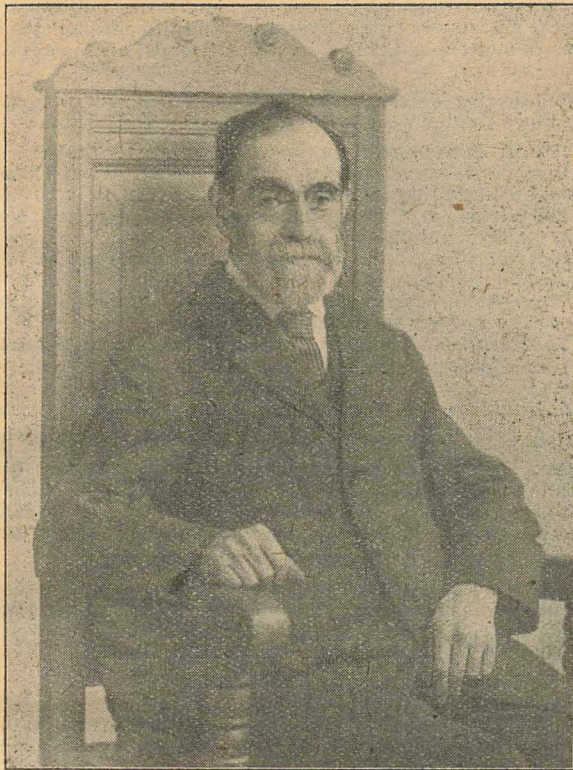


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PRICE TWOPENCE.



MR. JOHN KAY, of Salford.

We have to announce the promotion to the "Higher Life" of yet another of our pioneers. We refer to the passing of Mr. John Kay, at his home at 23, West George Street, Salford, Manchester, on the 8th August last. Born on the 18th February, 1854, Mr. Kay was in his 70th year. He was brought up, under strict parental supervision, in the Primitive Methodist teachings, but was convinced of the truth of "Spirit Return" at the age of 34, since which time he has been very actively engaged in broadcasting his knowledge. He was ever ready to place his services at the disposal of our beautiful "ism" and has addressed open-air meetings on the subject. By this means he reached a large public, and thereby causing many, who would not otherwise have been invited, to investigate our Truths, and not a few have been converted and are now working earnestly in our cause. Much more could be said of his efforts. He was a pioneer (along with Mr. J. B. Tetlow and others) and first Secretary of The British Mediums' Union; an institution which was at first most unpopular but is now appreciated as such an institution should be, thanks to the early efforts of our pioneers.

In Lyceum work he was first and foremost, and only those who have known him for a long time were aware of his whole-hearted efforts on behalf of the children. His early experiences of Lyceum work are well worth relating and should be very interesting to those who have received benefit from a Lyceum training. About the year 1897 Mr. Kay and his friend, Mrs. Erith (recently returned to Canada after a prolonged stay in this country) opened a Lyceum in West Craven Street, Salford, Manchester. Pecuniary circumstances would not permit of the purchase of Lyceum Manuals. There was just one copy, the property of a friend who kindly lent it to Mr. Kay, who, with the help of Mrs. Erith, wrote out a number of copies of the lessons chosen for the following Sunday and by this means each of the Lyceumists attending were enabled to follow the Sessions in comparative comfort. What a task! and when we consider that such was the commencement of the extensive Lyceum movement of to-day

in this District, how thankful we should be to such a splendid exemplar.

He was present at the inception of the Manchester and District Lyceum Council and was in turn: President and Treasurer, and finally an "associate member" of that body, which speaks volumes for the esteem in which he was held by all.

He was an acceptable speaker and on the plans of most churches in the Manchester District for many years. Unassuming in character, his knowledge was imparted in a quiet manner as he revealed the deeper truths of Spiritualism.

Such is but a brief history of our promoted pioneer.

The physical casket was returned to mother earth by his friend, Mr. George Lee, at Waste Cemetery, on the 13th of August, amidst a very representative assembly of Lyceumists and Spiritualists. The Service was most impressive and will long be remembered by all who witnessed it.

His favourite Lyceum Song was "Shoulder to Shoulder," which title has been adopted as the motto of Salford Central Lyceum, of which he was Conductor for a number of years.

From the Southern Cross.

LYCEUM WORK IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

My wife and I, as former workers in the Blackburn Temple Lyceum, send greetings from New Zealand to our fellow workers in the "Homeland." Since leaving the 'old country' in 1913 we have laboured in the Spiritualistic Societies and Lyceums in West Australia, Victoria, and New Zealand. For the past twelve months I have been the Pastor and Lyceum Conductor at the Wellington Church. In noticing your Overseas Report in the BANNER for June, it occurred to me that some further information regarding Australasian Lyceums might be acceptable to you; and this I will now proceed to give. In West Australia the Lyceum at Perth has alternately flourished and languished. In the summer months the climate is so hot that the call to the bays and beaches of the lovely River Swan is irresistible, and therefore young and old spend their Sundays bathing in its cooling waters. In the winter months the attendance averaged about 30 scholars, but in the summer it was a very difficult matter to keep going at all. Up to 18 months ago we were Conductors of this Lyceum, and we left it in capable hands. We have not had any recent report as to its present condition. The Perth Lyceum was the only one in the vast state of West Australia. Our next experience was at the Progressive Lyceum, Melbourne, Victoria, where we found a small but efficient school under the able conductership of Mr. W. H. Lumley—than whom we never met a more sincere Spiritualist. This Lyceum, too, has fluctuated considerably, for at one time the very large hall in which it is held was none too large for the numbers attending. They possess considerable property in the way of Group banners, literature, interesting and educational pictures. I am sorry to have to report that two of the three large Spiritualist Churches in the great city of Melbourne have no Lyceum. Very many Spiritualists must be sending their children to orthodox Sunday Schools, there to be taught the dogmas long since discarded by their parents. There are several Lyceums in Sydney and there is also one in Brisbane. I do not think that the Lyceum Movement will ever be very strong in Australia, for the reason that the climate invites so strongly to the out-of-doors. In New Zealand, on the contrary, where the climate is very similar to England, there is every probability of the children's Spiritualism becoming strong. There are efficient and well-conducted Lyceums in Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, and Wellington. The last-named is the Capital City of the Dominion, and here it is that we have the honour of engaging in spiritual work. Our two daughters, who were named in the Temple Lyceum by Mrs. F. Hepworth, are enthusiastic helpers. Many psychics and workers from Great Britain are energetically working for Spiritualism in the lands of the Southern Cross. Their labours will surely bear abundant fruit; fit tribute to the training received in the Homeland Lyceums. Again, greetings from "down under."

Fraternally yours,

REUBEN A. WEBB.

The Education Scheme.

FOR ALL PROGRESSIVE LYCEUMISTS.

WHAT OUR DISTRICT COUNCILS ARE DOING.

In August, a letter was sent to each District Council, urging the claims of the Education Scheme and appealing for support. Since then, some D.C.'s have held their Quarterly Meeting. We give below extracts from the two replies received by the Educations Secretary.

What are the other District Councils prepared to do?

FROM SHEFFIELD D.C.

"We recommend all Lyceums to adopt the Education Scheme, and hope that adult Lyceumists will set the example to the juniors.

We hope to have far more students this year sitting for examination We hope that the Lyceums attached to our Union will see to it that our Education Scheme and Guild are taken up this year in greater numbers, in order that we may assist in raising the standard of education in our Movement."

FROM BRADFORD D.C.

"We, as a Council, are going to help the Scheme on as much as we possibly can. We have appointed a Propaganda Committee of three persons to go into the matter, and to visit all Lyceums in our Council."

FINANCIAL HELP.

Recently the funds of the Education Scheme have been increased by the annual generous subscription of £5 from Mr. Smedley, of Belper; by a donation of 10s. from Daulby Hall Lyceum, Liverpool, and by a gift of 10s. from a lady Lyceumist, who does not wish her name to be given. The Committee appreciates the practical help given, and the evidences of interest in the success of the Scheme, and gives very sincere thanks to the benefactors.

The Education Secretary hopes to be able to give a long list of further donations at an early date. Thank you.

FOR GRADE FOUR TUTORS AND STUDENTS.

This month we give a suggested programme for a fifteen-weeks' course of preparation for the Grade IV examination. It allows several weeks for revision work, and should be helpful to either the tutor or the "solitary student." The student should be instructed to procure two exercise books, to be used "week about" for home work; a note-book, in which to enter all the hints and suggestions made by the tutor; a 1922 *Manual*, and a copy of the new No. II Handbook.

The weekly class should last at least an hour and a quarter—divided into two half-hours and a quarter-hour. The first half-hour could be devoted to discussing the hints and suggestions made on the previous week's answers (marked by the tutor at home); the second half-hour to discussing and *criticising* the present form of Session programme (as described and explained at the beginning of the *Lyceum Manual*); the remaining time to setting the following week's questions and home work. This will mean plenty of home work for both tutors and students—but we are taking it for granted that they have laid themselves out to provide the Movement with efficient Group Leaders and Conductors.

We would also recommend to those studying for this Grade the article given in the September BANNER, 1923 (and reproduced in the pamphlet, "How to prepare for the Examination") on "How I prepared a Grade IV Candidate."

GRADE FOUR—CLASS PROGRAMME FOR 15 WEEKS.

WEEK	MANUAL	HANDBOOK II.	SUBJECT.
1	136 pp.	4—9	Teachings of Spiritualism.
2	136 "	9—13	Principles of Spiritualism.
3	210 "	14—17	Aim of Spiritualism.
4	1 "	17—19	Comparison of Spiritualism with Orthodox Christianity.
5	141 "	20—24	Phases of Mediumship.
6	148 "	25—31	Rise and Progress I—V
7	78 "	31—36	Do. VI—VIII
8	236 "	36—40	Do. IX—XI
9	1 "	40—42	Science and Philosophy
10	236 "	42—44	Truth
11	210 "	44—45	Justice
12	208 "	45—46	Love
13	66 "	46—47	Purity
14	141 "	47—48	Beauty
15	141 "	48—50	Spirituality

Each week the student should prepare notes for a 10-minutes' address on the MANUAL selection set for study. He should also

- (1) Draw up a Lyceum Session Programme, showing the connective teaching;
- (2) Write an Invocation (about 200 words) and a Benediction (about 30 to 50 words);
- (3) Answer questions set by the tutor;
- (4) Write a short essay on the Handbook section.

(N.B.—The student will find the Summaries published in last year's BANNER of great assistance when preparing notes for addresses and explanations to various Groups, and is advised to learn them.)

The following Notes for an address on G.C.R. 136 were submitted by a Grade IV candidate who passed with Honours:—

This gives us *proof of continued existence* after death; *Death is only an experience* of our immortal existence—therefore according to Divine Law;

The next stage of our existence is *a natural one*, and therefore we have nothing to fear;

Our status in the next spheres depends on the use we have made of our opportunities while in this life;

We are not to be fettered by the dogmas or opinions of others—or expect others to be fettered by ours;

The collection of facts by all (Science) is necessary, and comparisons must be made without bias in order to gain the truth;

Spiritualism gives an *incentive to find good and do good.*

(We have put each leading thought in italics—as a guide.)

Tutors for Grade IV should obtain the Hints pamphlet from the Education Secretary, and also read last month's article on how to set Questions. The ability and knowledge of the Tutor will determine the standard of success attained by the Student.

FOR GRADE FIVE TUTORS AND STUDENTS.

We also give a suggested programme for a course of work for Grade V Students, and refer them also to the hints given in the October issue of last year; and to the general methods given in the pamphlet "How to Prepare for the Examinations."

WEEK.	PP.	HEK. No. 3.	SUBJECT.
1st.	5—7	7	<i>Physical Mediumship</i> (to "even eat fruit"): STUDY—Compare with your own or others' experiences.
2nd.	7—9	9	<i>Trumpet Phenomena, etc.:</i> STUDY—as above.
3rd.	10—12	12	<i>Laws of Physical Mediumship</i> (to "nerves of motion"): STUDY—Whether these laws agree with the experiences of yourself or others <i>you know.</i>
4th.	12—15	15	<i>Laws of Mental Mediumship:</i> STUDY—as above.
5th.	15—18	18	<i>Philosophy, Ethics and Religion:</i> STUDY—The interdependence of all three.
6th.	19—21	21	<i>What Our Principles Reveal</i> (Introductory to "Communication with us"): STUDY—Mediumship as a Basis.
7th.	21—24	24	" <i>Continuity of Life</i> " to " <i>Compensation and Retribution,</i> " and their lessons: STUDY—How the Philosophy is built up.
8th.	24—26	26	<i>Our Ethics, Religion and Worship:</i> STUDY—How these follow from the Philosophy.
9th.	27—29	29	<i>Effects of Spiritualism</i> (to "in human language"): Study—The advance of Modern Thought.
10th.	29—31	31	<i>Effects on Philosophy and Science:</i> STUDY—The new light from Spiritualism.
11th.	31—33	33	<i>Effects on Religion:</i> STUDY—How far is <i>revision</i> of old beliefs justifiable?
12th.	27—33	33	(<i>Revision</i>): STUDY—Dr. Powell's deductions: do they go far enough?
13th.	33—37	37	<i>The Various Phases of Opposition. . . .:</i> STUDY—How to meet the Christian.
14th.	37—41	41	STUDY—How to meet the Agnostic.
15th.	41—46	46	STUDY—How to meet the Materialist.
16th.	33—46	46	(<i>Revision</i>): STUDY—The effectiveness of our Replies to these various Phases of Opposition.

LITERATURE FOR THE STUDY OF THE EDUCATION SCHEME.

N.B.—13 copies are allowed to the dozen.

(i) *Syllabuses of Work*, for all Grades—1½d. per copy (for quantities less than 12); or 9d. per dozen, post free.

(ii) *How to prepare for the Examinations*—Sent free on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

(iii) *Helps to the Study of the Lyceum Manual*—2d. per copy, or 1s. 9d. per dozen.

