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The President's New Year Message.



MISS EDITH ELLIOTT.

GREETINGS TO LYCEUMISTS EVERYWHERE.

We are standing on the edge of 1926 and await with calm solemnity the ushering in of 1927. The year 1926 has been marked by great difficulties which the people have been confronted with: its influence is still felt by many. But we wish to strike an optimistic chord, for there is purpose behind all things, and through trials and suffering, we mould our characters and immerse from the fiery furnace stronger and purer.

Between the Old and New Year there is a tense moment of great expectancy when the joyous notes of the bells announce the passing of the Old and the Dawning of the New. The hearty greetings of our friends and the good and sincere wishes that are extended at this time make us more conscious of the Law of Association that binds us together in one Human Brotherhood.

It is a time of introspection and resolution: when the still small voice within stirs our innermost feelings and we are prompted to rise to higher altitudes of life by making firm resolutions to do better in the future.

Thought too, plays a very prominent part with us at this festive season. We link up with the past and recall our many friends, some of whom have emigrated to other countries. Others are still with us in Home Land, and we do not forget those above us, who are still interested in our welfare! Our thoughts go out to one and all at this time, and we feel the inspiration that gives us fresh courage and stimulus to carry on; when all barriers are broken down and soul meets with soul in the sincerity of kind wishes. So with Tennyson we sing.

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky:
The Year is dying, let it die."

Might I venture to suggest, Lyceumists, that when making your resolutions that you will pledge yourselves to further the interests of the Lyceum Movement by supporting the Education Scheme, and wherever possible take part therein: the needs of the children must be met, and if you all play your part in this direction we shall soon have our College a real live force.

I wish also, to draw your attention to the £2,000 Effort and trust you will include it in your good intentions and have no regrets.

Our message to you is: Keep the flag of Lyceumism unsullied and pure! The Light shall dawn in its own time to every individual soul, for we stand in the great forever.

To Lyceumists at Home and Overseas I wish you "A Happy and Prosperous New Year," that will have a lasting effect upon your lives.

Ring out, Joy Bells, ring out,
Our hearts in holy love,
To him who gave both earth and sky
The sweetest melodies.]

E. ELLIOTT.

THE LIGHT OF LOVE.

God gave a living light,
No human eye can see;
'Twas born of love, straight from above,
And comes to you and me.

There is within our minds,
A guide to lofty power;
A heavenly thought, by angels brought,
To be a human dower.

We find a happy life,
Has come to those who learn,
That children live, sweet love to give,
And holy truth discern.

Though they may pass away,
And leave our presence here,
We feel their charm, is safe from harm,
Within the spirit sphere.

THE TEN PETITIONS.

1. O God, our Heavenly Father, help us to love, worship and obey Thee, the One and Only God; Infinite, Eternal and Almighty Spirit.

2. O God, help us to love all things and everyone, but to worship Thee only. May no one, and no thing, come between Thee and us in thought, to separate us from Thee.

3. O God, help us to reverence Thy Name and Presence, at all times, and in all places.

4. O God, help us to prize the blessing of a weekly day of rest, and to use it for our spiritual and physical welfare and upliftment, and in every way for Thy honour and glory.

5. O God, help us to love, honour and obey our Parents, Teachers and Directors, in all things harmonious with Thy Will.

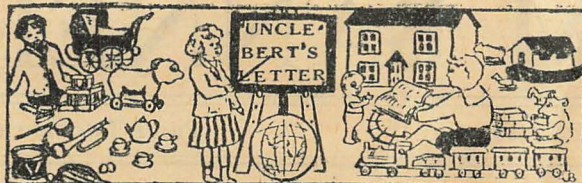
6. O God, help us to banish all feelings of envy, malice, hatred, resentment and ill-will; and to forgive, and bear goodwill at all time, remembering that all are Thy children.

7. O God, help us to keep clean and pure, in body and soul, and to conquer all evil passions that would injure us and others.

8. O God, help us to be honest and just in all our deeds, words and thoughts; to strive for truth and the right, and to be merciful and charitable.

9. O God, help us to keep from thinking and speaking evil of others, and to shun deceit and corruption; help us to be upright and straightforward in all things.

10. O God, help us to do our duty in this life, to perform with efficiency all our tasks, to give good value for what we receive, to be thrifty and careful for the future, without anxiety and worry. Help us to set our affections on things spiritual and eternal, rather than on things material and transient. May we covet no other person's goods, conditions or possessions, but rejoice in their prosperity, and wish them happiness, here and hereafter. May we wish sinners no harm, but sincerely desire their repentance and regeneration. May we love and serve Thee with all our hearts and souls; and may we love our relatives, friends and all living things as Thy children. All glory be to Thee, Almighty Spirit of Love, Wisdom and Power. Amen.



