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THE DAWN OF THE SPIRIT IN MAN.

Just as a hungry child will eat each solitary crumb,
So do the angels pray for speech where human souls are dumb:
The body needs its raiment and makes material things,
Progressive minds are active, but the soul rarely sings.

The spirit is cloaked and dormant and shut within the shell,
While turmoil, war and famine make earthly life a hell:
The vain conceit of substance breeds sorrow in its train,
For we have submerged the psychic within man's mortal brain.

A burst of childish genius and innocence of youth,
Will make the way for the spirit to draw eternal truth:
From the Source of all creation through death the angel lives,
And substance becomes the vessel which nature to us gives.

Thus the angel in man will be spirit, his soul will find its place,
In spheres that were material, replaced by heavenly grace:
The substance of earth is plastic and moulds to the will of man,
The spirit reveals the message as the roll of truth we scan.

In revelations of spirit we find that human thought,
Spreading forth its own vibration is then by others caught:
This provides for peace the keystone, that man may walk above
The archway of his efforts, to a world of joy and love.

G. F. KNOTT.

The Child

By MRS. MARY E. PICKLES.

It would be well to pay a little more attention to the breathing of pure air, as this is important and most essential for the well-being of the child.

It is sometimes written, that Grace Darling died through lack of fresh air during the night time.

Most of us have read the history of her life, and know that consumption was the cause of her passing. During the day she had the opportunity of breathing plenty of fresh sea air, but at night she had to sleep in a very small room with a closed window. No doubt this manner of sleeping would hasten the malady which ultimately took her into spirit life.

I have visited infantile cases in the slums, as a voluntary worker, and found that in almost every apology for a bedroom, there was the fireplace stuffed up, and windows even closed. Rooms that have no means of ventilation are unfit for grown ups, and much less for children to sleep in. The "box" beds of Scotland are very unhealthy, and have a great tendency to cause consumption.

When we consider that a third of our lives is spent in sleep, and even more than that by children, it is preposterous that so little attention is paid to the breathing of pure air during the sleeping period.

Children ought to be accustomed at once to sleeping in a room with a window open.

Even a draught between window and fireplace is better than poisonous air, but the position should be such that the child's head is out of the draught, then all is well.

An open chimney in the room is good for keeping the air fresh. When it is not used in the summer-time, a chimney ought never to be closed, for this simply prevents the bad air from getting through it, and every opening in a room of this kind should be welcomed.

There is a very general belief that night air is dangerous for us to breathe, but this is nonsense. Chemists have very carefully examined the air in the day, and in the night, and now we know that night air is purer than day air.

Fewer fires and furnaces are burning at night, and so the air in cities and towns contains less carbonic acid. We know exactly how the old belief against night air arose, and the history of it is very interesting.

It was noticed that people who exposed themselves to the night air in certain parts of the world were very apt to get a serious disease, which was supposed to be due to the bad quality of the air; so long ago this disease was called *Malaria*, which simply means bad air, and the disease is known by that name to-day. But we have lately found that it is due to the bite of a certain kind of insect, which carries microbes of the disease, and this insect is a kind of mosquito. It only bites at night.

There are no mosquitos of this kind in England, and there is no malaria in this country, except in the cases of those people who have brought it from abroad; but there is comfort in knowing that they cannot give it to others, since the mosquito that carries the disease does not exist here.

It is impossible to say too much about fresh air, for children especially, as it is the foundation of good health and the structure of the future is of the greatest importance. Our noses are filters and though quite sufficient for the kind of air we ought to breathe, are not sufficient to filter the kind of air many of us do breathe and, so far as bad gases are concerned, we have absolutely no protection at all.

Let us see the effect of breathing *impure* air on the child. Every tissue of the body suffers, but that which suffers most and soonest is the brain, which needs pure blood even more than other parts of the body. Thus bad ventilation of school-rooms (which is becoming a thing of the past) is the chief reason, why children cannot attend to their lessons, or fall asleep during these periods, or fail to remember what they have been taught. It is also one of the chief reasons why any children do not grow properly, for the brain presides over the growth of the whole body, and it cannot do this if it is fed with impure blood, such as many unfortunate children have to make the best of during the whole time they spend indoors, whether by day or night.

It is my extreme pleasure to tend plants, and they often tell me in their own silent way, if they have not had enough fresh air. The leaves begin to droop, and sometimes when the weather has been very cold and damp, and I have not opened sufficient windows in the greenhouse, they show a very listless attitude, and appear to be dying, and I find the fresh air, though cold, revives them again. After all, plant life can and does teach us many good and useful lessons.

Fishes, too, suffer if the water is not changed, for the same reason. Bad air will weaken individuals, as well as the whole human race, but many people talk nonsense about the subject. They say that the English are becoming smaller and weaker, and also stunted; that we have had our day, and our time of success, and that the nation as a whole is dying! But our English babies we know are as fine now as ever they were, only we try to grow too many of them in bad air; to which no rich man would expose his horses, and we are not wise enough to blame ourselves when we see such bad results.

There is a cave in Italy, called "The Cave of Dogs," where the air contains a great deal of carbonic acid. Owing to the fact that carbonic acid is heavier than the air it lies in a layer upon the floor, with the result that a man going into the cave can breathe there because his mouth is above the level of the carbonic acid, while a dog will fall down unconscious because its nose is below the surface of the carbonic acid, and so it cannot breathe. The time is coming when there will be a law governing the quality of air in shops, workshops, factories, etc., then we can hope to have the growth of a finer, sturdier race than even now. My hope is to have a recognition in all our Lyceums of the teaching that our bodies are living machines under the command of the Spirit of Life, and in the fuller understanding of them, and all their different functioning powers, we shall be doing our bit to make child-life in earth what the Angels tell us it is in the heavens. □

(To be continued).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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Education Notes.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 1924—1925.

At the Annual Conference, held at Whitsuntide, the members of the Education Committee were again re-elected *en bloc* (for the fourth time in succession); and later, the Officers were re-elected too.

THE 1925 EXAMINATIONS.

The new session of work, for the next examinations (fixed for 15th February) has now commenced at many Lyceums.

Conductors are basing their Lyceum Session programmes on the Manual Work for the Grades, and Group Leaders are using the Handbooks for their class lessons.

To help conductors and Leaders, copies of the Syllabus and of the pamphlets, "How to prepare for the examinations" have been sent to them (*per* their Lyceum Secretaries).

The Committee urges ALL Lyceums that have not yet made a definite start, to begin the work at an early date, and help to make the entries for 1925 a record.

AGES OF THE FOX SISTERS IN 1848.

We have received several queries regarding the ages of the Fox sisters at the time of the Hydesville Knockings, and have looked up various authorities. The correct ages would seem to be—Margaretta, 15 years; Catherine, 12 years. The authorities for these ages are Mrs. Britten's "Modern American Spiritualism" (from which the account in "Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young" is taken), Capron's book "Facts and Fanaticisms of Modern Spiritualism," Mrs. Cadwallader's "Hydesville in History," and what might be called "internal evidence"—accounts of phenomena observed and recorded years later from which, by counting backwards, the ages of the girls in 1848 can be calculated. In each case that has come to our notice the result is 15 and 12. Mr. Connor informs us that, having noticed the discrepancy between these ages and those given in Mr. T. O. Todd's "Hydesville," he asked Miss Florence Morse (who knew the Fox family personally) and she told him that she had asked Mrs. Leah Fox Underhill—referred to in the story as Mrs. Fish—and that the correct ages were 15 and 12.

We are unable to understand why Mr. Todd gave the ages as 12 and 9, as his account was taken from Mrs. Britten's book, in which the ages agree with those given in No. I. Handbook.

THE ORAL GRADE.

Full particulars about the aim of the Oral Grade, how to train the children, and how to arrange for their examination have been sent to all Leaders of children under ten, and to all Lyceum committees and Secretaries.

In order to help the children's Leaders, and also to suggest topics and matter for lessons based on the Primer (in addition to the actual learning of its contents), we shall give a series of Object Lessons.

These lessons will explain the meanings of words and phrases in the Primer that the children are likely to find more difficult, and will give illustrative examples to interest the little ones, and to show applications of the words.

Mr. A. T. Connor, the Assistant Education Secretary, has kindly undertaken the work of writing these Object Lessons for Lyceum children under ten; and we have pleasure in giving the first of the series this month.

ORAL GRADE OBJECT LESSONS.

I.—PIONEERS (Question 3).

A hundred years ago, the country now known as the United States of America was not full of big cities and towns, as it is to-day; nor were there any railways to take people wherever they wanted to go. White men did not live in the heart of the country, but on the eastern coast—the side nearest to Europe. The rest of the country was mostly forest-land, or prairies (plains covered with grass and shrubs—little bushes), and was inhabited (lived in) by fierce, red-skinned men, called Red Indians or Redskins (we have all seen them at the cinema). These Indians did not want the white men to live in America, and tried over and over again to kill them all. So you can see that it was dangerous for a white man to go into that part of the country where the Indians lived. In spite of this, brave men went out hunting in the Indian country, and others went to live there. These cut down the forest trees, built themselves houses, dug up the ground and made farms, where they grew wheat and other crops. As they made their way from civilization (that is, from where people lived in towns and villages) to

the places where they had decided to live, they often had to fight the Indians, and for safety they used to go in large parties. In the wild country there were no shops, so they had to take with them everything they were likely to want—and if anything got lost or spoiled they just had to go without it. Sometimes they lost their food; sometimes their horses died or were killed—and so, as they fought their way onward, they were often very weary, often hungry and thirsty, and only the strongest lived to reach the places they were trying to get to. But these brave men settled on the land, grew crops or bred cattle, and PREPARED THE WAY FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. They were PIONEERS.

When we speak of Spiritualist pioneers, we mean brave men and women who have fought and suffered and worked for Spiritualism, just as these other men (and their wives and children) fought and suffered and worked for their new homes. The Spiritualist pioneers did not have to fight Indians, nor did they all have to go hungry and thirsty—but people said nasty things to them and about them, and in some cases would not give them work to do; crowds of rough people would break their windows or annoy them in other ways; clergymen said they were very wicked, and preached sermons against them; and, as a rule, everything possible was done to make them miserable. But they never lost heart, and they gladly suffered all these miseries so that we should know the great truth of spirit return.

So we must learn all about these pioneers (they are mentioned again in Ques. 7, and in No. 1 Handbook); above all, we must learn to love them, and make up our minds that we shall work as hard, and if need be suffer as much for Spiritualism, as they did.

A. T. CONNOR.

EDUCATION LITERATURE.

- (i) SPIRITUALISM FOR THE STUDENT AND INVESTIGATOR. 7d. per copy; 5s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

This booklet should be on every Spiritualist bookshelf, and in every Lyceumist's home. It gives the information desired by investigators, and is well-written by authors who know their subjects. It is also the Handbook (No. 3) for Grade V. students.

- (ii) HANDBOOK No. 2. 6d. per copy; 5s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

This booklet is a companion to the above, and gives enquirer and Lyceumist alike a good all-round knowledge of our religion. It is also the Handbook for Grades II, III, and IV.

- (iii) HANDBOOK No. 1. 4d. per copy; 3s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

This booklet is also suitable for introducing investigators to our truths, and for giving to Lyceumists the fundamental and essential knowledge of our Movement. It is also the Handbook for Grade I.

- (iv) ORAL GRADE PRIMER, for children under ten. 5d. per copy; 3s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

This booklet introduces children to the teachings of Spiritualism, gives the lessons in simple language, and contains four portraits of pioneers. Every young Lyceumist should own a copy; and even adults will find its pages interesting and instructive.

- (v) HELPS TO THE STUDY OF THE LYCEUM MANUAL. 2d. per copy (postage 1d.) or 1s. 9d. per dozen; post free.

This pamphlet gives explanations of the difficult words and phrases (arranged in alphabetical order); and is helpful to students of Grades I to V, to Conductors, Tutors, Leaders, and all Lyceumists.

- (vi) SYLLABUS OF WORK FOR THE EDUCATION SCHEME. 1½d. per copy; 9d. per dozen, post free.

Each student should own a copy for reference and guidance.

- (vii) HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAMINATIONS. Sent free, on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope.

A complete guide and help to students, tutors, leaders, and conductors.

- (viii) OUR CHILDREN UNDER TEN.

Sent free, on receipt of a stamped, addressed envelope. Explains how to teach them, what to teach them, and how to enter them for the Oral Grade Examination.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS to be sent to the Education Secretary, (Miss) M. E. KITSON, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, (Yorks.)



My dear Boys and Girls,

Three cheers for this happy month of August, Hip-pip-hurrah. What a delightful month we are all going to have, whether we spend our holiday at the seaside, in the country, or in the parks and open spaces.

August is your month, yes, your very own; then remember what I said in my last month's letter, and make every day in it a happy one.

Auntie Ruth and I wish every one of you a real, romping, jolly holiday.

There will not be a competition this month as I know most of you will not have time for same, but I want you all to try and send me a post card from where you are spending your holidays, including, if you can, the answer to Puzzle No. 8. This month, just the name of your Lyceum will be sufficient.