(iv) *Oral Grade Primer*—5d. per copy, or 3s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

(v) *No. 1 Handbook*—for Grade I: 4d. per copy, or 3s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

(vi) *No. 2 Handbook*—for Grades II., III. and IV., 6d. per copy, or 5s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

(vii) *No. 3 Handbook*—for Grade V.: 7d. per copy, or 5s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

(viii) *Examination Lists, Summaries, and Marking Scheme*—6d. per copy.

(Will customers please *not* send stamps, if the amount is more than elevenpence; also do *not* cross postal orders, but make them payable at Batley).

EDUCATION SECRETARY—(Miss) M. E. KITSON, B.A., 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorks.

ORAL GRADE SECRETARY—(Miss) A. HESP, 17, Burlington Place, Tempest Road, Dewsbury Road, Leeds.

SPIRITUALISM FOR THE STUDENT AND INVESTIGATOR.

This booklet has been before the public now for two years, offered at the price of one shilling per copy.

The Education Committee has now decided to bring it within the reach of a bigger number of Lyceumists by REDUCING THE PRICE to 7d. per copy, or 5s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

This booklet should be on all Spiritualist bookstalls; as it gives the information desired by investigators, is well-written, and by authors who know their subjects.

It is also the Handbook for Grade V students, but should be *known* by every Lyceumist.

ITS CONTENTS.

A glance at the names of authors, and a list of the subjects, will show that quality is the key-note of the production.

(i) The late DR. ELLIS T. POWELL, LL.B., D.Sc., on:—The Effects of Spiritualism on Science, Philosophy and Religion.

(ii) ERNEST W. OATEN, Editor, "The Two Worlds," and an acknowledged authority on his subject, contributes an article on: Some Phases of Physical Mediumship, from an Evidential Standpoint.

(iii) ALFRED KITSON, Adviser to the B.S.L.U., and the 'Father of English Lyceums,' writes on: A Study of Mediumship; and on Spiritualism—Philosophically, Ethically, and Religiously considered.

(iv) A. T. CONNOR, President of U.D.C. (1919-1923), and Assistant Education Secretary follows on with: What our Principles Reveal.

(v) JAMES TINKER, well-known to Lyceumists, contributes a helpful and able article on: Various Phases of Opposition, and how to meet them.

COPIES ARE OBTAINABLE from either the General Secretary or Education Secretary.

The Teachings of Spiritualism.

(See Article in Handbook II.).

BY J. TINKER.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES (pages 6 and 7).

RIGHT: Just claim; according to *rule*.

Spiritualism is the "science of life here and hereafter"; for *conscious life* is the characteristic of spirit. Ancient Spiritualism teaches that Spirit has the essential Desire (therefore need) to Know (science) and to Manifest (live) in innumerable planes. Now we deal with the physical and its nearest spiritual planes. By life we mean more than vegetative and animal existence.

Life worth living is the full and joyous exercise of all our faculties and the development of all our capabilities.

That is the need of spirit. We only partly live now, even physically, for we are capable of much larger knowledge and enjoyment of the universe about us. Those who possess a

larger vision of life and response to Nature—authors, poets, painters, sculptors, musicians—help us to enlarge our conscious life. We then see how many of us are blind and deaf and dumb or "asleep," that our desires are so dull and powers so undeveloped that many do not know enough of "the larger life" even to dream about it. "The soul is dead that slumbers." There is also that vaster life to which mediumship introduces us, and in which there are Buddhas and Christs to declare the Rules of Right and *how to fulfil them* and thereby satisfy our needs, even by sacrifice. (L.M. 134-5).

We must not limit our views of life to the ordinary standards of conduct. They are too largely ruled by animal impulses. Those impulses are necessary to our life. But they must serve the purposes of the higher spiritual nature we possess as *civilised* human beings—those who progress in the sciences and arts of *living together harmoniously*, according to the rules of

the best for our development.

"A sound mind in a sound body" is an essential condition for the satisfaction of spiritual needs; for health is life: it means the "whole-th," not cracking fragments, with dopes that cripple and pains that kill. Nature provides both the rules and the means of human attainment of fullness of life, notwithstanding wars and pestilences, earthquakes and floods; "for the grave is not its goal, 'Dust thou art to dust returned, was not spoken of the soul.'" "The flag of life is never furled, it only taketh wider range." (L.M. 30, 100). If not here, hereafter.

Our rights are admitted. In Britain something is done by the towns and the State, by churches and friendly societies, to provide for all needful rights. But there are pitiful disputes about how much should be provided and *whose duty* it is to provide it, and about whether people should lose their "rights" when they do not do their duty. I shall have to say more about this in "Spiritualism a Reform." What is the basis of Duty? (L.M. 23).

Consider our start in life as babies. Our parents gave us the right to live, and it is therefore their duty to supply us with food, clothing and shelter till we can earn them. Is that all that a baby needs for the development of its nature? True parents do not think so. We all claim for His Majesty the Baby

Loving Service.

We get there a higher conception of "just claims" than is used in the Markets. (L.M. 218).

It should be evident to all students of social life that even our physical needs will never be met till market values are ruled by spiritual standards—based on loving service. (L.M. 121-2). Baby *repays* it instinctively by its coos and chuckles, its laughter and wriggles and healthy sleeps. I mean the well-born baby, for our first right is to be well born. It starts at once on its education—its knowledge and love of mammy and daddy. It learns about light and dark, rough and smooth, sound and silence, sour and sweet, pain and pleasure, and lots of things I can guess at and some I cannot. (L.M. 79, 127, 219).

Young people! Beware of reckless lives. You have *no right to spoil* and starve the conditions for producing a well born baby and educating it by the happiest treatment. And *we are all babies*. Just as physical and spiritual are well combined so does all life flourish. It is well to study home life, that we may see the proper relationship of rights and duties for "a country of true homes is a country of true greatness." (L.M. 208).

CORRECTION.—Sept., p. 139, par. 4, l. 7, "so there are mediums, fitted to respond to the Nature that produced them, and which acts on them not only unconsciously, as it does on all people, *but with sufficient power to make its existence known*."

32, King Street, Hr. Broughton.

J.S.

MONS. EDOUARD FRITZ.

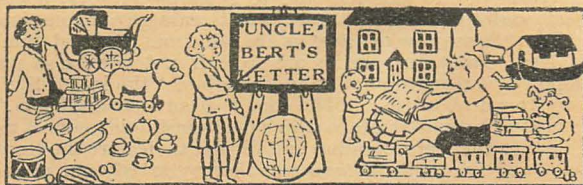
Treasurer of the International Spiritualist Federation.

We regret to announce the passing to spirit life of the Treasurer of the reorganised International Spiritualist Federation.

Mons. Ed. Fritz was an Ex-President and Hon. President of the Belgian Spiritualist Union, and the founder and director of the Belgian Spiritualist Journal "Le Spiritisme."

He was born at Brussels on October 2nd, 1870, and passed away on September 22nd, 1923, after a short illness.

We offer to his relatives and friends, and the Belgian Spiritualists our sincere condolences and hope they will feel our sympathies are with them in the physical loss of a pioneer who has done so much in Belgium for the growth of our common cause.



My Dear Boys and Girls,—

I am delighted with your letters this month, you all appear to have had a ripping holiday

You are now settled back at school, sitting between those dear old desks, getting the cane, having to stay in at playtime and write "I must not talk" umpteen hundred times.

Well there! if that Auntie Ruth has not come and butted in, wants to know, of course, what I am saying to you this month, and then says I am wrong altogether in even suggesting such things. Ah, I know then what you must be doing at those desks. Writing with pen and ink in Copy Books, making blots, and trying to rub them out before teacher sees them, getting your fingers stained with the ink, and wiping them down your nice clean pinafores, or on your suits. Well there! if that Auntie does not say I am still wrong. Well what are you doing then? I know, the third time is always lucky. You are all good boys and girls during class time, trying to learn all you can, so that you can pass your next examinations, and then in your playtime, you are not forgetting the request Mr. Mack our President made in his first letter to you, that you should each try and get new members, and so you are just showing your playmates how happy you are, because you are Lyceumists, telling them all about the beautiful lessons you learn: the cheerful songs you sing; your individual efforts; the Guild, the Banner Competitions; the examinations; and the social events you have.

If that's not right this time, all I have got to say is that it jolly well ought to be, and I am not going to alter it again.

PLAYING SHOPS.

Eric and Phyllis decided to play this game one wet afternoon.

Eric said "I'll be shopman, you be the lady, who comes and buys." Phyllis agreeing to this plan, they built their shop in the usual make believe way. Mamma assisting by providing some real commodities such as rice, currants, etc. I must tell you that they returned the rice, but they were sold out of currants long before the game had finished, but they added many things to their stores, such as books, empty matchboxes for cheese, playing bricks, for butter and so on.

The shop now being opened, Phyllis enters with Mamma's large shopping basket, Eric immediately says, "Take a seat, Madam," refers to the beautiful weather, and then proceeds to sell his wares.

"What can I get for you Madam?" "I want a nice book for my little girl, who is ill." "This is a nice book, Madam, for two shillings." "No! that is too much money." "You can have it for five shillings then." "Yes, I will take that," and Phyllis having made other purchases, Eric says, "Good day, Madam, mind the step," and that is the end of the first act, but have you noticed something missing, I wonder. Why they forgot to say "PLEASE AND THANK YOU" didn't they, and how often do tiny tots forget, too? I know you do not like Mamma and Dadda to always have to tell you, so in future try and remember these two words in your play, and you will not forget them at the proper time. PLEASE try and remember this, THANK YOU.

TEMPER.

Here is a Pearl which Alice Towns of Manchester sent me: It has a lesson for all of us, big and little.

Your temper, its yours, never lose it, always keep it below your chin.

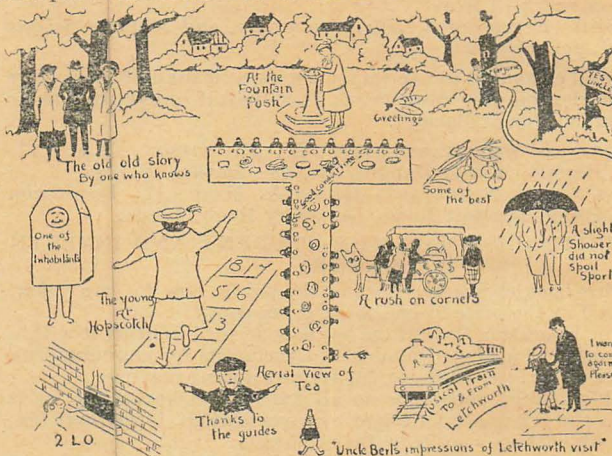
When you are in the right, you can afford to keep it,
When you are in the wrong, you cannot afford to lose it,
Smile, and keep your temper, REMEMBER nobody wants it, its yours.

From the tiny tot who objects to bedtime having arrived all too quickly for his or her liking, to those of older years, who are offended by the actions of others towards them, signs of temper are to be seen in us all, at times, but if we are real Lyceumists, we all believe in Progress, and thus we can make our failings of to-day stepping stones to future achievements, and this in character as much as in anything.

Temper is one of those ugly points in our lives which make a marked effect upon our character, at the same time wounding another's character. It robs us of happiness whilst we are under its influence. It creates war within our lives, with the divinity which is within each one of us. It is self-created, and therefore can be self-conquered. Therefore, I pass this Pearl of a child on to all, that it may help every one of my boys and girls to keep their Tempers in the right place.

VISIT TO LETCHWORTH.

I have been requested by Mr. Williams (Past President) to tell you a few things about our visit to Letchworth. This I have done under Council reports on another page, and further to this, you will find in the cartoon below, some of the leading events of the day. They are nearly all members of the Liberty Section, but I did my best to keep them in order, as a real Uncle should, and space will not allow me to add more.



In addition to this visit, I have visited Battersea, Fulham, and Little Ilford Lyceums since I last wrote to you, and give you all their greetings.

Battersea is no longer a baby Lyceum. Fulham is blessed with adult support, whilst Little Ilford has a number of useful young men and women who should do good work amongst the little ones.

Other invitations I hope to fulfil during the next few months, and secretaries wishing my services for Anniversary or Special Events for 1924 should write me at an early date, as I have already been unable to accept several invitations, owing to previous arrangements.

COMPETITIONS.

Prizes this month for "PAINTING YOUR FAVOURITE FLOWER" (Postcard size).

"Liberty Section," Essay on "VIRTUES OF THE LYCEUM."

RULES.

1. Name in full, age and address, Conductor's name and address. Write replies on one side of the paper only, leaving one inch blank margin on 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 paper "Liberty Section," address to Uncle Bert, 2, Villiers Road, Osterley, Middlesex, not later than October 18th.

Prizes will be sent to your Conductor, receipt for same being requested. Enclose stamped addressed envelope if reply is desired.

Prizes for last month awarded to:—

ANNIE TIBBITS, age 7, Wolverhampton.
RUBY HARRIS, age 10, Battersea.
MURIEL LAMB, age 10, Manchester.
EVELY DAVIES, age 12, Horwich.

Awards of Merit for Essays on "Ambition":—

MISS MANNING, Macclesfield.
MISS THOMAS, Bradford.

Buck up boys, you are letting the girls beat you every month in these competitions, make a special effort this month.

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

With love,
UNCLE BERT.

ADVENT.

THE BEGINNINGS OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

BY A. T. CONNOR.

CHAPTER XI.

FANTASTIC SPIRITUALISM.

The supreme test of the real strength and value of a Movement is the extent to which it can overcome the handicap of attracting cranks and charlatans to its ranks, and of having what is claimed as its philosophy "explained" by ignorant enthusiasts whose only claim to note is their extreme credulity and intense self-satisfaction—both due to their ignorance. In these ways Spiritualism has been handicapped very heavily—and yet, so strong and reliable is the body of evidence on which our Movement is based that, despite the fanatical and nonsensical outpourings of professing Spiritualists, the Cause of Spiritualism has proceeded from victory to victory.