My dear Boys and Girls,

In my November letters, I was asked a Riddle by a little boy at Peckham.

He wanted to know if I knew the difference between an Elephant and a Pillar Box. He was artful enough to tell me if I did not, he would tell me in his next letter. Perhaps some of you can help me out of this tight corner when you write.

Here's another one, to which I have to give the answer in this letter. "That's done it."

I've to make a sentence of the following collection of letters. Three A's, Two P's, Two E's, Two Y's, one H, W, N, R. What a twister, where can I start? I'll try the second letter first, for there's sure to be a catch in it somewhere, there always is, in these Puzzles.

I've got it, the first word is Pen, then HAY, PAY, WEAR. No! I am off the track somewhere, that is not a sentence it is. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again." Ah! I know. "A HAPPY NEW YEAR." Of course it is. Someone else wants me to tell them, what words do O, N, T, S stand for, that's easy, One, Nine, Two, Seven (1927). Yes! and I could make one word of them too—TONS.

Having found the answers, Auntie Ruth and Cousin Doris join me in wishing you all "Tons of Happiness for the New Year."

Isn't it simple the way they make these New Years? All they have to do is rub out the six, and put a seven in its place. It's like when you do an addition sum at school and forget to carry the one from the previous column.

I expect quite a lot of you boys and girls have just had a new suit or dress, and are feeling quite fussy with your little selves. How careful you are with it too, not to spill your tea or drop your jelly down it. You are not alone in this respect, big people as well as you little ones, all take care of their new clothes, but alas the newness soon wears off, and we all become careless, and do not bother.

Many of us treat the New Year in exactly the same way, we sit in church or listen to the bells ringing the Old Year out and the New Year in, and we make all sorts of good resolutions, promising ourselves we'll do and be this, that, and the other, during the New Year. Like the care with our new clothes, too often our best intentions only last while the idea is new, then we forget all about them.

What's the use of making good resolutions then, you will ask me? to which I shall answer "all the good in the world."

When our clothes begin to show signs of wear, we have to have new ones, in like manner we should ever remember that by our own carelessness, our characters get ragged at times, then comes the need for renewing them with new ambition of progress.

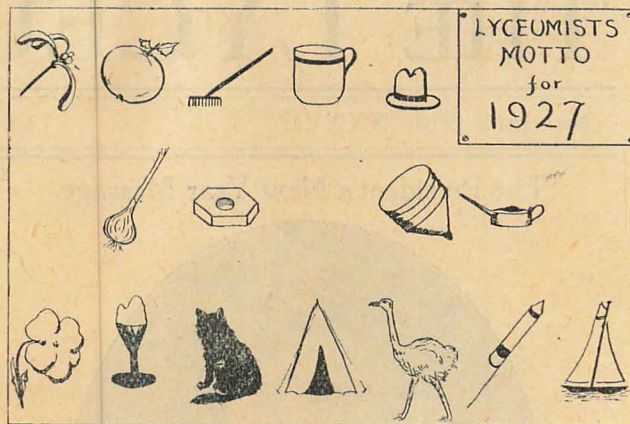
We must not allow ourselves to think that this can only be done once a year at 12 midnight on December the 31st. We must give it our daily attention. There are very few of us big or little, who ever go through one day of our lives without making some little error in the building up of our characters.

The old proverb tells us that "A stitch in time saves nine." All you children know how many hours mother spends putting a stitch here and there in your garments for you; to keep you looking neat and tidy in appearance. Then how important it is that we should overhaul our characters from time to time and find out those little snags, which have been caused by catching them on some rusty nail of forgetfulness or unkindness. I feel sure you will all try and do this every day, and not wait until the end of 1927.

I expect you are all wondering how our friends of whom I told you last month fared with their Christmas parties. I am sorry I cannot give you a full report of each one, but they all had a ripping time, and most of them have a lot more parties to attend.

Some of you wondered where Aladdin was; he was very busy working out a new stunt for the New Year. It's a very good one too. I think I had better just tell you what it is.

He has started "A new lamp of cheerfulness club." The idea is a very simple one, all you have to do is to look out for people who are trying to imitate the camel, and remove their hump, or to those who are suffering with the blues, tell them



what to do, etc. The motto is "Smile and look pleasant, please." I am quite sure every one of you will want to lend a hand to make someone else cheerful. We cannot do this unless we first get the cheerful spirit ourselves. You boys and girls are the builders of a New England, and even more than that, builders of a New World.

