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Baby Plants, and how they are born,

(THE LYCEUM GUILD NATURE STUDY ARTICLE).

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IV.—MOSESSES.

The Mosses are closely related to the Liverworts, but are a distinct step towards higher plant life. Whilst the Liverworts grow in a creeping manner, the Mosses are erect plants, growing upwards towards the sunlight. They have no true veins, but there is a first suggestion of a system of veins, in the central tissue of conducting cells in the stalks, through which moisture can pass to the leaves. Mosses grow in crowded colonies and are widely spread over the earth's surface. The individual plants are small and weak, and it is only by crowding together that they can stand a fair chance in the keen struggle for existence that is always going on amongst plants. The plants can withstand cold, heat, drought and excessive moisture, and so have a wide choice of homes. They may be found on old walls and roofs, in undisturbed gutters, on the bark of trees, in the woodlands, amongst the grass of fields and hedges, and in bogs. In Ireland, bog mosses cover thousands of acres of land, and the decayed plants form a large part of peat.

Each Moss plant consists of a thin brown stem, from which the pointed oval leaves grow. The leaves are arranged spirally around this stem. In higher plants, the buds always form in the angle between each leaf and the stem from which it grows, but in Mosses the buds grow from the stem directly *underneath* each leaf. Growing from the base of the stem are fine brown hairs, which attach the plant to its home and also absorb some of the moisture from the ground. In the plants studied so far, the hairs have only anchored the plants, but in the Mosses they also help to provide food. The Mosses found on walls or roofs are barely an inch in height, but Bog Mosses are sometimes several inches high.

The latter, too, are sometimes cream, pink, brown or red in colour. Moss leaves are very thin, and can absorb moisture and gases quite easily. In wet weather the leaves spread out, but in dry days they close around the stem, carefully guarding what moisture they have stored. A "cushion" of Moss often feels dry on top, whilst underneath it may be quite damp. During the war, Bog Mosses were used in hospitals in place of cotton wool, because they were found to be so absorbent. A long spell of dry weather seems to wither the plants, but a few hours' rainfall quickly restores their colour and form. Even specimens that have been collected and dried will revive if soaked in water.

Fig. I. shows a cluster of the well-known Moss plants which grow on walls.

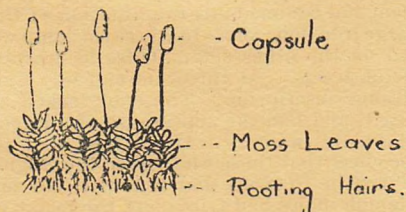


Fig I A cluster of Moss Plants

Some of the Moss plants can produce new plants vegetatively, in a manner like that found in certain Liverworts. Instead of Gemmæ cups, these Mosses bear *Brood Bodies* on the leaves. A brood body is a special kind of bud. When one of these bodies commences to germinate, it does not immediately develop into a new Moss plant. At first the brood body sends out several hair-like shoots. Some of these are brown and become rooting hairs! Others are green. Buds arise amongst the green hairs, and each bud develops into a new Moss shoot,

Thus one brood body really does produce a little "brood" of new plants.

The process of creating baby Moss plants sexually is very like that of the Liverworts. The homes of the father and mother germs are to be found in the tips of the shoots. In some species the father and mother germs grow on separate plants, whilst in others they grow on different branches of the same plant. In either case, a colony of Mosses contains a number of each sex.

The male shoots end in a little brown rosette of fine hairs. These rosettes are sometimes wrongly called "moss flowers." They are only the homes of the father germs and have little in common with true flowers. Hidden amongst the hairs in each rosette are the small stalked cases containing the spermatozoids. Fig. II. shows one of these male rosettes, drawn many times its real size, and cut in half downwards to show the parts.

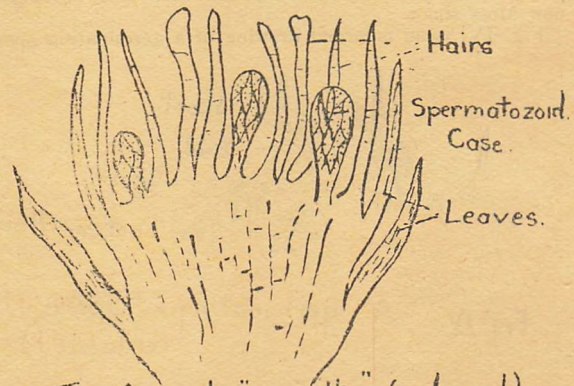


Fig. II. A male "rosette" (enlarged)

The father germs, or spermatozoids, are just like those found in Liverworts. The hairs surrounding the cases serve a double purpose, for, besides protecting them, they collect moisture until it is required by the spermatozoids.

The female shoots end in what appear to be tiny buds of closely packed green leaves. Hidden amongst the leaves, and protected by them, are the little flasks, each of which contains one egg cell. When an egg cell is ripe and ready for fertilisation, the neck of the flask becomes disorganised, so as to widen the passage down to the egg cell. Some of the cells in the flask neck give out a sweet, but sticky and attractive fluid, which acts as a bait to the swimming father germs. A drop of rain or dew provides sufficient moisture to carry the spermatozoid fathers to the mother egg cells. Fig. III. is an enlarged drawing of a female shoot, cut in half downwards.

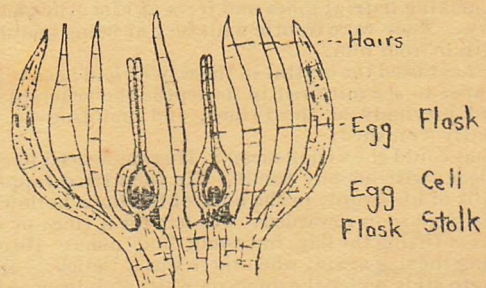


Fig III. A female "bud" (enlarged)

When an egg cell is reached by a male spermatozoid the two unite to form a capsule. Before fertilisation the egg cell is

attached to its flask by a short stalk. After fertilisation the stalk grows rapidly, and so carries the capsule up into the air, as is shown in Fig. I. At first, part of the flask remains attached to the capsule forming a pointed cap on it, but the cap soon falls off. During the winter, capsules may be seen on any bank of Moss. The newly-formed capsules are green in colour, but, as they ripen, they change to brown. Each capsule is a wonderfully contrived box containing spores, and it is the spores that give rise to the baby plants. The stalk that supports the capsule also carries up the food to the spores. The scattering of the spores is most carefully arranged. At the tip of the capsule is a lid, which falls off when the spores are ripe, but, even then, the spores are only allowed to escape in suitable weather. The opening in the capsule is guarded by a row of teeth. In wet weather the teeth close inwards, and so block up the opening, and keep the spores captive within the capsule. On dry days, the teeth turn outwards and only a breath of wind is needed to shake the spores out of the open capsule.

Each spore contains a supply of green food and oil, which nourishes the germinating plant until it is sufficiently grown to be self-supporting. The spore sends out two thread-like growths. One of these secures the young plant in its home, whilst the other creeps over the ground and sends out branches. Buds form amongst these branches, and each bud develops into a new Moss shoot.

Fig. IV. is an enlarged drawing of a germinating spore.

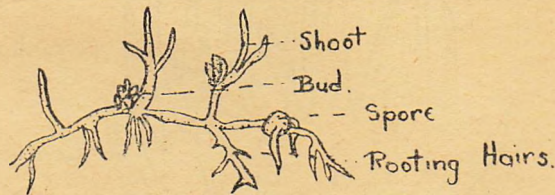


Fig. IV. A germinating Spore.
(enlarged)

It is amazing to consider the large number of Moss children that come into the world as a result of the fertilisation of one mother egg cell by one father spermatozoid. Fertilisation produces one capsule, but that one capsule contains a large number of spores, and each spore can give rise to a group of Moss plants. Remembering this, it is small wonder that the tribes of Mosses claim such a goodly share of the earth's surface.

(To be continued).

The Adventures of Prince Trueheart.

(OUR LYCEUM GUILD SERIAL STORY FOR CHILDREN).

An Allegory.

By ALFRED KITSON.

(Author of "The Garden of the Heart," etc., etc., etc.)

All this time he could see dark phantoms flitting about his cell, making hateful gibes and jeers at him; thus adding to his misery. They were frantic with fury at being unable to snatch the elixir from him.

He next used the crystal in the way he had been told, and was delighted to see mirrored in its depths the venerable Sage, who looked pityingly at the Prince, and pointing to the floor, instantly vanished.

What could the vision mean? He commenced to grope about the floor, without any result. He then tried tapping it with the hilt of his sword, in the hope of finding a hollow flag. His efforts were soon rewarded. He felt for a ring, or some other means of lifting the flag, but could find none. He commenced tapping the flag again, when there was a "click," and the flag began to slide under the dungeon wall, and disclosed a flight of narrow steps, at the bottom of which flickered a faint light. He cautiously descended, in the hope of finding a way out, but on putting his foot on the seventh step he heard a click overhead, and on looking up, saw that the flag had returned to its place. Evidently that step was connected by some mechanism with the flag, so that whoever descended those steps would be unable to return. He then descended to the bottom, and found the light

came from a small lamp set in a niche made for it, about four feet away. He was about to step forward and seize it, when he espied a black hole in front of him, which made him recoil in horror at the fate he would have met; for there, directly in front was a pit—how deep, he knew not. Had he stepped forward, he would have dropped into it. He groped for a bit of stone which he cast into the pit, and it went down until it reached the bottom with a faint thud. He judged it to be sixty or seventy feet deep, and he shuddered at the idea of any one falling into it. But what was he to do? He could not retrace his steps, even if he would. Before him lay the awful pit, and to fall into it meant certain death; and to stay where he was meant a lingering death by starvation. Bitterly did he repent of disobeying the Sage's advice. He felt sure that across that yawning pit lay his only way of escape, or he would not have directed him to search for the secret flight of steps. This conclusion decided him. He must try to jump across the pit mouth; if he failed, instant death would be preferable to death by starvation, and if he succeeded, he might be able to punish his enemies, and rescue the fair Princess.

He tightened his sword belt, and straightened his limbs to make sure there was no impediment to their free action: then, putting forth all his strength, he sprang into the air, and a second later his feet were on firm ground on the other side. He was safe once more, and yet a prisoner.

He took the lamp in his hand, and began to explore the place he was in. He found it to be a passage, having a double row of cells. Some of these were empty, others were occupied by men and women, whose attenuated forms, and look of despair, filled the Prince's heart with pity. He spoke to the women in a kindly voice, and they stared at him in surprise and bewilderment. He learned they had been imprisoned for disobeying the lord of the castle. They were the daughters of noble lords, and had been enticed into the castle by flattering promises, despoiled of their jewels, made to sign away their rights to property and money to old Mumbo Jumbo; then for some slight offence had been degraded to the rank of menials. When they rebelled at such treatment they were confined in those dark, loathsome dungeons, from which death alone could release them; their bodies would then be thrown into the pit, and no one would be the wiser.

As the Prince learned their tale of woe, and comprehended the black infamy of the arch-rascal, old Mumbo Jumbo, his heart was filled with indignation, and he vowed to put an end to his vile deeds, if he escaped.

He found the male prisoners greater dupes of the cunning rascal than were the females. Every one of them was of noble birth, and heir to vast estates. He had so worked upon their fears, and boasted of his wonderful powers of life and death, that they had become psychologised by him to sign away their birth rights, and were content to live in these miserable cells in order to obtain greater possessions at some distant day. And, strange to say, if they grew impatient at the delay, or murmured at their lot, they had to scourge themselves with whips which were provided for the purpose. The severer the scourgings and the pain they had to endure, the greater would be their reward. The Prince remonstrated with them about their folly, but they would not hear him. They had implicit faith in old Mumbo Jumbo.

He left them and resumed his examination of the dungeon. He found a large iron door, close to where the lamp was burning. It was locked on the other side. This, he learned, was the jailer's mode of access. At the other end was a similar door bearing a strange inscription. The door looked as if it had never been used, and had the appearance of a large iron plate built into the solid masonry. He learned that there was a legend, to the effect that those who solved the enigma engraved on it would regain freedom and renown. No one had yet succeeded, though many had tried, and the penalty was death to all who were caught in the act; so that it was looked upon with dread, and they begged him not to make the attempt. He took the lamp to examine the inscription more closely, and found it contained the following letters:—

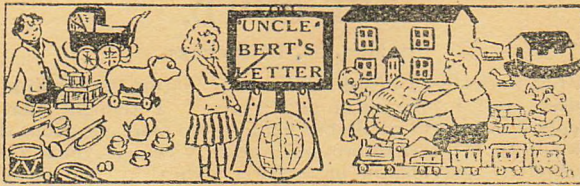
"Sv wso dofod ye ursv

Mfsg drt amd uitst fli beyeigy."

He pondered for a time over this strange enigma, and wondered what the solution could be.

(To be continued).

The Editor regrets lack of space prevents the insertion of the D.C. Competition Tables.



UNCLE BERT'S LETTER

My dear Boys and Girls,

Chuck, Chuck, Chuck, Chuck, Chuck, what a lot of chucking is going on all round us. In the farmyards, in gardens, and even in the sweet shop windows are to be seen little yellow chicks surrounded by beautiful eggs; some in eggcups, some boxes, and some in baskets. This being Easter Egg month, I must tell you all about my wonderful Easter Egg, it's a beauty; and as I know you are all trying to be very good, you shall share it. There's that Auntie Ruth all eyes. O! yes she likes Easter Eggs too, so I shall have to watch it closely. Just imagine you are all standing round me, with your mouths watering for a bit, while I unpack it. First, there is the outside wrapper, now do not get too excited, I've got a knot to untie. Why! what a beautiful box it is in, just look at it closely! Crocuses and Daffodils all over it. You want to see me take the lid off? alright, in a minute, there you are. The Egg, large enough for you all to have a share. Tiny tots first place, but listen; I forgot to tell you it is a beautiful rich brown, tied round with a lovely piece of green ribbon, and hard, do you not hear something rattling inside it, whatever can it be. Have a guess. "A smaller Egg"; "An Easter Card"; "A Little Chicken." Well, you might be right, but until I crack it we cannot say, so here goes: One, Two, Three, Crack! Why! it is a brilliant golden letter S, but what on earth does it mean. Do you know? It just means this, that the Egg I have been telling you all about, represents the earth, the wrapper, the winter months; the box, the Spring Flowers. The green ribbon, the freshness of the fields and trees. The wonderful golden S stands for the SPIRIT OF SPRING, SUNSHINE and SPORT. What a wonderful Easter Egg it is, and every one of the tiny tots can share it.

Yes, we can all share it, but I wonder if you little ones, and we older ones too, really appreciate such a gift, or are we just content to say, it is just a natural change of the seasons.

Think for a moment, what would happen, if just for once this change did not take place, and the dark days of winter continued, would you be sorry, I wonder? Then how can we appreciate these beautiful gifts? By simply saying "THANK YOU." And to whom should he say thank you? Just to GOD, that all wondrous life giving force.

- Thank you, for the world so sweet;
- Thank you, for the food we eat;
- Thank you, for the birds that sing;
- Thank you, God for everything.

That is a beautiful prayer, my own little girly says each night, much better than many of the long tiring prayers children are so often taught to say, much of which they cannot fully understand. This little prayer is easy to say, simple to understand, yet full of meaning, and it is just one way you can say "Thank you."