What shall I tell you about this month? Just a minute! Hark! what's that I can hear? A drum and fife band. Look! See how the children are running from all directions. I must go, too; why no! its not a band at all. Hah! hah! hah! Its our old friends Punch and Judy, with faithful dog Toby. Look at the adults listening too. Yes, we are all kiddies again when these friends appear on the scene, although some of these older ones try to make the excuse that they are amusing you little ones. You take it from me, they too are just as keen to see the show. Here they are; there's old Punch, there's Judy.

Good afternoon, boys. Good afternoon, Master Punch. Good afternoon, girls. Good afternoon, Master Punch. Have you seen the baby? Here you are, then; look at it! and with this Mr. Punch throws baby out of the window. But oh, here is Judy demanding to know where baby has gone, and as she fails to get satisfaction from Master Punch she appeals to the children, who immediately inform her that Master Punch has thrown it out of the window, and although Punch endeavours to get the children to clear his character, he tries in vain. It is, however, those well-known words "That's the way to do it," combined with this section of the entertainment wherein I see a lesson for you boys and girls.

Why does Judy appeal to the children? Why, because she knows children both love and speak the truth.

Ah, what a grand thing it is, kiddies, to be relied on, because mother and daddy, teacher and friends, know you speak the truth.

There is a beautiful Golden Chain recitation in our *Manual* No. 130, on Truth, which says "Seek the truth," for the truth shall make you free. For "God is love"; if we but trust Him so; then all these goodly gifts take root in us. Then turning back to Silver Chain No. 25, we read one of the great keynotes of "How to Live." Sow truth, if thou the truth wouldst reap.

Yes, boys and girls, truth is like a little seed, but if sown in the garden of our heart daily, the blossoms which will bloom in our lives will be far too wonderful for anyone to attempt to describe their beauty, and truly the truth shall make us free. Yes, just in your childhood days how very true these words are; for suppose you have done something wrong, and mamma or dadda questions you about it. If you at once tell the truth, they will be pleased to know you have spoken the truth. With this one little tiny confession of some simple wrong you have done, you have at once a clear mind. But if, on the other hand, you were to tell a little story about it, perhaps blaming it on to someone else, and when they were questioned they blamed it back on to you, what would you have to do then? You would be tempted to tell yet another story and yet another; but while all this is going on you would not be happy. No, you would be very miserable indeed, and you would not feel free until you had owned up and told the truth. You see, then, how the truth can make you free. I am giving you this lesson, not because I think you are naughty boys and girls, nor do I think you are untruthful, but because I know however good we try to be, Musical Reading No. 237 is sure to be our lot and:—

We all might do good when we often do ill;

There is always the way if there be but the will.

We can make the will by sowing the tiny seed of truth now; and every time we allow truth to conquer over falsehood we can express our feelings as Master Punch does his, by telling the

crowd, which represents the whole world, that "That's the way to do it, that's the way to do it."

So you see in the midst of your enjoyment, while you sit on the sands or stand at the street corner listening to our old friends giving their entertainment, you can learn a lesson from these oft repeated words.

Remember not only "That's the way to do it," but DO IT. THE WORKERS WIN.

How often do we hear these grand words repeated in our Lyceum Sessions? But also how often, too, do we hear our members saying "Oh, I cannot do anything, I am too nervous." Is not this a case which should come under the heading of S.C.R. 61, "There must be something wrong?"

Let us then try and break down the barrier, and in a very kindly way, let me try and suggest to you older boys and girls, and those who write to me monthly under the heading of the Liberty Section, just where we allow this false idea to creep into our minds. Sometimes it is just due to the fact that we are looking at the top of the ladder first, and it certainly would be a very hard thing to get to the top at the first attempt; not only would it be hard, but also dangerous, as it might mean a nasty fall.

Progress is reached after climbing each rung step by step. Let us turn then to M.R. 237, which says "Don't neglect the little chances you find along your way."

These are the stepping-stones to progress, often unseen by the crowd, but every one of them being just as important as the greater tasks undertaken by those we look upon as leaders of men, and it may be only in these smaller deeds that your work lies at present.

Therefore, ever remember that the success of your Lyceum is only made up by the true spirit of service put into the work by each individual member, whether he or she be Conductor or Guard.

Each office depends on the others for success, and when all sections work together in harmony, progress is sure. Let us break down this nervous barrier which so often stands in the way of our own individual progress and the progress of the whole Lyceum.

Let us lose sight of our own weaknesses and remember that all true and noble ambition is prompted by the God within us, and that with God all things are possible, going forward in this spirit accepting the duties that lay in our daily path, be they great or be they small. Truly the Workers Win that great prize of joy of service which brings to us a peace and satisfaction of knowing we are endeavouring to make some heart brighter, and someone's load the lighter.

Never be guilty of saying, there is nothing I can do. Look around you, and remember you are God's child. Remove the barrier and get to work for the good of humanity. Read Lyceum Song 395.

The next competition for which extra prizes will be awarded will be September, "How I enjoyed my school holidays."

Prizes for last month awarded to:—

Madge Tyrer (age 11), Newton Heath.

Henry Littlejohn (age 12), Battersea.

Liberty Section. A clever paper by Mr. Briggs, Cheetham. Correct answer to Puzzle No. 7:—"BE HAPPY." L.M. 305. Nellie Dean, Bury; Harold Thompson, Brighouse; Fred Pitt, Manchester; Miller Fuller, Fulham; (No 5) Celia Whitehead, Newton.

PUZZLE No. 8.

My first is in captain, but not in king,
My second is in bird, also in ring,
My third is nothing, plainly you can see
My fourth is in laughter, and not absent in glee;
My fifth is in brooklet, river and stream,
My sixth is in awake, and also in dream;
My seventh, though not in mean, is in self,
My eighth is in fairies, but not in elf,
My whole is what every Lyceumist should strive for.

Greetings this month from Bowes Park, Battersea, Tottenham, Letchworth and Fulham; also Winnipeg No. 1 and 2, by request from Cheetham.

TO SECRETARIES.

My ambition for the winter months and 1925 is to be of greater service to the Lyceum Cause. I shall be pleased to help, especially Lyceums in or near London, by week-end or Sunday services. Write early.

Holiday postcards and snaps this month, please.

With love,

UNCLE BERT.

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

Baby Plants, and how they are Born.

(The Lyceum Guild Nature Study article).

By MARGARET E. LAWTON.

VIII.—FLOWERS.

The most successful plants are those that can produce the largest families of healthy plants and provide them with a reasonable chance of success in the struggle for existence. In the plant world, it is only the strong and healthy members that survive. It is the work of the flowers to create the babies of plant life, and the beauty and wonderful ways of our flowers have developed, as experience has shown, the way to greater care in the production of the seed babies.

In less developed plants, much has been left to chance, and consequently there has been much waste in plant life. The Ferns produced thousands of spores, and by far the greater number of them perished before they could attempt to produce prothalli. The Cone-flowers and the Catkins provided great quantities of fine, light, pollen dust, because its flight to the female ovules was at the mercy of a fitful wind and much was wasted in the air. The more successful flowering plants have tried to overcome this waste by providing greater protection for the all-important male and female organs and so making more sure that they fulfilled their mission of seed production.

Flowers in general possess four distinct parts—sepals, petals, male stamens and female pistils. The catkin flowers possessed either stamens or pistils which were attached to scale-like growths. The sepals and petals, are, therefore, the extra parts which are developed as protections and helps to the work of the male and female organs. The various parts of flowers are usually arranged in rings or *whorls*—with the pistil as the centre, the stamens surrounding it, and then the petals, and, lastly, the sepals forming the outer rings. Some flowers economise by having one ring of coloured petal-like growths which do the work of both sepals and petals, as in the March Marigold. The sepals, petals and stamens are usually arranged in threes, fours, fives, or multiples of those numbers, so that a flower may have 3 sepals 3 petals and 3 (or 6) stamens. Many flowers find that it is better for the sepals either partly, or wholly to unite to form a tube which can hold, support, and protect the inner parts. Such an arrangement is found in the Primrose. Sometimes it is the petals that form the cup as in the Canterbury Bell. Other flowers prefer all the parts to be quite separate as in the Buttercup. Fig. I shows a Buttercup cut in half downwards to show all its parts. The drawing is slightly enlarged.

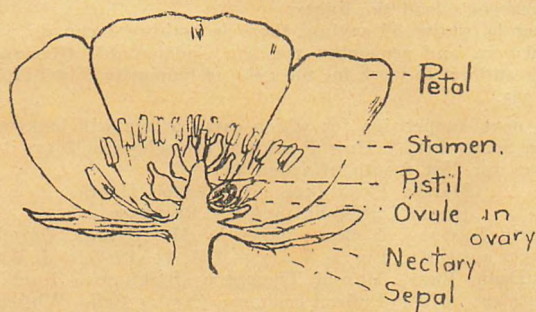


Fig. I Buttercup. (cut in half downwards.)

The sepals enclose the young flower when it is in bud, and protect it from rain, frost, and the ravages of tiny crawling insects. When the flowers open, the sepals often remain to support the rest of the flower as in the Primrose and Wallflower. Sometimes the sepals remain to protect the fruit, or to enclose the seeds. The petals are the attractive feature of the flowers and are amongst the most beautiful examples of Nature's handiwork. Besides being attractive, the petals sometimes form a platform on which visiting insects may settle. The development of flowers seems to prove that the petals have evolved from stamens, and that plant experiences have taught that it is better to have fewer stamens and instead to develop this outer circle of protective and attractive petals. It is noticeable that amongst the simpler, open types of flowers—such as the Buttercups—stamen-yellow is often the colour of the petals.

Some flowers contain only stamens, whilst others contain only the pistils, but by far the majority contain both male and female organs. This is a striking advance on the lower forms of

plant life, where the two sexes have most frequently been found either separately in the same plant, or on distinctly separate plants. The difference means that a flower containing both male and female germs can of itself produce seeds, for its pollen grains may fall on its own stigma—that is the flower can be *self pollinated*. The behaviour of most flowers, however, seems to point to the fact that the healthiest seeds are created when the *pollen from one flower is taken to the stigma of another flower*, so that the father and mother germs come from separate plants. This fact is responsible for the wonderful shapes and arrangements of the flowers, for their behaviour, and for their beauty.

The Cone flowers and the Catkins used the wind as the bearer of the male pollen grains to the female ovules. Most, but not all, flowers, use insects as their pollinating agents. The flowers need the aid of the insects. They obtain it by advertising attractively. Insects are attracted by colour, perfume, and, of course, by food. The flowers provide these attractions and so win insect visitors. Beautifully coloured petals, and sweet fragrance attract the insects to the flowers, and it has been found that most insects—in particular bees, butterflies and moths—will keep unerringly to one type and colour of flower, as from rose to rose, or violet to violet. Most flowers have the added attraction of nectar glands, but the nectaries are cunningly hidden, so that to gain the sweet the insect must first oblige the flowers. In the Buttercup, the nectar glands are like tiny pockets at the base of the flowers. In the Primrose, and several other flowers, the nectar is stored around the base of the ovary as can be seen in Fig. II. where a Primrose is cut downwards.

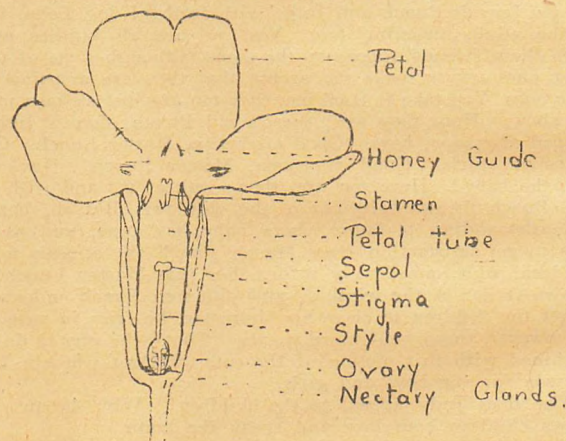


Fig. II. Primrose (cut in half)

In every case, the nectar is so hidden, that in order to reach it, an insect must rub against both the stigma and the stamens—usually against the stigma first. The stamens and stigma serve exactly the same purpose as those of the Catkins. The stamen head is the case that contains the male pollen grains. The stigma is the entrance to the passage, or style, which leads to the ovules found in the ovary. The stamens and the pistil are the two *absolutely necessary organs* that work together to produce the seed babies. Fig. III. shows a typical stamen and pistil.

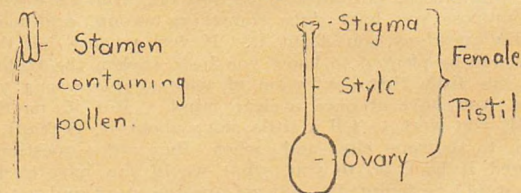


Fig. III. Male and Female Organs.

An insect, alighting on a flower, aims at reaching the nectar glands. In doing this it *rubs* against the stigma, and then against the ripe stamens, receiving from the latter a covering of yellow pollen dust. At the next flower visited, that pollen is rubbed off the insect on to the sticky surface of the stigma and *pollination* is the result.