Thousands of men and women are daily engaged in forming Peace Leagues, and working out schemes and plans for the general upliftment of humanity, etc., doing all they can to make the world happier and brighter. They are starting the work, which you will have to carry on, when you grow up, but why not do your bit now and so help them with their mission of love. It is very nice to wish every one we meet at Christmas and New Year's day a happy time, but why not let this spirit be the same every day. This is where you boys and girls can become top scorers in the game of life every time. The old idea has been to respect certain customs on certain days, without carrying on the good work throughout the year. Here we all are with a New Year in our hands; let us endeavour to make it the brightest and happiest the world has ever known.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES:

No. 46. "Plum Pudding." FLOUR, SUET, CURRANTS, SPICE, SUGAR, ALMONDS, EGGS, SALT, MILK, BREAD CRUMBS, RAISINS, SULTANAS.

No. 47. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 48. ·E· ·E· ·E· ·A· ·I·

(A New Year's motto).

No. 49. (A verse from a New Year's Card). Can you put these letters in their correct places.

WON ETL SU LAL EB LLYOJ
OWN LTE SU LLA BE AGY
LIL MUUHRO SI BTU YLOLF
EHTN KMEA TI LYF AAWY.

No. 50. RIDDLES.

1. Why is a bad picture like weak tea?
2. What is the difference between medicine and a naughty boy?
3. When are children like bicycle wheels?

To the older Lyceumists who read this page, I will continue the message on cheerfulness by quoting the expression of Carlyle on the subject:

"Give us, O give us, the man who sings at his work! Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time—he will do it better—he will persevere longer. One is scarcely sensible of fatigue whilst he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, altogether past calculation its power of endurance. Efforts, to be permanently useful, must be uniformly joyous—a spirit all sunshine—graceful from very gladness—beautiful because bright."

Shakespeare said "A merry heart goes all the day, a sad tires in a mile."

May you all, old and young, enjoy the fruits of this spirit during 1927.

With love,
Your loving friend,
UNCLE BERT.

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

Education Department.

TO ALL PROGRESSIVE LYCEUMISTS.

We, as Lyceumists, are members of PROGRESSIVE Lyceums, and realise that it depends upon each of us, individually, whether that name is true or not. Proud of our Lyceums, we are anxious to help to win credit and renown and respect for them; and we can do this—and benefit ourselves at the same time—by taking up the work of the Education Scheme and sitting for the examinations. "The Workers Win" is a splendid motto to adopt for this year; so let us work hard and pass the examinations with flying colours—and thus win honours for ourselves, our Lyceums and our Movement.

IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES.

The names of your Lyceumists who intend taking the examinations next month should already have been sent to the Education Secretary. But if, for any reason, you have been unable to send them in during December, you still have a chance, as the closing date for receiving entries has been postponed to 15th January. Send in your entries AT ONCE, and so save your students from being disappointed.

REMINDERS TO STUDENTS.

The examinations will be held next month—on 19th or 20th February.

If your name has not been sent in, ask your Secretary to send it now—it will be too late after 15th January, and you *must* take the examination.

The Education Department in December's issue contains interesting and helpful information—which may be of use to you.

KNOW the set chapters in your Handbook; KNOW the set pieces in the *Manual*; look them up in *Summaries* and *Glossaries*, and learn the meanings of the hard words and phrases; learn the *Summaries*, and practise writing out answers to questions. You cannot then help doing well in February.

THE ORAL GRADE EXAMINATION.

NO FEE is charged for the children who take the Oral Grade examination.

A special Certificate, suitable for a child, will be issued to each candidate who scores 40 marks or more.

Lyceums entering children for the Oral Grade should appoint a special Oral Grade Supervisor—to hear the children say the set Silver Chains and ask them the set questions, in a separate room from the one used for the written examinations in the other Grades.

Until the day of the examination, the only particulars to be sent in to the Education Secretary are the NUMBER of entrants and the name and address of the Oral Grade Supervisor.

With the papers for the written examinations will be sent an Examination Form and Instructions for the Oral Grade Supervisor. On this Form will be written, on the day of the examination, and by the Supervisor, the names and ages of the children (those under ten coming before those over ten), the marks won per answer, and the total—and full particulars *re* Lyceum and Supervisor. This Form, when completed, must then be sent (along with the papers from the written examination) to the Education Secretary, and the Certificates for the children whose marks total not less than 40 will then be made out.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

Since the last list appeared in the November BANNER, the following additions have been made to the membership of the College:

Associates:—Mr. George A. and Mrs. Mary Mack (Runcorn), E. Thompson (Lancaster), H. C. Dobby (Lincoln).

Local Branches:—Stretford, Wellington (New Zealand), Derwent Street (Sunderland), and Bradford Street (Bolton) Lyceums. When are our "Home" Lyceums and Lyceumists going to apply for registration and thus fall in line with Wellington Lyceum and Mr. Brown (Canada)?