Service is another; by adopting my lesson of last month, with the flowers, one we term lip praise, the other heart praise, both are beautiful when they are true and sincere expressions. so I ask you all to put these lessons into practice and good will result.

To the older members let me continue with a few further thoughts on the golden "S," which I said above means Spirit of Spring, Sunshine and Sport, or in other words the resurrection of new life, I would have each one of you remember the true lesson which resurrection means, beautiful to us all is the resurrection of the spirit of the Great Master, Jesus, which has its associations with Eastertide. It is a great lesson, that there are no dead, and not only has Jesus returned to earth in spirit, but thousands of our own loved ones return daily in the same way.

I am going to ask you all to think, at this time especially, of one we so often refer to in our Lyceum sessions: Andrew Jackson Davis, our founder. He still loves the work which he was instrumental in starting, and which we each enjoy to-day.

Think! if every Lyceum in the world spent two minutes in silence at 3-30 p.m. on Easter Sunday, for the set purpose of sending out thoughts of love to him, who knows the results. I hope many of my readers will do so, because we owe much to him.

Spring to you, boys and girls, means resurrection of new life. Sunshine is nature's wonderful doctor, curing many complaints, including the "blues." Sport invites you to the open fields for recreation. I may be termed an idealist, concerning the future of our movement, but I want to see an extension on the sports side for boys and girls. I do not see any reason why every Lyceum should not reach the day when each has its own cricket, tennis or netball club, or cycling or Rambling sections. I would even go further and say I cannot see why in the near future we should not create our own Lyceum Leagues, in districts where there are sufficient Lyceums. The day may yet dawn when we shall have a picked team from the North playing the South, or England playing Wales, etc. Think of the joys we miss by not arranging more United Services, Picnics or Annual District Sports. What are we to do about it? Why! get busy and start sowing the seed for these things this spring and summer. Try and arrange your own individual clubs. Try and get your neighbouring Lyceum to do likewise, and arrange to play them; it will be a move in the right direction. It will show the true spirit of sport to the world, which I know is within each one of you. Start the ball rolling, you are sure to hit a boundary or win a set.

Not enough funds? Arrange a few special concerts to buy your things. Have a small subscription, which all can afford and a very long list of honorary (paying) members, only do not say I said so, but that's the way to do it. When you reach this stage, I will worry the Editor for another page, for our Lyceum Sport Section. I should be delighted to hear from any boys and girls already members of such Lyceum clubs.

COMPETITION.

Prizes this month for:—Essays on Lessons from Spring Liberty Section, "Eastertide."

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 papers "Liberty Section." Address to Uncle Bert, 2, Villiers Road, Osterley, Middlesex, not later than April 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:—

- FRED WHITEHEAD, age 13, Newton Heath.
- ROMA LAMPON, age 13, Brixton.
- MATTIE DIXON, age 13, Dewsbury.

Other creditable efforts received from Battersea, South Manchester, Handsworth, Hyde and Doncaster, also EXTRA SPECIAL to the Lyceumists who sent a box of real fruit.

Creditable Essays "Liberty Section" received from:

- MR. H. GREAVES, Bacup.
- MISS TODMAN, Clapham.
- MR. S. BRIGGS, Cheetham.

Correct answer to Puzzle No. 3:

Hadfield, Parkgate, Eastwood, Newcastle, Fleetwood, Castleford.

MISS CLARKE and Mst. F. PITT, Sth. Manchester.

MISSSES NIXON, Dewsbury.

PUZZLE No. 4.

Fill in missing letters from Manual.

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To the Boys and Girls and workers of Manchester and district: Auntie Ruth and I appreciate the welcome being extended to us, for our Special Children's Mission amongst you, May 3rd and 4th. We are looking forward to a real good time.

Our objects are:—

1. Service for God and the Angel World.
2. To extend Greetings between London and the North.
3. To create interest in Lyceum work.

Greetings from Peckham and Battersea

2, Villiers Road,
 Osterley, Middlesex.

UNCLE BERT.

Manual Revision Notes.

I am sorry that my appeal for opinions has met with only one response—and that from Uncle Bert, another Londoner. But I continue to hope that the other Districts will fall into line, and do their share in producing a valuable revision. The rapid growth of our Movement, and the many shades of opinion represented by Lyceumists, make it necessary that all these opinions should be met and catered for. And the same conditions that made the United Districts Council necessary are operating and will operate in the Revision. One District can have only one view-point, and a national combination of view-points is essential to the production of a MANUAL that will represent the whole Movement.

Uncle Bert's letter deals with the point I raised last month, and which will have to be settled before any constructive revision work can be done—about how far any Revision Committee can "adapt" the teaching of a writer, and yet use his name: or whether a poem or song that needs "adapting" should be used at all. And my correspondent has very strong ideas on the subject. He does not consider that we have any right to give our conception of another's views, when they evidently do not agree with our own. With this I agree—but in most cases our MANUAL adaptations are not alterations of views, but of words. By changing "In Paradise shall bloom" to "In Spirit Land shall bloom" we would be giving the very same teaching as the author, but substituting for the orthodox word a Spiritualist name that would not cause misunderstanding. Also, in altering "While stars are nightly shining, and heaven is overhead," to "The stars are nightly shinging, Though clouds may gloom o'erhead—" in S.C.R. 49 (which is one of the London suggestions), it might be claimed that the new wording makes the author's teaching much clearer than it is now. Again, the opening verse of S.C.R. 24 is very "awkward" and savours of orthodox Christian belief. Read it in your Manuals, and then compare it with the following suggested version:

"There is a state, to us unseen,
Where parted souls must be;
And thin the veil that lies between
That world of souls and me."

This, it is argued, is sound Spiritualism, and yet it conveys the author's meaning. Much exception has been taken to the third line of the second verse, which says—"Yet Angels *pitch their tents* around"; and it is suggested that the line should read—"Yet Angels *gently gather* round"—which preserves the author's teaching whilst putting it into Spiritualistic language.

No. 26 also presents many problems, such as "harps bright with gold" and "glittering arches," as was pointed out many months ago by Mr. Whorlow, of North London, in one of the first communications received by me as Revision Secretary. But all these can be solved by a change of words. There is not, so far as I know, a single selection in the MANUAL which needs drastic alteration. The question is—can we justify the slight alterations obviously necessary whilst still retaining the author's names?

Uncle Bert continues—"We are Spiritualists, and we should make it our one great aim to create our own gospel, and as far as we can manage I should prefer to see our text-book containing only teachings from those who have tested and proved the Cause for which we stand." Again I agree, but—well, BUT. Having a full and clear knowledge of Spiritualism, and having poetical ability, are two very different things. There is much more in writing poetry than making the 2nd and 4th, and 6th and 8th lines "rhyme." Until we reach the time when Spiritualism inspires and raises up poets, able as well as willing to clothe our teachings in living verse, we shall be restricted to adapting and using the teachings of other religionists. May that time soon come, is my earnest prayer.

I am not going to make any more personal appeals for opinions and suggestions. I shall let the Revision cause make its own appeal, and I feel certain that when Lyceums and Lyceumists feel that the time is ripe, opinions and suggestions will come pouring in—that is, of course, if I am re-elected on the Revision Committee by Conference, and allowed by the new Committee to retain my Secretaryship.

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

NO LYCEUM REPORTS NEXT MONTH.

THE CHILD.

By Mrs. M. E. PICKLES.

A few weeks ago I heard a nurse say "nature is very kind to babies, even in pre-natal conditions." I thought that if parents were always as kind as nature, and more conscious that it was in their power to provide a healthy vehicle, for the tiny "indweller" we should have fewer unhealthy and rickety children. The laws of hygiene could be followed by common sense. A great deal depends on the surroundings of the mother, and consequently on the unborn child.

An atmosphere of love is essential, for love, the strongest principle in the Universe, influences pre-natal conditions, to an extent almost recognised by medical science, and though the physical surroundings of the mother are highly important, they are not so basic in their influence as is the mental and emotional atmosphere in which she lives and moves.

A question was asked of me, "Whether I considered it wise to sit in circles in the case of a prospective mother?" Most decidedly in *many* circles, it would be *most* unwise; but in the home circle where harmony and love should prevail, good influences would be attracted, which would have a great bearing on the life of the unborn child. A few hints here might be helpful. The thought that we cease to regard things from a finite standpoint wherein is seen every kind of disorder, disharmony, and imperfection, and are able to see things from a Universal standpoint, in which there is no lack of any description either of health, happiness or supply. This would help the coming mother to look within, and find infinite and inexhaustible capacity—in other words a potential God-power. This capacity to overcome, build up, to persevere, to concentrate, to become efficient, to learn, to understand, to manage, to succeed, to grow in wisdom can be developed for the good of the little one.

Each sitting the mother would be able to accomplish more, thus rendering higher and more efficient service to the world at large by and through the indweller for whose coming both parents have been responsible. Let her grasp the great idea that man is a son of God, and has a son's privileges, and that she is the vehicle through and by which again the Divine Mind is about to demonstrate.

The task before her is to live purely and truthfully; to shut out all obsessions, in fact, to become attuned to all natural things.

There is a building power in the hour's peaceful sittings, operating physically, mentally, morally, psychically and spiritually that undoubtedly will be advantageous to the unborn babe. Shun the promiscuous and public circle for the time is in my opinion the soundest advice I can offer.

There are masses of parents in the world, who not only have no conception of the true significance of parenthood, but are ignorant of hygienic laws, and elementary physical processes, and who moreover are placed by poverty in conditions in which wholesome food, pure air, sanitation and surroundings with any approach to beauty are unattainable. It is here that the State steps in, or at least should step in. Child welfare centres all over the kingdom have been established for sometime now, and are doing a vast amount of good. Mothers are instructed and helped in the welfare of their children and soon another link will be made in the mutual meetings of nurses and midwives, along with the helpers of the child welfare schools.

A friend of mine, who is a member of a board of guardians, asked me to speak to the mothers one day in the school. There were about 30 mothers present, some having their babies weighed; some being advised and instructed regarding their little one's welfare. I expressed the thought that my ideal would be to arrange meetings for both prospective fathers and mothers, whereby they might receive instruction as soon as they recognised the conditions of coming parenthood. There certainly would be less work after and far, far healthier babies. I had a few quiet talks after with a few of the mothers, and found, as inevitably one ever finds, a total ignorance of conditions required, and as our nurse had said, "Nature after all is very kind to babies," or one dreads to think what disasters otherwise would occur.

(To be continued).

A REQUEST.

The Editor requires 30 copies of the LYCEUM BANNER for April, 1923, to complete the missing copies to complete the Bound Volumes for 1923. Will any Lyceum having spare copies on hand please forward to the Editor as early as possible?

Our Children under Ten.

AN ARTICLE FOR ALL CONDUCTORS, LEADERS, LYCEUM COMMITTEES, AND ADULT LYCEUMISTS.

ARE THERE ANY YOUNG CHILDREN IN YOUR LYCEUM?

In your Lyceum, are there any children under ten years of age? If so, what are they being taught, besides the lessons from the Manual? Being so young, do they have group-lessons to themselves, with a special leader to teach and explain; or are they condemned to stay with their elders *all* the Session, and listen to so much that is unintelligible to them?

If they have their own group, what lessons do they have Are they receiving elementary knowledge of Lyceumism and Spiritualism, that will form a sound foundation for later studies?

Do you know that what a child learns in those early years, is often remembered throughout later life? Even matters merely memorised then, in after years occur to the mind and are then thought over, and fuller meanings and value are given to them. Thus seed sown early, grows later and bears fruit.

Let us sow seeds of Lyceumism early, and give our children an advantageous start in their career as efficient Lyceumists. Teach them the fundamentals of our religion; the simple facts of its beginnings, and of the work of some of its pioneers; and a little about the meaning of words and phrases used so frequently in our sessions and services.

HOW CAN WE TEACH THEM?

The difficulty of obtaining suitable text-books for these children, and their leaders,—books giving just what we wish them to know and simple enough for them to understand—has been realised, and overcome. There now exists a PRIMER OF LYCEUMISM for use in groups for children *under ten*. This primer serves a double purpose: it provides suitable lessons for Lyceum Groups, and also prepares the way for these children taking up a fuller course of study when they are older.

Also, as an incentive to the children to master these lessons, a system has been devised by which—if they and their leaders *wish* (for there is no compulsion)—at the end of the year, the children can *recite* the lessons to an adult, and receive marks for proficiency. A list of these marks is then sent to the Education Committee; and each child, who has scored 40 or more marks out of 100, receives a pretty Certificate of Merit.

THE CHILDREN'S PRIMER OF LYCEUMISM.

The official name of this little book is *The Oral Grade Primer*; and this testing of the children's knowledge of its lessons, by one of *their own* adult Lyceumists, is called the *Oral Grade Examination*, and is held usually in February each year (at the time of the written examinations for candidates in Grades I. to V. of the Education Scheme).

The Primer is printed in large, clear type, and also contains photographs of four of our Lyceum pioneers.

HOW TO PREPARE THE CHILDREN.

The whole of the work can easily be done, and revised, in the Lyceum on Sundays; but eager little ones can also do it at home, "all by themselves."

The book contains, first, four S.C.R.'s, teaching pure Lyceumism. These the children can learn at home, and recite them in class, or even as Individual Efforts at Open Sessions, etc. An explanatory summary of each S.C.R. is also given, and this forms a beautiful lesson for the Group—as also does a concluding article on "What is a medium?"

The rest of the book contains Questions and Answers, and these can be used in several ways: (i) the *whole* Lyceum can occasionally take sections of this series, as *new* G.C.R.'s, and as a change from the more familiar ones in the *Lyceum Manual*; (ii) in the Children's Groups, these can be taken in the same way; (iii) special ones can be selected, and made the basis of a lesson; (iv) the children can repeat one or two, and memorise the answers together; (v) a few short answers, or one lone one, can be recited from memory the following Sunday. This variety helps to prevent monotony, and stimulates and maintains interest.

THE ORAL GRADE EXAMINATION.

Having learned the contents of the Primer, the children are eager to show what they can do, and are delighted with the idea of winning a certificate.

No fees are charged for their examinations and they *say* their answers (*not* write them).

Before the day, the Lyceum Officers appoint an adult Lyceumist (who has *not* taught the children) to act as Oral Grade Super-

visor. The Lyceum Secretary sends the Supervisor's name and address to the Education Secretary. Then, within fourteen days of the examination, full instructions and a list of the questions to be asked are sent to the Supervisor.

THE DUTIES OF THE ORAL GRADE SUPERVISOR.

The following is a reproduction of the instructions sent out for the last examination. (For the Questions asked the children, please refer to the LYCEUM BANNER for March, which contains all questions, from Oral Grade to Grade V.)

1. Before the day of the examination, get from the Lyceum Secretary or the Tutor of the children, a list of names of the children to be examined. Also get a copy of the Oral Grade Primer in which are the questions and answers for the examination.

2. On the examination day, if possible, examine the children in a different room from the one being used for the written examinations, or at a different time.

3. Send for the children one at a time, and question them separately and individually.

4. When a child has finished its examination, it should be told either to return to its Group or place in the Lyceum Session, or be allowed to go home. Arrangements MUST be made so that a child that has been examined can NOT communicate with those still to be questioned.