In Spiritualism there never has been any excuse for indulging in fantastic tricks, because, from the very beginning, the spirit communicators tried to explain the conditions required for reliable and helpful spirit intercourse, and how communications could best be obtained. Even as early as 1848, it was pointed out that communication depended on the magnetic affinity of the spirit and the medium, and was affected by the medium's mental attitude and mental and psychical development. But, unfortunately, this teaching was either unheeded or forgotten by some of the early investigators, many of whom also seemed to have left their good manners behind them when they visited a *seance*. Let Mrs. Britten tell us:—

"The *seances* of the Misses Fox were constantly broken up by inharmony, rudeness, and determined opposition on the part of some of the visitors. The company were driven from room to room by incessant intrusions. . . . Also, "in the meetings which now began to take place in hundreds of families, the ignorance and superstition which had formerly prevailed on all subjects connected with the life beyond the grave, either continued to characterise the communications or became apparent in an excess of fanatical credulity. . . . In some of the circles where entranced clairvoyant or impressional mediums presided, the wildest scenes of confusion would often prevail. Two or three of 'the prophets' would be jabbering in unknown tongues at once, whilst others would be shouting the war-whoop of the red Indian. 'Apostolic' letters, in miserable grammar and worse spelling, were palmed off as genuine productions from the seventh sphere; and all the crudities of impressible minds, stimulated half to frenzy by the contagious excitement of the times, were set down as direct communications from exalted ancients whose authoritative teachings no doubt emanated from the fantastic imaginings of self-psychologised persons." Again—"fanatical religionists of different sects had forced themselves into the family gatherings, and the wildest scenes of rant, cant and absurdity, often ensued. Opinions of the most astounding nature were hazarded concerning the object of this movement; some determining that it was a millennium, and looking for the speedy reign of a personal Messiah and the equally speedy destruction of the wicked. Boisterous sounds accompanied the fervent prayers of the ranters, and wild confusion, in which invisible actors played their weird part, added to the distraction of the already tortured mediums."

The worst outbreak of this disease occurred at Auburn, where "several extremely ignorant but strongly bigoted persons of the Second Advent persuasion" had joined the Spiritualists. The millennial dawn was approaching, and (of course!) THEY were "the chosen ones through whom the millennial dynasty was to be established on earth." As soon as they gained control of the Auburn Circle "they secured the services of Mrs. Benedict, an impressible rapping medium, through whom the influences mortal and immortal that operated in this circle, dictated plans of action designed to make 'the universe rock,' and that part of it which they modestly called *this little planet*, a convert to their faith and a subject to the spiritual authority of *John the Divine*, *Daniel the Prophet*, *Paul the Apostle*, and other Biblical worthies whom they assumed to have become temporarily reincarnated in their mediumship." The title of the circle was changed to the "Apostolic Circle," and later to the "Apostolic Brotherhood," and Rev. James D. Scott was engaged as minister. A series of papers from the aforementioned eminent guides was published, one result being to cause educated Spiritualists to "mourn over the deterioration in grammar and orthography which befalls the exalted dead by a long residence in the spirit-world."

The advent of Mr. Scott raised the literary tone of the Brotherhood, and every prospect was pleasing when the Rev. Thomas L. Harris, a renowned poet, preacher and medium, espoused their cause and joined their ranks. The movement gained in membership and importance, and finally expressed itself in what became known as the "Mountain Cove Movement."

The two reverend gentlemen assumed complete control of the Brotherhood, and announced their introduction to some very eminent spirit entities. Mr. Harris was inspired by St. Paul, whilst St. John the Divine was the author of all Mr. Scott's teachings. Later, when, in October, 1851, the Brotherhood moved to Mountain Cove, in Virginia, and all property was made common, Mr. Scott became promoted to "the counsels of the Most High," and under this plenary inspiration "claimed supreme and unquestionable authority in all matters, whether social, religious, temporal, eternal or financial, that concerned those who were privileged with him to share the joys of the holy mountain"—which, by the way, was the abiding place of the prophet Isaiah.

At first, everything was full of promise. The land was to be purchased and then resold to the brethren; businesses and industries were to be established; schools were to be founded—and the whole movement was to be under direction from the spirit-world. But soon, "standing face to face with God," Mr. Scott was appointed *medium absolute*, and the only vehicle of divine truth. On the other hand, Byron, Keats, Shelley, and other famous poets, wrote poems through Mr. Harris for the *Mountain Cove Journal*.

The rest of the History of this fantastic movement is too sad and distressing to be given in any detail. Suffice it to say that after a time quarrels arose on financial and other matters, and finally the movement dispersed.

The recording of these particulars has not been a pleasant task, and would not have been undertaken but for two reasons—first, that it has been thought best to give a faithful picture of the early days of our Movement; and second, that it may serve as a warning to intelligent investigators, so that they will resist all temptations to indulge fanaticism either in themselves or others. The pity is that this form of fantastic nonsense did not die out with the early days. It still exists, in many forms, in the present day. Most readers will be shocked by the rank blasphemy of the "Apostolic" leaders, but equally blasphemous claims are made by many people, more or less mentally unbalanced, who unfortunately, like Messrs. Scott and Harris, have followers who believe in them. The cranks, the zealots and the bigots, who wish to distort the teachings of Spiritualism into a semblance of their own particular religious dogmas; the sentimental ingoramus who allows himself to be swindled into the belief that he is in direct touch with sublime entities, the greatness of whose minds is beyond his comprehension; the would be (must be) leader, who is "inspired" from the highest spheres, but only leads his infatuated flock into disaster or ridicule; the "inspired" teacher who solemnly talks the most utter drivel—all these are known to the reader, as is the feeling of humiliation and discouragement experienced when one or other of them provide splendid material for the attacks of sceptics and opponents. So it can be fully realised what great disabilities these people imposed on the infant Movement, and what a healthy infant it must have been to grow, in spite of everything, to its present size and strength.

May the day soon come when these infantile ailments will have been conquered, and Spiritualists will be able to look back at them with a sigh—of sympathy for those who had to suffer from them; of relief that they are things of the past.

(To be continued.)

BOLTON DISTRICT.

I paid a visit to (King St.) BURY on July 1st. Prompt start with 18 present. Opening song was very fair. Silver Chain, moderately explained by the reader. Musical Reading, fairly well explained by various Lyceumists. Golden Chain: a few good comments. Pearls, Fair; solos and duet, good. M. Marching and calisthenics fair. Closing song good. General conduct, good.

I visited BOLTON (Bradford St.) on July 15th. Prompt start with 38 present. 4 late. Opening song, fair. Silver Chain, Musical Reading, and Golden Chain, were all explained very well indeed. Marching and calisthenics, very fair. Groups were formed for discussion. Closing song, good. General conduct, good. There has been a great improvement made in this Lyceum during the past few months by the young Lyceumists.—F. Jones, D.V.

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The Animation of Spirit.

One of the most interesting themes of life can be found in the expression of children's ideas in the world of make-believe. The source of the emanating ideas which result in tea-parties and dolly-land are always coloured and shaped by the immediate conditions which surround the homes. A reflex is found by watching the play of children where the older people take no part. We can test the disposition of the parents by association with their children, as young people have few secrets and life is like an open book.

We see as much in a picture as our minds can grasp. Most people gaze at the finished effect of the picture. There are some students who study the blending of the colours to produce definite results of light and shade. These are the people by and through whom progress will take place. They are the artists who play and work with the emotions of mankind.

The spiritual impulse is an encouragement of mental forces which impel an interest in the force of unseen powers acting on objective life by shaping conduct and work on those thoughts and things which are educative. Working from the known to the unknown, we gather from facts the cause of mental and spiritual phenomena and postulate the probability of repetition through others and it is often verified by experiment and experience.

Spiritualism works from the invisible to the visible and finds the source of all things and conditions exist by and through spirit, which is an intelligent force and is in itself responsible for creation. The great cosmos is the creation of God and we manifest His spirit in our lives. Spiritualists are conscious of this power and see in every child the indwelling spirit of progress and power. It is the duty of the Lyceum Leaders to guide the growth of young minds to a realisation of this inherent power to attain spirituality through the Lyceum system which provides opportunities to display abilities according to capacity and develop a synthetic method of knowing nature's laws in the physical, mental, moral, intellectual and spiritual conditions of life's expression.

The spirit world is a real world. We live in the spirit world now but most people are not conscious of its existence. Each person has a physical body, a spirit body and a spirit. There are physical laws govern the physical life, spiritual laws govern the spirit life and the spirit operates through both these existences. The Spiritualist is conscious of both physical and spiritual laws. He has a broader concept of life's activities and finds Spiritualism binds the two phases in one expression of ideas and also links human beings with those who have passed through the transition we call death. Their nobility is increased and we find they can communicate with mortals and prove their identity by displaying their intelligence and conveying relative facts which link up the past expression of their individuality through a mortal existence with their continued existence in a spiritual sphere of consciousness.

A. J. Davis describes our mental conditions as sevenfold: rudimentary, psychological, sympathetic, transitory, sonambulistic, clairvoyant and spiritual. Externals have been wrongly made the test of inward truths. The consciousness of

life commences within the mind and works outwards to externals through the objectivity of inanimate and organised life on earth and in spirit.

A young child is displaying the growth of these faculties in the nursery days and adults have a great opportunity of changing the whole outlook of human thought if they will face life and its conduct and work through the spiritual perceptions in framing the education of children by the spiritual perception and source of human life. Children would then see the naturalness of early psychic vision and it need not be ridiculed by adults as the fanciful make-believe of unrealities.

The transitory stage of A. J. Davis is that period where we find the change from the pursuit of substance as the aim of life to the creative desires of spiritual development and progress. There is a spiritual value in human work, except when it is purely destructive. The mind is the source of objective things produced and shaped by man, including his own offsprings.

If the cause is rightly founded there is a chance of great development. We should therefore make the foundations of child-life on the spiritual basis, hence our Education Scheme is a scholarly incentive to improve mankind and finds a ready means of satisfying the immediate growth of the right outlook by a groundwork founded upon spirit, leading to comparison and inference which reveals the story of ever-expanding life.

The gateway has been opened to a broader vision which will lead to divinity and prophecy wherein we can foresee the results of each premeditated action. No power can equal Spiritualism and Lyceumism so long as we are under the counsel and guidance of angelic beings who are the real ministers and messengers and interpret the wisdom of God to the ways of men by the understanding of revealed law, order and harmony, in the physical and spiritual universe of life and consciousness. Let others stay in darkness if they wish; we have seen the rays of the great illuminating power of God's wisdom and love entering our lives and we obtain His vibrations through the angels. May we in turn hand the truth on to our children that the spirit of service and amity may be made manifest among the races of mankind.

Thus will the beatitudes of life be made real by entering into human relations and conduct and we must do our part in the realms of biology, physiology, psychology and Spiritualism to impart to our children the truths of God as manifested in us and through physical and spiritual laws. Such is our immediate task. The children are here. The Lyceum exists. Spiritualism is true. Nothing is wanting except human willingness to open its eyes to the vision and be enfolded in the enthralling service of love and law.

Some Impressions

of the
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SPIRITUALISTS,
held at

LEIGE, August, 1923.

By ALFRED KITSON.

Adviser to the B.S.L. Union.

One of the first things that struck my attention as being peculiar was the lack of any devotional exercises. The meetings were devoid of congregational singing and prayer. The impression given to an English Spiritualist is that the friends on the continent are Spiritists, being devoted to the study of the scientific and philosophical aspects of spirit communion. I think we can help them to realise the moral and religious aspects of Spiritualism.

I was also impressed with the isolated position of the English delegates. Nearly everything was given in French. Even the announcements re the meetings of the Sections, or Committees, were in French, and left one wondering as to the order of procedure.

If these Congresses are to be of International service all important items should be presented in both French and English, so that both sections may be able to follow intelligibly the whole proceedings and not be called upon to listen by the hour to speeches in a language they do not understand.

If a rule can be made to the effect that all essays, or papers read to the Congress in French, shall be translated into English, and be read immediately after the original; and similarly, all essays and papers read in English shall be translated into French, and read immediately after the original, the benefits accruing would be mutual.

It appears to me there is a great opening for propaganda Lyceum work on the Continent. In order to do this it is essential that the B.S.L.U. should have an official standing in its Council by being a subscribing member. Arrangements could then be made to contribute a paper on the importance and need of establishing Lyceums on the Continent; such paper, and its French version to be presented at one of the evening meetings, and not confined to a very limited sectional meeting.

Looking forward to the time when the International Congress will be invited to England, steps should be taken to hold an Open Lyceum Session on the Sunday afternoon in the Hall of the Congress for the benefit of the continental delegates and visitors. In order to make it effective, special hymn sheets should be printed, giving a sample of the silver and golden chain recitations, and a musical reading, along with an opening and closing hymn. Each item in English should be followed with a translation of it in French. This would be a practical demonstration of how we apply, in a pleasing and entertaining manner the teachings of Spiritualism to the spiritual and religious needs of our children, and would be an inspiration to our visitors, and encouragement to them to try and do likewise.

Spiritualism has a message for the children on the Continent and is as much needed by them as it is by English children, and by those of the English speaking nations. Let it be our aim and object to place it before them, so that their lives may be blessed and brightened with its revelations and teachings as our lives have been, and are blessed. In such work we can always rely on having the help and inspiration of the angels.

A Useful Cycle Ride.

By WM. FORD.

It may be of interest to your readers to have a report of my visit to Portsmouth on September 2nd. Leaving Reading at 7-30 a.m. by motor cycle I was able to visit the "Sunday School" of the Lake Road Spiritualist Church at 11 a.m. This is our "baby." The Conductor (Mr. R. B. Long) is an Associate Member of the S.C.S.L.D.C.

A great feature was the recital of the 7 principles. This is their method of laying the foundation and worthy of being copied by other Lyceums. I am sure it will not be many weeks before they ask us to perform the baptismal service and present the certificate of "Lyceum." They are assured of the parental care of the District Council.

