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## FLASHES OF THOUGHT.

By W. GEO. WHEELER.

There are flashes and fire-flames within,  
There are Thoughts that we may not divine;  
There are flow'rs of light, fragrant and bright  
In the soul of my soul which is Thine.

There are pearls in the Ocean of Mind,  
There are gems rich and rare yet to trace;  
There are secrets of life, lov'ly and light,  
In the soul of the kingdom of grace.

There are stars in the kingdom of soul,  
There are worlds where we wander and stray;  
There are mysteries great, joys to elate,  
In the realms of the measureless way.

## The Golden Rose.

By MARYLLIS AND PELEPONE.

Once upon a time when the world was a little younger than it is now, there lived a very poor widow, who had three children to feed and clothe. Sometimes they had not sufficient to eat, and often in the cold winter nights they went to bed very early for they had no bright fire to warm them. The eldest was a girl twelve years of age named Rose, the second was a boy of ten, called Walter, and the third was a dear little girl of seven called Marigold. They all loved each other dearly, and tried hard to help their mother, but what could they do to make money to buy food and fuel?

At length the poor mother sank under the struggle and died. There was no one to bury her, so the three poor children buried her, as well as they could, digging her grave within sight of the miserable hovel they called home. It was summertime when their mother died, so they were able to find berries and nuts, and as they had a goat they were able to get a little milk. Little Rose acted the mother's part to the other two.

Just when Autumn was beginning to brown the leaves, one morning they looked out of their window towards their mother's grave and were greatly surprised, for there, blooming in wondrous beauty, was a beautiful yellow rose, the leaves of which seemed to glitter in the morning sun like pure gold. Oh, how quickly they dressed; and how they all ran together to that sacred spot. One would not have dreamt of running ahead of the others. They stood filled with awe before that golden radiance and then they could hardly believe their eyes and their ears, for at first the lovely rose made a deep bow and then a tiny little voice began to speak to them.

"Dear children," it said, "I am a rose from the gardens of Paradise, a spirit of love has planted me so that I can help you little ones as much as possible. When you are in any difficulty, come and ask, and I will show you the way; but remember this, that if either of you get selfish or quarrel, or do any unkind action, no answer will be forthcoming."

The children thanked the rose very prettily, and went home rejoicing, feeling at last that they had found a friend. They had gathered some nuts the night before, and Walter milked Nanny, so they had breakfast, but they had no idea where their dinner was coming from.

Little Marigold was wondering, how she could help to find it, when she felt a tiny, tiny prick on her cheek, just as a thorn would do, and she at once remembered the promise of the rose, for the other two never thought of asking a rose to show them where to get their dinner.

Out slipped little Marigold, and came to the beautiful rose. "Dear Rose," said the child, "we do not know where to get any dinner to-day, will you please help us?" The rose made a deep bow and said, "What would you like little Marigold," and the child answered, "My brother and sister would like to have some eggs for dinner, but I do not know where they can come from." The rose replied, "Go straight along this path-way, and under the fifth bush from here, you will find the eggs,

also, because you thought of what they would like, instead of what you wanted yourself, there will be a little present there for you."

Marigold thanked the beautiful rose, and then ran off. Counting carefully the bushes she came to the fifth, and there snugly tucked away, she found three eggs, and also a large cardboard box, in which she found a beautiful cake with lovely pink and white icing on top. How she ran home. What a glorious dinner they had. How they laughed; and best of all they went to the rose to say how grateful they were.

The winter passed happily for those children, each day they were provided for by the beautiful golden rose; such dainties as they had never seen or heard of was always to be found, and morning and evening they went rejoicing to thank that golden glory.

Now the springtime had come, and one morning when the sun was shining and the birds singing gaily, the blow fell. They went, singing as usual to their lovely friend, but Oh, that lovely rose was gone, cut off and the ground trampled by the feet of the marauder. No sweet little voice to greet them, no joyous hunt for the bounteous gifts and the poor children sat down on that trampled ground, broken-hearted, everything forgotten in their unutterable woe.

The sun for them was darkened, the birds' sweet melody grated upon their grief-stricken minds, How could the birds sing when their lovely little friend had gone? How could the sun shine so brightly making sparkles of the tears lying on their cheeks? And at last sad and unhappy, hand in hand, they wandered slowly back to their miserable hovel misnamed home.

As they came near to it they stopped in amazement for it seemed all lighted up as though there were many candles alight in it. At first they were almost afraid to go in but Walter tried to be a man and, taking the hands of the two girls in his, he went bravely forward. "Come in" said a sweet voice, and in they stepped. What had happened? The once dark shed was bright and gay, with flowers. There was lovely food on the table and a lovely lady sitting at the head of the table while the golden rose stood in a vase at her side, blooming in perfect beauty.

"Dear children," she said, "I was in the wood this morning, and I saw this lovely rose. As she spoke she went and kissed its golden petals. Then she spoke again. "It's sweet tiny voice spoke to me, and told me all about you three poor little ones, and it said, as long as I am here they will not leave their poor little hovel, but if you pluck me, they will go where I go, so take me, and take the children and we will all be happy and comfortable. It was my mission to help them out of this dark hovel and give them happiness."

The children cried and jumped with joy, and then sat at the table and had a right royal feast. How they laughed, and how the golden rose shook with laughter; and how the sweet lady's voice thrilled forth with happy song afterwards. Then taking the vase carefully and lovingly in her hand, they all set forth for the sweet lady's comfortable home.

They never even glanced back at the hovel, for she led the way with the Golden Rose, and, you never know, if they had looked back at all, they might have lost her; so with Eyes Front, and firm step, Rose, Walter and Marigold, went forward following the Golden Rose of love on the road of Happiness.

THE END.

## NOMINATION OF B.S.L.U. OFFICERS.

For Election at the Annual Conference.

President: Miss E. Elliott, Mr. E. A. Keeling.  
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A number of other nominations have been sent to the office, but they are not valid, as consent of the nominees has not been obtained.

## Uncle Bert's Letter.



UNCLE BERT, AUNTIE RUTH AND DORIS.

My Dear Boys and Girls,

I have had the pleasure of visiting Bonnie Scotland since I wrote my last letter to you.

In passing on the greeting of the Scottish Lyceums to all you boys and girls and fellow workers, I think a few of the things I noticed might interest you.

First, A Pearl, "Before you say anything about anyone, think, is it true, is it kind, is it necessary?"

Having asked myself these questions I can speak without any fear and say: The Scottish Lyceumists are real good entertainers. Those who think that "A wee drop of Scotch" is the main beverage of our Scottish friends are mistaken. This was proved by two Lyceumists who sang Lyceum song 370.

How I love thee, sparkling water  
Purest, purest drink for me;  
Merry, laughing sparkling water,  
Down the hillside flowing free.

I hope all my readers, especially my young friends, will always endeavour to keep such temperance lessons to the fore. I always remember the lessons of my Band of Hope: "Where there's drink there's danger." It is a lesson well worth learning while you are young.

A strange thing I noted was "The Magic Bedroom." You enter to find yourself in a neatly furnished sitting-room, but alas, where are you to sleep? Surely a Magician must be found to make the bed appear, for there is not a sign of one anywhere, otherwise it must be a case of turning the table upside down and using the table cloth for a sheet.

This was not so, for in the corner of the room the curtains were pulled aside and there, behold the bed, in a recess, or, as some say, in the "Hole in the wall." The wonderful part of this bed to me was the fact that it is the best method I have ever seen for creating Happiness, the reason for this being that it is impossible for anyone to get out the wrong side of the bed.

Although there were many other points of interest, I will only refer to one other. As we travelled in the train, passing near Gretna Green, we were told we were passing the Borderline between the two countries. In theory this was correct, but there was not a sign of a visible line to be seen.

Surely this is a valuable lesson of what we want to exist between our two countries, letting the bond of unity bind us as closely as God's earth is on this border line.

This month I want to talk to you about one of the letters of the Alphabet. In the infants' class at school, some of you will remember the teacher telling you that letter "J" was like a

fish hook, while letter "A" was like a nut in a pair of crackers, and so on.

When you got a little older and could write, you thought it good fun to make certain letters read as sentences, such as "R.U.C.D.," "I.C.U.R." Now let us look at letter "Y." I will call it the "Cross Road of Life." Starting from the base of this letter we journey along a straight road until we come to the junction where two roads branch off. The question we have to decide is, which one we are going to take? In real life we travel in like manner, in our infant days we go straight, under loving parents' guidance. As we grow older we want to have our own sweet way, which we know would not always do.

In this age we meet the foe called "Temptation," which is the first Cross Road, where we have to decide its offers by saying YES or NO. Only little temptations you think at the time, but these, if we yield to them, will make us very sorry, so when you come to this Cross Road I want you all to be prepared "TO STAND FOR THE RIGHT."

The next Cross Road is when you start out in the business world. Here you are faced with the greater temptations of DRINK, GAMBLING, EVIL, PLEASURE, etc. This is the Cross Road I want you to be prepared for and the best advice I can give you is to let your Words, Thoughts and Actions ever bear the stamp of truth. Do not wait until you come to these Cross Roads, but train yourselves now ready to meet them.

Work out for yourselves the question: Which are the pleasures and joys of life which are lasting and which will make for building up a noble character?

This is just a simple lesson of working out your own salvation. Follow the example of all truly great men, but remember at the same time that, however good and great they may have been in their day, they cannot save you from the consequences of your own folly or neglect. You, and you alone, have to decide which Road you will take when you come to the Cross Roads of life, as surely you will in time.

Read in conjunction with this little lesson S.C.R. 30, 17 and 99.

## COMPETITIONS AND PUZZLES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

The three-letter words, 124 and over, Miss Palmer, Battersea; Madge Tyrer, Ivy and Celia Whitehead, Newton Heath; 100 and over, Nellie Dean, Bury; Marjorie Chapman, Barrow; Ingham Whitehead, Newton, South Manchester. Others were: Fred Pitt, Muriel Booth, Iris Thornton, South Manchester; Margaret Brimer, South Shields; Willie Owen, Bury; Violet Houghton, Stratford; Florence Lion, Manor Park; William Catherall, Newton.

For Liberty Section Essays, members of the following Lyceums are to be congratulated:—Battersea, Bury, Handsworth, Newton Heath. Total essays, 24.

Prizes awarded to: Muriel Brown Ageiz, Brixton; Gladys Celments, age 14, Battersea; Clifford Walton, age 11, Woolwich.

Special mention should be made of efforts from Muriel Newton, Battersea; Margaret Brimer, Lilian Yorks, South Shields; Celia Whitehead, Newton Heath; Edgar Newton, Birmingham; Annie Baker, South Manchester; Cyril Taumble, Manor Park.

While all efforts received were very good and included many novelties.

Answer to Puzzle No. 27: "All that glitters is not gold" and "A stitch in time saves nine."

PUZZLE No. 28. A Pearl.

" F Y . . C . NN . T B . . ST . R . N Y . . R  
LYC . . M , D . N . T B . . SH . D . W . N . T "

COMPETITION THIS MONTH. ESSAY ON SPRINGTIME. (Both Sections).

"MAY." "Lessons from my Banner Letters, from memory."  
(Liberty Section) Fellowship.

## RULES.

Name in full, age, address, name of Lyceum in full, with Conductor's name and address.

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I will conclude my letter this month by passing on a novel idea, which was carried out by the Gillingham Lyceumists.

Sitting in two rows facing each other, each Lyceumist was

given a slip of paper bearing the name of a Town, at which there was a Lyceum, together with a coloured streamer.

Starting at one end of the row, the two opposite members stood up, called out the name of their towns and threw the streamers across, saying at the same time "I send my loving greetings to ————. The whole Lyceum then repeated the greeting.

Having done this, the whole Lyceum marched round with their streamers, singing "Shoulder to Shoulder." I think this was a fine idea, and I thank my young friend for his report, which I pass on to you. I always appreciate reports of new ideas from workers. Such methods as the above link up the whole movement and help us to realise how far reaching is the work of the Lyceum Movement and at the same time giving us another method of expressing Our Fraternal Love.

With love,

2, Villiers Road,

Your loving friend,

Osterley, Middlesex.

UNCLE BERT.

## Bible Studies.—No. 7.

### THOU SHALT NOT SUFFER A WITCH TO LIVE.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

No doubt many Christians have been deterred from investigating the claims of Spiritualism by the above Biblical injunction under the impression that to do so was to disobey God's divine command. We have learned that the God of the Israelites was not the Creator of the heavens and earth, as we have been taught to believe, but their tribal god, or guardian spirit. Therefore, any commands that he may have given to his worshippers are applicable to them and to them only. Similarly, the commands given by the gods of the surrounding nations to their own devotees were applicable to them, and did not concern the Israelites.

I must also take into consideration the fact that the Israelites developed a priestly class whose interests were to confine all that related to their rites, ceremonies, sacrifices, etc., to their order, and to fence round their rights and privileges with prohibitives, commandments and injunctions with a "Thus saith the Lord" (Yahveh), in order to instil fear into the minds of the people and deter them from disobeying. We should also bear in mind that the priestly caste furnished the material or records from which the scribes compiled their records, which now form the text of the Bible, and so were able to colour the accounts of the fate that befell those who dared to transgress the law.

"In all religions of the world," says Prof. F. B. Jevons, Litt. D., Professor of Philosophy in the Durham University, "the relation of men to their gods is regarded in the first instance as being a relation of the community to the gods of the community. The gods protect and assist the community; the community worships the gods, where—as in Japan and amongst the Jews—the relation is explained as having its basis in a covenant entered into between the god or gods on the one hand and the community on the other. The relation is not between the god and any particular member of the community. Religion, in fact, was an affair of the community rather than of the individual; it was national rather than personal. This subordination of the individual personality to the community—which finds an expression in intense patriotism—is more easily maintained in a small community, such as that of the Jews or those of the Greeks later, than in a big one, and that is probably one reason why it was in ancient Egypt, a great state, in which many political communities, originally separate, were fused, that the value of personality was first recognised, and was felt to be indestructible. In the empire of ancient Egypt, despotically ruled, there was opportunity for the individual to think of other matters than the maintenance of the state's existence, and he thought of his personal existence not only in this life but in the next."

Thus we see how in small communities the liberty of the individual had to be sacrificed for the welfare of the State.