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Education Secretary and College Secretary take this opportunity of sending their fraternal greetings to every Lyceum and each Lyceumist, and of wishing them a very happy and very successful New Year.

Make the resolution that you will do your utmost to raise the educational standard of yourself, your Lyceum, your Council,

your Area, and your Movement by taking part in every educational activity there is, and by interesting others in them; and that you will not be satisfied till every member in your Lyceum is studying for one of the Grades—from the Oral Grade of the B.S.L.U. Scheme to the Final of the S.N.U. Scheme.

OUR MOTTO FOR 1927.

"Good, better, best—Never let us rest,
Till our good is better, And our better, best."

M. E. KITSON, Education Secretary.
A. T. CONNOR, College Secretary.

N.B.—A FULL SET of Education Literature can be obtained at the *specialty reduced* rate of 3s. 6d., post free.

Separate copies are charged the full price, *plus* postage.

Dozens are sent post free, and 13 copies are allowed to the dozen. Make postal orders payable at Savile Town.

ALL ORDERS, enquiries, etc., to be sent to the Education Secretary,—Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A., 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks.

Our Lyceum Guild.

GREETINGS TO ALL.

We wish each one of our members and every Lyceumist a glad New Year; and hope that 1927 will bring joy and success to all who are working in any way at all for Lyceumism.

OUR NEW FEATURE.

This year we propose to make a change in our stories. Instead of new ones, we intend to republish stories, by kind permission of their authors, from early volumes of the LYCEUM BANNER.

We have long considered that it was a pity these had not been reprinted, as books, for the enjoyment of Lyceumists who had not access to the bound volumes containing them; and so we are now doing the next best thing by giving them in our Page.

The first appears this month; and next month we shall give the first instalment of a Serial Story from the 1894 volume. It is entitled *Tommy, the Bootblack*, and was written by Miss Florence Morse, who has graciously given permission to us to republish it.

ELSIE'S DREAM BROTHER.

A NEW YEAR'S STORY.

BY ALFRED KITSON.

(Reprinted from the LYCEUM BANNER, January, 1907).

Elsie Reynolds was a bright little child of five summers, and was the delight of her parents. Her father called her his little "Dot." But he had gone away in a big ship called *The City of Boston*, which had foundered in mid-ocean, and it was feared all hands were lost.

This was a sad blow to Mrs. Reynolds, whose married life had been one of love and bliss, of two faithful hearts united by true love, striving to realise their ideals of what marriage should be to them.

Mrs. Reynolds, in mourning the loss of her husband, felt that her cup of joy, and dreams of life, had been suddenly dashed from her, and henceforth she must devote all her energies to the careful training of her one remaining comfort and consolation—Elsie.

She felt she would have to economise, so she removed into a smaller house, and she advertised as a music teacher, and also gave lessons in drawing.

Elsie was the sunshine of the home. Her pattering feet and musical ripples of laughter, interspersed with continual chatter, seemed to leave her mother no time to nurse her sad loss, or brood in despondency over her changed conditions.

Elsie would often talk about her Dadda, and what she would do when he came home, for she would not believe he was dead.

She was a peculiar child, and had her "prosy fits," as her mother called them, in which she would sit looking vacantly out of the window, or into the fire grate. These "prosy fits" were invariably followed by peculiar dreams, in which her "dream brother," as she called a little boy who always manifested to her at those times, gave her messages.

This peculiar trait of Elsie's had often caused her mother to feel anxious about her darling's health and mental state.

For instance, one day following one of her "prosy fits," she startled her mother by asking her if she, Elsie, had a little brother called Freddie?

This question caused a spasm of pain to flit across her mother's face, as she asked the child what had caused her to ask such a strange question.

"Cause," answered the child, "a little boy came to me in bed, and said he was my little brother, and they called him Freddie. Dadda used to call him his 'little man'." "And he died before I came to make you both happy again."

The mother burst into a passionate flood of tears, as this, her one bitter grief of her married life, was brought so vividly home to her. She tried to pacify her little angel in disguise by telling her she had been dreaming.

"I will call him my dream-brother, then," she exclaimed!

This incident caused Mrs. Reynolds some anxious moments, when the perplexed mother related it to her husband that night. The result was she decided to consult the family physician, who prescribed a tonic, and learnedly added, "The child must be watched, and carefully protected from all forms of excitement." By this means she would grow out of her "prosy fits," and strange hallucinations.

How many parents possessing children who dwell on the border line of the two worlds—the spiritual and the physical—act just as blindly and foolishly as did Mrs. Reynolds, who in her ignorance tried to stop the avenue whereby their sorely mourned first-born could make his presence known to them, and cheer their aching hearts with the proof that there is no death in God's wide world, with the message from their loved one that would have been more precious to them than untold wealth!