At 3 p.m. I visited Francis Avenue Lyceum which as you are aware is quite a young Lyceum. Again I received a very hearty welcome. Mrs. Taylor an ex-Treasurer of the D.C. is Conductor. Nearly forty present. We had a most enjoyable session. The church takes a paternal interest and the adults present formed a useful band of workers. Leaving Portsmouth at 5 p.m. I reached Reading at 7-30, feeling that my journey of over 120 miles was well worth doing to spend such an enjoyable time with the children. They are building in the right way and making for real citizenship in Portsmouth.

WILLIAM FORD, Area H.

£2,000 Effort.

To all Lyceumists everywhere,

Our effort is creeping on, but very slowly and I wish to accelerate its pace. During August and September to date I have been pleased to acknowledge £1 from Bury (King Street Lyceum), and £1 6s. from the U.D.C., for which the Union's thanks are gratefully tendered.

What of the Lyceums who are not yet on the list? I would like to make my appeal to those, and to ask all Lyceumists to try and realise how much the Union is in need of this money. Many good schemes for the advancement of the cause we love are having either to be postponed or held up indefinitely for the lack of funds.

Will you therefore bring this matter before *your* Lyceum and see if a start cannot be made in the effort. Don't wait till you have collected your quota. Any contribution, however small, will be promptly acknowledged by the Secretary,

W. BURROWS.

29, Kliffen Place, Coronation Road, Halifax.

Scotland is now an Area.

A LESSON FROM A FLOWER SHOW.

There has been a Flower Show in Glasgow. As I considered the size and beauty of the flowers that were there, I, like a true Lyceumist, looked for and saw many good lessons. I would like to give to my fellow Lyceumists in Scotland a thought from the flowers. I wondered how much attention, how much thought, and how much care, had been bestowed upon the flowers to bring them to such perfection. And why should anyone try to get such results?

It seemed to me there were two reasons. The first being a love of flowers, and the second a desire to do better, and produce finer blooms than others, so that they may secure a prize, or have it to their credit that they can excel all others. As our Lyceums are divided into Areas, we could take a lesson from the flowers. Suppose each Area represents the Plant, the gardeners the Lyceumists, and the largest and best blooms to be the result of efforts in increasing membership, opening new Lyceums, and being the most progressive.

As Scotland is now an Area we are responsible for a plant and we want to consider what kind of flower is going to be ours.

Like the gardener who loves his plants, so we love our Lyceum. As he will give his care, interest, and attention to its growth, we also can do the same. And the results to both will be that we shall produce the finest and best, and shall excel all others.

During the last few years the Lyceums in Scotland have made progress. A number of Lyceums have been opened and the membership increased, but we have not yet got the best bloom as we have still plenty of work to do in strengthening existing Lyceums and helping to open new ones as a number of Societies have no Lyceum. We want to take our share in propaganda work and as the Scottish Lyceum District Council have at their disposal a sum of money especially for that purpose, we have both the opportunity and the means to cultivate our plant. Can we produce the best bloom.

We can if we will take to heart the lesson of the flowers and each of us, whether a member of the District Council, Conductor, Office Bearer, or Lyceum member, work together in blest accord, and Scotland shall not only justify herself as an Area, but shall be an incentive to others.

A. NEWTON, Glasgow.

BIRTHS, IN MEMORIAM, AND MARRIAGES.

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

BIRTHS.

TINKER.—August 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Percy Tinker, King Street, Hr. Broughton, Manchester, and Lourenço Marques, E. Africa, a daughter Bessie.—J.T.

WEST PELTON.—We are pleased to announce the birth of a son to our organist and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenwell, on September 16th, 1923.

COLNE.—Passed into Higher Life, Mr. J. H. Ashworth, age 52, on July 18th, 1923, interred at Colne.

"We miss your pleasant smiles and cheerful face."—J.R. Wigglesworth.

ARMLEY—RIGBY.—In loving memory of our little scholar, Louis Rigby, who was drowned on August 27th, 1923. "Bright Spirit Star."

LONDON, Plaistow.—In loving memory of my beloved husband, Frederick Henry Trumble, who passed over September 26th, 1918. "Until we meet again,"—A. E. Trumble.

WEST PELTON.—In loving memory of our sister and co-worker, Mrs. Dorothy Gransbury, who passed to the higher life on September 19th, 1922. "Ever Remembered."

MARRIAGE.

LEEDS, Easy Road.—On August 4th, a marriage was solemnized between Mr. Thomas Howard and Miss Emily Mabel Hurley. Both Lyceum Scholars. Mr. Baldwin officiated.

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 (1) 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.)

AN APPEAL FOR "OUR GUILD."

This month I wish to say a few words about "Our Guild." When I refer to "Our Guild," I mean it literally. It is no empty title; it is what it implies, "Our Guild." Do we realise that? Some people think it is Miss Kitson's Guild. Well, it is not. It does not belong to any one person. It is no more Miss Kitson's Guild than mine; and it is no more mine than yours. The Guild belongs to all who are members. It cannot be otherwise, if it is "Our Guild"; and it is. We love Miss Kitson as its Leader, of course.

Miss Kitson, some months ago, said that the "Education Scheme" and "Our Guild" were like twin souls. They are linked with each other so beautifully and they harmonise so well, that one cannot be a Guildite without educating oneself by means of the "Education Scheme." Sometimes I wonder how the experiment would operate if no one were allowed to join the Education Scheme unless he were a member of "Our Guild." Both organisations have been started with one object and that is "To make better boys and girls—better men and women." "Can truth be slain with a curse or a blow? The beautiful heavens, they answer, no!" The two schemes then have nothing to fear; they are destined to progress. Yet! we as Lyceumists should do our best to promote the advancement of the schemes. It is we who are to make them successful. We are the upholders of truth, therefore it is up to us as Guildites to push "Our Guild" to its greatest height.

I have heard whispers of one or two members who are not following "Our Rules" governing the scheme. I trust this article will catch their eye, if there be any such members; also that it will have such an effect upon them, that it will cause them to realise the importance of keeping their promises, and that as a result they will pull up all arrears.

Guildites! you have promised to study under the "Education Scheme." This does not mean for twelve months only. You must continue through all the examinations. To break a promise is to tell a lie. Lyceumists! I trust you will live up to your promises. I know some Lyceumists who are redeeming themselves. I hope others will, too.

Those who follow the "Aims" of "Our Guild" cannot fail to do credit to the Lyceum Movement and to humanity and that is why I appeal to all Lyceumists, first to take up the "Education Scheme" and afterwards to join "Our Guild." There is no difficulty in becoming a member of "Our Guild," if you are a real Lyceumist, and it is worth while. I know, because I am a member. It is because I realise its value that I wish all Lyceumists to become members, and partake of the work and its fruits. Let us all try to give one huge pull together and double the membership during the next twelve months. Miss Kitson is very busy, I know, but let us try to make her even more busy.

GEO. A. MACK, President.

Lyceum Ideals.

(Suggestions for Thought and Action).

By J. TINKER.

No. IX.—GROUPS.

Since my last article I have read "The Teacher and the Child," by Thiselton Mark, lecturer on education and master of method at Manchester University, dated 1910. This work embodies my conclusions so well that I shall give his views in quotations.

In correspondence with one of our own directors of education I was asked if the study of teaching method, including the psychology of the child, was not necessary to our success. To get the ideal teacher, that is so; and to attain ideal results educationally. But most of our workers cannot or will not study methods. They do not earnestly study children. *First, catch your teacher.* As Mr. Mark pithily puts it, "The formalities of method are no substitute for a *living touch* with the truth and with the child to whom we teach it." That is so important that it may be emphasised thus:—

Living touch with the truth:
Living touch with the child.

The "living touch" means the loving touch. As educationists have continuously proved, "learning" comes a bad second, and "methods" a bad third, to the *sympathetic friend* who draws out the child nature by helping it to find what it is curious about and needs to know.

No one acquainted with the theory and practice of education will attempt to educate children by the *full session* alone. Individual tuition by leaders is out of the question. Some system of grouping is inevitable. That system must combine the two leading purposes of true education—the growth of the individual and social co-operation. "We need never cry out for a larger class—the smallness of the class is our opportunity. The learner's questions are far more important than the teacher's and in a smaller class the child has a better chance." "The children can more easily be encouraged to ask their own questions, and the teacher can so far meet them on their own ground." That's it. Emphasise that point:—

Meet them on their own ground.

"Scarcely a week passes but one sees golden opportunities for good teaching thrown away because the teacher thinks the lesson is mainly *his* business. In all sincerity it is not. The lesson is mainly the child's business, and the teacher who makes it so will do the most effectual teaching. What do we often see in our schools? A boy holds up his hand or moves about on his seat, twisting himself into all kinds of distorted attitudes to attract attention. Some thought has grown hot within him and is burning for utterance. Do, for the very work's sake, give him an opportunity! There are few things which should awaken a keener sympathy and a more gladdening feeling of success than to see the bright shining of eager intelligence upon a child's face and a rising desire to give back thought for thought; nor is there anything more distressing than to see this eagerness die away and change to a look of disappointment because the teacher has not accepted the contribution to the lesson which the child was longing to give.

There is such a thing as inspired fidgetiness. Up goes the hand, there is a sudden jerk of the whole body—so dynamic is thought—and a movement of the lips prefatory to the contribution which the pupil wishes to make from his little store. The best of social impulses is in alliance with the boy's noblest ambition at the moment. He wants to make his knowledge useful. Do let us welcome a chance like that. The moment has come in our lesson when it is beginning to live and to send forth shoots like a plant. Then observe how the other children listen to him. This was something like their thought, but they could not quite have expressed it. For the moment that bright boy has become their teacher and our helper. For such a joy as this surely we shall be willing to drop some of our poor formulæ: "Now I want you all to look at me." "Listen to me," changed sometimes into "Can't you attend to me?" No, quite literally they can't attend sometimes; and mainly because we have not learnt to let them take their part in the lesson, and so, if we are only wise enough to learn, show us how to teach."

Herbs: When and where to find them and their Medicinal Value.

By WM. WOODALL (South Shields).

JULY (Continued.)

PURPLE.—*Figwort.* The root is large, white and branched. The stalks are square, brown and about 4ft. high. The dark green leaves grow in pairs and are very much like large nettle leaves. The flowers grow in husks, sometimes gaping open, followed by round and pointed seed heads. It may be found in woods and moist meadows. This is a very fine herb taken inwardly for dissolving clotted and congealed blood caused by accidents and the herb itself applied outwardly as a poultice. Very good for the King's evil and throat troubles; also for hemorrhoids.

RED.—*Centaury.* May be found in fields with poor soil. It grows about a foot high branching out towards the top, the flowers are in umbels and of a pale colour with 3 small petals opening during the day and closing at sunset. The leaves are small and roundish. This is a good bitter, it opens and purges the spleen, gall and liver. Good against the dropsy and expels worms. Good in pains of the joints, old ulcers and other wounds. It makes a good wash to take away freckles and scabs of the head. *Red Poppy* is well known in our cornfields and

other places. It is a narcotic, and should be used with care; opium is made from the White Poppy. The wild red poppy is very useful: make a syrup from the leaves seed and flowers, to be used in coughs and the first stages of consumption. It helps to procure sleep to the invalid and others; good in loss of voice and hoarseness. It eases pain and cools inflammations.

WHITE.—*Cleavers* or Goosegrass is well known, covering the hedges and bushes with their long trailing hairy stems that boys throw upon each other to hang behind. The leaves are about 2 in. long and narrow, growing in whorls of 6 or 8. The flowers grow in cymes. This is a good anti-fat medicine and safe for stout people to use, good in yellow jaundice. An ointment made with this herb is very good for all cuts and wounds healing them up quickly. The juice extracted from the green herb is very good dropped into the ears to ease the pain. *Eye bright* may be found in fields and grassy sides of lanes making it look gay with their pretty little flowers tipped with purple and yellow spots. The stem grows about 6 in. high and is branched all the way up. The leaves are dark green, round, pointed and serrated, set in pairs very thick together. This is very good for the eyes, when applied as a lotion, and taken inwardly it is very good against brain frag or a weakening of the brain, also helps the memory.

YELLOW.—*Agrimony*. This pretty tall plant grows by the wayside and cannot very well be mistaken, the leaves are pinnate and rather long, greyish underneath. The flower stem grows about 3 ft. high and the inflorescence is a *raceme*, this is often wrongly termed a *spike* but each floret is a small rose having a stem of its own. This herb is very cleansing to the liver and comforting to the bowels and very healing in its action and should often be taken by those with inward troubles. *Cinque foil* is a very common plant that grows by the wayside, creeping on the ground with long slender stalks, the leaves are in 5 parts and dented at the edge, the flower very much like a small buttercup. Splendid in all fevers and inflammations, good in sore throat and hoarseness, also in coughs and for the lungs. Good to ease pains.

District Visitors' Reports.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Once more it is my pleasing duty to present to you the Report of my visits to the Lyceums during the past quarter. It is during this quarter that we look for the results of our Educational work during the year, and to some of our Lyceums the Educational Work has been very encouraging. Alma Street and Ramsden Street Lyceums have again done well.

During the past quarter I have visited Peter St., Slaithwaite, Marsden and Ramsden Street Lyceums.

When I visited PETER STREET Lyceum they were having a Lyceum Day, and the Morning Session was largely a preparation for the afternoon session. This Lyceum is now the largest Lyceum in numbers, and there are so many new Lyceumists that there is here a splendid opportunity for Spiritual educational work. The calisthenics were well done.

On July 7th, I visited the SLAITHWAITE Lyceum in the morning. There were 35 present. The exercises were very well done. The singing at the Lyceum is generally good, hearty and enjoyable. The Golden Chain was discussed with interest. Your D.V. had an opportunity of pointing out how well was the sphere and how numerous were the topics on which they could found Lyceum lessons.