In this way priestly interests grew from little to much, and in course of time came to be looked upon as being identical with the state. The maintenance of their hold on the State is with us to-day in the English State Church, with its vested interests. It has opposed and persecuted all dissenting bodies, who have had to fight and suffer, and suffer and fight in order to win recognition. It is the operation of this priestly tendency of exclusiveness that is at the root of those Biblical injunctions. The priestly orders would not tolerate any individual outside their own order to practise psychic powers.

But this is not all of the story of opposition. Biased as the records of the Bible are against individual psychics, the text of the Bible has been deliberately falsified. This is a strong charge to make, but briefly summarised, the case is as follows: "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live" (Exodus xxii. 18). "There shall not be found among you . . . a witch . . . or a consulter with familiar spirits" (Deut. xviii. 10, 11). "A man, also a woman, that hath a familiar spirit shall surely be put to death" (Lev. xx. 27). These are not to be found in the original text, but were inserted by the translators to please King James I. "For setting about their work after that Prince had written his 'Dæmonologia,' they received into it, by his particular request, these phrases which favour the vulgar notions of witchcraft." (See Bishop Hutchinson's book on "Witchcraft" chapter xiv.)

The Douay Bible gives a more truthful translation of the above than does the Authorised Version of King James (the one in common use in Sundays Schools). Quoting from the Douay Bible, the above passages read as follows: "Wizards thou shalt not suffer to live" (Ex. xxii. 18). "A man, or a woman, that hath a pythonical spirit dying, let him die" (Lev. xx. 27). "Neither let there be found among you any . . . wizards . . . nor any one that consulteth pythonic spirits" (Deut. xviii. 10, 11).

Here we learn that the Israelites were forbidden to consult anyone who had a PYTHONIC spirit or the spirit of prophecy, as the term is evidently derived from "pytho," the ancient name of Delphi. It was there that the famous temple dedicated to Apollo, the god of prophecy, was to be found, whose oracles, through its priestess, or pythonesse, were famous throughout the known world for their truthfulness, and were consulted by Kings and the nobility. In discussing the question, "Wh the pro-pyphetess Pythia giveth no answer now in verse," Plutarch tells us that "When Kings and States consulted the oracles on weighty matters that might do harm if made public the replies were couched in enigmatical language, but when private persons asked about their own private affairs, they got direct answers in the plainest terms, so that some people complained of their simplicity and as being unworthy of their divine origin." He also adds this positive testimony to the truthfulness of her prophecies: "Her answers, though submitted to the severest scrutiny, have never proved false or incorrect. On the contrary, the verification of them has filled the Temple with gifts from all parts of Greece and foreign countries. . . . The answers of Pythoness proceed to the very truth without diversion, circuit, fraud, or ambiguity. It has never yet, in any single instance, been convicted of falsehood."

Such wonderful prophetic utterances as are here indicated cannot be attributed to guess work. Here is evidence of a power as divine as was ever manifested by a Jewish prophet. We can readily understand the reasons why the Jews were warned against consulting such marvellous prophetesses as these. They were jealous of their own priestly order, for the "pythonic spirit" is the spirit of prophecy.

Now, with regard to the term "wizard," Prof. R. Sullivan says, concerning the affix, "-ard," that it means state or character, as "dot-ard," one in a state of dotage; "slugg-ard," one who slugs, or indulges in sloth; so "wizard" is a wise man or a sage. So that if witch means a wise woman, as Dr. Moor thinks it does, then it is the feminine or complement of wise man. Perhaps both the wise man and the wise woman possessed in some degree the power of clairvoyance and clairaudience, as did the prophet, Samuel; and in time came to be revered by some and feared by others who were unable to hide their evil secrets from the penetrating gaze of these people.

In the American Revision of the Bible the term "witch, in the above passages, is rendered "sorceress."

### SORCERY AND FAMILIAR SPIRITS.

In our last article we learned, on the authority of Bishop Hutchinson, that the terms "witch" and "familiar spirits" were inserted into the English Bible to please its patron, King James. We found corroborative evidence of the truth of the charge by comparing the passages in the King James' Bible with those in the Douay, or Roman Catholic Bible, over which the translators of King James' Bible had no influence.

On referring to the American Standard Bible (the latest revision), we found that it employed the term "sorceress" in place of "witch." We now purpose examining what was meant by "familiar spirits," which King James wanted inserting in

the Bible. And next, we will examine the meaning of the term "sorceress."

Now, James, before he was called to the English throne, had been engaged in "witch-huntings," trials and executions in Scotland. He was so enthused with the craze that he wrote a book called "Dæmonolgia." So he was looked upon as an authority on such matters.

Now, a witch was supposed to be a bad woman who had made a bargain with the Devil, had, in fact, sold herself to him in consideration of him giving her certain magical powers over her neighbours. These magical powers were imps, or "familiar spirits," in the shape of household pets, such as birds, cats, dogs, mice or rats, and in one instance a woman who had a pet lamb was charged with having a 'familiar spirit.' It was further believed that these imps in the form of pets could transform themselves into any shape or form that their owners desired, and be sent on errands of mischief, and cause sickness or death to the farm stock or human beings. So if anyone who had a grievance against a neighbour were taken ill, or if any of their cattle were taken ill, it was an easy matter to have their revenge on their neighbour by denouncing her as being a witch, and that they were guilty of practising witchcraft on the complainant's family or cattle. This was generally sufficient to rouse the people to a state of frenzy. It was difficult for a woman so charged to prove her innocence, for if she bore any cicatrice (any scar marks) on any of her limbs or body, such were called "teats" where her imps or "familiar spirits" sucked her blood that they might live. There is no wonder that thousands of people were put to death under such flimsy charges.

It was also believed that all the witches once a year met the Devil at a certain place to which they travelled on broom sticks. This was called "The Witch's Sabbath," at which certain rites and ceremonies were performed. And this is the kind of superstition that was incorporated into the Bible at the request of King James. These Bibles are in use to-day in every Protestant Church, Chapel and Sunday School. The reader who is desirous of obtaining well-authenticated evidence of the above horrible superstition and the sufferings it caused is recommended to read Mrs. E. Lynn Linton's "Witch Stories."

We now come to consider the term "sorceress," which is used in the American Standard Bible in place of "witch."

Now, Prof. R. Sullivan, LL.D., T.C.D., etc., says that "Sorcerer is from the Latin 'sors,' a lot; because lots were used for the purpose. Witches were formerly called 'Lot-Tellers.'" He also informs us that we got the term "Hag from the Latin sage, a subtle or wise woman; a sorceress; a hag; 's' and 'h' being commutable.

Thus we see how the translators of the Bible have juggled with words and phrases as prejudice required to bias the text of the Bible, knowing that the common people, being unacquainted with the Hebrew, the Bible was presented to the people as a book divinely inspired by God Himself.

It is saddening to think that the translators deliberately inserted the terms "witch," "familiar spirits" and "necromancer" in order to please their King; and they employed the term "sorcerer" as being a person of evil mind and repute, and represented the art and practice as being displeasing and an abomination to the Lord of Jehovah, while all the time they knew—being Latin scholars—as well as Prof. Sullivan did, that sorcery referred to the art of divining by casting lots, which art was supposed to be under the influence of Jehovah Himself; for "The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of Jehovah" (Prov. xvi. 33).

If the casting of lots is sorcery, as is affirmed by Prof. Sullivan, then there are several important instances in the Bible which belong to this category. For instance, we are told that the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Israel are to have their inheritance of land apportioned to them by casting lots (Joshua xiv. 2). "And Joshua cast lots for them before Jehovah; and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel, according to their divisions" (Jos. xviii. 10). See the remainder of the chapter and the following one for a detailed account of the divisions all given by casting lots, or sorcery, and also see chapter xxi. for an account of the forty-eight cities given by lot unto the Levites, that is the priests.

We are also told that the four and twenty divisions of singers for Solomon's Temple were made by casting lots (I. Chron. xxv. 8-31, and xxvi. 13-16). This practice of divining by casting lots, that is, sorcery, was in use in the days of the Apostles, for they cast lots between Barrabas and Matthias "to see which of them were chosen by the Lord to fill the place of Judas" (Acts i. 23-26).

Now, if sorcery is an evil and an abomination before Jehovah, then both Joshua and Eleazar, the priest, sinned most grievously in divining by lots in the above instances, and especially that this "abomination" was practised in matters pertaining to Solomon's Temple, which, above all other places, should have been kept free from idolatrous practices.

And so did the Apostles, who were the chosen instruments for the promulgation of the new dispensation. All were guilty of practising sorcery. It is a pity that mankind should have been so long imposed upon by priestly bias in a book that is claimed to have been Divinely inspired for the guidance of mankind, whereby it may gain eternal life.

In my next article I shall deal with the terms Devil, Satan and Demons.

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## Dead Empires.

THE EMANATIONS OF WHICH ARE THE LIVE REALITIES OF TO-DAY.

*Some months ago I wrote and delivered the following paper to one of the Co-operative Women's Guilds, and I have the impelling thought to publish it for the readers of the BANNER.*

One of the most famous saying of Paul is: "The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Even Empires pass away and nothing remains of them, but the unseen things that made them great.

Many great empires have existed in the world of which not as much as a shadow remains to-day. Thousands of years ago they rose and grew and flourished, and then decayed, because not all their wealth and power could save them when cruelty and selfishness and bad government crept into them.

No story in any book could bring home to us more deeply the truth that the greatest power in the world lies in things we cannot see—in love—in truth, and hope and faith, which have never passed out of the world, but without which even empires perish.

Just now I want to deal chiefly with some parts of the story of Egypt. It is a country shaped like a lotus lily, with a big stalk, lying in the bosom of the hot and sandy mid-world desert. We cannot help seeing the stupendous work which the past has left scattered over the face of Egypt, so vast are the buildings and ruins still standing on the banks of the Nile and on the edge of the desert. And so it is that, deeply interesting as we find the land to-day, we cannot help feeling that the true glory and greatness of Egypt lie in distant times. It is not easy to realize that the time of subjection to the Romans some 2,000 years ago, which brought our island into the light of day, came to the dwellers by the Nile at the close of a grand and eventful independent history, reaching back some 5,000 years and more before our own history can be said to begin.

The Pyramids rouse our curiosity as we look at modern Egypt and consider the fine crops and the share that the British have in governing the country, and wonder at the colossal Suez Canal and the huge dam at Assuan.

Come with me in thought to the top of the Great Pyramid, as the largest of the three Pyramids is called. We shall not find it an easy climb, for it is higher than St. Paul's, and the rough blocks of stone which we have to use as steps are many feet high. But two strong Arabs, in flowing white garments, will push and pull us all the way up, chattering broken French and English, till we arrive at the top quite breathless, where the point is now so much worn down that there is room for several people to stand and admire the wonderful scene. There below is the full flowing river (except in the bad famine seasons) that, through the long history, has risen yearly from its bed and fertilised those green and yellow fields with its water and its mud.

During all those years, perhaps 6,000 and more, the glorious sun, day by day, for over 2,000,000 times, has risen out of the tender glowing colours of the dawn beyond the eastern desert, and travelled in glory across the busy fertile Nile Valley to its evening setting, in a blaze of gold and crimson, behind the grim, silent hills of the western desert.

No wonder that the sun, life generating, held ever chief place among the gods of the old Egyptians. And each night,

after its disappearance, the deep purple sky, ablaze with dazzling stars in the clear air, has ever covered, as with a curtain, multitudes of tired workers, and countless generations of them. Not only those whose labour was in the fields, or keeping the embankment in order, or raising the water when needed, all through the long centuries, but builders and workmen of all descriptions without number. Grand and immense buildings, such as those we see by the Nile, exist only as the result of the movement of material work (hard and laborious indeed) by thousands of human beings.

As we come down the Pyramid, a task more difficult for some of us than mounting, let us try to realize that the great block is solid, except for the passages underneath, and funeral chambers to which they lead.

Few care to penetrate into the heart of a Pyramid, and the next time we walk across Lincoln Inn Fields, one of the largest squares in London, we can shut our eyes and be led along till we reach the middle, and try to imagine what it must be to walk for that distance in a low and slanting passage, quite dark very hot and close, out of the bright glare of day, into a lonesome, oppressive stillness.

The base of the Great Pyramid is almost exactly the same size and shape as Lincoln Inn Fields. What a scene must have been the building of such a mass, with such a base and such a height, so many centuries ago. We know what a dusty, busy scene it is, when a large public building is being erected, when bricks and stones are brought by traction engines, and every sort of appliance is ready to hand, but the huge granite facing stones of the Pyramid (we can see a few pieces of them in the British Museum) had to be quarried near the great dam at Assuan, and brought down the river for several hundreds of miles—as far as the length of Britain—and then, with enormous toil, men had to drag, push and roll them over the burning sands. The rest of the masses of material were equally hard to obtain. And let us think of the stupendous work of getting it all into place by means of pulleys and rollers, and the most exact human skill in masonry ever known. We may well wonder what was the object of building the Pyramids at such immense cost of labour. As far as we know, it was solely for the honour and glory of the reigning king—and to provide a secure resting place for the body after death. For one of the chief points in the religion of the old Egyptians—that wonderful religion which changed so little during its long history—was to arrange, as far as means would allow, for preserving the body as long as possible whole and entire.

This they did by making mummies of the bodies by soaking them in a strong kind of soda and bandaging them very carefully, then putting them in decorated coffins which were hidden away in great stone vaults in rock towers in the Pyramids, where it was hoped that no one would ever be able to find them.

Alas! for the last 2,000 years at least robbers have broken into their tombs and disturbed what they found; and in our own days we can see under glass cases in our museums specimens of the mummies of the great ones of Egypt, brought by men into the light of day once more, after having lain in the darkness for centuries.

Perhaps you are wondering why the robbers of old were so anxious to break into the tombs, for they could scarcely care for the mummies themselves. It was the treasure that was buried with them that was the attraction, for the Egyptians believed that, in some mysterious way, in the new life to which he had gone, the departed person would need the things he had owned in his earthly life. So, with the mummies of royal and rich persons, were put their valuable ornaments, and their possessions, beside furniture and food for the use of the departed, and the quaint little figures that were supposed to do the work, that would be required in the fields of the land of peace.

