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PRICE TWOPENCE

FLEETWOOD LYCEUMISTS—Gain another First Prize.



(By the courtesy of the "Fleetwood Chronicle.")

Tableau "YE OLD MERRIE ENGLAND"

The citizens of Fleetwood held their annual Hospital Parade and Flag Day on July 31st. A special feature was the display made by the school children, who, daintily dressed and in costumes, carried bouquets, baskets of flowers and formed tableaux:

The Lyceumists, for the fourth year in succession, won the first prize for the best tableau, "Ye Old Merrie England," and the first prize for Ladies' Fancy Costume was won by a Lyceumist, Miss Elsie Johnson, as "Old English." The Fleetwood Church and Lyceum are delighted at their continued success and *Fleetwood Chronicle* has kindly loaned the above picture so that our readers can see how pretty the children have been made to appear. There can be no worthier object than the

relief of suffering, and we are pleased our children in Fleetwood are receiving practical lessons in the service of humanity caused by such efforts.

The Merrie England tableau was formed by six girls walking in front, dressed in white, and each carried a floral letter forming part of the Town's Motto, "ONWARD." Behind was a bower of roses, in the centre of which was a little girl with the Dove of Peace. A band of revellers followed and the tableau terminated with a dray on which was a representation of the village stocks, with two occupants, along with the Town Crier and his Bell, O! yez. O! yez.

The foregoing is the Spiritualist way of training "Mediums" in goodwill and service.

£2,000 Effort.

Dear Lyceumists,

Once again I append my monthly report, and this time I have to report that I have sold 1 gross pencils to Scunthorpe Lyceum, and as per my instructions I have received 12/- for same, and, on behalf of the Union I tender sincere thanks for same, with warm wishes for the results which Scunthorpe Lyceumists are hoping to achieve.

The country is still overcast with the strike, which is affecting everybody's purse, but I am hoping that our people throughout the United Kingdom are only marking time till better times come along. Next month I am hoping to have the Collecting Card Scheme in working order. The Farthing Fund to date amounts to 18,624, and I am hoping that some Lyceum will forward 30/-, so that I can claim another 1,000 farthings from Southend. Now, who will forward me what I want.

All good wishes to everybody.

Yours fraternally,

29, Kliffen Place,

Coronaton Road,

Halifax.

W. BURROWS,

Hon. Sec., £2,000 Effort.

SUMMERLAND.

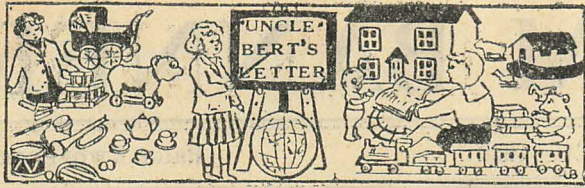
If you could only realise,
This sphere beyond your mortal ken;
You would but smile, when earthly skies
With gloom do darken paths of men!
For here is Peace, and Love, and Rest,
And sunshine fills each gleaming strand,
With flowers always is it drest,
Our own beloved Summerland.

"REX," through E.L.A.

DEATH.

Why fret ourselves? when we do know full well
That hard word "Death" means more than we can tell,
A simple stepping, just across the street,
A looking for the friends we want to greet,
With hands held out, a welcome they will give
And joy that we have come the Higher Life to live;
What happy meetings, and kind words to cheer,
Why, surely there is nothing left in death to fear.

E. L. ANNING.



My dear Boys and Girls,

Before last month the general question nearly all our friends were asking us was "Have you been for your holidays yet?"

This month the question changes to "How did you enjoy your holidays?"

I am one of those very nose-y Uncles who wants to know how all you boys and girls enjoyed your holidays. What you did, where you went, who and what you saw? How your banking account stands now? How many torn dresses and suits resulted from your various adventures? How many times you slipped into the water? How much mischief you got into? How many times your Mamma or Dadda had to say, "You naughty, I mean good, boy or girl? If you visited another Lyceum while you were away, and what they did? How many ice creams you had, and everything else you care to tell me?"

What a lot of things I want to know. Why, it will take you nearly a week to think of them all. But if I give you until the end of this month to send me your Essays on "How you enjoyed your holidays," I do not think you will consider me unfair, and if I tell you Auntie Ruth is going to give some prizes for the best Essays received, I am sure you will all get busy with paper and pen and pencil.

During the summer months I have not bothered you to send letters, but now I want you to restart again. Boys and girls of Manchester District, also Bury, and a few others, have been going strong all through the Summer, but some of you have been giving your pens and pencils a rest for quite three months. It is quite time you woke up, so let me see a real bumping collection of letters this month.

Two or three of my Liberty Section friends have written, calling me over the coals because I have not given them something to write Essays on, so to save them getting a fit of the blues I will let them write Essays this month on "Steps of the ladder to success."

Having given you all something to keep your fingers out of further mischief, and seeing I want to know so much about your holidays, it is only fair I should tell you a little about how Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I enjoyed our holidays.

I am afraid I cannot tell you how much Devonshire cream or ice creams disappeared during the time we were there, but I can endeavour to take you for a trip to the renowned moors and show you how very real Musical Reading 229, "Natural Worship," becomes to me.

Tongues in trees, books in running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything.
Each moss,
Each shell each crawling insect, holds a rank
Important in the plan of Him who framed
This scale of being.

First, for the sake of those who have not yet had the pleasure of visiting the moors, I must try and draw you a pen picture of what they are like. They are what you little ones usually call "ups and downs," but on a very large scale, extending for ever so many miles, and many hundred feet high; much too dangerous to play roly poly down.

As you look across them you see big rocks jutting out here and there, the remains of old Roman Camps.

Winding paths, refreshing springs, banks covered with beautiful purple heather, broken here and there by large clusters of bracken, higher than yourself.

Sheep and wild ponies are to be seen grazing; rabbits running to and from their burrows. Beyond these pleasing features, we spent much time in gathering the mountain fruit, "earthen-berries," which make beautiful pies and tarts. These are like black currants.

The world is God's garden, and wherever you have spent your holidays, I hope you have all thanked Him for the beauty of nature which has given you so much happiness and enjoyment.

Now I will tell you about three doors, two closed and one opened,

Sunday came, and as there was not a Lyceum in the district in which we were staying, we travelled forty miles by train to Kerr Street, Devonport, but, alas, after much searching, we found that the Lyceum had moved to Cannon Street. On arriving at this spot, our hearts were full of joy to find a beautiful hall, named Hyderville Hall, but to our sorrow the door was closed (no session).

Another beautiful Church is at Paignton, with a large notice board, bearing the wording "Lyceum at 3 p.m." We were informed that a start had been made, but failed to continue.

Two Sundays without a session and the close of our last week's holiday drawing within a day, when we visited two sincere Spiritualists, who revealed an open door.

They have one great mission in life, which I believe will be revealed to the Lyceum Movement within the next few years.

I am telling you this because Auntie Ruth and I are likely to have a big share in this mission, and we want every Lyceumist in the world to pray that their mission may be brought to success.

I am not yet in a position to give you any details, but if the mission is a success, it will mean within a few years from now we shall see a real Spiritualist home, on similar lines to Dr. Barnardo's home for poor boys and girls, set up in our midst.

Fancy, boys and girls, what a great day it will be when you may be asked to take a collecting box or card for a real Lyceum Home, to bring sunshine into the lives of little ones who are not so fortunate as yourselves.

This, I think, you will agree was a most wonderful open door to enter, and one which I hope each one of you little ones will keep open by adding a sentence to your prayers each night: "God bless those who are endeavouring to open the door for the children by the formation of a home."

PUZZLES.

No. 37. Six well-known English Rivers.

EAHMTS, ENRTT, USOE,
EEVNSR, RTAD, YMEESR.

No. 38. Lyceum Song.

Present period in three letters.
Opposite to bad in four letters.
Eventide in five letters.

No. 39. Riddles.

- (1) Which is the best way to get fat? (D. Newton, Barrow).
- (2) Why is the *Manual* like a tree in Spring? (D. Devereux, Grimsby).
- (3) Why is an Author the queerest animal in the world? (M. Brownston, South Manchester).

Correct Answers.

No. 34. *Manual*.

No. 35. Pride, Anger and Ignorance.

No. 36. (1) Borrow five pounds from him.

(2) Your teeth.

(3) Because Pharaoh made a ruler of him.

SEPTEMBER.

There are many people who express sentimental feelings about this month, on the grounds that it reveals Autumn shades; a fading away spirit.

To Lyceumists, young and old, September should reveal the same spirit as the awakening of Spring. "New life."

You boys and girls are going back to school with a strong determination to master your lessons, making headway in school life.

Lyceum Conductors, Secretaries and Leaders are all busy working out plans and schemes for Plays, Socials and Mass Sessions, in order that the winter months may be full of brightness for all.

Why! everything in our Movement is just ringing with "New Life," the settling down to real energetic service.

Come on, then, all together, with a One! Two! Three! Kick the bottom out of these old worn-out notions by entering into the work for all you're worth.

Let "Sunshine every step of the way" be your motto.

With love,

Your Loving Friend,

UNCLE BERT.

2, Villiers Road,

Osterley,

Middlesex.

Dead Empires.

By MARY E. PICKLES.
PERSIA.

The Persian monarchy fell by means of indulgence in luxury, by quarrels, weak rulers and ambitious governors.

However, for a time her affairs revived under a strong king, Artaxerxes III., who subdued Egypt again, and put down many rebellions in the Mediterranean countries.

But his reign was cut short and the kingdom passed to Darius III, one of the weakest and most unfortunate rulers.

This was the man who was to meet one of the greatest generals of whom history makes any mention, Alexander the Great. Alexander was king of the Greek state of Macedon.

Crossing the Hellespont in the year 334 before Christ, he won victory after victory in Asia Minor, Phoenicia and Egypt, and in the third year of his expedition he won one of the great battles of the world near Arbela.

A disastrous fire raged and burnt to the ground all in great Persepolis, after he had conquered the capital, and it is thought that the fire was lit in mad vengeance against the wrongs Greece had suffered from Persia.

The miserable Darius was slain by one of his own men, and so was extinguished for a time the empire founded by Cyrus the Great 200 years before.

We are told that Alexander visited the tomb of this hero, which is still standing, and read the inscription "I am Cyrus the King."

For long years priests guarded the golden coffin which contained the dust of the founder of the Medo-Persian monarchy, now destroyed. Alexander never returned to Greece. He passed on to the Indus and Central Asia, founded many cities in which he settled Greek colonists, and fixed his capital at Babylon. But his early death prevented him carrying out the vast schemes he had in view to organize as a great world empire the immense Greco-Persian dominion he had conquered.

Now we see the coming of the men who crushed Persian freedom for 400 years.

Alexander's generals fought wildly for sovereignty after he died, and assassinations, conspiracies and bloodshed lasted long years, till one Selencus, about 312 years before Christ, became the first of a line of Greek kings of Persia.

The difficulties of the Greek rulers and settlers in Persia were even greater than ours have been in India. Rebellions and troubles of all kinds harassed the successors of Alexander, who gradually lost ground. Then just when the Persians began to hope for a chance of regaining their independence, a new and vigorous power suddenly rose in Western Asia, and established an empire in which they were forced to remain as a subject province. The new-comers were of the same stock as the Medes and Persians, though not so clever and refined. They are known in history as the Parthians.

We should know very little about them in their ruling of 400 years but for the fact that they were constantly fighting against the Romans, whose historians give us information about the great heroes of this race.

Fortunately, too, we have many of these portraits, untouched by time or by the hand of man since the days they were modelled from life, centuries ago.

Mithridates the Great and other Parthian heroes could never have guessed that the likeness engraved on their coins would be eagerly sought after in far-off times and used to form a portrait gallery of their race.

We can see them in the British Museum, among those of the rulers who came and went after them in Western Asia.

In the Story of Rome we read how mighty armies of her empire rolled up eastwards against the Parthians, time after time, like waves dashing on a rocky shore.

Sometimes the Romans had the advantage, sometimes the Parthians, but in the end, after centuries of submission to a foreign yoke, the Persians had new hopes, and during all that time they ever bore in mind the ancient glories, the pure religion and the future hopes of their race. And when the right moment came, by swift revolution and decision, the old empire sprang to life once more.

On the backs of the coins of Artaxerxes is a picture of the sacred fire, tended by a priest, showing the religious side of the uprising and remaking of the empire.

The idols of the Parthians were destroyed, and the wise men, who taught the old faith of Zoroaster, were gathered together at Persepolis and given an important share in the government.

Just at this period, the sacred precepts and sayings of the Persians were collected and put into writing.

The Zend-Avesta was the Persian bible and in it are most beautiful teachings. It is still the guide of many learned men; the good Parsees of Persia and India.

Artaxerxes also established the government much after the form of Darius the Great. Much of the art of Sassanian times has been recovered from the ruins of their great cities, and it makes a deeply interesting study, bringing home to us how much wealth and magnificence and taste belonged to these centuries of national revival.

In a great campaign with the Romans who became, as history tells us, the conquerors of the Eastern Empire, the Persians had to submit and lay under the conqueror's heel 800 years.

The national religion and the national independence were gone, but the spirit was not dead, nor the national ability and courage, and at last the time came for Persia to rise again with renewed life and strength.