In the afternoon of the same day I visited the MARSDEN Lyceum. I regret to say that there are fewer members. There were 16 present. The members present were mostly young people, and they took an intelligent interest in the work of the session. Questions and Pearls were quite numerous.

At RAMSDEN ST. Lyceum, I counted 35 members. The exercises were very well done and the Golden Chain was debated in an informing manner. There is a Liberty Group at this Lyceum and an effort is being made to make it a force and power for Spiritualism.—Seth Ackroyd, D.V.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

I visited LEEDS PSYCHO, Wade Lane, on June 17th. 69 scholars present. They started prompt. There were no comments on S. Chain, but Musical Reading was well rendered. Questions were asked and very ably answered, also Golden Chain was taken. Several pearls were given. Solo, and Duet, good. Marching and calisthenics were well done. Harmony and General conduct, good.

I visited LEEDS (Easy Rd.) Lyceum on July 1st. There were

49 present. Punctual start. Silver Chain, no remarks, but very nicely read. Musical Reading, good; Golden Chain, good. Many pearls given by Lyceumists. Marching and calisthenics and wing movement extra good. Harmony and general conduct, very fair.

I visited WAKEFIELD Lyceum on July 29th. Started punctual with 50 scholars. Silver Chain, Musical Reading and Golden Chain, good. Many questions were asked and very nicely answered by conductor. Scholars gave several recitations. Marching and calisthenics, good; kept well in step and good carriage and went well into corners. Wing movement good; the singing very bright. I must comment on the able way in which the Musical Director officiated; it was a very enjoyable session.

On August 5th I paid a visit to SCARBOROUGH Lyceum. There were not many present. Mr. Laycock conducted the session. They went through the Chains and Musical Reading very nicely. They are labouring under great difficulty. During the summer months I learn that all the Sunday Schools in Scarborough close for the season, but they are doing their best to keep the Lyceum going. I would like to see more help given by the members of the Society.—J. Downs, D.V.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

May 6th (ROCHDALE, Summer St.), commenced with 19 present, 8 arriving late. S.C., M.R. and G.C. well explained by conductor. Pearls and recitations good. Solos and quartettes very good. Marching and calisthenics fair.

May 27th, BACUP. An excellent session throughout.

June 17th, MIDDLETON (Gilmour St.) 8 minutes late start, 30 present, 5 coming late. S.C., M.R. and G.C., fair. Pearls recitations and solos moderate. Marching and calisthenics same.

June 24th, ROCHDALE (Helliwell St.) 10 minutes late start with 10 present, 2 coming late. Much room for improvement. Pearls were fair.

July 8th, TODMORDEN (Roomfield Buildings.) No session through lack of attendance.

July 22nd, OLDHAM (Water St.) 10 minutes late start 14 present. The readings well rendered. Recitations and a reading fair. No solos or duets. Marching short but good. Calisthenics good. Afternoon session was good with 30 present.

July 29th, DEARNLEY. Arrived 20 minutes late owing to incorrect time in "Banner." 19 present. Marching and calisthenics very fair. Pearls and solos good. No recitations.

Aug. 5th, ROCHDALE (Summer St.), 5 minutes late start, 18 present, 7 coming later. The readings very fair and well explained. Pearls and solos, etc., fair; also marching and calisthenics. No recitations.

Aug. 19th, OLDHAM (Hooper St.), 5 minutes late start; 41 present, 7 later. The rendering of the S.C., M.R. and G.C. very good and the discussion of same excellent. Recitations (11) good but lack expression; solos and pearls fair, also marching and calisthenics. Not yet members of Union but promised to consider same. This Lyceum must be felt in the district, although new, through the influence of its elders.—A. Hudson, D.V.

ROCHDALE (Regent Hall). I visited this Lyceum on July 1st. Session commenced prompt. Readings, recitations and pearls were good. Singing fair, marching and calisthenics were good, but attendance of scholars was poor. On the whole the session was very good.—S. Carter, Ast. D.V.

District Council Reports.

UNITED DISTRICTS' COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF U.D.C. MEETING.

The above Council will hold the Annual Meeting on Saturday and Sunday, October 20th and 21st, 1923, in the Regent Hall Lyceum, Regent Street, Rochdale. Delegates to this meeting are requested to write Mr. J. Dixon, 183, Whitehall Street, Rochdale; re entertainment—and their individual requirements.

The following motions and nominations are to hand:—
From Tyneside:

(1) That this Conference of the U.D.C. hereby supports the following resolution forwarded to the B.S.L.U. Trustees on July 4th, by the T.L.D.C., viz: "That we beg to express dissatisfaction with the decision of the last A.G.M. of the B.S.L.U. and respectfully draw attention to clause 5 of the Trust Deed and ask that the matter be referred back to the M.C. for further consideration."

(2) That this Conference of the M.D.C. recommends to the

Education Committee that at an early date as is possible the examiners be chosen from those who have obtained at least 1st class in a higher grade. Examiners for Grade V to be recognised Lyceum workers."

N. E. AINLEY, Sec.

From Liverpool:

3. "That it is desirable to institute the office of Chairman in the B.S.L.U.: such officer to retain office until removed by resolution of B.S.L.U. Conference or acceptance of resignation, and shall preside at all business meetings of the M.C. and B.S.L.U. Conferences.

4. "That it is desirable that the Editorship of the 'Lyceum Banner,' be in other hands than that of the Gen. Sec."

GLADYS OWEN, Sec.

Nominations:

President: MR. A. T. CONNOR (London).

Secretary: MR. J. SHUTTLEWORTH (N.E. Lanes.)

J. S., Sec.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The Council Meeting was held at Windhill Lyceum, on Sunday, August 26th. A good number were present. Mr. Hargreaves, our president, presided.

Minutes of last meeting confirmed. Correspondence confirmed. A letter from the Education Scheme Secretary, Miss Kitson, was discussed and it was decided that we have a propaganda committee of three persons to help each Lyceum in the various grades. The Committee are Mr. W. Barnes, Mr. E. Aked, and Mr. Hill.

We shall only have one Judge for this year's Shield and Bell Competition.

It was decided that we should have an interchange of Conductors and the Secretary is forming a plan for next meeting; the interchange to start in October.

Our President has taken the services at Harker Street, on Sunday, Sept. 2nd. The propaganda committee took the services at Skipton on Sept. 16th.

Confirmation of Miss Tordoff and Mr. G. Allan, of Laisterdyke Lyceum, as Associate members of the Council.

It was decided that our President and Vice-President attend all Lyceum Anniversaries in future. Windhill Lyceum were holding their Anniversary. Open Session in the afternoon was largely attended, so many were present that we could not make room for the marching; we had a very good session. Mr. Hargreaves was the conductor. Our esteemed friend, Mr. G. P. Simpson, very ably explained various readings. Pearls were given and explained by the Lyceum Children.

Evening service: Mr. Aked in the chair. Addresses given by Mr. Hargreaves, Mr. Barnes and Mr. O'Neal. Vote of thanks given to our Windhill friends by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hill.

A real good day.

E. AKED, Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The above Council held its Quarterly Meeting at Ramsden St., Huddersfield on August 12th.

The following business was accepted: Minutes of last meeting. Correspondence. Financial statement. District Report. Statistical Returns. Delegates Report of U.D.C. and B.S.L.U. Conference given by Mr. Ellis.

Miss Norris gave the Reports at the Halifax District committee meetings, pointing out the District committee are holding a Demonstration on Easter Tuesday, 1924.

A Notice of Motion that the Lyceum District Council hold a Demonstration during the Summer of 1924 and a circular letter be sent to each Lyceum.

During the afternoon a Lyceum session was held and conducted by Mr. Burrows, of Halifax.

During the evening an Open Session was held, conducted by Mr. Ellis, President. The session proved to be educational to all with questions and answers.

J. MANNING, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Quarterly Meeting held on Saturday Sept. 1st at Railway Terrace, Birstall. President, Mr. Lilly, in the chair.

Hymn: God Speed the Right. Invocation, President. President's Address. Pleased to welcome Delegates, Associates and friends, and particularly noticed the interest taken by the Birstall Lyceumists but said numbers in a movement did not always indicate progress, but individual effort did. To-day we were fighting against Agnostics and Atheists. Let us then gain as much knowledge as we can and study the laws of nature.

Minutes, correspondence and reports, accepted. Agreed the action of President and Secretary be endorsed *re* Bradford Field

Day. Education Scheme: agreed to press it forward. D.V. visited Leeds Psycho, Easy Road, Wakefield, and reported great progress all round. Scarborough asked anyone visiting there to make an effort to help as they needed it in the summer months. Hull, No. 3, very unsatisfactory. Mr. Whittles raised the question *re* Assistant D.V. After discussion, agreed it remain till annual meeting. Mr. Wilson elected delegate to Leeds District Committee. *Re* Delegates to the B.D.C. and H.D.C., agreed the above districts be approached on this matter. Agreed the affiliation fee be raised from 3s. to 4s. per year from 1924.

Field Day 1924: agreed to hold in Leeds if arrangements can be made. Secretary instructed to write the three Lyceums in Leeds.

Silver Bell: agreed to accept result and our very best thanks be given the Adjudicator, Mr. H. Barnes, Bradford. Agreed the winners hold the Bell from Jan. to Nov. Associates, Mrs. Gooder, Mrs. Crabtree, Miss Ellis, Mr. Spencer, all of Birstall.

Open Council. Agreed that Horsforth, Leeds, become members if accepted by the Management Committee. Date and place of next meeting: Leeds Psycho, date to be arranged by Secretary. Vote of thanks to local friends. Mr. Downs gave our very best thanks to Birstall, especially for the excellent Tea. Mrs. Avison accepted on behalf of Birstall Lyceum.

Roll call: Officers 4, Lyceums, Armley, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, Easy Rd., Normanton, Birstall, Leeds (Psycho), Wakefield, Holborn Hall, Heckmondwike, Morley (Queen St.), Horsforth (Leeds), Associates 2.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SILVER BELL COMPETITION, 1923.

Name of Lyceum.	Punctuality	Reading.	Marching.	Calisthenics.	General behaviour.	Singing.	Pearls Solos etc.	Efficiency of Officers.	Total.
Wakefield	10	11	13	13	10½	10	12	11½	91
Leeds Psycho	9	11	12	13	10	12	12	11½	90½
Dewsbury	9	11	13½	12½	10	11½	11	11½	89½
Hull Holborn									
Hall	7	12	12	11	10½	11½	12	10	86
Easy Road	8	11	12½	12	9½	11	11	10½	85½
York Spen Lane	9	10	12	10	10½	11½	12	10	85
Batley Carr	9	11	12	12	11	11	8	10	84
Castleford	7	11	12	11½	11	9	12	10	83½
South Elmsall	9	10	11	12	10½	9	12	10	83½
Heckmondwike	8	9	12½	10	10½	10½	10	10	80½

H. BARNES, Adjudicator.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

The Quarterly meeting of the above was held on Sat., 15th Sept., in the Miners Hall, Millgate, Wigan. The meeting commenced at 3.20 p.m. presided over by Mr. Keeling.

The following Lyceums were represented: Wigan, Runcorn, Birkenhead and Daulby Hall. All reports were accepted, the D.V.'s report showing a marked improvement in Lyceum work.

Education Scheme, £2,000 Effort Fund, and District Manual Revision Committee were discussed; also resolutions to U.D.C.

Invitations needed for future meetings. Vote of thanks to local friends, brought the meeting to a close at 6.30 p.m.

GLADYS OWEN, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

In response to the kind invitation of Mr. E. Vickers (Past President, B.S.L.U.), and friends, members of the London Lyceums spent a happy afternoon and evening at Letchworth, on Saturday, Aug. 25th.

Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, Mr. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Barnard of the L.D.C., together with Lyceumists from Clapham, Fulham, Hounslow, Lewisham, Manor Park, Peckham and Walthamstow. A hearty welcome on arrival was given by Mr. Vickers after which Messrs. Cherry, Senr. & Junr., with Mr. Russell, escorted the party round the Garden City, concluding their tour at the Co-operative Hall where high tea was provided, at which further greetings were exchanged, and the appreciation of the visitors expressed by various members of the party.

Following tea, a happy ramble over Norton Common was enjoyed, returning to Mr. Vickers' homestead for a final wind up and supper.

The London visitors were in full agreement that our Letchworth friends had left no stone unturned to provide them with every happiness, and that this visit had cemented a true lasting

friendship, and a spirit of unity which would prove a lasting monument in the memory of all those present, and it is hoped that further outings of this kind will be arranged in the near future.

"UNCLE BERT."

On Sunday, 23rd Sept., deputations from Peckham and Clapham Lyceums joined the London Executive in visiting the Church of the Seven Principles, Eltham, to give a demonstration of Lyceum work. Mr. C. J. Williams (London President) conducted a typical Lyceum Session. Mrs. K. M. Barnard conducted the marching and calisthenics, and short addresses or greetings were given by several of the visitors. Mr. Connor explained the objects of the visit, and appealed for a Lyceum as a means of saving our young people from the difficulties that had assailed their elders when first becoming acquainted with the teachings of Spiritualism. Messrs. Frampton and Neal, for the Church, replied, and practically promised a Lyceum at an early date. Later it was arranged that a new Lyceum would be opened on Sunday, 7th October, Lewisham Lyceum being in attendance to give a start, and Mr. W. H. Engholm, who addressed the evening meeting, promising to be present.

It is hoped that as many London Lyceums as possible will send delegations of encouragement.

A. T. CONNOR, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council held their quarterly meeting on Sat., Sept. 15th, 1923 in the Lyceum at Gt. John St., Lancaster. Commenced 3-30 p.m. Invocation by President, C. T. Batley, who presided and was supported by Mrs. M. E. Pickles.

Miss M. E. Lawton, Messrs. Wagner, Rae, J. Shuttleworth. Messrs. E. O. Mason and E. W. Rae appointed Credential Officers.

Minutes read and accepted. Correspondence read from B.S.L.U. £2,000 Effort, Education Scheme, W. Burrows, *re* Halifax and Huddersfield D.C. Barnoldswick, Green St.