It is the sight of these personal belongings that brings us into touch with the Egypt of 3,000 or 4,000 years ago. For we have in the British Museum cases full of such treasures; as the dolls with clay beads for hair, and the toys and little worn shoes and sandals of the children. The dressing cabinet of the fine lady, containing ointment for the eyes, also elbow cushions and dainty pink kid slippers.

Egypt is very trying for the eyes, and even so long ago the old Egyptians were wonderful chemists in their way of concocting and mixing nature's productions, perhaps more cleverly than we do to-day.

We have, too, the palette and paints of the scribe, the musical

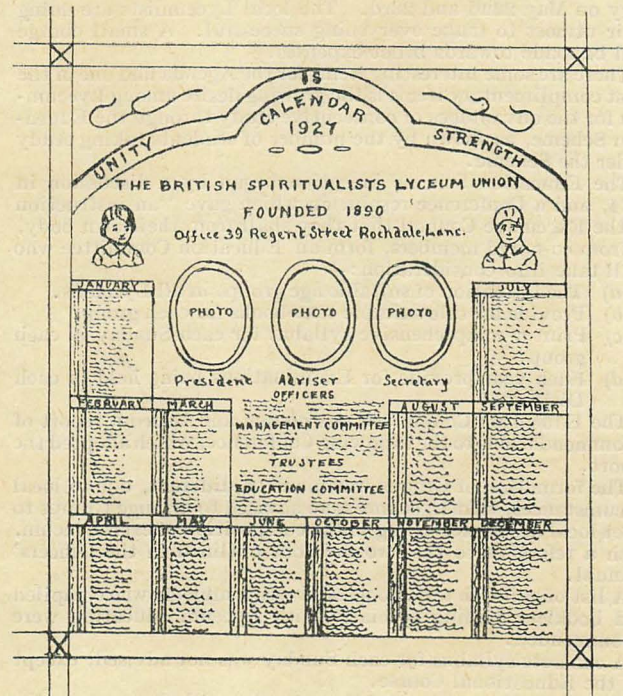
instruments of the musician; in short, everything that brings us face to face with the people to whom they belonged so many centuries ago.

And besides these interesting little belongings and thousands of little figures, with nets and field implements painted on them, there were always put besides the mummy representatives of the numberless gods to whom the Egyptians prayed, and to whom they erected wonderful temples, ruins of which still form one of the sights of Egypt. There is a great group of these temples on the Nile, where the magnificent city of Thebes once stood, far on the way to Assuan. The great halls, imposing doorways and rows of pillars form a beautiful sight in brilliant sunshine and deep purple shadow, as we gaze at them once more in their first beauty, with long processions of chantry priests and priestesses, and gorgeous display of kingly magnificence, when the king came to his worship, amidst the stately ornaments of gold and silver, adorned with ivory and precious stones.

And even yet we have not come to the end of our close touch with the past in Egypt, for we can now read the actual message across the years, written in the old Egyptian picture language, which had died out and been completely forgotten after the Roman times in Egypt.

(To be continued).

THE PROPOSED CALENDAR.



At the last Annual Conference a resolution was adopted that a Calendar be produced, providing the Lyceums who desire its publication are willing to ensure its publication without loss. The above sketch is an outline of the suggested Calendar which is under consideration. The approximate size of the sheet is about 22 by 18 inches, and will be in three colours with a special design. The cost will not exceed 1s. for each copy. If sufficient numbers are ordered the Almanacs will be produced for 1927.

The dates could be left blank to form a Lyceum Diary of Events. Spaces could be allowed for local officers. Any alteration of the design can be made to suit a general desire.

The Lyceums concerned have been approached and the General Secretary awaits their replies. Any other Lyceum wishing to purchase the Calendars to supplement the support of the effort may do so by sending in the number of Calendars they will be prepared to buy.

G. F. KNOTT, Gen. Sec.

# THE LYCEUM BANNER:

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## Reflections.

The Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U. will be held at Dewsbury on May 22nd and 23rd. The local Lyceumists are doing their utmost to make everything successful. A small charge will be made towards billet expenses.

There are some interesting items for the Agenda and one of the most complimentary items is the growing desire among Lyceumists for the advantages of consecutive study through the Education Scheme, as shown by the number of students taking study under the Scheme.

The Education Scheme inception began by a discussion in 1914, and a Conference resolution which gave "an instruction to the Executive Council that they shall from their own body, or from co-opted members, form an Education Committee who shall take into consideration:—

- (a) The formation of suitable age groups in all Lyceums.
- (b) Provide for sale suitable text-books for each group.
- (c) Print a comprehensive syllabus for each Sunday in each group.
- (d) Each year provide for Examinations being held in each District."

The Education Committee was chosen and issued a report of recommendations to the following Conference, which adopted the report.

The formation of Groups was found so different, due to local circumstances, that Lyceums were advised to arrange Groups to meet local needs, according to the composition of each Lyceum, with a reference to the two methods outlined in the Officers' Manual.

A list of suitable text Books and essay subjects was compiled and booklets dealing specially with Lyceum education were recommended.

A concrete syllabus for each Sunday was not advised, except for the Educational Course.

A system of Education and Examination with the co-operation of the District Councils was put in operation and has worked so satisfactorily that the methods have continued each year, with amplifications to meet growing needs.

The first course began in December 1915. At the Examination 84 students passed the examinations and over 130 went through the course. During the second year 174 entered and 126 sat for the test.

During 1918 the Scheme was graded. This method was extended in 1921 by the combination of the B.S.L.U. Scheme and the scheme which had been adopted in the London District.

There are now five Grades and an Oral Grade for juniors. This year over 1700 students sat for the examinations in 127 different centres. The numbers grow each year and it is a double tribute to the usefulness of the Scheme and the enthusiasm of the Committee in their thorough preparation of the various routine work necessary to make success.

Another phase of the Union is the increased membership of Lyceums and Lyceumists during the last six years. In 1919 there were 226 Lyceums and 11,613 Lyceumists. At the end of 1925 there were 286 Lyceums and 16,945 Lyceumists. The

financial position has also become stabilised and we are able to produce our text-books and describe in our own terms the needed explanations of our phenomena.

The *Lyceum Banner* has also increased in size and sales. When Mr. Alfred Kitson became Editor, he gradually increased the sales from 1,624 copies to 4,800 copies per issue. The highest sales were Jan. 1925, when 5,800 copies were sold. The present sales are 5,550 copies. It contains more words than any other paper in the movement and circulates in all the colonies.

Another feature of Lyceum interest is the education of Spiritualist children abroad. Since the last International Congress we have been able to send our methods to a number of other countries.

Many present-day Lyceumists can only know Mr. Kersey as a memory. He donated the *Lyceum Manual* and *Songster* to the Union. There were others who saw the possibilities of a publishing fund, and this gave us the nucleus of our present stability. We pay our tribute to their foresight. Now we see the need of more trading and a decent office to provide more books and give a tone to our position amongst the foremost thinkers in the world. Hence the adoption of the £2,000 Effort. Many Lyceums have subscribed but we are far from the total yet, and the full amount must be realised before we launch any further big activities. We are ready to face our responsibilities when the capital accrues.

We are witnessing a gradual permeation of the Churches and the platforms by Lyceumists and eventually we shall find the Education Scheme has provided a deeper philosophy to express itself around the essential phenomena of our common movement. There is no attempt to usurp the functions of a Church, though sometimes a Lyceum starts first and the Church follows as a component part of educational propaganda.

Our relations with the organised Churches, through the S.N.U. grow closer by intertwining links, and the inference seems to be that in time the S.N.U. can delegate some of its work such as the training of speakers and demonstrators to the B.S.L.U.

We have certainly found the Liberty Groups are a useful channel through which all speakers could beneficially pass.

There are very few organisations who have merged in and through the period of the war without some ill-effect. We stuck largely to our principles, individually and collectively and the last six years has been a process of deepening our foundations and widening our scope.

These efforts are mainly produced by the hosts of willing voluntary workers who have been drawn to our movement by adherence to the facts of life, human survival and the open field for the peculiar characteristics of varied personalities. We have happily been able to find in our ranks many people as national and local leaders who have broad, tolerant principles, and thus progress has been attained.

We must not forget, in our reflections, that we are all subject to spiritual influences and these too have given us encouragement and hope, inspiration and guidance, tenacity and perseverance in the voluntary self-sacrifice so many workers have given that our common cause may grow in goodness, utility and strength.

We find the real source of the inspiration permeating our movement cannot be probed from the elements of a physical nature, but is found in the force which coheres substance in bodies and expresses through minds as the controlling factor in human destiny and spiritual advancement.

The idols of man have feet of clay but the beings of God have eternal life. The secret lies in the touch of spiritual verities and our ability to respond to God's awakening of the human soul.

That has been the guiding spirit of the Lyceum movement. Personality has been supplanted by spiritual persistence and the same intelligence which created the movement, using A. J. Davis for its inception, will use others for its propagation.

We may shut ourselves in by little ambitions, selfishness and greed, bring a coma on our better natures, but the soul of spiritual progress will never be smothered.

Each step brings us nearer the goal and the children of men will hand on our truths to the newer generations until we shall have a visible Conference of men and angels who are one in spirit and in truth for the Kingdom of God.

In our practical ways of this material life, let us hope we can pierce the veil and draw the inspiration in our Conferences to lead us to the fount of genius that shall give us the combined spiritual insight to shape our ends to meet the needs of the present day.

G. F. KNOTT.

## £2,000 Effort.

To all Lyceumists wheresoever abiding,

The effort this month seems to be suffering from an eclipse, but whether of the sun or the moon I cannot say, but we are feeling the effect; for the only donation I have received since my last report is one of 5s. from Chesterfield for which, on behalf of the Union, I return sincerest thanks. I still have pencils, bookmarks and Mr. Kitson's excellent pamphlet for sale for anyone requiring them. May I fulfil your orders? I shall be so pleased to be able to do so. The Founder's Day Collection has certainly been a bigger success this time than ever before, but my total so far for the year since Conference is smaller than at the same time last year. I would like to make my total to the Conference at Whitsuntide more than last year and I appeal to all Lyceumists to try and push the effort in their own Lyceum. If everyone did this we should soon reach our objective. You will try, won't you? Thank you so much for your help.

Yours fraternally,

29, Kliffen Place, W. BURROWS,  
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## Our Lyceum Guild.

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

Dear Guildites and Readers All,

It is two months since we greeted you in these pages, and during that time the Education Examinations have taken place, and many of you were candidates. We much appreciate your zeal and efforts, and wish you pleasing results. When you learn them, then send along for your promotion badge; and start reading up for the next Grade.

We regret that so few of you thought it worth while to enter the Postcard Competition. For lack of interest and support, it has been cancelled; but we sincerely thank those members who *did* send in their cards; and South Manchester, Middlesbrough, and Halifax Lyceums, whose members played up well. We are sorry all who sent have had to be disappointed, but the total entries were far below the minimum number stipulated.

Very good reports have been received from the Guild Classes at South Manchester and at Middlesbrough. Their membership is strong, their average attendance high, and good work has been done. We heartily congratulate them, and wish them continued and ever-increasing success and interest.

Enquiries have been received, asking what to do in Guild Classes, and what games are suitable for the recreation half-hour. "Variety is the spice of life," and of classes too; and the Leader who can introduce fresh ideas and vary the programme from time to time will do much to rouse and maintain interest.

But the evening should be divided into sections, and these could be taken each time; or one set be taken one week and the other the week following. Physical and mental activities should be included each evening however. For example, on one night could be taken:—(i) a "Sing Song" of favourite songs and hymns, perhaps including learning a new one from the *Manual*. (ii) A story half-hour, when members listen to a story read or (better still) told.

[If desired, the members could split up into groups, and each have its own story. The children will themselves provide (and even tell) the stories, if encouraged.]

(iii) Next could follow half-an-hour spent on hobbies, e.g., modelling; making cardboard toys, etc., drawing and painting, fretwork, needlework (plain or fancy, and knitting and crocheting), leatherwork, etc. [The articles made could be for a Sale of Work, later.] (iv) And the last twenty or thirty minutes could be devoted to games.

The alternate Guild Night might be devoted to:—(i) Recitations and solos (or, at certain seasons, rehearsing a play or dialogue for a coming concert); (ii) a study half-hour devoted to such things as Nature Study (as given in "Baby Plants"), Hygiene, First Aid, Psychic Gifts, etc., etc.; (iii) marching and calisthenics; and a final ten minutes of dancing.

As for suitable games, for several weeks the children themselves will suggest good ones, played at school. Team games or relay games are always popular, and lend themselves to infinite variety (with balls, bean-bags, and even without apparatus). Then ring games, and singing and marching games are favourites; and the quieter ones bringing in guessing, or

seeking a "treasure," by some one member sent away until the rest have decided. Charades and dumb-show too are well liked.

For summer months, plan rambles and picnics, and short excursions, and visits to parks, museums, and art galleries. If possible, introduce football, cricket, net-ball, tennis, etc. (Most parks make it possible to put in practices; and local schools could be challenged and matches played.) Some Lyceums could form their own Cycling Club, and have glorious runs in the long evenings, and on Saturdays.

Some Lyceums have had a small levy, or held a Jumble Sale, or a Social Evening, etc., and the money raised has been spent on buying such games as chess, dominoes, ludo, ping pong, etc., for the Class Night's recreation half-hour. Others have bought simple apparatus for a gymnastic and drill class to be formed, and good work has been done, and much interest aroused.

Once the Lyceumists are interested, they themselves will suggest many things to do and learn and make, and games to play; social feeling and the spirit of comradeship will grow apace; membership will increase; and an all-round improvement in tone and interest and zeal become evident.

Wishing all Guild Classes success, and all members happy and profitable times,

Yours very sincerely,

THE GUILD LEADER.

(All enquiries about the Aims and Work of Our Lyceum Guild, and for forms of application, should be sent to the Guild Leader, Miss M. E. KITSON, 17, Bromley Road, Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorks.)



Dear Children.

I am here once again, and will endeavour to interest you all with our serial story. Read carefully, and don't forget to let me know how you like it. In the first instalment the Whitley family, as a result of the invention of Marcus of an electrical appliance, which has proved successful, are made very rich, and therefore are in a position to travel. Marcus and Myra are eager to be acquainted with the customs and ways of people in foreign lands, and commence in France the task of solving their problems. Now read on.