On another occasion little Elsie asked her mother if her "dream-brother" used to be dressed like a little Scotch laddie? And was his Scotch laddie's suit kept in a certain drawer, which was locked? And did she go secretly to look at it, and cry over it? 'cause her dream-brother said it was so, and wanted his mamma not to cry, as it made him very sad and miserable.

There followed another serious consultation between Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds over the child's "strange talk" that night. But they could not understand it. It could not be hallucination as suggested by the physician, as the description was correct.

The last incidents had taken place before Mr. Reynolds sailed for New Zealand on important business.

But Mrs. Reynolds had profited by the incidents, and had striven to cease her secret mourning over the faded suit in the bottom drawer.

Moreover, she had come to regard little Dot's "prosy fits" with an indefinable awe. And so when Dot affirmed her Dadda would come home again, for her "dream-brother" said so, Mrs. Reynolds treasured the child's assurance in her bosom. It was an inward hope that radiated its light upon her face, and helped to dispel the look of care and sorrow that had settled on her features.

Christmas had come with its joys and feastings, its mirth and mistletoe boughs. And new-born hopes of untold bliss in the heart of many a maiden and youth. Santa Claus had not been so liberal with his gifts for little Dot. Perhaps it was owing to their change of residence. Who can say?

On New Year's Eve, Dot had one of her "prosy fits" very badly. Nothing seemed to rouse her from its strange power, which seemed to hold her as if under some magic spell. What could it portend?

It was a happy relief for the anxious mother when her darling Dot closed her eyes in sound sleep that night, and she breathed a fervent prayer that the child would be her bright self again on the morrow.

The New Year dawned at last. "A HAPPY NEW YEAR" was being voiced on all sides in the homes, factories, and places of business. "Mamma!" exclaimed Dot, as her eyes opened to the light of day, "Dadda is coming home to-day! My dream-brother, Freddie, says it is to be a Happy New Year for all of us." And the child prattled on in full confidence that her long-lost Dadda would return to them that day.

"Hush, Elsie dear," cried her mother, as she caught her breath, "it hurts your mamma to hear you talk so. I am afraid your father will never come to us in this life." "But, Mamma dear," persisted the little comforter, with her glad tidings of great joy, "My dream-brother says he will come, and I must go and meet him, as he does not know our new address. So please dress me nicely, and put my hair in curls, as Dadda used to like it, and I will go and find him, and bring him home to you. Oh, won't we have a Happy New Year!" And she clapped her hands with glee.

It was quite evident to her mother that the idea of Mr. Reynolds' home-coming had taken firm hold of her child's mind, and so with palpitating heart, in which surged the emotions of

hope, that her strange child's prediction of her father's safe return, should come true, and fear lest it should be a mere dream, born of the child's anxious longing for his return, she proceeded to dress Elsie in accordance with her expressed wish.

She did not forget to scan her own face and figure in the mirror, in case there should be something in the prediction.

Elsie hurried along the busy thoroughfare as fast as her feet could carry her, led by a strange power towards the part of the town in which they formerly lived. She saw a cabstanding in front of the house, and a man standing enquiring at the next door. She gave a glad exclamation of "Dadda, Dadda, I knew you would come home to-day!" And she ran towards him with outstretched arms. The next instant she was caught to his bosom, and rapturous kisses were being showered upon her upturned face.

As soon as Dot could explain where their new home was, instructions were given to the driver to go there with all possible speed.

As they were being driven away, Mrs. Hargreaves, the next door neighbour, was heard to exclaim, "What a strange coincidence that little Elsie, whom I have not seen since they removed, should have come upon the scene just at the right moment! For none of us knew Mrs. Reynolds' new address!"

She did not know that an unseen hand had guided the child in time to give the much needed information.

So it is in the affairs of daily life. We are often guided in our actions more wisely than we are conscious of, and then we, too, exclaim, "What a strange coincidence!"

When Mrs. Reynolds heard the rumble of the cab wheels stop before her door, she rose to her feet, and clung to the table for support. Before she could recover herself she felt a pair of strong arms round her, and a voice she never expected to hear again in this life, greet her with, "Ethel, my own dear wife, I have found you at last!" What a happy re-union was theirs. They were recalled from their transport of joy by the voice of Dot saying, "I told Mamma that Dadda was coming home to-day, and we should have a happy New Year!"

"And so we will, my own darling Dot," cried her father, rapturously, "You shall have a doll that can say 'Mamma and Dadda,' and open and shut its eyes."

"Oh! that will be nice, ever so much better than if Santa Claus had brought it," and she clapped her hands for joy.

