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## The President's New Year Message.

With my New Year's greetings, may I give you a few thoughts which I trust will encourage you in your work.

Nearly all persons during their lives have at least one moment when they realise it is time to turn over a new leaf. They begin to examine themselves to see whether they have done the things which they had made up their minds to do. They examine their life. They realise that it is time they began to put into practice the three little words which contain so much meaning, "Man, Know Thyself."

Perhaps at this time of the year more than at any other a larger number of people have such thoughts. They make up their minds that the New Year shall be one such that has never before been excelled by them. Later, when they come to examine themselves again, they find that they have fallen short and feel like giving up. This short message is for those who do not think it worth while to go on—and who has not felt this feeling? I want you to try again and again; each effort makes you stronger, and the next one becomes easier.

There have been many times when I, too, have been tempted to take life easier and not consider others as much. Then comes the thought of the Brotherhood of Man, Personal Responsibility, and their accompanying principles. Then I am ashamed, and once more push ahead, realising that this earth-life is but a span in comparison with the life that has been before, and the life continuous after this earthly span—that it is only a step between the "Whence to the Whither."

Let us spur ourselves to the reality of life and fight for that which is ours and for what the Pioneers fought at such cost. Let us not lose the reality in grasping for the shadow. There is still a lot of work to be done if we are only willing to share the duties that press so heavily on the few. Shall we look for these duties? If we do, rest assured we shall find them. Let us realise that we *must* leave footprints for others, that they may walk in them as we have walked in prints made for us by those who have preceded us. Thus shall the good work go on and we shall not lose, but win.

I am prompted to close with two verses that were given to me through Mr. R. P. Bostock, a medium whose automatic messages I am permitted to read and use.

“And does no friendly power to man dispense  
The joyful tidings of some happier clime?  
Find we no guide in gracious Providence  
Beyond the gloomy grave and fleeting time?  
Oh! Yes! the sacred oracles we hear.  
That point the path to realms of endless joy;  
That bid our trembling hearts no danger fear,  
Though clouds surround, and angry skies annoy.”

“Then let us wisely for our flight prepare;  
Nor count this stormy world our fixed abode;  
Obey the call, and trust our Leader's care  
To smooth the rough, and light the darksome, road.  
Let no fond love for earth excite a sigh;  
No doubts divert our steady steps aside;  
Nor let us long to live, nor dread to die;  
Summerland's our hope, and Angels are our guides.”

GEO. A. MACK.

## Foundation Day.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMME APPEAL.

I have been requested to make a special appeal to all Lyceums to be loyal to the Union in a practical way, by forwarding your donations, collections for the day, etc., so that the £2,000 Effort will be greatly augmented thereby.

So far, only one-fourth of the amount has been raised; £1,500 is still required to enable the Union to extend its activities.

On Sunday, January 31st, we shall be celebrating the 63rd Anniversary of the formation of the first Lyceum by A. J.

Davis, and on August 11th, 1926, we shall commemorate the *Centenary of our Founder's birth*; let us then think of the sacrifice that must have been made by the past and present workers of the Movement, when we realise the progress it has made during the past 63 years. May it be an incentive to all Lyceumists, both young and old, to sacrifice their many little pleasures for one week and send the equivalent to Mr. Burrows, the £2,000 Effort Secretary.

“The gateway of unselfishness lies the Elysium of abiding joy.”—James Allen.

SESSION PROGRAMME, JANUARY 31st, 1926.

Opening song: 371, S.S. 152. “Hall of Progress.”

Invocation and welcome to all unseen helpers.

Silver Chain Recitation, 78: “Invitation to the Lyceum.”

Musical Reading, 214, S.S. 114: “Coming of Angels.”

Golden Chain Recitation 148: “Origin of the Lyceum.”

Here questions should be solicited from the scholars, or suitable thoughts, etc., expressed. The Tree of Knowledge is a tree; ever driving its roots deeper and deeper into the Infinite and, soaring heavenward, it throws out corresponding branches glorified with leaves, blossom and fruit, nothing is isolated, and new truth comes by synthesising the old, putting it in a new light, and re-interpreting the ever-growing mass of crude facts.”

Marching and Callisthenics (duration 15 minutes).

Pearls, Readings or Recitations, etc.

To be read by the Conductor.

It is 63 years ago to-day since our beloved founder, A. J. Davis, made known to the world the beautiful visions he had received of the heavenly Lyceums. To-day, I want us all to feel deeply grateful to “God” for the glorious message that was imparted to mourning parents (through the visions of A.J.D.) that their little ones whom they thought had gone for ever, were cared for and tutored by loving Spirit Friends. Since the formation of the first Lyceum there has grown and developed our present Movement, which is the result of hard, strenuous labours by those pioneers who realised the glorious truth that would bring light, joy and contentment into the hearts of God's children.

In a letter to Alfred Kitson (1887) A. J. Davis wrote:—“The heavens are open to every spirit, old and young, who enters freely into Lyceum work. Holy influences distil upon you as you go so cheerfully from place to place teaching the way and organising the Angel's School for the interior culture of the little ones; the coming men and women.”

Extract from *Autobiography*, A.K.

Never excessively govern, or deceive a child; the former is unnatural, and the latter wicked.

Never make a child feel you are a master, or an inferior, or a superior, but an honourable associate.

Extract from “*The Great Harmonia*.”

A.J.D.

The object of life is to be happy.

The place to be happy is here.

The time to be happy is now.

The way to be happy is by making others happy.

Robert Ingersoll.

So send your donations *now* to the £2,000 Secretary and make him feel happy too.

Closing song: 306, S.S. 123, The Lyceum Band.

Benediction and thanks to all.

Wishing all Lyceumists everywhere “A Bright and Prosperous New Year.”

E.E.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Miss Kitson and Mr. J. K. Jones. Miss Kitson is improving, but Mr. Jones is dangerously ill.

## Bible Studies—No. 1.

THE LORD, JEHOVAH, YAHVEH, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB.

By ALFRED KITSON.

[NOTE.—These articles first appeared in the pages of "The Two Worlds" a few years ago, to whose genial Editor we tender our thanks. Their educational value and the light they throw on many problems of the compilation and translation of the O. and N.T. are such that the Editor of THE LYCEUM BANNER has kindly offered to insert them in his paper for the benefit of Study Groups in particular, and Lyceumists in general, for which favour we beg to tender our thanks.—A.K.]

The ranks of Spiritualists are being continually augmented by those who have been trained in the Christian faith, who naturally retain, with feelings of reverence, their early impressions of words and phrases which they have learned in the Sunday School. Perhaps, therefore, a few brief articles dealing with the inner meaning of the more prominent Biblical terms and their mutation or change will be helpful to them in their desire to reconcile their early impressions with the newer revelations from the spirit side of life.

As the term Lord, or Jehovah, is the God whom the Children of Israel worshipped, and whom Christians have been taught to worship, we purpose devoting our first article to an effort to try and ascertain who and what he was.

Many good Christians have often wondered how God, the loving and all-wise, the maker and sustainer of heaven and earth, could be guilty of the things attributed to Him in the Bible; how an unchangeable God could repent of the things He had done (Gen. vi. 6; Exodus xxxii. 14), or how a God who fills all space, in whom we are said to live, move and have our being (Acts xvii. 28), could be in the form of a man that Jacob wrestled with (Gen. xxxii. 24-30), and Moses could talk with face to face (Exodus xxxiii. 11), and whom Jesus said, "No man hath seen God at any time" (St. John i. 18). Here we have both Jesus and Paul declaring contrary to the testimony of Jacob and Moses.

Who was it, then, whom these two saw and spoke to? For an answer to this perplexing question let us turn to Exodus vi. 2, 3, which reads as follows: "And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord: I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty, but by my name Jehovah I was not known to them." This declaration of name is very important, as by it we learn that up to then He had been announcing Himself as God Almighty, which gives one the idea that he was the maker of heaven and earth. This is an error. It is a well-known fact to biblical students that the term Jehovah is a corruption of Yhvh, as it used to be written without vowels. When written in full it is Yahveh.

The Rev. A. H. Sayce, Queen's College, Oxford, in his book "The Higher Criticism and the Monuments," on page 88, says, "The substitution of ADONAI or 'Lord' for Yahveh was the work of a modern age. It was a substitution which had curious consequences when the study of Hebrew revived in Western Europe. The vowel points of Adonai were read with the letters Yahveh, this producing the new monstrous form of Yehovah. As if this were not enough, the German spelling of the new word with an initial 'J' was adopted in France and England, and the 'J' pronounced not 'Y,' as in Germany, but in accordance with the sound given it in the French and English alphabet.

It is affirmed that Yahveh, when in earth-life, was an Egyptian priest whose real name appears in the "Book of the Dead" as Gehokah\*. If so, perhaps he had attached himself to Moses, who was brought up in the House of Pharaoh, and so "was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians" (Acts vii. 22). Perhaps this is the reason why he revealed his name to Moses. Anyhow, we have learned who he was, which throws a flood of light on the incidents recorded in the Old Testament. For, be it remembered that Jewish priesthood in the course of time, after the Babylonian exile, came to venerate the name of Yhvh as being too sacred to be used by any but

the High Priest when officiating in the Holy of Holies. It was held to be "Incommunicable," or a name that cannot be communicated to others, and so they substituted the term Adonai, or "Lord" for ordinary use.

The translators of King James' Bible (the ordinary English Bible) preferred the word Lord to Adonai, and in order to make it distinctive, they ordered that it be printed in small capitals, thus, LORD, but no note was inserted as a guide to the general reader. This term was retained by the revisers, much against the desires of the American section of the Revision Committee, who subsequently brought out a revision of their own (a copy of which I am using) in which the term Jehovah is substituted for that of LORD, which occurs 6,855 times in the Old Testament. If the reader will bear this fact in mind when reading the Bible, and substitute the term Yahveh for LORD, it will enable him to discriminate, as did Jesus and Paul, the difference between the All-wise Creator and Sustainer of all that is, and this cruel despotic Yahveh.

This spirit Yahveh evidently desired to make a model nation of the Israelites, and for that reason was anxious that they should obey him in all his commandments, and not have any other god or guide. For this reason he was jealous of the other gods worshipped by the surrounding nations. He brought the Children of Israel out of Egypt to be their god (Lev. xi. 45). He said he would be their god, and that they should be his people (Lev. xxvi. 12).

He went before them as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exodus xiii. 22). He gave them ten commandments written on two tablets of stone for their guidance, one of which is "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus xx. 2).

In time the priests of this tutelary god Yaaveh, became jealous of his honour and supremacy over all other gods, and never tired of exalting him as being the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings. They also misrepresented the gods of surrounding nations in order to bring them into ridicule. For instance, the God of the Ekronites was called Beelzebul, which means the "Lord of Heaven." But the priests of Yahveh altered it to Beelzebub, which means the "Lord of filth and flies." Not being content with this desecration, they called this Beelzebub the Prince of Devils (Matt. xii. 24). Could religious bigotry go further?

## BIBLE STUDIES.—No. 2.

OTHER GODS.

ALFRED KITSON.

Before proceeding with the consideration of our subject it may be of service to the reader to point out that the modern conception of God as being the Supreme Creator of the earth and heaven—by the latter term is meant the sun, moon, planets and stars—differs from the conception which the ancients attached to it. Among other things it meant to be able to discriminate between good and evil, as indicated in Genesis iii. 5, and would make them (Adam and Eve) as god. It was applied to those in positions of authority, such as Moses: "And he (Aaron) shall be thy spokesman unto the people, and it shall come to pass that he shall be to thee a mouth, and thou shalt be to him as God" (Exodus iv. 16). And again, "And Jehovah said unto Moses, I have made thee as God unto Pharaoh; and Aaron, thy brother, shall be thy prophet" (Exodus vii. 1). "I said, ye (the Judges) are gods, and all of you sons of the Most High. Nevertheless, ye shall die like men" (Psalms lxxxii. 6, 7). Indeed, it would appear that all objects, whether made of stone, wood, or metal, and the heavenly bodies that were held in reverence, and to whom sacrifices were made, were called gods and goddesses, the sun and moon receiving special favour.

In our first article we learned that the God of Israel was not the God who made the heavens and the earth, but a human spirit, probably an ancient Egyptian who gave his name as Yahveh, who constituted himself the spirit guide and guardian of the children of Israel, and desired to make a great nation of them, and to be their god. But as the neighbouring nations had their own gods whom they worshipped, Yahveh was afraid that his people would forsake him and worship one or more of the other gods. Hence he came to be known as a jealous god, who became very angry at times and

\*Encyclopaedia of Biblical Spiritualism, 2nd Ed., pp. 50-53.

threatened to visit the sins of the parents on their children to the third and fourth generation.

The gods of the other nations were represented by their priests as being equally jealous of their honour, and were reported to instruct their votaries in their wars, as is evident by the inscriptions on the Moabite Stone.

The priests in general had an adroit way of turning the events of their battles to good account, whether they won or lost. Thus, if they were victorious they said that their god had given the enemy into their hands; and when they were defeated the priests gave out that their god was angry with them, and had given them into the hands of their enemies as a punishment for some fancied transgression, and advised that there might be days of atonement and sacrifices to appease the wrath of their god, and to win back his favour and to give victory to their arms. By this means the priests managed to keep the people in fear and subjection. This kind of teaching led parents to sacrifice their sons. This was done frequently by the worshippers of Moloch; and if these failed when any national calamity threatened them they would sacrifice themselves, along with their families, as a voluntary offering to their god.

Such being the customs of the nations by whom the Israelites were surrounded, and they themselves holding similar ideas concerning the power of the gods, we can readily understand why Yahveh was so very much afraid of his people forsaking him for some rival god.

In reading the Bible, all commands of "Thus saith the Lord," should be understood to come either from the priest, the prophet, or Yahveh himself, and never from the Supreme God whom we as Spiritualists worship as being too wise to err and too good to order the slaughter of any of His children.

We will briefly deal with the "other gods" in their alphabetical order.

ASHTORETH.

Ashtoreth was the principal god of the Phœnicians and Syrians, and the consort of Baal. She was symbolised under the form of a cow, with a star for her emblem, or as sitting on a lion, her head surrounded with a halo. She held a thunderbolt in her right hand and in her left hand a sceptre. Her worship was very widespread and very ancient.

BAAL.

The name Baal means Lord, Master or Owner. He was the native god of the land of Canaan, and was regarded by his worshippers as the giver of their corn, wine and oil. Baal presided over the labours of the husband-men and rendered the increase of their harvest. Baal was also the God of the Phœnicians, the Syrians, the Assyrians under the name of Bel and Belus; of the Ekronites as Beelzebub (which the priest of Yahveh changed to Beelzebub, which means the Lord of Filth and Flies). Baal was everywhere regarded as the god of nature. His worship was conducted on the top of hills. Incense was frequently presented to him, as well as sacrifices similar to those offered to Yahveh.