5. Enclosed is a list of Questions for you to ask each child, for the Oral Grade Examination.

6. On the List, given below the Questions, please fill in all the particulars asked for. Write each child's name, and opposite to the name put down the marks you allow for each answer, also the total of all the marks. When all the children have been examined, sign your own name (and state whether Mr. Mrs. or Miss), and write your address.

7. Give the completed form to the Supervisor of the Written Examinations to be returned to the Education Secretary, along with the other papers.

8. IN ALLOTTING MARKS for the answers, use your own discretion as to their value, but work on the following basis:—FULL marks to be given ONLY if the answer to the Question is repeated completely, correctly, without help, and without hesitation. Marks are to be taken off, according to how much is said inaccurately, in wrong order, after two or more attempts, or after being helped; and according to what is omitted altogether.

9. On the enclosed List of Questions, the Pages given are those in the ORAL GRADE PRIMER, and the number of the Question is the number which it has on that page; in order that you may know exactly which Question to ask each child.

10. You ask the Question just as it is worded in the book, and the child is expected to repeat the answer that follows it in the book.

AN APPEAL TO ALL PROGRESSIVE LYCEUMS.

Now is the time to start the children on this work. Obtain a supply of Oral Grade Primers (3s. 6d. per dozen) at an early date. Let each child under 10 have one that it can take home. Have a supply for use in groups; and also in a full session. (Even adults will find interesting and instructive items in the Primer).

Please begin NOW, and give the children a sound basis of Lyceum knowledge; an interest in their Lyceum teachings; an incentive to learn and to attend.

This year, 34 Lyceums entered children for the Oral Grade Examinations, with a total of 132 children.

Next year, let *your* Lyceum help to make a total of 234 Lyceums sending in 2,132 children under ten for the Oral Grade Examination.

FURTHER PARTICULARS and a supply of Primers can be obtained from the EDUCATION SECRETARY:—
(Miss) M. E. KITSON, 17, Bromley Road,
Hanging Heaton, Batley (Yorks).

UNCLE BERT'S VISIT TO MANCHESTER.

Uncle Bert and Auntie Ruth are visiting Manchester on May 3rd and 4th.

A social outing has been arranged for the Saturday afternoon. All Lyceumists are invited and notices of the arrangements will be given by the local people later.

Uncle Bert has promised to call at the BANNER Office. As the Editor knows Uncle Bert can do many more things than have appeared in the BANNER, we shall see if some more of his abilities cannot be used for the interest of young readers.

We hope Manchester Lyceumists will give Uncle Bert and his family a jolly good time.

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Child Mediumship.

The attention of the LYCEUM BANNER has been called to an attempt to spread strange rumours of the training of child-mediums in the Lyceum Movement. About two years ago a booklet was issued by a Catholic organisation. This has had little effect and a further appeal is now being made through a national society interested in child-welfare.

The source of the grievance has been caused by the growth of the Lyceum Movement against the lack of interest displayed in other religions. For the past five years we have had an average increase of 1,000 Lyceumists per annum.

In most towns it is considered a contamination to mix Christians with Spiritualists. The Catholics are the greatest opponents to-day. Before dealing with children we must realise there are fundamental religious differences. The Catholic religion is founded upon a creed, whilst Spiritualism is founded on principle. A creed confines the vision within its limits and narrow life. A principle broadens the outlook and is more educative.

We can never expect a person who retains a belief in the infallibility of the Pope to listen to the internal voice of a divinity within himself, when he has smothered in dormancy his own thoughts, to the authority of a priest whom he believes has in his power the forgiveness of an indulgence.

If a Catholic will view his Christianity sanely we can help him, but he will change many of his religious views.

It has been suggested we should defend our Movement against the charges that we are making mediums of our children and producing the loss of mental balance.

We do not need to defend our movement against something which does not exist, but perhaps we need to state a case to prove the utility of the Lyceum Movement and the Mediumship through which Spiritualism has grown. The growth of life in a world of time has evolved human beings and we, who are Spiritualists, have realised the immortality of the Soul through mediumship. The Catholic should thank us for proving what he believes to be true.

In the peculiar phases of our natures are many undeveloped and intaintional concepts of mental latitudes unexplored by the normal mind. We find the birth of genius is due to these factors, and their display in art, music, poetry, philosophy, religion and science opens an ever expanding vision of life's great purposes.

Some people think we have reached finality of religious revelation through the Bible, but the Spiritualist is proving otherwise and also explaining more fully the interpretation of the Bible on which Christianity exists.

What is all this muttering about child-mediums. The Spiritualist claims a child is the medium of intelligence but careful education is necessary to shape young thoughts, especially where untruth, inhuman conduct and misery exist.

The aim of the Lyceum Movement is to give a liberal and harmonious education by an unfoldment of the faculties of the child in their due order and degree. The growth must be natural and spiritual. The physical, mental, moral, intellectual and spiritual growth is the inherent right of every child.

The peculiarities of each individual nature must be considered to draw out the most useful parts of his being.

Through the inspirational and spiritual experiences of the founder of the movement we are made aware that the child is the repository of infinite possibilities. Enfolded in the human infant is the beautiful "image" of an imperishable and perfect being. In the baby constitution we recognise the holy plans of Divine Wisdom—the image and likeness of the Supreme Spirit—the possibilities of the greatest manhood, womanhood or angelhood. The human mind is the most richly endowed. Its sphere of influence and action is the broadest. It is empowered to hold domain over time, events, things, and circumstances. It draws its life unceasingly from the divine life of nature. It feeds on the phenomena of truth. It rises to the sphere of individuality and freedom. And it includes all the laws and conditions of growth, variety, genius, renewal, progress and completeness.

The teacher's true starting point is that the spirit of a child is free and undefiled. The God-code of everlasting truth is written in its attributes and intuitions. We justify our existence by the adoptions of natural methods in contradistinction to the orthodox teachings of original sin.

In some children we find phases of the mediumship which is common amongst Spiritualists. The clairvoyant faculty is often in evidence before children attend any public school. This is a natural faculty and is inborn within the child who displays it, thus the Lyceum is not responsible for the inception of this power, but must guide its display or withhold its expression, until the child understands what is happening. There are thousands of cases of unconscious clairvoyances in children which are displayed in homes where the parents are not Spiritualists. Gradually the expression diminishes but it is never annihilated. The cases which occur in Spiritualist homes are immediately understood and can be controlled at once in the interests of the future welfare of the child.

No good parent would encourage a lavish display of these peculiar powers of mediumship in a very young child, though one case may serve to show its utility.

A child of five years of age had suffered with abscesses in the head. He had developed ulcers on his eyes. His mother was very much upset and sat in darkness with the boy. After lying for three hours without movement he made his way to the mother and said: "Don't cry, mummy, I'll be better soon." From the way he talked his parents understood what he wanted and the advice brought back his sight and normal health. The abscesses have disappeared. In this boy's case medical attendants had irritated and made his condition worse.

Both his parents are Lyceumists, yet neither would ever think of encouraging this inductive condition. There are occasional outbursts and what transpires has always been beneficial to the child.

Most children are very sensitive and any possibility of spirit-control should be very carefully watched. Neither Catholic or Materialist can overcome a natural faculty. The writer holds the opinion that fits and sometimes St. Vitus' dance may find their origin in smothering the mind against the existence of these inner forces. It is a fact that since Spiritualism became more known and understood there has been less epilepsy and lunacy.

Wherever we meet a new phase of mentality it is our duty to harness and control it, especially when children display some new alluring phenomenon.

Rightly displayed, these faculties may lead to genius, as in the boy-preacher, pianist, chessplayer, etc., but we claim a boy should spend his boyhood amongst boys. That is his natural right and our movement has never been known to encourage using any extraordinary child for show purposes.

What is really happening is that we are progressing because we are open to receive new truth. The old people and religions have stable ideas. They feel everything must come through orthodox channels. We refuse to shut our minds to the light and the unfolding revelations of human progress. Pioneers must bear the brunt of the jeering opposition which eventually falls behind and joins the throng when a movement becomes popular.

We are particularly interested in the welfare of children and go beyond the age of 16 years where our institutions release their legal interest.

Some children are natural mediums. That is an irrefutable fact. We cannot deny it, though some may refuse to believe it. Our duty is to care for and nurture the child until he reaches an age of responsibility.

We know our education system has brought a deeper know-

ledge of nature and his personality. The hope of humanity rests on the shoulders of youth. There we have found all that is hopeful, beautiful and progressive. We see in him the medium of a better world and nobler relations among mankind. Thus we have no apology, but inward appreciation and self-esteem for the service we are trying to render to the children of humanity.

G. F. KNOTT.

If any non-Spiritualist desires further information concerning the method of educating Spiritualist Children, it will be sent gratis on receipt of application to the address at the head of the previous page.

Nominations for Officers at the Annual Conference, 1924.

President:—Mr. G. A. Mack, Mrs. M. E. Pickles.
 Vice-President: Mr. A. Kitson, Mr. Burrows, Mrs. Nurse, Mrs. Pickles.
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The Area Ballot Forms have been circulated and Lyceums are particularly requested not to vote before April 13th. The last day for sending the names of delegates attending the Conference is May 3rd.

The Conference Agenda will be inserted in the May *Banner*.

The "Lyceum Manual" Revision.

BY THE PRESIDENT.

Might I earnestly appeal to all Lyceumists, whether they hold official positions or not, to consider the revision of the "Lyceum Manual?" It is your Manual, and you should have a voice in any revision that may take place. It will take a long time to do the work. It cannot be rushed; neither can it be taken too seriously. Let us not leave it till the last minute and then have regrets. There are many and varied opinions expressed about the "Lyceum Manual" in the course of Lyceum sessions. Suppose we commence to put some of those ideas on paper, as they arise, lest we forget them. Let us send them to the Secretary of the Revision Committee. It will show an interest is being taken in the revision. Probably we can say that fifty per cent. of the Lyceumists are old enough to take an interest in such matters. Methinks if Mr. Connor received letters from those seven thousand Lyceumists, each writing on the matter of revision, he would think his position as Secretary was a unique one, to say the least.

I hope Lyceumists will realise that a Movement such as ours is not dependent on a chosen few. It is our Movement and you are included. I wish to emphasise the fact that you all are responsible to the Movement, and I appeal to you to take an active part in the work. Let us see if we cannot prove to Mr. Connor that the Provincial Districts are taking an active part in the revision of the Manual.

March 25th, 1924.

GEO. A. MACK.

Sympathy.

We often do more good by our sympathy than by our labours. There are many sad hearts all about us; hearts bowed by many an anguish. How can we reach such? Sympathy gives us some hint; in regard to the expressions which help to bear sheaves of comfort to tried ones. Kind words of sympathy and encouragement cost little, but oh, how they help to lift the dark cloud and let in the rays of sunlight which warm and brighten the darkened lives.

Exercise your spirit in a loving sympathy with sorrow in every form. Soothe it, minister to it, succour it, it is the divine force of God in the world. Yes, sympathy will work wonders in a shadowed home. Try it and see if your own heart does not come into closer union with your Spirit Guides for the work is God like.

Thus, through a darkling sorrow steal
 Hopes eversoothing, rays sublime,
 That, casting light through coming time,
 Make present clouds less weighty feel.

£2,000 Effort Report.

Dear Lyceumists,

This month I have a very gratifying report. I have received £12 15s. 2d. from Lyceums as follows: Leicester, Rupert St., 4s.; Barrow, Dalkeith St., £1; Hyde Lyceum, 10s. 6d.; Sheffield, Attercliffe, 12s.; Wisbech, 7s. 6d.; Sutton in Ashfield, 10s.; South Elmsall, 2s. 6d.; Nottingham, Mechanics Hall, 10s.; Nottingham, Gladstone Hall, 19s.; Nottingham D.C., £5; Bury 10s.; Tyneside D.C. £2 9s. 8d.

On behalf of the Union I tender our sincerest good wishes and thanks to these Lyceums. I am pleased that my appeals are now reaching home, but like Oliver Twist, I still want more. I hope more and more Lyceums will respond to and be enrolled on our register of helpers in this glorious Effort. All good wishes to Lyceumists everywhere.

Below is a list of all subscribers to-date. I should be pleased to receive any personal donation which may come along. If any Lyceum who have donated are missed from the list I shall be pleased to be informed of the fact, and also enrol any new ones. So far, 44 Lyceums have subscribed out of the present number of 268. What about the other 224 Lyceums. There are three District Councils donating.

29, Kliffen Place, Yours very sincerely,
 Coronation Road, W. BURROWS, Hon. Sec.
 Halifax. £2,000 Effort.

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Brighton	3	10	4
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Coventry, Bull St.	1	18	0
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Ashington	1	0	0
Glossop	0	18	0
Wisbech Lyceum	0	7	6

Man, Animal-kind and the Hereafter.

BY HENRY J. BAYLIS.

"I am the Spirit seated deep in every creature's heart;
From Me they come; By Me they live; at *My word* they shall
depart!"

How often the question is raised—Have animals souls? Many Spiritualists claim it to be proven for they are prepared to reply without hesitation in the affirmative.

Is it not reasonable to believe that animals possess guiding spirits? In some it is fully developed; in so far as their particular kind have evolved.

I remember hearing a speaker state that he would much prefer to meet his faithful dogs again in the "Great Beyond" than some men with whom he had come in contact. They had professed great friendship but utterly failed to fulfil obligations in the hour of need—a dog is faithful unto the end.

In ages not so long since passed, some religious authorities refused to countenance the *idea* that animals might even possess souls. It was contended that man was the "all-highest," the supreme creation, i.e., the only Being worthy of a spirit, and in consequence of this selfish decision our lesser brethren were looked down upon and considered as God-given chattels for man's specific use and convenience; which decision their kind have felt the ill effects thereof up to the present time.

But history has something to state about the acts and deeds of mankind—that right through the ages persecutions and exploitations were committed by him against his very kind and the animal world in general; and as we are all aware, unfortunately continue to occur from time to time in some form or other: whereas, the lowly, sentient creatures' records as then, and now, remain as the Creator intended. Man can learn much from the animal, especially in regard to truth, fidelity and comradeship.

A writer recently said "Some will not tolerate the idea of a future life for animals. Such people do not comprehend the greatness of the 'Love of God' because of the littleness of their theology."

A lady who resided in North London, when dying called her cat, which had been lost. Evidently she saw it, and said, "I did not think there were animals in the spirit world."

The late Canon Barker stated that "he would not be happy, even on the Celestial plane without his dog."

One day while passing down one of the streets in London a Isnal group of people had gathered, and I enquired what had happened? And was informed—"Oh! *only* a dog had been run over and was dying." Only a dog—his species is represented on Assyrian monuments, on Egyptian sculptures; the Esquimaux believe themselves descended from him, for whom also the Japanese have great respect. He will affectionately follow man to the earth's ends, to death's very door, he is a trusty creature and his friendship is beyond price. It has been said "That the dog is the only being that loves you more than he loves himself."

There is a monument in Edinburgh dedicated to the memory of a member of his race who for fourteen years bemoaned the loss of his master, slept on his grave, irrespective of all weather, until he himself died there. Yet these faithful sagacious creatures, are experimented upon (vivisected) in the hopes that science may further add to the list of discoveries? The sense of *their rights should* strongly appeal to every man, also the look of confidence in the animal's eyes. Is it not *morally* wrong to exploit the defenceless, that in itself should be all sufficient?