Explanations had to follow, on both sides. It appeared that Mr. Reynolds had been picked up by a passing ship, and had been ill with brain fever, in which his life had been despaired of for several weeks. He wrote home as soon as possible to assure them of his safety. He was surprised to have his letter returned marked "Gone away, no address." He could not understand it, and determined to come home at the first possible chance. He did so, only to find the house empty, and his little Dot had come just as their old neighbour had informed him she had no idea where his wife and child had gone to live.

Mrs. Reynolds explained how Dot had declared her "dream-brother" had told her her Dadda was coming home, and she had insisted on going to meet him.

They both marvelled at the child's strange ways, but had to own that she was the means of their reunion on that happy New Year's morn.

As time went on, they became acquainted with Spiritualism, and then the mystery of Dot's "prosy fits" and "dream-brother" was cleared up, by learning the fact that she was a splendid clairvoyant and clairaudient whose gifts were exercised during the night, and were always preceded by a period of quietude, by which her spirit guides were preparing their little medium for the message they wished to give.

They had many more happy New Years, but none which gave them more intense joy and pleasure than this one.

God's holy light of love,
For every girl and boy,
Will give sweet peace, charms never cease,
And we shall find pure joy.

EDINBURGH, 9, Gayfield Square.—On December 12th we held a very delightful Open Session. The following took part: Songs by Misses Ewing and Lawrence, Mr. McKay and Gilbert Anderson; recitations by Molly Brown, Bessie Houston, Janet Knowles, John Woodsell, Douglas Ewing and Graham McKay; pianoforte solo by Mr. Jack Blaik. A very successful and interesting afternoon was spent.—P. Lawrence, Sec.

A POETICAL PRAYER.

By W. GEO. WHEELER.

I thank Thee, dear God, for the light of the day;
 For goodness and mercy in all the years past.
 I thank Thee for blessings and pray'rs by the way;
 For love and remembrance that round me are cast.
 I bless Thee for soul and for all that it brings,
 For mind in its great evolutionary round.
 I thank Thee that sorrows have myriads of wings,
 While tender regard for Thy child doth abound.
 I thank Thee for sympathy, tenderness, grace;
 For kind-hearted souls in the battle of life.
 I thank Thee that Thou art the God of the Race,
 The source of our joy in the midst of the strife.



My Dear Kiddies,

This is 1927, and all of us, as Guildites, realise that we need no new pledges to follow out to make our lives in this New Year happier, and more hopeful. Our aims, as printed on our Guild leaflet, need no revising, we just take them as they are, knowing that by our perseverance to hold to that which is good and to all that is noble, we shall "win through" and become Guildites worthy of the name and of the respect of all who are willing to guide us. How very, very easy it is to look on the dark side, children, but how much better it is for us to smile. To always wear a happy smile is the best way to make others happy, so remember, kiddies, and let us all step on to the sunny side of life and remain there always. We have pledged ourselves to follow out our "Guild Aims and Rules," and we fully intend to do so, more so then we have done in the past. Let each of us carry a copy of "Our Aims" with us always, read and memorise them, and make them our guides throughout our daily lives. Then next year we can look back with pleasure, knowing we have accomplished good work which will benefit ourselves and others too, and whilst we work let us bear in mind:—

There is a gem, a pearl of worth,
 As lasting as the skies;
 More precious than the gems of earth,
 Its splendour never dies.

This pearl, children, given in one word, is TRUTH, which will ever be our *Watchword*.

PICTURE STORIES, NO. 1.

Should any of you meet a person in the street with a face long and oval, deep set, slanting eyes, thin lips and small mouth, you would guess his nationality in a moment. There are very many Japanese children, and grown-ups too, in England to-day, and really, kiddies, the young people are most charming. They are clever and make splendid companions and playmates. The only objection you would have against them if asked to dine with them in their own country is that they usually have cold dinners all the year round, and this wouldn't suit you, would it? Do you know that in Japan these people wear almost the same thickness of clothing in the winter months as they do during the summer? They evidently do not feel the cold so much as we do. The young lady in our picture is out for a stroll and is wearing a most beautifully coloured dress and carrying a sunshade of varied colours, but all the colouring has been left out of this picture, and you are asked again to get busy with your crayons and paints and finish the picture in the best way you can. See below for the rules of this Competition.

Do not draw the picture, but simply colour with your crayons or paints and make the lady appear as she should be, with a beautiful dress and sunshade in the most popular of Japanese colours. Now isn't it easy? So get busy right away.



OUR NEW YEAR COMPETITION.

RULES.