### THE PROBLEMS OF MARCUS AND MYRA. II.

The whole scene had changed, and the Whitby family were now installed in a pretty little flat in Mayburn Avenue, just large enough to accommodate the happy quartette. It was not lavishly furnished, as might be supposed, but simply, tastefully decorated, homely rooms, such as would be desired for a family of moderate means. Marcus had had little difficulty in disposing of his invention and had received much money. This, if carefully invested, would make him, and Myra, and his parents also, independent for the remainder of their days. A portion had been invested in the firm where he had been employed, to whom he partly owed his success. He considered it was his duty to still retain interest in the firm.

It was the day after the disposal of the invention, and the whole family were bustling about packing trunks, and preparing generally for a trip to Paris, which had been hurriedly arranged. Marcus had just returned home with passports, and labels for their trunks, to find his sister Myra busy cramming his clothes into a large wooden trunk or sea-chest, as Myra called it.

"That's good, Myra! I'm jolly glad you've taken this job on. I detest packing trunks; but see that you don't forget anything. There, that's everything I think! Just run along and give Mother a hand. I'll lock my trunks myself." "Righto," replied Myra, "what time is the taxi coming, and what time does the train go?"

"In half-an-hour the taxi will be here, and don't worry about the train. We shall catch that all right. And, Myra, keep

cool you're much too excited. You'll be dead beat before we get on the boat."

Myra assisted her mother and father as best she could, and at last all was completed, and the taxi, loaded with trunks, moved off towards the station. The dear old lady who acted as caretaker of the flats breathed a sigh of relief, glad, that once again, she would find peace, for, as she remarked, the Whitbys were like a swarm of bees buzzing over the flat whilst preparing to take their leave. However, having been well rewarded for all her services, she did not grumble.

Myra was indeed the life and soul of the party, which could only be expected of a child making her first trip to the Continent. The journey in the train was soon ended. The Whitbys rushed up the gangway on board the Channel Steamer 'La Marguerite' and then, as the boat moved off, and was just a few miles out at sea, a great change came over little Myra. Her bright, happy, smiling face turned gloomy, and, as Marcus remarked, afterwards green.

All were very sympathetic, trying to comfort her, telling her she would soon be better. A steward brought her a piece of chewing gum, the finest cure, he remarked, asking Myra to chew as hard as she could. After a short time, the gum did indeed, have its effect, and Myra's spirits revived, and very soon she was once again her old merry self.

Le Havre at last! It was not a very beautiful town, and after the usual procedure of luggage and passport examination had been gone through, the party engaged a guide and interpreter, who proved himself to be a middle-aged man, very intelligent, and who could speak almost perfect English. He was once in the French Diplomatic Service, but had, for private reasons which he refused to disclose, been dismissed. Having satisfied the family as to his honesty and integrity by the papers he produced, he escorted them to a French taxi. They eventually reached the station, and boarded a train which took them quickly to their destination, Paris. They had dined on the train, but felt still hungry on reaching the large railway station in the great capital. Another taxi was hailed, the luggage labelled and addressed by the guide to be forwarded to the hotel; then off they went to a café, which, according to the guide, is used exclusively by English and American visitors to Paris. The place was thronged with tourists of all descriptions, causing Marcus to study the faces of those nearest to him, without, however, appearing to be rude and guilty of staring unduly. "What," he asked the guide, "is the aim in life of all these people? Most of them are I suppose, well-to-do people, pleasure bound. Some may be, visiting old friends in Paris, others be here on business."

"Yes," replied the guide, "and a small minority are here, 'lying low,' as you say in England, and may be outcasts from English and American society. Others no doubt, are detesting or enjoying the work connected with diplomatic services, in fact, that is so. I recognise a few old friends, or enemies. I can't say which. But these men are necessary in every country, they both make and prevent war. But let us talk of other things. Now all of you will, no doubt, find the ways of the French people far different from all English methods."

"That's right," said Myra, "tell us about the various French customs. You will find at least Marcus and me to be interested in what you say."

"Why! certainly, my dear friend. With regard to the meal, which, by the way, will be served in a few moments, you will notice how different the food is from that served in your English cafés." "Goodness me!" said Mrs. Whitley, "surely we shall not be served with frogs and snails. I've heard that such food is served in France." "No, my dear lady, those are not served in first class hotels and cafés, such as this one is. You will I know, enjoy the French style of cooking. Why, the French chefs are famous the world over, and are in great demand even in England. They will make a dish out of almost nothing at all, flavouring it with sauces unknown to any of us." "How are the meals served in France generally?" asked Marcus. "Well, let me explain, *petit déjeuner* in first class hotels, is usually served in the bedroom." "I see," said Marcus "that means 'a little breakfast.'" "That is so," replied the guide, "but of course this custom is dying out. People are not being so lazy, but get up for their meals."

"Quite right too," said Mrs. Whitley. "Fancy breakfast in bed every morning!" "Lazy beggars!" murmured her husband "Now at noon," continued the guide, "comes the *dejeuner* or lunch, a meal of several courses; then a light tea at 5 o'clock, and dinner at seven. Of course, this is only the procedure in a first class hotel."

Whilst the guide was speaking the meal had arrived and all

had convinced themselves that no snails or frogs were included, and had thoroughly enjoyed the *dejeuner*, or lunch.

"The best dinner I've ever had!" said Myra. This remark brought some severe looks from her mother, taking it as a reflection upon her own cooking. "In France, I mean, Mother," she added, thus smoothing her mother's ruffled temper.

"Whilst you are in Paris, you will notice how sociable the French people are," said the guide. "Those who can speak your language will endeavour to converse with you on every possible occasion, not for the sake of becoming more proficient in your English language. But they are like our friends, Marcus and Myra. You may call it inquisitive. But the French will converse, and learn from you at the same time your modes and fashions, what is being done in London, the various discoveries and inventions." "What did you say?" said Marcus. "Invention? I am an inventor in the English electrical world."

"I see," replied the guide, "then you would be a mark for our French manufacturers. They may endeavour to enlist your services and improve upon your invention. You will, no doubt, take a walk along the boulevards this afternoon. There you will notice the large numbers of cafés, also in the busy thoroughfares, with crowds of people sitting outside talking and sipping coffee or *can sucret* at all times of the day; and the numbers of people 'on show' as Myra would remark, but Parisians love to be out in the open to enjoy the fresh, cool, Spring air. But come, I must take you now to your hotel, which, by the way, is easy walking distance from here, in the Rue des Petit Champs."

"You are certainly very good to us," said Marcus. "You have taught us a great deal of the ways of Parisians, and we shall be very sorry to lose you. We are only staying here for a few days, proceeding then to the Riviera, where we hope to gain a little more knowledge, possibly far different from what we have learnt from you. In the meantime, however, we all, I am sure, welcome your company."

(To be continued).

To all who have sat for the examinations let me wish you success in your efforts, energy to study hard for another year, and future successes until all the Grades are passed, so will the progress of our Cause proceed by leaps and bounds. No doubt the interest taken by Guildites in the examinations has caused the "Limerick" puzzle to be neglected. Have a try this month. Prizes will be given to the four adjudged to be the best completed Limerick sent. All letters will, however, be replied to. The last line to be completed by YOU.

A pretty young girl with long curls  
At the Lyceum recited some Pearls.

The D.V. was there,  
Who promptly asked where

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Yours affectionately,  
THE GUILD IMP.

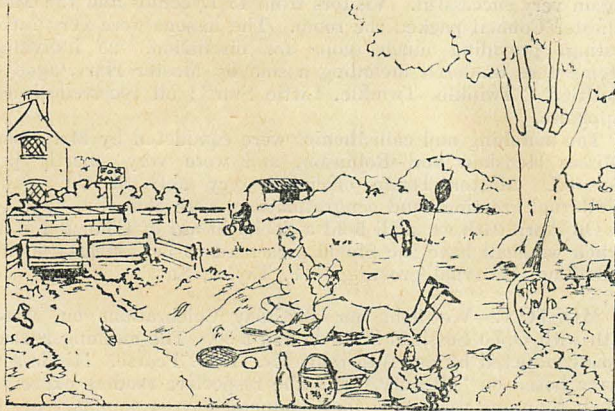
## UNPAID ANNUAL FEES.

The attention of the Secretaries of the following Lyceums is drawn to the non-payment of Annual Fees to the B.S.L.U. The rights and privileges of membership cease after March 1st, until the membership fees have been paid.

The Lyceums who have not paid their fees up to March 30th are: Daisy Hill, Radcliffe (Railway Street), Bradford (Boynnton Street), Bradford (Otley Road), Windhill, Marsden, Harrogate Heckmondwike, Ossett and Horbury, Forest Hill, Hounslow, Surbiton, Romford, Manchester (Moss Side), Saddleworth, Leek, Burnley (North Street), Millom, Preston (Progressive), Turneycrook, Belper, Kettering, Nottingham (Hawarden Terrace), Scottish District Council, Glasgow (Northern), Rosyth, Edlington, Sheffield (Hillsboro'), Bristol, Devonport, Oldham (Elliott Street), Todmorden (Eagle Street), Cardiff (First), Merthyr Tydfil, Newport (Albany Hall), Ystrad, Darlington (Psycho), Hebburn (Albert Hall).

Miss Lily Smedley, The Cottage, Tottenham Lane, Hornsey, London, N.8., will be glad to know of anyone who has a copy of "The Autobiography of Emma Hardinge Britten," or any books of the old workers in our Movement, with a view to a purchase.

The Children's Puzzle.



There are a whole host of things in the picture and all their names begin with a "B." Name as many as you can. Uncle Bert will be glad to know how many things you are able to name.

Correspondence.

THE EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS.

To the Education Secretary,  
Dear Comrade,

I have read very carefully through your reply to my, or rather our grievance. In the first place let me state frankly and fully that with the principle of the thing I have no quibble whatever, only the method of its application. As one of the one-time examiners of Grade 1 & 2, I certainly pressed very much for a different set of questions for children of tender years. The older and backward people I cannot plead for because I hold that they can improve themselves if they will give time and care, but the children are not so sufficiently developed. Our good Secretary tells us that this new departure has been modelled on the Joint Board of the Northern Universities and in the next paragraph she states the very thing we complain about: 'That provision has been made for different types of candidates' &c. I don't want to take up space by quoting the paragraph, but here is the point at issue. As a teacher she KNOWS of this matter previous to the exams. and if she has people under her tuition studying for the exams. she can instruct them accordingly but we did not know and THERE is the great difference. I do not wish to labor the point as I quite easily see where harm might be done. But one thing I would like to say and that is with reference to sympathetic examiners. I think it would be a wise move on the Education Committee's part where an examiner is not marking by merit to, if possible, try someone else, as the sympathetic examiner is a danger to the real student. I myself have seen in my own Lyceum papers marked high that, in all fairness to the student, ought never to have been so marked. The student sooner or later comes up against an examiner who tries to mark by merit alone and then the bubble is pricked and the hurt individual wonders who is right or wrong, the first or the last examiner. I know it is rather a delicate question and I may be treading a thorny path but I write as I feel and as my experience tells me. I thank the editor for so kindly allowing me space to ventilate this question.

Yours faithfully,  
W. BURROWS.

Every Lyceum Secretary has had sent to him (or her) a small Guide which explains their relations with the Union's office. If any Secretary does not possess a copy and wishes to have a Guide, one will be sent on receipt of a request, accompanied by a halfpenny stamp for postage.

One Doncaster Lyceumist has five miles to travel to reach the Lyceum of which he is the Secretary. One wonders how many more of such cases exist.

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.

NELSON.—Passed to the higher life on February 28th, 1926, Mrs. Aspin, a late Conductor of Nelson Lyceum.

ELTHAM, Children's Steady Progress Lyceum.—With sincere sympathy for our Conductor, Mr. Elphick, we record the sudden passing to the higher life, on March 8th, of his wife, a Lyceum Group Leader.

"She's crossed the shining river  
To join the loved ones there."

—John Calway, Sec.

Area Elections.

Area.	Candidate.	Lyceum.
A.	Miss H. Cleland ...	Glasgow (Association).
B.	Mr. J. Slimin ...	Sunderland (Derwent Street).
C.	Mr. I. Barraclough ...	Armley.
	Mrs. S. A. Hogg...	Hull (Holborn Hall).
	Mr. J. F. Smith ...	Sheffield.
D.	Mr. W. Burrows ...	Halifax (Alma Street).
E.	Mr. J. Hibbert ...	Bolton (Bradford Street).
	Mrs. L. Nurse ...	Blackpool.
F.	Mr. W. E. Bentley ...	Manchester (Longsight).
	Mr. J. E. Hart ...	Manchester (Progressive).
	Mr. G. A. Mack ...	Runcorn.
	Mrs. A. S. Raymond ...	Liverpool (Daulby Hall).
G.	Miss V. G. Rayner ...	Nottingham (Mechanics' Hall).
M.	Mr. H. C. Guy ...	Portsmouth (Francis Avenue).
	Mrs. T. Tims ...	Southend and Westcliff.

Ballot Forms were issued to Lyceums on March 30th. If any Lyceum has not received the Form, please write at once to the General Secretary.

The voting must take place during the Lyceum session on Sunday, April 11th. The votes will be ignored if taken on any other date.

The Ballot Forms must be sent to the General Secretary to reach the office of the Union not later than April 19th.

DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Lyceum Secretaries are requested to note that the Delegates' Forms must be filled up and returned to the General Secretary not later than April 17th, to ensure representation at the Conference.

Special Reports.

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—We held our Lyceum Sunday on February 28th. At the Evening Service we had a very pleasing ceremony. The Medium, Mrs. Hetty Butterworth, D.N.U., had the pleasure of naming her grandson, giving him the Earthly Name of William Butterworth Warner, and the Spiritual Name "Harmony." The service was very impressive and deeply appreciated. A Lyceum badge was presented to the little one by the Church. Mr. R. Brown rendered "In that Sweet Land of Sunshine." Recitations and Reading by the Lyceumists were well received by a large audience. Mr. R. Brown, Vice-President and Conductor of Lyceum, conducted the services.—L. Brown, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry Street.—On March 7th we held our Open Session. Although there were not a good number present the Session went with a swing and everyone enjoyed themselves.