The following list of names with which the term Baal is compounded will give the reader some idea of the high esteem in which it was held by the nations:—

- BAAL-AITUM.—The Mighty Lord.
- BAAL-BERITH.—Lord of the Covenant or Purification.
- BAAL-ELION.—The Lord Most High.
- BAAL-HAMON.—The Lord, The Sun.
- BAAL-PEOR.—The Lord of the Opening.
- BAAL-PERAZOIN.—Lord of the Divisions.
- BAAL-SAMEN.—Lord of the Heavens.
- BAAL-ZEPHAN.—Lord of the North.
- BAAL-ZEBUB.—Lord of the Filth and Flies.
- BAAL-ZEBUL.—The Lord of Heaven.

CHEMASH.

Chemash was the god of the Moabites. His name appears on the famous Moabite Stone, where he is praised by the King Mesha for having given victory to his army over his enemy, just as Yahveh is praised by the kings of Israel for giving them victory over their enemies.

DAGON.

Dagon was the national god of the Philistines, and was represented as half man and half fish. Being a seafaring

people it was natural for them to regard the fertilising power of the earth and the sea in this form, as it was for an agricultural people to view it as symbolised by the bull or cow.

MOLECH.

Molech means The King. The word is always written with the article as The King. He was the national god of the Ammonites, Canaanites, Phœnicians and Carthaginians, and was known by the following names: Molech, Moloch, Malcom and Milcom. His worship was by ordeals of passing through the fire, human sacrifices, and, it is said, even by sacrificing of children, whose cries of distress were drowned by the priests with the clashing of cymbals. The object of worship seems to have been the fire, as a sacred emblem of the sun, the giver of life and light.

THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

The Queen of Heaven is generally understood to be identical with the moon, as the symbol of Ashtoreth. The Israelites worshipped her by burning incense, pouring out drink offerings, and making cakes for her, which greatly offended Jeremiah (Cap. xlv. 17, 18 and 25).

RIMMON.

Rimmon was a Syrian god, and had a temple at Damascus called the House of Rimmon. The name is thought to signify "The High One," whose symbol is the sun riding through the heights of heaven. There are biblical scholars who think the name signifies the pomegranate, the symbol of the fertilising power of nature.

TAMMUZ.

Tammuz is thought to be the sun, and has been generally identified with the Greek, Adonis, a youth of the most delicate beauty. Adonis appears to have been a symbol of the sun departing in winter, and returning as youthful and vigorous as ever in spring.

*My next article will be devoted to the consideration of The Word of God.*

AN INSPIRATION OF TRUE MANHOOD.

- To be honest.
- To be truthful.
- To be industrious, according to my strength and disposition.
- To love my friends.
- To take care of my body.
- To educate my mind.
- To be helpful to others.
- To be obedient to natural and spiritual laws.
- To respect my leaders.
- To prepare for adversity.
- To be peaceful and avoid unruly people.
- To consider the rights of others.
- To gain respect by living a good and useful life.
- To be tolerant to all others.
- To learn the language of the heart.
- To control my emotions.
- To be open to good ideas.
- To be quiet in the presence of wise people.
- To find an occupation and hobby suitable to my disposition.
- To live with others as a brother and a friend.
- To impart useful knowledge when it is sought.
- To study the customs and morals of other countries.
- To retain my self-respect as a man and a citizen.
- To use all wealth and produce as a means of sustaining life and providing happiness.
- To express love in service and harmony with my fellow man.
- To build, through the dynamics of thought, a new understanding between men and women for the creation of a divine order in life.
- To embrace children as the custodians of the plastic future in a progressive world.
- To always think of the commonweal and my individual share in the scheme of being.
- To look for the genius in everybody.
- To realise that the best teacher is a good exemplar, strong in adversity, humble in success, and tranquil at all times.
- Thus I discern the complete man.

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## Education Department.

### OUR EDUCATION SECRETARY.

As announced in the Guild Page of this issue, Miss Kitson is seriously ill, suffering from ptomaine poisoning, and has called on me as her Assistant Secretary to attend to the Education Notes. She is too ill to be able to give me full instructions as to what she wants done or dealt with, so I must just do the best I can, and hope that nobody will be greatly disappointed over what I do or leave undone. I am sure we all join in wishing Miss Kitson a speedy and complete recovery to her normal health, and in hoping that she will be well enough to write the February notes herself.

A. T. CONNOR, Asst. Education Secretary.

### ENTRIES FOR THE EXAMINATION.

Miss Kitson asks me to urge all Lyceum Secretaries to send on their Lists and Fees AT ONCE. The closing date for Entries has been extended to 17th January, and she hopes that all Lyceums that have not yet entered will make a special effort to get up a list this time. The Education Secretary generally sends round a special "appeal and reminder," as soon as she sees which Lyceums have defaulted. This year she may not be able to do that, so I am hoping that this paragraph will be taken as her appeal, and that all Lyceums and Lyceumists will "play up."

Lists and fees should be sent direct to Miss Kitson. She is being assisted by a very zealous and competent young clerk, who will attend to all entries and receipts; and all orders will be promptly attended to. So please do not delay in sending in. Every extra entry will be an extra tonic; but if the entries are delayed too long, the work of sorting and numbering, and preparing Question Parcels for Supervisors, will be much harder than it need be—and it is up to us to see that Miss Kitson's returning strength shall not be overtaxed.

### THANKS.

The Education Secretary acknowledges, with thanks, a donation of five shillings sent by "T.W." as a Christmas thank-offering for improving health.

### SUNDRY NOTES.

Several students, especially in the higher Grades, have complained that the time allowed in the examinations (3 hours) is not sufficient, as it does not allow them to say as much as they could in answer to the questions. But all students should bear in mind that the questions are not set to draw out all they know (and that would not be much, if five questions could draw it all out), but to test their ability to select, from what they know, sufficient to give a convincing answer in the time at their disposal. That is the real test of either a speaker or a teacher: not the quantity, but the quality of what they tell us, and the time they take to tell it. So the student should practise during the year answering questions under strict examination conditions.

Now is the time when *How to Prepare for the Examinations*

will be found very useful to both tutors and pupils. Study "How to answer questions."

Every student should by this time have covered his examination course at least once, so that the next few weeks may be spent in revision work. The Handbook for the Grade should be taken page by page, the student asking himself questions and checking his answers from the book. The Silver Chains and Summaries should be memorised, and the Notes, Glossaries, Golden Chains and Musical Readings read carefully over and over again until their lessons or teachings are familiar and can be easily recalled. Hard work, eh? But then you are all out for Distinction—and *Distinction takes some getting!* Still, The Workers Win. I wish you all the best of good luck.

### TO LYCEUM SECRETARIES.

As soon now as you can, please get in the names of all your Lyceumists who intend taking the examinations, and send in the list, with fees, to the Education Secretary not later than January 17th.

Read carefully the instructions sent to you with the form; and then fill in the names, etc., on the official form sent you. Make postal orders payable at BATLEY (and please do not cross them).

### A FULL LIST OF EDUCATION LITERATURE.

This is given on the back cover of this paper; and books can be ordered from either the GENERAL SECRETARY, or the EDUCATION SECRETARY: MISS M. E. KIRSON, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley (Yorks.).

### ORAL GRADE OBJECT LESSONS.

#### XVII.—COMPENSATION AND RETRIBUTION.

(Question 31).

If Mr. Westall thought that, by putting it off for a week, he was going to escape having to give Harry the promised explanation, of the responsibility of Rokerby Lyceumists for the failure in the District Shield Competition, he made a great mistake; for, after tea on the following Sunday, Harry brought up the subject.

"Will you explain that to me now, dad?" he asked.

"Explain what?" asked his father, who knew that he had a hard job on his hands and was not over keen about starting on it.

"Explain why our Lyceum and Lyceumists are to blame for electing the Drill Leader, and yet not to blame for the loss of the Shield."

"Well, I think it is plain enough and easy enough to see. The Drill Leader undertook to train the Lyceum to the Standard that would obtain full marks for drill—and failed; and as it was through his failure that the Lyceum lost enough marks to make them lose the Shield, he was the only one who deserved to be blamed for that."

"Yes, dad, you told me that last Sunday; but why are the other Lyceumists not as much to blame as the Drill Leader?"

"Because they did not undertake to secure the winning of the Shield. They elected several Leaders, and put them in charge of the preparation work; and are only responsible in so far as they chose their Leaders carefully or carelessly. Their fault is that they were content to elect this particular Leader, and to allow him to take on a very important responsibility, without making any inquiry as to his knowledge or his fitness for the post; and they are to blame for making a careless and wrong choice—but not for anything else."

"But if they are not all equally guilty, why is it that they have all been equally punished in losing the Shield?"

"They have not been punished, sorry. Had they obtained most marks and then had the Shield denied them because of their bad drill, you might be able to claim that they had been punished. But they got least marks, and the Shield was given to the Lyceum with most marks, so none of them can say that they were punished."

"But the marks they lost —"

"Through its mistake in electing an incompetent Leader, who did not know his work, the Lyceum was only able to reach the 70 per cent. standard; and as it was awarded 70 per cent., and did not have any marks taken off what it had earned, it obtained what it was worth—nothing more and nothing less—and the Lyceumists are very foolish if they look on themselves as having been punished in any way. No person can complain about having been punished just because he does not receive a reward of more than he has earned."

This seemed to be all right, but it left Harry, if anything, more puzzled than ever. Everybody was to blame, but nobody had been punished. And everybody had got what he had earned, or at any rate not more nor less than he deserved. It was all mixed up. Where was the Compensation and Retribution of which the Principles taught? The Lyceum did not get rewarded for its members having worked hard and done their very best to win. And—yes—what about the Lyceum Slogan that "The Workers Win?" Rokerby had worked very hard, but yet they had lost, and lost badly! It was all very easy for his father to talk about nobody having been punished. For once, he could not accept his father's ruling.

"But, dad," he tried once more, "I always thought that Compensation and Retribution meant that we were rewarded for doing right and punished for doing wrong?"

"Quite right, my son; they do mean that and nothing else. But that does not mean that any person is set up, or allowed to set himself up, to reward or punish other people."

"How are we punished or rewarded, then?"

"We must not forget that Retribution is a paying-back of something that we have paid-out, and may be repayment for either good or bad deeds—although some people always speak of retribution as if it were a form of punishment. The Lyceum that received most marks in the Shield Competition was paid back for the work it had put in by being declared the winner; Rokerby was paid back for carelessness in choosing a Leader by losing so many marks that it had no chance of winning. Both received the retribution due to them; one in the shape of success, the other in the shape of failure. So you will see that reward or punishment lies in ourselves: in our expectations, and our opinion of what has happened to us as a result of our actions—compared with what we had wished or expected to happen."

"What does Compensation mean, then?"

"It means something given to us to make up for something we have lost, or that may have been taken from us or destroyed. But it rests with us whether we get compensation for anything—for we have to find it out for ourselves. And even failure may bring its own compensation along with its retribution, if we are only wise enough to find it—as I hope the Rokerby Drill Leader and Lyceumists will."

"Why, dad, what compensation have they got?"

"Well, the Drill Leader, if he is wise, will have learned two lessons; the first, that if we are not sure of anything it is always worth while to ask for advice or assistance; the second, that no matter how hard we may work for success, success will not come unless we work along correct lines. If he has learned these lessons, the failure will have done him good."

"And have the Lyceumists any lessons they can learn?"

"They have, my boy. The serious effects of their carelessness should teach them to be more careful in future. And they can learn this useful lesson, that it is unwise, as well as unfair, to shift our share of responsibility on to the shoulders of others: because we lose control of our own destiny; and that a movement careless or incompetent in its choice of its Leaders (of all kinds) is laying up a store of possibilities of disappointment and failure, or even of trouble, danger and disaster. If these lessons are learned, it will have been worth while losing the District Shield. But the greatest lesson of all is that what has happened to Rokerby is not reward or punishment, but simply the unavoidable result of what they themselves have done; and the lesson can be applied to life in general, and to everything we do or try to do. Do you follow me now?"

"Yes, dad, I think I do. Compensation and Retribution are the price we have to pay for being in complete charge of our own lives and our own destinies; and while we must suffer for our mistakes, yet, if we are wise enough, we can always find a lesson that will help us to do better next time, thus getting real good out of apparent evil."

"That's it. And if we have only a fair supply of pluck and commonsense we shall never lose heart over failures. We shall look on all experiences as fitting us to take full advantage of our Personal Responsibility; and we shall be able to gather up and examine all our failures, and build them into a ladder that will enable us to climb over all obstacles to success."

A. T. CONNOR.

A PROSPECTIVE WEDDING.

Mr. Randolph Hope to Miss Annie Lewis, at Pendleton Spiritualist Church, 3, Ford Lane, on January 16th, at 12 o'clock. Mr. E. W. Oaten will officiate.

£2,000 Effort.

The only donation I have to record for last month is one from Mr. H. C. Guy, of Portsmouth (late member of the M.C.), of 12/6, for sale of Mr. Kitson's pamphlet, "The Persistency of Early Teachings." I am hoping that my suggestion re Christmas and New Year parties and contributions therefrom to the Effort will have good results.

Above all things, don't forget the Founders' Day, January 31st, 1926. Please see that YOUR (big capitals, Mr. Printer, please) Lyceum takes up a collection for the Fund, and more than that, see that your Treasurer sends it forward to me early. Some of you would be astonished if I told you how late some of the collections come in, but still it is even better late than never.

May I express the wish that 1926 may very soon improve on 1925 so far as employment and trade are concerned, for I feel quite sure that there will be much better results to our Effort as soon as people have more employment. Good wishes to everybody.

Yours sincerely,

29, Kliffen Place,  
Coronation Road,  
Halifax.

W. BURROWS,

Hon. Sec.,  
£2,000 Effort.

The Scroll—and "The Inscription."

By HENRY J. BAYLIS.

"So many gods, so many creeds,  
So many paths that wind and wind,  
While just the art of being kind  
Is all the sad world needs."

If the above beautiful and logical lines were put into universal practise in their true and applied meaning much sorrow and heart-aching would cease to find a place in the lives of mankind—a sincere and happy brotherhood would spring into existence and co-jointly there would take place the emancipation of the animal kind.

"While just the art of being kind  
Is all the sad world needs."

Yes, the word "kind," in form of "kind thoughts," "kind words," "kind deeds," is of God. In these three specific truths lies the salvation of the world—His kingdom on earth.

