr. J. J. Godwin, "Lynwood," 3, Chesham-road.  
 H **Brighton**, Mighell street Hall, 2.45 p.m. Mrs. Robinson, 4, Highdown-road.  
 H **Bristol**, 9, Cave-stree, Portland-square, 3.0 p.m. Mr. S. Oaten, 53, Barrett-street, Easton, Bristol.  
 H **Devonport**, Kerr-street, 2.45. Mrs. L. Wain, 29, Alexandra-road, Ford, Devonport.  
 H **Exeter**, Market Hall, 10.45 a.m. Mr. H. A. Grainger, Manoah, Okehampton-road.  
 H **Portsmouth**, 73, Victoria-road, Southsea, 3 p.m. Miss Fielder 239, Commercial-road.  
 H **Portsmouth**, Francis-avenue, 3.0. Mr. H. C. Guy, 45, Stamford-street, Fratton, Portsmouth.  
 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.

## 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 **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., Whiteleys 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, Clarkfield-road.  
 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 A. Curry 26, Edmund 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 46, Stansfield Road.

## SOUTH WALES LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- G **Caerau**, Spiritual Church, 2.30 p.m. Mr. R. Williams, 76, Victoria-road, Caerau, Bridgend.  
 G **Cardiff**, Central. Mr. E. Little, 38, Crofts-st., Roath, Cardiff.  
 G **Cardiff**, 52, Queen St., Miss F. J. Davies, 77, Wells St, Canton, Cardiff  
 G **Cwm**, Station-terrace, 2.30 p.m. Mr. E. Davies, Trigfau, Park View, Wainlywd, Mon.  
 G **Merthyr Tydfil**, Tram-road, Side North, 2.30, Miss E. Dunscombe, 40, John-street, Georgetown.  
 G **Nantymoel, Glam.** Mr. W. Redwood, 3, Gwendoline Street.  
 G **Newport, Mon.**, Charles Street. Mrs. K. Armstrong, 19, Queen's Hill Newport.  
 G **Ystrad**, 2.30. Mr. W. D. Jones, 32, Dfagdevg-street, Treorchy, Rhondda, S. Wales.

## THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. Atkinson, 1, Haswell-st. Stockton-on-Tees.  
**District Visitor**,  
 B **Darlington**, 13a, Blackwall Gate, 2 p.m. Mr. C. Wilson, 54, Trafalgar Terrace, Hopetown, Darlington.  
 B **Darlington**, High Northgate, 2.0 p.m. Mr. R. P. Christopher, 1, Hercules-st., Springfield, Darlington.  
 B **Darlington**, Witton Park. Mr. E. Meek, 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, Middlesbrough.  
 B **Old Shildon**, Fryers-st. Temperance Hall, 2.30. Miss Metcalfe, 111, Gurney Valley, nr. Bp, Auck.

- B **New Shildon**, Newlands av., 2 p.m. Miss E. Hunter, 25, Lambton street  
 B **Stockton-on-Tees**, Cecil-street, 2.30 p.m. Mr. G. Neale jr., 60, Cecil street.  
 B **Stockton-on-Tees**, New Brunswick-st., 2.30. Mr. G. Tuck, 7, Palmerston-street.  
 B **West Hartlepool**, 13, Charles-street 2 p.m. Mr. W. Dresser, 142, Durham street East, Hartlepool,

## THE TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. N. E. Ainley, North Avenue. Harton, S. Shields.  
**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, 2.39 p.m. Miss E. Straughan, 392, Broom-street, Urpeth-Ouston (Nr. Birtley, Co. Durham).  
 B **Craghead**, Co-operative Hall, 2.30 p.m. Mrs. E. Bowerbank, 16, Thomas-street, Craghead, S.O. Co. Durham.  
 B **Dunstaun-on-Tyne**, Ellison-rd., 2.30 p.m. Mr. I. Davidson, 54, Clavering-avenue, Dunstan-on-Tyne.  
 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, Jarrow-on-Tyne.  
 B **Hetton and District**, 2.30 p.m. Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroli-e-street, Hetton-le-Hole.  
 B **Hirst**, Spiritual Church, Milburn Street, Ashington, Mr. J. Stafford, 51, Myrtle-street, Hirst, via. Morpeth.  
 B **Jarrow**, Market-square, 2.30 p.m. Mrs. R. Overton, 81, Buddle-street.  
 B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2.30. Mr. T. Cowe, 59, Strathmore-crescent, Benwell.  
 B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Heaton & Byker, Co-operative, Heaton Road Guild Room, 2.30 p.m. Mrs. R. Hunter, 36, Mowbray-st, 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, 2.40 p.m. Mr. G. S. Dawson, 94, Clarence-street.  
 B **New Delaval and Newsham**, Infants' School-room, 2.40. Miss F. Moore, 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. Short, 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. C. Musgrave, 369, John Williamson-street.  
 B **Sunderland**, Cromwell-street, 2.30 p.m. Mr. A. Shaw, 11, Abbey-street, Southwick-on-Wear, Sunderland.  
 B **Sunderland**, 21, Derwent-street, 2.40 p.m. Mr. J. Fallier, 16, Robinson-terrace.  
 B **West Felton**, Iron Schools, 2.30 p.m. Mrs. A. Meakin, 18, Pine street, Grange Villa, Co. Durham.  
 B **West Stanley**, 3 p.m. Mrs. F. E. Henderson, 14, Palmer-street, West Stanley.

## Area Lyceums:

- A **Belfast**, St. George's Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. G. Donaldson, 181, Crumlin-road.  
 G **Grimsby**, Kent-st., 10.30 and 2 p.m. Miss M. Baron, 45, Connamore Road.  
 F **Hadfield**, Jones-street, 10.30 a.m. Mr. J. Williams, 59, Wednesough Green, Hollinworth, Cheshire.  
 G **Hanley**, Percy-street, 2 p.m. M. W. Pyatt, 76, Moston, st., Birch's Head, Hanley.  
 F **Leigh**, The Avenue, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Hayes, 86 Selwyn St.  
 G **Lincoln**, Progressive Hall Coultham-street, 10.15 a.m. Miss A. Bailey, 112, Cannon-street, Lincoln.  
 G **Tunstall**, Picadilly Street, 10.45 and 1.45. Mr. F. Wright, 25, Windmill Street

## Oversea Lyceum:

- Auckland, N.Z.**, Karangshape-road, 2.30, p.m. Mr. S. Spittlehouse, 283, Gt. North Road, Grey Lynn  
**Calgary**, Mrs. A. M. Garrad, 206-27, Ave. S.E. Park View, Calgary, Alta. Canada.  
**Edmonton**, 102, Avenue Alberta, Canada, 2.30 p.m. Mrs. MacCardia, Edmonton,  
**Fast Hamilton Ont, Canada**, Spiritualist Church Balmoral-avenue, 2.30, Miss S. Itchells, 189, Roxburgh-avenue, Hamilton  
**Johannesburg**, 11 a.m. Jeppe-street, Mr. Vetnon Hart, 27, High-avenue, Bezuidenhuit Valley, North, Johannesburg  
**London Ontario**, Mrs. Cawson 139, William-st.  
**Melbourne, Australia**, Mr. C. Chatfield, 14, Lennox-st, N. Richmond, Melbourne  
**Methuen**, Centre-st, Mass U.S.A. 10.30 a.m. Mr. Fred Sykes, 80, Tenney-st. Methuen, Mass, U.S.A.  
**Winnipeg**, Polson-avenue, 2.30 p.m. Miss H. F. Lawrence, 176, Cathedral-ave.