In the evening our Lyceumists gave a Service of Song to a very appreciative congregation who enjoyed the very eloquent reading of "The Warning Voice," by our assistant conductor, Mrs. Shackle. This, along with the harmonious singing of our Lyceumists, ended a day well spent.—R. G. Shipperbottom, Sec.

**BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.**—On March 7th, Open Sessions. The recitations, songs, solos, duets and pearls were well rendered. The questions asked by the scholars proved them to be very keen in their search for knowledge. A good and deep discussion arose from Silver Chain, Musical Reading and Golden Chain recitation, which was very interesting to the children.—J. Babbs, Sec.

**DARNALL UNITED.**—On March 14th our Lyceum visited Chesterfield (Hollis Court) and were warmly welcomed, taking part in the Anniversary which was conducted by Mr. Hadfield.

We invite Chesterfield and any Lyceumists in the district to our Open Session and prize distribution on the 4th April.—P. Balland, Sec.

**DARWEN.**—On March 14th we held our Open Session; excellent in all respects. The marching and callisthenics were very beneficial to all. Good response to Conductor's demand for songs, pearls and recitations. The discussions were fine. Mr. Beetham, of Preston, was the speaker for the day.—D. Coghlan, BANNER Sec.

**DONCASTER, High Street.**—We held our Open Session on March 7th, conducted by Miss L. V. Batty. The invocation was given by Mr. Totty. Francis Gomersall gave a recitation. We had a visit from another Lyceumist from Scunthorpe, who took a part in our session, giving us encouragement. Miss L. V. Batty gave the benediction. It was an enjoyable session.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

**EDINBURGH, 9, Gayfield Square.**—Election of Officers, February 14th. Conductor, Miss Blake; Assistants, Mr. Rankin and Mr. G. Cobb; Secretary, Miss P. Lawrence; Treasurer, Miss Neilson; Librarian, Jack Blaik; Group Leaders, Miss Doris Stevenson, Miss Neilson, Miss Blaik, Miss Ewing, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Rankin and Mr. McKay; Guardian, Mrs. Woolford; Guards, Miss F. McKenzie and William Woodbell; Musical Conductor, Miss J. Woolford; Assistants, Miss Madge Gray, Miss Ewing, and Mr. T. Wilson; Marching Leader, Miss Neilson, Assistant, Miss F. McKenzie; Callisthenic Leaders, Miss L. Woolford and Miss D. Lawrence; Auditors, Miss Joey Gray and Mr. Niven. Votes of thanks to the Conductor and Miss Blaik for the way she conducted the business.

On 14th March we held our Open Session with a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. A full programme was splendidly conducted.—Miss P. Lawrence, Sec.

**EDINBURGH, India Buildings.**—On February 28th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Duncan. Recitations were given by Rina Stevenson, Katie Johnstone, Muriel Hartley and Gordon Duncan. Solos by Mrs. Hartley and Alice Hunter. Piano solo from Gerald Hartley. A short address from Mr. Thomson. A few words of encouragement from Mrs. Duncan and a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation from all; so ended a very pleasant afternoon.—M. Hunter, Sec.

**GREAT HARWOOD.**—We held our Open Session on March 7th, when various Lyceumists took part. Recitations were given by Florrie Pickvance, Maggie Nelson, Mrs. Owen and Walter Taylor. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Braithwaite. Best wishes to all.—Clara Waterhouse, Sec.

**HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter's Street.**—We held our Open Session on March 7th, conducted by Walter Buttle. Recitations by Mary Midgley, Leslie Midgley, Elsie Kerrison, Evelyn Harrison, Florence Senior and Doris Richmond; solos by Mr. Wallis and Eva Farnhill; pianoforte solo by Phyllis Wilson. We had a very pleasant afternoon together.—Miss Elizabeth Farnhill, Sec.

**HULL, Dairycoates.**—On March 21st we held our Annual Distribution of Prizes, when Mrs. Gray presented 67 books for attendance and 3 special prizes for pearls and explanations. Recitations, solos and pearls were afterwards given by the children.

In the evening a service of song was given by the Guild members.—A. Harrison, Sec.

**LONDON, Brixton.**—We are pleased to report that our children are recovering from their ailments and are settling down to work again, so that they can enjoy the good times that are looked forward to with so much expectation.

Visits of friends from other Lyceums have been much appreciated this past month.—F. Foll, Con.

**MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.**—On March 14th our Open Sessions were conducted very ably by Mr. R. Marks, and were again very successful. Visitors from 15 Lyceums and the Manchester Council packed the room. The lessons were very interesting, providing much scope for discussion. 25 individual items were rendered including a solo by Master Hart, aged 4, entitled "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"; all received hearty applause.

The marching and callisthenics were conducted by Mr. Hood, Misses Henshaw and Robinson, and were very smartly performed. Master Tonge officiated very ably at the piano. Fraternal greetings and congratulations were showered on us.

On April 24th we shall hold a Social in aid of Council Funds, when we shall have the Shield presented to us. Hearty invitations and fraternal greetings.—T. Taylor, Sec.

**MOSTON.**—We held our Birthday Celebrations on March 7th with Open Sessions at 10-30 and 6-30. The morning Session was conducted by our Assistant, Mr. A. G. Pearse. His lessons were based on "Beauty," and the respective readers expressed their thoughts very well; the Conductor gave a summary of the whole lessons. Recitations were given by the children in good style. The marchings and callisthenics were very well done.

The Evening Session was conducted by the President of the Church, Mr. Collinge. His lessons were "The Unseen World, Angel Care, and Life after Death," remarks was given by the respective readers. Much discussion arose from the Silver Chain. The Conductor spoke on the subject and the Session concluded very successfully with recitations, pearls, and solos, rendered by the Lyceumists, making the day a grand success. Seven Lyceum representatives gave greetings.—A. T. Smith, Sec.

**NEW MANCHESTER.**—On March 7th, at the Evening Meeting, Mrs. B. Buxton named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Grimsditch: earth name, Arthur; spirit name, Victor. After naming the child the Lyceum children presented the baby with flowers, and giving the symbol of love, courage, truth, intelligence, &c. On behalf of the Lyceum the President presented the young child with a Manual, suitably inscribed. Altogether it was an impressive and enjoyable ceremony.

**QUARMBY.**—An Open Session was held on March 14th, when recitations were given by Misses E. Calver, M. Calver, P. Pearson, K. Micklethwaite, H. Kenyon and C. Kerr; duet by Miss Ollerenshaw and Mrs. Hardy. A good session enjoyed by all.—H. Baxter, Sec.

**ROCK FERRY.**—Open Session March 7th, good attendance. Singing and reading good. Pearls by all. Recitations and solos enjoyed. Visitors welcomed. Splendid session.—C. Whittaker, Sec.

**ROTHERHAM.**—Open Session March 14th. Poems and pearls by Lily Hemsall, Mr. Ainsworth, Miss Liversidge, Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Bruce and Mr. Davis. Three Lyceumists received birthday cards.—Annie B. Hollis, Min. Sec.

**READING.**—On March 7th we held our Open Session with a record attendance. Mrs. Clack, the wife of our Church Secretary, kindly favoured us with a beautiful pianoforte solo. A Prize Essay by Master Jack Chandler was read, and much enjoyed. Recitations by Maisie George and Kathleen Stratford were much appreciated; pearls were both good and numerous. A nicely rendered pianoforte solo by Gladys Kirby brought our individual efforts to a close. We are still making progress and adding names to our register. Greeting to all Lyceums everywhere.—D. R. Lawrence, Sec.

**WINNIPEG, CANADA, Polson Avenue.**—On March 7th a very interesting session was conducted by Mr. H. Forrest. Several members asked and answered questions on the various connective readings and pearls. Harry Towns, Olive Forrest, Verna McLeod, Viola Dale, Millie Crawley, Harold Guest, Irene Turner, Cecil Sneezby, Daisy Knox, Edna and Harold Brown gave pearls and recitations. Much interest was displayed by one or two members who have only recently joined us.—Winnie Brown, Sec.

## District Council Reports.

### LONDON DISTRICT.

The above Council held their A.G.M. on February 27th at Peckham, the hall being kindly lent for the occasion by the South London Spiritualist Society.

The meeting was well attended. About 56 officers, delegates and associates were present.

Mrs. K. M. Barnard, President, occupied the chair.

The Annual Election of Officers resulted:—President, Mr. A. E. Fruin; Vice-President, Mr. E. W. Drury; Treasurer, Mrs. K. M. Barnard; Secretary, Mr. E. E. Young; Assistant Secretary, Mr. A. A. E. Young; D.V., Mr. F. J. Miles; Assistant D.Vs., Mrs. R. Fruin and Mrs. B. Petz; Councillors, Miss M. Abbott, Mrs. M. Chignell, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Drury and Mrs. E. A. Young.

We are looking forward to a year of good work in London.—Ernest E. Young, Sec.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MRS. K. M. BARNARD.

In the first instance, I would like to extend a very hearty welcome to all assembled. I realise by your presence that the Lyceum Movement is a very real and live interest in London. I sincerely hope that our meeting will be harmonious and our deliberations such as will help forward our Cause and be a credit to ourselves and all with whom we come in contact.

Much progress has been made. We have more Lyceums and there is a prospect of still more in the near future.

In our activities I have noticed a much better spirit of Brotherhood. We have learnt to lose as well as win, which is certainly a great stride in Lyceum work. A larger number of Lyceums have entered each year in our contest for the Silver Bell, and this has naturally led to a greater interest in the educational advancement. Last year London led in the examination results and this year London again leads in entries.

The social side of our Council work is a great asset in maintaining one of our Principles: The Brotherhood of Man. The more we associate with each other the nearer we get to understand the needs of our fellow Lyceumists.

I have visited many Lyceums during the last year and can say with pleasure that a more reverential demeanour is being shown, and our Movement in London is progressing spiritually.

Our Executive Council has most certainly kept the flag of Lyceumism flying at all the evening services we have taken during the year and has been well received by the Churches.

The Inter-Relations problem has been solved in many instances by the individuals concerned, each side falling into line more readily than hitherto. There is, I believe, a greater harmony existing between the Churches and Lyceums now than at any previous time.

I am going to take this opportunity to plead for a greater understanding in all things appertaining to the advance of our Lyceum training. Education to me does not only mean our Sunday Session work. The leaders must advance if they desire to help the younger ones, and it is in the hands of the children that the future of our Movement, our country and the peace of the world lies. I am asking you all, as the leaders of the greatest educational system in London, to seriously consider further knowledge and wisdom.

To the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides we can safely leave the development of the physical, although we do care for that also in our callisthenics, but *more* is required of us. If we desire the best for our members and the greater harmony in the world's progress we must not forget that there must be a better understanding between not only individuals, but between nations.

In the Spirit World thought is the mode of communication between individuals. But here we have to express our thoughts in speech, and so that we can understand each other better a universal language is needed. That language has been found. A great man, Dr. L. L. Zamenhof, has studied this question and given to the world the language of Esperanto. No matter what colour or race they belong all peoples can converse together in one common tongue and so hasten forward the time when all men realise that they are brothers. Our Parent Movement has realised this, and the International Spiritualist Federation has adopted Esperanto for all its correspondence.

The Spiritualist College Scheme has been well received at Headquarters and I am looking forward to the time when our platform speakers are taken from the ranks of Lyceumists who have passed through the B.S.L.U. Examination Courses and then through the College.

We in London are losing the immediate services of our Secretary, Mr. Connor, but I am quite sure it will be made up to us by the greater effort he can put into the College Scheme, and so benefit not only our small portion of England but the whole world.

You will hear from the several reports how much has been done materially, but I trust that the higher side of our progress may be felt in the far-reaching results of our labours.

At the last A.G.M. our dear old co-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, retired from active service, but have still been with us many times; now our mother is laid aside with illness and all our thoughts go out in love to her and those around her.

I give my grateful thanks to all the officers of the Council who have nobly supported me during my year of office and to the unseen but ever present Spirit Guides who have watched over us all.

### NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The above Council held the A.G.M. and Election of Officers on Saturday, February 27th, 1926, in the Church at North Street, Burnley. Mr. Batley presided and was supported by all E.C.

The Minutes were read and accepted. Correspondence was read and accepted.

Resolutions *re* Education and *Manual* reprints. Arising out of correspondence it was resolved that we proceed with our motions.

President's Address. The President spoke on Educational matters, deficit on demonstration, revivifying interest in the Council work, and of the Adjudication. It was accepted.

The Financial Statement was read by the Secretary, in the absence of Treasurer, and is to be circulated to all Council Lyceums.

The U.D.C. report was accepted and adopted.

It was resolved that our delegate to U.D.C. outline our motions.

*D.V. Report.* North and South reports were given and accepted.

The Secretary's report given and accepted. Credential Report: Officers 4, Area Representative 1, Delegates 28, Associates 10, Visitors 3; total 45. Pooling 9/9 per Lyceum. 15 Lyceums represented.

Election of Officers:—President, C. T. Batley; Secretary, J. Shuttleworth; Treasurer, H. Hopper; D.Vs., North, Miss M. E. Lawton; South, Mr. R. Latham; Area Representative, Mrs. Nurse; Auditors, as last year; Delegates to B.S.L.U. Conference, Mrs. M. E. Pickles and Miss M. E. Lawton. Nominations for officers of B.S.L.U. was left to Lyceums.

Various resolutions for future demonstrations and alternative sports meetings were deferred until later, until we find how we are situated financially. The committees of future demonstrations were referred back to Lyceums for a definite decision, as also was the matter of an annual sports gathering.

New office of Financial Secretary. This was defeated.

A vote of thanks to local friends was moved and carried with acclamation.

Notice of Motion from Rishton was given for a central gathering of a social nature.—J.S., Sec.

### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the Sheffield D.C. was held on Sunday, February 21st, at Mexboro. The Council were accorded a very warm welcome by Mr. Haywood, the Mexboro Conductor.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were accepted and confirmed. Correspondence accepted. Auditors' Report and Balance Sheet, D.V. Report, S.D.C., Banner and Bell, *Manual* Revision, and Lyceum Progress Reports accepted.

Roll Call:—4 officers, 15 delegates (representing 12 Lyceums), 1 S.D.C., 5 associates, 10 visitors; total 35. 4 associates were accepted into membership.