Then there are other exploitations 'of their kind' which man controls, and so they suffer. Let me briefly tabulate a few.

The antiquated custom of partaking of animal flesh for food, engendering upon them privation, misery, pain, horror, and death, entailing too, upon our own kind dehumanizing work—by proxy—for we dare not carry it out ourselves.

Cruel, and selfish so-called sport—hunting and hounding to death the hare, otter, deer and their kind.

Merciless trapping for furs—where hapless creatures lie in the iron grip of mechanical contrivances and are liable to remain so for many hours, writhing in pain, foodless, and without water, their misery often intensified by the great heat of summer or icy blasts of winter-time.

"Where they thrash and bite at shackles in vain,
And struggle with all their might
Till hopeless, the wild things sob again,
As down comes the terrible night."

The killing and maiming of birds in order to obtain their beautiful plumage, cause numbers to be left in the bracken to starve and flutter about in pain till compassionate death

releases them; moreover, their little ones in the nest call in vain for food.

"Poor little baby birds,
Chirp until you die:
Your father's in a woman's hat,
Your mother's in a pie."

Caged birds, active little creatures, wearing their lives away cooped up in tiny compartments, whereas they were intended to have the greatest freedom of all the Creator's kind—the unlimited air space of the great heavens. The travelling menagerie, which jolts along from town to town with animals confined in small, insanitary cubicles where little light or air can enter. The Zoos, where a concourse of animal and bird-kind are denied their God-given habitats, freedom and rightful climates. "The traffic in worn-out horses." Many of these faithful, hard-working creatures, after giving years of service, denied through life their pastures and liberty, are sent across the seas to be slaughtered in order that man might make, even unto the very last, a few more pounds profit from the sale of their worn-out bodies.

"Unhonoured they fall, unnoticed all their work."

In these acts we see manifested man's attitude towards God's dumb, defenceless kind. Man rules and dominates them, instead of embracing and practically applying the great principle "the comradeship and unity of life." He claims that God is Love and in that Love has given him an Eternal soul.

But what will the Creator say to man as steward of Him who takes advantage in any form of *His* lower sentient creatures docility, causing them anguish and pain—those who cannot speak, but merely plead for mercy or protection with imploring eyes and plaintive whine or cry?

Yes we can safely conclude that animals have souls. Then one day they will meet again, but this time at the great Bar of Eternity. Who shall say No?

Let us here and now help hasten forward the "Golden Era," where Love, Sympathy, Truth and Justice shall be a living reality. Make ourselves in thought, word and deed worthy of Him who gave us breath to live, work, and enjoy, in happy comradeship, the great oneness and sacredness of life—just for His given time—until the "call" in a beautiful world of sunlit land and sea.

"Life's solace lies in aspirations
Which will remain when we are gone
Immortal through time's transformations
Is he whose soul with truth grows one.
He has attained life's inmost centre,
The realm where death can never enter."

My heart expandeth with emotion
To be an agent of Truth's laws.
As rivers sink into the ocean,
So I'll be with Love's great cause.
Love leadeth to life's inmost centre,
The realm where death can never enter."

Readers who would like to become further acquainted with humane work and fare, may write or call upon the Secretary of "The Order of the Golden Age" (a philanthropic Society) 153-155, Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, S.W., London Vegetarian Society, 8, John Street, Adelphi, E.C., or The Vegetarian Society, 39, Wilmslow Road, Rusholme, Manchester They would be cordially welcomed and receive helpful literature relating to these important matters.

District Council Reports.

THE SPIRITUALIST'S UNITED LYCEUMS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held the half-yearly meeting on Saturday and Sunday, March 8th and 9th, under the auspices of the N.E. Cheshire D.C. at Hyde Spiritualist Church. Mr. A. T. Connor, presided.

Mrs. Pickles gave the Invocation. Mr. Connor explained absence of Council Secretary owing to illness. Mr. J. Slimin (Tyneside) was appointed secretary pro. tem. Minutes of last meeting were read by Mr. Slimin, and on the motion of Mr. Owen seconded by Mr. Batten, it was resolved "That in future, arrangements be made whereby all new delegates attending meetings of the U.D.C. may have typed copies of minutes. After some slight alterations had been made in typed copies, the minutes were accepted and adopted."

Correspondence from Mr. J. Venables and family, Bolton, D.C. and Mr. R. Owen, was accepted. Arising from Bolton D.C. letter, the President pointed out a similar letter from Bradford was before last meeting. All items on U.D.C. agenda should be considered first of all at U.D.C. meeting. Delegates to take same, together with findings of Council back to their D.C.'s for discussion. Will delegates make a special note of this method? Mr. Connor said they could not let Mr. Owen's letter pass without comment. He (Mr. Owen) had been connected with the U.D.C. since its inception, and had done much good work, especially with regard to the Internal Education scheme. Some permanent record should be made of his untiring efforts. Mr. Ellis (Huddersfield), Mr. Batten (Bolton), and Mr. Batley (N.E. Lanes.) added appreciative comments of Mr. Owen and his work. Resolved "That we place on record our appreciation of Mr. R. A. Owen's services to the U.D.C." In reply Mr. Owen expressed his gratification at being able to attend that meeting. He was afraid circumstances would curtail his activities for Spiritualism for a little while. He hoped he would still be able to attend U.D.C. meetings occasionally as a visitor.

Correspondence was adopted. Council passed a vote of sympathy to the secretary (Mr. J. Shuttleworth) with hopes of his speedy recovery.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

President remarked he had for some time been following a serious line of thought which he desired to bring before Council. He found it was impossible to do full justice to the subject merely from notes. He had written out his address and purposed to read same. The address, as read, outlined suggestions as to modes of procedure throughout the movement. That will be necessary in future as the number of Lyceums and consequent work of the various organising units increases. Resolved, "That the address be accepted with Council's best thanks and that copies be typed and circulated with minutes."

Mr. J. Slimin was appointed U.D.C. delegate to B.S.L.U. Conference, after Mr. Batten (Bolton) had withdrawn his nomination.

Notice to amend Bye-law: Some misunderstanding arose *re* latter portion of this owing to difference in wording in BANNER report and written copy. Resolved that Council do not support motion. As this had not been discussed by D.C.'s, vote was taken on the understanding that it expressed the personal opinion of delegates and was not binding on D.C.'s.

Re Notice of Motion (London D.C.) *Re* absorption of Lyceums by Churches. This was introduced by Mr. and Mrs. Barnard (London). In discussion, statements were made regarding relationships between Churches and Lyceums in various districts the majority shewing the relationship to be good. Mr. Owen spoke against any compulsory membership either of Churches or Lyceums.

Mr. Barnard, in replying to discussion, said it would be dangerous to accept fusion without full consideration of points at issue. Resolved that we support the motion.

N.E. Lanes. motion *re* fusion:—After hearing reports from Mrs. Pickles (B.S.L.U.) and Mr. G. F. Knott (Gen. Sec.) it was resolved "That subject to the M.C. being agreed we accept the N.E. Lanes motion."

Liverpool motion *Re* Chairman of B.S.L.U. This was referred back to Liverpool D.C. for further consideration.

EDITORSHIP OF "BANNER."

Resolved "That we thank the Liverpool D.C. for the opportunity of discussing this question, and inform them that, after due consideration the U.D.C. are not, at present, in favour of same."

Notice of motion for next U.D.C. meeting from N.E. Lanes. and Liverpool, "That at future U.D.C. meetings the expenses of delegates be pooled on the D.C.'s represented; not on the number of delegates present."

INTERNAL EDUCATION SCHEME.

(a) Mr. Owen appealed for further response to his request for matter of interest concerning "Child Mediums."

(b) Appreciative comments were made on Miss M. E. Lawton's BANNER articles, and special vote of thanks accorded for same.

Section 10 (a) "Hints to Officers." An interesting and instructive discussion upon the duties and responsibilities of Lyceum conductors took place on this section. Points emphasised: Amount of time taken up with physical exercises. Need of originality in session programme. Resolved that section be adopted and recommended to D.C.'s for consideration.

Votes of thanks accorded to N.E. Cheshire D.C. and Hyde friends for hospitality. Suitable responses were given by Mrs. Edwards (Stockport) and Mr. Balshaw (Hyde). Credential report shewed: Officers 1, Delegates 14, and 2 B.S.L.U., D. Councils 11, and B.S.L.U. Visitors 2. Total 19. Pooling, 11s. 1d. per head.

In the afternoon a splendidly attended massed session was held in Hyde Town Hall, conducted by Mrs. Connor. Those taking part included Mr. Batten (Invocation), Mr. Dransfield (Welcome and Marching), Miss Kitson (S.C.R.), Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Ellis, and Mr. Hart (M.R.), Mr. Connor (G.R.C.), Messrs. Batten, Barnard, Batley and Owen (greetings). The solo, "Nearer my God to Thee" was sweetly sung by Master Herbert Springate (Lord St., Stockport). The evening meeting was also held in the Town Hall. Chairman, Mr. Connor. Addresses were given by Mrs. Pickles, and Messrs. G. F. Knott, R. Owen, and J. Slimin. The solo "Sweet Spirit hear my Prayer" was delightfully rendered by Miss Read of Hyde.

J. SLIMIN, Per Pro. J. SHUTTLEWORTH.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The following is a list of the Officers elected for 1924:—President, Mr. Watson; Secretary, Miss G. Owen; Treasurer, Miss M. Waring; District Visitor, Mrs. Raymond; Auditors, Messrs. Edwards and Thompson. This list is a correction of the report in the March issue of the BANNER.—Miss G. Owen, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

The Annual Social of the London Lyceum District Council was held on Saturday, 1st March, at St. Bride's Institute, Ludgate Circus. The organising had been left in the capable hands of Mrs. K. M. Barnard, (Clapham) and everything went with a swing, and to the great satisfaction of the 180 Lyceumists who attended from 15 Lyceums. Mr. A. A. Young (Lewisham) proved a very competent M.C. and the dances and other items were agreeably intermingled. The music rendered by the Winchellis Dance Band was much appreciated and gave decided harmony and tone to the proceedings. A noticeable fact was that its members seemed to enter thoroughly into the joyous spirit of the evening. Songs were given by Mrs. Courtney, Miss Olive Gagg and Mr. N. Williams, and recitations by Messrs. W. W. Drinkwater and Cowlam.

Welcome visitors included Miss F. R. Scatcherd, and Messrs. Leslie Curnow (Light) and E. Vickers (Past-President, B.S.L.U.); the latter and Mr. C. J. Williams addressed the gathering.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and great praise is due to everyone who contributed to it, and especially the genial and popular organiser.—Mr. T. Connor, Sec.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of above Council was held at Higher Openshaw Lyceum, Old Lane, on Saturday, February 9th. Miss Elliott presided over a good number of delegates, every Lyceum in the Council being represented. Much business was gone through. Election of Officers for 1924 resulted as follows: President: Miss E. Elliott; Vice-President, Mr. Mansfield; Treasurer, Mr. Lloyd; Secretary, Mr. G. Dixon; D.V., Mr. Hart; Assis. D.Vs., Mrs. Gershon and Miss Entwistle; Auditors, Mr. Collinge and Mr. Betts; Delegates: Conference, Mr. Lloyd; U.D.C., Mr. Hart.—G. A. Dixon, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting was held on March 12th, at Mr. C. Shipley's, 132, Hartley Road, Nottingham. Mr. L. Shipley presided. Minutes of the last meeting and the various Reports were accepted.

Mr. L. Shipley addressed the Meeting. He briefly reviewed the life and work of the Council in its varied branches. All things considered he thought we had justified our existence. Many Lyceums had been helped, with the result that generally, they were more alive, and a keener interest had been created for the Lyceum movement.

The Education Group had proved of valuable help to Lyceum Officers and adult members as well as to the children, and those who had studied through the scheme were greatly benefited.

Demonstrations had been organised at different times, which had all added to our strength and general growth and improvement. He thanked all helpers and retiring officers and hoped we should continue to work together in harmony. The address was accepted with thanks.

The following officers were declared elected. President, Mr. L. Shipley; Vice-President, Mr. F. Jarvis; Secretary, Miss Victoria G. Rayner; Treasurer, Mr. O. Peel; District Visitors,

Mr. F. Jarvis and Mr. J. W. Wright; Temperance Visitor, Mr. T. W. Marsters; District Organiser for the Education Group, Miss Victoria G. Rayner; Auditors, Mr. A. Shipley, and Mr. J. Wright; Associate Members re-elected, Mr. T. W. Masters, Mrs. Bostock and Mrs. Rhodes Brown.

The Council accorded its best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Shipley for the use of the Room for all business meetings, and to Mrs. Rayner for the use of her room for the week-night Education Groups. Thanks were also given to the Executive Officers for their splendid work during the past year. Mr. O. Peel was appointed to represent us at the Annual Conference in June.

Lincoln Lyceum, Coulthard St., was accepted into membership.

Nominations for the Executive Committee of the B.S.L.U. were as follows: Pres., Mr. Mack; Vice-Pres., Mr. Kitson; Treas., Mr. W. Burrows; Auditor, Mr. Thistlethwaite.

It was a harmonious meeting. Twelve delegates were present.

The Council expressed sympathy with those who were unable to be present though sickness, and hoped for a speedy recovery.—Victoria G. Rayner, Sec.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

The Scottish Lyceum District Council met at 100, West Regent Street, Glasgow, on the 8th of March. There was a good representation of delegates. Mr. A. Newton, the president, opened the proceedings with prayer, and in his Presidential Address made fitting reference to the influence of our Sunday School movement in Scotland. He suggested many ways in which the work could be improved and expressed the hope that we would go on improving. The D.V. reported that propaganda and progress were going hand in hand, mentioning that we now had 14 affiliated Lyceums and 7 non-affiliated. Mr. J. Stewart, the Area Representative, severely criticised the financial position of the D.C., and it was agreed that a special effort should be made to clear off an existing deficit. Donations and affiliation fees to the D.C. are now urgently desired to help us to gain a credit balance.

Lyceum Secretaries please note.

Mr. A. Newton was re-elected president for the fourth year in succession. Mr. J. M. Scott, Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. Shaw, District Visitor; Miss Neilson, of Edinburgh, Auditor. Mr. Scott was nominated as Area Representative by the D.C. after Jas. Stewart had intimated his resignation. The pooled expenses amounted to 7s. 3d. per Lyceum. There were 11 Lyceums present at the Conference.

At the next meeting of the D.C. each Lyceum will be, I hope, in possession of a *credential paper* upon which space shall be reserved for name of society or Lyceum, Delegates' names and the amount of their travelling expenses. This will facilitate business. Please address all communications of a business or literary nature to Mr. J. M. Scott, 59, Lochie Road, Dundee. Don't delay, do it now.

The sub-committee appointed to discuss with the S.D.C. of S.N.U. re fusion and control will meet at an early date, so that the S.D.C. may have report for their annual conference at Dunfermline on April 19th.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

The Officers of the Council for the ensuing year are as above: President, Mr. Percy R. Street; District Visitor, Mr. E. G. Harry; Treasurer, Mrs. Baker; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. B. Long. The delegates to the Hull Conference in May are R. B. Long and Mr. J. Low.—R. B. Long, Sec.

THE SOUTH SHIELDS UNITED LYCEUM WORKERS.