Resolved that we endorse the application of Barnoldswick Green St., for affiliation. *Re* £2,000 Effort. Resolved same be referred back to Lyceums and report to next D.C. Same with Education Scheme, and Sec. to circularise all Lyceums. Sec. to deal with remainder of correspondence. Correspondence accepted and adopted.

D.V. reports given and accepted. Credential Report: officers, 3, E.C. 4, Delegates 24, Associates 4, visitors 10, total 44. Pooling, 17s. per Lyceum. Conference report as printed; discussion deferred until Dec. Meeting. Same to be given priority over other business.

Demonstration report given and accepted subject to Balance Sheet being drawn up and Audited. Messrs. Pearson and Wagner to assist in same. Vote of thanks given to Sec. for his labours. Dissatisfaction expressed with Editor's action *re* demonstration report.

President's address expressed satisfaction with Demonstration, also with the individual efforts of Lancaster, Fleetwood and Burnley in the "No More War" Demonstration, and various charitable processions. *Re* adjudication and inaugurating an efficiency examination: emphasized the need of the completion of £2,000 Effort and B.S.L.U. Education Scheme. Address accepted. Condolences given to Sec.

Notice of Motion given for next meeting *re* appointment of Adjudicator.

Resolved that delegates discuss the question of the fusion and that of appointment of adjudicator.

Area report given by Mrs. Pickles and accepted. Spoke *re* the fusion question: The £2,000 Effort and B.S.L.U. Education Scheme.

Resolved we send delegates to U.D.C. That President and E. O. Mason be our representatives. That business for same be left to E.C. Remainder of Agenda deferred to our Dec. meeting.

The Lyceum Session on the Sunday morning was attended by the E.C. and delegates. The afternoon service was taken by Miss Lawton and the President. The evening service was taken by the Sec. Mr. R. Pearson rendered solos at the afternoon and evening services. J.S., Sec.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above council was held at Todmorden (Eagle St.) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Miss Elliott volunteered to act as Credential Officer. Minutes, and correspondence accepted. Conference report accepted. President's address accepted. Auditor's report accepted. The President in his address urged all Lyceum leaders to join the Education

Scheme and make themselves proficient to be Leaders and Teachers. That only by educating themselves could they make a reasonable application to others to join or be able to give satisfactory answers to many of the questions that are bound to come from enquiring minds. He was pleased also to notice that Lyceums in the district were beginning to put more interest in Council work.

It was decided that a letter of condolence be sent to Miss Eastwood, of Todmorden, her mother having passed to the higher life.

Miss Elliott (area representative) addressed the meeting, stating that she was pleased to endorse the President's remarks. Unity is Strength and as leaders we must band ourselves together to help each other and make ourselves fit to educate others by studying for examinations.

District Visitor's report accepted. Assistant D.V.'s report accepted. Resolved that Secretary write to Lyceums in poor circumstances and enquire in what way the Council can help them. On the application of the D.V. it was resolved that Secretary write Lyceums to state and advertise true time of starting sessions. Resolved that arrangements for visit of U.D.C. in October be left to sub-Committee. The resignation of Assistant D.V. was accepted with regret. Next meeting will be held at Dearnley on Saturday, Dec. 8th.

T. DIXON, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—Open Session September 2nd, conducted by F. Babbs. The following took part: Miss L. Long, Miss Dixon, Mrs. Abbott, Miss Hancock, Miss Winnie Long, Miss Farnell, Miss Whitley, E. Satterby, Sam Robinson, Miss Berry, and Miss Olive Joint. Wishing success and kind thoughts to all Lyceums in their efforts.—James Babbs, Sec.

CALGARY, Canada.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd, which was Labour Day and Memorial Day. Mrs. Rushton Assistant Conductor, took the session. The conductor, Mrs. Garrad gave the Invocation, asking for strength and right guidance for all workers and their Leaders, for progression, all who lost their lives in the Great War, and for International Peace. There were pearls by all in the room; readings by Mrs. R. Hill, Mrs. A. Broadley, Mrs. R. J. Thomson, Mr. Adam, and Mr. Hill. Recitations by Queenie Rushton entitled "Carry a Smile" which was said very nicely; Mrs. W. Thomson played violin solo. Miss A. Garrad sang "Gentle Words." Mrs. Garrad named the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Roberts: this makes the third son we have had the pleasure of naming. The Spirit name was given by Mr. Hill as 'Bazil' the name of his son who has been in spirit some 9 years. Bazil was described by one of our Lyceumists.

We bid farewell to two of our pioneer members, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hill. Mrs. Garrad presented Mrs. Hill with a gold brooch and Mr. Hill an "eversharp" pencil, speaking a few well chosen words on the good work done by the Hills, knowing they will not forget the Lyceum, but will be always interested in its welfare. Mrs. and Mr. Hill replied, asking each one to stick to the work they have had at heart for thirty-four years.

Mr. Adam advised them to start a branch of the Calgary First Progressive Lyceum in Los Angeles, California, where they intend making their home as there are at the present time 8 members of the Lyceum from Calgary there. Although few in numbers we had a wonderful session. Wishing success to all Lyceumists.—Ada M. Garrad, Sec.

DONCASTER, Spring Gardens.—Sept. 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter gave a Chara Drive to Rossington Bridge to the Lyceum Scholars, and provided tea in a field lent by Mr. A. Crowcroft, our Church Secretary. Mr. Rose provided sweets. The tea and games gave great enjoyment to all who took part. Rain threatened to spoil the latter part of the evening so we returned to the Church via Cantley and Armthorpe, and amused ourselves until 10 p.m. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Baxter and Mr. Rose terminated the proceedings.

Sept. 9th. Open Session conducted by Miss B. Moseley. Recitations given by N. Whitley, L. & E. Riley, L. Godber, M. & F. Overton, V. Winwood, G. Eastwood, and H. Stubblings. Solo by F. Cross and song by L. Woodcock and F. Moseley. Pianoforte solo by Miss K. Cross. Thanks are due to Mr. Towle for services at the piano. The session was closed by Grace Taylor. Good attendance.—W. Moseley, Sec.

LONDON, Walthamstow.—Sept. 16th was a Red Letter Day for our Lyceum, it being our Third Anniversary and Prize Distribution. In the afternoon we had twenty-one visitors. Our usual session programme was carried out, the visitors being very interested in the marching and calisthenics.

The evening service was given over to the Lyceumists and was ably conducted by Mrs. Polmeer. Solos were beautifully rendered by Miss Harding and Master Davis and the explanations of the Silver and Golden Chain Recitations and Musical Reading was really wonderful. A special feature of the evening was the "Volunteer Address" by Misses Winifred Barn and Winifred Harding. As a Lyceum we hope within a few years to turn out some really good speakers. We were indeed proud of our Lyceumists that day, this being their first opportunity to show what they really can do.—(Mrs.) M. Chignell, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Longsight.—On Sept. 16th, we held our Open Sessions which were enjoyed by all. A special welcome was given to Mr. G. A. Mack, President of the Union, and Miss Alice Hesp, Oral Grade Secretary, by the children. The children came up to expectations in their recitations, songs, etc., and the marching and calisthenics were gone through with credit.

Two pleasing and impressive ceremonies were conducted, Miss Hesp naming the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hewson, Cynthia, spirit name Pearl; and Mr. Mack naming the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. King, Olive Jean, and Joan, spirit names, Peace, and Strength. Nurse Birley was in charge of the music and Miss G. Entwistle, conductor, presided at both sessions which were a success.—A. Halliday, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Heaton & Byker.—On Sept. 2nd we held our Lyceum Sunday. At the Evening Service, Mrs. Wardle presided. Special hymns were sung, recitations by the Misses H. Blackhall, C. Dison, M. Groves, L. Wardle, L. Steele, A. Darling, M. Scope, F. Dodsworth, A. Horn, L. Lowrey, N. Moore; solo by Mrs. Lunn. Musical by Misses Shadforth, Bradley. Our conductor gave a hearty invitation to all present to visit our Lyceum and see how we taught the children. A most enjoyable time was spent.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

ROCHDALE, Regent Hall.—On Sept. 2nd we had a very pleasing and instructive ceremony in the naming of the infant son of our Lyceum Secretary and his wife. The naming was performed by Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, J.P., the S.N.U. President, who named the child John, spiritual name, "Greatheart."

The younger Lyceumists formed double file under the conductorship of Mr. Rayner, and each dropped flowers on the child as it lay in Mrs. Greenwood's arms, forming a pleasing ceremony to the elders who were present. Mrs. Greenwood's earnest words will undoubtedly be felt by the parents so that at some future time the child must realise his obligations to the old pioneer, Grandad Nurse, who is the great grandfather and one of our founders. Many friends were present including Mr. and Mrs. Lizzie Nurse of Blackpool (its grandparents) also Mrs. Sanderson great grandmother.

At night we held an Open Session at which Lyceumists from the district joined and enjoyed. The session was a good one, the readings well questioned; the marching, calisthenics, pearls, solos and recitations well above the usual standard.—A. Hudson,

SOUTH SHIELDS UNITED LYCEUM WORKERS: The postponed monthly meeting of the South Shields United Lyceum Workers was held on Saturday, Sept. 1st., in High Shields Church. Mr. Woodall (President) called for a few minutes silent prayer for our arisen Treasurer (Bro. T. Bains). Mrs. Rennie (Cambridge St.) was elected in succession to Bro. Bains. It was decided to hold a United Lyceum Session on Jan. 27th, 1924. Various officers were elected for this Session. It was decided to form a United Choir, Mr. Ainley to be Choirmaster. It was suggested that a troupe of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides be formed: Delegates to get the feeling of their Lyceums, and report at next meeting at Cambridge St., on Sept. 29th, 1923.—J. White, Sec.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.—On the 29th July, the Wellington Lyceum held a very interesting Open Session. It was the anniversary of the day on which Mr. Webb, late of Perth, Australia, also late of Blackburn Temple, took office as Lyceum conductor. As a token of esteem and appreciation of his services, he was presented with a pocket wallet. The presentation was made by Mrs. Donaldson, Vice-President of the Wellington Church. One of our members, who has attended the Lyceum for fourteen years, paid Mr. and Mrs. Webb a very high tribute, as he said no speakers in Wellington have taken so

active an interest in the Lyceum. The following rendered an enjoyable programme: Misses E. Ruidell, I. Ruidell and S. Kirk, and Master E. Ruidell. A violin and piano duet was rendered by Seth and Elva Harris.—D. Kirk, 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 Sept. 26th.

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

Additional words to be paid for at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. This Rule does not apply to Lyceums numbering fewer than 30 members.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Oct. 24th, to ensure insertion in the Nov. 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.—We held our Open Session on September 1st. Invocation by Mr. Fazakerley. Silver chain by Tom Fazakerley. Mrs. Cook led G.C.R. 107. Recitations and solos were rendered by the following:—Miss Swift, Miss Barnes, B. Lindsley, Miss Wright, Miss Parker and Miss Cook. A duet was well rendered by Mr. Swift and Mr. Fish. A pleasant session. Benediction by Miss Coleclough. Success to all Lyceums.—T. Fazakerley, Sec.

BACUP.—Open Session, September 2nd. Opening hymn 341; Invocation 432; S.C. 99; M.R. 220; G.C. 99; M.R. 221; closing hymn 309. Pearls: Mr. Greaves, Mr. Lord, Mrs. Ridehalgh, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Carter and E. Amyes. Songs: Miss McKenna, Eva Taylor, Hugh McKenna, Mr. Lord and Mrs. Lord.—B. Lord, Sec.

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—We held our Open Sessions on September 2nd. Mrs. Chapman, of Barnsley, spoke some kind words to the Lyceumists. The following recited:—Winnie Eccles, Edith Nock, Mary Howbrook, Freda Brown, Jack Howbrook and David Cowan Brown.—S. Nock, Sec.

BEDWORTH.—Open Session, September 2nd. Recitations by P. Alsopp, M. Wood, F. Ison, A. Bradbury, G. Chapman and E. Adams. Lyceum hymns sung by two Groups.—Miss C. Rowe, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—We held a good Open Session on September 2nd, conducted by Mr. I. Taylor. Recitations were given by Esther Dunn, Edna George, Freda Whiteley, Doris Dunn, Charlie Ellis, Duncan McCready. Solo, Mr. Woodley. Accompanist, Miss Downham. Duet, Evie Williams and Evelyn Leighton. Trio, Pearl Cooper, Isabel Armour and Esther Dunn. Violin solo, Mr. Tom Pennington. Accompanist, Mr. P. Northcote.—Mrs. Thompson, Sec.

BIRSTALL.—On September 1st we had the pleasure of the Leeds Lyceum District Council for Conference at our Church and an enjoyable day was spent together. On 2nd September we had the District Visitor in our midst and the Lyceum were rather nervous, as it was the first time we have had the D.V., but all turned out well in the end. We had our photos taken after the session. Thanking all who helped to make the two days a success.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On September 26th we held our Open Session. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. The marching and calisthenics were rendered remarkably well. A very interesting ceremony took place in the naming of another future Lyceumist in the person of Adam Alexandra. The naming was allotted to one of our members, Mrs. D. Robinson. The service was very impressive. During the open part of the session, solos and recitations were rendered with the usual amount of efficiency, which is rather high, by some of our own Lyceumists. Best wishes to all other Lyceums and Lyceumists.—James T. Smith, Sec.

BLACKPOOL, Albert Road.—Lyceum Day, September 16th. Open Session; 68 present. *Manual* invocation by Mr. Leadbetter. Readings were discussed with very good results. Marching and calisthenics were excellent, and 40 took part in same. Pearls were given by our Lyceumists and friends. Solos were rendered by Misses Thora Copestake and Ada Weekes. Mrs. Shuttleworth, from Darwen, was present, and

she spoke a few words. Greetings were exchanged between Darwen, Belfast and various other Lyceums.—F. Carter, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford St.—We offer greetings to all Lyceumists both at home and abroad and desire to impart to them the knowledge that we feel to be progressing under the careful guidance of our conductor, Mr. H. T. Batten, both in general knowledge and Lyceum teachings.