When a grain of pollen alights on a stigma, it sends out a tiny tube which grows through the stigma, down the style and so into the ovary to an ovule. The tube penetrates the ovule to the egg cell, and then the male germ passes from the pollen along the tube, until it can unite with the female germ in the egg cell. Thus, a seed is born. The ovary of a flower may be the home of one or more ovules. An ovary that contains many ovules, may have them all arranged in one room, or arranged in several rooms. In the Buttercup, as can be seen in Fig. I., each ovary contains only one ovule, but there are many separate ovaries, each of which has its own stigma and style. As a result the Buttercup produces a number of separate one-sided fruitlets. In most flowers, however, the ovary is the home of many ovules, no matter whether they are in one or more rooms, and so the fruits contain many seeds. Fig. IV. shows five different types of ovaries, as they appear when they are cut across. These are not the only arrangements found in plants, but they are the commoner types.

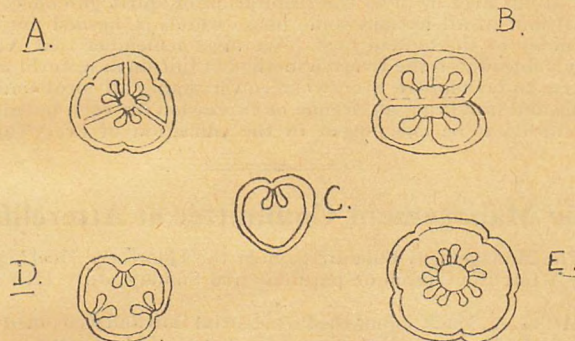


Fig. IV. Some Ovaries (cut across).

A. Wild Hyacinth. B. Dead Nettle

C. Pea. D. Violet. E. Primrose.

When pollination has been successful, the work of attracting insects is no longer necessary, and the flowers lose their colour and perfume. That is the reason for flowers "fading." In some flowers the petals first lose their lustre, and appear dried, but sooner or later they fall from the plant. The stamens, too, fade away, and all that remains of the flower is the fertilised pistil, and, sometimes, the protective sepals. These "remains" form the *fruit* that encloses the seeds. The ovary wall now has the added work of providing the seeds with the means of escape to suitable plant homes. If the wind is to disperse the seeds, the ovary becomes a dry case which opens to set free the ripened seeds. When the plant wants the help of people or birds the fruit becomes attractive, and, sometimes, tasty, in the hope that when the fruit case is eaten, the seeds will be given a satisfactory home.

(To be continued).

£2,000 Effort Report.

Dear Fellow Workers,

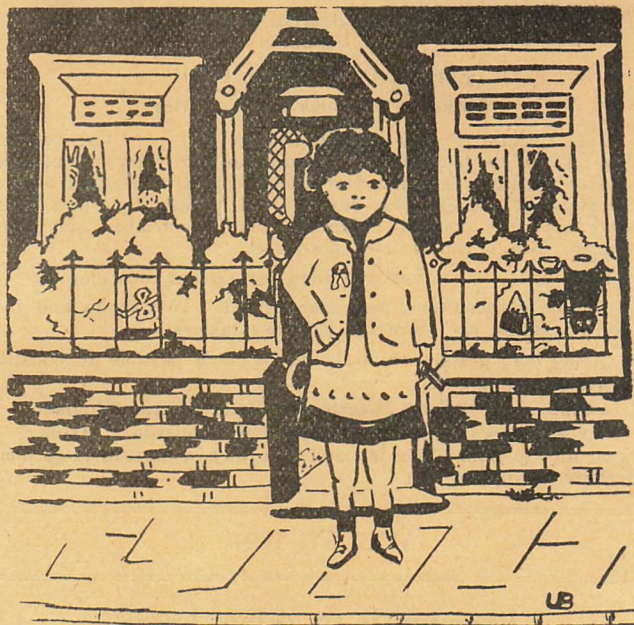
It is with extreme regret that I am compelled to report no income whatever for the month. I had just begun to flatter myself that my appeals had loosened the purse strings of our Lyceums so that we might have a steady flow. However, I trust that all Lyceumists will have read our President's Address to Conference and will realise how very necessary it is for each Lyceum to do its share. Following on my suggestion of last month *re* enthusiastic workers, I am now going to suggest that each Lyceum elect an officer to have charge of, and push, the £2,000 Effort on every possible occasion. Will those Lyceums and D.C.'s who have any funds whatever belonging to the £2,000 Effort please send them on as quickly as possible, as I am wanting to increase my last year's total to Conference. Get the real spirit of each for all and all for each, and your effort will swim home.

Yours very faithfully and hopefully,

W. BURROWS,

29, Kliffen Place,
Coronation Road, Halifax.

The Children's Puzzle.



HER BIRTHDAY GIFTS.

Here is a girl with Guild Badge on,
A.J.D. is circled in gold,
Exam's over, she's passed Grade I,
Her feelings now she cannot hold.
A printed record she has read,
And gained the prize for which she's strived,
Success has filled her pretty head;
Certificates have just arrived.

And now a great event is due,
Which boys and girls love to come round,
As happy years and birthdays do.
She cannot wait till postman's sound
Of Rat-a-tat, upon the door,
Brings all the gifts which she will get,
If all her friends are not too poor,
And they her birthday don't forget.

I'll tell you what he's bringing now,
Though you can't see what he has got,
Unless you look, and puzzle how
To find the things, there's such a lot.
And for all these the girlie waits;
A fancy bag, paint box with lid,
Tea service, dolls and chocolates,
A cradle, dog and cat are hid.

O, what a lucky girl she is,
When all the presents she can find,
And each of us would like to be
Blest with such friends so good and kind,
But we can share the things galore
By looking hard with many a stare
And persevering more and more
Until we find the presents there.

G.F.K.

The Darwin Church and Lyceum have moved into their new Church in Victoria Street, and we wish them every success in their new home.

Wath-on-Dearne Spiritualists have secured a piece of land and hope to have a building erected before the end of the year.

The Editor has had a chat with Mrs. Garrard, of Calgary, Canada. As a result we are hoping the Canadian Lyceums will be linked closer to each other, and also to the B.S.L.U.

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Lyceumists in other Lands.

There are many Lyceumists who have left the British Isles and gone to the colonies or abroad. Some have found expression for the Lyceum activities to continue; others have started Lyceums separately or with Churches already in existence, and some have remained content to await the time when they could meet with others who will eventually help them to introduce our methods of education.

Ireland is without a Lyceum. We cannot expect rapid growth in that country when we consider the overwhelming prejudice of most of the people against progressive religions, but Spiritualism should have pierced its way in Northern Ireland before now. Belfast seems to stand alone and the Lyceum which did exist there has closed for lack of support.

Canada is much more free than Ireland and splendid opportunities open out in the towns. Lyceums exist in Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, London, Hamilton, Edmonton, Vancouver and Brentford, but all are not in affiliation with the B.S.L.U.

In the United States there are many Lyceums, but they are not as popular with the Churches as in this country. It is a pleasing feature that there is an improvement in the support of education for Spiritualist Children in that great country; the most marked advance being in the State of California where Mrs. Vasek is doing her utmost to popularise the Lyceums. Another part of this issue describes the Annual Camp Meeting in that state where a Lyceum is held 6 days during the week and the British Manual is in use there. We must mention that these great states in U.S.A. and Canada are much larger than Great Britain and visiting cannot be done or organising made as easy as it is in this country.

One feature of American Lyceums is the Lyceum "Yell". If we adopted the "Yell" in the Lyceums in England it would be after this style:—

"We are the ones from Liverpool,
Lyceumists are always cool;
Join our happy band,
We lead in all the land,
Lyceumists of Liver-iver-iver-pool."

Australia has Lyceums in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and Melbourne. Possibly others exist but they have not been brought directly to our notice.

New Zealand is awakening to a deeper Spiritualism and Lyceums are springing into being at Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin. The subject has been propounded and some efforts at organisation are in existence. A fuller report can be obtained before long, when definite particulars come through.

South Africa is suffering from a lull as only Johannesburg seems to be active. We did hear of Lyceums at Krugersdorp, Pietermaritzburg and Durban. There are also Spiritualist

centres at Germiston, Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Port Elizabeth and Capetown. Lyceums must surely follow. There was an official monthly Journal, but it has ceased publication for lack of support, though it was splendidly produced while it lasted.

Whilst Lyceums are not known to exist in other parts of the world, our literature goes to many other places and must form the subject of many discussions where they have been sent. These places include the Gold Coast, Egypt, India, Japan, Spain, France, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Holland and a few other parts of the world.

The seed is being sown and we must continue as the nucleus of the unified religion of the world, shaking hands with the U.S.A. and stretching forth our thoughts to others who have found the future of religion depends on the facts of immortality and spirit communion. We shall overcome the language barrier and find ways to develop the brotherhood of man. With our minds ever open to the inspiration of spirit guidance, we shall find in all nations some phase which is needed for the harmony of the human race. We must remember that A. J. Davis introduced the Lyceum method of tuition as a world wide course to be adopted everywhere, overcoming all local limitations and providing an avenue of expression for each potential possibility to be encouraged in the education of every child.

The Management Committee at Attercliffe.

The Management Committee held the Quarterly Meeting in the Attercliffe Church on Saturday and Sunday, July 12th and 13th.

Mr. G. A. Mack signed the Presidential Roll and welcomed the new M.C. members: Mrs. Nurse, Mr. Guy and Mr. Scott.

It was decided to re-instate Whetley Lane Lyceum.

An offer of a new Service of Song was referred to the Publishing Committee.

Mr. Williams, the new Treasurer, gave the financial report and detailed the transfer of accounts which was approved by the M.C.

It was decided to transfer £200 and the balance of the Lyceum Home Fund to the Trustees of the Union.

The general report showed an increase of £49 on the first six months of 1923.

The Lyceum Lists were examined by the M.C. to their satisfaction.

It was decided to affiliate with the International Spiritualists' Federation.

LYCEUM BANNERS are being supplied 13 to the dozen, making the circulation 5,900 per month. Posters will be supplied with BANNER parcels in future.

It was decided to present Mr. R. A. Owen, the retiring Treasurer, with a best binding of the Officers' Manual, with an illuminated inscription, and a suitable present to Mrs. Owen and family.

Cash with orders and the new price lists were approved by the M.C.

Mr. Connor and Mr. Tinker were thanked for services rendered during the reprint of the Lyceum Manual.

Mr. Burrows reported £13 7s. 9d. has been sent to the £2,000 Effort during the quarter. Lyceums are requested to use A.J.D. Sunday as a means of augmenting this Fund.

Mrs. Pickles and Mr. Mack were elected M.C. representatives to the U.D.C.

Miss Kitson, B.A., reported that all Lyceums had been circularised to take up the Education Scheme for 1924-5.

Instructions were given to the General Secretary to write the members of the B.S.L.U. Inter-relations Committee, giving the position up-to-date, as determined by the S.N.U. Annual General Meetings.

Applications were endorsed from Stanmore (Australia), Northampton, Stretford (Manchester), and Derby (Charnwood Street).

Mr. Mack, Mr. Knott, Mr. Williams, Miss Elliott, Mr. Burrows and Mr. Jones (Secy.) were appointed as the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the year.

Miss Elliott, Mr. Scott and Mr. Jones form the Standing Orders Committee.

The M.C. are keeping in touch with the discussion on "Child Mediums."

The next meeting is fixed at Lincoln and further invitations are requested by the M.C. for 1925.

The best thanks of the M.C. were tendered to Attercliffe Church and Lyceum for the hospitality extended. Mr. Jones cordially responded.

OPEN SESSION AND PROPAGANDA MEETING.

A Massed Open Session was held to welcome the Management Committee. Mr. G. Armitage, the Conductor, extended a very hearty welcome to the Committee and said we were happy to be of service to the National Union and hoped the week-end business would provide for the fuller government and prosperity of the Union. He handed the Session to the President, Mr. G. A. Mack, to conduct as he deemed best. Loud and prolonged applause gave the M.C. a real Yorkshire Welcome. Mr. Mack thanked the Lyceum heartily for their very warm greeting and said it was a joy and compensation for the sacrifice and time spent on behalf of the Cause when they had such appreciation. He called upon Mr. H. C. Guy, a new Area Representative, to take the S.C.R. Mr. Guy answered questions splendidly. The readings of the Musical Reading were taken by Mrs. Pickles, Mr. Williams, and Miss Rayner, who each in turn addressed the Lyceum and aroused their appreciation. Mr. Mack conducted the G.C.R. on "Our Duties" and after several knotty questions were answered, Mr. Mack spoke of the great work which lies before the Lyceum Cause, and desired the wholehearted support of Lyceumists and knew Attercliffe would play its part. Miss Salmon conducted the marching and calisthenics in fine style, and all felt better for the exercises. Mr. Mack then asked for pearls and recitations which came in quickly, and all were charmed and pleased by the variety. Mr. Mack congratulated Jim Noury and children for the splendid result achieved in the last Education Examination, and the Lyceum for its remarkable result: five having passed the Fifth Grade. There were 200 present and we are certain good work was done and all parted feeling we had spent a record time. Darnall Lyceum was represented and was welcomed by the President. A fair party stayed for tea and mingled with the National Workers.