Let each ask the question "What am I doing to further this great momentous task?" "Life is like snow fast melting in the sun." The material life, which sooner or later must dissolve into vacuity, as far as our earthly bodies are concerned. But what of the soul! It carefully preserves intact our acts of kindness and self-sacrifice for the good of our own kind and the lowly sentient creatures, helping to bind more tightly together the great kinship—the oneness and sacredness of life; on the other hand, it retains an accurate account of our indifference, thoughtless and unkind words and deeds, for the soul is neutral and must record Truth unimpeached.

"The bad, the good, is there set forth,  
Each act, each thought, each deed of wrath,  
Both acts of mercy and kind thought,  
And all the evil it has wrought."

The Supreme Being created mankind, His nearest affinity to be worthy representatives on earth as stewards of Him. Gave into his hands the power of guardianship over His wonderful sub-human kind—certainly never to be exploited!

On each man's heart He indelibly impressed "Brotherhood, Love, Compassion, Unity and Sacredness of life." Lends unto him a beautiful sunlit land and sea to live, work and roam and participate joy upon; provided golden grain, vegetables, fruits, nuts, honey and their many kind of complete sustenance of body and mind.

"And 'twas intended in harmony to live free from strife,  
Land and food for all—enough and 'twelve baskets' to spare.  
For mankind, beasts, and birds throughout their lives. But God  
Marvels at man's ways of use—of Him so little thought or care."

On this plane we are subjected to a vital test—life's crucible—man is cognisant of the fact that his sojourn on Earth in Eternity's time is but a gleam; yet, a possible three score years and ten earthly time deceives his sense of proportion, for it appears an age; decade silently follows decade almost unnoticed, and so he passes down the aisle of time, the Soul automatically recording, faithfully writing act upon act on Life's scroll, impartial to sorrows, pain, joys, the good, and evil; impervious to favours; to be unrolled at death's call.

What shall the scroll record? It is for each individual to decide.

That we have diligently searched for Truth, prepared ourselves in readiness for the "summons" by our acts of love, charity and unselfishness; that we have been consistent, extended and applied these axioms unto the animal kind. "Not meted out to any one or any thing that which we would not care meted out to ourselves?" Not a poor creature tortured in the hope that we might obtain some ease or relief from pain; no killing of birds that we might adorn ourselves with their plumage; not an animal trapped or shot that we might use their skins to cover our bodies.

When we observe the great variety and profuse supply of garments in fabrics, cloth,—wool, and silk of graduated weights to suit the wearer at each respective season; the enfrancing display of artificial flowers in scientific imitation of Nature's wonder collection, we know it is solely selfishness and vanity that demands the slaying of defenceless creatures for the wearing of their furs and feathers.

As regards flesh eating, it is an unnatural custom, the master key and forerunner of all other inhumanities; an objectionable habit inaugurated by our ignorant forefathers in pre-historic times.

Evolved man, as an ever searcher for Truth, has recognized in this gross custom the complete exploitation of the animal kind, causing them much misery and suffering. Furthermore, that he, also, is simultaneously responsible for the degrading and soulless work and effect cast upon his own kind by his unnatural desire for flesh meats.

Often is seen the pitiful sight in our towns of sheep and young lambs hurrying along in the endeavour to keep to their mother's side, and the oxen and calves (each and all on their way to the noxious slaughter-houses), sometimes panting, sometimes limping, looking this way and that, wondering the reason for so great a change wrought in their lives; often added to this painful scene are dogs barking and snapping at their heels, adding further distress to the animals' inherent timidity. Urged on! urged on! kept going! kept going! not even allowed to stop one moment to snatch a stray tuft of grass or lap a drop of water from the gutter; a sight which most of us have seen and felt sadder for the experience.

If each one would but consider the cost in pain and suffering the untold agony it has caused to produce, then that piece of meat upon your plates would be the very last!

If we are earnest in our desire to bring into actuality a real betterment of our kind, we must go to the source—the causes—and apply logical remedies; not patching up the effects, but in the clearing away of that which is bad and undesirable.

In truth, nothing better sums up the complete situation than the essence of Christianity in the word "Simplicity." Christ's great characteristic, which rightly interprets simple living, simple abodes, ways and manners. The "crown" is only promised to those of this category, but others wish also to share the Divine Symbol of emancipation; but "crowns," halos of good work of this description, can only be obtained through the paths of abnegation.

We apparently forget the fact that Christ was a great Humanist. He embraced all the principles and attributes of Humanism. Early Church History goes to conclusively prove that He was a vegetarian; in fact, all the great teachers of men excluded flesh foods from their diet; they considered, and rightly so, that to partake of a food that entailed a cruel, pitiless system to produce would lower their prestige as followers of Him, and hamper their ideals, status and teachings.

They were mindful, too, of the fact that their bodies were the temples of their souls, and it would therefore be inconsistent and unethereal to supply the Ego with foods from a gruesome slaughter-house instead of from God's land of sunshine and sweet air.

We must let amity rule our hearts; kind thoughts, kind

words, kind deeds; and in these acts, which should be all-embracing, men and women befit themselves and are likened unto the saints of old—fearlessly standing for the right and ever helping forward the "to be" complete liberation of their own humanity and lesser brethren—God's dumb sentient creatures, from all forms of tyranny, cruelty and exploitation.

The Scriptures contain many exhortations in support of these great Truths. I append a few:—

"The merciful man doeth good to his own soul."—Proverbs, xi., 17.

"Butter and honey shall He eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good."—Isaiah, vii., 15.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."—Matt., v., 7.

"The wisdom that is from above . . . gentle . . . full of mercy and good fruits."—James iii., 17.

"Be ye merciful even as your Father is merciful."—Luke, vi., 36.

"With the merciful thou shalt show thyself merciful."—Samuel, xxii., 26.

"What doth thy Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"—Micah, vi., 8.

"Put on therefore, as God's elect, . . . a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, long suffering."—Col., iii., 12.

## Our Lyceum Guild

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

OUR AIM:—To be progressive—physically, mentally, psychically and spiritually.

OUR MEMBERSHIP (IN NOV.):—1,908, attending 135 Lyceums.

OUR HOPE:—To have 100 per cent. of our members, who are not yet Freemen, as candidates in the Examination next month (February 21st).

### TO ALL OUR READERS.

Miss Kitson's illness, which began near the end of November, has proved to be much more serious than was anticipated. She has been suffering from ptomaine poisoning, and is still in a very weak state. In the circumstances she has asked me to write her Guild Notes for her, and I have promised to do my best. So I hope that all Guildites will overlook my shortcomings, as these notes are somewhat out of my line, and, instead of feeling disappointed that our Leader is not doing the Notes herself, concentrate on her early and complete recovery. She will be under doctor's orders for some weeks, so I am going to make two suggestions:—(1) That in each Lyceum, on every Sunday in January, every Lyceumist should concentrate, for two minutes commencing at 3-30 p.m., on sending healing vibrations to Miss Kitson; and (2) that Guildites will send her notes of sympathy, and also notify her that it is their intention to carry out their Guild pledge and sit for the February examination.

### A GENEROUS SUPPORTER.

I am asked to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a donation of a pound (£1) to the Guild funds, sent by Mr. T. F. Smedley, of Belper. The Guild members join with their Leader in thanking Mr. Smedley, who is a consistent and generous supporter of all progressive work in the Movement.

### CERTIFIED GUILD ESSAYIST.

Congratulations to Mr. Randolph Hope, of South Manchester Lyceum, on being admitted to the small and select body of Guild Essayists. Mr. Hope has obtained over 85 per cent. for four essays sent in under the conditions of the annual Guild Essay Competition.

### "WANTED, 1,900 POST CARDS."

Miss Kitson asks me to state that hundreds of post cards are wanted still. Full particulars of the Prize Competition will be found in last month's (December) LYCEUM BANNER, but the last day for sending in has been put back to 19th January. So here is a chance to give our Leader a tonic that will do her more good than anything that the doctor can give her. She asks for 1,900 post cards. Let us let her have them, and thus help to make her convalescence happy and contented.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

In our Leader's name I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year, full of congenial and successful work.

A. T. CONNOR, F.L.G.



Conducted by the GUILD IMP.

My dear Children,

As the New Year dawns upon us, how many of us will be thinking of making fresh resolutions, or most probably the same ones we made just a year ago; and how many of us have kept the pledges and promises that we made, especially those in connection with "Our Guild?" We are embarking upon a new voyage entirely, and what we sincerely hope will be a Glad New Year for all of us, so let us unite in a solemn promise to be "True Blue" in whatever we undertake and to whatever pledges we make. Let us seek to progress, especially in the work of Education, which we are called upon to do. By doing this we shall be sure to fit ourselves to do our duty to our Lyceum Cause, helping to keep the old flag flying in the years to come, when, our Leaders having ceased their activities in this world, we shall be called upon to carry on with the grand work. They expect of us far greater efforts on our part than we are at present showing; greater zeal on the part of all members would produce 90 to 100 per cent. sitters at the next examination. So remember the motto, and whatever pledges you make, be "True Blue" to the promoters and Leaders of the Education Scheme. Blue is the groundwork of our National Flag, the Union Jack, the symbol of Unity, and Unity is, as we all know, Strength.

RESOLUTIONS.

- Really a promise to be happy and true;
- Early to do good, as Guildites should do.
- So let's have a will, and we'll never regret
- Our troubles and trials,—how many we've got!
- Let's be sturdy and true, also strong and reliant,
- Undoing all wrong, each virtue a giant.
- Try to preserve a good conscience and free,
- To progress is a duty that all of us see.
- Only be good, and at wrong-doing pause;
- Nothing more strengthens the Lyceum Cause.

Now for our complete story for all the kiddies; one, I hope, which will be suitable and seasonable to all who read it.

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.

A cold, bleak wind whistled around the little house in Burnham Alley, if one could really call it such; it being, in all truth, a miserable spectacle inside. Two poor little mites were shivering in front of an almost dead fire, trying to gain a little warmth and comfort. Christmas had been for these little mites just like any ordinary day during the year; no Christmas puddings, turkey, parties with crackers, or tree filled with nice toys. The jollity and fun of a Christmas party had never entered into their young lives as yet, but still they struggled along in the world, ever hoping for good fortune to come their way, working along with their mother, who, by the way, was a widow, and helping to keep "the wolf from the door."

Jane and Ray (for these were the children's names) huddled still closer together, edging closer to the lap of their mother. Their faces bore signs of hunger, for the supper they had just disposed of was scanty fare for a trio so hardworked. Ray sold newspapers for a living. Jane helped the greengrocer along the street to take out orders. Mother did a little ironing for one or two of her kindly-disposed relatives and friends, and the fruits of their labours kept the little home from ruin.

"Now, children," said the mother, "it has been a hard task

for us to carry on just lately, but we must hope for better times. You have never had any toys and amusement like other children since your daddy left us, and I pray every night for God to help us in our time of need. Sometimes I seem to think daddy is near us, trying to help us and cheer us a little; but, never mind, you have been good children to me, and I want to ask if I have always been good and kind to both of you."

"You have, mum, always," they chimed in chorus.

"Then, said their mother, "I just want to ask of you to trust in your God, the God you pray to at night when you say your prayers; for God is goodness, and if you are good, not only to me, but to everyone you meet, you will make yourselves and others happy. If ever you have an opportunity of doing a kindness, that is goodness, the work of God."

Jane and Ray listened attentively to this advice, making a mental note always to live up to it. Here the household retired to their beds, sleeping peacefully, and awaking the next morning to discover the pavement and the roadway of the Alley thick with snow. Ray hastily made a fire before having breakfast and then proceeded on his paper round.

Mrs. Morden instructed Jane to call upon her Aunt to fetch the bundle of clothes to be ironed, and so another day began. Out into the Alley trudged little Jane upon her errand, whilst her mother tidied up the house and made preparations for ironing the clothes upon her daughter's return.

A great surprise was in store for her, however, for Jane returned very quickly from her errand and rushed into the house, dropping the clothes as she entered.

"Oh, mother," she said. "I'm so frightened."

"Why, child, whatever is the matter?" asked Mrs. Morden.

"Well, I was coming back from auntie's house with the clothes and I found these, so I ran all the way home. I thought someone would see them and think I had stolen them."

Jane placed upon the table a beautiful string of pearls, and her mother stared at them in astonishment.

"Why, Jane, you shouldn't be afraid. Maybe they are only imitation and not worth much. Anyhow, we'll have a look in the paper; they must have been lost last night, so if they are real they are sure to be advertised. Run and fetch a paper, quick."

Jane dashed off, returning in a few minutes. Mrs. Morden eagerly scanned the adverts. in the "Lost" column.

"Goodness me," she broke out; "it's right, Jane; they are real. Here, let me cut it out. There you are, Jane; now go up to this address and tell them the pearls are at 12, Burnham Alley. Wait a minute; you'll have to go on the 'bus.'"

Jane lost no time in reaching her destination, and seeking out the number of the house stated on the advertisement, she walked up the long drive and rang the front door bell.

A trim maid answered the ring, promptly asking Jane her business.

"Please, Miss," said Jane. "I found some pearls and I've come to tell you about them. They are at our house in Burnham Alley."

"Come inside and I'll tell the mistress straight away."

Jane was amazed at the lovely pictures on the walls of the room to which she was admitted; the beautiful furniture, and the Russian rug into which her feet sank. At last the mistress appeared.

"Now, little girl; what about these pearls?"

"Please, lady, I found them and they are at our house," stammered poor Jane.

"Very well, my dear, I'll come with you at once. You are a good girl to come all this way to let me know."

For twenty minutes Jane was a proud occupant of a Daimler car, speeding its way towards Burnham Alley, and accompanied by the well-dressed owner of the pearls. Arriving outside the little humble cot, Jane opened the door to admit her companion, who promptly made herself acquainted with Mrs. Morden.

"I've been thinking," said the lady, "about the circumstances existing in your little home; yet in spite of this you are eager to return so valuable a necklace as this is. I thank you; you are honest, so I wish to make you and your children an offer. I have a lodge vacant, and if you wish to occupy it and do a little cleaning and washing for me, you are welcome. You have taught me that goodness certainly exists everywhere.

Ray, who had returned during this interview, was admiring the big Daimler car, and suddenly he turned to the lady and asked: "Please, can I drive that big car for you some day, ma'am? I love cars."

"Ah, we shall see; at all events you may help my chauffeur just now until you are older, and then we'll see."

The bustle in Burnham Alley that day, of packing up ready to remove to their new quarters was great. Hopes which were almost dashed to the ground had reached to the highest, and in a lodge in Maybrick Avenue three happy hearts continued to trust in better influences which prevailed within them, and to know that honesty is goodness, and goodness is God.

#### SEND TO THE LEADER—

Your Competition Postcard, or enquiries, or for Guild Literature, or Form of Application.

GUILD LEADER—Miss M. E. Kitson, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley (Yorks.).

(Britten Memorial Bazaar continued from page 8).

On the second day the Bazaar was opened by the Duchess of Hamilton, with Miss Lind-af-Hageby in the chair.