She may well take pride even to-day in her long and wonderful record of the past, for she is one of the oldest kingdoms in the world, and about twice the size of Germany.

One of the reasons why travellers visit these parts of South-West Asia is to study the story of the past that is told by the remains found there.

We shall see later on how interesting are these remains, some buried for centuries below the dust.

Some say the Garden of Eden was watered by the chief river, the Euphrates. On one of its heights, Mount Ararat, where the present-day dominions of Russia, Persia and Turkey meet, the Ark of Noah is said to have rested. The Tower of Babel is said to have risen towards heaven from the plain of Mesopotamia.

It was from his home in the City of Mesopotamia, near the Persian Gulf, that the patriarch Abraham, the founder of the Jewish faith, wandered forth in the supposition of God's bidding. We are told he led his flocks and herds across the narrowest part of the Syrian desert in search of pasture, till he settled in Palestine, or Canaan, where his descendants, carrying with them the old faith and customs, have spread all over the wide world.

Abraham's country received yet another name in after years—the Holy Land—for here, some 24 centuries after Abraham slept in his ever-shifting tent under the brilliant, star-lit sky, Christianity was founded in the great days of the Roman Empire.

(To be continued.)

Births, In Memoriam, and Marriages.

Ordinary intimations will be inserted as follows:—Not exceeding twenty-four words, free. 6d. will be charged or 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.

The marriage of Mr. Shearnsmith and Miss Anyon, both life-long Lyceumists, was solemnized at Cheetham Spiritualist Church on Saturday, July 31st. Mr. G. F. Knott officiated.

After the ceremony the guests attended a reception at the bride's home. The honeymoon was spent at Silverdale.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—A very interesting ceremony was performed in the above Church, when two of our Lyceumists were united in marriage. Mr. J. W. Ronaldson was married to Miss N. H. Black. Our Conductor, Mr. R. Hunter, performed the ceremony.

The Church was crowded and very tastefully decorated with flowers. A guard of honour was formed by the Lyceum leaders, who held our beautiful banners over the newly wedded couple as they left the Church.

This is the first wedding in our new Church, and created a great deal of interest in the city among Lyceumists and Spiritualists. We expect this is only a forecast of a very busy time in this direction, as many expressed pleasure and surprise at the beauty and effectiveness of the ceremony. With best wishes to all Lyceumists everywhere.—Mrs. R. Hunter, Sec.

S.N.U. AND B.S.L.U. JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

JOINT EDUCATION SCHEME—S.N.U. SECTION.

Regulations.

1.—The name of this S.N.U. Section shall be "THE GRADUATE SECTION." It shall consist of THREE Grades: INTERMEDIATE, SUBSIDIARY and FINAL; each divided into THREE Courses: READING, PHILOSOPHY and EVOLUTION—each Grade with an Annual Examination consisting of THREE three-hours' sessions, held on a Saturday afternoon and evening and the following Sunday morning and afternoon—but special arrangements may be made or sanctioned for special cases or occasions.

2.—The Text-books for this Section shall be selected by the Joint Education Committee, and shall not be altered without reasonable notice being given to all students concerned.

3.—The Joint Education Committee shall appoint a Body of Examiners, consisting of THREE or MORE persons, who shall, under the direction of the S.N.U. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, frame suitable questions based on the Course and Text-books set out in the Syllabuses and conduct the Annual Examinations.

4.—Each Examiner shall set the Questions in some one Course or Subject, and shall, as far as possible, mark all the Answers—but the Joint Committee shall have power to make any necessary arrangements for marking.

5.—The three examinations must be taken in their proper order, and ONLY ONE Grade may be taken in any one year.

The AGE of candidates for the INTERMEDIATE GRADE (on the first day of the month in which the examination is held) must be 20 years or over.

6.—ALL Candidates must be *bona-fide* members of a Church or Lyceum in affiliation and good financial standing with its (respective) National Body, or Subscribing Members of the S.N.U., and all entries and fees must be forwarded *direct* to the Secretary of the S.N.U. Education Committee (unless and until other arrangements are announced in the official Spiritualist Press).

7.—Church Members and Subscribing Members of the S.N.U. must, before entering for the INTERMEDIATE Grade, pass an ENTRANCE EXAMINATION equal in difficulty to the Grade V. Examination, with 70 per cent. of the total marks. Candidates for the Entrance Examination must be 18 years old or over.

The nature and subjects of the Entrance Examination shall be as decided from time to time by the Joint Education Committee.

Grade V. students who have passed with not less than 70 per cent. marks, and Church Members or Subscribing Members of the S.N.U. who have qualified by the Entrance Examination, may sit at the next following INTERMEDIATE Examination for which they are eligible under Regulation 5.

9.—The S.N.U. Education Committee shall issue CERTIFICATES to successful candidates in the Intermediate, Subsidiary and Final Grades, as follows:—

PASS	...	60 to 74	per cent.	of the total marks.
HONOURS	...	75 to 89	"	"
DISTINCTION	...	90 to 100	"	"

Candidates who obtain less than 50 per cent. in ANY COURSE of any Grade will be adjudged to have failed in the Examination for that Grade.

FINAL Grade students who pass with Honours or Distinction shall be in addition entitled to APPLY FOR the Degree of GRADUATE of the National Spiritualist College (G.N.S.C.), and to have their names forwarded to the S.N.U. EXPONENTS Committee as Candidates for their Diploma as a CERTIFIED EXPONENT.

(NON-LYCEUMISTS will NOT, by passing the Entrance Examination, qualify for the Degree of ASSOCIATE of the College (A.N.S.C.), which can be won ONLY by passing through the Grades of the B.S.L.U. Scheme).

10.—The Examinations shall be held at such times and places as shall be announced in the *National Spiritualist* and the *Lyceum Banner* and other organs of the Spiritualist Press—but at least twelve months shall elapse between the annual examinations, which shall if possible be held in the same month each year.

The S.N.U. Education Committee shall have power to call upon the AREA REPRESENTATIVE concerned to:—

(a) Make all necessary arrangements for the housing and convenience and comfort of all Candidates sitting at the Centre(s) in his area at which any examinations are being held. This will include the hire (if necessary) and proper

furnishing of a Hall or Room(s) in which the Examinations could be held;

(b) Receive from the Education Secretary question papers to be handed to the Candidates, and secure that they shall be issued according to instructions;

(c) Supervise the orderly carrying out of the Examination; and

(d) Collect Answer papers from Candidates at the close of the time allowed, and transmit them forthwith to the Education Secretary.

In the event of the Area Representative being unable to make or conduct the above arrangements personally, he shall submit the names of efficient substitutes (who have undertaken to deputise for him) not less than four weeks prior to the date fixed for the Examinations.

12.—The EXAMINATION FEES for each Candidate in each Grade of the GRADUATE Section shall be as fixed from time to time by the Joint Education Committee and announced in the official Spiritualist Press.

13.—No Regulation of the S.N.U. Exponents Committee shall in any way affect or contravene any of the foregoing Regulations.

S.N.U. AND B.S.L.U. JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE ADVANCED EDUCATION SCHEME.

SYLLABUSES OF WORK FOR INTERMEDIATE, SUBSIDIARY AND FINAL GRADES.

Intermediate Grade.

Reading Course

Introduction to Spiritualism and Lyceumism (B.S.L.U.)
Hints to Students of Spiritualism (Berry).
The Seven Pointed Star (Berry).
Modern Spiritualism (Evans).
The Doctrine of Immortality (Morse).
Psychic Philosophy (De Brath)—to end of Part I.

To show an intelligent general knowledge; to be able to discuss and appraise the value of any given incident or teaching; to write a short essay on any subject dealt with in the Course.

Philosophy Course.

Primer of Logic (Jevons).
Essays on Reasoning (Connor).

To be able to answer questions or "work" exercises; to be able to apply Logic to the study of Spiritualism.

Evolution Course.

The Story of Creation (Clodd).

To have a general idea of the Theory of Evolution and how it is supported by present-day forms of Life.

Subsidiary Grade

Reading Course.

Students' Handbook, No. 2 (B.S.L.U.)
Practical Occultism (Morse).
Advent: The Beginnings of Modern Spiritualism (Connor).
The Superphysical Universe (Morse).
Psychic Philosophy (De Brath)—Part II.

To show an intelligent general knowledge; to be able to discuss and appraise the value of any given incident or teaching; to write a short essay on any subject dealt with in the Course.

Philosophy Course.

Know Your Own Mind (Glover).

To be able to apply Psychology to the consideration of Spiritualism and its Phenomena (all phases).

Evolution Course.

The Ascent of MAN (Drummond).

To be able to trace Man's climb from Animal to Human Being.

Final Grade.

Reading Course.

Spiritualism for the Student and Investigator (B.S.L.U.).
Psychical Research (Barrett).
Physical Phenomena (Curnow).
The Superphysical Man (Morse).
Comparative Religion (Jevons). (The smaller book).

To show an intelligent general knowledge; to be able to dis-

cuss and appraise the value of any given incident or teaching; to write a short essay on any subject dealt with in the Course.

Philosophy Course.

Problems of Philosophy (Russell).

Psychic Philosophy (De Brath).

To be able to apply Philosophy to the teachings of Spiritualism—in criticism and confirmation.

Evolution Course.

The Evolution of the Idea of GOD (Allen).

To be able to answer questions or discuss passages or claims.

LYCEUM WEDDINGS.

A number of the Spiritualist Churches are now licensed for marriages. Many Lyceumists have been born and bred in the Movement, and a wish has been expressed for appropriate hymns to be written for a marriage service, and which could be afterwards incorporated in a future edition of the *Lyceum Manual*. Until such hymns are written and adopted we offer two possible hymns which could be used for such a purpose.

MARRIAGE HYMN (Before the Ceremony).

Music: Bristol Tune Book, 176.

For the human joys of life,
For the love of faithful friends,
For the solace in our strife,
In each troubled time that ends,
We give thanks unto the Lord,
As we blend in sweet accord.

For the service here that blends,
For the ties that ever bind,
For the love our Father sends,
To join us in heart and mind,
We give thanks unto the Lord,
As we blend in sweet accord.

For the search in human love,
For the friends who gather round,
For the blessings from above,
In which all our souls are bound,
We give thanks unto the Lord,
As we blend in sweet accord.

MARRIAGE HYMN (After the Ceremony).

Music: Bristol Tune Book, 75.

Now Lord, in love and peace and joy
Of purest thoughts in sweet alloy,
We leave within the golden band,
Those who united with us stand.

The marriage vow in sacred ways,
We pray has come to bless their days,
Fill them with holy solemn awe,
Fulfilling God's eternal law.

May love unfold their future weal,
To face life with an earnest zeal,
Sweet thoughts of love be with them still,
United in one mind and will.

And now we give our kindred friends,
Bright wishes for the life that blends,
And springs from pure conjugal love,
That finds its peace with God above.

G.F.K.

The International Spiritualist Federation are holding the Annual Meetings of the Executive and the Grand Committees at the Maison des Spirites, 8, rue Copernic, Paris, on September 3rd and 4th. (The British Delegate from the S.N.U. is inviting the Triennial Congress to hold its 1898 meetings in England.) Messrs. Berry, Oaten and Knott will be present from Great Britain. The delegates hope to bring back the printed reports of the last Paris Congress.

SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION CONFERENCE.

Delegates Report of the Annual General Meeting.

The twenty-fourth A.G.M. of the S.N.U. was held at Manchester on July 3rd, 4th and 5th, Mr. R. A. Owen presiding over an attendance of about 150 delegates, etc.

The Minutes and Annual Reports of various sub-committees were taken as printed and read, and were accepted with very little discussion, chief interest seeming to centre round the interim reports of two Joint Committees and the Council's re-organisation proposals.

The Council report was very encouraging and showed many important activities in full swing. Membership had increased; sales of S.N.U. publications had improved; Parliamentary activities had not been allowed to slacken (although the Council had refused to be stampeded by some recent and very ill-formed criticism); Trust properties continued to be secured to Spiritualism by Joint Trusts; and the week-long Congress of the International Spiritualist Federation had been a wonderful success. The other reports supplemented and detailed these summaries, and were all adopted. The Building Fund Pool Scheme, under which Churches may aid each other to procure their own buildings, was adopted, with a well-earned vote of thanks to Messrs. McIndoe and Oaten. Another scheme adopted, which brings us into line with other progressive movements, was that for Summer Schools.

In his Presidential Address, Mr. Owen referred to the attitude of some sections of the pulpit and press, and this gave rise to a discussion on the performance by Spiritualists of the duties—seeing that they were being denied the rights—of British citizens.

The three subjects in which Lyceumists, as such, were specially interested, all fared well, in spite of opposition from various quarters and for various declared reasons. There was determined opposition, and some heated discussion, over the interim reports of the Education and Inter-relations Committees. This latter was the same as adopted by the B.S.L.U. Conference. An attempt was made to have the report referred back, but after members of the Joint Committee had added to the report, it was carried with only about a dozen dissentients. A similar attempt—which, if successful, would have held up our education work for at least a year—was made on the new Education Advanced Scheme and the College Constitution. But again the advocates of joint working carried the Conference with them, and after the motion for reference back had been defeated, the Education Committee's report was carried with only three in opposition. So the two unions will now be able to go forward shoulder to shoulder, in progressive and constructive work. The National Spiritualist College is an established fact—and it is now up to Lyceumists to show that their delegates represented the Lyceum Movement in the fight they made at Manchester, and also that they appreciate the support of the Church delegates who voted so solidly for progressive ideals. All students who have passed Grade V. with 70 per cent. can start at once with the (S.N.U.) Intermediate Grade, and claim the College Degree of Associate (A.N.S.C.).