1. The above drawing must be finished in colours, with paint or crayons, then cut out and forwarded on or before January 29th, 1927, to The Guild Imp, c/o 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks.
2. Don't forget to enclose your name, address, and Guild No.
3. Age limit, 12 years, and a Prize, value five shillings (5s.). the choice of which is left to the winner, will be given to the Guildite who completes the drawings in the most perfect manner. In addition three other prizes will be awarded in order of merit.
4. Colonial readers have three months extension of time to compete in all Guild Competitions, and should be members of Lyceums attached to the B.S.L.U.

THANKS.

To those who have forwarded such nice letters, I give my very sincere thanks. I should like to receive suggestions from Guildites regarding Guild Classes, how to make them more enjoyable and entertaining.

To Guildites of the Adult Section.

If you are interested in periodical Guild rallies in your district, viz.: Sports clubs, picnic parties, dramatic clubs and study groups formed by an amalgamation of several Lyceums in your district, please write at once for particulars of this scheme to the Guild Imp, c/o 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks. This scheme is worthy of the consideration of all Guildites. Many Lyceums have so few Guildites enrolled that they find it impossible to have a Guild class of their own. The joining up with other Guildites in various Lyceums in their district would produce one solid band, and greater work could be done to enable the Guild Aims and Objects to be thoroughly carried out.

Fraternal Greetings and a Happy New Year to All,

THE GUILD IMP

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A Happy New Year to Lyceumists Everywhere.

We open the new year full of the desire for better times, happy associations, and continued links with the spirit-people.

A new volume of the BANNER commences with this issue and we are glad to find more Bound Volumes are being bought by Lyceumists to preserve, within the libraries, a composite record of the Union's work. In the compilation of our history, whenever it is written, we shall need the data. The archives of the Union contain some pleasing records. We must not lose the chance of filing, at least in our memories if not in the records, the details of the growth of the Lyceum movement from its pioneer days. The keeping of diaries is a yearly event in most minds, especially with young people, and it serves as a test of our stability as well as keeping a check on our actions.

It is a great thing to record the principal events in a life-time and look back to find the exact date when we did certain important things. What may seem a trivial event may have a very wide effect some day.

Such dates as: when the Lyceum movement started; when the local Lyceum began; when you commenced attending the Lyceum; the dates when you held various offices in the Lyceum; the number of awards and the date of winning them; the special events in the Lyceum; the commencement of the building fund; the opening of the building; how the Lyceum has assisted the Church: all these happenings call for the historian in every Lyceum.

The Education Scheme, Our Lyceum Guild, Uncle Bert's Letter and some other special features are worthy of a permanent record. The Spiritualist College may be epoch-making.

Some day we may desire to build up a memorial of our beginnings and it will be very nice if we can have, in the office of the Union, a complete record from each Lyceum. The consciousness of its existence will be a cementing link with other Lyceums and the record of your Lyceum in the Lyceum Book of Memory will perpetually keep fresh and green when those who send the information may have ceased to attend the Lyceum, but they will never fully break the bond, which encircles the world of thought. Hidden deep within the mind will be found the little centre which only needs to be touched to revive all the old memories. We hope in the reminiscences only happy memories will arise.

The Union is completing the diary for 1926 and you will shortly see the records: the full list of Lyceums in affiliation during 1926 will be found on the last pages of this issue. We have all had an anxious year and the B.S.L.U. has felt the reflex of the industrial trouble. It is fortunate we had some

reserve and we hope Lyceumists have been able to weather through the dark days.

Now we face life anew. All our thoughts turn to spring and we are looking for the return of the leaf and the shooting bud. Now is the best time to study the habits of a plant and it is the period too when we make our glorious new resolutions. Some may be short-lived, but it will be a little easier next time. "Men rise on the memory of their dead selves to higher things."

One feature we have adopted will give us pleasure, as the Union has adopted a rota scheme for visiting all the districts in the country. This will give a definite link from the centre to the circumference. This month we travel as far south as we can. If we went any farther we should drop into the sea, unless we had a boat.

The mention of a boat brings us to a new feature in the BANNER. Another Uncle becomes active in this issue and it is his desire to make a live link between Lyceumists overseas. Thank goodness Uncle Bert isn't jealous. He is a real Lyceumist and can blend with any number of Uncles and Aunts and Guild Imps, so long as the imps don't get into mischief. As we understand "mischief to be energy misapplied" (a phrase used by the leader of the BANNER Lesson Plan, Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, many years ago), we have prevented the Guild Imp from getting into mischief by finding him something useful to do. But perhaps it is not a "him" imp, and I must leave you guessing.