Miss Lind-af-Hageby, in her opening remarks, expressed her pleasure at being present. She said there were wrong ideas afloat with regard to mediums. They were regarded as unbalanced and eccentric people. She thought that Spiritualism was passing into greater issues, that it was penetrating throughout the thinking world as it had never done before. She had very great pleasure in introducing one who had come forward as a staunch Spiritualist, never fearing ridicule and opposition, and who had absolute conviction that Spiritualism carried a mighty message to a materialistic world. She then called upon Her Grace the Duchess of Hamilton to open the bazaar.

The Duchess, in opening her address, alluded to the horrors of war and the results thereof. Religion had failed in its work. People were no longer satisfied, she said, with dogmas. More and more people were waking to the need of that which was real and vital. "That which we call Spiritualism," she said, "is at the base of all religious and all spiritual strivings. Let us try, not only to receive these great spiritual truths that can be received through the means of Spiritualism, but let us transmute them into actions." She then expressed her pleasure in declaring the bazaar open.

From the "Two Worlds."

### Births, In Memoriam, and Marriages.

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

#### BIRTH.

MIDDLESBORO.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearson, on Dec. 18th, 1925, the gift of a daughter.—Albert H. Colbourne, Sec.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

HEBDEN BRIDGE.—We regret the passing of Mr. Hart on November 16th to the Higher Life. "Gone Home."

We regret the passing of Mrs. Sutcliffe on November 23rd to the Higher Life. "Gone Home."

LONDON, Forest Hill.—In loving memory of Ernest Frederick, youngest and dearly loved son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Payne, of Forest Hill. Suddenly called "Home" January 6th, 1924. Ever remembered by Dad, Mum, Frank, Alice and Edie.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—In loving memory of our dear son William, Officer of the Heaton and Byker Lyceum, who passed to the Higher Life on January 5th, 1923.

"Oh, we joy to feel you near,  
Spirits of the loved and dear."

Ever-remembered by his loving Father, Mother, Brother, and Fellow Lyceumists.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

## District Visitors' Reports.

### SCOTTISH D.V. NOTES.

The position of Lyceums in Scotland just now is like many other places, rather variable, as several are down in attendance and one or two have had to close down. In Hamilton, during 1925, the Lyceum closed for want of support, owing to differences of opinion among the adult section, which caused a split and left the Lyceum with no meeting place. Of those who were in charge several are Lyceumists of long standing, and will no doubt, if an occasion may arise, see to it that the children get another chance.

The Progressive is another Lyceum which closed down in Glasgow, but in this case most of the members are now among other Lyceums, so that what is lost to one is gain to another.

Against the above two instances there may be given a note of those which are carrying on and which gives encouragement to those in charge to keep on. There are now the undernoted Lyceums in being:—

Glasgow Association, Holland Street, 4 p.m. (Affiliated).

Scottish Mediums' Union, 100, West Regent Street, 1-30 p.m. (Affiliated).

Southern Spiritualists' Association, Weir Street, 11-30 a.m. (Affiliated).

Northern Spiritualists' Association, Maryhill Road. Two Sessions: Junior, 12 noon; Senior, 1-15 p.m. (Affiliated).

Dalmuir Spiritualists' Association, 716, Dumbarton Road, Dalmuir, 3 p.m. (Affiliated).

Dalmuir, Y.M.C.A. Hall (late Broadway Hall), 3 p.m. (Un-affiliated).

Whiteinch, James Street, 4 p.m. (Affiliated).

Govan, 1, Broomloan Road, 12-30 p.m. (Affiliated).

Glasgow Spiritualists' Brotherhood, 12 30 p.m. (Un-affiliated).

All of these meetings are in a healthy state, although Whiteinch and Govan are of very recent origin, and as they have all a good field to draw on, ought to progress. I have visited all except Govan, which I am under a promise to visit very soon.

On Sunday, 1st November, the District Council held a Massed Session in the Hall of the Glasgow Association, kindly granted free by the Association for the occasion. Mr. J. M. Scott, the area representative, took the chair at 3-30 p.m. and presided over an audience of about 400, of whom a goodly sprinkling were adults, some of whom were new to Lyceums. All of the nine Lyceums above mentioned were represented and in the various exercises gave a fine exposition of Lyceum activities. A particularly pleasing item was marching and callisthenics by "wee tots" from nine downwards, under the charge of Miss Prior, and their training was a tribute to her patience and love of kiddies. The older boys and girls then gave a display of marching and callisthenics, and the separation of the ages of these from the very young showed that it had helped both sections. The Silver Chain and readings in Musical reading were taken by members chosen from various Lyceums, and the Golden Chain by the Conductor of S.M.U., Mr. Geo. Robertson. A good selection of pearls were given; a concerted item by young members of Glasgow Association, on "Faith, Hope and Love," and several musical items from other Lyceums, but unfortunately Father Time prevented numerous willing members from showing visitors what Lyceumists could do. Mr. Scott, the D.V., and Mr. Peter Duncan, spoke on the advantages of Lyceums, and the last-named gentleman reminded us of our indebtedness to the Glasgow Association for accommodation, and moved a vote of thanks to them, which was very heartily responded to. This is the second Massed Session the D.C. has had in Glasgow this year, and the success of each of them ought to stir the Lyceums to more activity in this direction.

Now that so many Lyceums are meeting in Glasgow, I would like to suggest that interchange of Conductors could now very easily be worked, and this would help each Conductor and Lyceum, as both would learn by the experience. None of us are too old to learn. This suggestion, I may say, I think should not be confined only to affiliated Lyceums, as we hope that when numbers and finance warrant, the new starts will join up with the B.S.L.U. (I may say I have at present the assurance from two of the unaffiliated that they will join up as soon as they can).

The Eastern Section of Scotland is now being looked after by Miss Blaik, of Edinburgh Association Lyceum, in the way of District Visiting, so that I cannot say much about that part of the country. However, on Saturday, 5th inst., the S.D.C. held their quarterly meeting in Dundee, and the Glasgow delegates attending, all waited over for the Sunday. A number attended the Rattray Street Lyceum, and Mr. Scott, Misses Cleland and Lardy and myself visited the Excelsior Lyceum. (Both of these Lyceums meet at the same time—1 p.m.) A very good and well attended session was carried through, under the conductorship of Mr. Hutchison. Pearls were scarce at first, possibly owing to shyness in the presence of strangers, but a "thaw" came later and we had a very good selection. Mr. Scott, Miss Cleland and the D.V. were asked to speak, and urged the claims of the B.S.L.U., the Education Scheme, and Lyceums generally. Altogether, those of us who were privileged to stay over, enjoyed the visit, and only regret that geographical conditions in Scotia prevent more visits taking place. I may say, in closing, that the name of this Lyceum ought to be a continual incentive to its members to progress.

It is expected that in March of 1926 Scotland will entertain the U.D.C., and this should be another chance to waken up some of the sleepers.

In conclusion, I would wish all Lyceumists in Scotland, and all over, progress and prosperity, in a Lyceum sense, during 1926. Of course, also, as much material prosperity as possible.—Jas. Shaw, District Visitor (West of Scotland).

LEEDS DISTRICT.

I have paid the following visits:—

Harrogate, August 16th. 20 present. Readings nicely read. Conductor's explanations good. Many pearls. Marching and callisthenics fair.

Normanton, September 20th. Prompt start, 30 present. Individual explanations good; nice singing; marching and callisthenics splendid; many pearls with explanations. An enjoyable session.

Heckmondwike, Sept. 27th. 16 present. Readings good, with explanations; singing good; pearls and recitations good; marching and callisthenics completed a good session.

Cleckheaton, October 4th. Prompt start, 50 present, none late. Good reading in unison; readings good; many pearls; marching and callisthenics well done.

Castleford, October 25th. Many questions on readings and good explanations given by the children. Marching and callisthenics good. 33 present.

Morley, Queen Street, November 1st. 18 present; readings fair; conductor gave good explanations to questions; many pearls; a few special items; physical exercises very fairly done.

Armley, November 8th. 90 present. Connective readings good, with many questions which were ably answered by the Conductor. Lyceumists answered questions on the G.C.R. Physical exercises good.

Birstall, November 15th. 39 present. Readings good, many questions. Singing very fair. Lyceumists and Conductor explained readings. Physical exercises good.

South Elmsall, Nov. 15th. Present 27. Many questions on the readings were ably answered by the Conductor. Marching and callisthenics good. This Lyceum would do with some adult help.

Horsforth, November 22nd. 14 present. Conductor ably explained the readings. 17 special items. Marching and callisthenics good.

Morley, Cross Church Street, November 29th. 28 present. Lyceum repeated the Seven Principles; connective readings good with explanations by those who read them; interesting explanations on the G.C.R.; many pearls; physical exercises good.—H. Spencer, D.V.

**District Council Reports.**

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Quarterly Meeting held at Sherwood Street, Scarborough, Dec. 5th and 6th, 1925. Meeting commenced for business at 6-15 p.m. Mrs. Hurley, President, occupied the chair. Opening hymn 321. Invocation, Mr. Peel (Dewsbury). Local welcome given by Mr. Laycock (President, Scarborough Church). President's address. Proud of the position she held for 5 or 6

years. Easy Road supplied the Council with a Secretary and now did so with a President. She wanted us to realise the pioneers of old were witnesses to our labours here below and trusted that good would accrue of our visit to Scarborough.

Minutes, correspondence and reports. Many questions and much discussion followed. D.V. Reports. Much visiting had been done, eleven Lyceums receiving visits during quarter. Treasurer's report. Discussion followed re balance on last Field Day. Resolved a letter be sent. Inter-change shows a falling off in visits made. Only three presented to the meeting. L.D.C. Report very good. B.D.C. no report.

Revision Committee, no report. Agreed we co-operate with the L.D.C. for Easter Celebrations to be held at Wakefield. M.C. Quarterly Meeting. Agreed it be placed on agenda for our June meeting for further consideration. Adjourned until 10-30, Sunday morning.

Sunday business. Field Day, 1926. Motion from Morley and Wakefield, future conferences be left over until next Conference. Presentation of Bell and Certificates, January 2nd, 1926. Accepted Associates, Mrs. Partridge (Castleford), Mr. and Mrs. Middleton (Scarboro'). Any other business. The D.V. brought forward how misleading are times of starting published in the Banner in some instances, and the fault lay with the local Secretaries, and would they see this was corrected. Place of next meeting, Armley. Date left with Secretary to arrange. Vote of thanks to local friends (M.) Mr. Wilson, (S.) Mr. Downs. Accepted by Mr. Middleton, Secretary Scarborough Society. Roll Call: Officers, 4; Lyceums: Armley, Dewsbury, Castleford, Easy Road, Wakefield, Holborn Hall, Scarborough, 10 Delegates, representing 7 Lyceums; 2 D.C. Delegates.

Propaganda meeting was held on Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Hurley conducting. Mr. Wilson (Treasurer), and Mr. Harding laid before a good assembly the principles of Lyceumism and its training, aims and objects. Open Session 2-30 p.m., Sunday, Mr. Wilson conducting. Mr. Spencer gave Invocation; much discussion followed each reading; many interesting thoughts put forth. Marching and callisthenics nicely gone through. Mrs. Partridge (Castleford) sang very sweetly. Time had expired so we only got two or three pearls. A glorious afternoon and was on eye-opener to many.

Evening Service, many of the Delegates had to leave by the 6-45, and therefore could not stay to this Service. Mrs. Downs acted as President. The Secretary spoke for fully 55 minutes before a full Church, on Lyceumism and Spiritualism. Very interesting and many people were amazed at our method of training and teaching. Mrs. Partridge again sang another solo. Mr. Laycock gave the benediction. The service closed 8-5 p.m. This brought our part as a Council to a close. Collections were good at all services and we trust good seed has been sown. I would appeal to all Lyceumists and Spiritualists when visiting Scarborough at any time to give them a helping hand because they are so isolated and need this help.

On Sunday afternoon, at the close of Open Session, an enlarged photograph of "Dad" Kitson was hung up by an official of the Council, subscribed for by Lyceumists purchasing coloured rosettes worn at last Field Day.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, November 14th, at Charles Street Spiritualist Church, St. Helens. The meeting commenced at 3-30.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Watkins was elected in the chair. Mr. Watkins delivered the Invocation.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

Correspondence was read and accepted.

It was agreed that President and Secretary sign Rock Ferry application for membership to the B.S.L.U.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £3 16s. 9½d.

The D.V. had visited Southport and St. Helens; both good sessions.

It was passed that we hold an Out-door Massed Session during the summer next year.

Mr. Thompson suggested that we hold both an In-door and Out-door Massed Session.

It was decided that we hold a Session Competition next year and that Lyceums send in their Open Session dates to the Secretary. The Adjudicator to be elected at next meeting.

The Interchange of Conductors to be carried on next year without reports.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hart, the Adjudicator, for his services during the year.

A vote of thanks was then passed to local friends for their hospitality.

The next meeting will be held at Southport on February 13th.—E. Clitheroe, Sec.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly meeting was held at Hackney on Saturday, 12th December, Mrs. Barnard presiding over a good muster of Delegates and Associates. On the correspondence, a vote of sympathy to Miss Kitson was passed. The various reports were satisfactory and were adopted. It was decided to hold a Carnival Dance at Caxton House Restaurant on January 23rd; and all the delegates present expressed approval of the new College idea, and promised to back up the scheme if adopted by the Union. Messrs. Cox and Holt were appointed Auditors. The Secretary was instructed to write *re* the tentative offer of a section of seats for Lyceumists at Queen's Hall Remembrance Service.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Peckham on Saturday, 27th February, at 4 p.m.—A.T.C.

#### NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE.

##### SILVER SHIELD PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

An important visit was paid to the Fleetwood Spiritualist Progressive Lyceum, last Saturday, by the Executive of the North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council, the occasion being the presentation of a handsome silver shield to the winners of the merit competition organised by the District Council and open to its members.

Twenty-eight Lyceums competed, and the Fleetwood Lyceum gained the highest number of points, and thus became the holders of the shield for twelve months.

Mr. J. Shuttleworth (Darwen), supported by Mr. R. Latham (Burnley) and Mr. F. Ball (Lancaster), made the presentation. In an able speech, he dwelt on the meaning of efficiency and the gaining of rewards for merit, and said it was not merely the winning of championships that counted, but the real grit and value in life which such rewards created and the will and enthusiasm they stimulated in retaining that which had been won.

He congratulated the Fleetwood Lyceum, and hoped they would maintain the efficiency which had gained them the shield, and strive to hold it for many years to come.

Mr. Batley, who was the Conductor when the shield was won, received the trophy on behalf of the officers and members, and expressed gratification and pleasure. He said it had taken them twelve years to gain the honour, and now that they had it they would do all they possibly could to retain it. Though they all felt glad and proud of the honour, they should not forget to send their thoughts to the Lyceum which had just missed winning, and wish them good luck in the next competition. (Applause).