At the Evening service Mr. C. Saxelby, as President of the Church, welcomed the M.C. and hoped their visit would have strengthened the bonds of union between us. He wished them every success in their labours for Truth. Mr. G. A. Mack heartily replied, and thanked the Chairman for his remarks and said they had been very happy and thanked the members of the Church for their grand welcome. Mr. Saxelby then handed the Chairmanship to Mr. J. K. Jones, as Area Representative. The meeting was ably addressed by Mr. Guy, Miss Elliott, and Mrs. Nurse, who aroused the hearty appreciation of the Congregation assembled. Each in their own way dealt with the Gospel of Spiritualism. Mr. C. J. Williams moved, and Mr. J. Scott, of Dundee, seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Attercliffe Church for their kindness during the week-end and said they had been very happy and comfortable and they appreciated the sacrifice of the entertainers.

Mr. G. F. Knott took the service at Parkgate and all were pleased with his robust address on "Spiritualism, and its Application to everyday life."

Manual Revision Notes.

There is no reason why every Lyceumist should not take part in the revision of *OUR Manual*, and send along suggestions to the District or National Revision Secretary. It will be impossible to have everybody on a committee, but that is no reason why everybody should not work. When the new revised *Manual* is published, it will be nice to be able to turn up some particular item and say:—"I got that put in"; AND it will be just the opposite to have somebody else say this, and to know that we have done nothing.

What has to be done? In the first place, there are a large number of S.C.R.'s which are set to music; and it would be possible, without spoiling the *Manual*, to remove these S.C.R.'s to the Songs section, and so make room for new Silver Chains. So the Lyceumist who wishes to help can send along his favourite (short) poem, if he thinks it will be suitable, with the names of the author and publisher, and the date of publication. When the National Revision Committee meets, all the poems submitted will be carefully considered, and those selected will be published in the Revised *Manual*.

Then there are Recitations and Readings which some Lyceumists don't like, and some of which they don't like parts. For instance, some object to the second verse of S.C.R. 60, "The Beautiful Land," where "the Angel of Death" is described as an actual being. They say that "death" is merely a change of manifestation—and that it is ridiculous to describe it as an

angel who goes about killing people when he or somebody else decides that they have lived long enough on Earth. So they say that the verse should be left out.

There are others who object to the use of particular words—for instance, the word "Paradise" in S.C.R. 52. They argue that this word is liable to be misunderstood by non-Spiritualists, and that "Summerland" or "Spirit Life" would convey the same meaning—and could not be misunderstood by anybody.

These instances will give an idea of the useful work that can be done by every Lyceumist. But it would be wisest not to send these suggestions direct to the National Secretary, unless no other means can be found. The best way would be for the individual Lyceumist to send suggestions to the Lyceum committee. Approved suggestions could then be sent to the District committee, and the District choice sent on to the National Committee. In this way every item would have passed three searching tests—the Lyceumist, the Lyceum and the District—before reaching the National Secretary. And I am sure everybody will agree that in this way the National Committee would be saved from having to consider "cranky" or unimportant suggestions. But this need not prevent any Lyceumist from sending on suggestions or new items for National consideration.

Valuable constructive work, also, can be done. There are many of our Songs that could be made into Musical Readings. There are hundreds of Lyceumists who have passed the Grade III examination, in which they had to write a Connective Reading to a given verse. Why should they not help their Movement by taking one of the Songs, and writing Connective Readings for submission to the Committee. The Committee's standard will be a high one; but I feel sure that many of our Lyceumists can reach it. At any rate, let us try!

Again, we have G.C.R.'s 140 and 141, which are not much more than lists of psychic powers and Spiritualistic phenomena. Here is a task for our scientific Spiritualists—to write a Golden Chain on each phase of our phenomena and our powers. And it is an admitted fact that a man who knows only his own religion does not know very much—even about it. So Golden Chains dealing with the root principles of Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Christianity or any other religion, would enrich our *Manual* and increase its educational value—and at the same time raise the standards of our personal ideals and ideas of Spiritualism.

In conclusion, it cannot be too earnestly impressed on members of committees that they have not been appointed in order that they may press their own points of view through at any cost; but to see that every suggestion sent forward represents the ideas of the Lyceum or the District. Suggestions that meet with opposition can in most cases be amended so that they will be unanimously adopted. And we must be very careful in selecting our various committees—Lyceum or District. We must not appoint people just because we like them. We must find those who, we know, can do the work properly, and put them on our committees, even if there are things about them that we don't quite like. This revision work is not a case for "sloppy" sentiment—it is a case of providing the very best book in the world as the official text-book of the world's greatest educational Movement. Now, then, Lyceumists—let us all pull together harmoniously, and show all our enemies, and all our critics, what Lyceumists can and will do for Spiritualism!

All questions of general interest will be answered in the BANNER—personal questions will be answered by letter if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed with the question.

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

A CHOIR TRIP.

A number of Lyceums are forming choirs to assist the Churches to which they are attached. A pleasing feature of some choirs is to have an annual trip. The following method is suggested as a means of linking up the Lyceums in various districts:—

On June 28th the choir of Penn Street Church, Rochdale, went by chara to Gisburn, where we stayed for tea, etc. Later we proceeded to Barnoldswick to meet friends and Lyceumists from Green Street Church and Lyceum. They entertained us royally, having engaged a hall in the town for our reception. We had a jolly social evening together, meeting friends from Earby and Skipton Lyceums. We left for home hoping that our visit would be the forerunner of many more fraternal meetings and a means of bringing fellowship and unity of purpose between Lyceums.

Our Lyceum Guild.

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

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

GUILD AIMS:—(i) To be progressive.

(ii) To develop ourselves—physically, mentally, psychically, spiritually.

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

The first member was enrolled on 16th April, 1920. At the present time, our enrolment number stands at 1706 (exclusive of 30 Junior members).

Our list of members includes:—The officers of the B.S.L.U., most Area Representatives, the Trustees of the B.S.L.U., the members of the Education Committee, and the Manual Committee, the officers of the U.D.C., several prominent S.N.U. workers, most examiners under the Education Scheme, and well-known district and local workers for Lyceumism.

TO BECOME A MEMBER.

(a) *Full Members.*—Any Lyceumist who is ten years of age or older (there is no maximum age) can become a member by filling in an application form, and forwarding it with the entrance fee of one shilling, to the Leader. In return will be sent the certificate of membership and ribbon-badge, along with literature about the work.

(b) *Junior Members.*—Children under ten can enrol as Junior Members by sending in the Junior's Application Form (filled in) and threepence. They receive a ribbon-badge, but no certificate. When ten, they apply for full membership in the usual way. (See previous paragraph).

PROMOTION.

When a member has passed a higher Grade, (s)he should send particulars (name, address, Lyceum, Guild number, Grade passed, and results) with threepence, and a stamped, addressed envelope to the Leader, for the badge for that Grade. (To replace a lost, or soiled badge, apply in the same way.)

We shall be pleased to receive applications for their new badges from those members who passed the last examinations and who have not yet sent for their promotion-badges.

ESSAY BADGES OF MERIT.

Each year the Guild holds essay competitions, and each essayist who scores 85% or more of the marks is awarded a merit badge, worked on the ribbon badge.

The *First* success is shown by a red square, filled in with blue.

The *Second* success is shown by a red square, filled in half with violet and half with blue.

The *Third* success is shown by a red square, filled in half with green, quarter with violet and quarter with blue.

The *Fourth* success is shown by a red square, filled in with orange, green, violet, and blue (quarter each).

Certified Essayist. A certificate is awarded to each member scoring a fourth success, and (s)he becomes a certified Guild Essayist.

OUR ANNUAL ESSAY COMPETITIONS (open to all members).

(a) Subjects for Essays—

(i) "Never mix thou thy pleasure or thy pride with sorrow of the meanest thing that feels." Write an essay explaining this, and showing its application in everyday life.

(ii) Write an original G.C.R. based on Chapter II (The Origin of Modern Spiritualism) in Handbook No. 1.

(iii) Write an original G.C.R., entitled "Pioneers of Spiritualism" or "Pioneers of Lyceumism."

(iv) Write an original G.C.R. based on any subject in No. 3 Handbook.

(v) An original dialogue—in verse—suitable for recitation at Open Sessions.

(vi) An original S.C.R., teaching Spiritualism.

(vii) Essay on "Home Circles."

(viii) Essay on "How I became convinced of the truth of spirit return."

(ix) *For Juniors.* Write an essay on:—Suppose you are a wild bird in a cage; tell how you were caught, and why you are unhappy; and give a *bird's* reasons why it is wrong to keep wild birds captive.

(b) *Rules.* (Disregard of these rules will disqualify a competitor).

(i) On a sheet of paper write—name, address, Lyceum, age f under 21), Grade passed (if any), Guild number.

(ii) Members may enter for one, or more, of the competitions; but must only submit *one* effort for *one* subject.

(iii) Write on *one* side of the paper *only*.

(iv) Do NOT enclose a letter.

(v) In the top left-hand corner of your envelope write "Guild Competition."

(vi) Post your essay(s) on or before 30th September.

NOTE.—No essays will be returned, and the Leader reserves the right to publish any winning essay, but cannot promise to do so.

(c) Marking of Essays.

(i) The judge's decision must be accepted as final.

(ii) Marks will be awarded for:

(a) Originality of ideas, and (or) grasp of subject.

(b) Essential matter and facts, and arrangement (or development).

(c) Keeping to the point; and conciseness.

(d) Style, language, fluency, and coherence.

(e) Correct grammar and spelling.

(f) Legibility, and general neatness.

PRIZE FOR ESSAYISTS.

In addition to the merit-badge on the ribbon, for *each* competitor who scores 85 or more marks out of 100; there will be awarded a prize of *ten shillings* to the essayist who scores the *highest* marks. One of our members, who desires to remain anonymous, has generously sent on the money for this purpose; and we tender to her our very sincere thanks. We hope for a large number of entrants.

SEND ALL COMMUNICATIONS to the Guild Leader, (Miss) M. E. KIRSON, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, (Yorks).

The Scottish Page.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE M.C. MEETING AT SHEFFIELD.

It is a long, long way to Sheffield from Dundee but I got there all right. The journey south was interesting. The weather was beautiful, and as the train steamed through the various cities and counties of our country, the multifarious activities of man were easily observed against Nature's colour scheme. One outstanding feature of the trip was the efforts of the agricultural labourers to make hay while the sun shone. In every county they were busy. Figuratively, the M.C. too, were making hay while the sun shone. Perhaps their physical efforts did not equal the real haymakers, but assuredly the harvest shall accrue from their unrelaxing exertions.

I arrived at the National Spiritualist Church, Bold Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield, about 4-45 p.m. The M.C. was already in session. Taking my seat among them, we sat, save for an interval for tea provided by the Bold Street friends, until 9-45. The adjourned meeting was resumed on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, and the end of the agenda was reached at 1-15 p.m. For a brief period between times Miss Elliott and Mr. Knott, our general secretary, addressed the Lyceum and Church members.

After lunch, provided at the homes of several of the Church members, we took the platform at an united Lyceum Session composed chiefly of Bold Street Lyceumists and some from Darnall. Mr. G. Armitage, the Attercliffe Conductor, opened the service, and then called upon Mr. Mack, our President, to conduct the Lyceum work. He, in turn, called upon members of the M.C. to read parts from the Manual and question the children on the meanings thereof. The questions were very cleverly answered. The calisthenics, pearls, and recitations were all equally good. Mrs. Pickles gave forth a pearl worth memorising. "It takes but a tiny spot, to plant that seed forget-me-not."

Tea was again provided by the Attercliffe folks in their Hall. I may mention that they are the owners of their Church, which is certainly a great asset to them and the movement.

A meeting for adults was held at 6-30, Mr. Saxelby, the Bold Street President, conducting the meeting. Several of the M.C. addressed the audience on behalf of the Lyceum movement. The outstanding speeches were delivered by Mr. Guy and Miss Elliott. The appeal of the latter for the children was full of sweet sympathy, and nobility of purpose. Mr. Williams, the Treasurer, moved the vote of thanks to the friends at Attercliffe for the splendid arrangements made to house and entertain the M.C. and complimented the energetic organiser, Mr. Jones, on his splendid discretion and labours.

An after meeting took place at which Mr. Jones presided and Mrs. Nurse of the M.C. gave the clairvoyance. We did not stay to this meeting, having been invited by the daughter of our host and a gentleman friend to accompany them on an evening trip, by car, to some of the city's beauty spots. This was at 8-15 p.m. on Sunday, our first release from work since arriving in Sheffield. Here I might just reiterate my remarks while seconding the vote of thanks moved by the treasurer, and that is that I found the Management Committee and the people of Sheffield as sturdy, true, and trusty as the steel for which that city is famous the world over. Altogether it was a pleasing and unique experience to me. The M.C. impressed me as a body of very capable and efficient men and women, sacrificing time and energy, aye, and money on behalf of the bairns. For nine solid hours we sat in session discussing Lyceum work. A digest of that work will be provided by the General Secretary, So I need not dwell on it. No time was wasted, and a fine harmonious spirit prevailed throughout the whole proceedings. Let us dedicate ourselves to strengthening the Union and removing misunderstandings. United we stand, divided we fall.