Messrs. Berry, Gush and Oliver were elected as the S.N.U. Section of the Joint Education Committee and the College Governing Board; and Mr. T. H. Wright as Trustee-Treasurer and Mr. Owen (S.N.U.) to act with Mr. Latham (B.S.L.U.) as Trustee-Auditor of the College.

A large proportion of Conference time was profitably devoted to the Executive Council's proposals for a reduced Council. As a result it was decided that the D.Cs. and the Subscribing Members should have one representative each, instead of two; that three members should be elected by the A.G.M., and that the B.S.L.U. should continue to be represented by two members of its M.C., this latter concession being carried by 95 votes to 25. Two important innovations are that the *National Spiritualist* will in future be used for Annual Reports, Minutes, etc., and that resolutions passed by a two-thirds majority at an A.G.M. cannot be raised again for three years, unless permission is given by a majority vote of the Conference concerned.

The officers for next year are:—President, Mr. R. A. Owen; Vice-President, Mr. E. A. Keeling; Treasurer, Mr. T. H. Wright; Secretary, Mr. Geo. F. Berry.

M. E. KITSON, } Delegates.
A. T. CONNOR, }

Owing to the insertion of the *Lyceum Lists* a number of Reports, etc., are deferred till the next issue.

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THE CHILDREN'S WELCOME.



The visit of the Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. to Nelson was made picturesque by a floral greeting from the young Nelson Lyceumists. The children taking part were:— Fred Forrest, Wilfred Brown, Edwin Boothman, Violet Forrest, Winnie Lloyd, Marjorie Atherton, Mary Evelyn Jackson, Doris Bulcock, Edith Boothman and Lily Smoothy.

SEPTEMBER, 1926.

REMOVAL OF THE B.S.L.U. OFFICE

The Office of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union has been removed to more commodious premises. All future correspondence, etc., should be addressed to

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B.S.L. Union,

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ROCHDALE,

Lancs.

The Grimsby Lyceum have donated £1 to the relief of miners' children. The amount has been passed on to Lady Slesser for distribution.

OPENING OF A NEW LYCEUM.

On July 18th a new Lyceum was opened at West Hartlepool. There was an excellent attendance, especially of adults. Mr. Slimin, Area Representative, conducted the Session. The Tees-Side Council were represented by Mr. Fishburn, President; Mr. Atkinson, District Sec.; Mr. Foster, D.V. Mr. James Robbie represented the Lyceum. The Session was well conducted throughout; good singing; G.C.R. was well taken; several good explanations were given to questions. Welcome and greetings were extended to the Lyceum from the various officials who attended, and by Mr. Robbie, from the local Lyceum. Several short addresses were given. It was a most inspiring Session and we hope this Lyceum will have a glorious career amongst the children.—Geo. E. Atkinson, Sec.

"NO MORE WAR" DEMONSTRATIONS.

The "No More War" Demonstrations for 1926 have been fixed to take place during the Armistice Week-end, on Nov. 13th and 14th. It is proposed to issue a Souvenir Programme.

The Arbitration Campaign resulted in 488,000 signatures being presented to the Government, urging the acceptance of the Optional Clause. The campaign has been of great educational value and the petition was presented by Mr. J. H. Hudson, M.P., to the Foreign Office. A lengthy reply was issued to the Press.

PRINCESS HALL LYCEUM.

The Princess Hall Lyceum, Princess Road, Manchester, are celebrating their 25th Anniversary with a week's full propaganda work. 10,000 Souvenirs of 24 pages are being distributed to advertise the event.

There are eight days' celebrations, beginning with a visit from Uncle Bert on Saturday and Sunday, September 18th and 19th, and concluding with a Massed District Council Lyceum Session and an address by Ald. Jabez Chaplin, Ex-Mayor of Leicester, on Sunday, September 26th.

During the week, each day at 3 and 8 p.m., special events have been arranged. Full particulars can be obtained from the Anniversary Secretary, Mr. R. Hope, 12, Moss Terrace, Moss Lane East, Manchester.

THE LEGAL DISABILITIES OF SPIRITUALISTS.

TO ALL CHURCH AND LYCEUM SECRETARIES.

Dear Colleagues,

The following Resolution on the disabilities of Spiritualists under the Laws was unanimously passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Union at Manchester, on July 3rd, 1926.

Following the acceptance of the Resolution it was further agreed to approach every Church and Lyceum, and to earnestly and seriously request the Churches to invite every adult member to send a copy of the same Resolution to their respective M.P.'s so as to back and re-enforce the demand of the Union for such alterations of the present laws as will give full religious and civil rights to Spiritualists as is enjoyed by other denominations.

RESOLUTION.

"That this Conference of British Spiritualists, representing more than 400 Spiritualist Churches in this country emphatically protests against the religious and civil disabilities under which Spiritualists continue to suffer under the present laws, and demands their withdrawal. The Conference claims the freedom theoretically granted to all the King's subjects, including the right to receive legacies bequeathed to Spiritualist Churches and Organisations; the ability to conduct marriages in Scotland; and to practice Mediumship without let or hindrance. Further, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, and to every Member of the Houses of Parliament."

Yours faithfully,

GEO. F. BERRY,

General Secretary, S.N.U.

The foregoing Resolution will be circulated to all Lyceum Secretaries, who are solicited to comply with the request and send our protest to each respective M.P.

G. F. KNOTT,

Secretary, B.S.L.U.

Bible Studies—No. 14.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS.

(Reprinted from the "Two Worlds.")

By ALFRED KITSON.

In bringing the above series of articles to a close a brief review of the ground we have gone over and a summary of the facts we have learned while so doing may be of service.

Briefly stated, we have learned:—

1. That the ancient name of the Hebrew God was YHVH. Later to these four consonants vowel points were added, making it into Yahveh. In time this name was considered too sacred for common use, so Adonai, or Lord, was adopted. Finally the name LORD in small capitals was adopted for Yahveh, corrupted to Jehovah in the Authorised Version. That this Yahveh was the tribal or tutelary god, a human spirit who wished to make of the Hebrew people a special nation, superior to those nations then known to the world, and so was jealous of them recognising or worshipping the gods worshipped by the other nations. The priests of Yahveh exalted him as being the Creator of the earth and heaven.

2. There are two different accounts of the Creation: One called the Elohist, because in it the creators were called Elohim (gods); the other Jehovistic, because in it the creator is called Jehovah. These two schools of thought occupied different districts of Palestine. The Elohist dwelt in the southern division called Israel; the Jehovists in the northern division called Judah. In the course of time there appeared a person who rewrote the two accounts of the Creation, and also the two accounts of the Deluge, and combined them so that each should appear as one account. But his efforts left evident discrepancies and even contradictions. But both classes of writers drew from the ancient Babylonian cuneiform inscriptions for their ideas of the Creation and Flood. That these accounts have been rewritten several times before they assumed their present form.

3. That "The Word of God" does not refer to the Bible, but to special messages from the spirit side of life, similar to spirit messages being received to-day.

4. The terms "prophets" and "prophesying" have reference to (a) foretelling coming events, (b) playing on musical instruments, and (c) exhorting people to live good lives, or preaching.

5. The injunctions against witchcraft, sorcery, etc., are priestly devices to deter the Hebrews from consulting the psychics or mediums of other nations, as well as those outside their own priestly order. At the same time the Hebrew prophets were at liberty to hold spirit communion and to seek guidance by various forms of divination, such as casting lots, divining cups, etc.

6. We have learned that the term Satan is Hebrew and means "an adversary, an enemy, an accuser," and the term Devil is derived from the Greek term Diabolis, which means "a slanderer, a calumniator, or accuser." And representing these as being the name of a personal Devil, who is at war with God for the possession of the souls of men, is the work of the priesthood to frighten the people into obedience to their authority, something like unwise parents of to-day trying to frighten their children into obedience with tales of a "bogey man" who will take them if not good.

7. We have learned that the term angel is a contraction of the Greek "angelos" and the Latin "angelus," and means a messenger, and is applicable to people in this life as well as those in the spirit life. But when applied to spirit people it always signifies their office, that of messenger, and never their nature, which is spirit. That the term demon is a priestly corruption of the Greek "daimon" and the Latin "dæmon," a guardian spirit and not an imp or child of the devil.

8. That the term rendered grave and pit is "sheol," the underworld, to which both good and bad go at death. It is a place where the departed exist without feeling, without reason, without will, without any of the old faculties. The Jews called it "being no more," and consequently death was looked upon and dreaded as "the King of Terror."

9. We have learned of the errors in the Bible, some perhaps unintentional, and others done wilfully to mislead the people, and at the behest of the King. How the translators have wilfully juggled with certain words giving false and misleading renderings of them, which have been and still are used by the clergy to misrepresent Modern Spiritualism.

10. We have learned of the growth and compiling of the Bible, which was never intended by its compilers to be looked upon as a divinely inspired book to be binding upon the conscience of mankind, such as Christians have seen fit to represent it. But it is a record of the Hebrew people, including "history, poetry, drama, epistle, prophecy, parable, written by different writers, or different temperaments, at different times, with different purposes."

Teachings on religious matters received in infancy make deep and lasting impressions on the child's psychological nature, and are treasured in after years as being sacred. Hence the deep hold these teachings have on the minds of many Spiritualists to-day. "A child's mind is as wax to receive impressions, but it is as marble to retain them when once made." Hence the vital importance that Spiritualists form Children's Progressive Lyceums, the angel-inspired method of tuition, and see to it that their children are no longer taught the misleading teachings of orthodoxy as revealed in these Bible Studies. But in their place give them the facts of Spiritualism with its philosophy and religion, assisted in their study by the Lyceum Education Scheme that is placing before them well-ordered and graded courses of study from the infant Oral Grade up to that of Grade V.

Many Spiritualists are still under the "fear of the LORD." The creation of the heavens and the earth as revealed by the sciences of Astronomy and Geology have had little effect on them. Their early Sunday School teachings that "God created the heaven and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh" still dominates their thoughts. The Biblical dictum that "God is a spirit" overshadows all their thoughts and prevents them from endorsing the spiritual philosophy. They are unable to discriminate the difference between the Divine Spark and the spirit body it functions through on the spirit side of life. To them both are spirit. To assert to such minds that the spirit body is composed of a substance of the same nature as the world it lives in, and that the two bear a similar relationship to each other as exists between this world and the physical body, is called "materialism," thereby implying that the universe, both terrestrial and celestial, possesses no substance apart from that which enters into the composition of this earth.

Have not the ancients' conceptions of the origin of the earth and the universe been a dead weight to the advancement and progress of mankind and the discoveries of science? And is the philosophy of Spiritualism to be forever bound, "cribbed, cabined and confined" with the dictum of old theology? I think I have shown in this series of articles, now being brought to a close, that we have attached a false value to the Bible, and made it an authority on spiritual matters to which it makes no claim.

"Our science is of the twentieth century, our theology of the second, fifth, thirteenth and sixteenth centuries. And, moreover, theology is based, not exclusively on induction from verifiable facts, but on the authority of ancient texts, the texts being partly in the Bible and partly in the decrees of Church Councils, the canon books of ecclesiastical bodies, and the confessions of Reformation times. There was a time, previous to 300 years ago, when all sciences were in a like condition. They were matters of AUTHORITY. People were expected to derive them from ancient books. For 1,400 years all anatomy was taken from the teachings of Galen, and not from the human body; all astronomy from Ptolemy, not from the sun, moon and stars; all botany from Dioscorides and Pliny, not from plants and flowers; and similarly, physics and metaphysics from Aristotle. But there came a day of liberation, a path was found through the jungle of things, and a new method by which all could be accurately mapped out and related. That method is what is known as the Baconian method of induction, the gist of which is that nothing is to be accepted on mere authority, however excellent or ancient, but everything is to be put to the test and collated with all known facts, and only accepted so long as it continues to satisfy every new test which, in the course of years, may be applied to it. Aristotle and Ptolemy, Galen and Dioscorides, were dethroned, but not dishonoured, for they will ever be held in high honour as among the great scholars of history, they were relieved from having to occupy a false position, and were given their rightful place, a very noble one in history." Similarly, the Bible may be dethroned from the false position Christianity has given it, as being

divinely inspired, and so containing God's will to humanity, but it will not be dishonoured, it will be relieved from having to occupy a false position. In it we shall see the struggles of a people to attain a national solidarity, and how they passed through various phases of government, conscious of spiritual help and inspiration. But the writers of it were very human, having human failings, and so did not hesitate to attribute to their tribal God, with a "Thus saith the LORD," certain injunctions which emanated from their own minds. Similarly certain restrictions were placed on the practice of psychic powers such as clairvoyance and clairaudience, in order to keep those powers to themselves, and for their own use. This being so, it is to be hoped that those Christians who have read these Bible Studies will no longer be deterred from holding communion with their departed loved ones for fear of offending God. "Worship God by doing good."