The monthly meeting (adjourned from February 23rd) was held in Fowler St. Church on Saturday, March 1st. The members partook in a few minutes silent prayer for our arisen Bro., Mr. Musgrave (Vice-Pres.) A welcome was extended to the new delegates from Cambridge St. It was decided to have a United Memorial Service for Mr. Musgrave (all collection to be handed to the Widow and Family). The meeting to be in Beatty St. Church on Sunday, March 16th, the United Choir to take part.

We had a fine time in Beatty St. Church on Saturday (night) January 26th, also in Bede St. Miners' Hall on January 27th (afternoon and evening). Mr. Slimin ably filled the place of our Bro., Mr. Mack, who was unable to attend owing to the railway strike. The United Choir made their first public appearance, and were very successful. The Boy Scouts are now

registered and the Girl Guides are also going strong. The Committee are hoping to do more good work with propaganda meetings in future.—J. White, Sec.

The Spiritualists' Reader.

The Spiritualists' Reader. By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The *Two Worlds'* Publishing Co., Ltd., 18, Corporation Street, Manchester. Pp. 158. 3/6 nett.

For many years the movement has been waiting for the production of a Chairman's Reading Book. This want has now been supplied by Sir A. Conan Doyle. It is a compilation of extracts from writings which purport in every selection to have come from the intelligences who have crossed the border.

The readings cover many phases, are not unduly extenuated, and, though drawn from many sources, there is a coherence of religious philosophy links the varied inspirations.

The books will probably shape the addresses of the speakers who follow, and thus we shall find the root principles of Spiritualism will be more deeply absorbed by enquirers who are fortunate enough to have been drawn to our Church Services.

The print is bold and clear, an index and preface, with reading instructions, is included, with a photograph of the author.

We shall look for this book, bound in boards and blue cloth, with distinctive white lettering, on the platform of every Church as a useful addition to our Services.

THE LYCEUM BADGE.

We have, on numerous occasions, received a complaint about people, other than Spiritualists, wearing the Lyceum Badge. The only protection we can have is to request Lyceums and Churches not to supply the Badges to outsiders. When the Badges leave our hands we lose control of the supply and thus we cannot prevent the sale to outsiders, except by the loyalty of our members. When Spiritualism becomes a legalised religion we may then be able to take some steps to prevent the illegal use of the Badge.

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 9 per line.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics' Hall.—ROSE—HOLMES.—Married on February 23rd, at St. George's Church, John William, eldest son of the late George and Louisa Rose, of Newark, to Alice, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, of Nottingham. Trained in the Lyceum from childhood, Miss Holmes is much esteemed for her long services as organist, and latterly, the babies' Leader.

BURNLEY (North Street). Passed to the higher life on March 21st, 1924, Ethel Barrowclough, aged 18 years. A true Lyceumist transplanted.—M.W., Sec.

LONDON, PLAISTOW.—ASKINS.—In loving memory of our dear little son, Arthur, who passed into the higher life on April 21st, 1920.

“Yet not alone, for ever
And ever by our sides
In gentle offices of love
The little Angel glides.”

—Mum, Dad and Family.

DARNALL.—On March 10th, we paid our last respects to the mortal remains of Marjorie Foster, aged 23, who passed to the Summerland, after long suffering.

Meet us with extended hands,
As you used to here below,
Tell us, when we reach those lands,
“Friends come home; I love you so:”
“Sweet Peace, after Pain.”

Maggie Jones, Sec.

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

“Oh, how precious! dearly loved one
Ever near us still,
Ready, willing now to guide us,
And we know you will.”

District Visitors' Reports.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

On March 2nd I visited Portsmouth Temple Lyceum. There was a good attendance. I found the scholars attentive and quick with responses. Silver Chain taken by six boys; a good effort. Musical Reading taken by Mr. Wheeler, Jun., Mr. Low and Mrs. Rose, the readings being well explained. Golden Chain taken by Mr. Wheeler, Sen. This Golden Chain was very well conducted and I am sure many learned from it. The Principles were recited by Lyceum. In picking among the little ones I found them well versed with their meanings. Social items were given by Dorothy Low, Bobby Taylor and Douglas Russell (aged 5 years), Sonny Burchell, Mary Hayward, Joan and Tilby Grice, Douglas and George Darby, Amy Higgins. The conduct and harmony was very good and it was a very enjoyable session.

On March 16th I visited Francis Avenue Lyceum, although this Lyceum is one of the babies of the South, there were 30 present, and learning that many are on the sick list, it points out the rapid progress of this Lyceum. The marching and calisthenics were very smart and well performed. Golden Chain was read and beautifully explained by Mr. Guy. The above mentioned names reflect great credit on their instructors. This Lyceum possesses some very fine talents and I feel they are very proud of their Conductor, Mrs. Taylor, and Secretary, Mr. Guy. A very enjoyable and instructive Session.—E. G. Harry, District Visitor.

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.—We held our Open Sessions, March 2nd, morning and afternoon. Recitations, solos, songs and pearls were given by J. Robinson, Mrs. Sugden, Mr. Barnes, Miss Lilian Long, Mr. Hargraves, Lucy Farnell, Miss Winnie Long, Mrs. Hartley, Miss M. Ashforth, Miss Dixon, Mrs. Fox, J. Manerfield, Miss Battey, Mr. Brewerton, Mr. A. Babbs, Miss Whitley, Mrs. Babbs, Miss Hudson, Mr. Hollings, J. Pearson. The whole of the sessions conducted by Mrs. Abbott.—J. Babbs, Sec.

DONCASTER.—Open Session March 9th. Mr. Ockleford conducted. Invocation by Mrs. Beecroft. Prizes were provided by Mrs. Quinton and given to Creana, Muriel and Fred Overton, Arthur Baker and Norah Whitely for pearls. Trio by Mrs. Quinton, Lilian Woodcock and Laura Godber. Duet by Doris Eastwood and Berth Moseley. Norah Whitely received a prize from the Lyceum Banner. Mr. Twole presided at the piano. Fanny Moseley closed the session.—W. Moseley, Sec.

OPENING OF A NEW LYCEUM AT FOREST HILL.

On March 23rd, a Lyceum was inaugurated in connection with the Forest Hill Church. The meeting was well supported by representatives from the various Lyceums.

The District Council delegates were Mr. and Mrs. Clegg and Mr. Williams, the President, who also brought greetings from Peckham. Mr. Barrington, from Tottenham, who kindly conducted the marching and calisthenics, being supported by Miss Horton, Mrs. Hassel and Miss Ridding. Mr. Young brought greetings from Lewisham and Eltham. Mr. Clegg from Manor Park and Bowes Park and Mrs. Bernard greetings from Clapham. We also had the pleasure of having a greeting from Toronto, Canada, this visitor giving us a very inspiring message and best wishes for success.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent, under the tuition of our old friends Mr. and Mrs. Clegg. Fourteen pearls were given and very encouraging messages from the various Lyceums were much appreciated. The leaders of the new Lyceum are Mr. and Mrs. Gentle. Mr. Gentle gave an excellent account of the preliminary work done and stated how grateful we were that by the generosity and mutual help and sympathy we had received from many friends; among them being that stalwart champion of Spiritualism, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and also members of our own church who had helped us financially. This enabled us to get a good supply of manuals, songsters, culinary requisites, etc., to the value of £6 10s. 2½d., and still had a balance of 6s. 6½d. in hand. Another kind friend presented us with a good supply of badges, both for the leaders and Lyceumists. Miss Franklin, who, although not connected with our church, gave us freely of her love, help and sympathy.

It was really a cause of great gratitude that we had thus been able to launch our New Lyceum free from debt and well equipped for future service.

Our church can boast of being one of the prettiest little churches in London and the harmony, love and affection gave our first session a splendid "send off" and we are looking forward to a grand and glorious work among the children in this new district.

Tea was provided for visitors coming from long distances, many at great inconvenience owing to the unfortunate strike of trams and buses; which somewhat affected the number present.

We ask for the prayers and sympathy of all Co-workers in Lyceums.—E. D. Gentle.

LONDON, CROYDON.—On the 2nd March, a new Lyceum was started at the Church of the Spirit, Harewood Hall, under the Conductorship of Mr. John N. Stewart, late of Glasgow. There was a large attendance and a full Lyceum Session was gone through. Mr. Stewart was supported by Mr. and Mrs. Scholey, the Minister and Assistant Minister of the Church, and Mr. Leslie Curnow, of the North London Lyceum, all of whom took part and addressed the children. A representative was also present from the South London Lyceum. 20 names were handed in for membership and everything promises well for a successful Lyceum. The Sessions will commence each Sunday at 3 p.m. Application is being made for affiliation with the B.S.L.U.—George Lingwood, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER, Princess Hall.—We held our Open Session on March 16th. At 2-30 the usual Lyceum Session was gone through. The children responded with their endeavours in a very able manner. At 6-30 p.m. the Lyceum rendered a Service of Song entitled "Spirit Return" to a good congregation which was very well accomplished and was very much enjoyed by all. Our Conductor, Mr. W. E. Bentley, officiated as Reader. I am sorry that we have a great deal of sickness amongst our children, but trust that they will soon be well and with us again.

We have two very important dates before us which I should like all in the Manchester area to keep in mind, namely, April 6th, when we shall have the B.S.L.U. Education Committee with us, and on May 2nd and 4th, Uncle Bert and Aunt Ruth. An open invitation is extended to all Lyceumists on these dates.—Albert Hope, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On March 23rd we opened our new Church in Grange Road West. Mr. Ben Carter and Mr. Kitson officiated. I am pleased to say the Church was almost full, and a very pleasing morning service was enjoyed by all.

The Lyceum Session was held in the afternoon and a good number of visitors were present and came for the express purpose of seeing how a Lyceum was conducted. The session was as usual, the opening hymn being "Shoulder to Shoulder." After the Golden Chain Recitation, Mr. Kitson performed the ceremony of naming a child "Marjorie Cartwright," Spirit name "Violet." Mr. Carter then named another little one "Ernest Levitt Pidd," spirit name, "Sunflower." Both of the children were presented with a Christening Cup from the Lyceumists. After marching and calisthenics we had pearls, a violin solo, pianoforte duets, recitations and a few words from Mrs. Naylor, who gave a vote of thanks to Mrs. Rousan, one of our Lyceumists, and very best wishes for the work she had done amongst us. Mrs. Rousan, who is leaving shortly for Australia, responded. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

In the evening the service was just as pleasing, and I am sorry to say the Church was not large enough for the people who came.—Mrs. A. Edwards, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—On February 19th we held our A.G.M. Mr. MacFarlane elected as chairman. Our Conductor was absent through illness: her report was read by Miss Fielder, Sec., and pointed out the harmony of the last year's work. We donated £2 2s. to the Church Building Fund, and are working hard for the forthcoming bazaar. Election of Officers:—Conductor, Mrs. Hayward; Guardian of Groups, Mr. Lowe; Treasurer, Mrs. Rose; Secretary, Miss Higgins; Musical Conductor, Master Wheeler; Captain of Guards, Mrs. Darby; Guards, Miss Rose and Mr. Pawsey. On February 24th we experienced a most enjoyable session. Mr. Tarr, of Exeter, conducted. Forward press to conquer.—Miss Higgins, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Darnall.—February 9th saw our Annual Treat, when all had a good time. The Church members helped us considerably by giving towards the tea, and helping with the children.

March 2nd was Open Session, when all present gained a spiritual blessing, the children excelled themselves with their efforts.

March 5th, Miss Foster, Darnall's first Musical Conductor, passed to the Summerland, after suffering patiently and long. We know that she will get her reward for her efforts whilst here below. The Church members joined us in sending a wreath to show the respect and love she had created amongst us all.—M. Jones, Sec.

SUNDERLAND, Derwent Street.—The Challenge Shield of the T.L.D.C. has been awarded jointly this year to the Lyceums at Derwent Street, Sunderland, and Rectory Hall, Gateshead. On March 16th an Open Session was held when members of the Executive of the S.L.D.C. were present to support Mrs. Hail (Vice-President) who made the presentation on behalf of the Council. The Shield was received by Mr. Slimin, Conductor, on behalf of Lyceum. Mr. Hall (D.V.) and Mr. Ainley (D.C. Secretary) suitably addressed the Lyceum. A vote of thanks to the Executive was proposed by Mr. English (Assistant Conductor) and seconded by Mrs. Petrie, President of the Church. A kindly interest in Lyceum was shown by the presence of members of the Church. Solos and recitations were given by Lyceumists and an enjoyable session was held.—(Mrs.) J. Slimin, Sec.

WISBECH.—On February 24th a presentation of an officer's Manual was made to Miss Ivy Emmerson, till recently our treasurer, who has left the district. All officers and members of our Lyceum wish her every success in her new sphere of life.—H. C. Butter, 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 Mar. 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 May 21st, to ensure insertion in the June issue.

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

NO LYCEUM REPORTS NEXT MONTH.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Open Session, March 2nd, was well enjoyed by young and old. Solos by Misses Ena Rimmer, Cook, Crabtree, and Thompson.—Miss S. J. Woolmington, Sec.

BACUP.—March 2nd Open Session and Lyceum Day, conducted by Mrs. Carter. Pearls, recitations and songs were greatly appreciated. Pearls: Miss Fielden, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Tattersall, Mr. Lord. Recitations: K. Amyes and M. McKenna. Songs: Mrs. Lord, M. Pettiet and M. Salt. Trio: L. Alexander, C. Tattersall and I. Salesbury.

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—On March 2nd we held our Open Session. Recitations by Mary Howbrook, Marjorie Chapman, Ethelmay Ankinson, Sam Robinson, Jackie Howbrook, Frank Fenton. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceums.—L. Brown, Sec.

BATLEY CARR.—We held our Open Session on March 2nd when a very interesting time was spent. Recitations by G. Badley and Lucy Hirst. We are making steady progress with our work. Our concert party, known as the "Merry La Belles," formed at the commencement of the year, is making good headway. Best wishes to all Lyceumists.—E. White-lock, Sec.

BEDWORTH.—Open Session March 2nd. Recitations rendered by J. Allsop, M. Wood, L. Walker, S. Bradbury, L. C. and G. Chapman. Two hymns were sung from the *Manual* by the Liberty Group.—H. Wood, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—On March 2nd we held our Open Session when many recitations and pearls were given. Solos by Mrs. Horlehouse, May Durnam, and Robert Hill. Duet by Fred Westcott and Fred Leighton. A few months ago Mr. Williams offered a prize to those under seven years of age who gave the best pearls and recitations. We shall see it presented to Eileen Edwards, who really deserves it for her persevering efforts.—Millicent Hemsall, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On February 24th we held our Open Session. We had again a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. The marching and calisthenics were gone through with vim. During the open part of the session we welcomed into our midst another future Lyceumist in the person of John Southworth Entwistle, whose spirit name was "Onward." The ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Lomas, of Southport, who was our speaker for the day, and was very impressive. Recitations were rendered by some of the younger Lyceumists.—Jas. T. Smith, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—We held our Open Session on February 24th, when many visiting Lyceumists swelled the harmony of the day. The most pleasing feature was a naming ceremony by Mrs. Johnson, our little friend being the child of Mr. and Mrs. Farimond. Mr. H. T. Batten was the speaker and he very ably contributed to the fruits of the day by answering difficult questions from visitors upon spiritual subjects. We send our thoughts of remembrance and love to all our fellow Lyceumists at home and abroad. By our new methods in Session we feel that we are developing individuality and self-confidence which must eventually produce amongst us worthy exponents of our Lyceum teachings. Our only regret is that we are deprived of the presence of our brother Jim (James Worthington), who was in hospital, but we are glad to say he is rapidly improving. We are to have a Bachelor Party on April 5th, and we are looking forward to a very enjoyable time.—T. Connor, Sec.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On March 23rd we held our Lyceum Day. In the afternoon we held our Open Session. We also had a pleasing ceremony the naming of the baby of our late Conductor, Mr. Horne. Mr. Latham was in charge and gave her the name of Ida Horne. The following made the session interesting: Misses Annie Barraclough, P. Lister, Little Mary Hocking and Master Hartshorn. In the evening solos were rendered by Lyceumists. The following helped to make it a success: Mr. T. Richmond, S. Barraclough, R. Boys and Miss Haworth. Best wishes to all Lyceums. A Red Letter Day.—H. Brown, Sec.