Election of Officers:—President, Mr. F. Smith; Vice-President, Mr. Hopkins; Treasurer, Mrs. Bruce; D.V., Miss Jones; Secretary, H. Heath; Auditors, Miss Salmon and Mr. C. T.

Davies; Delegate to Conference, H. Heath; to U.D.C., Mr. F. Cook; to S.D.C., Mr. Totty.

In open Council the question of Sports was referred to Lyceums for consideration, the Council recommending that Lyceums form Sports Clubs. Resolved that Credential Cards be issued to Delegates and Associates for next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to all retiring officers.

A very nice Open Session was held during the afternoon, prizes being awarded to a good number of successful Lyceumists. Mr. Smith presided at the Evening Service, assisted by members of the Council.

The next Council Meeting will be held at Hillsboro, on April 25th. Business will commence at 10-30 a.m. Usual catering arrangements. The Council will conduct afternoon Session and Evening Service.—H. Heath, Sec.

#### SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

The Council held their A.G.M. at Mighell Street, Brighton, on February 27th, at 3-15 p.m. Mr. Guy opened with an Invocation, after we had thanked Brighton friends for the invitation. Mrs. Shute, on behalf of Brighton, suitably replied. Roll Call:—Secretary, Treasurer, District Visitor, Delegates from Portsmouth (Temple), (Francis Avenue), Southampton, Reading, and Brighton; Representative from D.C. of Churches; and Associates.

The Secretary explained the President's absence was due to business and proposed a letter be sent regretting his absence and assuring him of our continued interest in his wellbeing.

The Minutes of last A.G.M. were carried. Correspondence arising: That Lyceums be sent the M.C.'s letter *re* Rota System, asking for their opinions.

*Reports*:—The Treasurer's, Secretary's, and Auditors' were adopted and also the Balance Sheet.

*Election of Officers*:—President, Mr. Guy; Treasurer, Mrs. Baker; D.V., Miss A. Scoggins; Auditors, Messrs. Long and Macfarlane.

*Manual Revision*. A Motion was carried "That the time has long gone when a *Manual* that meets the requirements of children from 4 to 10 years of age should be issued, and that the B.S.L.U. be approached, requesting that steps be taken to produce such a *Manual*."

Invitations for future meetings were: Francis Avenue, November, 1926; Southampton, February, 1927; Brighton, May, 1927.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to local friends. Mr. Guy gave the Benediction.

A Dance was arranged for the evening; the proceeds to Council Funds.

The Platform on Sunday was occupied by Council officers. The evening address was given by the President, on "What the Lyceum Teaches on Moral Philosophy."

Thanks were recorded for the welcome given to the Council and the harmony that was manifested.—H. C. Guy.

#### TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, March 14th, in the Heaton and Byker National Spiritualists' Church. A welcome was given by Mr. French, of Heaton Lyceum.

A pleasing feature was the gift of flower tokens to the officers by Olga Pybus, a five year old Lyceumist. The flowers were snowdrops, as symbol of Hope.

The Minutes were read and confirmed. It was resolved that all Lyceums make an effort to send a delegate to the B.S.L.U. A.G.M. Weekend fares are available from the L.N.E.R.

The receipt of a gift of £5 0s. 0d. from the Northern District Council of the S.N.U. towards the funds of this Council was announced. Thanks were expressed by the assembly at this concrete proof of the *real value* of the joint working scheme between Churches and Lyceums in this area. Thanks were rendered to Mr. W. A. Robinson, the N.D.C. delegate, for the splendid result of his report.

It was decided to invite the M.C. to Tyneside for the October meeting of 1926. The President, in his address, expressed his extreme regret at the retirement of Mr. Wm. Hall, D.V., for many years on Tyneside. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hall had asked for rest, on the grounds of failing health, and, much against our own wishes, we must accept their decision to retire. We will still be able to ask and receive their advice and help any time, as they will remain Lyceumists.

*Election of officers* as follows:—President, Mr. J. Slimin;

Vice-President, Mr. N. Ainley; Secretary, Mr. G. P. Robson; Treasurer, Mr. M. Mather; D.V., Mr. Robertson; Past President, Mr. R. Hunter; Adjudicators, Mrs. J. Slimin, Mr. B. Hardwick; Delegate, to B.S.L.U. and U.D.C., Mr. E. P. Robson.

Mr. J. Slimin agreed to be nominated for M.C. Lyceums are asked to support this.

Fowler St., South Shields, Lyceum were congratulated on again winning the Shield.

The balance sheet showed we were in better standing this year than last. The secretary's report dealt mostly with financial matters and all the Lyceums were asked to honour their financial obligations.

A notice of motion was passed, to be sent to A.G.M. "That Lyceums fees be on a graduated basis after the first 50." Southwark and Newburn Lyceums applied for membership and were accepted.—Geo. P. Robson, Sec.

## District Visitors' Reports.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

I visited Southampton Lyceum during February. 74 members were present. This Lyceum is in a bright and alert condition. The Principles were recited collectively. Questions, responses and singing were good.

The Lyceum is to be commended for its special care of the children under 8 years, for whom a session of very simple lessons is conducted in a separate room.—A. Scoggins, D.V.

#### AN INTERNATIONAL ESPERANTO GROUP FOR LYCEUMISTS.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In answer to my call to Lyceum Esperantists I have received four replies. That does not appear, at first sight, a great response, yet it is very encouraging, as they came from both north and south. The first step has been taken and the results have filled us with great hopes for the future.

I feel sure there are many Lyceumists who are Esperantists and who possibly have not seen the call in last month's BANNER, so I will ask all who read this short note to kindly draw the attention of their Esperanto friends to the formation of the "Internacio Liceo Grupo."

To those who are interested and would like to know more about Esperanto, information will gladly be given. Particulars of Classes, Groups, Text Books, etc., can be obtained by writing to the LYCEUM BANNER, Internacio Liceo Grupo, 39, Regent Street, Rochdale, Lancashire, or British Esperanto Association, 17, Hart Street, London, W.C.1. (Enclose a stamped addressed envelope and mention the above Grupo.) Make our Spiritualism as international here as it is in the Summerland.

Al chiuj skribintoj kiuj sendis leteron pri la "Internacia Liceo Grupo,"

Kara Gesamideanoj,

Kiel mi ghojic ricevi viajn respondojn. Bonvole pardonu min se ne frue alvenis respondon al vi. Ni tenis la leterojn ghis la lastaj tagojn antau la prestago de la Banner'o.

Se chiuj dezirus tiun mi dissendos la adressojn de la skribintoj inter vi por ke vi povu interkorespondi kaj unuighi por la starigo de la chi supra Grupo. Ni tuj informos geliceanojn pri la Kreskado de la Grupo.

Bonvole notu ke ni tre bezonas viajn sugestojn.

La via Sindoneme, RICHARD H. CARMAN.

## 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 March 24th.

**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 April 21st, to ensure insertion in the May 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, March 7th, conducted by Miss Coleclough. Songs by Walter E. Swift, Nellie Laycock, Enid Rimmer, Dorothy Pomfret, Hilda Swift, Rhoda Swift, Mrs. Chambers, and Miss Coleclough. Recitations by Herbert and Dorothy Pomfret and Enid Rimmer. Wm. Thompson, our Musical Conductor, accompanied very well.—Albert Anderson, Sec.

BACUP.—On Saturday, March 6th, we held our annual tea party and prize distribution. About 200 persons partook of a most enjoyable tea. 32 first prizes, 4 seconds, and 2 third prizes were distributed by Mrs. Carter, our Conductor. Evening programme was as follows: Chairman, Mr. H. Shaw. Song, Miss Lucy Scott. Song, Miss Bessie Bell. Action Song and Dance, Misses Bessie Rowlands and Lorna Claxton. Recitations, Miss Ina Bolton and Mrs. Louie Lord. Dialogues, Curly Locks, 4 Lyceum scholars; Annie's Holiday, 7 Lyceum scholars. Laughable Sketch, Mixem's Matrimonial Mart, 6 adults. Mrs. Shaw, Musical Director, was the accompanist. A successful response towards the Lyceum Funds.—Ben Lord, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—March 14th was Lyceum Day. An Open Session was held in the afternoon.

A Service of Song, "The Warning Voice," being chosen for the evening service. Mr. Thompson occupied the chair; Mr. Edwards assisting with the invocation and closing prayer. A piece, "Sunbeams," was sung by a troupe of small children, with a duet by Mrs. Holehouse and Miss Whiteley. The latter also favouring us with a solo. Mrs. Winters very kindly gave her services as clairvoyant, thus bringing a pleasant day to a most enjoyable close.—Milly Hemsall, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—We held our Open Session on March 7th. Recitations and solos were rendered by Mr. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. Schofield, Mr. G. Schofield and A. Wilkinson.—E. Pickles, Sec.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On Sunday morning, Mar. 7th, two babies were named, Benny and James Rawcliffe. Spirit names Progress and Light.

In the afternoon we held our monthly Open Session, and the Presentation of Prizes. The prizes were given by the Conductor, Mr. Eddleston. Owing to the length of the session songs, etc., were withdrawn. Our Church speaker, Mr. Barrans, of Morecambe, gave a short address. We had a good attendance.—H. Brown, Sec.

COLNE, Cloth Hall.—On March 7th, Lyceum Anniversary Services. Mrs. M. E. Pickles, of Blackpool, was the speaker. The lecture at the Evening Services was full of wisdom and appealed to all to try to uplift all mankind.

Session in the afternoon. The marching and callisthenics were commented on by Mrs. Pickles, and also the Conductor, Mrs. Abbley, late of York. The Services all day were well attended by Lyceumists.—J. R. Wrigglesworth, Sec.

CROMPTON.—We had our election of Officers on March 14th, when the following were elected for the ensuing nine months: Conductor, Mrs. Bardsley; Ass. Conductor, Miss A. Morris; Leaders, Miss E. Buckley and Mr. J. Morris; Guardians, Miss S. Walkden and Master L. Shaw; Musical Director, Mr. Harvey; Treasurer, Mr. J. Morris. The times of commencing our Session are 10 o'clock and 1-45. We give a hearty invitation to all other Lyceums.—Albert Shaw, Sec.

DOVER.—We are pleased to say that our Lyceum is going along with a steady increase in numbers, and we are looking forward to greater things.—Maud Ash, Session Sec.

EARBY.—On March 7th we held our Open Session. The following Lyceumists took part: Recitations, Misses Olive Wilkins, Elsie Blackburn, Elsie Clark, Agnes Layfield, Elsie Eccles, and Master Allan Bannister. Songs, trios and quartettes by the Liberty Group and elder scholars.—T. Hodgson, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—On March 7th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Batley. All efforts were well responded to. Recitations by F. Harris, Edith Richardson, James Frith, Elsie Johnson. Kitty Thurston and Agnes Christopherson gave a duet: well rendered. Pianoforte solo by Nora Harris. A splendid session and all enjoyed it.—Mrs. Leadbetter, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—We held our usual Open Session on March 7th. A most enjoyable programme of songs and recitations were given alternately. Songs by Mr. Begg, Miriam Marshall, Percy Stanham and Elsie Cole. A trio by E. Robinson, May Hudd and Jessie Revill.

In the afternoon a duet was rendered by E. Cole and E. Couling. Two songs in unison by six young men and young ladies. Recitations by Miss R. Barron (two), Lucy Sutton, Irene Jewitt, Sid Howarth, Doris Johnson and Drummond Powell.—Perc. Stanham, Sec.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—Douglas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, our Conductor and old leader, was named by Miss Secker.—H. Riches, Sec.

LANCASTER.—February 21st was our Lyceum Prize Day. In the afternoon we held an Open Session, the following took part: J. Peel, R. Parkinson, S. Kelly and L. Nicolson. The prizes were distributed by Mr. Thompson.

In the evening a Service of Song was given by the Lyceum entitled "Summerland," which was a very effective display and much appreciated. Miss Swale, Mr. Bleasdale and Mr. Beetcham took the readings, and Miss M. Verdon the solos.

We held an enjoyable Open Session on March 7th. The following took part: John Peel, Florrie Dennison, B. Kelly, Alma Copland. Duet by Margery Davson and Alma Copland. We had seven candidates for the Education Scheme and are hoping all have been successful.—E. Thompson, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—On February 28th we had Dr. T. Timson with us, when he distributed the prizes and gave a short address on the need of Lyceums.

March 7th, Open Session. Pianoforte solos by Miss E. Goldsmith and Mr. L. Kenny. Recitations by Misses A. Bingley, A. Hughes, E. Wicks. Duets by Misses M. Coysh, N. Forryan, E. Richardson and Master W. Coysh. Solo by Mr. W. Beck. Miss E. Wicks conducted the session.—J. Wicks, Sec.

LEICESTER, Silver Street.—On March 7th we held our Open Session with a good attendance of scholars. Marching and callisthenics were well done. Duet by Misses C. Lowe and E. Wicks. Solos, Mr. H. Cartwright and Miss C. Greenough. Recitations, Miss L. Lucas, Miss Hughes and M. Coysh.

LIVERPOOL, Boaler Street.—We held our Lyceum Evening on March 14th. A very enjoyable session for everybody. Visitors are cordially invited to our Lyceum. Every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.—W. G. Gates, Sec.

LONDON, Fulham.—We have a good concert party and are prepared to give entertainments to any London Lyceum on a share profit basis, their portion to be devoted to Fulham's Building Fund.—J. A. Dix, Sec.

LONDON, Hackney.—On March 6th we had a combined Social and Auction Supper. Mr. Carman made a fine auctioneer. We intend having another one shortly.

On March 12th we had a Grand Carnival Dance at Mozart House, in aid of the Lyceum funds. 150 attended. On Friday, April 23rd, at 7-30 p.m., another will be held in the same hall. A hearty invitation is extended to all other Lyceums to come and join us.

On March 21st we had the naming ceremony of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Shanks, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Pulham, who gave the baby the spirit name of Courage.

An Esperanto Class is held in Hackney, open to all Lyceumists. All enquiries to be made at Mrs. Hester's, 128, Church Road, N.1.—J. Hester, Assis. Sec.

LONDON, North.—On Saturday, March 6th, the children gave a Japanese Fairy Play for our Church Building Fund entitled, "A Desert Flower," by Mr. W. W. Drinkwater. The hall was filled. We shall be pleased to help any other Lyceum by repeating the performance.—Nellie C. Whonlow, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—We held our election of officers on March 5th. On March 14th we had a visit from the Adjudicator in connection with the Silver Bell competition.