In conclusion, I once again tender my sincere thanks to all who made it possible for me to get a glimpse of the internal workings of the M.C. It has clarified my mind. I shall continue to serve without fear, or favour. "Truth may be everywhere rejected," but, thank God, "it can be nowhere suppressed." Its progress may be retarded, but its final victory is assured.

JOHN M. SCOTT.

Human Vivisection.

Our attention has been called to an article in the "Referee," issued on July 27th, 1924, by the Editor.

The article quotes some experiences with boy and girl mediums and suggests the control of such experiments by law.

The B.S.L. Union has always been against the undue encouragement of abnormal faculties in children, especially for spectacular, public demonstrations. A child should enjoy the simple pleasures of youth. When mediumship is part of their nature we must ever regard it as adolescent and carefully guard its display until the child is old enough to understand the forces being displayed.

The "Referee" article suggests control by the State through a license to psychic investigators, but the State must first recognise that the phenomena occurs. The Spiritualists' National Union are promoting a short Bill for this purpose and will ensure on behalf of the public that not only experimenters but the mediums also shall be certificated.

The main theme to consider in discussing psychic aspects of personality is the utility of its display. Within the Spiritualist movement we shall always do our utmost to protect every sensitive child which possesses psychic tendencies.

G. F. KNOTT.

We gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the "Psychic Gazette" for the insertion of a very able article on the Lyceum Movement, by Alfred Kitson, in the August issue.

Sheffield District Churches and Lyceums Demonstration at Rotherham



THE EVENT OF THE YEAR.

Spiritualists' DEMONSTRATION at Rotherham On SATURDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1924.

25 Churches and Lyceums will assemble at the Great Central Station. The Procession will start at 2-45 p.m., and pass through the main streets to Herring Thorpe Field.

Three Bands, Banners, Tableaux, and an Exhibition of Marching and calisthenics. National Representatives: Mr. E. W. Oaten and Mr. G. F. Knott.

Teas provided. Children 6d. each. Adults 1s. each. Souvenir Programme 2d.

For all particulars apply to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. H. Saxelby, 40, Fairthorn Road, Firth Park, Sheffield.

An American Camp Meeting.

The following description of an American Camp Meeting will be interesting to many Spiritualists and Lyceumists in this country. We are indebted to Mrs. Mary Vasek, the pastor of the First Spiritualist Temple, in Los Angeles, for the interesting, illustrated booklet from which the details are copied. (Ed)

HARMONY GROVE.

28th ANNUAL CAMP MEETING AT ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA.

SEASON FROM JULY 20th, to AUG. 17th, 1924.

HARMONY GROVE—NATURE'S BEAUTY SPOT.

Three and a half miles west of the flourishing little town of Escondido, in San Diego country, under the mammoth live oaks. An ideal sunny vale, tempered with the ocean breeze, where scenic beauty is unsurpassed. With Mount Whitney on the northwest rising in majestic splendour: to the west in close contact, towering high, a monument of ancient worship, where the Aztec Indians in their journeyings southward tarried and left evidence of their devotion to the Great Spirit in language symbolically inscribed on the rocks in hieroglyphics, historic of the sacred spot. Three miles away to the east is the famous Hodges Lake, with its splendid coast line and placid surface, where boating and fishing is in order. By-paths for rambles: good roads for motoring.

Come where the atmosphere is laden with health and strength. Every convenience is afforded. Cottages and tents to suit the most fastidious, at prices within the reach of all. Sound sleep and good eats. A screened-in dining room with a seating capacity of one hundred, adds greatly to the guests' comfort.

TRANSPORTATION TO HARMONY GROVE.

The Pickwick Stages and the Santa Fe Railroad runs direct to the town of Escondido. The Camp stage meets auto stages and trains at Escondido by which you will be transported free of all charge to the Camp. If travelling by auto follow the Auto Club signs to Escondido and then be guided by the signs, posted by "The Western Spiritualist," to the Camp.

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Mrs. Julia Coe is the Camp musician this year who will play for the Spiritual services.

Mrs. Beth Nordwall, is the chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Each Saturday night a Musical and Literary Entertainment will be held in the Auditorium followed by a dance, which the old as well as the young are invited to participate in. Arrangements to bring a three or four piece band from Los Angeles for each Saturday Night Dance is expected to be a good drawing card for the young folks.

A five tube Atwater-Kent Radio with a loud speaker, loaned to the Camp by "The Western Spiritualist" and operated by Dr. Heivley, will furnish entertainment and the Camp will be in touch with the Broadcasting Stations all over the United States.

The President and Secretary are Mrs. Mary Vasek and Mrs. Belle Foster.

ACCOMMODATION.

Tents can be rented from the Association at the following prices: one person, 2 dollars per week, two persons, 3 dollars per week. Tents with board floors, one person, 3 dollars per week, two persons, 5 dollars per week. Reservations for camp accommodations can be made in advance through the secretary. If you have your own tent and auto camping equipment bring it along and rent a camping site at a very reasonable price.

MEALS AND BOARD.

An effort will be made this year to give our visitors good meals—served family style—and at a price that is within reach of all. The markets will be watched and the best of the season will be on the tables. Single meals may be purchased, breakfast 30 cents, dinner 50 cents, and supper 35 cents, or a meal ticket food for one week of meals at only 7 dollars.

ARRANGEMENT OF DAILY PROGRAM FOR 1924.

8-30 a.m.—Healing class, led by Dr. W. H. Heivley.

10-30 a.m.—Lyceum, led by Mary C. Vasek.

11-0 a.m.—Conference every day except Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

1-30 p.m.—Concentration class daily except Sunday, led by Mary C. Vasek.

4-30 p.m.—Circles every Sunday and on special days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Address all communications to the secretary, Mrs. Belle Foster, Escondido, California. During Camp Session address all mail to the person you desire to reach at Harmony Grove Camp, Escondido, California. Mail reaches the Camp daily. W. E. SHELBY, CAMP MANAGER, needs no introduction to those who have ever attended Harmony Grove Camp. He has been appointed manager this year and among his duties will be the purchasing of supplies for the Dining Hall.

MATERIALISING CIRCLES.

Prof. W. H. Cecil, the well known materialising medium, will be on the Camp grounds the entire season and will hold seances.

CLASS LESSONS BY DR. B. F. AUSTIN.

1. Manifestation of subconscious mind.
2. How to heal ourselves and others.
3. The way to attainment.
4. How to make money.
5. How to win and retain happiness.
6. Our soul powers and how to unfold them.

MEDIUMS, SPEAKERS AND HEALERS.

Never before in the history of Spiritualism on the Pacific Slope has there ever been such a large and noted group of workers assembled to demonstrate the Truth of Spiritualism. Look over the following list of the workers and then plan to spend your vacation at the Camp. A welcome awaits you. (Here follows a long list of workers).

THIS PROGRAMME.

Through the co-operation of the various churches and mediums of the Southland, D. H. and F. G. Roush, publishers of "The Western Spiritualist," were enabled to print and distribute this programme free of charge for the Harmony Grove Camp Association. We desire to thank the many churches and mediums who placed ads. in this 32-page programme and know that they will not only receive direct results from the advertising but that the programme will help to boost Spiritualism on the Pacific Coast thereby helping the Cause, and in helping the Cause it will help the workers who have laboured so faithfully for the Truths of Spiritualism.

With nearly all the Churches and Mediums of Southern California listed in this programme it would be advisable to retain it as it will serve as a directory.

This programme is compiled by Mary C. Vasek and Belle Foster.

SYNOPSIS OF DAILY PROGRAMME AND PRINTED MATTER.

SUNDAY, JULY 20th.

10-30 a.m.—Flag Raising and Salute. Opening address by President, Mary C. Vasek. Symposium by workers present. Messages by Mrs. G. W. Upton.

2-30 p.m.—Lecture by Rev. L. J. Earheart, subject "Biblical Spiritualism." Messages by Dugee Wilson.

4-0 p.m.—Message circles.

7-30 p.m.—Lecture by Mrs. Myrtle Shannon, subject, "Concerning Spiritual Gifts." Messages by Mr. G. W. Upton, and Mrs. L. J. Earheart.

MONDAY, JULY 21st.

Get Acquainted Day.

8-0 p.m.—Informal Social. By Ladies' Auxiliary.

TUESDAY, JULY 22nd.

10-30 a.m.—Conference, leader, Mr. G. W. Upton, subject, "Power of the Spirit."

2-30 p.m.—Lecture by Mrs. Myrtle Shannon, "Soul Unfoldment." Messages by Mrs. Emma Jaeger.

7-30 p.m.—Lecture by Rev. L. J. Earheart, subject, "What about the Psychological Crime?" Ballot reading by Mrs. G. W. Upton.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23rd.

San Diego Day, Entire day in charge of San Diego workers, etc., etc.

Special Speakers, Mediums and Healers are engaged for the daily Conferences and phenomena meetings, of which the above is an outline. A Lyceum Session, with Liberty Group takes place every morning except Sunday. Only the late afternoon and some evenings are vacant for pleasure but there is no compulsion to attend all the meetings.

A number of towns, represented by residents at the Camp, take charge of the whole of the meetings on special days. One whole day is devoted entirely to children.

HOW THE CAMP STARTED.

THE DONORS OF THE CAMP.

Through the mediumship of Mary Nulton, "a home circle," held at the Nulton home was instructed to organise a Camp Meeting. Further instructions were, that all profits should be used in improving the grounds so that a Rest Home for Mediums might be established.

Mr. Nulton was so imbued with the thought that he gave the Camp a 50 years' lease on a portion of his ranch.

The Nultons, Foster and Lowman families together with a few friends held the first Camp Meeting in 1896.

The S.N.U. Annual General Meeting.

The A.G.M. of the Spiritualist National Union was held at Birmingham on Saturday and Sunday, July 5th and 6th, 1924. Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, J.P., presided over a good assembly of Delegates and Subscribing Members.

Arrangements were made for a Floral Welcome by Lyceumists, but owing to the prolonged meetings, it was only possible to present the President with a bouquet of roses and ask her to receive the other decorations on behalf of the E.C.

It was the intention that the following lines should have been recited to the officers and others named below and as no opportunity came for their expression they are printed here to convey the welcome Birmingham Spiritualists gave to our leaders. The welcome was arranged by Mr. B. P. Membrey.

Lady President.

Dear Lady President, to you we give, with fragrant flowers
Our welcome and our love,
Your labours to our cause we do applaud, and know
Each Union shares, equally, your love.
May you be spared for greater service yet,
A service to be crowned with sweet success.
May health and happiness your way attend,
Love guide your journey to its end.
These wishes true we offer you,
With these sweet flowers our token pure.

Mr. Vice-President.

Dear Brother Owen, we offer you,
With this red rose, a welcome true.
We're proud to know that thro' your busy life,
You've served our cause with love, and all your might.
In both our Church and Lyceum, we know, and prize you too,
May you yet many happy years in our great cause
A greater service do.
May loved ones guide you as your task
In pastures new you do pursue,
And shower sweet roses on your path thro' life,
Is the wish we have for you.

Mr. General Secretary.

To you, our valued Secretary, International Chairman too,
We give our heartiest welcome, for we have great hopes of you.
Your work's not done, you've just begun,
For you're our pilot true, to lead us through
To our legal rights is the work awaiting you,
Like the Knight of old, in armour bold,
Engraved with his motto true,
We give you Lilies, White and Pure, as
An emblem of strength to you.
May you boldly press onward, toward our goal,
For Purity, Freedom, and Truth.

Lyceum President.

And to you, our Lyceum President,
Do we offer a welcome true.
We have heard much of you,
And know that you're out
To make us all strong and true.
You know how our Manual teaches,
That Harmony, Truth, and Love.
And Reverence for the Rights of all
Is the path through life we must walk.
And we look to you as our Leader,
As one who has struggled,—and won,
To keep us free from all discord and strife,

That both Unions shall blend as one.
What matter slight doubts,
'Tis the Truth that counts,
And Spiritualism's united front,
So we offer to you, with our welcome true,
As emblems from hearts as pure.
Two ROSES, one WHITE and one RED.
For UNITY,—STRENGTH with LOVE.

Our Lyceum Advisor.

To you, Dear Father Kitson, for such to us you are,
Whose work of love in our noble cause,
Is known both near and far,
We welcome you, this Conference, with a great joy, and love.
We are glad to see your happy face, and hear your joyful song,
For your life's work rings bold and clear,
Its note:—The Angel's song.
And your reward, if souls are crowned,
Will be a laurel one.

We offer you sweet violets, emblems, as you're aware,
Of memories that shall never die,
Of your service rendered here.

The Executive Council.

And to you all, our brave executive,
Do we welcome with joyful song,
And our thanks go up to our Father, God,
In whose strength a great work you have done.
May you onward go, in His Love and Might,
Fearing nought but Truth and Right,
As you plod along, ever singing your song of EXCELSIOR,
Through the night of toil and work, till at last shall dawn,
The morning of perfect light
Is our wish for you all, from our hearts so true,
CONFERENCE NUMBER TWENTY-TWO.