BURNLEY, North Street.—On March 2nd we celebrated the 33rd Anniversary of our Lyceum. Our speaker was Mr. R. A. Owen, of Liverpool. Morning, usual session; afternoon, Open Session, marching and calisthenics, solos, quartettes and recitations were rendered in an excellent manner by numerous Lyceumists. A recital entitled "Lyceum" was given in a splendid manner by six young children. Credit is again due to our Guardian, Miss Laycock.

In the evening Mr. Owen addressed a large congregation. Soloist, Miss Annie Pratt. The Choir rendered the anthem "Praise the Lord." A Remembrance Day.—May Wagner, Sec.

BURY, King Street.—On February 24th we held our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers: Mrs. Dean was re-elected Conductor. Mr. W. Haworth (Jun.), Secretary, and Mr. W. Kaye fills the office of Treasurer. The Committee was duly elected, also Leaders, Guardians, Guides and Sick Visitors.—Mr. W. Haworth (Jun.), Sec.

CALGARY, Canada.—Foundation Day was held on January 27th. Pearls were said by all in the room. Readings were given by Mrs. Rushton, Mr. Adam, W. Garrad, and a short talk on the life of A. J. Davis by Miss A. Garrad. Recitation by E. Rushton. Pianoforte solo by V. Potts. Solo by Mrs. Garrad.

It was suggested by a member that we should have a day every year in honour of Mr. A. Kitson, and the Calgary Lyceum suggests that this be considered by the Executive Council of the B.S.L.U. and, if possible, a suitable date be fixed for all Lyceums in the Union.—Maud Adam, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On February 2nd we held our Open Session. The following Lyceumists obliged: Recitations by Frances Hobster, Sidney Hobster, May Wheatley, Elsie Gore, and Mr. Beckett. Duet, Connie Slater and Lillian Slater. Solos by Miss Matthews and Miss Turner. Violin Solo by Miss Matthews and Miss Turner. An enjoyable session.—Harold, Session Sec.

CLITHEROE.—On March 2nd we held our Open Session. Prizes were distributed by Miss Bolton. We spent an enjoyable time together.—Miss Laycock, Sec.

COLNE.—On March 2nd the Lyceum Anniversary Services were conducted by Mr. C. L. Gilling, of Manchester. Mr. Gilling spoke of the interest of the Conductors and Leaders in the S.C., M.R. and G.C. recitations and also the calisthenics.

He said that on visiting various Lyceums one got a real good knowledge of the different modes of working. He said that it had been a pleasure to him to be present at such an excellent service and wished the Lyceum every success.—J. R. Wrigglesworth, Sec.

COVENTRY, Foleshill, Broad Street.—Open Session. Recitations by D. Lucas, L. Russell, C. Hutton, M. and A. Rea, W. Chambers and C. Sanders. Ocean, Banner and Star Groups sang from the *Manual*.—Mrs. Hutton, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—On February 24th we had Open Session. Mrs. Bentley conducted. After opening we sang through the special hymns we have for our Anniversary. Owing to the large gathering present there was only space for the young children to march, which was done splendidly. A baby was named by Mr. Joe Whittles, assisted by the young children, who sang "Oh! for angels lead my footsteps" to the delight of all present.—Joseph E. Nixon, Sec.

DONCASTER, Wood Street.—We held our Open Session on March 2nd, conducted by Miss Doris Batty. During the Session, Mr. Gibson, of Wakefield, spoke to the Lyceumists; also Mrs. Gosling presented the Bell which we have won.

On March 4th Mr. Rawlinson, of Wath, presented the prizes to the Lyceumists. We had an enjoyable week-end.—V. Batty, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on March 2nd. Recitations were given by Elsie Clarke, Queenie Dawson, P. Hunter, M. Ennis, A. Layfield, E. Clarke, D. Nuttall, A. Bannister, M. Nicol, H. Foster, Sam Warrington, R. Haynes, B. Taylor. Songs by P. Ian, D. Haynes, D. Nuttall, E. Clarke, A. Nuttall, A. Bannister, Elsie Clarke, M. Ennis, E. Taylor. Quartette by A. Dawson, M. Astley, A. Clarke and A. Ward. Two recitations were given by our speaker, Mr. Wilson, of Stanningley.—B. Fryer, Sec.

EDINBURGH, No. 1. Lyceum, 5, Queen St.—A most delightful Open Session was held on the 16th. Recitations by Minnie Thomson, John Cobb and John Wilson. Songs by Letty Cobb, Peggy Lawrence and James Wilson. Duet, Martha Harley and Ada Spencer. Piano solo, John Cobb, concluding with a solo by Miss Paterson. Every item was highly appreciated by a good attendance. We are looking forward to holding our Lyceum in the new Hall which our parent body have purchased.—J. M., Sec.

EDINBURGH, 9, Forth Street.—On February 24th to commemorate our First Anniversary we held an Open Session. There was a large gathering of Lyceumists and friends who thoroughly enjoyed the numerous items rendered.—Edith Riddell, Sec.

GLASGOW PROGRESSIVE.—We held our Open Session on 23rd March which was attended by deputations from the various other Lyceums in Glasgow. Mr. Stow, the D.V., was present and spoke a few words of encouragement in his usual cheery style. Many and bright were the recitations, etc., rendered by the children.—Norman McGibbon, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—On March 2nd we held our Open Session and Prize Distribution. S.C. led by Annie Thornley. M.R. by Lilian Haworth, Ernest Allan, Willie Barrington and Sydney Hudson. G.C. by Miss Maggie Pickvance. Recitations and solos were rendered by Mrs. Braithwaite, Maggie Nelson, Sydney Hudson, Mrs. Hudson, Annie Owen and Mr. Baxter. Mrs. Pickles, of Blackpool, distributed the prizes to various Lyceumists.—H. Baxter, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—On February 24th Mrs. Pickles visited us. Lyceum sessions, morning and afternoon, were both conducted by Mrs. Pickles. All present thoroughly enjoyed them. Evening service Mrs. Pickles gave an address to quite a large audience, and the clairvoyance at the after-meeting was received with great enthusiasm. On the Monday we held an "At-Home" when Mrs. Pickles and all the Lyceum Leaders were "At-Home" to all the people in Grimsby interested in Spiritualism. The hall was packed and we all had a good time. Mollie Barron, Sec.

HANLEY.—On March 2nd a large number of Prizes were presented by our late Conductor, Mr. Lovatt, to Lyceumists who had made the required number of attendances. Special prizes were given to Arthur Hughes and Marjorie Greathead for collecting the largest sum of money at the last Anniversary. The day was a great success, which shows that in Hanley the Lyceumists are making great progress. A vote of thanks was passed to all those who worked for the great cause.—Wm. Pyatt, Sec.

HORSFORTH.—We gave a Service of Song on March 16th, entitled "Paddy's Fairy." A good attendance. The Reader was Mr. Binns. Conductor, Mr. Beckwith.—D. Long, Sec.

LANCASTER.—We held our Open Session on March 2nd and had an enjoyable time. The Lyceum was entertained by recitations from Annie Smith, Nellie Lowther and Sidney Johnson. Our Lyceum is growing steadily week by week and our youngsters are already looking forward to the Fleetwood Demonstration. Greetings and good wishes to all Lyceumists. Marion Swale, Sec.

LEEDS, ARMLEY.—At our Open Session on March 9th our Conductor, Mrs. Firth, performed the pleasing duty of naming the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls, giving it the name Betty, also spirit name of Inspiration. A little cousin of the baby's, F. Walters, sang "Open the door for the children" very sweetly. Our Assistant Conductor, Mr. Barraclough, kindly took the major part of the service. "One of God's Flowers."

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive, late Foresters' Institute.—Open Session held on Feb. 3rd, 1924. A very impressive service was carried out by our Conductor, Mrs. Thwaites, in the naming of a son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitbread. Name, Jack Arthur; spirit name, Strongheart. A fine attendance of scholars and visitors marked the opening of our new room, 174, Belgrave Gate. Our thanks are rendered to Silver Street Lyceum for sheltering us in the past.—C. W. Banton, Sec. (Omitted from March issue.—Ed.)

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—Open Session March 9th. Invocation by Mr. Holt; special mention to our sister, Miss A. Noon. Mrs. Banton was appointed Assistant Musical Director. Usual items were given. Silver Chain, Musical Readings, Golden Chain and Pearls. Duet by Mrs. Banton and Mr. Banton (Jun.) Songs by Misses L. Walker, N. Townsend, Mrs. T. Thwaites, Miss Briers and Mr. A. Wells.—C. W. Banton, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—On March 2nd we commenced practicing for our Anniversary Service. Mr. Payne has come along to assist with the singing and we are looking forward to a big success. On March 10th the Lyceum gave a grand Concert. This effort was towards building up our funds. It was a big success and great credit is due to all who took part. Fraternal greetings to all.—J. Wicks, Sec.

LEICESTER, Silver Street.—On March 2nd we held our Open Session. Solos by Misses Ph. Smith, N. Buckle, M. Smith. Duets by Miss C. Lowe and E. Wicks. Recitations by Miss M. Salmon and Miss L. Lucas. A trio by Ph. Smith, M. Smith and E. Richardson. We had several visitors who spent a pleasant afternoon with us. Miss N. Buckle's solo was accompanied at the piano by Miss A. Buckle. The session was ably conducted by Mr. H. Cartwright and Mr. S. S. Harvey.—Mr. A. Hurst, Sec.

LINCOLN.—Open Session March 2nd. We were favoured by a visit from Miss V. Raynor, of Nottingham, as our Speaker. Miss Raynor adjudicated for the recitations, Florrie Dye and Violet Dobby being prizewinners. Miss Raynor also consented to stand as our Area Rep., and to forward our name for membership of the Nottingham District Council.—A. Bailey, Sec.

LONDON, CLAPHAM.—Both Mr. Allen's and Mr. Symons' visits and chats have been much appreciated. Lyceumists received encouragement thereby. Progression continues steadily and satisfactorily.—G. M. Todman, Sec.

LONDON, TOTTENHAM.—Sessions during the month have progressed. On March 16th the District Council was with us. Glorious time spent. Monday, prize giving and concert took place. Happy faces everywhere showed success. Zena Godfrey presented Mrs. Clegg with bouquet. Mr. Smythe presented prizes. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—Frank King, aged 14, Session Sec.

MANCHESTER, Cheetham Hill.—We are holding our Open Session on Sunday, April 13th, and shall be pleased to see friends from other Lyceums on that date. Will those unable to send a representative kindly remember us in their thoughts.—Sam Briggs, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Higher Openshaw.—We held our Open Session on February 24th. Conductor, Mrs. Lee. We all had a very enjoyable time. There were twelve recitations from the girls and eight from the boys; seven duets; and four solos. Marching and calisthenics good.—S. Molineaux, Sec.

NO LYCEUM REPORTS NEXT MONTH

NEW MANCHESTER.—On March 9th at 6.30 p.m. we had a most interesting ceremony, the naming of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stirling. The service was conducted by Mrs. Ada Jones. The earthly name was David William, the spirit name, Peace-maker. It was a most inspiring service and it made us realise the spirituality of such a ceremony.—B. Jackson, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Pendleton.—On March 1st we held our Annual Prize Distribution, the distributor being Mr. Lloyd. We also regret to announce that we have lost the services of our esteemed Conductor, Mr. Lilliott, who has removed to another district, his place being filled by Mr. W. H. Shaw. The Lyceum is progressing.—J. Shaw, Sec.

NELSON.—On Saturday, February 23rd, we held a Comic Singing Social. Prizes were won by Mr. R. Pearson, Mason Smoothy and H. Ashworth, a Barrowford Lyceumist. The event was enjoyed by all present.

Open Session was held on March 2nd when efforts were given by Edith Boothman, Stella Atherton, Ivy Greenwood, Doris Higgins, Rosina Pearson, Olga Ellis, Beatrice Terry, Ida Middlebrook, Edwin Boothman, Jesse Hacking, Allan Haythornwaite and Fred Forest. The D.V. was present, and emphasized the weak and strong points in the session. Greetings.—Mrs. Parkinson, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Benwell.—On March 23rd a very pleasing ceremony was performed in the Lyceum by Miss Barton, of Manchester, who was on a visit to our Church. She named the child of two Lyceumists. The child was given the name of Harrison Dodgson Bell, with the spirit name, of Hope.—T. Cowe, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott Street.—On March 8th the young men of our Lyceum held a Balloon Carnival which was fairly well attended. March 22nd, Mothers' Social, which was a great success. March 23rd we had Mr. Platts as lecturer and Mrs. Grimes as Clairvoyant. We had an enjoyable day throughout.—Victor Slater, Sec.

OLDHAM, Hooper Street.—On Saturday, March 1st, we had our Fancy Dress Carnival which was a huge success. Over 200 present and keen competitions.

On March 2nd we held our Open Session. Large congregation attended and were delighted with the children who rendered recitations, songs, and pearls. A busy week-end for Lyceumists.—A. W. Goulden, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH, Francis Avenue.—A very interesting session was held on March 2nd, Misses Boyle Rappe, Rita Bichens, Rhoda and Rose Hazzard, Margaret Goodchild and Cyril Fletcher contributed excellent items.—H. C. Guy, Sec.

PRESTON, 202, Lancaster Road.—On March 16th, all the Sessions and services were conducted by the Lyceum. During the evening session, pianoforte solo by Doris Blackburn; pianoforte-duet by Edith and Herbert Nelson; songs by Annie Fishwick; Musical Reading by Mr. Ernest Mason; Recitations by Mabel C. Urmell and Katie Mayor; trio by Edna and Joe Rudd and Nellie Chambers; quartets by Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Jennie and Hilda Singleton. All went splendidly.—D. G. Davies, Sec.

QUARMBY.—Open Session, March 9th. Recitations and solos by Misses Micklethwaite, Armitage, Ollerenshaw, Tavernay, Quinn, Schofield, and Mr. Noble; enjoyed by a very good congregation.—H. Baxter, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On March 2nd, we held our Open Session, when recitations and pearls were given by Lyceumists; also Musical solo by two young friends.

March 16th, we held a special Open Session, when Mr. G. F. Knott, who was taking the week-end services at our church, spoke very nicely to the children. He named the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Smith.