The L.L.D.C. paid us a visit on March 21st and a beautiful session was enjoyed by all.

The Prizegiving and Social was held on March 22nd and another nice time was spent. Altogether a busy month.—J. W. Coffin, Sec.

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# The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

## BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

- G Birmingham**, Handsworth. Mr. E. V. Babb, 9/172, Hospital Street, Birmingham.  
**G Birmingham**, Stinchley, 10-0. Mr. S. C. Kind, 233, Fordhouse Lane, Stinchley.  
**G Walsall**, Temperance Hall, Freer-st., 2-30 p.m. Miss A. Harrison, 61, Countess St., Walsall.  
**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. Mr. A. Booth, 9, Constance Road.  
**E Bolton**, Deane-road, 10-30 a.m. Miss E. Foster, 7, Haslam Street, Bolton.  
**E Bolton**, Henry-street, 10-15. Mr. E. 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 Farrand, 29, Lima St., Huntley Brook, 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. Hutchinon, 88, South Avenue, Leigh.  
**E Radcliffe**, Railway St., 10-30. Miss A. Charney, 4, Stanley-st., Whitefield, nr. Manchester.

## BRADFORD COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. Aked, 15, Aireworth St., 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. Mrs. Clayton, 730, Wakefield Road, Bradford.  
**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.  
**D Idle**, Co-op Hall, 1-45. Mr. A. Illingworth, 110 Brunsvick Rd., Greengates, nr. Bradford.  
**D Keighley**, Heber Street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. F. D. Binns, 10, Hill Street, Keighley.  
**D Salfate**, The Institute, Victoria Road. Mr. W. Simpson, 16, William Henry Street.  
**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. Mr. Parker, 75, Oliver Street, Coventry.  
**G Nuneaton**, Norman Avenue. Miss Fitton, 19, Webb St., Stockingford, Nuneaton.

## HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. T. Ellis, 74, Firth St., Huddersfield.  
**District Visitor**, Mr. Seth Ackroyd, 46, Broomfield Marsh, Huddersfield.  
**D Brighouse**, Commercial St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. F. Brook, 30, School View, Church Lane, Lower Edge, Elland.  
**D Brighouse**, Martin St., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mrs. Aspinall, 7, Lane Court, Bonagate Road, Brighouse.  
**D Elland**, Portland St., 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Sadler, 38, Langdale St., Elland, Yorks.  
**D Elland**, Westgate. Mr. A. Crossland, Westgate View, Westgate, Elland.  
**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. R. 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 Quarimby**, Harp Ed., Longwood, 10-30. Mr. H. Baxter, 10, Sunside Terr., Milnbridge, Huddersfield.

- D Slaithwaite**, Hollins Glen, 10-15 a.m. Miss C. Birklhead, Woodside, Manchester Road, Slaithwaite, 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, 21, Pickersgill St., Dewsbury Road, Ossett, Yorks.  
**C Batley Carr**, Carr Street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. T. Hirst, 22, Cross Chapel St., Batley Carr, 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. Miss A. E. Rayner, 90, Westgate, Cleckheaton.  
**C Dewsbury**, Wellington Rd., 10 and 1-45. Mr. V. R. Phillips, 43, Battye Street, Dewsbury.  
**C Harrogate**, Mr. L. C. Boydell, Delaheys, Wetherby Lane, Harrogate.  
**C Heckmondwike**, Towner St., 2 p.m. Miss A. Fretwell, Brighton St., Heckmondwike, Yorks.  
**C Hull**, Dairycoates, 9, Eastbourne St., 1-45 p.m. Mrs. A. Harrison, 92, South Parade, Anlaby Road.  
**C Hull**, Holborn Hall, Holborn St., Witham, 10-30 and 2-0. Mrs. Brown, 78 Porter Street.  
**C Hull**, Jarrett St., 2-30. Mrs. Carillil, 1, Wilberforce Terrace, Wilberforce St., Anlaby Road, Hull.  
**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. Miss H. Sykes, 3, Brentwood Grove, Armlay, Leeds.  
**C Leeds**, Turton's Buildings, Psycho, New York Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Daisley, 21, Weldon Pl., Dewsbury Rd., Leeds.  
**C Leeds**, 79, Easy Rd., 2-15 p.m. Mr. J. Croll, 5, Pretoria Grove, Easy Road, 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. Mrs. Boswell, 1, Well St., Littleton, Liversedge.  
**C Moorhouse**, Barnsley Rd., 10-30 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. Miss D. Roberts, 8, Nelson St., Britanna Rd., Morley.  
**C Morley**, Queen St., 10-30 and 1-45. Mrs. J. Harrison, 10, King St., 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. Hemsall, 9, Prenton Rd., E. Hr. Transmere, Birkenhead.  
**F Chester**, Common Hall St., Mr. C. Hesketh, 6, Gos Street, Chester.  
**F Liverpool**, Dauby 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 Rock Ferry**, New Chester Road, 2-15 p.m. Mr. C. Whittaker, c/o 14, Beaconsfield Road, Nr. Tranmere, Birkenhead.  
**F Runcorn**, Ashridge St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. L. Cohen, 12, Waterloo Road, Runcorn.  
**F Southport**, Mr. F. Newsham, 6, Victoria St., Southport.  
**F Warrington**, Sankey St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. E. Rose, 36, Tanner's Lane, Warrington.  
**F Wigan**, Millgate Hall, Millgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mrs. E. Clitheroe, 69, Lime Street, Wigan.  
**F Crewe**, Mill St., Mr. J. Jones, 14, Brook St., Crewe.

## THE LONDON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. E. Young, 25, Mallet Rd., Hither Green, Lewisham, S.E.13.  
**District Visitor**, Mr. F. J. Miles, 7, Cambridge Road, Teddington, Mdx.  
**H Letchworth**, "The Settlement," Nevills Rd., Herts, 3-0. Mr. W. C. Bye, 21, High Avenue, Letchworth, Herts.  
**H Brixton**, 143a, Stockwell Park Rd., S.W.9. 3 p.m. Miss M. F. Boddington, Stanley Villa, 255, Coldharbour Lane, S.W.9.  
**H London**, Battersea, 8-0. Mr. Holt, 188, Franciscaan 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. Mr. A. Young, 25, Mallet Rd., Hither Green, S.E.  
**M London**, Croydon, 76, High St., Croydon, Surrey. Miss G. H. Robertson, 9, Foulsham Rd., Thornton Heath.  
**H Dover**, Metropole Hall, Banner Street, 3-0 p.m. Mr. J. W. Ash, 3, Pretoria Terrace, Dover.  
**H London**, Eltham, Jubilee Passage, Well Hall-road, Mr. J. T. P. Calway, 13, Elmbrook Street, 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.18.  
**H London**, Hackney, Amhurst Rd., 3-0. Mrs. M. Hester, 128, Church Rd., Canonbury, London N.1.  
**H London**, Hendon, Co-op. Hall, Ravenhurst Ave. N.W.4. 3-0 p.m. Mrs. E. J. Gardner, Reuter's Ave., Hendon, N.W.4.  
**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**, Kingston-on-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 Hford**, 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. Mrs. E. M. Marmoy, 30, Ashley Rd., Forest Gate, E.7.  
**H London**, Romford, 3-0 p.m. Mr. J. A. Coates, Homeville Hall, Brooklands Road, Romford, London.  
**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. Edmon-ton, N.9.  
**H London**, Walthamstow, 3 p.m. Mr. J. S. Thomas, 4, Canning Road, Walthamstow, E.17.  
**N London**, Woolwich and Plumstead, Perseverance Hall, Villars Road, Plumstead, 3-0 Mr. H. Wathey, 4, Richmond Pl., Plumstead, S.E.18.  
**H London**, Wembley, 4 and 5, The Broadway, 3 p.m. Mr. D. E. Dodd, 9, Kingston Rd., Wembley, S.W.10.  
**H Southend and Westcliff**, Westboro' Rd., West-cliff-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, Archer, St. Cheetham Hill, Manchester.  
**F Hollinwood**, Byrom St., 10-30. Mr. F. Snape, 1, Kimberley St., Hollinwood.  
**F Manchester**, Progressive, 38, Maskell St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. Cross, 27, Alfred St., Bradford, Mchr.  
**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 L. Bracewell, 8, Anglesea Avenue, Harpurhey, Mchr.  
**F Manchester**, Eccles (Milton), Booth St., 11 a.m., Miss M. Worthington, 46, Canal Bank, Monton, Eccles, Manchester.  
**F Manchester**, Gorton, Montana St., Vine St., Gorton. 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Eccles, 28, Ferris St., Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.  
**F Manchester**, Hr. Openshaw, 141, Old Lane, G-36 p.m. Mr. S. Molineux, 6, Wesley St., Openshaw, Manchester.  
**F Manchester**, Lower Broughton, Clarence St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Day, 1, Waterloo Place, off King Street, Salford, Manchester.  
**F Manchester**, Longsight, Shepley St., 2-30. Mrs. N. White, 1, Dalton St., Longsight, Manchester.  
**F Manchester**, Moston, Church Lane, 10-30. Mr. A. T. Smith, 18, Conran St., Harpurhey, Man'cr.  
**F Manchester**, Moss Side, Stanley Grove, Moss Lane West, 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. Moulson, 148, Berea ford St., Moss Side, Manchester.  
**F Manchester**, Newton Heath, Allen St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Taylor, 1, Willow St., Oldham Rd., Fallsworth.  
**F Manchester**, Openshaw, 915, Ashton Old Rd., 2-30 Mr. H. Bradley, 48, Lees St., Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.  
**F Manchester**, Pendleton, Ford Lane, 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. Greenwood, 41, Sedan Street, Pendleton, Salford.  
**F Manchester**, Salford (Central), West High St., off Cross Lane, 10-30 a.m. Miss Goldstran, 59, Carlton St., Eccles New Rd., Weaste, M'chr.

- 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. Miss E. Miller, 103, King St., 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, Miss E. Joules, 66, Wellington Rd., South, Stockport.
- District Visitor, Mrs. Ennlon, 95, Vienna Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.
- F Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. S. Martin, 112, Stanhope St., Ashton-u-Lyne.
- F Denton, Central, Market St., 10-30. Mr. W. W. Lovett, 22, William St., Denton.
- F Heaton Norris, Baker St., 10-30 & 2-15 p.m. Mrs. A. Craig, 6, Rowland St., Heaton, Norris.
- F Hyde, Clarendon St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. Schofield, 15, Peel St., Hyde.
- F Leek, Mr. M. Sheldon, 16, Chorley St., Leek, Staffs.
- F Macclesfield, Cumberland St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.
- D Stockport, Lr. Hillgate, Crowther St., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. T. Spencer, 3, Jones Sq., Hemphaw Lane.
- F Stockport, Central, 15b, Lord St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mrs. Springate, 52, Petersburg Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.

**NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT**

- Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Darwen.
- District Visitor:—
- Northern Section: Mr. Wagner, 5, Ivan St., Queensgate, Burnley.
- Southern Section: Miss M. E. Lawton, 14, Park Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness.
- E Accrington, Argyle St., 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Wood, 163, Burnley Rd., Accrington.
- E Accrington, Pearl St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. E. Anderson, 22, China St., Accrington.
- E Barnoldswick, Albert Hall, 10-30. Mrs. Whittaker, 66, Manchester Road.
- E Barrowford, Lee St., 10 a.m. Miss L. Smith, 16, Holme St., Barrowford.
- E Blackburn, St. Peter St., 9-30 and 1-45. Mr. H. Bullen, 13, Eccles St., Blackburn.
- E Blackpool, Albert Rd., 9-15 a.m. & 1-45. Mr. F. Carter, 65, Lune Grove, Blackpool.
- E Brierfield, John St., 10 a.m. Mr. T. Wane, 70, Berkeley St., Nelson.
- E Burnley, Hammerton St., 10 a.m. Mr. H. Brown, 4, Wool Court, Burnley.
- E Burnley, North St., 10 a.m. Mr. A. Pollard, 6, Marles Street, Burnley.
- E Clitheroe, Rechabites Hall, Greenacre St., 10 a.m. Mrs. Slater, 12, Woone Lane, Clitheroe, Lancs.
- E Colne, Cloth Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. J. R. Wrigglesworth, 25, Rutland Street.
- E Dalton-in-Furness, Bead Hill, 2 p.m. Mr. W. Travis, 13, Cavendish St., Dalton-in-Furness.
- E Darwen, Victoria St., 9-30 and 1-45. Miss M. Leaver, 4, Auckland St., Darwen.
- E Earby, Greenwood Avenue, 10 and 1-45. Mr. T. Hodgson, 5, John St., Earby, nr. Colne.
- E Fleetwood, Oak St., 10-30 a.m. and 2-30. Mrs. Leadbetter, 24, Radcliffe Road.
- E Great Harwood, Mercer St., 10-30 a.m. Miss C. Waterhouse, 74, Park Rd., Great Harwood.
- E Nelson, Vernon St., 10 a.m. Miss C. Smoothy, 9, Farrar St., Nelson.
- E Padiham, Ightenhill St., 10 a.m. Mr. W. T. Utley, 154, Railway Terrace, Padiham.
- E Preston, Central, Clarke's Yd., 10 a.m. Mr. A. W. Beetham, 15, Knowles Street.
- E Preston, Central Buildings, 68, Lancaster Rd., 10-30. Mr. R. Smalley, 90, Wellfield Road.
- E Preston, Progressive, 202, Lancaster Rd., 10 a.m. Miss J. Singleton, 52, Peel Hall Terrace, Deepdale.
- E Rawtenstall, Bk. Ormerod St., 10-30. Mrs. Greenwood, 2, Patrick Sq., Hr. Cloughfold, nr. Manchester.
- E Rishton, Eachill Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss D. Taylor, 56, Spring St., Rishton, nr. Blackburn.
- E St. Annes-on-Sea, Co-operative Hall, St. Albans Rd., 9-45 and 1-45. Mrs. M. L. Evans, 24, Clifton Street.
- E Barrow-in-Furness, Ramsden St., 2-0 p.m. Mrs. L. Brown, 49, Harrison St.
- E Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith St., 2 p.m. Mr. W. H. Butcher, 20, Ainslie Street, Barrow.
- E Lancaster, Gt. J. Street, 10-30. Mr. E. Thompson, 6, Davidson St., Lancaster.
- E Millom, Holborn Hill, Main St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Miss D. Dixon, 197, Devonshire Rd., Millom, Cumberland.
- E Turneycrook, 10 a.m. Mr. W. Baxter, 27, Shackleton Street, Colne.

**NOTTINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT.**

Secretary, Miss Victoria G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.

- District Visitor, Mr. Jarvis, 44, Moorgate St., Nottingham.
- G Belper, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
- G Beeston, Notts., Chapel St., 8-43. Mr. J. H. Avery, Ivy Cottage, The Rylands.
- G Derby, Charnwood St., Miss E. Hoe, 33, Clifton St., Derby.
- G Eastwood, Co-op Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-30. Mr. T. Walker, 86, Walker St., Eastwood.
- G Hucknall, Wesleyan Chapel Yard, Watnall Rd., 10-45 and 2. Miss A. Leverton, 34, Florence St., Hazel Grove, Hucknall.
- G Kettering, Dalkeith Place, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. G. Pitt, 17, Mill Road, Kettering.
- G Leicester, Liberty Progressive, Belgrave Gate, 3 Mr. C. W. Banton, 63, Fairfield 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. L. Underwood, 77, Noble St., Leicester.
- G Lincoln, Progressive Hall, Coultham St., 10-15 a.m. Mr. A. Bailey, 1, 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, 21, Pembroke Street, Mansfield.
- G Nottingham (Mechanics' Minor Hall), North Church St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briar 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., 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. E. 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, Twitchell, 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.
- G Ripley, Codnor & Dist., Victory Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-0 p.m. Mr. J. E. Eyre, Derby Road, Marchay, Derbyshire.

**THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DISTRICT.**

- Secretary, Mr. J. M. Scott, 32, Elm St., Logie, Dundee.
- District Visitor, Mr. J. Shaw, 115, Smith St., Govanhill, Glasgow.
- A Aberdeen, Music Hall, Union-st., 3 p.m. Mr. G. Florence, 75, Crown Street, 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. Miss P. Lawrence, c/o E. A. S. Church, 9, Gayfield Sq., Edinburgh.
- 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, 1, Broomloam Rd., Govan, 12-30 p.m. Mr. J. Logan, 33, Chancellor St., Govan, 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. Gellan, junr., 9, Dunure St., Maryhill, Glasgow.
- A Glasgow, Southern, 316, Paisley Rd., 1-0. Mr. W. B. Robertson, 215, Weir St., Glasgow, S.S.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL:**

- Secretary, Mr. H. Heath, 17, Station Rd., Brimington, nr. Chesterfield.
- District 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., Stonegravel, Council Schools, 2-30. L. Steel, 39, Church Rd., 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. Mrs. S. C. Webb, 65, Elmfield Rd., Doncaster.
- C Mexborough, Lee's Arcade, 1-30 p.m. Miss E. Gamble, 34, Schofield St., Mexboro'
- C Rotherham, Percy-street, 2 p.m. Mrs. C. J. Davies, 7, Doncaster Rd., Dalton, Rotherham.
- 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. Mrs. N. Thwaites, 276, Dunlop St., Carbrook, nr. Sheffield.

- C Sheffield, Darnall, Shirland 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. Overman, 6, Cartmill Rd., Woodseat, Sheffield.
- C Stainforth, Finkle St., 10-15 ; 1-45. Mrs. Ormesher, Third Square, Princess Ave., 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. Mrs. T. W. Birkett, Hydesville, Summer Lane, Wombwell.
- C Parkgate, Ashwood-road, 2 p.m. Mr. J. Gothard, 23, South St., Greasborough, nr. Rotherham.

**SOUTHERN COUNTIES COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

- Secretary, Mr. H. C. Guy, 45, Stamford St., Fratton Portsmouth.
- District Visitor, Miss A. L. Scoggins, 3, Upper Hollingdean Rd., Brighton, Sussex.
- H Bournemouth, 16, Bath Rd., 3. 0 m. Miss W. M. Hodgkinson, 44, Wellington Rd., Bournemouth.
- H Bournemouth, 16, Bath Rd., 3 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. Galinger, Manoh, 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. Mr. E. Thompson, 29, Chilworth Rd., Shirley, Southampton.

**SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

- Secretary, Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall St., Rochdale, Lancs.
- District Visitor, Mr. H. Buckley, 211, Oldham Road, Longsight, Royton, nr. Oldham.
- F Bacup, Christ Church-st., Todmorden-rd., 10-15a.m. Mr. B. Lord, 7, Grove-street, Todmorden-rd.
- F Dearnley, Rochdale-rd., 13 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 Liddle, 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.
- J Rochdale, Penn-st., 10 a.m. Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall 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 Barry, Butteril Rd., 2-30. Mr. S. G. Havard, 81, Morrel St., Barry Dock, S. Wales.
- 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. C. 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, Treoreky, Glam.

**THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:**

- Secretary, Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell-st., Stockton-on-Tees.
- District 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, 2.33. 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. Mrs. Foster, 11, Black-hills Terrace, Horden, Co. Durham.

- B Middlesbrough**, 57, Grange Rd., West, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Nellist, 53, Victoria Rd., Middleboro'.
- 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**, Cecil-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:**  
**Secretary**, Mr. G. P. Robson, 51, Bamborough Terr., North Shields, Northumberland.  
**District 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 Dunstan-on-Tyne**, Ellison Rd., Mr. T. R. McGaw, The Cottage, Grey St., Dunstan.  
**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. Miss M. Anderson, 10 Peel Terrace, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
**B Hetton and District**, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroline-st., Hetton-le Hole.  
**B Hirst**, Spiritual Church, Milburn St., Ashington, Mr. J. Stafford, 53, Myrtle-st., Ashington, Northumberland.  
**B 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. Mr. Riches, 8, Cuthbert Terrace, High St., Jarrow-on-Tyne.  
**B Newbiggin-by-Sea**, Store Hut, Newbiggin Colliery, 2-30. Mr. H. N. Teasdale, 11, Buteland Rerrace, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.
- B Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Mr. T. McCallum, 18, Dene View, St. Benwell Rd., Newcastle.
- 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, Briarwood Crescent, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- B Newcastle-on-Tyne**, 39, Corporation Street, 2-30. Mr. A. Carr, 60, Beaumont Terrace, Gosforth, Newcastle.
- B NewDelaval and Newsham**, Infants' School-room, 2-30. Miss M. Brewis, 68, New Row, New Delaval, Newsham, Northumberland.
- B North Shields**, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley-st., W. 2-30. Mrs. G. J. Rhobson, 51, Bamboro' 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. Smith, 63, Hedley St.
- B South Shields**, High Shields, 2-30 p.m. J. Lage, 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. Mrs. G. 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. M. Hall, 28, Cambridge Avenue, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.
- G Northampton**, 6a, Newland. Mrs. Phillips, 46, Guildhall R.I., Northampton.
- G Tunstall**, Picosally St., 10-0 and 2-0 p.m. Mr. L. Smith, 19, Trubshawe St., Longport, Stoke-on-Trent.

### 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, W. 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. G. Kitchen, 822-9½ St., N.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- Dunedin, N.Z.**, Smith's Hall, Hanover St., Miss R. Burgess, c/o Mrs. Green, Cumberland St., Dunedin North, New Zealand.
- East Hamilton, Ont., Canada**, Balmoral Avenue, 2-30. Mr. W. Parkinson, 52, Barton St., East, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.
- Johannesburg**, 11 a.m., Jeppe St., Mr. Vernon Hart, 27, 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, 50, Tenney St., Methuen, Mass., U.S.A.
- Sydney**, Stanmore, Dispensary Hall, 2-15. Mrs. E. Morrell, 86, Stanmore Rd., Stanmore, Sydney, Australia.
- West Toronto**, Canada, 2875, Dundass St., W. Toronto, 2-0 p.m. Mr. E. Richardson, 13, Fermanagh Avenue, Toronto, 3, Ontario.
- Vancouver**, Mr. B. Jenkyns.
- Wellington, N.Z.** Kent Terrace, 2-30. Miss L. Webb, 36, Moxham Avenue, Hataitua, Wellington, New Zealand.
- Welland**, Canada, Knights of Phythias Hall, Welland, Ont., Mr. A. Dean, Box 1338, P.O., Welland, Ont., Canada.
- Winnipeg**, Polson Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Miss H. F. Lawrence, 176, Cathedral Avenue.

### Area Lyceums.

- G Grimsby**, Kent-rd., 10-30 & 2 p.m. Mr. P. Stanham, 40, Clyde St., Grimsby.
- F Hadfield**, Jones-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. H. Sidebottom, 7, Bk. Church St., Hadfield, Cheshire.
- G Hanley**, Percy St., 2-0 p.m. Mr. H. Marland, 35, Werrington-rd., Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

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**MANCHESTER**, No. 1.—We held our Open Session on March 7th, conducted by Mr. G. Dixon. The invocation was given by Mrs. Neden. The silver chain recitation was read by H. Vernon, and the musical reading by Miss G. Suttin. The children responded readily to the request for individual efforts. Miss Copeland and Mr. A. Street very ably led the marching and callisthenics. Nine Lyceums were represented.—T. G. Cross, Sec.

**MANCHESTER**, Hr. Openshaw.—On March 7th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. J. W. Partington. Recitations by Eleanor McLean, Esther Smith, Evelyn McLean, Maud McLean, Florence Partington, Rose Halliday, Laura Wilson, Annie Pugh, Miss Williams, and Miss D. Cresswell; William Whitaker, Edward Jackson, Harry Godwin, Harry Ward, William Ward, Leonard Williams, Sidney Williams, Stanley Chamberlain, Edward Hill, John Roebuck, and Mr. W. W. Whittaker. Solos by Mrs. Harvey, Mr. M. Hill; Quartette by Messrs. Maud McLean, Rose Halliday, Laura Wilson and William Ward; trio, Eleanor McLean, Evelyn McLean and Gladys Taylor; pianoforte solo by William Whittaker.—S. Molineux, Sec.

**MEXBOROUGH**.—On March 7th our leaders took the Church services. In the afternoon Mr. Willie Oates, Mr. Goldspink and Mrs. George Haywood took the service. The evening service was taken by Miss Ida Haywood, Mr. Willie Oates and Mr. George Haywood. Mr. J. W. Kenning, D.N.U., presided.—Miss E. Gamble, Sec.

**NELSON**.—During February the Lyceum and Church Choir held a "Grand Village Carnival" which proved to be a success. There was much amusement for young and old. Thanks are due to workers of the movement for the great efforts they put forward. On March 7th our Open Session was made bright by the following, who rendered items: George Dodson, Fred Forrest, Cedric Pickwell, Doris Bullock, Lenora Schofield, Mary E. Jackson, Mrs. Parkinson, Harry Craig and Emery Raw. We are pleased to say this Lyceum is showing signs of improvement and we hope to make each year more successful than the last, remembering "Unity is Strength." Greetings abroad.—Cissy Smoothy, Sec.

**PORTSMOUTH**, Victoria Road.—On March 7th we had a pleasant Open Session, with many contributing social items. One special item embodied 24 Lyceum Titles given as competition memory test for the scholars.—L. Paget, Sec.

**PRESTON**, 68, Lancaster Road.—We held our Open Session

on March 14th, commencing 6-30. We had a large number of adult visitors who enjoyed our session. Solos, M. Harrison, J. Hatch, Mr. Rae; recitation, Hatch; duets, Misses Hough and Curtis, A. Curtis and R. Daniels, Mr. Marsh and D. Rae; quartette, Messrs. Marsh, Smalley, Rae and Curtis. An evening well spent.—Rd. Smalley, Sec.

**RAWTENSTALL**.—On March 7th we held our monthly Open Session. Solos were given by Misses L. Richardson, J. Lee and M. Entwistle, Mr. Stansfield and Mr. Tann; a trio by Mr. Walmsley, Mr. Stansfield and Mr. Tann; recitations by E. Parkinson, L. Tann, A. Howarth and H. Howarth. The Lyceum was conducted by Mr. W. Entwistle. We had an enjoyable session.—Mrs. Greenwood, Sec.

**SCARBOROUGH**.—On Feb. 28th the election of Officers took place. Conductor, Mrs. Burton; Treasurer, Mrs. Middleton; Secretary and Delegate, Mrs. Riley; Auditors, Miss Bingham and Mrs. Abson.

**SOWERBY BRIDGE**.—On March 7th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. T. H. Wright. Recitations were given by Kathleen Rushworth, Donald Ruston, Loreen Burrows, Cyril Pearson and Muriel Sutcliffe; songs by Miss A. Wilde, Miss F. Rushworth and Miss C. Thorp; pearls by Mr. Hagreen, Mr. W. Akroyd and Cyril Pearson. A splendid Session enjoyed by all.—C. E. Sutcliffe, Sec.

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES**, Brunswick Street.—We held Open Sessions on March 7th with a good attendance. There was a marked improvement in callisthenics and marching. Pearls, solos, duets, etc., formed quite a competition; Beacon Group leading, Liberty, Excelsior, River, Shore and Sea groups following in order. Our Guards rendered a quartette, making the Session well worth attending.—A. Hickman, Sec.

**WALSALL**.—Mrs. L. Nurse, of Blackpool, kindly accepted an invitation to Walsall Lyceum and gave away the prizes on Sunday, Feb. 28th. Mr. J. Venables, J.P., the President, also had a cordial welcome to the prize distribution, and Mr. V. H. Lawton, the Superintendent, presented to Mrs. Nurse a book as a souvenir of her visit, from the Lyceum Committee.

**WEST MELTON**.—On Feb. 20th we held our Annual Tea and Prize Distribution. Mrs. Bruce, of Rotherham, kindly awarded the prizes. An Open Session, March 7th, was conducted by Mr. Lee. Recitations by M. A. Speight, R. Elliott, M. Penaluna, T. Lister, J. Kenning, V. Warren, Miss Farrar, Miss Chappell, J. Warren and J. Staley; songs by Miss Chappell, J. Kenning, T. Lister, M. Elliott, D. Elliott and J. Penaluna.—M. Farrar, Sec.