Our session is now conducted on the original group system which has given us a blending of the sexes, producing greater harmony and attention.

We are also proud to state that we are gaining new members, thus we are spreading the teachings of our beloved Lyceum.—T. Connor, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry St.—On Sept. 9th, we held an Open Session in the afternoon. There was quite a good attendance. Both Horwien and Deane Road were well represented, two from Bradford St. The session progressed with the usual swing and pleasantly and every one seemed to enjoy the session immensely, especially the monologue by one of our Lyceumists, Miss L. Haddock, which could not have been recited better by an expert. Mrs. Nurse, of Blackpool, was our speaker, and she gave us some good food for thought. Fraternal greetings and good wishes to all Lyceums and Lyceumists at home and abroad.—W. C. Bearman, Sec.

BRADFORD, Harker St.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd. Many scholars took part. James Parkinson, of Nelson, gave a beautiful recitation. Session enjoyed by all.—Mrs. Birkett, Sec.

BRIGHTON.—On Sept. 2nd, the Brighton Lyceum held a social afternoon. After the singing of a hymn the Prayer was given, and the register was called.

A beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Spencer, and the talent among the younger ones showed itself to a marked degree, when Misses A. Cox, N. Spencer, and N. Davey gave their items. We were favoured by a recitation from Mr. Cager, and a violin solo from Mr. Everett.

Our Conductor gave welcome to Miss J. Janes, a Birmingham Lyceumist, who sang two songs. An enjoyable afternoon was spent.—Charles W. R. Busby, Sec.

BURNLEY, North Street.—We held our Lyceum Day on Sept. 23rd. There was a large attendance of Lyceumists, parents and friends. The programme for the afternoon was very enjoyable and uplifting. Songs: Molly Lofthouse, Ethel Birtwistle, Annas Winchester, Victoria Mason, Ida Pomlinson, Elizabeth Gill, Emily Poppleton, Betsy Laycock, Frank Watson and Peter Anforth. Recitations: Mary Stephenson, Hilda and Ada Coates, Flora Towler and Nellie Higgins.

In the evening, our conductor, Mr. A. S. Dickinson addressed a large congregation. The Choir rendered the anthem, "Seek ye the Lord," in a very pleasing manner. A day of remembrance. Greetings to all.—Mary Wagner, Sec.

BURNLEY, Richard St.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd. We had a good response of pearls, recitations and songs were rendered very well.—E. Runey, Sec.

CARDIFF, Queen St.—Open Session, Sept. 2nd. Recitations by Beatrice Davies, Mr. Silby, Tommy Yates and Mr. A. Silby. Solos by May John and Mrs. Litman.—Miss F. J. Davies, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sept. 1st we held our Open Session and the following gave recitations: Lillian Slater, who also said one for her sister Connie who was ill, Kenneth Bown, Olive Wither, Elsie Gore, Marion Wagstaff, Sidney Hobster, Edith Slater, Gladys Marchant, Song by Avis Bown. A very good session.—Irene Marriott, Sec.

COLNE, Cloth Hall.—On Aug. 26th, the session was conducted by Mr. D. Hindle, of Hammerton St. Lyceum, Burnley. The session was very harmonious and spiritual. Mr. Hindle said that it had been a pleasure to him to be the conductor. He hoped there would be another interchange before long.—J. R. Wrigglesworth, Sec.

DARWEN.—On Sept. 2nd we held our monthly Open Session. Questions were asked on the Silver and Golden Chain recitations. Suitable answers were given. The young Lyceumists rendered solos and recitations. Marching and calisthenics were gone through, a good number took part. Altogether we had a very pleasant session.—M. Allen, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd, when recitations and hymns were rendered by our young Lyceumists. A very enjoyable time was spent together. We send our greetings to all Lyceumists.—Miss B. Smith, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—On Sept. 2nd we held our Open Session. S.C. was led by Hubert Norris. M.R. led by Walter Taylor, Dorothy Hartley and Alice Haworth. G.C. by Ernest Allen. Recitations and solos were rendered by the following Lyceumists: Sydney Hudson, Maggie Nelson, Winnie Chambers, Dorothy Hartley and Maggie Fish. Best wishes to all Lyceums.—H. Baxter, Sec.

HORWICH, Chorley New Road.—On Saturday, Sept. 8th, we had a farewell social, before leaving Beatrice St. Church. Touching remarks were made by our President, Mr. Fernihough, and he said although we were all glad to have our new Church, where we could spread our glorious cause with better results, we should always have a tender thought, for the little room that had served its purpose for so long.

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 15th, Mr. Ridgway, of Southport, opened our new Church. Afterwards, we had a splendid meat-tea, and a concert was given in the evening by outside friends. There were many old friends and new.—Annie Purchas, Sec.

HUCKNALL.—On Sept. 1st, the Lyceum gave a Fruit Tea which was very nice and well appreciated.

Flower Services, Sept. 2nd. Speaker, Mrs. Rose of Nottingham; Chairman, Mr. Allen, President of the Church. The speaker performed the Dedication of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Belcher. The baby's name being Frank Collin Belcher; spirit name, Peace. Both services were very impressive and will be long remembered. Hymns were rendered by the children.—Miss A. Neal, Sec.

KEIGHLEY.—On Sunday, 23rd September, we had as visitors nearly 100 Lyceumists from Blackburn (St. Peter's Street) Lyceum, who travelled by char-a-bancs. In the morning their Conductor, Mrs. Bullen, was in charge; afternoon our Conductor, Mr. A. Midgley, in command, when a splendid combined Session was held. Our Blackburn friends gave exhibition of Rod Drill (4 series), which was of a very pleasing nature. Altogether the visit was a most enjoyable one, many friendships being renewed. Hoping to revisit this Lyceum at some future date.

LANCASTER.—We held a very enjoyable Open Session on Sept. 2nd. Recitations were given by Annie Smith, Rene Hobson, Ralph Parkinson (2), Nellie Lowther (2), Alma Coupland, George Parkinson and Mrs. Dennison. Nine tiny tots from the Kindergarten class entertained the Lyceum with a recitation and Eva J. Jackson closed the programme with a solo.

The N.E.L.D.C. held their Council Meeting at Lancaster on Sept. 15th and some of the delegates stayed overnight to take the Sunday services. Therefore we had another delightful session on Sunday morning. Mr. Wagner, Mr. Batley, Mr. Pearson, Miss Lawton and Mr. Shuttleworth all spoke, giving us much encouragement and hope for a great Lyceum in the near future. Greetings.—Marion Swale, Sec.

LEEDS, Easy Road.—July 29th. During afternoon session, the naming Ceremony took place of two infants, Ethel Crall and Abigail Lillian Warburton, ably conducted by Mr. Howard and Mrs. Warburton.

Aug. 4th: John Howard and Winifred Rona Duffew were named by Mrs. Hurley and Mr. Howard respectively.—E. Bates, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—On Sept. 2nd we had with us the Chief "White Elk" who gave a short address on Spiritualism as they found it and its great value to them. His son also gave a solo; there was a large attendance of friends to welcome our brother and wish him God speed in his work.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LEICESTER, Silver St.—On Sept. 2nd we held our Open Session, when we were favoured by a visit from Chief White Elk of the North American Indians. The following gave duets: Chief White Elk and his son, and Misses D. Parker and A. Dilks. Trio by Misses S. Richardson, E. Smith and M. Taylor; recitation by Miss L. Lucas; solos by Miss E. Smith and Miss E. E. Buckle. It was a grand session, the Chief, in his Robe and Feathers delighted both old and young.—J. H. Wicks, Sec.

LONDON, Hackney.—On Sept. 1st the Children's Outing took place, by train to Southend-on-Sea. The weather was glorious and everyone had a most enjoyable day. We made an early start. The children had games on the beach and paddling and bathing were the order of the day.

We all had meat tea at Garow's Restaurant then photos were taken. We visited the Kursall. All arrived back at Hackney tired but happy.—M. Hester, Sec.

LONDON, Plaistow.—On Sept. 2nd we held our Harvest Festival. Mrs. and Mr. Rainbow were present and gave some very encouraging remarks. Very good attendance. Still progressing.—R. Manning, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Pendleton.—The musical afternoon on Sept. 2nd was a huge success. Numerous representatives from other Lyceums formed part of a delightful audience. Many solos, musical items, recitations, etc. Strangers were pleased with the marching and calisthenics. We are making excellent progress in the Lyceum, having enrolled 30 new members this month. We are commencing a Liberty Group shortly and may the workers win. Old and new friends cordially welcomed.—J. Shaw, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Progressive.—On Sept. 9th, we held our Anniversary Services which were very well attended. In the evening the Lyceumists again rendered the Cantata, "Under the Palms," which was much appreciated by the large congregation present. Our thanks are due once more to our Musical Conductor, Mr. Holden and our Organist, Mr. Swindells, for their untiring efforts to make the singing a success. Greetings to all Lyceums.—G. A. Dixon, Sec.

MOORTHORPE & SOUTH ELMSALL.—The scholars and friends of the above Lyceum went to Cleethorpes on the 22nd August, when we had a very enjoyable day. Fifty-nine children paid only one shilling towards their fare and tea which was provided in a cafe in Cleethorpes, kindly arranged by Mrs. Rickett, of Grimsby. We spent a very enjoyable day; we went in 3 charas, provided by Mr. Smethurst.

We had an Open Session on Sept. 2nd, conducted by Mrs. Ward, of Castleford, who also spoke at night on "Greater things than these shall ye do." Good congregations.—Mrs. Dawson, Sec.

NELSON.—On Saturday, August 25th, we held a Coffee Supper and Social, when an enjoyable evening was spent amidst 100 Lyceumists.

On September 2nd we held our Open Session when Hilda Leech, Alice Jackson, and Allan Haythornwaite, gave recitations and Rosina Pearson, Luther Horsefield and Mason Smoothy rendered musical selections. Songs were given by Annie Calvert, Kate Smoothy and Stella Atherton. Fraternal greetings to all.—Mrs. Parkinson, Sec.

NEWPORT, Charles St., Central.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd. Good attendance. Recitations by Nellie Jones, Maisie and Ada Reade, Ivy Lamphry, and Miss Walker. Pearls by Ivor Gamblin, Edgar and Walter Jones, Harry Brock, Nina Oakley, Mary Madnor and Mr. Norton. Solos: Hilda Lloyd. Readings: Mr. Hodge, Leslie Reade, Clifford Phillips, Jack Reade and Jessie Moish. Pearls: Florrie Wainwright, Elsie Williams and Ethel Wainwright.—Kate Armstrong, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—Sept. 16th. S.C. by L. Ogden, M.R. by L. Ogden, A. Chappell and Miss Norbury; G.C.R. by Mr. Woods, questions from the Manual by H. Ogden, R. Chappell, W. Woods, F. Chappell, L. Palmer, A. Blimstone. Services were rendered by the following Lyceumists: Mr. Norbury, Buckley, H. Bayliss, F. Bayliss, Miss C. Howarth, E. Howarth, A. Howarth, M. Grange, V. Harrop, Miss Fielding and Mr. J. Fozzard. During the afternoon Mrs. Glover's baby was named by our worthy President, Mr. Standish.—E. Norbury, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott St.—On Sept. 9th, we held our Open Sessions.

Sept. 15th, the young men of our Lyceum held a Competition Social for the Electric Light Fund.

Sept. 23rd we held our Harvest Festival which yielded a good show of fruit and flowers, followed by a Fruit Banquet on the Monday.—Victor Slater, Sec.

PARKGATE.—Our Lyceumists took part in the Re-opening Service on Sept. 9th. Mrs. Weller, of Barnsley, performed the Opening Ceremony. £200 has been spent on improvements. We continue to make steady progress, good attendance being maintained. We have now a Concert Party ready to be of service during the winter months.—F. Cook, Sec.

PRESTON, Lancaster Rd.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd. We had a good attendance and a nice session. A good discussion on all our readings. The marching and calisthenics were gone through in good style. A good number of Lyceumists contributed solos, recitations and readings, making the session a very enjoyable one and a morning well spent.—R. Smalley, Sec.

READING.—We held our Annual Outing on Aug. 29th, and in spite of drenching rain, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

On Sept. 16th we held our Harvest Festival and on Sept. 22nd we held our Lyceum Sports which were a great success. Our Lyceum is improving. We have got the "Kruschen Feeling."—C. R. Churn, Sec.

SALFORD, Central.—Still doing very nicely. New members being enrolled. Our new library (opened Sept. 9th) promises to be fully appreciated. Fraternal greetings to Lyceumists everywhere.—Arthur W. Stansfield, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—We had a Pic-nic to Northenden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. We held sports in which great interest was taken. The weather was fine and bright and we had a very enjoyable time together.