March 17th. Prize Distribution. Before a large and interested audience, 16 specials, 11 firsts, 20 seconds, 22 thirds, a total of 69 awards gained by the children, were distributed by Messrs Saxelby, Jones, Goodhall and Mrs. Stanford. Recitations and solos suitable for the occasion were well rendered and received. Our thanks are accorded to all who helped to mark another milestone in the history of our Lyceum.—J. F. Smith, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Hillsbrough Bridge.—On March 2nd we held our Open Session, when recitations, and solos were given by our Lyceumists and we had a good time together.—Mrs. Jennings, Sec.

NO LYCEUM REPORTS NEXT MONTH

STOCKPORT, Central.—On March 1st, the ladies held a special effort in aid of Building Fund, when they named themselves as "Ye noble army of claimed and unclaimed treasures," 200 sat down to tea. There was much amusement caused by fining the gentlemen for disobeying rules made out for tea. A pleasant evening was passed with dialogues, recitations, and songs. The treasurer wishes to thank all who helped to make this such a great financial success.—E. Joules, Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick St.—On March 2nd, we held our usual Open Session. Invocation by Mrs. Williams. S.C. and M.R. were taken by children. Marching and calisthenics were done exceedingly well. Pearls, recitations and solos were numerous. A happy time spent together.—G. Tuck, Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.—Open Session, April 27th. Cordial invitation to all. Speaker, our President, Mr. T. V. Staton. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists and friends, far and near.—E. Carr.

WALSALL.—On March 9th there was a handsome distribution of prizes, numbering over a hundred, presented to the scholars who had made the requisite attendances at the Lyceum. The Session was conducted by Mr. V. H. Lawton, Superintendent. A number of recitations were given by the young folks. In the interval Mr. J. Venables, J.P., the President, took charge of the session and Mrs. Amy Williams, of Liverpool, who kindly consented to give the prizes to the children, received a very warm welcome. She made a suitable address in which she especially thanked the parents for the great interest they were displaying in the work of the Lyceum and spoke also of the sound teaching which was imparted to the young who attended the Sunday gatherings.

WEST MELTON.—March 8th was memorable for the children, who were entertained to a Tea and Social. During the Social, Mr. Birkett, of Wombwell, presented 38 prizes to successful Lyceumists, also a personal gift to Mr. Lee, Conductor, as a tribute for devotion. Mr. F. Cooke, of Parkgate, created great amusement by his able rendering of comic songs.—W. Rawlinson, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—On February 10th a very pleasing ceremony was performed, the infant daughter of our Choirmaster, Mr. J. W. Gransbury, being named. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. Moody, of Chester-le-Street. The baby was named Mary, with the spirit name of Glory. There was a very good attendance. Mrs. Hogg, of Durham, was also present.—Mrs. Meakin, Sec.

WINDHILL, School Hill.—We held our Open Session on March 2nd. It was very enjoyable. The following scholars rendered items: Readings, Mr. Bickel (Conductor) and C. W. Thomas; recitations, Mary Sleep, Master H. Harris, Mr. Atkinson; Duets, Misses E. Harris and L. Brook; H. Knight and M. Sleep, Mr. Ransley and W. Sleep; Pianoforte solo, Mr. Brook, Musical Director; Monologue, Mr. Atkinson.—D. Feather, Sec.

WINNIPEG, No. 1., Canada.—On February 3rd we held our Open Session. Pearls and recitations were given by the following: Winnie, Edna and Harold Brown, Ella and Milly Crawley, Sylvia Parkinson, Ena Luke, Dolly Sutherland, Viola Dale, Olive and Harry Forrest, Irene Turner, Mrs. H. Forrest and Mr. Wm. T. Brown. Songs by Winnie Brown and Mr. Chas. Forrest. Pianoforte selections from two of our younger members, Sylvia Parkinson and Evelyn Hargreaves. Five of our members sang "Angels come to Me."

On February 2nd we held our annual Distribution of Prizes Fraternal Greetings to all Lyceums.

On March 2nd we held our Open Session which was well attended, there being six visitors. Pearls and recitations were given by the following, Winnie, Edna and Harold Brown, Ella and Milly Crawley, Edna Luke, Sylvia Parkinson, Olive Forrest, Dolly Sutherland, Viola Dale, Harry Town, Frank Davis, Miss M. Anderson, Mrs. Crawley, Mrs. Hargreaves and Mr. W. T. Brown. Songs by Winnie Brown, Mrs. H. Forrest and Mr. H. Forrest. Pianoforte Selection by Evelyn Hargreaves. All Lyceumists spent a very enjoyable session.—Helen F. Lawrence, Sec.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—We are still holding bright Sessions. On Sunday, March 9th, we visited the Lewisham Lyceum and six other Lyceums were also there. A splendid Session was held and afterwards a good tea was served. Miss Ashley, of Fulham, ably led the marching and calisthenics. Altogether we took 50 scholars.—(Mrs.) H. Watthey, Sec.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

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- D Windhill, School Hill. 10-30 and 1-20. Mr. D. Feather, 7, Maypack Terrace, Shipley.
- D Yeadon, Town Hall, 10 & 1-45. Mr. G. W. Elliott, 17, Ivetage, Yeadon, temp. closed
- D Skipton, Mr. H. Pike, 35, Castle-street.

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- G Coventry, Bull-street, (Off Hertford-street). 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-street, Queensland-avenue.
- G Coventry, Broadgate, 3-0 p.m. Mr. J. Dalrymple, 14, Awson St.
- G Coventry, Foleshill, Broad-street, 10-45 a.m. Mrs. E. Hutton, 278, Longford-rd. Longford, nr. Cov.
- G Coventry, Lockhurst-lane. 11 a.m. Miss E. Gilkes, 182, Lockhurst-lane, Foleshill, Coventry.
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- D Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. Mason, 10, Commercial Street.
- D Huddersfield, Ramsden St., 10 a.m. Miss Gracie Haigh, 16, Holly Rd., Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield.
- D Huddersfield, St. Peter St., 10-30 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Miss E. Farnhill, 72, Albert St., Lockwood, Huddersfield.
- D Marsden, Oliver Lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss A. Brown, Steep Farm, Marsden, nr. Huddersfield.
- D Quarmby, Harp Rd., Longwood, 10-30. Mr. H. Baxter, 10, Sunside Terr., Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.
- D Slaithwaite, Lalth-lane, 10-15 a.m. Mr. F. Barrett, 367, Spurn Point, Linthwaite, nr. Huddersfield.

- D Sowerby Bridge, Hollins-lane, 9-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. John Teal, Hoyle House.
- D West Vale, Halifax, Green Lane, 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. T. Flintoff, 6, Hoult Lane, Greetland, Halifax.

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- C Castleford, Lower Oxford St., 10-15 a.m. Mrs. F. Partridge, 165, Glebe St.
- C Cleckheaton, The Old Robin, 1-45. Mr. W. Connor, 67, Balm Field, Liversedge.
- C Dewsbury, Bond St., 10 and 1-45. Mr. J. E. Nixon, 2, Springfield View.
- C Heckmondwike, Tower St., 2 p.m. Miss A. Fretwell, Brighton St., Heckmondwike, Yorks.
- C Hull, Dairycoates, Dee St., Hesse Rd., 1-45 p.m. Miss E. Tozer, 161, Edinburgh St., Hessel Rd.
- C Hull, Holborn Hall, Holborn St., Witham, 10-30 and 2-0. Mrs. Brown, 73, Porter Street.
- C Leeds, Armley, Theaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. L. P. Firth, 17, Ebenezer Pl., Tongz Rd., Armley.
- C Leeds, Turton's Buildings, Psycho, New York Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Daisley, 21, Weldon Pl., Dewsbury Rd., Leeds.
- C Leeds, 7, Easy Rd., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss M. Richmond, Westfield House, Osmondthorpe, Leeds.
- C Leeds, Horforth, Scout Hut, Broadgate Lane, 3-15. Mr. D. Long, 3, Regent Rd., Horforth.
- C Littletown, Wall St., 2 p.m. Mr. C. Hirst, 6, Belmont St., Norrithorpe, Liversedge.
- C Moorhorpe, Barnsley Rd., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mrs. Davidson, 57, Victor St., Westfield-lane, S. Elmsall, Moorhorpe, nr. Pontefract.
- C Morley, Queen St., 10-30 and 1-45. Miss E. Whiteley, 50, Albert Rd.
- C Normanton, Queen St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. Calcutt, 71, Queen Street.
- C Pontefract, Beast Fair, 1-0 p.m. Miss J. Clarkson, 52, Prince of Wales Terrace, Pontefract.
- C Scarborough, Sherwood St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. H. Middleton, 147, Queen's Parade.
- C Wakefield, Kirkgate, over Public Benevolent Boat Shop (side entrance), 1-45, Mr. J. T. Hargate, 8, Doncaster Road.
- C York, Spen Lane, Mr. T. Fowler, 30, Richmond St., Hallfield Rd., Layerthorpe, York.

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- F Warrington, Sankey St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. James Lawton, 7, Hewitt Street.
- F Widnes, Moor-lane, 1-30. Mr. F. Knight, 118, Albert Road.
- F Wigan, Miners' Hall, Millgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. T. Rossiter, 463, Bolton Rd., Ashton-in-Makerfield.

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- H London, Lewisham, Lime Hall, Lime Grove, 3-0 p.m. Mr. E. E. Young, 25, Mallett Rd., Hither Green, S.E.13.
- H London, N. London, Grovedale R.I., 3 p.m. Mr. C. Drinkwater, 119, Isledon R.I., Holloway N.7.
- H London, Kingston-on-Thames, Bishop's Hall, Thames St., 3 p.m. Mr. L. Hart, 131, Waldegrave Rd., Teddington-on-Thames.
- H Little Iford, Third Avenue Church St., Manor Park, 3 p.m. Miss M. Barber, 452a, Romford Rd., Forest Gate, E.7.
- H London, E., Manor Park, Shrewsbury Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mr. W. P. George, 63, Little Iford lane, Manor Park, E.12.

- H London, Peckham, Lausane Rd., 3 p.m. Mrs. B. M. Bell, 21, Crews R.I., Peckham, S.E.15.
- H London, E., 13, Plaistow, Braemar R.I., 3 p.m. Mr. C. H. Giles, 73, Whitwell R.I., Plaistow, E.13.
- H London, Tottenham, 634, High Rd., 3.0 m. Miss S. E. Mason, 25, Frulock R.I., Lower Edmonton, London, N.9.
- H London, Walthamstow, 3 p.m. Mrs. Chignell, 107, Chelmsford Rd., Walthamstow, E.17.
- H London, Woolwich and Plumstead, Invicta Hall, Crescent Rd., Plumstead, 3-0 p.m. Mr. E. Watthve, 4, Richmond Pl., Plumstead, S.E.19.
- H London, Wimbledon, 4 and 5, The Broadway, 3 p.m. Mr. D. E. Dodd, 9, Kington Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.19.

MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT.

- Secretary, Mr. G. A. Dixon, 31, Royd St., C. on M., Manchester.
- District Visitor, Mr. J. E. Hart, 47, Fairlawn St., Moss Side, Manchester.
- F Hollinwood, Byrom St., 10-30. Miss E. Sheridan, 2, Elizabeth St., Eli St.
- F Manchester, Ardwick, 38, Maskell St., 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Sharp, 5, Weymouth St., C-on-M.
- F Manchester, Halliwell St., Cheetham Hill, 10-30. Mr. Briggs, 46, Wellington St. East, Hr. Broughton.
- F Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Bragg, 2, Enoch St., Miles Plating.
- F Manchester, Hr. Openshaw, 141, Old Lane, Mr. S. Mollineux, 70, Ambush Street.
- F Manchester, Longsight, Shepley St., 2-30. Mrs. G. Atherton, 37, Dixon St., Levenshulme, Man'ter.
- F Manchester, Moston, Co-operative Stores, Amos St., 10-30. Miss E. Eden, 13, Conran St., Harpurhey, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Moss Side, Stanley Grove, Moss Lane West, Mr. H. Moulson, 143, Beresford St., Moss Side, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Newton Heath, Allen St., 2-30 p.m. C. G. Cunningham, 15, Hilda St., Moston, Sec., Pro. tem.
- F Manchester, Pendleton, Ford Lane, 2-15 p.m. Mr. J. Shaw, 13, Co-operative St., Langham Rd., Seedley, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Salford (Central), West High St., off Cross Lane, 10-30 a.m. and 2-30. Mr. Bennett, 18, Culverwell St., Salford.
- F Manchester, South: Princess R.I., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Hope, 1, Green St., Greenheys, Manchester.
- F Sale, Roebuck Lane, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. A. E. Ashley, 24, New Street, Altrincham.
- F Saddleworth, Court St., Uppermill, 10-30. Miss A. Kenworthy, "Boarhurst," Greenfield, nr. Oldham.
- F New Manchester, Brunswick Chambers, 65, Brunswick St., C-on-M., 10-30. Mrs. B. Jackson, 21, Granville St., Upper Brook St., C. on M., Manchester.

NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT.

- Secretary, Miss Maltby, 73, St. Mary's R.I., Glossop.
- District Visitor, Mrs. Eanion, 95, Vienna Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.
- F Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington St., 10-30 a.m. C. L. N. Jackson, 73, Mount St., Ashton-u-Lyne.
- F Dukinfield, Railway St., 10-30. Mr. S. Purkis, 30, Aln St., Dukinfield.
- F Denton, Central, Market St., 10-30. Miss J. Orden, 8, Bank St., Hooley Hill, nr. Manchester.
- F Glossop, Faivel Rd., 10-30. Miss M. Maltby, 78, St. Mary's R.I.
- F Heaton Norris, Baker St., 10 and 2 p.m. Mrs. Downs, 47, Belmont St., Heaton Norris, nr. Stockport.
- F Hyde, Clarendon St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. F. Hill, 12, Howard Street.
- F Macclesfield, Cumberland St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.
- D Stockport, Lt. Hillgate, Crowther St., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. T. Spencer, 3, Jones St., Hampshire Lane.
- F Stockport, Central, 15b, Lord St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss E. Joules, 66, Wellington Rd., South.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT

- Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Drwren.
- District Visitor:—
Northern Section: Mr. Wagner, 5, Ivan St., Queensgate, Barnley.
Southern Section: Miss M. E. Lawton.
- E Accrington, Argyle St., Miss M. Barnes, 51, Robert Nuttall St., (Temporarily Closed).
- E Accrington, Pearl St., 10-30 a.m. Miss Coleclough, 17, Newton St., West End, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington.
- E Barnoldswick, Albert Hall, 10-30. Mrs. Whittaker, 68, Manchester Road.
- E Barrowford, Lee St., 10 a.m. Mr. F. Clifford, 12, Lower Clough St.
- E Blackburn, St. Peter St., 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Smith, 5, Queen Victoria St., Mill Hill.
- E Blackpool, Albert R.I., 9-15 a.m. & 1-45. Mr. F. Carter, 65, Lune Grove.
- E Brierfield, Joan St., 10 a.m. Miss E. Stockdale, 22, St. James St., Brierfield.
- E Burnley, Hamerton St., 10 a.m. Mr. H. Brown, 32, Elm Street.