National Spiritualist College and National Joint Educational Scheme.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE S.N.U. AND B.S.L.U.

ASSOCIATE SECTION (THE B.S.L.U. EDUCATION SCHEME).

WHAT IS YOUR LYCEUM DOING?

The NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE is now an established fact, and our B.S.L.U. Scheme has become the ASSOCIATE SECTION of the National Joint Education Scheme. It is still the same Scheme, and will be conducted in just the same way, as hitherto—but the aims and rewards are altered and improved. Up to 1926, our highest aim has been a Grade V Distinction Certificate or the Speakers' Diploma of the S.N.U. The College, however, offers its Degree of Associate (A.N.S.C.) to all students who pass Grade V with 70 per cent. marks.

Also, a Lyceum that has TEN or more sitters at the examinations is eligible to become a LOCAL BRANCH of the National Spiritualist College.

NOW is the time to make a start, and to take up—in Sunday Groups and week-night classes—the work for the various Grades.

Last time 126 Lyceums sent in candidates, but as the book, *How to Prepare for the Examinations*, helps anyone (even without previous experience) to train students, or students to train themselves, we are hoping that the difficulty of many Lyceums of not having Tutors, will be overcome, and that every Lyceum in the Union will have its name on the list of Progressive Lyceums, by entering some of its members for the work.

The desire of the Education Committee is that EACH LYCEUM, AS A BODY, should take up the Scheme, and make it an integral part of the Lyceum's work by taking the selections from the *Lyceum Manual* for study and discussion in the Sessions, and by using the articles in the Handbooks for Group Lessons.

THE TUTORS' CLASS.

Would-be candidates for the Education Examinations are often at a loss to find some capable person willing to act as Tutor to them. Instead of waiting for one to turn up, it will be much better if THEY THEMSELVES have a try through becoming members of a "Tutors' Class."

A Tutors' Class can be formed on the same basis as an ordinary Exam. Class (See the BANNER for November, 1925), only that, instead of Lyceumists as members we shall have Lyceums. Two or more Lyceums can unite for this purpose, the Tutor of one arranging to meet the Tutor of another and start a class. Unity is the fundamental teaching of the Lyceum, and here is one of the means to reach it.

The work that can be achieved through a Tutor Class cannot be over-estimated, the scope of activity being so wide. Closer individual sympathy is maintained, and each can help the other by co-operation in aim and endeavour.

The class would meet once per week—or, in cases where this cannot possibly be arranged, as often as possible. The Education Scheme as a whole would be its basis of work—from Oral Grade to Grade Five and the Advanced (S.N.U.) Scheme. A great deal of help can be obtained by keeping in touch with the Scheme and Movement, through regular and thorough discussion of the BANNER articles. By this means deeper benefit can be obtained from these classes—and NOW is the time to make a determined start. By commencing with a Tutors' Class immediately after the Exam. Classes are suspended, and con-

tinuing throughout the year until these are once more resumed, and thus linking up the various educational activities, the difficulties and problems which arose in the previous session are found to be capable of simple and easy solution.

Mere Passes in the examinations would no longer be even considered, the aim of achievement being Distinction.

Apart from the value gained from the educational side of the class, we have the social side—the friendships formed, the binding in closer comradeship, and the overcoming of distance. Miles may separate the students in ordinary life, but the unity of aim and interest established by the class brings them together in comradeship.

Does your Lyceum need a Tutor? If so, which is the nearest Lyceum with (or even without) one? Even if you are lucky, and have a competent one, have a chat with other enthusiasts elsewhere, and see what can be done by co-operation. Invite other Lyceums to join with you, and the work done, and its results, will more than repay the effort. Tutoring is not a matter of passing fancy; its responsibility is too great. It needs sincerity and continuity in purpose and endeavour. A sincere student who desires to learn will make the best Tutor, and not the "expert" who "knows" all about everything, and insists on his "knowledge" being accepted without question.

As a "test" the Lyceum Guild competitions are excellent "heartbreakers." Here you have something to earn. If you can manage one success, you need have no fear of being able to act as a Tutor; and if you *try* for success—well, you have done something that proves you have the fundamental asset of a Tutor: the pluck to face failure of your efforts and the ability to profit by your failures and use them as stepping stones to future success.

RANDOLPH HOPE, A.N.S.C.

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COLLEGE NOTES AND NEWS.

BY THE COLLEGE SECRETARY.

I had hoped to be able to print a list of Lyceums which had joined as Local Branches and Lyceumists who had been awarded the Associate Degree. But although applications have begun to come in, the number—up to the time of writing—does not justify me in trespassing on the Education Secretary's space. There are 57 Lyceums (see list in August BANNER) eligible for enrolment, and 60 Lyceumists (see list at end of Results Lists book) eligible for the A.N.S.C.—and I shall need the names of at least a third of each list before I can ask for publishing space. But I want to start soon, and I appeal to all "*eligibles*" to apply at once, so that my list may be ready for the October issue. And more important still, the Governing Board will meet on Saturday, 11th September, and I want to be able to prove that Lyceumists are in favour of the College to the extent of claiming and using the honours which the College confers.

PLEASE NOTE.

Associates of the College *must apply* for their Diploma.

Local Branches *must apply* for enrolment.

Will you please help me by applying at once? Thank you.

DONATIONS.

The Governing Body gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a donation of ten pounds from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Donations in aid of the College funds will be welcomed, as the College must be self supporting, and the initial costs are of necessity heavy. The printing of Application Forms, Diplomas, etc., must be met, and our only resources are donations and membership subscriptions.

COLLEGE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1. "What is the position of a Grade V student who has passed with 70 marks or more? Will he have to pass on to the three S.N.U. Grades, or is he considered to have passed the S.N.U. Intermediate Grade?"

Grade V is the Preliminary exam. to the S.N.U. Course, and to the Lyceumist takes the same position as does the Entrance

exam. to the Church Member, etc. So the successful Grade V student must enter for the Intermediate Grade, and then only if he has passed Grade V with at least 70 per cent. marks. If he passes with less than 70 marks, he must try Grade V again.

2. "A Church and its Lyceum have between them 20 students (say, 12 from the Lyceum and 8 from the Church, or *vice versa*), studying for the various Grades of the National Education Scheme (S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. sections). If these 20 sit at the examinations, will both be eligible for membership of the College as Local Branches? If only one is eligible, the College will lose useful revenue, and the fact of the other being refused registration may easily give rise to an unhealthy rivalry and consequent ill-feeling."

According to Article 5 (a) of the College Constitution, only the body with 12 "sitters" is eligible. But I can see the Querist's point of view, and to me it seems very reasonable. The very last thing the College Board desires is unhealthy rivalry between Church and Lyceum. Of course, it does not lie with me to give personal interpretations of the Constitution, but if the case was placed before the Governing Body, at its meeting on 11th September, and if it could be guaranteed that *at least ten* of the sitters were Church members as well as Lyceumists—or Lyceumists as well as Church members—the Governing Body might come to the conclusion that the conditions of Article 5 (a) had been fulfilled. The Article says:—" Affiliated Churches and Lyceums, which have at least ten members taking the Examination Course in one or both of the National Education Schemes conducted by or through the College;". So if some Church members decided to avail themselves of their Lyceum membership to pass through the Grades of the B.S.L.U. Section of the Education Scheme, there is, in my opinion, no reason why the Church should be denied the benefit of their educational endeavours. They are Church members, and are "taking the Examination Course in one or both" of the sections. But the decision does not lie with me. Will the Querist please send in an official appeal to the Board?

3. "I am a Tutor of a Lyceum from which over twenty students sat at the last B.S.L.U. Examination. Of these, most (and more than ten) of the adults are Church members. I am anxious that the Church should take up educational work and join the College. But if it does, under the present Constitution, I shall lose my adults and my position will be all the weaker, without making the position of the Church any stronger; while, if the adults stick to me, the Church will not for some years be able to make up the required quota, and the workers may lose heart and cease to work for the Scheme. Membership of the College, on the other hand, would be an inspiration to increased and sustained effort. Is it not possible for the Church to be eligible as a Local Branch, on its members' work in the B.S.L.U. Scheme?"

The answer to Query 2 also applies to this. The case should be submitted to the Governing Board for favourable consideration.

4. "Do you think it is quite fair that, if a holder of the present S.N.U. Diploma should wish to take up the Advanced Scheme and work for a Graduate—and consequent Diplomat—Degree of the National College, he or she should be compelled to pass the Entrance Examination before being considered eligible to enter for the Intermediate Grade?"

This is a question for the Joint Education Committee. Regulation 7 of the Advanced (S.N.U.) Scheme lays down that:—

"The nature and subjects of the Entrance Examination shall be as decided from time to time by the Joint Education Committee."

So, if there was any evidence of a general desire on the part of holders of the S.N.U. Diploma to take up the Advanced (or Graduate) Course, it would be within the province of the Joint Committee to decide that the old Diploma Exam. should be accepted as the Entrance Exam.

Why not send in a request that the matter should be discussed by the Joint Education Committee when it meets on 11th September?

I am presuming, of course, that my correspondent is referring to holders of Diplomas obtained by examination.

I shall be pleased to receive, and deal with, comments and criticisms—or answer questions—on the College Constitution and the Advanced (S.N.U.) Education Scheme.

A. T. CONNOR, *College Secretary*,
19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

Our Lyceum Guild.

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

GUILD LEADER:—MISS M. E. KITSON, B.A., 17, Bromley Rd., Hanging Heaton, BATLEY (Yorks.).

OUR ESSAY COMPETITIONS.

Those members who are desirous of adding to the value of their badges by winning a merit badge for essay writing are asked to refer to last month's issue for full particulars about the subjects, prizes, rules, etc.

But, in answer to various enquiries, we wish to add the following:—(i.) *Each* essay sent in must have a slip attached, giving name, number, Lyceum, etc.; even if more than one are by the same individual.

(ii.) Where two or more competitors belong to the same Lyceum, their essays may all be sent in the same envelope.

(iii.) If a stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed, the essay(s), when marked, will be returned; unless the Leader desires to publish any winning effort, in which case such essay will be retained.

(iv.) A member may send in more than one effort, but only one essay *per* subject.

OUR GUILD CLASSES.

In the hope of helping other centres by giving new ideas and suggestions, we give quotations from two reports sent in. And we heartily congratulate the Leaders and workers at each centre, and wish them continued progress and success.

MIDDLESBROUGH GUILD CLASS.

"*Formation of Guild.* The Committee met in July, 1925, and considered the formation of a Guild, and drew up a plan of campaign, together with rules as a working foundation.

"*Membership.* The object of the Guild is to promote the unity of the Lyceum and to infuse a greater national spirit into the Lyceum. To this end we make the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme our foundation, all members being required to take the examinations. In accordance with our Rules, each member automatically becomes a member of *Our Lyceum Guild* of the LYCEUM BANNER, which is, therefore, our parent.

"We studied for the examinations, and before the exams. we practised giving written answers by tackling two difficult and comprehensive test papers. Our reward came when we learned that all our candidates had passed in the B.S.L.U. examinations."

"*Rambles.* We have had several rambles during the fine weather, and have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

"THE LYCEUM BANNER. Each member, in accordance with our rules, receives a free copy each month."

NEWTON HEATH GUILD CLASS.

"Our activities are varied, as the following account will show. One evening we devoted to working out puzzles, and to marching and callisthenics (especially breathing exercises).

"The following week we wrote letters and played games.

"On the next Guild night we tried a change. I gathered the members in a small circle and first asked them in turn to repeat the Guild Motto. This done, I sought the various opinions as to the explanation of same. Afterwards we took *Our Aims*, and various ideas were expressed as to how we could fulfil them. The evening proved very interesting to all.

"The following week I allowed the kiddies to play their own games and I can assure you not only did they enjoy themselves, but I, too, passed a happy evening.

"On other occasions we have considered the *Kiddies' Corner*, and its competitions; and, of course, we studied for the Education Examinations.

"We are eligible to become a Local Branch of the College, and have been enrolled by the College Registrar.

"Subscriptions and donations helped us to provide, for members under 14, everything needed for study and to take the examinations, free of charge."

SOUTH MANCHESTER GUILD CLASS.

The last report sent in tells of continued good attendance and varied activities, but does not give sufficient details of work for us to quote.



Dear Children,

This month I am introducing to you a new chum, whom all of you will love. Most of you will have been to the seaside, paddling, making sand pies and castles, and having a good time generally. Now read carefully the adventures of our chums and see what a splendid time they had at the seaside during the summer holidays, and compare their experiences with your own.

JOLLY JACK AND CO.

Returning from their fishing expedition, Mr. Breton and Mr. North entered the dining room and enjoyed a hearty meal.

"Now, Kiddies," remarked Jack's father, "you are going to have a great day to-morrow. We have permission to view a Japanese warship lying in the harbour. Whilst fishing," he continued, "we ran alongside a steam pinnacle, and one of the officers on board, who could speak perfect English, started conversing with us, and gave us an invitation to come on board to-morrow."

Jack's father had seen some service in the British Navy, and his conversation with the officer had been mostly on naval matters, hence his keen desire to visit the warship.