Brief speeches were also given by Mr. Jordan (Fleetwood) and members of the executive.

Mr. Waller (a past conductor of Fleetwood Lyceum) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the North-East Lancashire District Council E.C. for coming to Fleetwood to make the presentation, and Mrs. Benson seconded.

The remainder of the evening took the form of a social, games and refreshments being heartily enjoyed.

The Fleetwood Lyceum are to be congratulated upon achieving their new distinction.

#### SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the District Council was held in Dundee on the 5th December, in the rooms of the Rattray Street Lyceum. There was a fair attendance of delegates from the various Lyceums in the district. It was agreed to defer consideration of extending an invitation to the M.C. until after the visit of the U.D.C. in March next. After hearing the reports of District Visitors' East and West, the Council decided to spend another portion of the Propaganda Fund in helping on the Lyceum work at the following places: Lochgelly, Whiteinch, and Broomloan, Govan.

A surplus from the Mass Session held in Glasgow on November 1st was handed over to the general fund of the D.C. The general question of the D.C. Finance was left over to the A.G.M., Miss Cleland, of Glasgow Association, giving notice of motion accordingly.

The A.G.M. was fixed for February 27th, 1926, and it was agreed to give the Northern, Glasgow, an opportunity to "house" the D.C. Votes of thanks terminated a very profitable meeting.

On Sunday all the delegates attended, in due proportion, the local Lyceums, Rattray St. and Excelsior, both services being at 12-45 p.m.

#### SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on November 28th, 1925, at Penn Stret, Rochdale.

Good business was gone through with a very fair attendance of delegates.

On November 29th, the Council conducted a massed Session, for propaganda, at Roomfield Buildings, Todmorden. Both afternoon and evening Sessions were well attended. The day well spent at Todmorden, and we hope that the interest of the Todmorden people has been roused. We hope seed was sown which will have a plentiful harvest.—S. Carter, Sec.

#### TEESIDE DISTRICT.

The E.C. met at Cecil Street on Saturday, December 12th. Lyceums represented:—Middlesbrough, Darlington (Northgate) Horden and Stockton.

Several items of business were dealt with. Letters of sympathy in illness to Mrs. Pugh, our late District Secretary's wife; she has since passed to the Higher Life. Our sympathy was sent to the President, in respect of her father's illness. The next E.C. meets on the second Saturday in January, 1926, at Gurney Valley. An improved attendance is desired.—Geo. A. Atkinson, Sec.

## Special Reports.

**BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.**—On December 6th we had a very pleasant Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Babbs. There were some very good pearls, recitations, songs and duets by Miss L. Farnell, Frank Waite, Miss Keen, Miss M. Ashworth, Mrs. Bower, Miss E. Hunter, Miss A. Rainer, Joseph Farnell, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Wilsey, Miss North, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Abbott, and Miss O. Joint. Our hearty greetings and best wishes to all.—J. Babbs, Sec.

**FLEETWOOD.**—On Wednesday, December 2nd, the first wedding in our new church took place, the contracting parties being Mr. George Sutcliffe and Miss Marion Evelyn Watkins, conducted by Mr. S. Spencer, of Blackpool. The bride has been a Lyceumist and church worker for many years and there was a good attendance to witness the ceremony. At the close of the service Mr. Batley came forward and presented the bridal pair with a beautiful gilt-edged Hymn Book on behalf of the committee and members of the church and on the following Sunday, December 6th, at the Lyceum session the bride was the recipient of a beautiful silver flower stand, suitably inscribed, from the Lyceumists.

**LONDON, Lewisham.**—The Committee gave a Christmas Party and Illuminated Tree to about 80 Lyceum children and parents. A most enjoyable tea formed the first item of the programme, after which prizes were distributed for attendance, conduct and perseverance. A merry dance around the Tree was followed by a draw and distribution of toys. Almost all the children contributed recitations, etc. Singing, dancing and games were in full swing until ten, when all went home with apples, oranges, and wearing smiling faces.—Mrs. E. Coleman, Sec.

**MANCHESTER, Hr. Openshaw.**—On December 6th we held our Open Sessions, conducted by Mrs. Molineux. Recitations, solos, etc., were rendered by the following Lyceumists: Laura Wilson, Minnie Smart, Annie Pugh, Mrs. Harvey, Norah Kingham, Nellie Henderson, Eleanor McLean, Rose Halliday, Maud McLean, Connie Burgess, William Whittaker, Harry Goodwin, Edward Jackson, Wilfred Whittaker, Harry Ward, Willie Ward, Leonard Williams, Sidney Williams and Mr. Molineux. Solos by Mrs. Garton and Mrs. Molineux. Trio by Mrs. Harvey, Minnie Smart, and Norah Kingham. Quartette by Connie Burgess, Eleanor McLean, William Whittaker, and Edward Jackson. Marching and Callisthenics were done in grand style, conducted by M. Molineux.

On December 12th, our Cobweb Social was a grand success, and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Harvey's Juvenile Dancers were appreciated by all present.—F. Garton, Sec.

LONDON, Brixton.—Our Sale of Work was a financial success, the Lyceumists worked well, and we are pleased with the result. All are looking forward to our Party on Saturday, 9th January.

The past year has been very eventful, but good progress has been made and much experience gained.

NUNEATON.—On Dec. 26th the Lyceum had its Annual Tea Party and Prize Distribution. A well decorated Christmas Tree added to the amusement. The appearance of Father Christmas was marked by the lowering of the lights. The prizes were presented by Mr. Pickard, Church President. Father Christmas dismantled the tree, the toys being given to the children. Supper was served. The party ended after a display of marching and callisthenics by the children.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after Dec. 22nd.

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than January 27th, to ensure insertion in the February issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—We held our Open Session December 6th with a good heart. Recitations were well rendered by Alice Wilson, Herbert Pomfret, Edith Wilson, Enie Rimmer, Nellie Laycock and Harry Rimmer; solos by Alice Wilson, Enie Rimmer and Dorothy Pomfret; duet by Albert Anderson and Annie Smith; duet by Mrs. Chambers and Miss Crabtree; solo by Hilda Swift.—Albert Anderson, Sec.

BARNOLDSWICK, Albert Road.—On December 6th we held our Open Session, which will be long remembered, as we had six scholars who were given their spiritual names; three little ones and three adults. The spiritual names respectively were: Purity, Rose, Hope, Violet, Lilith, Love. The service was ably rendered by Mrs. Whitley, of Bradford.—Mrs. Whittaker, Sec.

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—We held our Open Session on December 6th. Mrs. Bennion, of Bradford, was with us. She spoke a few words to our Lyceumists. Recitations were rendered by Minnie Broadbent, Ruby Scott, Dora Scott, Mary Howbrook, Gordon Haznell, Dennis Bennion, Jackie Howbrook and David Brown. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists.—L. Brown, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Our Open Session on December 6th was conducted by Mr. Thompson. Pearls from Eileen Edwards, Margaret Ellis, Charlie Ellis, Doris Dunn, Millie Hemsall, Mr. Taylor, Reg. Robb, Albert Thompson, Elsie Thompson and Edith Winters. The following favoured us with short recitations: Eileen Edwards, Charlie Ellis, Margaret Ellis and Edith Winters. Miss Nora Whitley was our soloist and Mr. Whitley our pianist. This session was one of enjoyment, although we were small in number as compared with previous sessions.—Millie Hemsall, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On November 29th we held our Open Session. Callisthenics and Rod Drill were gone through in a smart manner. The following assisted in making the session a success:—Recitation by W. Raiton, A. Wilkinson, the Misses Southworth and Maggie Wood. Mr. F. Robinson, along with Mr. W. Youd, rendered a duet. A number of pearls were also given. About 150 Lyceumists and friends present. Wishing all Lyceums and Lyceumists at home and abroad a Prosperous New Year.—H. Bullen, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry Street.—On November 29th we held our Election of Officers. The following were appointed:—Conductor, Mrs. Chapman; Assistant, Mrs. Shackles; Secretary, Mr. R. G. Shipperbottom; Treasurer, Mr. J. Shipperbottom; Musical Conductor, Mr. Peers Owen; Assistant, Miss E. Monk; Guardian, Miss Hodgkinson; Captain of Guards, Mr. J. Allan; Guards, E. Coucill, Wm. Monk, Wm. Owen; Marching Conductor, Mr. R. G. Shipperbottom; Assistant, Mr. Wm. Monk; Callisthenics Conductor, Miss A. Parkinson; Marching Leaders, Miss D. Moore and Wm. Owen; Delegates, Mr. J. Shipperbottom and Mrs. Shackles; Lyceum Representative on E.C. of Lyceum, Mr. Hodgson.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—We held our Open Session on December 6th. Mr. Plumb, Mr. Hill, A. Wilkinson, Mr. Ackroyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schofield took part. Best wishes to all.—E. Pickles, Sec.

BRIERFIELD, John Street.—We held our Open Session on December 6th, conducted by Miss Stockdale and Miss Oldfield. Recitations by Mary Davis, Edith Bird, Ivy Rhodes and Lily Rhodes; song by Mary Plant; pianoforte solos by Annie Bradshaw and Miss Minnie Hartley. Although we were small in number we had a very good session. Wishing all Lyceums and Lyceumists every success and compliments of the season.—F. Wane, Sec.

COLNE, Cloth Hall.—On December 6th, O.S. and M.C.R. were sung with vigour, S.C.R. and G.C.R. were well read and practically in unison. The explanation of the readings were very instructive. Solos (pianoforte), duets and recitations were given by young Lyceumists.—J. R. Wigglesworth, Sec.

EDINBURGH, 9, Gayfield Square.—We held our Open Session on the 13th December, with a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Songs by Bessie Houston, Eunice Barrie, Mrs. Barrie, Letty Cobb, Peggy Lawrence, Mr. Niven. Recitations by Mary Barrie, Louisa Dawson, Bessie Houston, Jas. Lyall, John Woodsell. A pianoforte duet by Madge and Bessie Gray, also a duet sung by Lottie Woolford and Peggy Lawrence. A violin solo was well rendered by Master John Cobb. Our Open Session was indeed a great success.

FLEETWOOD.—On December 6th we elected our officers: Conductor, Mr. Batley; Assistant Conductors, Mr. Jordan and Mrs. Cooke. Secretary, Mrs. Leadbetter; Treasurer, Mr. Shurmer; Guardian, Mrs. Church; Assistant Secretaries, Alfred Dewes and Alec Laird; Mrs. Firth, Captain of Guards; Girls' Marching Leaders, Peggy Wilson and Phyllis Jordan; Boys' Marching Leaders, Tom Firth and Jack Horan; Callisthenics, Mona Blundell; Musical Conductor, Mrs. Stanbridge; Auditors, Mrs. Vollairs and Mrs. Benson; Sick Visitors, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Firth.—Mrs. Leadbetter, Sec.

GT. HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on December 6th. We had the pleasure of the presence of Mrs. Pickles, of Blackpool, who was our speaker for the week-end. We had a pleasant session and several Lyceumists rendered recitations and solos. The session was brought to a close by discussion on the Divine Order.—Clara Waterhouse, Sec.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On November 30th we held our Lyceum Sunday. The evening Service was taken by Lyceumists rendering a Service of Song, "Sunshine and Showers," with recitations and solos. The choir also sang an anthem.

We extend fraternal greetings and a Happy New Year to all Lyceumists.—Mrs. R. Overton, Sec.

LANCASTER.—The last Open Session of the year was very enjoyable. The following children came willingly forward: Florrie Dennison contributed a reading. Betty Kelly gave three recitations. Reginald Dennison, Rene Thompson and Doris Kirk (aged 4 years) following with one each. Mr. Kirk and Mrs. Spiers gave a few interesting pearls. Best New Year Wishes to every Lyceumist and may each one find the close of 1925 a year of good work well done.—Marion Swale, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—On December 20th Election of Officers and Leaders: Conductor, Miss E. Wicks; Assistant Conductor, Mr. W. Beck; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Wicks; Chairman of Senior Class, Mr. A. Wicks; Secretary of Senior Class, Mr. J. H. Wicks; Musical Conductor, Mr. L. Kenny; Marching Conductor, Miss A. Clarke; Leaders: Misses A. Bingles, N. Farryan and Mr. L. Kenny. Captain of Guards, Miss E. Watson; Guards, Miss E. Richardson and Master F. Beck.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

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## BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

- G Birmingham, Handsworth. Mr. H. Gardner, 3, Hawthorn Grove, Leonard Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.  
 G Birmingham, Stinchley, 10-0. Mr. S. C. Kind, 233, Fordhouse Lane, Stinchley.  
 G Walsall, Temperance Hall, Freer-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. N. Hughes, 16, R. Forster-street.  
 G Wolverhampton, School St. Mr. L. Frost, 27 King street, Wolverhampton.

## BOLTON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Miss D. Ward, 12, Mount Pleasant St., Horwich, nr. Bolton.  
 District Visitor, Mr. G. F. Walsh, 4, Joseph-st., Bolton.  
 E Bolton, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Miss A. Booth, 9, Constance Road.  
 E Bolton, Deane-road, 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Slater, 5, Vincent-street, Bolton.  
 E Bolton, Henry-street, 10-15. Mr. R. G. Shipperbottom, 49, Tong Moor Rd., Bolton.  
 E Bury, 66, King-street, Rochdale-road, 10-30 a.m. & 2 p.m. Mr. T. Lever, 4, Eden St., Bury.  
 E Bury, Sydney-st., 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Myers, 6, Wood St., Elton, Bury.  
 E Daisy Hill, Mabel-street, 10-30 a.m. Mr. Powers, 5, Mabel-street, Daisy Hill, nr. Bolton.  
 E Horwich, Chorley New-road, 10 a.m. Miss L. Wilkes, 1, Wright-street, Horwich.  
 E Leigh, Market Buildings, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Hutchinson, 88, South Avenue, Leigh.  
 E Radcliffe, Railway St., 10-30. Miss A. Charnley, 4, Stanley-st., Whitefield, nr. Manchester.