- E Burnley, North St., 10 a.m. Miss M. Wagner, 56, Ivan St. Queensgate, Burnley.
- E Clitheroe, Rochabites Hall, Greenacre St., 10 a.m. Miss E. Laycock, 67, West View.
- E Colne, Cloth Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. J. R. Wrigglesworth, 25, Rutland Street.
- E Darwen, Churchbank St., 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. J. Nightingale, 4, Matlock Avenue.
- E Earby, Greenend Avenue, 10 and 1-45. Miss B. Fryer, 107, Colne Rd., Earby, nr. Colne.
- E Fleetwood, Kemp St., 11 and 2-30. Mrs. F. Benson, 126, Mount Street.
- E Great Harwood, Mercer St., 10-30 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. H. Baxter, 25, Oak Street.
- E Nelson, Vernon St., 10 a.m. Mrs. Parkinson, 12, Northfield Road.
- E Padiham, Ightenhill St., 10 a.m. Mr. J. Smillie, 46, Railway Terrace.
- E Preston, Central, Clarke's Yd., 10 a.m. Mr. A. W. Beetham, 15, Knowles Street.
- E Preston, Central Buildings, 63, Lancaster Rd., 10-30. Mr. E. Smalley, 90, Wellfield Road.
- E Preston, Progressive, 202, Lancaster Rd., 10 a.m. Mr. E. O. Mason, 314, Ribbleson Lane.
- E Rawtenstall, Bk. Ormerod St., 10-30. Mr. A. Stansfield, 19, Ivy Grove, Burnley Road.
- E Rishton, Bachill Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss A. D. Hacking, 81, Spring St., Rishton, nr. Blackburn.
- E Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith St., 2 p.m. Mrs. M. E. Kellett, 50, Norfolk St.,
- E Barrow-in-Furness, Ramsden St., Mrs. L. Brown, 49, Harrison St., Barrow.
- E Lancaster, Gt. J. Street, 10-30. Miss M. Swale, 2, Alfred Street.
- E Millom, Holborn Hill, Main St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. Cairns, 25, Main Street.

NOTTINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT.

- Secretary, Miss Victoria G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.
- District Visitor, Mr. A. Shipley, 132, Hartley Rd., Nottingham.
- G Belper, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
- G Beeston, Notts., Chapel St., 8-43. Mr. J. H. Avery, Ivy Cottage, The Rylands.
- G Eastwood, Hill Top, Nottingham Rd., 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. C. C. Buckley, Jessop St., Codnor, Derbyshire.
- G Hucknall, Wesleyan Chapel Yard, Watnall Rd., 10-45 and 2. Miss A. Neal, 95, Annesley Road.
- G Kettering, Dalkeith Place, 11 & 1-45. Mr. F. Holland, 85, King St.
- G Leicester, Liberty Progressive, Belgrave Gate, 3. Mr. C. W. Banton, 63, Fairfield Street.
- G Leicester, Marston St., Mr. A. Greenalgh, 96, Green Lane Rd.
- G Leicester, Rupert St., Lecture Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 16, Curzon Street.
- G Leicester, Silver Street, Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. A. Hurst, 97, Haddenshaw Rd., Narboro' Rd.
- G Long Eaton, Chapel St., 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Hunt, 26, Trafalgar Terrace.
- G Mansfield, Ouaker 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, 3, Briar St., Meadows.
- G Nottingham (Gladstone Hall), Lamartin St., 2-30. Mr. A. W. Shipley, 43, Newcastle Rd., Meadows, Nottingham.
- G Nottingham, Hyson Green, Beaconsfield St., 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. E. Lovegrove, 50, Eland St., New Basford, Nottingham.
- G Nottingham, Parliament St., 10-45 and 2-30. Mr. L. Murdock, 206, Denman St., Radford, Nottingham.
- G Sutton-in-Ashfield, Twitchell, Miss Carr, 53, Nesbitt Street.

THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DISTRICT.

- Secretary, Mr. J. M. Scott, 59, Lochee Road, Dundee.
- District Visitor, M. J. Shaw, 3, Carfin St., Govanhill, Glasgow.
- A Adelaide, Tower Court, Victoria Square, 3-0 p.m. Mr. A. J. Polson, 15, Little Gilbert-st., Adelaide, S. Australia.
- A Aberdeen, Music Hall, Union-st., 3 p.m. Mr. A. M. Duncan, 55, Duthrie Terrace.
- A Belfast, St. Georges Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. G. Donaldson, 181, Crumlin Rd.
- A Dundee, 43, Overgate, 12-45. Miss J. Ramsey, 25, Kinloch Street.
- A Dundee, Rattray St., 12-45. Miss N. W. Clarke, 1, Canning St.
- A Edinburgh, Free Gardeners Hall, Picaardy-pl., 1 p.m. Mr. J. McIntosh, 13, Cornwall St.
- A Edinburgh, N. 29, Forth St., Miss E. Riddell, 50, Montpellier Park, Edinburgh.
- A Falkirk, Co-operative Hall, Western Avenue, 12-45. Mr. D. Phillip, 19, Watson-street.
- A Glasgow, Association, James Robertson Hall, 26, Holland St., 4 p.m. Mr. J. Power, 102, Montrose St.
- A Glasgow, Progressive, Slaters Hall, Portland St., 8-0. Mr. M. Gibbon, c/o Roehoad, 30, South Annandale St., Crosshill, Glasgow.
- A Glasgow, 100, West Regent-st., 1 p.m. Miss D. Evans, c/o Mrs. Togan, 2, Havelock St., Paisley Rd. West, Glasgow.
- A Glasgow, Northern, 913, Maryhill Rd., 1-0. Mr. O. Douglas, 973, Maryhill Rd., Glasgow.

- A Hamilton, Lesser Town Hall, 1-30. Mr. H. L. Kelly, 58, Forth Avenue North.
- A Kircaldy, Pioneer Hall, 1-15 p.m. Mr. A. S. Kelly, 58, Forth Avenue North.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL:

- Secretary, Mr. C. H. Saxelby, 40, Fairthorn Rd., Firth Park, Sheffield.
- District Visitor, Mr. G. Armitage, 366, Brightside Lane Sheffield.
- C Barnsley, North Pavement, Mr. G. H. Totty, 8, Totty's Fold, Gilroyd, Barnsley.
- C Chesterfield, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 & 2-15. Mr. J. J. Hobster, 32, Holme-rd., Stonegravel.
- C Doncaster, Spring Gardens, 10-30 & 1-45. Mr. W. Moseley, 6, Orchard St.
- 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-st., Mexboro'.
- C Rotherham, Percy-street, 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mr. E. Rands, 43, Warwick-street.
- C Sheffield, Hillsboro', Langsett Rd., 10-0 & 2-0 Mrs. Jennings, 37, Bowness Road, Walkley, Sheffield.
- 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 Ln., 10-30 and 2-0. Miss M. Jones, 29, Bradford-st., Attercliffe Common.
- C Sheffield, Heeley, 44, Gifford-road, 2-30. Mr. Geo. Porter, 12, Prospect-st., Prospect-rd., Heeley.
- C Sheffield, Central, 109, Princess-st., Charles-st., 3-0 p.m. Mr. J. Hobson, 77, Horninglow-road, Firth Park, Sheffield.
- C West Melton, nr. Rotherham, Adult School, Town End, Wath, 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Rawlinson, 111, Avenue Rd., Wath-on-Dearne, nr. Rotherham.
- C Wombwell, Melville St., 10-30 & 2-0. Mr. T. Birkett, 57, Stonyford Rd., Wombwell.
- C Parkgate, Ashwood-road, 2 p.m. Mr. J. Gothard, 14, Chapel St., Greasborough, nr. Rotherham.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. R. B. Long, 81, High St., Portsmouth.
- District Visitor, Mr. E. Cager, 74, Cobden-rd., Brighton.
- H Brighton, Old Steine Hall (52a, Old Steine), Mr. J. J. Goodwin, "Lynwood," 3, Chesham-rd. closed.
- H Brighton, Mighell-st., Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. C. W. R. Busby, 11, Ryde-rd.
- H Bristol, 9, Cave-street, Portland-sq., 3-0 p.m. Mr. H. Hitchon, 10, Harrow Rd., Burlington, Bristol.
- H Devonport, Kerr-st., 2-45. Mrs. L. Warn, 29, Alexandra-rd., Ford, Devonport.
- H Exeter, Market Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. H. A. Grainger, Manoh, 23, Clifton Hill.
- H Portsmouth, 73, Victoria-rd., Southsea, 3 p.m. Miss Higgins, Brockwell House, 73, Victoria Rd. South, Southsea, Portsmouth.
- H Portsmouth, Francis-ave., 3-0. Mr. H. C. Guy, 45, Stamford-st., Fratton, Portsmouth.
- H Reading, Spiritual Church, London-rd., 3 p.m. Mr. C. R. Churn, 83, Catherine-street.
- H Southampton, Cavendish-grove, The Avenue, 3 p.m. Mrs. D. G. Hart, "Pren-ton," 33, Omdurman-rd.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall-st., Rochdale.
- District Visitor, Mr. A. Hudson, 14, Gowers St., Rochdale.
- F Bacup, Christ Church-st., Todmorden-rd., 10-15 a.m. Mr. B. Lord, 7, Grove-street, Todmorden-rd.
- F Dearnley, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mrs. E. Hoyle, 4, Fielden St., Smithy Bridge, nr. Rochdale.
- F Heywood, William-st., 10 and 1-45. Mr. Marcroft, 6, Back High-street.
- F Littleborough, Hartley-st., 10-30 a.m. Miss S. Hardy, 6, Frederick St., Whiteles Road.
- F Middleton, Gilmour-st., 10-15 a.m. Mr. John Little, 108, Higher Townley-st., 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. & 2. Mr. J. W. Nurse, 16, Berwick St.
- F Shaw, Lyon-st., 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-rd., Lydgate, Todmorden.
- F Todmorden, Eagle St., 10 and 1-30. Mr. H. S. Potts, 46, Stansfield Rd.

SOUTH WALES LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- G Caerau, Spiritual Church, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. Reckitts, 13, North St., Caerau, nr. Bridgend, S. Wales.
- G Cardiff, Central, Mr. B. Griffiths, 50, Holmesdale St., Grangetown, Cardiff.
- G Cardiff, 52, Queen St., F. W. Northam, 61, Donald St., Rauth Park, Cardiff.
- G Cwm, Station-terrace, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Davies, Trigaau Park View, Waulwyd, Mon.

- G Merthyr Tydfil, Tram-rd-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 E. Walker "Lothian Villa," 3, Park Square, Newport.
- G Penrhinwelfer, Mr. B. T. Jones, 44, Rheola Street.
- G Port Talbot and Aberavon, High St., Aberavon, 11-0. Miss S. Doughty, 82, Tydrau St., Port Talbot.
- G Ystrad, 2-30. Mr. W. D. Jones, 32, Digadevg-st., Treorchy, Rhondda, S. Wales.

THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell-st., Stockton-on-Tees.
- District Visitor, Mr. Foster, Gurney Valley.
- B Darlington, 13a, Blackwall Gate, 2 p.m. Mr. H. E. Mitchell, "Danby Lodge Cottage," Cleveland Terrace, Darlington.
- B Darlington, High Northgate, 2-0 p.m. Mr. W. E. Wilson, 35, Westmorland St. North Road, Darlington.
- B Darlington, Witton Park, 2-30. Mrs. E. Meek, 10, High Albion Street, Witton Park.
- B Gurney Valley, 2 p.m. Mrs. James, 85, Gurney Valley, nr. Bishop Auckland.
- B Middlesbrough, 57, Grange Rd., West, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. A. Edwards, 98, Crescent Rd., Middlesbrough.
- B Old Shildon, Fryers-st., Temperance Hall, 2-30. Mr. A. G. Summers, 18, Paddy's Row, Eldon Lane, nr. Bp. Auckland, Co. Durham.
- B New Shildon, Newlunds av., 2p.m., Miss E. Hunter, 25, Lambton street.
- B Spennymoor, King St. Council School, Mr. W. Sawley, c/o Mr. Richardson, 38, Burnett St., Merrington Lane, Spennymoor.
- B Stockton-on-Tees, Cecil-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell St.
- B Stockton-on-Tees, New Brunswick-st., 2-30. Mr. G. Luck, 7, Palmerston-street.
- B St. Helens, Bp. Auckland, 71, Main St. Mrs. L. Brown, 71, Main S. Helens.
- B West Hartlepool, 13, Charles-st., 2 p.m. Mr. W. Dresser, 152, Durham-st. East, Hartlepool.

THE TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. N. E. Ainley, North Avenue, Harton, S. Shields.
- District Visitor, Mr. W. Hall, 10, Curzon-st., Gateshead.
- B Annfield Plain, Mr. J. Graham, Broadway House North-road.
- B Blyth, I.O.G.T. Rooms, Market Place, 2-30. Mr. F. S. Parsons, 144, Beaumont St., Blyth, Northumberland.
- B Chester-le-Street, Front-st., 2-30. Miss E. Straughan, 392, Broom-st., Urpeth-Ouston (Nr. Pelton, Co. Durham.
- B Craghead, Co-operative Hall, 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Donkin, 13, William St., Craghead, S.O.
- B Dunston-on-Tyne, Ellison Rd., 2-30. Mr. Wm. Norval, Post Office, High Duston, Gateshead.
- B Gateshead, Rectory Hall St., Cuthbert's Pl., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Mather, 47, Claremont North Ave.
- B Hebburn-on-Tyne, Scout Hut, New Town, 2-30. Miss J. Causby, 8, Maple-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne.
- B Hetton and District, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroline-st., Hetton-le-Hole.
- B Hirst, Spiritual Church, Milburn St., Ashington. Mr. J. Stafford, 53, Myrtle-st., Ashington, Northumberland.
- B Jarrow, Market-st., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. B. Hardwick, 51, Catherine St.
- B Newbiggin-by-Sea, Store Hut, Newbiggin Colliery, 2-30. Mr. T. W. Hope, 15, King St., Newbiggin.
- B Newcastle-on-Tyne, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Mr. T. Cowe, 59, Strathmore-crescent, Benwell.
- B Newcastle-on-Tyne, Heaton & Byker, Co-operative, Heaton Rd., 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. Miss M. Davidson, 17, Brinwood Crescent, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- B Newcastle-on-Tyne, Rutherford Street, 2-30. Mr. A. Carr, 60, Beaumont Terrace, Gosforth, Newcastle.
- B New Delaval and Newsham, Infants' School-room 2-30. Miss E. Moore, Beatrice St., Newsham Northumberland.
- B North Shields, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley-st., W. 2-30. Mrs. G. Darling, 9, Hedley-st., Percy Main.
- B South Shields, Fowler-st., 2-30. Mr. R. Smith, 63, Hedley St.
- B South Shields, High Shields, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Parker, 52, Bede St., Tyne Dock, via Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- B Sunderland, Cromwell-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Shaw, 11, Abbey-st., Southwick-on-Wear, Sunderd.
- B Sunderland, 21, Derwent-st., 2-40 p.m. Mrs. Slimin, 8, Hartington St., Roker.
- B West Pelton, Iron Schools, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. A. Meakin, 18, Pine-st., Grange Villa, Co. Durham.
- B West Stanley, 3 p.m. Mrs. F. E. Henderson, 14, Palmer-st., West Stanley.