"Hurrah," shouted Rob, "that's jolly fine. It's just what I've been wanting. You know, Mr. Breton, I am hoping to be a sailor someday, when I grow up."

"Well, don't forget; to-morrow at two o'clock we must be on the stone jetty to meet the boat. Now we must be off for some fun to the pleasureground."

These final words of Mr. Breton's had their effect, for within five minutes the whole party, including, of course, Baby Rob, were hurrying away from the place from whence the joyous laughter of children and adults alike could be heard. There was no mistaking the fact that the fun to be obtained here on the Flying Boats, Figure Eight, and roundabouts would appeal more strongly to Jolly Jack than the visit to the warship the next day, for his face beamed with pleasure as they entered the ground at last. The girls, with their mothers and baby entered the Fairy Boats, which took them through beautifully-decorated and brilliantly-lit caves, where mechanical figures, representing deep sea monsters, dwarfs, pirates and nymphs were seen at different stages of the journey. Baby, as well, seemed greatly interested, although at the first he seemed afraid, until finally convinced that the fish with the great jaws, and the pirates, could not harm him. Indeed, it was necessary to make a second trip on the boats to subdue the loud cries of Rob, Junior. It was a new experience, and a second view was needed to satisfy him.

Meanwhile the boys, with their fathers, were having the time of their lives. First they went on the small cars, electrically propelled, obtaining that thrill and excitement of which few need convincing. Almost the whole round of amusements were patronised by them, until finally the Grand Dip captured their fancy. Up and down they went, along the narrow railway, being bumped and jerked almost out of their seats.

"Gee," said Jack, "this is great fun!" Tears of laughter were streaming down his cheeks. Two hours had passed by so quickly that it was scarcely noticed by any of the party. However, tired out but happy, they proceeded homewards for supper and a good night's rest, to be ready for their new adventure on the morrow.

It was the day for which Rob had anxiously awaited. The morning was spent on the sands. For the most part they were making pies and sand castles, and amusing Baby generally. Jack and Rob were attempting to make Baby walk by himself.

"You know, Rob, when he can walk he will always want to be with us."

"Well, why not?" exclaimed Rob. "He will then be one of us. He will make, let me see, what do they call it?"

"A quintette, you mean, Rob," said Jack's father.

"That's right, Mr. Breton. He will then be the fifth member of Jolly Jack and Co., and we shall be a quintette."

After dinner, the merry party proceeded to the stone jetty, where the steam launch was already alongside, awaiting their arrival. It was manned by three sturdy Japanese seamen and an officer in full-dress uniform. On board the warship they were greeted, in turn, as they stepped out of the launch, by the Japanese officer, whom Mr. Breton and Mr. North had met the previous day, and he conducted them round the quarter-deck.

They learned that his name was Lieutenant Tokomia, and he had been to England two years previously to undergo a special gunnery and torpedo course of instruction. The English language he had learned many years ago, before joining the Navy.

"Do you know, Sir, this ship, the *Yapato*, belongs to the newest class of destroyers possessed by my country."

"Really!" answered Mr. Breton, "but where on earth are your torpedo tubes?"

"Under protection, my dear Sir, a new and modern device entirely. Wait, I will show you."

They were amazed, especially Rob and Jack, for the officer gave a signal to a seaman, who moved a lever, and they saw the whole of the centre portion of the deck move, and a gun, called a torpedo tube, slowly emerged from below.

"You see, Sir, the torpedo we use as a last resort. It is necessary to us, so we give it every protection. When hidden from view it is encased in a steel casement."

"Jolly good invention," said Mr. Breton, "but let us hope you will have no cause to use it."

"I hope not," the officer replied. "Our cry in Japan is similar to yours in Britain, that is, 'No more war.'"

"Just so," replied Jack's father. "If we all unite—the people of all nations—and agree to love one another; but when will this be? There is so much distrust amongst nations that we really must 'Be Prepared' for the worst, even."

Rob and Jack had strayed away and were exploring the boat deck, seldom found on torpedo boats, and were admiring the long range aerial guns. Rob was pulling open the breech and gazing down the long barrel, practising, he said, for the time when he hoped to be a sailor.

They went round the ship thoroughly, and took their leave at four o'clock, in the launch.

"Well, good-bye friends. I may, or may not, see you again. We may have to go out to roam on the high seas someday, to uphold our love for our country and love of freedom. Then we shall come back, most probably, to pay a visit to your country; but, good-bye and good luck for the present."

Back to lodgings for tea, after which our friends made plans for the evening and the following day, when they were to return home again.

Rain fell during the evening, which compelled them to enter a theatre. It proved, however, to be an enjoyable entertainment, except for Baby, who slept the whole time. The last morning by the sea was, of course, spent shopping.

"We must take some rock back with us," said Jack, "and, Dad, don't forget the presents for Uncle John, Auntie Doris, and Grandma."

Father sighed; he had been expecting this. "Well! Well!" he replied, "I suppose it must be so."

"It's the old custom," said Rob's father, "to buy presents on the last day, so come in, kids, we'll have to get it over."

So it happened that they departed from Brindlesea with much more luggage with them than when they arrived. The children were radiant, happy and sunburnt.

JULY COMPETITION RESULTS.

The first prize has been forwarded and presented to Irene Tyrer, age 8 years, of Newton Heath Lyceum. Other prizes have been awarded in order of merit. Congratulations to winners and to all who competed.

Thanks to all Guildites who sent letters during the past month. I invite correspondence relating to Guild matters from all members of the Guild, also those interested in its welfare, especially regarding sports and games in connection with Guild Classes.

BIRTHDAY GIFTS.

Will all Guildites, 12 years and under, whose birthday is in October, November or December, write the date, month, Guild number, and their name and address on a plain postcard, and ask your Secretary or Conductor to forward to "The Guild Imp, c/o The Guild Leader, 17, Bromley Rd., Hanging Heaton, Batley, Yorkshire," or use a penny stamp and send it yourselves. Now, Kiddies, don't delay, but send at once for Your Birthday Gift.

Yours affectionately,

THE GUILD IMP.

District Council Reports.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

DEMONSTRATION AT SOUTHPORT.

The Liverpool District Spiritualists' Lyceums held their first Open-Air Demonstration at Southport on Saturday, July 10th.

In spite of the bad weather about 200 took part from the following Lyceums and Churches:—Daulby Hall, Liverpool, Rock Ferry, Southport, Wigan, Warrington and Earlestown.

The Lyceumists met at Hawkshead Church and were arranged into order by Mr. J. Newsham, Chief Marshal, assisted by Messrs. Loney, Foster and Watkins.

After singing "Children's Day Welcome," the procession, headed by the British Legion Band, and escorted by police, marched along Hawkshead Street, Manchester Road, the Promenade, and down to the Foreshore, Mr. R. Robb distributing leaflets along the way. On the Foreshore, Mr. Watson explained the Lyceum system of training. A Demonstration of marching and the first series of callisthenics took place, conducted by Mrs. Clitheroe, and led by Miss E. D. Eachus and Mr. W. James. Whilst sheltering, we sang "Life is Onward" We wended our way back to Hawkshead Church where all enjoyed an excellent tea.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

North-East Lancashire will hold the Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, September 25th, 1926, at Great John Street, Lancaster. Commence at 3-30 p.m. Tea provided at a nominal charge. Lyceum Secretaries please notify your associates.

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

An E.C. Meeting was held at Charles Street Lyceum, West Hartlepool, on Saturday, July 3rd, with a moderate attendance. Business was promptly dealt with. It was agreed to endorse the application of "Star of Progress," West Hartlepool. It was resolved to leave arrangements of next Conference in Secretary's hands.

Will Lyceums please note that owing to the prevailing circumstances on Tees-Side there will be no Conference held at present.

An E.C. Meeting will take place at Horden; due notice will be given.—Geo. A. Atkinson, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

DARLINGTON, Psycho.—On Aug. 15th we had a crowded attendance to witness the naming ceremony of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson. The baby was named Frederick Norman, by Mrs. Baxtram.—A. Moore, Sec.

GATESHEAD, Beaconsfield Hall.—On July 24th we had our Annual Trip when we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to South Shields.

On July 25th the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Egan, both members of our Lyceum, was named Ella, by our Treasurer, the spirit name given being "Blossom." The Treasurer explained that the spirit name was given to her by Uncle Harry Kersey by direct voice at a Physical Seance she attended, when Mr. Kersey was asked if he would give the baby her Spirit Name. The rostrum was beautifully decorated with flowers. Mr. W. Hall, of Gateshead, was present and addressed the children.—I. Graham, Sec.

GT. HARWOOD.—Our Lyceum, along with Rishton and Pearl Street, Accrington, have formed a Joint Committee, and the result of their labours was seen at Gt. Harwood on August 8th, when two Massed Sessions were held. The Officers for the two Sessions were elected from the Joint Committee, and were as follows:—Conductor, Mr. W. Taylor (Gt. Harwood), Ass. Con., Miss Coleclough (Accrington), Marching Con., Mr. Cook (Rishton), Callisthenic Leader, Mr. Fazackerley (Accrington), Guardians, Miss Taylforth (Rishton), Mrs. Braithwaite (Gt. Harwood). The Sessions were a great success, the following rendering songs and recitations:

Mr. Laycock, Roda Smith, Annie Swift, Miss Coleclough, Mr. Fazackerley, Mr. Dowswell, Mr. Swift, Nellie Laycock, Francis Laycock, Winnie Chambers, Maggie Nelson, Susie Braithwaite, Alice Wilson, Enie Rimmer and Walter Swift. The Interchange of Conductors has been successful.—Nellie Davis, Sec.

HETTON AND DISTRICT.—On July 25th and August 1st we held our Anniversary services which proved a great success. The children responded well, under the leadership of Mrs. Kennedy. The recitations and solos given were very much appreciated by the congregation. Mr. Jasper Lawther officiated at the organ and Mr. Lawther and Mr. Best were the respective chairmen. The collections were in aid of the Lyceum trip.—E. Reay, Sec.

MIDDLETON, Mill Street.—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden, members of the above Lyceum, was named by our Conductor, Mr. R. Cullen, on the afternoon of August 15th. Earth name, Lydia Mary; Spirit name, "Rose." Flowers were in abundance and the Church was packed with visitors and friends, who were very much impressed by the Lyceum method of naming. Mrs. Whalley Mostin recognised spirit messages to the parents at the close of the session.—E. Cullen, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Benwell.—The Anniversary was held on August 1st, Mr. Dodgson, Conductor, being in the Chair. After the opening hymns and prayer, the services opened by a presentation of flowers, with appropriate verses, to Mrs. Salkeld (a pioneer), Mr. Dodgson and the Leaders. Recitations were given by Agnes Burr, Amy Collins, Arthur Willis, May Kitchen, Elsie Wright, Reece Anten, Florence Robson, and the Misses McMillan and Ridley. A collective poetry, entitled "Dare to do Right," was also given by eleven children and their teachers, Miss M. Burr and Miss Kitty Henderson. Pearls proved a great attraction and were well responded to. Solos were rendered by Miss M. Burr and Mr. W. Dixon; also a duet by Miss McMillan and Mr. T. Mc Callum; and a sextet by Miss Redpath's class. The next item, "The Representation of Groups," by the Leaders, also proved very interesting. Then came a splendid dialogue entitled "Our Anniversary Day," given by eleven young Lyceumists, who were tutored by Miss Agnes Bell. This proved a huge success along with the rest of the Service, and before the close various people in the congregation rose and spoke on the magnificence of the work done. Greetings were given from the Blackhill and Heaton and Byker Lyceums. Heartly thanks were accorded to all who took part, and special thanks to our worthy organist, Mrs. McCallum, and all other helpers.—Thos. McCallum, Sec.

SOUTHEND & WESTCLIFF.—The Lyceum held the Annual Summer Outing on 28th July. 84 members and friends gathered at the entrance of Southend Pier. After the distribution of Lyceum colours, the length of the Pier, which is $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles, was travelled by electric train, and we embarked on the New Medway Steam Packet Boat "City of Rochester," bound for Herne Bay.

The sea trip was very pleasant and interesting, as the weather was warm and sunny. Herne Bay Pier was reached at noon. On going ashore several parties were made up. Some went sight-seeing, others bathing, and some went to the Downs where a vigorous hay fight was indulged in—equally enjoyed by elders and children. Racing also took place. A splendid tea was provided to which full justice was done. The whole affair was acclaimed a splendid success by all and greatly enjoyed as Southend Lyceumists are good sailors.—Leslie R. Fulcher, Sec.

LONDON, Brixton.—We entered for the Silver Medal Competition. Nancy Sanders won the second prize for Senior Elocution, and Betty Boddington a special prize for Junior Singing. We are proud of our first attempt in open competition.