## BRADFORD COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. Aked, 96, Eelholme View, Beecleiff, Keighley.  
 District Visitor, Miss S. Hudson, 29, Fell Lane, Keighley.  
 D Bradford, Boynton-street, 10-45 and 1-45. Mrs. Schofield, 33, High Fernley-rd., Wyke, nr. Bradford.  
 D Bradford, Harker-street.  
 D Bradford, 432, Manchester-road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mrs. T. A. Pickles, 15 Pennington Terrace, Little Horton, Bradford.  
 D Bradford, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Miss N. Spencer, 17, Sidney St., Stanacre Place, Bradford.  
 D Bradford, Laisterdyke, No. 5, Laisterdyke, 10-30 & 1-45. Mr. J. Babbs, 3, Dundas St. Laisterdyke.  
 D Bradford, Whetley Lane, Mr. W. Barnes, 14, St. Margaret's Rd., Gt. Horton Rd., Bradford.  
 D Idle, Co-op Hall, 1-45. Mr. A. Illingworth, 110 Brunswick Rd., Greengates, nr. Bradford.  
 D Keighley, Heber Street, 10 and 1-30 Miss Hudson, 29, Fell Lane Keighley.  
 D Saltaire, The Institute, Victoria Road, Mr. H. Claughton, 28, St. Paul's Road, Shipley.  
 D Shipley, Teal-court, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 28, St. Paul's-road.  
 D Windhill, School Hill. 10-30 and 1-20. Mr. A. Walley, 16, The Holt, Carr-lane.  
 D Skipton, Mr. J. Pickles, 17, Watson's Houses, Canal Street, Skipton-in-Craven.

## COVENTRY DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. E. Hutton, 278, Longford-road, Longford, nr. Coventry.  
 District Visitor, Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-st., Queensland-avenue, Coventry.  
 G Coventry, Bull-street, Off Hertford-street. 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-street, Queensland-avenue.  
 G Coventry, Broadgate. 3-0 p.m. Mrs. G. Hutchinson, "Benwell Villa," Bray's Lane, Coventry.  
 G Coventry, Foleshill, Broad-street, 10-45 a.m. Mrs. E. Hutton, 278, Longford-rd. Longford, nr. Cov.  
 G Coventry, Lockhurst-lane. 11 a.m. Miss E. Gilkes, 182, Lockhurst-lane, Foleshill, Coventry.  
 G Nuneaton, Norman Avenue. Miss Pitton, 19, Webb St., Stockingsford, Nuneaton.

## HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. J. Manning, 5, Hope-st., Hebden Bridge.  
 District Visitor, Mr. Seth Ackroyd, 46, Broomfield Marsh, Huddersfield.  
 D Brighouse, Commercial St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. M. Wilton, 6, Ball's Yd., Commercial-street, Brighouse.  
 D Brighouse, Martin St., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. B. Blackburn, 10, Water Street.  
 D Elland, Southgate, 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Sadler, 88, Langdale St., Elland, Yorks.  
 D Halifax, Alma St., 10 and 1-45. Mr. P. Chapman, 47, Grove Ter., Upper Washer lane, Kings Cross, Halifax.  
 D Halifax, Queen's Rd., 10 and 1-30. Mr. L. Blackburn, 16, Luton Street, Queen's Road.  
 D Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. E. Mason, 10, Commercial Street.  
 D Huddersfield, Ramsden St., 10 a.m. Miss Gracie Haigh, 16, Holly Rd., Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield.  
 D Huddersfield, St. Peter St., 10-30 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Miss E. Farnhill, 72, Albert St., Lockwood, Huddersfield.  
 D Marsden, Oliver Lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Miss N. M. Hansom, 21, Gate Head, Marsden nr. Huddersfield.  
 D Quarnaby, Harp Rd., Longwood, 10-30. Mr. H. Baxter, 10, Sunside Terr., Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.  
 D Slaithwaite, Laith-lane, 10-15 a.m. Mr. F. Barrett,

- 367, Spurn Point, Linthwaite, nr. Huddersfield.  
 D Sowerby Bridge, Hollins-lane, 9-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, 9, Albert Rd., Sowerby Bridge.  
 D West Vale, Green-lane, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. Mitchell, 20, Eastgate, Elland, nr. Halifax.

## LEEDS COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes, Wakefield.  
 District Visitor, Mr. H. Spencer, 31, Pickersgill St., Dewsbury Road, Ossett, Yorks.  
 C Batley Carr, Carr street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. W. Womersley, 224, Common Side, Hanging Heaton Batley.  
 C Birstall, Batley, Railway Terrace, Mrs. H. M. Gooder, 20, Wensleydale Parade, Batley.  
 C Castleford, Lower Oxford St., 10-15 a.m. Mrs. F. Partridge, 165, Glebe St.  
 C Cleckheaton, The Old Robin, 1-45. Mr. W. Connor, 67, Balm Field, Liveredge.  
 C Dewsbury, Bond-st., 10 and 1-45. Mr. V. R. Phillips, 43, Battye Street, Dewsbury.  
 C Harrogate, Mr. L. C. Boydell, Delaheys, Wetherby Lane, Harrogate.  
 C Heckmondwike, Tower St., 2 p.m. Miss A. Fretwell, Brighton St., Heckmondwike, Yorks.  
 C Hull, Dairycoates, Dee St., Hessele Rd., 1-45 p.m. Miss E. Tozer, 161, Edinburgh St., Hessele Rd.  
 C Hull, Holborn Hall, Holborn St., Witham, 10-30 and 2-0. Mrs. Brown, 78, Porter Street.  
 C Leeds, 8, Alpha-street, 2-30. Mr. E. Crowley, 32, Fulham St., Beeston Hill, Leeds.  
 C Leeds, Armlay, Theaker-lane, 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. L. P. Firth, "Ormidale," Heath Grove, Pudsey, Yorks.  
 C Leeds, Turton's Buildings, Psycho, New York Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Daisley, 21, Weldon Pl., Dewsbury Rd., Leeds.  
 C Leeds, 7, Easy Rd., 10-30 and 2-0 p.m. Mrs. T. Howard, 14, Lawrence-st., Cross Green Lane, Leeds.  
 C Leeds, Horsforth, Scout Hut, Broadgate Lane. 3-15. Mr. D. Long, 3, Regent Rd., Horsforth.  
 C Leeds, North, Priory Schools, Gathorne-st., 2-30. Mr. F. Wright, 32, Gipton View, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.  
 C Littleton, Wall St., 2 p.m. Mr. C. Hirst, 6, Belmont St., Norristhorpe, Liveredge.  
 C Moortheorpe, Barnsley Rd., 10 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. G. F. Dawson, 57, Victor St., Westfield Lane, South Elmsall, nr. Pontefract.  
 C Morley, Cross Church St., 1-45. Mrs. G. A. Smithson, 5, Springfield Cottages, Springfield Lane, Morley.  
 C Morley, Queen St., 10-30 and 1-45. Mrs. E. Breary, 9, Ilford Terrace, Peel Street, Morley.  
 C Normanton, Queen St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. Calcutt, 71, Queen Street.  
 C Ossett and Horbury, Sowood Avenue, Horbury, nr Wakefield. Mr. A. Gibson, 12, Queen St., Horbury, nr. Wakefield.  
 C Scarborough, Sherwood St., 1-45. Mrs. Riley, c/o Miss Moore, 30, Westbourne Park, Scarborough.  
 C Wakefield, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side entrance), 1-45, Mr. N. Cope, 13, Silver Street, Outwood, nr. Wakefield.

## LIVERPOOL COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mrs. E. Clitheroe, 69, Lime St., Wigan.  
 District Visitor, Mr. J. Watkins, Hewlett Avenue, Park Rd., Coppull, Chorley, Lancs.  
 F Birkenhead, 46, Bridge St., 11 a.m. Miss M. Hempall, 9, Prenton Rd., E. Hr. Trans mere, Birkenhead.  
 F Chester, Common Hall St., Mr. C. Hesketh, 6, Gos Street, Chester.  
 F Liverpool, Daulby St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Raymond, 20, Morningside Rd., Bootle, Liverpool.  
 F Liverpool, Boaler St., 3 p.m. Mr. W. G. Gates, 64, Hinton St., Fairfield, Liverpool.  
 F Runcorn, Ashridge St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. L. Cohen, 12, Waterloo Road, Buncorn.  
 F Southport, Mr. W. Loney, 66, Kensington Road, Southport.  
 F Warrington, Sankey St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. James Lawton, 7, Hewitt Street.  
 F Wigan, Millgate Hall, Millgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45 Miss E. Eachus, 51, Thicknase Av., Beech Hill, Wigan.  
 F Crewe, Mill St., Mr. J. Jones, 14, Brook St., Crewe.

## THE LONDON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Rd., Forest Gate, London, E.7.  
 District Visitor, Mr. F. J. Miles, 7, Cambridge Road, Teddington, Mdx.  
 H Letchworth, "The Settlement," Nevills Rd., Herts. 3-0. Mr. C. D. Bye, 21, High Avenue, Letchworth, Herts.  
 H London, Battersea, 3-0. Mr. Holt, 183, Franciscan Rd., Upper Tooting, S.W.17.  
 H London, Bowes Park, Shaftesbury Hall, N., 3 p.m. Mrs. K. M. Stroude, 70, Albert Rd., Alexandra Park, N.  
 H London, Clapham St. Luke's Rd., S.W.4., 3 p.m. Mrs. K. M. Barnard, 15, Ashmere Grove, Brixton, S.W.2.  
 H London, Croydon, 76, High St., Croydon, Surrey; Miss G. H. Robertson, 9, Foulsham Rd., Thornton Heath.

- H London, Eltham, Jubilee Passage, Well Hall-road, Mr. H. E. Elphick, 22, Elibank Rd., Eltham, S.E.9.  
 H London, Fulham, S.W.12. Lettice St., Munster, Rd., 3 p.m. Mr. J. A. Dix, 9, Bloompark Rd. Fulham, S.W.6.  
 H London, Forest Hill, Beadnall-road, 3 p.m. Miss A. Payne, 29, Beadnall-road, Forest Hill, S.E.  
 H London, Hackney, Amhurst Rd., 3-0. Mrs. M. Hester, 128, Church Rd., Islington, London  
 H Hampton Hill, Middlesex, High St., 3 p.m. A. H. Stockwell, 2, Priory Villas, Linden Rd. Hampton, London.  
 H London, Hounslow, Adult School, Mr. Wyatt, 41, Staines Rd., Hounslow.  
 H London, Lewisham, Lime Hall, Lime Grove, 3-0 p.m. Mrs. W. T. Coleman, 4, Leahurst Rd., Lewisham S.E.13.  
 H London, N. London, Grovedale Rd., 3 p.m. Miss N. C. Whorlow, "Westcliff," Bramber Rd., North Finchley, N.12.  
 H London, Kigston-n-Thames, Bishop's Hall, Thames St., 3 p.m. A. G. Kirby 17 Oak Lane Twickenham, Middlesex.  
 H London, Peckham, Lausanne Rd., 3 p.m. Mr. F. J. Clempson, 27a, Lausanne Rd., Peckham, S.E.16  
 H London, E. 13, Plaistow, Braemar Rd., 3 p.m. H. Wright, 153, Denmark Street, Beckton Road, Plaistow, E.13.  
 H Little Ilford, Third Avenue Church St., Manor Park, 3 p.m. Miss I. Page, 21, Shelley Avenue, Manor Park, London, E.12.  
 H London, E., Manor Park, Shrewsbury Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mr. W. P. George, 53, Little Ilford lane, Manor Park, E.12.  
 H London Surbiton, South Bank 11-15 a.m. Miss E. Etheridge, Spring Bank, St. Leonards Rd., Surbiton.  
 H London, Tottenham, 684, High Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mr. W. H. Markham, 226, Victoria-rd., nr. Edmonton, N.9.  
 H London, Walthamstow, 3 p.m. Mr. F. H. C. Bell, 10, Winn's Avenue, Walthamstow, E.17.  
 N London, Woolwich and Plumstead, Perseverance Hall, Villas Road, Plumstead, 3-0 Mr. H. Watthey, 4, Richmond Pl., Plumstead, S.E.18.  
 H London, Wimbledon, 4 and 5, The Broadway, 3 p.m. Mr. D. E. Dodd, 9, Kingston Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.19.  
 H Southend and Westcliff, Westboro' Rd., Westcliff-on-sea; 3 p.m. Mr. L. R. Fulcher, 149, North Rd., Westcliff-on-sea.

## MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT.

- Secretary, Mr G A Dixon, 31, Royd St., C. on M., Manchester  
 District Visitor, Mr G A Hood, 11, Areher, St. Cheetham Hill, Manchester.  
 F HoHlnwood, Byrom St., 10-30. Mr F Snape, 1 Kimberley St., Hollinwood.  
 F Manchester, Progressive, 38, Maskell St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Swindells, 13, Pembroke Grove, C-on-M., Manchester  
 F Manchester, Halliwell St., Cheetham Hill, 10-30. Mrs Gershon, 36, Anne St., Cheetham Hill, Manchester  
 F Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss A Brag, 2, Enoch St, Miles Platting.  
 F Manchester, Eccles (Milton), Booth St., 11 a.m., Miss M. Worthington, 46, Canal Bank, Monton, Eccles, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Hr. Openshaw, 141, Old Lane, 2-30 p.m. Mr. F. Garton, 3, Reginald St., Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Lower Broughton, Clarence St., 2-0 p.m. Mr. W. Keenan, 10, Langston St., Dean Rd., Salford, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Longsight, Shepley St., 2-30. Mr. A. Hewson, 7, Birchfields Rd., Longsight, Mchr.  
 F Manchester, Moston, Church Lane, 10-30. Miss E. Eden, 18, Conran St., Harpurhey, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Moss Side, Stanley Grove, Moss Lane West, 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. Moulson, 143, Beresford St., Moss Side, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Newton Heath, Allen St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Taylor, 1, Willow St., Oldham Rd., Mallsworth.  
 F Manchester, Openshaw, 915, Ashton Old Rd., 2-30. Mr. H. Bradley, 43, Lees St., Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Pendleton, Ford Lane, 2-30 p.m. Miss J. Walker, 103, Florin St., Pendleton, Manches.  
 F Manchester, Salford (Central), West High St., off Cross Lane, 10-30 a.m. Miss Goldstrau, 56, Carlton St., Eccles New Rd., Weaste, Mchr.  
 F Manchester, South: Princess Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Hope, 1, Green St., Greenheys, Manchester.  
 F Manchester, Stretford, Watson St., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Matthews, 1185 Chester Rd., Stretford, Manchester.  
 F Saddleworth, Court St., Uppermill, 10-30. Mr. J. Shaw, Moorgate St., Uppermill, Oldham, Lancs.  
 F Swinton, Mr. L. Brendon, Dale's Brow Farm, Worsley Rd., Swinton, Mchr.  
 F New Manchester, Brunswick Chambers, 65, Brunswick St., C-on-M., 10-30. Mr. A. E. Jones, 118 Hyde Rd., Ardwick, Manchester.

## NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT

- Secretary, Mrs. Edwards, 39, Reservoir Road, Edgeley, Stockport.

istrict Visitor, Mrs. Ennion, 95, Vienna Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.  
**Ashton-under-Lyne**, Burlington St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. S. Mortin, 112, Stanhope St., Ashton-under-Lyne.  
**Denton**, Central, Market St., 10-30. Miss J. Ogden, 6, Osborne Road, Denton.  
**Heaton Norris**, Baker St., 10-30 & 2-15 p.m. Mrs. Downs, 47, Belmont St., Heaton Norris, nr. Stockport.  
**Hyde**, Clarendon St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Schofield, 15, Peel St., Hyde.  
**Leek**, Mr. M. Sheldon, 16, Chorley St., Leek, Staffs.  
**Macclesfield**, Cumberland St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.  
**Stockport**, Dr. Hillgate, Crowther St., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. T. Spencer, 3, Jones Sq., Hemphaw Lane.  
**Stockport**, Central, 15b, Lord St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. H. Morris, 22, Vienna Road, Edgeley, Stockport.

**ORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT**

ecretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Darwen.  
**istrict Visitor**:—

Northern Section: Mr. Wagner, 5, Ivan St., Queensgate, Burnley.  
 Southern Section: Miss M. E. Lawton, 14, Park Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness.  
**Accrington**, Argyle St., 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Wood, 103, Burnley Rd., Accrington.  
**Accrington**, Pearl St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. E. Anderson, 22, China St., Accrington.  
**Barnoldswick**, Albert Hall, 10-30. Mrs. Whittaker, 66, Manchester Road.  
**Barrowford**, Lee St., 10 a.m. Miss L. Smith, 16, Holme St., Barrowford.  
**Blackburn**, St. Peter St., 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. H. Bullen, 13, Eccles St., Blackburn.  
**Blackpool**, Albert Rd., 9-15 a.m. & 1-45. Mr. F. Carter, 65, Lune Grove, Blackpool.  
**Brierfield**, John St., 10 a.m. Mr. T. Wane, 70, Berkeley St., Nelson.  
**Burnley**, Hammerton St., 10 a.m. Mr. H. Brown, 4, Wool Court, Burnley.  
**Burnley**, North St., 10 a.m. Miss M. Wagner, 5, Ivan St., Queensgate, Burnley.  
**Clitheroe**, Rechabites Hall, Greenaere St., 10 a.m. Mrs. Slater, 12, Woone Lane, Clitheroe, Lancs.  
**Colne**, Cloth Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. J. R. Wrigglesworth, 25, Rutland Street.  
**Dalton-in-Furness**, Bead Hill, 2 p.m. Mr. W. Travis, 13, Cavendish St., Dalton-in-Furness.  
**Darwen**, Victoria St., 9-30 and 1-45. Miss M. Leaver, 4, Auckland St., Darwen.  
**Earby**, Greenend Avenue, 10 and 1-45. Mrs. Butterworth, 28, Greenend Ave., Earby, nr. Colne.  
**Fleetwood**, Oak St., 11 and 2-30. Mrs. Leadbetter, 24, Radcliffe Road.  
**Great Harwood**, Mercer St., 10-30 a.m. Miss C. Waterhouse, 74, Park Rd., Great Harwood.  
**Nelson**, Vernon St., 10 a.m. Mrs. Parkinson, 12, Netherfield Road.  
**Padiham**, Tighenthill St., 10 a.m. Mr. A. Butler, 23, Herbert St., Padiham.  
**Preston**, Central, Clarke's Yd., 10 a.m. Mr. A. W. Beetham, 15, Knowles Street.  
**Preston**, Central Buildings, 68, Lancaster Rd., 10-30. Mr. R. Smalley, 90, Wellfield Road.  
**Preston**, Progressive, 202, Lancaster Rd., 10 a.m. Miss J. Singleton, 52, Peel Hall Terrace, Deepdale.  
**Rawtenstall**, Bk. Ormerod St., 10-30. Mr. A. Stansfield, 19, Ivy Grove, Burnley Road.  
**Rishton**, Eachill Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss D. Taylor, 56, Spring St., Rishton, nr. Blackburn.  
**St. Annes-on-Sea**, Co-operative Hall, St. Albans Rd., 9-45 and 1-45. Mrs. M. L. Evans, 24, Clifton Street.  
**Barrow-in-Furness**, Dalketh St., 2 p.m. Mrs. M. E. Kellett, 50, Norfolk St.,  
**Barrow-in-Furness**, Ramsden St., Mrs. L. Brown, 49, Harrison St., Barrow.  
**Lancaster**, Gt. J. Street, 10-30. Miss M. Swale, 14, Gerrard St., Marsh, Lancaster.  
**Millom**, Holborn Hill, Main St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss D. Dixon, 197, Devonshire Rd., Millom, Cumberland.  
**Turneycrook**, 10 a.m. Mr. W. Baxter, 27, Shackleton Street, Colne.

**TTINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT.**  
 etary, Miss Victoria G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.  
**istrict Visitor**, Mr. Jarvis, 44, Moorgate St., Nottingham.  
**Belper**, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.  
**Beeston, Notts.**, Chapel St., 8-43. Mr. J. H. Avery, Ivy Cottage, The Rylands.  
**Derby**, Charnwood St., Miss E. Hoe, 83, Clifton St., Derby.  
**Eastwood**, Hill Top, Nottingham Rd., 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. C. Buckley, Jessop St., Codnor, Derbyshire.  
**Hucknall**, Wesleyan Chapel Yard, Watnall Rd., 10-45 and 2. Miss A. Leverton, 34, Florence St., Hazel Grove, Hucknall.  
**Kettering**, Dalkeith Place, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. G. Pitt, 17, Mill Road, Kettering.  
**Leicester**, Liberty Progressive, Belgrave Gate, 8, Mr. C. W. Burton, 63, Faircliff Street.

**G Leicester**, Marston St., Mr. A. Greenhalgh, 96, Green Lane Rd.  
**G Leicester**, Rupert St., Lecture Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 16, Curzon Street.  
**G Leicester**, Silver St., Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. H. Cartwright, 67, Maynard Rd., Leicester.  
**G Lincoln**, Progressive Hall, Coultham St., 10-15 a.m. Mr. A. Bailey, 4, Bungalows, Abbey Works, Lincoln.  
**G Long Eaton**, Chapel St., 10-30 & 1-45. Mr. G. Glover, 39, Orchard St., Long Eaton, Notts.  
**G Mansfield**, Dallas St., 10-45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. J. W. Wright, 72, Welbeck Street.  
**G Nottingham (Mechanics' Minor Hall)**, North Church St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Brier St., Meadows.  
**G Nottingham**, North Sherwood St., 2-30. Mr. A. W. Shipley, 43, Newcastle Rd., Meadows, Nottingham.  
**G Nottingham**, Hawarden Terrace, Gregory Boulevard, 10-45 and 2. Mr. A. Wilson, 4, Sunburn Terrace, Peveril St., Nottingham.  
**G Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Beaconsfield St., 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. B. Lovegrove, 50, Eland St., New Basford, Nottingham.  
**G Nottingham**, Chamber Buildings, Parliament St., 10-45. Mr. A. Tunneycliff, 33 Clapham St., Radford, Nottingham.  
**G Sutton-in-Ashfield**, Twitwell, Mr. W. S. Matthews, 33, High St., Huthwaite, Notts.  
**G Ripley**, Co-op. Hall, Crossley St., 2 p.m. Mr. E. Hutchinson, Grosvenor Rd., Ripley, Derbyshire.

**THE SCOTISH COUNCIL DISTRICT.**

ecretary, Mr. J. M. Scott, 32, Elm St., Logie, Dundee.  
**istrict Visitor**, Mr. J. Shaw, 115, Smith St., Govanhill, Glasgow.  
**A Aberdeen**, Music Hall, Union-st., 3 p.m. Mrs. Law, 4, Hanover St., Aberdeen.  
**A Dalmuir**, Mr. M. Brown, 634, Dumbarton Rd., Dalmuir, West Glasgow.  
**A Dundee**, 43, Overgate, 12-45. Mr. W. Forbes, 34, Teburn Lane.  
**A Dundee**, Rattray St., 12-45. Miss N. W. Clarke, 1, Canning St.  
**A Edinburgh**, E.A.S. Church, 9, Gayfield Square, Edinburgh, 1 p.m. Mr. J. McIntosh, 13, Cornwall St.  
**A Edinburgh**, India Bldgs., Victoria St., Miss M. Hunter, 62, Duke St., Leith.  
**A Glasgow**, Association, James Robertson Hall, 25, Holland St., 4 p.m. Miss Q. McConnell, 207, Clarkston Rd., Cathcart, Glasgow.  
**A Glasgow**, 100, West Regent-st., 1 p.m. Mrs. E. Hastie, 46, Queenshill St., Springburn, Glasgow.  
**A Glasgow**, Northern, 918, Maryhill Rd., 1-0. Mr. J. Gellani (junr.), 9, Dunure St., Maryhill, Glasgow.  
**A Glasgow**, Southern, 316, Paisley Rd., 1-0. Mr. J. H. MacLachlan, 167, Wallace St., Glasgow.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

ecretary, Mr. H. Heath, 17, Station Rd., Brimington, nr. Chesterfield.  
**istrict Visitor**, Miss M. Jones, 29, Bradford St., Attercliffe, Sheffield.  
**C Barnsley**, North Pavement, Mr. H. Lucas, 71, Honeywell St., Barnsley, Yorks.  
**C Chesterfield**, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 Mr. J. J. Hobster, 32, Holme-rd., Stone-gravels.  
**C Edlington**, Council Schools, 2-30. L. Steel, 105, Stavelly St., New Edlington, nr. Doncaster.  
**C Doncaster**, King's Arcade, 1-30 p.m. Mr. A. A. Towle, 17, Woodlands Terr., New Edlington.  
**C Doncaster**, High St., 10 & 2-30. Miss V. Batty, 2, St. Mary's Crescent.  
**C Mexborough**, Lee's Arcade, 1-30 p.m. H. Cory, 32, Hope St., Mexboro.  
**C Rotherham**, Percy-street, 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Mr. R. G. Ainsworth, Alexandra Villas, Catcliffe.  
**C Scunthorpe**, I.L.P. Halls, Home-st., 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. C. A. Bainborough, 28, Gervase-st.  
**C Sheffield**, Hillsboro', Hawsley Avenue, 10-0 & 2-0. Mrs. Jennings, 37, Bowness Road, Walkley, Sheffield.  
**C Sheffield**, Bold-st., Bradford-st., Attercliffe Common, 10 a.m. and 2-30. Mr. F. Smith, 23/3, Attercliffe Road, Attercliffe.  
**C Sheffield**, Darnall, Shirdall Ln., 10-30 and 2-0. Mr. A. Guy, 33, Oldhall Rd., Attercliffe, Sheffield.  
**C Sheffield**, Heeley, 44, Gifford-road, 2-30. Mr. J. E. Overment, 6, Cartmell Rd., Woodseat, Sheffield.  
**C Stainforth**, Finkle St., 10-15 & 1-45. Mrs. Ormsher, 32, Stanley Gardens, Stainforth, nr. Doncaster.  
**C West Melton**, nr Rotherham, Adult School, Town End, Wath, 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Farrar, 99, Deane Rd., Bolton-on-Deane, nr Rotherham.  
**C Wombwell**, Melville St., 10-30 & 2-0. Mr. T. Birkett, 57, Stonyford Rd., Wombwell.  
**C Parkgate**, Ashwood-road, 2 p.m. Mr. J. Gothard, 23, South St., Greasborough, nr. Rotherham.

**SOUTHERN COUNTIES COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

ecretary, Mr. H. C. Guy, 45, Stamford St., Fratton Portsmouth.  
**istrict Visitor**, Miss A. L. Scoggins, 3, Upper Hollingdean Rd., Brighton, Sussex.  
**H Bournemouth**, 16, Bath Rd., 8 p.m. Miss G. Blake, 128, Richmond Park Rd., Bournemouth.  
**H Brighton**, Mighell-st., Hall, 2-45 p.m. Miss L. Parks, 49, Freshfield St., Queen's Park, Brighton

**H Bristol**, 9, Cave-street, Portland-sq., 3-0 p.m. Mr. H. Hitchon, 10, Harrow Rd., Burlington, Bristol.  
**H Devonport**, Kerr St., 2-45. Mr. C. T. Mason, 56, Durnford St., Stonehouse, Plymouth.  
**H Exeter**, Market Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. H. A. Grainger, Manoa, 23, Clifton Hill.  
**H Portsmouth**, 73, Victoria-rd, Southsea, 3 p.m. Miss M. Fielder, 239, Commercial-rd.  
**H Portsmouth**, Francis-ave., 3-0. Mr. H. C. Guy, 45, Stamford-st., Fratton, Portsmouth.  
**H Reading**, Bell St. Hall, Mr. D. R. Lawrence, 72, Whitley Wood Lane, Reading.  
**H Southampton**, Cavendish-grove, The Avenue, 3, p.m. Mrs. E. M. Baker, 'Roydon,' 119, Graham Rd., Southampton.

**SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

ecretary, Mr. G. Carter, 283, Newchurch Rd., Stacksteads, Bacup, Lancs.  
**istrict Visitor**, Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall St., Rochdale.  
**F Bacup**, Christ Church-st., Todmorden-rd., 10-15 a.m. Mr. B. Lord, 7, Grove-street, Todmorden-rd.  
**F Dearnley**, Rochdale-rd., 10 a.m. Mrs. E. Hoyle, 4, Fielden St., Smithy Bridge, nr. Rochdale.  
**F Heywood**, William-st., 10 and 1-45. Mr. Marcroft, 6, Back High-street.  
**F Littleboro'**, Hartley St., 10-30. Mrs. Howarth, 80, Victoria St.  
**F Middleton**, Gilmour-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Little, 108, Higher Townley-st., nr. Manchester.  
**F Oldham**, Elliott-st., 10 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. Mr. F. Squire, 32, Broadway St., Oldham.  
**F Rochdale**, Bailie St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Dewhurst, 7, Chestnut Place, Entwisle Rd., Rochdale.  
**F Rochdale**, Penn-st., 10 a.m. Miss E. E. Wright, 4, Regent Street, Rochdale.  
**F Rochdale**, Regent St., 10 a.m. & 2. Miss L. Dawson, 82, Newbold St., Rochdale.  
**F Todmorden**, Roomfield Buildings, Halifax-road, 10 and 1-15. Mr. W. H. Dawson, 39, Knott's-rd., Lydgate, Todmorden.  
**F Todmorden**, Eagle St., 10 and 2-30. Mr. H. S. Potts, 46, Stansfield Rd.