Mr. F. T. Blake, of Bournemouth, gave a "General Survey" of Spiritualism at the Sunday morning meeting. Mr. Ernest Hunt, of London, gave an instructive address on "The Self as Spirit" during the afternoon. Mrs. Greenwood, the President-elect, occupied the chair at the Evening Meeting, when the Speakers were Mr. E. W. Oaten and Mr. J. Woodlands. Mrs. Cannock was the clairvoyant. A fine rendering of "The Lost Chord" was given by the organist.

The report of the A.G.M. will be given in the next issue of the BANNER.

The regret is expressed that the children were not able to publicly present the results of their efforts to make the Conference feel welcome. We do not know their names, but they must quietly think of all the people who are going to read these words and then feel cheered that at least 6000 people are reading what it was intended the children should do to make the Delegates happy.

(To be continued).

Lyceum Propaganda.

The following is a sample leaflet adopted by one Lyceum to bring the notice of the public to Lyceum methods of education.

MANOR PARK SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.

LYCEUM SERVICE.

Sunday, August 31st, 1924, at 6-30 p.m.

HYMN No. 14 "Open the door for the children." S.S. 145.
PRAYER MR. STEVENSON.
ROLL CALL Motto: Love Verses, Seven Principles.
SILVER CHAIN RECITATION 4. "What I live for."
MISS FREEMAN.
MUSICAL READING No. 6. "We all might do good."
S.S. 172.
READINGS by MISS RAYMENT, MISS REEVE, MR. PRIMMER,
MRS. TRINDER.
GOLDEN CHAIN RECITATION No. 7. "The Religion of use."
BY THE CONDUCTOR.
HYMN No. 10. "Holdfast." S.S. 180.
INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS. Pearls, Recitations and Solos by
Lyceumists.
HYMN No. 11. "How to live." S.S. 57.
SHORT ADDRESSES BY VARIOUS SPEAKERS.
HYMN. "Hand in Hand with Angels." S.S. 175.
BENEDICTION.
VESPER.

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.)

CHAPTER X (Continued).

Soon his ears caught the cries of pain and distress, which he found issued from another cave, and on entering it, found his old enemy, Ignorance. As soon as he saw Prince Trueheart, he cried, "Oh, I'm off, I've had enough of thee." And away he went as fast as he could hobble.

The Prince was too much concerned with those who were begging for mercy to follow and punish the giant. There were men and women chained to the walls of the cave. Some of them had their backs bare, on which were weals from which the blood was running as if newly caused by a jailor's whip. This was the cause of their cries for mercy.

"Oh, do have a little mercy," cried several, as they heard the Prince approach then thinking it was their jailer returning: "You have robbed us of our wealth and homes; you have made our children a race of slaves, you have put our friends to death. Have mercy on our miserable bodies, for our condition is a living death."

Prince Trueheart was deeply grieved on learning of their sufferings, and bade them take heart, as he was not their old oppressor, but their friend who would set them free, or die in the attempt.

He then commenced to free them from their fetters; dressed their wounds; and bade them search for food and clothing. When all their needs were attended to, they would have worshipped him as a god, had he not restrained them, for they were nearly wild with delight.

When they had calmed down the Prince asked if there were any more imprisoned in the cave, "That we do not know," replied one who had acted as spokesman. "At times we have thought we have heard screams coming from the far end of the cave."

Learning this, the Prince took his lamp and proceeded to the spot, and found a large iron door, similar to those he had found in the dungeons. He tried the keys that had been of service, and found one that opened the door. As it slowly opened, his ears were assailed with more cries of pain. He returned to those he had liberated and informed them of what he had heard, and announced his intention of exploring it and setting the prisoners free, and invited all who wished to render them help to follow him. All volunteered.

A quantity of torches were secured to light the way. The women carried a quantity of food, clothing, and vessels of water in order to render immediate assistance. Their personal sufferings had made them sympathetic to others in need. Two of the men were left behind to guard against surprise. Having done this, they went on their errand of mercy and deliverance.

CHAPTER XI.

The knight, Ignorance, made off as fast as he was able to the stronghold of Selfishness, who was greatly surprised to see him, and at once asked about the prisoners, and who was in charge of them. "I have left them in charge of that little spit-fire," he answered. "But how has he got to them seeing he was decoyed to old Mumbo Jumbo's castle, and cast into its strongest dungeon?" asked the knight, in evident surprise and alarm.

"I don't know," replied Ignorance. "He seemed to rise out of the ground when I was giving the prisoners their customary allowance of the cat, and I made off here to report."

"Why did you not kill him, then you would have had something worth reporting?"

"Ho, kill him, did you say; I've had quite enough fighting with him, he must bear a charmed life."

"Charmed fiddlesticks," exclaimed Selfishness in a scornful tone, "you ought to be able to eat a little chap like him. I shall begin to think you are losing your courage, and turning craven-hearted."

His taunting remark roused the ire of Ignorance, who, jumping to his feet, yelled, "I'm losing my prowess, I'm turning craven-hearted, am I? Let us see who has the most courage," he cried out furiously. "Who bore off the Princess? I! Who made off with her and left me to fight the Prince in the forest? You! Who has had to do the fighting in our battles—battles provoked by you—and to take all the hard knocks? I! Who has taken possession of the spoils of war when victory has

crowned my arms? You! You, with your smooth and fine way. I possess all the scars, and you all the gains. But the game is up, I am having equal shares in future, or I shall do no more fighting. I ought to be able to eat him did I? Well, if you think you can do the eating or the killing business, I have told you where to find him."

Selfishness saw he had gone too far, and sought to pacify him with flattery and feasting, assuring him he was only jesting, and that he never doubted either his skill or his courage. During the feast, Ignorance drank more wine than was good for him, and as he felt its exhilarating effect he grew very bold, relating his many exploits and deeds of valour, embellishing them with much exaggeration. Then he changed his remarks from what he had done to what he would do and have. He would have one half of the spoils of their exploits which Selfishness had taken; be joint owner of the castle; and marry Princess Mab.

Selfishness stood aghast as he listened to these wild demands, born of a drunken and feverish imagination. His face went red and white in turn as fear or indignation filled his heart, and he revolved various plans in his cunning brain as to how best to divert his mind. First, there was the old trick of making a raid upon some neighbour, on the pretext of some imaginary wrong. But this plan would not act while Ignorance was in his rebellious state of mind. The alternative plan was to starve him into submission. It was a mistake to feast Ignorance. He got restive and independent. Yes, he would starve him into a more reasonable frame of mind. So he had him decoyed into the dungeons on the pretence of inspection.

When they arrived at the dungeons the jailer unlocked the door of the strongest, inviting Ignorance to inspect the chains, etc., to see if they needed repairing.

No sooner did he do so than the jailer slipped out, with the lamp, shut and locked the door. It all took place so quickly that Ignorance could not comprehend it, and called on the jailer to bring the lamp.

"You have all the light that is allowed a captive" answered the jailer.

"Open this door and let me out, you idiot," thinking a joke was being played on him.

"Sorry I can't oblige you," answered the jailer.

"Open this door, I command. I am the master here."

"Or rather say you are the prisoner here," retorted the jailer. "My orders are to lock you in here, and here you remain until I receive other orders," so saying he left him, and went to report the success of the plot.

As soon as Ignorance heard his retreating footsteps he seized his axe, now well pleased he had brought it with him, and belaboured the door in such a way that he shattered where the lock was fixed, and so he was able to get out, vowing vengeance on his old colleague, whom he now looked upon as his enemy.

The guards were greatly surprised to see the prisoner free and in a towering rage. A sharp fight took place with all who sought to bar his way to the hall. His enemy could be heard encouraging his men to slay him; cut him down, while he himself kept in the background. Again and again the ponderous battle axe rose and fell, laying first one and then another of his adversaries at his feet. Long before he had beaten all down that tried to stop him, Selfishness wished he had dealt more gently and justly with Ignorance, and so retained his services as a friend and faithful servant, than have thus provoked his anger as a foe. But it was too late now, and his only means of safety lay in flight, so securing as much money as he could carry, he took the princess and her maid, with a few chosen followers for his bodyguard, and made his escape.

When Ignorance learned of the flight he was blind with passion. He tore down the pictures and tapestry, overturned the statues, and piling the furniture in the centre of the reception room, set them on fire, and his wild eyes lighted up with a sense of grim satisfaction as he saw the flames leap higher and higher until their lurid tongues licked the old oaken rafters and set them on fire. He withdrew to a safe distance, and watched the castle burn to the ground, never more to harbour Selfishness nor any of his servants.

(To be continued).

District Visitor's Report.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

On June 22nd I visited Bradford Street Lyceum. A pleasing feature was the reading of some of the tiny tots. The efforts to gain precision were praiseworthy. The groups were good.

On July 13th I visited Daisy Hill Lyceum. There were three children present and Mr. Powers. We went through the session, however, and enjoyed it.—G. F. W. Walsh, D.V.

District Council Reports.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Heckmondwike on Saturday, September 13th, at 3.30 p.m.

Business:—Minutes, Correspondence, Reports—Inter-change, L.D.C. and B.D.C., B.S.L.U., Treasurer's, Field Day, Secretary's Report, Competition Business, Associate Members, Field Day Demonstration, 1925, Election Revision Committee, Open Council, Vote of thanks to local friends. Will all Lyceums see they are represented. Associates invited. Business important. Roll-Call. Tea provided.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

At the invitation of Mr. Ernest Vickers and the members of the Letchworth Spiritualist Church, a party of forty-nine London workers representing eleven Lyceums, spent a happy afternoon and evening in the Garden City on Saturday, 19th July. A splendid tea was served in the Co-operative Hall (which seems designed for a Spiritualist meeting-place), after which the party adjourned to the verandah, where, after being photographed, addresses of welcome were given by Mr. Vickers and the President of Letchworth Church, Mrs. Barnard responding for the Londoners. A delightful ramble through the lanes and fields, under the direction of local guides, gave plenty of opportunity for personal conversation and advocacy; and everyone was happy, as well as hungry and thirsty, when the party re-assembled for what was modestly termed refreshments. A final rally was held in the Co-operative Café, where several short addresses and a general interchange of thoughts and opinions led to an agreement that a Lyceum would shortly be opened, and that next year its members would combine with the London visitors in an Open-air Session. An invitation was also issued to hold the 1926 Demonstration at Letchworth.—A.T.C.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

The next meeting of the above Council will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at 3 p.m. prompt, in the Newton Heath Spiritualist Church, Allen Street, Newton Heath, Manchester.

AGENDA.—(1) Opening Exercises; (2) Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting; (3) Correspondence; (4) Reports (a) D.V., (b) Assistant D.V.'s (c) Conference Delegates' Report; (5) Massed Session for Britten Memorial; (6) Open Council; (7) Vote of thanks to local friends; (8) Closing Exercises.

Note.—Don't forget Massed Session in September.—G. A. Dixon, Sec.

NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

ANNUAL OUTING.

Fine weather prevailed for the Outing of the above Council on Saturday, July 12th. A company numbering over 260, comprising Lyceumists and friends from Denton, Dukinfield, Ashton, Hyde, Stockport (Central), and Baker Street (Heaton Norris), journeyed to Middlewood. The chief item of the day's proceedings was "sports," which took place immediately after the assembly. The President, Mr. Dransfield, presented the prizes to the following successful competitors:—Lily Everett, Alice Osmaston, Clarice Spencer, Annie Booth, Elsie Brown, Alice Ashton, Edith Hulme, Laura Ward, Edna Leach, Sidney Knowles, A. Gatley, George Craig, W. Higginbottom, Sidney Edwards, G. Brown, E. Lloyd, M. Morris, Mrs. Martin, Mr. J. Dransfield, Miss Hobson and Mr. Barlow.—Miss M. Maltby, Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The above Council assembled on Sunday, June 29th, 1924. Mr. C. Pleasance V.P., presided. The following resolutions were carried:—

No. 1.—That this Council strongly recommends to Lyceums the plan of Interchange of Conductors, and Lyceums themselves to reply to the question.

No. 2.—That the time is opportune for forming Cricket and Football sections of sport in connection with our Councils. The Sub-Committee appointed are Misses Bacon and Salmon and Messrs. Goodall, Gregory, Hopkins and Saxelby.

No. 3.—That this Council recommends to Lyceums in this District the necessity of considering the £2,000 Effort with a view to completion.

No. 4.—That the Secretary take the steps necessary to place before the M.C. the question of publishing a National Calendar.

Open Session and evening service were conducted by the Council.

Lyceums please note the Council will meet at Barnsley on Sunday, August 24th. Usual catering arrangements; business will commence at 10.30 a.m. prompt. All delegates and associates endeavour to be present.

Demonstration at Rotherham.—2.30. Form up G. C. ground, 16th of August. All Lyceumists are invited to attend.—C. H. Saxelby, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS UNITED LYCEUM WORKERS.