Our late Conductor, Mrs. F. H., was forced to resign owing to ill-health. Our new Conductor is Mrs. Millington. Everything is progressing favourably.—Frank B. Cross, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—Open Session August 1st. The Morning Session was conducted by Miss E. North. The following took part:—Miss Era Hillis, Miss Phyllis Willman, Miss Annie Hudson, Joseph Farnell, Miss Amy Raynor, Mr. H. Barnes, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Babbs, Mr. Wilman, Miss Mary Ackroyd, Alfred Keene, Miss Lilian Long, Mr. Spencer, Miss Lucy Farnell, Miss Hannay, and Miss Marion Ashford. The Conductor in the afternoon was Miss Nellie Hudson.—J. Babbs, Sec.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace, New Zealand.—Our Lyceum Sessions have been very pleasant. On June 13th our Conductor, Mr. R. A. Webb, called upon Mr. F. Turner to distribute the Certificates won by some of the Lyceumists in B.S.L.U. Examinations. We are very pleased with our successes as we had 10 passes out of the 14 Lyceumists who sat:—Honours; Mrs. Webb, 1st Class; Miss L. Webb and Miss G. Webb, 2nd Class; John Furey, Mr. Easton and Mr. Barton, 3rd Class; Eric Ruidell, Iris Ruidell, Esma Ruidell and Elva Harris.

After the distribution of Certificates we held an Open Session. A steel guitar solo was given by Miss G. Webb; recitations were given by Eileen Swede, Minnie Francis, Esma Ruidell, Ray Jarvis and Mr. Easton. We send fraternal greetings to all fellow Lyceums and to the *Lyceum Banner*.—Miss L. Webb, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after August 25th.

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 September 22nd, to ensure insertion in the September 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 St.—Open Session, Aug. 1st. Solos and recitations were rendered by Mrs. Chambers, Miss Coleclough, Ennie Rimmer, Hilda Swift, Annie Smith and Rhoda Swift. The music was rendered by Mr. Crossley.—A. E. Anderson, Sec.

BARNOLDSWICK, Central.—We held our Lyceum week-end on Aug. 14th and 15th. We opened on Saturday with a pleasant evening. A few lyceumists recited and sang, a game of musical chairs was greatly enjoyed.

On Sunday afternoon Isobel Whitaker recited the "Ode of Welcome." Our Lyceum week-end proved a success.—Mrs. Whittaker, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—On August 7th the Lyceum betook themselves by wagonettes to Barnston Dale. It was the Annual Picnic, and, as usual the weather could not have been surpassed. The President, Mr. G. Roberts, was very kind in presenting to each child a most acceptable gift which was enjoyed by each recipient. Races and amusements were freely entered into by young and old. An excellent tea was provided. The time was well filled to the last moment—Millie Hemsall, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Northfield.—We held our first Anniversary on July 10th; solos, recitations, and Golden Chain readings were given by the children to a large gathering. One feature was a recitation by a 6 year old girl. An address and clairvoyance was given by Mrs. Jervis, of Storchley.—A. Stevenson, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley St.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 1st. Miss Birstow, N. Wright, A. Gallagher, L. Plumb, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. Hill, Mr. Pickles and Mr. Schofield rendered recitations and solos.—E. Pickles, Sec.

BRIERFIELD.—Oh August 15th we held our Fourth Annual Church and Lyceum Anniversary. The speaker for the day was Mrs. Talforth, of Burnley. The Lyceum was conducted by Mr. Dilworth and Miss M. Oldfield. A welcome to all Lyceumists and friends was given by Lily Rhodes and Mona Berry. Ivy Rhodes presented the conductors with roses as a token of reward for the good and noble duty which they have done during their term of office. Recitations, etc., by Ethel Spencer, Edith Bird, Alice Harper, Violet Rhodes, Phillis Spencer, Olive Bradshaw, Mary Davis. Mrs. Kay, Annie Bradshaw, Mr. Albert Ellis, Madam Lily Griffen, Miss Annie Hartley and Miss Ida Middlebrook.—T. Wane, Sec.

BURY, Sydney Street.—On July 25th we held our Open Sessions. Pearls, recitations and solos were given by Lyceumists and friends. We had a good attendance of Visitors from various Lyceums, and spent a pleasant and enjoyable time together.—Miss Farrand, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.—On August 8th and 15th we held our Lyceum Anniversary. The children singing special hymns for the occasion. Recitations were given by twenty-four Lyceumists and many pearls were given. Mr. Mutch conducted the singing and George Whitehead was the organist. Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Adamson presided.—Mrs. K. Wright, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On August 1st we held our Open Session. The following Lyceumists rendered items: Avis and Kenneth Bown, Ernest Heath, Marion Wagstaffe, Connie and Lilian Slater, Lilian Driver, May Wheatley, Jessie Orwin, Harold Hobster, Leslie Driver, Joan Wheatley, Marion Holland, and Mrs. Wheatley. A very nice session and a real Children's Day.—E. Hobster, Session Sec.

COLNE.—Open Session was held on Aug. 1st. Only two recitations were given. Lyceumists not having thrown off completely the holiday feeling, otherwise it was a very good session.—H. Crabtree, Sec.

DARWEN.—On August 1st we held our Open Session. Mrs. Eatough performed the naming ceremony of Lilian Chester, whose spirit name was Truth. Songs and recitations were given by Lyceumists from three years to fifty years old. We had a good and intelligent session.—D. Coghlan, Sec.

DONCASTER, High Street.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 1st. Miss Johnson conducted. The following Lyceumists took part: L., C. and E. Gomersall, A. Crossland, L. Ball, V. Crossland and D. Batty.

On August Tuesday we had our Annual trip to Cleethorpes by chara. Every one having a good time.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

DOVER.—On Aug. 8th Mr. Miles L.L.D.V., paid us a visit and addressed the Lyceum.

On Aug. 18th we held our first outing, journeying by car into the country. Many church members accompanied us. A vote of thanks was passed to the organizer, our Conductor, for such a treat.—Maud Ash, Sec.

EAST HAMILTON, Canada.—Our Open Session was held on July 25th and conducted by Mrs. Lonsdale. Our Lyceumists contributed freely with pearls.

On July 31st we held our annual picnic to "La Salle" Park with a good attendance and glorious weather prevailing. All thoroughly enjoyed it. There were plenty of nice prizes won, and on returning to the school in the evening we finished up with dancing.—H. Greaves, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—On Saturday, July 31st, the Fleetwood Lyceum won the First Prize in the Hospital Parade with their Tableau, "Olde England." This is the fourth time of winning the First Prize. One of the Lyceumists, Elsie Johnson, won First prize as an "Old English Lady."

August 1st. Open Session, the usual interest taken. Pearls and recitations by Frank Harris, Nora Harris, Lily Yarwood, Kathleen Smith, and a little visitor from Barnsley, Margery Hampton. Trio by Kitty Thurston, Agnes Christopherson and Nora Harris.—E. K. Firth, Sec.

HEATON NORRIS.—On July 18th we held our Open Session All Lyceumists helped to make an enjoyable afternoon. The evening service was also given by Lyceumists; the elder Male section rendered some good singing.—A. Craig, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter's Street.—On Aug. 1st, we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Garside. We had recitations by Mary Midgley, Doris Richmond, Peggy Duram, and Leslie Midgley. Pianoforte solos by Florence Senior, Phylis Wilson. Solos by Mr. Wallis and Eva Farnhill, duet by Mrs. Arnold and Miss Williams. Recitations by Alice Schofield and Elsie Kerison. We had a very pleasant time together.—Elizabeth Farnhill, Sec.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, Aug. 2nd, we held our Annual Trip, going to Penshaw by train. There were present 90 children and 59 adults. Sports and games were held, after which tea was provided. Everyone had an enjoyable day. Greetings to all Lyceums.—H. Riches, Sec.

LANCASTER.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 1st. The following Lyceumists helped to make it a success: Betty Kelly, R. Dennison, Alma Coupland, and Marjorie Dawson.—E. Thompson, Sec.

LEEDS, Armley.—On Monday, Aug. 2nd, a marriage ceremony took place between Mr. Walter Wainwright, our Lyceum Conductor, and Miss Annie Pugh, our musical director. Hymns were sung by the choir and audience who gave them a hearty send off. Mr. John Jackson, one of our own Lyceumists, conducted the service.—C. Sykes, Sec.

LEEDS, North.—We held our Flower Service on the 18th July, which was a success. The Lyceumists gave addresses of ten minutes each.—Mrs. Land, Sec.

LEEDS, Brunswick Place.—As Master George Vickers and Miss Hilda Vickers, two grandchildren of our oldest Lyceumist were leaving us for Canada we had a Coffee Supper on Friday, July 23rd. On July 25th they were presented by our Conductor, Mr. J. Gascoigne, with a Silver Watch and Drop Brooch, which both bore the photo of our Founder.—Arthur Daisley, Sec.

LIVERPOOL, Boaler Street.—We held our Annual Picnic on Wednesday, July 21st. A very enjoyable time for everyone. Visitors cordially invited every Sunday at 3 p.m.—W. G. Gates, Sec.

LONDON, Battersea.—Progress is still maintained throughout this Lyceum. We have again won another Silver Medal for the fifth time in three years.—W. F. Holt, Sec.

LONDON, Bowes Park.—On Wednesday, 11th August, the Centenary of the birth of Andrew Jackson Davis, the Bowes Park Lyceum held a special commemoration meeting at the house of the Conductor. Mr. Jepp gave a splendid address dealing with the duties and future of the Lyceum Movement, and a short address of recognition was given through him by a member of the "Cosmon" Spirit Band, who are connected with Lyceum work in the Summerland.

The meeting, which was originally suggested by Mr. Jepp, was a huge success, and will live in the memory of those who were present.—K. M. Stroude, Sec.

LONDON, Lewisham.—On Saturday, August 14th, we held our annual outing, when we went to Brighton by char-a-banc. We had a most enjoyable time, about 70 Lyceumists and friends being present.

On August 15th we had a most enjoyable session ably conducted by our Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Coleman. Efforts were admirably given by Jack Broughton, Harry Broughton, Ronald Broughton, Doris Reynolds, Peggy Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Broughton.—J. Broughton, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Lower Broughton.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 8th. It was enjoyable all through. Good response of pearls and recitations from Cyril Hargreaves; they came automatically.—C. Day, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—On Aug. 15th we held our Annual Flower Service. Mrs. Lilly, the speaker for the evening, attended and spoke a few words on Flowers and their meanings. Pearls, solos, and recitations were rendered by Lyceumists. Many friends were with us. A very enjoyable session was spent.—S. Bragg, Session Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham Street.—Our Lyceum is making steady progress, both spiritually and financially. One night is set aside every week to make ourselves more efficient.—Mrs. N. Willey, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Moston.—On July 18th we held our Open Sessions. Our Conductor made a very delightful change from the general routine of the Sessions. The lessons were taken from the First, Second, and Third Grades of the Education Scheme, and one candidate from each grade gave their papers, which was very well rendered. Miss Waite took the First in the morning; Mrs. Cooper the Second in the afternoon; and Mrs. A. Smith the third in the evening. Questions followed the readings of each paper. Recitations and solos were rendered by the Lyceumists and visitors. The Sessions throughout were both interesting and instructive. Ten Lyceum representatives gave greetings and we in return extended our good wishes for their future welfare.—A. T. Smith, Sec.

MIDDLESBOROUGH United.—Our annual trip took place on Monday, August 16th, at Marshe, but it was marred by frequent showers of rain. We made the best of it. We all enjoyed ourselves, both young and old, to the fullest extent possible. We had a quite exciting time with the races and the distribution of prizes. We cannot appreciate too highly the

very able manner in which all came forward to make it such a great success.—M. Brookes, Sec.

NELSON.—August 1st, "Flower Services." The Open Session in the morning was of a very pleasing nature. Our Conductor, Mrs. Parkinson, carried out a very pretty ceremony in the naming of another little blossom, Elinor Illingworth, spirit name, "Love." Emery Raw, Lily Atherton, and Mrs. Haythornwaite rendered items. Greetings to all Lyceums at home and abroad.—Cissie Smoothy, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—On August 1st we held our Open Session. Pearls, recitations, solos, were given by our Lyceumists. Our Annual Summer Outing took place on August Bank Holiday, about 100 Lyceumists and friends gathered together and spent a very enjoyable time at Warkworth. The sun shone brilliantly the whole day through. Not a shadow came along to mar the happiness which existed. Sports and races ended a happy day to be long remembered by all.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanic's Hall.—On Saturday, August 14th, the Lyceumists and friends travelled by train to East Leake, for their annual summer party. Just over 100 sat down to an enjoyable tea. The weather being nice and fine, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves with games and races.—O. Peel, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On August 7th the adults of the school held their outing to Harcastle Crags. A number of friends went with us, and an enjoyable day was spent. The Lyceum is progressing well. A welcome to all.—J. E. Chappell, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott Street.—On July 18th we had a very pleasing ceremony in the naming of Ronald James, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Clayton, by our Conductor, Mr. Platt, assisted by Mrs. Platt. The spirit name given through Mrs. Platt was "Aurora." A good number of visitors were present.—J. Barratt, Sec.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.—We held our Open Session on July 18th. We had a good session, everything being done in good style. Solo by Miss Stirland, duets by Misses E. Bradley and A. Norris; F. Hough and E. Curtis; R. Daniels and A. Curtis; recitations by J. Hatch, Miss Curtis. A morning well spent.—Rd. Smalley, Sec.