**SOUTH WALES LYCEUM DISTRICT:**

**G Caerau**, 2-30. Mr. G. Ricketts, 13, North St., Caerau, Bridgend, S. Wales.  
**G Cardiff**, 1st, 18, Park Grove, 2-45. Mr. J. H. Lemmer, 217, Mackintosh Place, Roath Park, Cardiff.  
**G Cardiff**, Central, Mrs. O. J. Brown, 4, South London Sq., Docks, Cardiff.  
**G Merthyr Tydvil**, Tram-rd-Side North, 2-30. Mr. W. T. Gough, 43, Gwaelodygarth Lane, Merthyr Tydvil.  
**G Newport**, Albany Hall, 3 p.m. Mrs. Daniels, The Bungalow, Caerleon, Mon.  
**G Tredegar**, Workmen's Hall, 3 p.m. Mrs. E. Richards, 11, George St., Tredegar, Mon.  
**G Ystrad**, Mr. E. S. Carpenter, 4, Pencal Terrace, Treorcky, Glam.

**THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:**

ecretary, Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell-st., Stockton-on-Tees.  
**istrict Visitor**, Mr. Foster, Gurney Valley.  
**B Darlington**, 15a, Blackwell Gate, 2 p.m. Mrs. Moore, 16, Middleton St., Darlington.  
**B Darlington**, Westbrook Hall, Northgate, 2. Mr. R. P. Christopher, 1, Hercules St., Springfield, Darlington.  
**B Darlington**, Witton Park, 2.38. Mrs. E. Meek, 10, High Albion Street, Witton Park.  
**B Gurney Valley**, 2 p.m. Mrs. James, 85, Gurney Valley, nr. Bishop Auckland.  
**B Horden**, Miner's Hall, 2-30. Miss S. Tennant, 7 Durham Avenue, Horden, Co. Durham.  
**B Middlesbrough**, 57, Grange Rd., West, 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. H. Colborne, 47, Meath-st.  
**B Shildon**, Fryers-st., Temperance Hall, 2-30. Mr. T. Jones, 14, Association St., Old Shildon, Co. Durham.  
**B New Shildon**, Newlands av., 2p.m., Miss E. Hunter, 25, Lambton street.  
**B Stockton-on-Tees**, Ceil-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell St.  
**B Stockton-on-Tees**, New Brunswick-st., 2-30. Mr. A. Hickman, 2, Lune Rd., Norton-on-Tees, Co. Du ham  
**B West Hartlepool**, 3, Charles-st., 2 p.m. Mr. J. Robbie, 8, Raby Square, West Hartlepool

**THE TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:**

ecretary, Mr. G. P. Robson, 51, Bamborough Terr., North Shields, Northumberland.  
**istrict Visitor**, Mr. W. Hall, 10, Curzon-st., Gateshead.  
**B Blyth**, 85, Regent St. 2-30. Mr. F. S. Parsons, 117, Salisbury St., Blyth, Northumberland.  
**B Chester-le-street**, Front-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. M. Chilly, 14, Fourth Avenue, Council Houses, Chester-le-Street.  
**B Gateshead**, Liberal Club Hall, 108, High West St. 2-30 p.m. Miss I. Graham, 85, Inskip Terrace, Gateshead-on-Tyne.  
**B Gateshead**, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Pl., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Mather, 47, Claremont North Ave.  
**B Hebburn**, Albert Hall, 2-30. Mr. F. Riches, 108, Glen St., Hebburn-on-Tyae.

- B **Hetton and District**, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroline-st., Hetton-le-Hole.
- B **Hirst**, Spiritual Church, Milburn St., Ashington. Mr. J. Stafford, 53, Myrtle-st., Ashington, Northumberland.
- B **Houghton-le-Spring**, Miner's Hall, Robinson St., 2-30. Mrs. E. Campbell, 37, Quarry Row, Houghton-le-Spring.
- B **Jarrow**, Market-sq., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Overton, 81, Biddle St., Jarrow-on-Tyne.
- B **Newbiggin-by-Sea**, Store Hut, Newbiggin Colliery, 2-30. Mr. H. N. Teasdale, 11, Buteland Terrace, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Mr. T. Cowe, 59, Strathmore-crescent, Benwell.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Heaton and Byker, Tossion Terrace, Heaton, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Hunter, 36, Mowbray St., Heaton.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Co-operative Hall (No. 1 Room), Carville-rd. Miss M. Davidson, 17, Brairwood Crescent, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, 39, Corporation Street, 2-30. Mr. A. Carr, 60, Beaumont Terrace, Gosforth, Newcastle.
- B **New Delaval and Newsham**, Infants' School-room 2-30. Miss J. Chapman, 5, New Row, New Delaval, Newsham, Northumberland.
- B **North Shields**, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley-st., W. 2-30. Mrs. G. J. Robson, 51, Bamboor Terr.
- B **South Shields**, Cambridge St., 2-30. Miss C. Stoker, 5, Morton St., South Shields.
- B **South Shields**, Fowler-st., 2-30. Mr. R. S. Smith, 63, Hedley St.
- B **South Shields**, High Shields, 2-30 p.m. J. Lugo, 103, South Eldon Street, High Shields.
- B **Sunderland**, 21, Derwent St., 2-40 p.m. Mr. A. Moore, 53, South Durham St., Sunderland.
- B **Sunderland**, Victory, Mrs. M. Graham, 62, Peacock, St. West, Sunderland.
- B **West Pelton**, Iron Schools, 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. H. Dryden, 131, J. R. Mole, St., Perkinsville, Co. Durham.
- B **West Stanley**, 3 p.m. Mrs. F. E. Henderson, 14, Palmer-st., West Stanley.
- B **Whitley Bay**, 212, Whitley Rd., 2-30. Mrs. Hedderley, 12, Station Rd., Whitley Bay, Northumberland.
- Area Lyceums:**
- G **Grimsby**, Kent-rd., 10-30 & 2 p.m. Mrs. M. Smith, 27, Abbey Walk, Grimsby.
- F **Madfield**, Jones-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Williams, 59, Wedneshour Green, Hollinworth, Cheshire.
- G **Hanley**, Percy St., 2-0 p.m. Mr. H. Marland, 35, Werrington-rd., Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.
- G **Northampton**, 6a, Newland. Mrs. Lawman, 16, Sulgrave Rd., Dallington, Northampton.
- G **Tunstall**, Piccadilly St., 10-0 and 2-0 p.m. Miss A. Warrilow, 83, King St., Tunstall.
- G **Wisbech**, Old Theatre, Alex. Rd., 2-45. Miss M. Weedon, 40, Sandyland, Wisbech, Camb.
- Oversea Lyceums:**
- Adelaide, Tower Court, Victoria Sq., 3-0 p.m. Mr. A. J. Polson, 15, Little Gilbert St., Adelaide, S. Australia.
- Calgary, Hood and Irvine Hall, 113a, 8th Avenue, V. 2-30 p.m. Mrs. A. E. Rushton, 530, Third Avenue, W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- Dunedin, N.Z., Smith's Hall, Hanover St., Miss Burgess, c/o Mrs. Green, Cumberland St., Dunedin North, New Zealand.
- East Hamilton Ont., Canada, Balmoral Avenue, 2-30. Mr. J. Lonsdale, 38, Primrose Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
- Johannesburg, 11 a.m., Jeppe St., Mr. Vernon Hart 2 High Ave., Bezuidenhuit Valley North Johannesburg.
- Melbourne, Oddfellows Hall, Corner Russell & Victoria Streets, Mr. C. Chatfield, 155, Peel St., Windsor, Victoria, Australia.
- Methuen, Centre St., Mass., U.S.A. 10-30 a.m., Mr. Fred Sykes, 30, Tenney St., Methuen, Mass., U.S.A.
- Sydney, Stanmore, Dispensary Hall, 2-15. Mrs. L. Morrell, 86, Stanmore Rd., Stanmore, Sydney, Australia.
- West Toronto, Canada, 2875, Dundass St, W. Toronto 2-0 p.m. Mr. E. Richardson, 13, Fernanaga Avenue, Toronto, 3, Ontario.
- Vancouver Mr. B. Jenkyns.
- Wellington, N.Z. Kent Terrace 2-30. Miss L. Webb, 36, Moxham Avenue, Hataitai, Wellington, New Zealand.
- Welland, Canada, Knights of Pythias Hall, Welland Ont., Mr. A. Dean, Box 1338, P.O., Welland Ont., Canada.
- Winnipeg, Polson Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Miss H. Lawrence, 176, Cathedral Avenue.

LONDON, Battersea.—Progress still maintained throughout the Lyceum. Great improvement in marching and callisthenics. Visitors enjoy every minute of the sessions. Hearty welcome extended to all. Greetings.—W. Holt, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—During the past month we have progressed steadily and well. On December 10th we had a social and dance, which was a great success and enjoyed by all. At this joyous time of the year we send our thoughts and New Year's Greetings to all Lyceums both at home and abroad.—Cyril Godfrey, Session Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—On December 16th the girls of the Gym gave a display for the benefit of the "Sunshine" Treatment at the Infirmary. Swedish Drill, Club Swinging, and Dances, were all gracefully performed. The Matron was in the chair, supported by Dr. Marsh, Coun. W. Pimblott, J.P., Coun. J. Potts, and Mr. Minshull. Miss Hulley and little Mabel Cotterill gave solo dances for which they received well deserved encores. Mrs. Pimblott accompanied and also trained the girls for dancing. Miss Dean trained them for clubs and Swedish Drill. Quite a nice sum was realised for the infirmary.—H. Rushton.

MANCHESTER, South.—Our Lyceum extends the Season's heartiest greetings to all. Much progress has been achieved during the past year.

On December 13th we held our Open Sessions, which were well attended by visitors. 12 Lyceums and the D.C. were represented and a most enjoyable time spent.

On December 27th the infants of two Lyceumists, Mr. and Mrs. Ely's daughter, Marie Josephine, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherran, Lucy Maude, were named by Miss A. Beckett, of Preston, who gave the spirit names of Sunbeam and Lily respectively.

We wish all prosperity throughout the New Year.—A. Hope, Sec.

MARSDEN, Oliver Lane.—On Christmas Day we held our Annual Prize Giving, which proved a success. At 4-30, 62 Lyceumists and friends sat down to tea, provided by the Church members, followed by songs and recitations. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Lunn, our President, who gave a few words of encouragement to the children. Fruit and sweets were given to each present. A vote of thanks was given to Nora Hansom for hard work done toward success of Lyceum. A Happy New Year to all Lyceumists.—Mr. I. Wilson, Conductor; Miss Nora Hansom, Secretary and Conductor.

MIDDLESBOROUGH.—On December 6th once again we had another naming performed by Mrs. Puckrin.

We regret to report the passing over of one of our oldest Lyceumists in the person of Mrs. Pugh on December 13th, 1925. Ours is a great loss, but hers is a great gain.

Best greetings for coming New Year to all.—Albert H. Colbourne, Sec.

NELSON.—On December 6th we elected our officials for 1926 in the following order: Conductor, Mr. H. F. Bateman; Assistant Conductors, Ethel Boothman, Mrs. A. Parkinson; Secretary, Cissy Smoothy; Assistant Secretary, Ida Middlebrook; Treasurer, Florence Raw; Marching Conductor, Eddy Smoothy; Assistant Marching Conductors, George Haythornwaite, Thomas Pountney; Musical Director, Emery Raw; Assistant Musical Director, Albert Ellis; Guardian, Mrs. Higgins; Captains of Guards, Tom Smith, Florence Raw; Liberty Group Secretary; Ewart Bury; Librarian, Luther Horsefield; Florist, Rhoda

Thwaite; Council Delegates, Emery Raw; Mrs. A. Parkinson; Guards, Benny Pickup, Harry Craig, Mason and Joseph Smoothy, Doris Higgins, Mabel Atkinson, Claudine Stevenson, Vera Hallam.—Mrs. A. Parkinson, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Heaton and Byker.—On December 6th we held our Lyceum Sunday. At the evening service, Mrs. Wardle was in the chair. Recitations by Doris Ronaldson, Jim Ronaldson, David Ronaldson, Jack French, Irene French, Eva Dickinson, Oliver Wright, Nelly Moore, Harry McEwen, Nancy Arthur, Vera Lunn, Miss Dixon. Solos by Misses Bradley, McMillan. We also sang 139 in the Manual. Mr. Hunter conducted. The best of wishes to all Lyceums for Xmas and New Year.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM (Mechanics' Hall).—On December 13th, Annual election of Officers: Conductor, Miss V. G. Rayner (12th year); Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Sherwood; Guardian, Miss Haslam; Captain of Guards, Henry Clay; Guards, C. Stevenson, A. Farnath, M. Farnath and A. Brown; Organist, Miss Ledger; Assistant Organist, Miss A. York; Violinist, Joseph Hitchcock; Musical Director, Mr. Farnath; Marching Conductor Mr. A. Tunneycliff; Assistant, Mr. Albert Pepper; Marching Leaders, Miss A. Reynolds and Albert Pepper; Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. O. Peel; Assistant Secretary, Miss N. Peel; Auditors, Mrs. Farnath and Miss A. Reynolds; District Council Representatives, Miss V. G. Rayner and Mr. O. Peel.—O. Peel, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH, Temple.—We held our monthly Open Session on December 6th. We send fraternal greetings for their success in the New Year to all Lyceums.—M. Fielder, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick Street.—On December 6th we held Open Session with a good attendance. G.C.R. taken by Conductor, questions being asked and answered. The Marching and callisthenics very good. Liberty group came first this session with pearls. Beacon, River and Excelsior following close. Solos and recitations were rendered by most groups. It being our first session this year everyone seemed to do their best to make it a success, leaving us with very good hopes for the coming year. New Year greetings to all Lyceums.—A. Hickman, Sec.

STOCKTON, Cecil Street.—Open Session held December 6th. Attendance fair: well conducted. S.C., M.R. and G.C.R. well taken. Pearls good and plentiful. Recitations good. Solos well rendered. A distinct improvement on previous sessions.—Geo. A. Atkinson, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—Open Session, December 6th. Recitations by G. Warren, T. Lister, R. Elliott, M. A. Speight, F. Darby, E. Thornton, M. Jackson, B. Rawlinson, O. Wright, and J. Staley. Songs were given by T. Lister, J. Kenning, M. Elliott, M. Darby and E. Jeat.—Minnie Farrar.

WINNIPEG, Canada.—On November 25th we held our Half Yearly meeting and election of officers: Conductors, Mr. H. Forrest, Walter Chadwick; Guardian, Jean Wood; Capt. of Guards, Viola Dale, Verna McLeod; Guards, Olive Forrest, Kenneth McLeod, Harry Towns, Sylvia Parkinson, Irene Turner, Harold Brown, Secretary, Winnie Brown; Treasurer Miss M. Anderson; Musical Directors, Miss Parkinson, Helen Lawrence; Teachers, Miss Anderson, Helen Lawrence, Mrs. Parkinson, Verna McLeod; Auditors, Mr. Brown, Helen Lawrence; Sick Committee, Mrs. H. Forrest, Miss Anderson.—Helen F. Lawrence, Sec.