We held our second United Session in Cambridge Street Church, on June 22nd, 1924. The afternoon session was well attended and our Boy Scout Troup honoured us by making this the occasion of their first Church Parade. The subject at both sessions was "True Progression." The afternoon session was conducted by Mr. Cooke (Conductor of High Shields), assisted by Mrs. Ford (Conductor of Cambridge Street), and Mr. Robertson (Conductor of Fowler Street). The marching and calisthenics were given by some of the scholars, led by Mrs. White and Mr. Smith, and conducted by Mr. Robertson. Solos and recitations were rendered by the following. Girls: F. Parker, E. Wilson, M. Stephenson, I. Trosh, E. Slieght, M. Brimer, L. Yorke, O. Anderson, D. Cable and Mrs. White. Boys: J. E. Idle and J. Body.

The evening session was also well attended and was conducted by Mr. Woodall (President of the Lyceum Workers), assisted by the three Conductors, the South Shields United Lyceum Choir, and the Lyceumists. The children again rendered their solos and recitations, and the whole session was repeated except the marching and calisthenics. The choir rendered the following anthems:—"Freedom," "Hosanna," "Lakeland" and "Falling Shadows." Mr. Woodall gave a short address and invited all to send their children to our Lyceums. After the closing hymn the choir rendered a special Benediction. Great thanks are due to Mr. Ainley (Choir Master), and all who helped to make this effort such a great success. United we stand, for Unity is Strength.—J. White, Sec.

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.

BIRTH.

GLASGOW.—To Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart (nee Cissie Moore), a daughter, on July 3rd. Mr. Stewart is the late Area Representative for the Scottish District. We offer them our congratulations.

IN MEMORIAM.

LEICESTER, Liberty Lyceum.—In loving remembrance of George Alborn, aged 7; of 8, Elbow Lane, Leicester, who passed to the higher life, unfortunately by drowning. Mrs. F. M. Thwaites our Conductor, officiated after the Church service.—T. Kenney, Treas.

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.

BRIGHTON.—Uncle Bert, Auntie Ruth and Cousin Doris paid a surprise visit to our Lyceum on June 8th. Eighty people were present, including a few visitors. The S.C.R. was well discussed. Mr. Spencer performed a pretty naming ceremony. Uncle Bert said how pleased he was to be with us, and told of all the letters he had received from all parts of the country, but none from Brighton. He wound a little story

round some children's names and produced "God is love." Auntie Ruth appreciated the welcome and Doris recited to us.

The Conductor commented on the Catholic opposition, and we had less of it since the visit of Uncle Bert. The social programme was very good. Two Clapham Lyceumists gave their greetings.

On Whit-Monday a ramble was arranged and we spent a happy day with Uncle Bert.

FLEETWOOD.—Election of Officers. Conductor, Mr. Batley; Assistant Conductors, Thomas Firth, Irene Griffiths; Secretary, Mrs. Firth; Assistant Secretaries, Phyllis Jordan, Robert Chippindale; Marching Conductors, Mr. Batley, J. Cook, Doris Watkins; Treasurer, Mr. Jordan; Captain of the Guards, Miss M. Watkins; Guards, Nellie Williams, Florrie Drews; Guardian, Mrs. Church (Jun.); Musical Directors, Mrs. Standbridge, Agnes Firth; Assistant Musical Directors, Annie Thompson, Thomas Firth, Nellie Cook, Edward Yeo; Marching Leaders (boys), Edward Yeo, W. Wilson; (girls), Edna Shaw, Lydia Simmans; Librarian, Mrs. Pitcher.

July 6th, Open Session. Mr. Batty conducted. Pearls were given by the Lyceumists; solo by Edna Shaw; recitations were given by Phyllis Jordan, Lydia Symonds, Alice Yates, Mary Smith, Mr. Hulland. A very good session and a very large audience.

We held our Annual Picnic to Calder Vale on July 12th, when six charas conveyed 180 Lyceumists and friends. An enjoyable and happy day was spent, which will be long remembered. Thanks were given to all who worked in making it so successful.—E. K. Firth, Sec.

HETTON & DISTRICT.—On June 29th we held our quarterly Lyceum Sunday, which was attended by a good audience. In the afternoon our District Visitor, Mr. Hall, presented the Lyceum Banners to the various Group Leaders with a few well chosen words.

At the evening service Mr. Hall also presented the Education Certificates to the successful students, and after that gave a short address. Clairvoyance followed by Miss Thompson, one of our Lyceumists.—E. Reay, Sec.

LONDON, Forest Hill, Beadnall Rd.—On July 6th we held our first Open Session, which was well supported by our Church members. The children responded splendidly with songs and recitations; there were also solos and readings by the older Lyceumists. The future of this Lyceum is very promising.—Alice E. Payne, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER, Princess Hall.—Open Session, July 13th. The full Lyceum Session was taken and the children responded in a grand way. At 6-30 the service was conducted as a Special Flower Service. Chairman, Mr. R. Hope; Speaker, Mr. J. Hamer, our President. Subject: The Way to God by the Kingdom of Flowers. He pointed out that there was much to be learned of that kingdom which would be delightful to all. The Lyceumists rendered "Hear the Angel" and "Homeland." Solo by Muriel Lamb; duets by Elsie Pitt and Marjorie Brownstone, Annie Hope and Cathleen Brownstone, Mrs. Pitt and Miss Vernon. Our Musical Director, Miss Mabel Booth, officiating at the piano. The display of flowers was magnificent. Both services being well attended; the flowers were distributed to those members and friends who were sick.—Albert Hope, Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.—On July 13th the Lyceum Anniversary Services were held. Mr. T. V. Staton (the President of our Church), officiated as Speaker in a very impressive manner. There was special singing by the Lyceumists, under the able conductorship of Mr. J. Smith, of Mansfield. There were many friends present from other Churches in the district, whom we wish to thank most sincerely for their presence and support. A Grand Parade was held in which over 300 persons took part, this being headed by the new "Church and Lyceum Banner." A band of Lyceumists gave a good display of marching and calisthenics on the market place, before a very large audience. Collections for the day realised £17 10s. 0d. We sincerely hope that all who visited us on this day took back with them pleasant thoughts and memories of a good day.—E. Carr.

WALSALL.—The distinguished honour has been achieved by Walsall Lyceum of winning first prize in the Temperance Pageant at Walsall, on June 30th. When it is pointed out that there were several thousands of children in the procession, and about 30 Sunday Schools, it will be seen that to win the principal prize for best tableau and general marching and behaviour of the children in the procession, was no mean achievement.

The tableau represented the Queen of Temperance and her attendants. Miss Elsie Kirby took the part of the Queen and a number of our infants carrying mottoes were the attendants grouped around—all in white fancy dresses. It was far away the best sight in the procession, as the Judges agreed. The Mayor (Mr. Thickett) seemed very pleased as to the "saluting point." He led quite a round of applause for the children. Mr. V. H. Lawton (Superintendent), Mr. Norman Hughes (Hon. Sec.), and the various Group Leaders worked very hard to make the show a success.

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.

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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.

LONDON, Bowes Park.—On the 13th inst., a Naming Service for our Vice-President's son was conducted by Mrs. E. Marriott. Geoffrey was the earth name and Rainbow the Spirit name.—K. M. Stroude, Sec.

BARNSELEY.—The Lyceum took their children to Cleethorpes and everybody enjoyed themselves immensely in beautiful sunshine.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—On July 6th we held our Open Sessions, afternoon and night, and we were very pleased to see so many visitors, also grateful for the help received. Solos and recitations were very well rendered. The evening session was excellent. Great interest was taken in the S.C.R. The M.R. was a treat, comments being made on the readings. G.C.R. splendid. Mr. Thompson gave some bright, inspiring and educational remarks. Solos and recitations were well enjoyed. The evening session was all that could be desired.—S. Coleclough, Sec.

BACUP.—Open Session July 6th, conducted by Mrs. Carter. Pearls, recitations, songs and piano solo; a good session all through and very interesting.—B. Lord, Sec.

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—We held our Anniversary Services on July 13th. Our Speaker, Mr. Bentley, of Blackpool; Mr. R. Brown, Conductor; Mr. Howbrook, Assistant Conductor; Mrs. Butterworth and Miss Lawton, our District Visitors graced the platform. Mr. Bentley distributed 38 prizes in the afternoon, which he said was a credit to the children. Recitations and solos by the Lyceum.

We had a visit of Dalkeith Street Lyceum, and spent a pleasant time together. Miss Lawton gives greetings to all Lyceums.—L. Brown, Sec.

BEDWORTH.—July 6th, Open Sessions. Recitations rendered by N. Allsopp, J. Chapman, L. Walker, G. Chapman, J. Shufflebottom, S. Bradbury, M. Wood. Songs were rendered by the Liberty and Ocean groups. A very enjoyable time was spent.—H. Wood, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—July 6th was Open Session, which everyone enjoyed. Recitations by Eileen Edwards, Percy Woodley, Jessie Makin, May Durnam, Nora Brown, Florrie Hirst, Charlie Ellis and Margaret Ellis.

We were favoured with a trio by V. Macfarlane, D. Dunn and U. Choyce; a duet from E. Dunn and I. Armour; and a solo by Mrs. Holehouse. A pleasant feature of the session, performed by Mr. Thompson, was the naming of Mr. and Mrs. Hill's daughter; earthly name Dorothy, spiritual name Joy.—Millicent Hemsall, Sec.

BLACKBURN.—On July 27th we held our Open Session and Flower Service. There was a good attendance of scholars

and visitors; about 300 in all. Singing, marching and calisthenics were gone through remarkably well. Many recitations, vocal and instrumental solos by the children.

Evening at 6-30, Song Service entitled "Sun-beams" was well rendered by the choir and children of the Lyceum. Greatly appreciated by a large congregation.—H. Hopper, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—On June 22nd we held our Lyceum Flower Services, Mr. Hibbert, one of our own Lyceumists, being the speaker for the day. Pearls, recitations and solos were rendered by Lyceumists and friends, who also brought gifts of beautiful flowers. Marching and calisthenics were admirably conducted, and we had a very enjoyable service. Fraternal greetings are extended to all Lyceumists and friends both at home and abroad.—A. Batt'n, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry Street.—For our Annual Lyceumists' Free Picnic we visited Southport, on Saturday, July 19th, beautiful weather, with glorious sunshine, attending our efforts. All Lyceumists that were able helped to swell the ranks, the number present being 70. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, the youngsters especially appreciating the change. Every praise is due to our esteemed Conductor, Mr. H. Shorrocks, in carrying all through without a hitch. We feel that if more of these little outings were organised it would tend to bring Lyceumists closer together, and so promote the feeling of Harmony and Brotherhood, that is the basis of our teachings.—W. C. Bearman, Sec.

BRIERFIELD.—Open Session held July 13th, conducted by Mrs. Gribble. Songs were sung by Violet Rhodes, and Mary Rhodes; duet by Eva and Ivy Dean; pianoforte solo, Miss A. Duerden. Recitations: Arthur Rhodes, Lilly Rhodes, Nora Ainsworth. Readings: F. Simpson, Mr. Ainsworth, Ivy Rhodes, Mrs. Kay. Marching and calisthenics very good. The session was appreciated by all present.—T. Wane, Sec.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On July 19th we held our usual Morning Session. In the afternoon we held Open Session. The following Lyceumists helped to make it a success: Misses Mona Dean, P. Lister, M. Dewhurst, Master Harts-horn, and little Mary Hocking. In the evening we again held Open Session. Mr. S. Barraclough, T. Richmond, H. Bannister and Miss Blackmore. We had a very enjoyable time together. Best wishes to all Lyceumists.—H. Brown, Sec.

BURY, King Street.—The Open Sessions were conducted on July 6th. Each session was enjoyed by all visiting Lyceumists and friends. Solos, duets and recitations were given. Miss Massey was pianist. The fraternal greetings were exchanged. W. Kaye (Adjudicator) brought the greetings back from Horwich. Two Lyceumists promoted a dance on Tuesday, July 15th, for the benefit of the Building Fund. The effort was a huge success.—Wm. Haworth (Jun.), Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On July 6th we held our Open Session. Recitations by Sidney Hobster, Frances Hobster, Cyril Percival, Kenneth Bown, Lynda Heath, Marion Wagstaffe, John Slater, Edith Slater, May Wheatley. Duets by Lilian Slater, Connie Slater, Louie Gore and May Wheatley. Songs by Avis Bown, Mrs. Siddal and Mr. Pleasance. Musical item by Kenward Widowson. An interesting session.—Harold Lee, Session Sec.

COLNE.—July 6th, Open Session. Recitations and solos by several Lyceumists. Questions were asked by the Conductor from the Oral Grade Primer and were answered by young Lyceumists. The session was very well conducted and excellent. We had Oversea visitors, the Rev. J. R. Francis and Mr. Francis, of San Francisco. Our sister from Overseas gave a short address to all present, and her address was of a good spiritual nature. We feel sure that the points to which reference was made will sink deep in the souls and minds of the Lyceumists. Fraternal greetings were exchanged.—J. R. Wrigglesworth, Sec.