RIPLEY Progressive.—On August 1st, we celebrated our Third Anniversary. The speaker was Miss Victoria G. Rayner, of Nottingham. It was a most successful day. Many thanks are due to Miss Rayner, for the encouraging remarks she made. The Lyceum Members rendered their items splendidly. Miss G. Carrington was the pianist. We wish to thank the few members of the Eastwood and Greasley Male Voice Choir, Sutton-in-Ashfield Lyceumists, and friends, for their invaluable help.—E. Hutchinson, Sec.

ROCK FERRY.—August 2nd, Open Session, good attendance. Readings well read and explained. Pearls by all. Solos by N. Brown, C. Light and M. Costain. Recitations by G. McClennon.—C. Whittaker, Sec.

ROTHERHAM.—Open Session, August 8th. Recitations by the children. Our sports club is strengthening. On August 5th we played the Unitarians at cricket and won the match.—Annie Hollis, Min. Sec.

SALFORD CENTRAL.—Open Sessions were held at Newshaw Street on August 1st, conducted by Mr. Hart. They were very interesting and enjoyed by all present. Pearls and solos were rendered.—M. Goldstraw, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Gifford Road.—On August 1st we had our Open Session. Mr. Magness conducted. Recitations by Edith Maw, Kenneth Magness, Barbara Toyton, Alice Toyton, Eileen Sanderson, Connie Higginbottom, Hilda Greaves, Murial Overment, and Clifford Holland. A solo by Bernard Higginbottom. A most enjoyable and interesting session.—J. E. Overment, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON, Cavendish Grove.—On Wednesday, Aug. 4th we held our Annual Outing. Amid glorious weather a party of 140 Lyceumists and friends, including our President, Mr. Guy, proceeded by char-a-banc to Milford-on-Sea. I am sure we all had a glorious time. The outing was expressed as a complete success, thanks being due to our Conductor Mrs. Hart, and her generous helpers.—F. Thompson, Sec.

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The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

- G Birmingham, Handsworth, 3 p.m. Mr. E. V. Babb, 9/172, Hospital Street, Birmingham.
 G Birmingham, Stirchley, 10-0. Mr. S. C. Kind, 233, Fordhouse Lane, Stirchley.
 G Walsall, Temperance Hall, Freer-st., 2-30 p.m. Miss Wadsworth, 66, Dora Street, Pleck, Walsall.
 G Wolverhampton, School St. 2-30 p.m. 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, 10-15. Miss E. Foster, 7, Haslam Street, Bolton.
 E Bolton, Henry-street, 10-15. Mr. R. G. Shipperbottom, 49, Tong Moor Rd., Bolton.
 E Bury, 66, King-street, Rochdale-road, 10-30 a.m. & 2 p.m. Mr. T. Lever, 4, Eden St., Bury.
 E Bury, Sydney-st., 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Farrand, 29, Lima St., Huntley Brook, Bury.
 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. Hutchinsson, 88, South Avenue, Leigh.
 E Radcliffe, Railway St., 10-30. Miss A. Charnley, 4, Stanley-st., Whitefield, nr. Manchester.

BRADFORD COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. Aked, 15, Aireworth St., Keighley.
 District Visitor, Miss S. Hudson, 29, Fell Lane, Keighley.
 D Bradford, Harker-street, 1-45 p.m. 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, 10-30. Mr. W. Simpson, 29, Young Street, Gillingham, Bradford.
 D Idle, Co-op Hall, 1-45. Mr. A. Illingworth, 110 Brunswick Rd., Greengates, nr. Bradford.
 D Keighley, Heber Street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. F. D. Bins, 10, Hill Street, Keighley.
 D Salfaire, The Institute, Victoria Road, 1-45 p.m. 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 Skipton, Lecture Room, Temperance Hall, 10-30 a.m. 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, 11 a.m. Miss G. Fellows, 72, Alexandra Street, Nuneaton, Notts.

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, Bonegate Road, Brighouse.
 D Elland, Portland St., 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Sadler, 38, Langdale St., Elland, Yorks.
 D Elland, Westgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. 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. Mr. G. H. Yates, 25, Thornton Lodge Road, Huddersfield.
 D Huddersfield, St. Peter St., 10-30 a.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 Quarndby, Harp Rd., Longwood, 10-30. Mr. H. Baxter, 10, Sunside Terr., Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.
 D Slaithwaite, Hollins Glen, 10-15 a.m. and 1-45. Miss C. Birkhead, 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, 2 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, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. H. M. Gooder, 20, Wensleydale Parade, Batley.
 C Castleford, Lower Oxford St., 10-15 a.m. Mrs. K. Wright, 23, Wood Street, Castleford.
 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 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. Carilli, 1, Wilberforce Terrace, Wilberforce St., Anlaby Road, Hull.
 C Leeds, 8, Alpha-street, 2-30. Mr. F. Fawcett, 5 Land End Place, Beeston Road, Leeds.
 C Leeds, Armley, Theaker-lane, 2 p.m. Mr. C. Sykes, 3, Brentwood Grove, Armley, 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., 2-30 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. Mrs. Land, 25, Lower Brunswick Street, off North Street, 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. C. Roberts, 190, Gordon Place, South Elm-sall, nr. Pontefract.
 C Morley, Cross Church St., 1-45. Mr. G. Clarke, 5, Dryfield Terrace, Churwell, nr. Leeds.
 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 Scarborough, Sherwood St., 2 p.m. 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. Hempsall, 9, Prenton Rd., E. Hr. Tranmere, Birkenhead.
 F Chester, Common Hall St., Mr. C. Hesketh, 6, Goss 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, 47, Marion Street, Birkenhead.
 F Runcorn, Ashridge St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. L. Cohen, 103, Greenway Road, Runcorn, Cheshire.
 F Southport, 10-30. Mr. F. Newsham, 6, Victoria St., Southport.
 F Warrington, Sankey St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. E. Rose, 60, Warburton St., Stockton Heath, Warrington.
 F Wigan, Millgate Hall, Millgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mrs. E. Clitheroe, 69, Lime Street, Wigan.
 F Crewe, Mill St., 10-30. 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 Brixton, 43a, Stockwell Park Rd., S.W.9. 3 p.m. Mr. F. B. Cross, 10, Somerleyton Road, Brixton, S.W.9.
 H London, Battersea, 3-0. Mr. Holt, 248, Cowick Road, 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, Chatham, Queen's Hall, Military Road, 3 p.m. Mr. R. Corner, 6, Stopford Road, Gillingham, Kent.
 H London, Clapham St Luke's Rd., S.W.4, 3 p.m. Mr. A. Young, 25, Mallet Rd., Hither Green, S.E.
 H London, Croydon, "The New Gallery," Katharine Street, Croydon, 3 p.m. Miss G. H. Robertson, 9, Foulsham Road, Thornton Heath.
 H Dover, Metropole Hall, Banner Street, 3-0 p.m. Mr. J. W. Ash, 3, Pretoria Terrace, Dover.
 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, Beadna-road, 3 p.m. Miss A. Payne, 29, Beadnall-road, Forest Hill, S.E.
 H London, Hackney, Amhurst Rd., 3-0. Mrs. M. Hester, 128, Church Rd., Canonbury, London, 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, 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.18.
 H London, E 13, Plaistow, Braemar Rd., 3 p.m. H. Wright, 153, Denmark Street, Beckton Road, Plaistow, E.13.
 H Little Ilford, Third Avenue Church St., Manor Park, 3 p.m. Miss I. Page, 21, Shelley Avenue, Manor Park, London, E.12.
 H London, E., Manor Park, Shrewsbury Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mrs. E. M. Marmoy, 30, Ashley Rd., Forest Gate, E.7.
 H London, Stratford, Idminton Road, Mr. R. A. Manning, 67, Khartoum Road, London, E.13.
 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, Villas Road, Plumstead, 3-0 Mr. H. Watthey, 4, Richmond Pl., Plumstead, S.E.14.
 H London, Wimbledon, 4 and 5, The Broadway, 3 p.m. Mr. D. E. Dodd, 9, Kingston Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.19.
 H Southend and Westcliff, Westboro' Rd., 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, Angelsea 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, 2-30 p.m. Mr. S. Molineux, 6, Wesley St., Openshaw, Manchester.
 F Manchester, Lower Broughton, Clarence St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. C. Day, 1, Waterloo Place, off King Street, Salford, Manchester.
 F Manchester, Longsight, Shepley St., 2-30. Mrs. N. White, 1, Dalton St., Longsight, Madchester.
 F Manchester, Moston, Church Lane, 10-30. Mr. A. T. Smith, 18, Conran St., Harpurhey, Man'ter.
 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.

Manchester, Salford (Central), West High St., off Cross Lane, 10-30 & 2-15. Miss Goldstraw, 56, Carlton St., Eccles New Rd., Weaste, M'ehr
Manchester, South: Princess Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Hope, 1, Green St., Greenheys, Manchester.
Manchester, Stretford, Watson St., 2-30 p.m. Miss E. Miller, 108, King St., Stretford, Manchester.
Saddleworth, Court St., Uppermill, 10-30. Mr. J. Shaw, Moorgate St., Uppermill, Oldham, Lanes.
Swinton, 10-30 & 2-30. Mr. L. Brendon, Dale's Brow Farm, Worsley Rd., Swinton, Mchr.
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. Jowles, 66, Wellington Rd., South, Stockport.

District Visitor, Mrs. Ennion, 95, Vienna Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.
Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. S. Mortin, 112, Stanhope St., Ashton-under-Lyne.
Denton, Central, Market St., 10-30. Mr. W. W. Lovett, 22, William St., Denton.
Heaton Norris, Baker St., 10-30 & 2-15 p.m. Mrs. A. Craig, 6, Rowland St., Heaton, Norris.
Hyde, Clarendon St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Bowden, 202, Dukinfield Road, Hyde, Cheshire.
Leek, 10-30. Mr. M. Sheldon, 16, Cheshire St., Leek, Staffs.
Macclesfield, Cumberland St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.
Stockport, Lr. Hillgate, Crowther St., 2 p.m. Mr. S. Hodgkinson, 61, Hulise Terrace, Adswold Lane West, Shaw Heath.
Stockport, Central, 15b, Lord St., 10-15 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: Mr. R. Latham, 173, Colne Road, Burnley.
Accrington, Argyle St., 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Wood, 163, Burnley Rd., Accrington.
Accrington, Pearl St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. E. Anderson, 22, China St., Accrington.
Barnoldswick, Albert Hall, 10-30. Mrs. Whittaker, 100, York Street, Barnoldswick.
Barrowford, Lee St., 10 a.m. Miss A. Broughton, 16, Gisburn Rd., Barrowford.
Blackburn, St. Peter St., 9-30 and 2.0. Mr. H. Bullen, 13, Eccles St., Blackburn.
Blackpool, Albert Rd., 9-15 a.m. & 1-45. Mrs. L. Calvert, 41, London Road, Blackpool.
Brierfield, John St., 2-0 p.m. Mr. T. Wane, 70, Berkeley St., Nelson.
Burnley, Hammerton St., 10 a.m. Mr. H. Brown, 24, Elm Street, Burnley.
Burnley, North St., 10 a.m. Mr. A. Pollard, 6, Marles Street, Burnley.
Clitheroe, Rechabites Hall, Greenera St., 10 a.m. Mrs. Slater, 12, Woone Lane, Clitheroe, Lancs.
Colne, Cloth Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Crabtree, 233, Burnley Road, Colne.
Dalton-in-Furness, Bead Hill, 2 p.m. Mr. W. Travis, 13, Cavendish St., Dalton-in-Furness.
Darwen, Victoria St., 9-30 and 1-45. Miss M. Leaver, 4, Auckland St., Darwen.
Earby, Greenwood Avenue, 10-15 and 1-45. Mr. T. Hodgson, 5, John St., Earby, nr. Colne.
Fleetwood, Oak St., 10-30 a.m. and 2-30. Mrs. E. K. Firth, 31, Burns Road, Fleetwood.
Great Harwood, Mercer St., 10-30 a.m. Miss L. Davis, 137, Blackburn Road, Gt. Harwood.
Nelson, Vernon St., 10 a.m. Miss O. Smoothy, 9, Farrar St., Nelson.
Padham, Ightenhill St., 1-30 p.m. Mr. W. T. Uttley, 154, Railway Terrace, Padham.
Preston, Central, Clarke's Yd., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Cook, 35, Sycamore Rd., Ribbleson, Preston.
Preston, Central Buildings, 68, Lancaster Rd., 10-30. Mr. R. Smalley, 90, Wellfield Road.
Rawtenstall, Bk. Ormerod St., 10-30. Mrs. Greenwood, 2, Patrick Sq., Hr. Cloughfold, Rossendale, Lanes.
Rishton, Eachill Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss D. Taylor-firth, 56, Spring St., Rishton, nr. Blackburn.
St. Annes-on-Sea, Co-operative Hall, St. Albans Rd., 2-0 p.m. Mrs. M. L. Evans, 24, Clifton Street.

TINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT.
 Secretary, Miss Victoria G. Bayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.
 District Visitor, Mr. Jarvis, 44, Moorgate St., Nottingham.
 Elpher, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.