On Sept. 16th, we held our 22nd Anniversary Services, Mr. A. Kitson being our speaker. The two services proved very interesting and instructive and very successful. The children taking part in the services in a very excellent manner. Thus one more year has passed and we can look back with every satisfaction that we are progressing in every direction, and with confidence of success in the future.—Albert Hope, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Eldon St.—We held our Annual Trip to Ryton on Aug. 6th, which was very successful. Although there was a lot of work, I think everybody enjoyed themselves. We had fine weather and a smooth journey. I would also like to thank Mr. Fairburn, our conductor, for helping financially by selling sweets.—J. Parker, Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick St.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd. Invocation by Mrs. Williams, conductor. Roll call showed fair attendance. Readings taken by boys and girls. G.C. 105 taken by Mr. Hill who explained at length the questions from children. Pearls: good by children but a scarcity from adults. Rest of session taken up in practice for Anniversary Services. An enjoyable session all round.—G. Tuck, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—The Harvest Services in connection with this Church were held on Sept. 9th. The Hall was tastefully decorated with fruit and flowers. There was a good attendance in the afternoon when Open Session was held. Scholars came forward with an abundance of recitations, songs duets and these, intermingled with a few pearls, made up a good programme. Mr. Ball conducted the session and Mr. R. A. Owen, of Liverpool, the speaker for the day, gave the scholars a thoroughly entertaining and instructive quarter of an hour in a bright little address based on "The Magic Staff of Andrew Jackson Davis".—John Teal, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—Open Session, September 2nd. Sheffield District Committee day. Mr. Jones, of Attercliffe, conducted, and gave the Invocation, Mr. Cook, of Parkgate, conducted Silver Chain No. 78. Musical Reading, No. 232, Mr. Burkett, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Wilby, taking parts. Mr. Rawlinson conducted marching and calisthenics. Recitations by Mesdames D. Paskell, I. Cunningham, M. Staley, M. A. Speight, M. Peniluna, J. Kenning, R. Rawlinson, R. Jackson: boys, B. Rawlinson, J. Farrar, J. Darby, T. Paskell, Visitors: Mr. Cook, Mr. Mellor, Mr. Birkett, Mrs. Thornton. Mr. Jones gave the Benediction.—Harry Trigger, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—On September 1st, we held our Open Session. There was a good attendance. A very pleasing feature was the distribution of prizes to the children for services rendered at the Lyceum Anniversary. The prizes were presented by Mr. J. W. Gransbury, choirmaster. Best wishes to all Lyceumists.—Mrs. Meakin, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Canada.—September 2nd we held our Flower Services. Pearls, recitations and songs were given by the following:—Winnie, Edna and Harold Brown, Olive Forrest, Sylvia Parkinson, Ella Crawley, Frank Keeley, Mrs. Crawley, Mrs. H. Forrest, Garry Towns, Chas. Forrest, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown. Also a pianoforte selection by Frank Keeley. Mr. Hargreaves, Conductor of Princess Street Lyceum gave a few complimentary remarks on the Calisthenics and marching. We also had with us Mr. and Mrs. Leach, former Lyceumists.—H. F. Lawrence, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess Street.—We held our Open Session with 40 scholars and friends present. Several pearls were given. Mr. Brown, of the Polston Avenue Lyceum, took the conductorship and Mr. H. Forrest, of the same Lyceum, led the marching. We hope to profit from their visit, as they gave us a lesson we hope to learn.—Frank Cartman.

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.
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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, 19 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.

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D Bradford, Whetley Lane Council School, 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Simpson, 29, Young-street, Girlington.
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, 33, Stanacer-place, Otley-road.
D Bradford, 5, Laisterdyke, Bradford Moor Council Schools, Killinghall Rd. 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. Mr. 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

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G Coventry, Foleshill, Broad-street, 10-45 a.m. Mrs. E. Hutton, 278, Longford-road, Longford, nr. Coventry.
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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.
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D Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. H. Greenwood, 23, Wood End.
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. C. Senior, 51, Orange Terrace Alder St.
D Marsden, Oliver Lane, 10-30 & 2 p.m. Miss A. Brown, Steep Farm, Marsden nr. Hudd.
D Slaithwaite, Laith-lane, 10-15 a.m. Mr. F. Barrett, 367, Sporn Point, Linthwaite, near Huddersfield.
D Sowerby Bridge, Hollins-lane, 9-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. John Teal, Hoyle House.
D West V. le, Halifax, Green Lane, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. T. Flintoff, 6, Hoults Lane, Greetland, Halifax.

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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 St. Cross Bank, Batley.
C Heckmondwike, Tower street, 2 p.m. Miss M. Oldfield, 51, Milton Terrace.
C Hull, Dairycoates Dee-street, Hesse-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, Easv-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, Norrihorpe, Liversedge.
C Moorthorpe, Barnsley-road, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss I. Dawson, 57, Victor-street, Westfield-lane, South Elmsall, nr. Pontefract.
C Morley, Queen-street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mrs. Brearley, 9 Ilford Terrace.
C Normanton, Queen-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. Calcutt 71, Queen-street.
C Pontefract, Beast Fair, 1-0 p.m. Mr. S. Hardcastle, 6, Heywood Terrace, 3d, Lane Pontefract.
C Scarborough, Sherwood-street, 1-45 p.m. Mr. H. Middleton, 147, North Marine Road.
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.

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F Liverpool, Boiler-street, 3 p.m. Miss M. Preston, 12, Lavan-street, West Derby-road.
F Runcorn, 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.

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- Secretary, Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate London, E.7.
District Visitor, Mr. Myers Clegg, 62, 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. F. Turner, 12, Parthenia-rd., S.W.6
H Hampton Hill, Middlesex, High-street, 3 p.m. Mrs. A. Baker, 8, East Bank-rd, Hampton Hill, Middlesex.
H London, Hounslow, Adult School—"Secretary" 2, Villier's road, Osterley, Middlesex.
H London, North London, Grovedale-road, 3 p.m. Mr. 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 E. Ashworth, 235, Parkhurst-road, Manor Park, E.12.
H London, E., 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, Khartoun-road, Plaistow, E.13.
H London, Tottenham, 684, High-road, 3 p.m. Miss A. Long, 13, Rostrevor Avenue, Stamford Hill, N.15
H London, Walthamstow, 3 p.m. Mrs. Chignell, 107, Chelmsford-road, Walthamstow E.17.
H London, Woolwich and Plumstead, Invicta Hall, Crescent, 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, Mr. G. A. Dixon, 31, Royd St. G. on M. 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, Cheetam-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 Plating.
F Manchester, Hr. Openshaw, 141, Old Lane, Mr. S. Molineux, 70, Ambush St.
F Manchester, Longsight, Sh-pley-street: 2-30, Miss A. Halliday 90, Hyde-road, Ardwick.
F Manchester, Moston, Co-operative Stores, Amos-st., 10-30. Miss E. Eden, 18, Conran-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.
F Manchester, Moss Side, Stanley Grove, Moss Lane West. 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. Shaw, 13, Co-operative St. Langham Rd. Seadley, Manchester.
F Manchester, Salford (Central), High-street, off Cross Lane, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. W. Stansfield, 3, Buckley St., Lower Broughton, Manchester.
F Manchester, South Princess-road, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Hope, 1, Green-street, Greenheys, Manchester.
F Manchester, Streetford, Watton-street 2-30 Mrs. R. T. Jackson, 32, Lonsdale St, Gorse Hill, Streetford.
F Sale, Rockuck Lane, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. A. E. Ashley, 24, Now Street Audenshaw.
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, Fausal 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. F. Hill, 12, Howard-street.
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, Hempsaw-lane.
F Stockport, Central, 15b, Lord-street, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss E. Joules, 66, Wellington-street, South.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftsbury-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. Wolfenden, 4, Back Colne Road.
E Barnoldswick, Green-street 10-30, Mrs. Whittaker, 66, Manchester Road.
E Barrowford, Lee-street, 10-0 a.m. Miss A. Dugdale 6, Holt Square.
E Blackburn, St. Peter-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Smith, 65, Queen Victoria-street, Mill Hill.
E Blackpool, Albert-road, 9-15 a.m. Mr. F. Carter, 65, 1, une 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. Wigglesworth, 25, Ruand Street.
E Darwen, Churchbank-street, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Nightingale, 88, Queen-street.
E Earby, Greendend Avenue, 10 and 1-45. Miss B. Smith, 3, John Street, Earby.
E Fleetwood Kemp-st. 11 and 2-30. Mrs F. Benson, 126, Mount Street.
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. A. 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, Ribblesdale-lane.
 E **Rawtenstall**, Bk. Ormerod-street, 10-30, Mr. A. Stansfield, 19, Ivy Grove, Burnley-road.
 E **Rishton**, Eachill-rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss A. D. Hacking, 81 Spring street, Rishton, nr. Blackburn.
 E **Barrow-in-Furness**, Dalkhieth-street, 2 p.m. Miss M. E. Lawton 14, Park Avenue.
 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. Banton 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**, Oaker-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. Murdoch, 20, Lamcote Grove.
 G **Sutton-in-Ashfield**, Twitchell, Miss Carr, 53, Nesbitt-st.

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, Clarkston-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, 43, Royal-st., Gourcock, N.B., Scotland.
 A **Hamilton**, Lesser Town Hall, 1-30. Mr. H. L. Porteous, 14, Delburn-street, Motherwell.
 A **Kirkcaldy**, Pioneer Hall, 1-15 p.m. Mr. A. S. Kelly, 56, Forth Avenue North.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL:

- Secretary, Mr. C. H. Saxelby, 148, Chippingham-street, Attercliffe, Sheffield.
District Visitor, Mr. G. Armitage, 366, Brightside Lane Sheffield.
 C **Barnsley**, North Pavement. Mr. G. H. Totty, 8, Totty's Fold, Gilroyd, Earsley.
 C **Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 and 2-15. Mr. J. J. Hobster, 32, Holme-rd., Stonegravel.
 C **Doncaster**, Wood-st. 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, Bradiord-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 Fifth Park Sheffield.
 C **West Melton**, nr. Rotherham. Adult School, Town End, Wath, 2-30 p.m. 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. Mr. C. W. R. Busby, 11, Ryde Rd.
 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. Warn, 29, Alexandra-road, Ford, Devonport.
 H **Exeter**, Market Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. H. A. Grainger, Manoah, 23, Clifton Hill.
 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, Omdunman-road.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall-street, Rochdale.
District Visitor, Mr. A. Hudson, 14, Gowers St., Rochdale.
 F **Bacon**, Christ Church-street, Todmorden road, 10 a.m. Mr. B. Lord, 7, Grove-street, Todmorden-road.
 F **Dearnley**, Rochdale-rd., 10 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, 10-30 a.m. Miss S. Hardy, 6, Frederick St., Whiteless Road.
 F **Middleton**, Gilmour-street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. John Liddle, 108, Higher Townley-street, nr. Manchester.
 F **Oldham**, Elliott-st., 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. N. Platt, 24, Clarksfield-road.
 F **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 **Caerua**, Spiritual Church, 2-30 p.m. Mr. R. Williams, 76, Victoria-road, Caerua, 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, Triglau Park View, Waulwyd, Mon.
 G **Merthyr Tydvil**, Tram-road-Side North, 2-30, Miss E. Duncombe, 40, John-street, Georgetown.
 G **Nantymoel, Glam.** Mr. J. Davies 4, Greenfield Terrace, Ogmore Vale, Glam.
 G **Newport, Mon.**, Charles Street. Miss. K. Armstrong, 19, Queen's Hill Newport.
 G **Ystrad**, 2-30. Mr. W. D. Jones, 32, Digadev-gstreet, Treorchy, Rhondda, S. Wales.

THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell-st. Stockton-on-Tees
District Visitor, Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell-st. Stockton-on-Tees
 B **Darlington**, 13a, Blackwall Gate, 2 p.m. Mr. C. Wilson, 54, Tralagal Terrace, Hopetown, Darlington.
 B **Darlington**, High Northgate, 2-0 p.m. Mr. W. E. Wilson, 35, Westmoreland St., North Road Darlington.
 B **Darlington**, Witon Park. Mr. E. Meek, 10, High Albion Street, Witon 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. A. Atkinson 1, Haswell St.
 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, Curzan-street, Gateshead.
 B **Annfield Plain**. Mr. J. Graham, Broadway House, North-road.
 B **Blyth**, I.O.G.F. 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. Blyth, Co. Durham).
 B **Craghead**, Co-operative Hall, 2-30 p.m. Mr. I. Bulmer 9, Shafto Terrace, Craghead, S.O.
 B **Dunstan-on-Tyne**, Ellison-rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. I. Davidson, 54, Clavering-avenue, Dunstan-on-Tyne.
 B **Gateshead**, Rectory Hall, St. Cutbert's Place, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Mather, 47, Claremont North Avenue.
 B **Habburn-on-Tyne**, Scout Hut, New Town, 2-30, Miss J. Causby, 8, Maple-street, Jarrow-o-Tyne.
 B **Hetton and District**, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroline-street, Hetton-le-Hole.
 B **Hirst**, Spiritual Church, Mitbur Street, Ashington. Mr. J. Stafford, 51, Myrtle-street, Ashington.
 B **Jarrow**, Market-square, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Overto, 81, Biddle-street.
 B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Benwell Co-op Hall, 2-30, Mr. T. Cowe, 39, Strathmore-crescent, Benwell.
 B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Henton & 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, 267, Maria St., Benwell, Newcastle.
 B **New Delaval and Newsham**, Infants' School-room, 2-40. Miss F. Moore, Beatrice St.
 B **North Shields**, Rippon Hall, 43, 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. Fallor, 16, Robinson-terrace.
 B **West Pelton**, Iron Works, 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 **Grimbsy**, 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, Wedneshouse Green, Hollinworth, Cheshire.
 G **Hanley**, Percy-street, 2 p.m. M. W. Pyatt, 76, Moston, st., Birches Head, Hanley.
 F **Leigh**, The Avenue, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Hayes, 86 Selwyn St.
 G **Lincoln**, Progressive Hall Coltham-street, 10-15 a.m. Mr. A. Bailey, No. 4 Bungalow, Abbey Works.
 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, Robinson and Linton, Hall, 8th Ave. E., 2-30 p.m. 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.
East Hamilton Ont, Canada, Balmoral-avenue, 2-30, Mrs. J. Harrison 167, Campbell Avenue,
Johannesburg, 11 a.m. Jeppe-street, Mr. Vernon Hart, 27, High-avenue, Beuzidenhuit Valley, North Johannesburg
London, Ontario, John C. Read, 430, Ridout Street
Melbourne, Australia, Mr. C. Chaffield, 14, Lennox-st, N, Richmond, Melbourne
Methuen, Centre-st, Mass U.S.A., 10-30 a.m. Mr. Fred Sykes, 98, Penney-st. Methuen, Mass. U.S.A.
Winnipeg, Polson-avenue, 2-30 p.m. Miss H. F. Lawrence, 176, Cathedral-ave.