Craghead.—It is a year since Lucida Raine, one of our youngest Lyceumists, passed to the Higher Life, and very pleased to say that her father, though not connected with our Society or Spiritualism, has seen her and she has been seen in our meetings several times.—Isaac Bulmer.

DARWEN.—On June 29th our new Lyceum was dedicated by young Lyceumists. Appropriate words were used in practical form, thanking Church workers for a home of dignity. Old workers revived old memories. Concentration to arisen workers commanded a reverence such as our Lyceums feel

towards them. Truly an interblending of the two worlds.—Mary Allen, Banner Sec.

EARBY, Back Green End Avenue.—Open Session on July 6th. Recitations were given by M. Ennis, E. Clark, P. Hunter, L. Clark, D. Nuttall, C. Smith, S. Warrington, W. Moore, G. Milward, K. Dewhurst, A. Lodge. Songs by G. Milward, W. Smith, S. Cryer, G. Smith, W. Wintersgill, J. Foster, J. Waddington, C. Clark, E. Ennis, H. Milward, R. Blackburn, A. Bannister, E. Clark, A. Jordan. Quartette by D. Nuttall, A. Nuttall, L. Clark and M. Clark. Hymn 371 was sung by six members of the Liberty Group. We spent a good time together.—B. Fryer, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Open Session held July 6th. S.C. was led by Mrs. Hall. M.R. by Walter Taylor, Gladys Norris and Mr. Balfour. G.C. by Mr. Balfour. Marching and calisthenics were gone through. Only two recitations were rendered, by Maggie Nelson and Alice Taylor. Best wishes to all Lyceumists.—H. Baxter, Sec.

HUCKNALL.—The Anniversary Services were held on July 6th. Speakers: Mrs. Brown and Mr. Shipley (President of Nottingham D.C.). Their interest in Lyceum work is very strong and sincere. Subjects were on Lyceum work and the love towards it. Children took part in hymns and recitations, which were well rendered. Soloists: Misses P. Johnson, J. Bodsworth and A. Neal.—A. Neal, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter St.—On July 6th we had our Lyceum Anniversary. Choirmaster: Mr. Paxton. Our Speaker for the afternoon and evening was Mrs. Sykes, of Huddersfield. We had solos by six little girls named "The Six Jewels." Also recitations. There was a spiritual naming of a child. A day well spent.—Miss Elizabeth Farnhill, Sec.

KETTERING.—Kettering Lyceum held their Tea Party on July 12th; the weather was splendid and the children journeyed to Barton Seagrave by char-a-banc. The Lyceum children had their tea in the fields, and the parents tea later. Everything was arranged splendidly. The children enjoyed games and sports and spent a delightful day. The time arrived for going home only too soon. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—F. Holland.

LANCASTER.—At the end of last month we held a Lyceum Naming Service for the daughter of our Treasurer, Mr. Bleasdale. Mrs. Townley, one of our local mediums, performed this pleasing ceremony, naming the little one Muriel Iris Bleasdale (spirit name Iris). We had suitable songs and the children were much interested and delighted to have a chance of sharing in the welcome to this little comrade. We held our Open Session on July 6th, being entertained by a number of recitations by E. Ryden, A. Smith, J. Peel, F. Den-nison, R. Parkinson. A solo by E. J. Jackson and two duets by Mrs. Pearson and Jewett, and A. Coupland and Nellie Lowther. Greetings.—Marion Swale, Sec.

LEEDS PSYCHO.—On July 6th we held our Anniversary. Mr. Gascoigne presided. A very beautiful and impressive ceremony was performed by Mr. Essam, in the naming of the son of Mr. and Mrs. West, earthly name Donald, and spirit name Samuel. In the evening Mr. Gascoigne again presided. A Service of Song was rendered by the Lyceumists. The reader was Mr. Exley; choirmaster, Mr. Wilson; all took their part ably and well, even the tiniest. A record number attended both meetings. All enjoyed themselves.—A. Daisley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty.—Open Session July 6th. An enjoyable meeting was held in the company of a nice few friends and visitors. We were favoured with a visit from Captain Maddocks, of Nunheaton, who gave us some very encouraging words of praise. The usual items were given. Invocation by Bro. Holt; special mention and singing in memory of the tragic passing-on of one of our young Lyceumists (see In Memoriam). Solos by Messrs. Walker, Brier, D. Wood. Recitation by little Sybil Nottingham.—C. W. Barton.

LEICESTER, Silver Street.—On the 29th June we held our Anniversary. Good attendance morning and evening services.

In the afternoon we had a splendid session, all doing their best to make every one feel at home. Miss N. Hytch held the audience in silence with her recital of "The Vision Splendid."

On July 6th we held our Open Session. Solos: Miss C. Greenhough, accompanied by Miss Illife, Mr. Cartwright; Duet, Misses M. Smith and R. Lucas; Recitations, Misses M. Salmon, L. Lucas and Master W. Coych. A hearty thanks to all who supported on both occasions.—Mr. A. Hurst, Sec.

LONDON, Clapham.—Appreciates and tenders thanks to Council for efforts, ensuring 1924's successful demonstration. To Tottenham—congratulations. Sessions maintain good standard, though numbers remain stationary.—Grace M. Todman.

LONDON, Manor Park.—Annual Outing on Saturday, 19th July, to Theydon Bois. Some fifty Lyceumists enjoyed a very happy day. Morning, cricket and other games; at 5 o'clock a good tea, after which fourteen races; prizes distributed by our President. We had the pleasure of fraternising with Lyceumists from Plaistow, Walthamstow and Plumstead; weather delightful.

LONDON, Plaistow.—On July 19th we held our Annual Outing, when we journeyed to Brakes to Theydon Bois. Three Plumstead friends accompanied us, and after all having a jolly time, we returned, some tired, but all thankful for the glorious day we had spent.—R. Manning, Con.

LONDON, Tottenham.—On the 22nd of June we went to Battersea to see who had won the Silver Bell. After trying and trying, Tottenham succeeded in getting it. If we work hard and make up our minds we will succeed again in the future.—Elsie Williams, Session Sec. (Aged 13).

MANCHESTER, Cheetham Hill.—The Lyceum held their Open Session on July 13th. We had a very happy and most successful time. The marching, recitations, etc., were enjoyed by all, including a great number of visiting Lyceumists.—Sam Briggs, Sec.

MORLEY, Queen Street.—On July 6th we held our Election of Officers for the ensuing six months. Conductor and Treasurer, Mrs. Harrison; Assistant Conductor, Secretary, Guardian, Mr. H. Sutcliffe. Mrs. Breary and Master S. Sutcliffe, Marching Conductors; Calisthenics Conductors, Misses I. Murton and I. Breary; Marching Leaders, Misses J. Awford, I. Murton and Masters S. Sutcliffe and H. Hill; Stewards, Miss A. Haigh and Master A. Murton.—H. Sutcliffe, Sec.

NELSON.—Many notable events have occurred in this Lyceum of late, which portray activity. The greatest of these being our Annual Whit-Monday Demonstration. 300 took part in the Procession, headed by the Banner, Morris Dancers and Nelson Old Prize Band; also a prettily decorated lorry with tiny tots representing Nature's Flowers. A group of children from Burnley North Street Lyceum, representing "Light," adorned the procession. The weather was fine but did not allow us to go in the field. All enjoyed themselves in the school. Thanks are due to all, both seen and unseen, for success.—Mrs. Parkinson.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics' Hall.—Lyceum Anniversary, July 6th. Thirty-five of our smallest children very pleasingly rendered a Recital entitled: "Life's Changes," composed specially by Miss Victoria G. Raynor, our Conductor, who presided over both services. The musical selections were ably conducted by Mr. P. Farnath; violin solo by Joseph Hitchener was much appreciated; also vocal solos by Mr. Farnath, Maurice Farnath, Irene Buckley and Vera Clark. A splendid success was achieved, being much appreciated by good congregations both morning and evening. Thanks are accorded to all who helped.—C. Peel, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—Election of Officers: Conductor, Mr. Woods; Assistant Conductors, Miss Lena Ogden and Miss Mary Norbury; Secretary, Mr. Norbury; Treasurer, Mr. Standish; Calisthenics Conductors, Alice Howarth, Frank Chappell; Guardians, Lizzie Palmer, Annie Potter; Librarians, Christina Howarth, Frank Chappell.

On July 13th Open Sessions and Flower Service. At 6-30 special music by the choir. Soloist, Miss Alice Baguley. Speaker, Mr. Snape, of Hollinwood. Organist, Mr. Baguley. Many visitors attended successful services.—E. Norbury, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott Street.—On July 5th we held our Open Sessions. We had a very fair attendance in the afternoon and evening. S.R., M.R. and G.C. readings very well rendered. Marching very good. Solos were given by one or two of the Lyceumists. We had very good sessions throughout the day. V. Slater, Sec.

PENDLETON, Ford Lane.—We held our Open Sessions on July 13th. Both were well attended and appreciated by friends and Church members: also visitors from several Lyceums. We had a visitor from Southport and one from Winnipeg, Canada. Wishing every Lyceumist every success and prosperity, and may we hold fast to our Truth and Cause.—W. H. Shaw.

QUARMBY.—Open Session July 13th. Recitations given by Misses B. Tavernay, K. Mickethwaite and C. Schofield. Margaret J. Makin was dedicated to the Lyceum by Mrs. Hamer.—H. Baxter, Sec.

RAWTENSTALL.—On July 6th we held our Open Session. Recitation from Miss P. Greenwood; solos from Misses P. Greenwood, M. Smith, M. Entwistle, J. Rostron, J. Lea, L. Richardson, and Messrs. E. Rostron and A. Hindle. Also a duet by Misses V. Mantle and L. Stansfield. About 50 Lyceumists present.—A. Stansfield, Sec.

ROCHDALE, Penn Street.—On July 13th we held our Open Session. A good attendance, with visitors from Middleton, Newton Heath, Bury (King Street), and Regent Street. A very enjoyable and entertaining session. Pearls, recitations and solos were very good. Marching, etc., very good. Words of kind encouragement were much appreciated by us all.—E. E. Wright.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—July 6th, Open Session. Attendance good. A number of pearls and recitations were well rendered by Lyceumists, and much appreciated by visitors and friends present.

On July 13th the M.C. of the B.S.L.U. spent a busy time at our Church: also took part in the Lyceum Session, and a spirit of enquiry has been started and good time spent together. On behalf of our Lyceum I heartily thank the M.C. and everyone who took part in helping to make the week-end a success.—J. F. Smith.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—On July 6th, Lyceum Day, usual afternoon session. Open Session in the evening. Songs, recitations and pearls by Lyceumists: a good number present.—G. H. Magness, Sec.

SOUTH ELMSALL.—The election of Officers took place on June 29th. The following were elected: Mr. Kelly and Miss I. Dawson, Conductors; Mr. Roberts, Secretary; Mrs. Dawson, Treasurer; Annie Lawley and Chris. Roberts, Guards; Miss D. Poxton, Marching Conductor; Mrs. Poxton and Mr. J. Coleman, Auditors; Mr. J. Smith, Delegate; Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Poxton, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Roberts, Sick Visitors. We give our heartiest thanks to retiring Officers.—Mr. Roberts, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On July 13th we held our Lyceum Day. In the morning we had our usual session, and in the afternoon we held our Open Session, when we had a large attendance of parents and friends. The sessions were in charge of our Conductor, Mrs. Moulton. In the evening the Lyceumists rendered a Service of Song entitled "Unseen hands," which was read by Mr. Haylock Eyres. The feeling throughout the day was of a spiritual nature.—E. Joules, Sec.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand.—The Lyceum has had good services during the month of May. Bad weather prevailed at the beginning of the month and the attendance was low. On 25th May the subject for the Lyceum session was "Kindness." All the recitations and readings dealt with that subject, and a solo was beautifully sung by Mrs. Webb.

Best wishes to the *Banner* and fraternal greetings to all Lyceum workers.—Miss S. Kirk, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—On July 6th, Open Session. Recitations by the following:—Girls: Joan Kenning, May Staley, M. A. Speight, Maggie Walton, Molly Darby, Mary Fielding. Boys: Bruce Rawlinson, George Penaluna, John Staley, John Farrar, H. Peat. Miss Chappell (a solo), Irene Penaluna and Maud Elliott (Duet).

Saturday, July 19th, Annual Outing to Locke Park, Barnsley, by Chara. A very happy party with a true Lyceum spirit.—W. Rawlinson.

WINNIPEG, Canada.—On July 6th we held a very pleasing Open Session. Pearls and recitations were given by Ella Crawley, Winnie and Edna Brown, Sylvia Parkinson, Dolly Sutherland, Clara and Viola Dale, Irene Turner, Milly Crawley, Harry Towns and Harold Brown. Pianoforte selection, *Poet and Peasant*, by Mrs. Parkinson.

During the month we were visited by Mrs. Garrad, of the Calgary Lyceum, and Mr. L. W. Brown, of Grand Forks, a former Lyceumist.

On July 1st, "Dominion Day," the Lyceum held their Annual Picnic to Grand Beach. Everybody enjoyed the outing which was attended by about 80 people.—Helen F. Lawrence, Sec.