Beeston Notts., Fletcher Yd., Fletcher Rd. 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Avery, Ivy Cottage, The Rylands.
Derby, Charnwood St., 10-45 & 2. Miss E. Hoe, 33, Clifton St., Derby.
Eastwood, Co-op Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-30. Mr. T. Walker, 86, Walker St., Eastwood.
Hucknall, Wesleyan Chapel Yard, Watnall Rd., 10-30 & 1-45. Miss A. Leverton, 34, Florence St., Hazel Grove, Hucknall.
Leicester, Liberty Progressive, Southampton Street, 3 p.m. Mr. C. W. Banton, 63, Fairfield Street.
Leicester, Marston St., 3. Mr. A. Greenhalgh, 96, Green Lane Rd.
Leicester, Rupert St., Lecture Hall, 11-0 a.m. Mr. John Wilks, 16, Curzon Street.
Leicester, Silver St., Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. L. Underwood, 77, Noble St., Leicester.
Lincoln, Progressive Hall, Coultham St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Bailey, 1, Bungalows, Abbey Works, Lincoln.
Long Eaton, Chapel St., 10-30 & 1-45. Mr. G. Glover, 39, Orchard St., Long Eaton, Notts.
Mansfield, Dallas St., 10-45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. L. Harrison, 21, Hospital Terrace, Mansfield, Notts.
Nottingham (Mechanics' Minor Hall), North Church St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briar St., Meadows.
Nottingham, Sherwood St. North, 2-30. Mr. A. W. Shipley, 4, Greenfield St., Dunkirk, Nottingham.
Nottingham, Hyson Green, Beaconsfield St., 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. E. Lovegrove, 50, Eland St., New Basford, Nottingham.
Nottingham, Chamber Buildings, Parliament St., 10-45. Mr. A. Tunneycliff, 33 Clapham St., Radford, Nottingham.
Sutton-in-Ashfield, Twitchell, 10-30 & 2. Mr. W. S. Matthews, 33, High St., Huthwaite, Notts.
Ripley, Co-op Hall, Crossley St., 11a.m. & 2 p.m. Mr. E. Hutchinson, Grosvenor Rd., Ripley, Derbyshire.
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 Dalmuir, 1 p.m. 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, Broomloan Rd., Govan, 12-30 p.m. Mr. J. Logan, 33, Chancellor St., Partick, Glasgow.
A Glasgow, 100, West Regent-st., 1-30 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, 14, Weir St., off Paisley Rd., 11-30. Mr. H. Stark, 141, West Graham St., Glasgow.
A Rosyth, Mr. W. L. Robertson, Clayaere Cottage, Foundry St., Dumfermline, Scotland.

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., Stone-gravels.
C Doncaster, King's Arcade, 1-30 p.m. Mr. A. A. Towle, 17, Woodlands Terr., New Edlington.
C Doncaster, High St., 10-30 & 2. Mrs. S. C. Webb, 65, Elmfield Rd., Doncaster.
C Mexborough, Lee's Arcade, 10-45 & 2 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, L. P. Halls, Home-st., 2-0 p.m. Mr. C. A. Baimbrough, 28, Gervase-st.
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. P. Ballard, 96, Attercliffe Common, Sheffield.
C Sheffield, Heeley, 44, Gifford-road, 2-30. Mr. J. E. Overmet, 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, Dearne Rd., Bolton-on-Dearne, 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, Mrs. Taylor, Brockwell House, 73, Victoria Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.
 District Visitor, Miss A. L. Scoggins, 3, Upper Hollingdean Rd., Brighton, Sussex.
H Bournemouth, 16, Bath Rd., 3 p.m. Miss E. Wadlow, Marylands, 57, Porchester Road, Bournemouth.
H Brighton, Mighell-st., Hall, 3-0 p.m. Miss L. Parks, 49, Freshfield St., Queen's Park, Brighton.
H Exeter, Market Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. H. A. Grainger, Manoh, 23, Clifton Hill.
H Exmouth, Hulham House.
H Portsmouth, 73, Victoria-rd, Southsea, 3 p.m. Miss L. Paget, 33, Ringswood Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.
H Portsmouth, Francis-ave., 3-0. Mr. H. C. Guy, 45, Stamford-st., Fratton, Portsmouth.
H Reading, Bell St., Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. D. R. Lawrence, 72, Whitley Wood Lane, Reading.
H Southampton, Cavendish-grove, The Avenue, 3 p.m. Mr. F. Thompson, 29, Chilworth Rd., Shirley, Southampton.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall St., Rochdale, Lanes.
 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, 10, Oak St., Bacup, Lancs.
F Dearnby, Rochdale-rd., 15 a.m. Mrs. E. Hoyle, 4, Fielden St., Smithy Bridge, nr. Rochdale.
F Heywood, William-st., 10 a.m. 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 Middleton, Mill St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. Cullen, 206, Oldham Road, Middleton.
F Oldham, Elliott-st., 10-30 a.m. & 2-15 p.m. Mr. J. Barratt, 1, Bk. Beech St., Wallshaw St., Oldham.
F Rochdale, Baillie St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Dewhurst, 7, Chestnut Place, Entwisle Rd., Rochdale.
F Rochdale, Penn-st., 10 & 2. 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 1-30. Miss M. A. Sutcliffe, 1, Back Lum-buts Road, Todmorden.

SOUTH WALES LYCEUM DISTRICT:

G Barry, Buttrills Rd., 2-30. Mr. S. G. Havard, 81, Morel St., Barry Dock, S. Wales.
G Caerau, 2-30. Mr. B. Poole, 33, Morgan St., Caerau, Bridgend, S. Wales.
G Cardiff, Central, Mrs. C. J. Brown, 4, South London Sq., Docks, Cardiff.
G Newport, Albany Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. G. Hanham, 12, Chapel Crescent, Newport, Mon.
G Newport, Charles St., 3 p.m. Mrs. H. Gamlin, 86, Raglan St., Newport, Mon., S. Wales.
G Tredegar, Workmen's Hall, 3 p.m. Mrs. E. Richards, 11, George St., Tredegar, Mon.
G Ystrad, 2-30. Mr. E. S. Carpenter, 4, Pencal Terrace, Treorchy, Glam.

THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell-st., Stockton-on-Tees.
 District Visitor, Mr. Foster, Gurney Valley.
B Bishop Auckland, William St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. A. G. Summers, 18, Paddy's Row, Eldon Lane, Bp. Auckland, Co. Durham.
B Darlington, 15a, Blackwell Gate, 2 p.m. Mrs. Moore, 16, Middleton St., Darlington.
B Darlington, Westbrook Hall, Northgate, 2-30. Mr. R. P. Christopher 1, Hercules St., Springfield, Darlington.
B Darlington, Witton Park, 2.30. Mrs. E. Meek, 10, High Albion Street, Witton Park.
B Grangetown, Pochin Rd. 2. Miss D. Keen, 17, The Avenue, Teesville, South Bank, Yorks.
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, Grang Rd., West, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Nellist, 53, Victoria Rd., Middles-boro'.
B Middlesbrough, United, Wilson St., 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Brookes, 38, France St., Middlesbrough.
B Shildon, Fryers-st., Temperance Hall, 2-15. 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., 1-45 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. Chilley, 14, Fourth Avenue, Council Houses, Chester-le-Street.
 B **Craghead**, Council School 2-30. Mrs. E. Perryman, 7, George St., Craghead, S.O. County Durham.
 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 **Hetton and District**, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroline-st., Hetton-le-Hole.
 B **Hirst**, Spiritual Church, Milburn St., Ashington, 2-30 p.m. 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, 83, Primrose Hill, Jarrow-on-Tyne.
 B **Newbiggin-by-Sea**, Store Hut, Newbiggin Colliery, 2-30. Mr. D. High, 2, Downits Rd., 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. E. Hunter, 36, Mowbray St., Heaton.

- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Co-operative Hall (No. 1 Room), Carville-rd. 11 a.m. Miss M. Davidson, 17, Briarwood Crescent, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, 4, Blandford Street, 2-30. Mr. J. C. Cowie, c/o Mrs. Read, 116, Gill Street, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 B **New Delaval 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. Robson, 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. Mr. R. Wilson, 350, John Williamson, St., South Shields.
 B **Southwick-on-Wear**, Clockwell St. 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Osman, 29, Chilton St., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.
 B **Sunderland**, 21, Derwent St., 2-40 p.m. Mr. A. Moore, 53, South Durham, St., Sunderland.
 B **Sunderland**, Victory, 2-30 p.m. 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.

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, "California," Brookhouse Lane, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.
 G **Northampton**, 6a, Newland, 10-45. Mrs. Lawman, 16 Sulgrave Rd., St. Jame's End, Northampton.

- G **Tunstall**, Piccadilly 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., 2-30 p.m. Miss R. Burgess, c/o Mrs. Green, Cumberland St., Dunedin North, New Zealand.
East Hamilton, Ont., Canada, Balmoral Avenue, 2-30. Mr. H. Greaves, 317, Roxborough Avenue, 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, Corner Hamilton & Purder St., Mr. R. E. Gunn, 7660, Heather St., Vancouver, B.C.
Wellington, N.Z. Kent Terrace, 2-30. Miss L. Webb, 36, Moxham Avenue, Hataitai, 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 W. Brown, 379, Redwood Avenue, Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

SOUTH ELMSALL.—July 25th, election of officers: Conductor, Mr. Kelly; Assist., Sarah Machin; Sec., Mr. Roberts; Treas., Mr. Smith; Marching Conductor, Mr. Roberts; Delegate, Mrs. Dawson; Musical Conductor, Miss Marion Locker. We give our heartiest thanks to retiring officers.—C. Roberts, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Fowler Street.—Our trip: Penshaw August 2nd. A long train, going short distance with many light hearts and heavy loads. Plenty of food, little money, huge field; small company; old friends; new scenery; enjoyed a hot sun; cold lunch; variety of sports; weak tea; strong comments; rainfall: retire to barn: rustic carts and rusty voices: all sing "Sparkling Waters, etc": arrived home, financially, and physically depleted. Balance for Treasurer 3d. Pleasant memories.—R. Smith, Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick Street.—The Lyceum took the evening service on July 18th to a very appreciative congregation, though not so large as we desired. The children did their part very well with singing, etc. Mr. Miller, conducted, with Mr. Harrison in the chair and left a good impression on all for the good work of Mrs. Dodsworth who has the training of the children in hand.—A. Hickman, Sec.

STOCKTON, Cecil Street.—The Anniversary was held on 4th July, Anthems, Hymns and Musical Readings were rendered by the Lyceum. Good recitations, especially by the elder Lyceumists. The Evening Services of Church Anniversary were taken in the same manner, except in place of recitations several Lyceumists gave short addresses.

Monday, Musical Evening and presentation of about fifty prizes for attendance. There was a good attendance at all services. The Conductor was Mr. Neal.—Geo. A. Atkinson, Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.—On August 2nd we all had a very pleasant holiday together. Owing to the coal trouble we could not take the Lyceumists their annual outing, so we had a Tea and Social at home. All had a very happy time.—Wilfred S. Matthews, Sec.

WALSALL.—On August 1st we spent a very enjoyable Open Session. The following Lyceumists rendered recitations or songs: Nancy Jenkins, Nancy Fawndrey, Rosie Tennant, Norah Johnston, Miriam White, Harriet Evans, Janie Evans, Edna Joyce, Nancy White, Lily Walker, Beatrice Jones, Florrie

Johnston, Betty Tomes, Dora Willetts, Harriet Willetts, Arthur Beckett, Leslie Aikin, Jessie Hollingshead, Dorothy Beckett, Rosie Hollingshead, Thurla Hollingshead, Norah Cartwright, Freda Smith and Hilda Haden. A treasured memory of a happy day will remain with us for a long while to come.

We again had the pleasure of winning the 'Band of Hope Temperance Shield' for a wonderful tableau which our Spirit Friends inspired workers with ideas and plans, making the whole of Walsall gasp, and one more victory for our beloved Cause of Spiritualism.—L. L. Wadsworth, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—On August 1st we held our Lyceum Anniversary. Mr. Jenkinson, of Mexboro, was the speaker. Mr. Paskill conducted the singing. Organist, Miss W. Rawlinson. Various children recited.

On August 2nd we went to Rosehill Park for our annual outing and Lyceum tea. We spent a real good time together.—M. Farrar, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—We held our Open Session on August 1st, conducted by Miss Gray. The following Lyceumists contributed to its harmonious success: J. Douglas, L. Dryden, R. Dryden and J. Tiplady. The organist was Mr. W. Gransbury.—(Mrs.) G. Dryden, Sec..

WHITLEY BAY.—We held our Annual Picnic on August 2nd at Hartley. A most enjoyable day was spent by all, with glorious weather.—Mrs. M. Hall, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our usual Open Session on August 1st. Recitations and pearls were said by the following: Irene Turner, Millie Crawley, Edna Brown, Harry Towns, Verna McLeod and Harold Brown. A piano-forte solo was given by Olive Forrest. There were not so many present because of the hot weather.—Winnie Brown, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess Street.—We held our Open Session on July 4th. We did not have a very large gathering. Pearls and recitations were given by Molly Pilkington, Grace Waugh, May Armitt, Dolly Sutherland, Mrs. Leanord, Mr. Pearson sang a very beautiful hymn.

We held our Annual Picnic to Grand Beach on July 1st and everyone enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. Prizes were run for by several of the children. We had a most glorious day the weather was fine.—(Mrs.) M. Armitt.