There has grown a deep regard in our movement to insert greetings in the Lyceum reports to Lyceumists at home and overseas. So many reports contain this message that we have been forced to curtail the reports and leave the greetings to be understood. We hope readers will not miss the words but catch the psychic sensations at the time the greetings are expressed in the Lyceums. This is one of the first lessons in relativity. Another big lesson is found in the regard for the Education scheme which vibrates from a busy centre like the motor and sensory nerves in the physical bodies we occupy. These nerves run in pairs and are bound together, just as each student receives and passes back the ideas which have made the scheme such a success.

Thus we find in the whole Lyceum system a directive force impelling us to greater knowledge and a fuller life, chiefly through a better understanding of fundamental truths on which to base our relations of mind to will and each to all, even linking the angels in our conduct, through inspirations and love.

Lyceumists are not subjects of a blind force and predestined to definite action, but recipients of a God-given conscious force directing human energy to progressive acts to provide better relations amongst mankind. And so we believe in eternal progression along educative stages. For this work we are anxious to link ourselves together in a common task and spread our ideas overseas to other lands and peoples that we may have a common understanding of common things, chief among which is the knowledge and practice of an unfolding Spiritualisation in our lives. We are in an eternity which is at present, for us, expressed in time. We must occupy our time with the best endeavours and pass on our knowledge to those who follow, with a sweet simplicity which has an attractive charm for young people, so that we may all enjoy the happy associations of blended companionships. May our Lyceums be brightened with the love of little children in the heaven we have created for them. The phantasy of our dreams will then have been made real and the angels who gave us the methods of instruction will surely be happy and come in our midst to teach and inspire us with more ideas that are explanatory of the finer and purer aspects of our common nature.

The Lyceums have a great future but complete success depends on every individual unit blending in the whole scheme of harmonial law.

We hope the God-consciousness of all may truly blend in the Lyceums that we may be the messengers of a great unfolding love which shall attract all those who are not yet within the folds of universal religion and drawn consciously back to the God who gave them birth.

In that great day we shall be happy units in a great commonwealth, blended with the angels, and worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

G. F. KNOTT.

The Spiritualist Church at Hanley has bought the Welsh Church and hope to be housed therein early in the new year.

It will be a day of great rejoicing when we can cease to pay rent to other people as a privilege of meeting together.

The £2,000 Effort.

Dear Lyceumists,

Once more we turn over a new leaf, clean our blotting pads, make our new resolutions (and sometimes keep them), and above all things, we begin once again, hoping that 1927 may prove happier, wiser, and more helpful than 1926 has been. If we look back in retrospect we see that we have passed through strange upheavals, and one wonders if, after all, the masses are really and truly better for it. If we truly believe that "Whatever is, is right," we can see that arising out of all the sorrow and disasters for the workers, a greater vision will come. It seems that only out of great tribulation will our benefits to mankind come.

I wonder how many of my Lyceumist friends have remembered to try and do something for *our effort*, for I want you to all think it is our effort. *Our word* has been given, and a promise is a debt we should never forget.

I am hoping to receive some further donations now we have got into the New Year. This month I have to record a donation of 18/-, which our good President has collected by means of the collecting cards. I tender the Union very sincere thanks to her for her thought for the effort amidst the many things with which she has to deal.

Now I don't want any of my readers to forget Pioneer Sunday, on Jan. 24th, 1927. Please do try to make a special effort this time so that I may have an opportunity of presenting a good report to the Conference.

To all I wish once again a Prosperous New Year and may we all get in life just that which we work for and deserve.

Yours very faithfully,

29, Kliffen Place,
Coronation Road, Halifax.

W. BURROWS,

Hon. Sec., £2,000 Effort.

Founder's Day Programme.

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE £2,000 EFFORT.

Fellow Lyceumists,

I have been requested by the M.C. to draw up the programme for "Founder's Day," which is to be observed on January 24th. The Lyceum Movement then attains its 64th birthday, and we offer our very heartiest congratulations for the progress it has made; we are reminded that we are indebted to those noble souls who have laboured earnestly and ungrudgingly on our behalf, and for the services they faithfully rendered.

How can we show our appreciation in a practical way? In 1920 it was decided at the Annual Conference to commence the £2,000 Effort to enable the Lyceum Union to start a Trading and Publishing Department, each Lyceum being requested to contribute £10 as their quota: there were then 214 Lyceums affiliated to the Lyceum Union. It was thought that the object would have been easily achieved, but alas! it is in its seventh year and still we find that only one-fourth of the money has been obtained. The Trading and Publishing Department is a long felt want, and never in the history of the Lyceum Movement is it so greatly needed as it is to-day.

Judging from the progress the Effort has made up to date, it is going to take us 28 years to achieve our object. Some Lyceums have contributed their full quota (£10); others part of it. Individual Lyceumists too have helped along the fund, but still we have to face the fact that there is £1,500 still required before we can comply with the desires contained in the Resolution of 1920.

To every Lyceum and Lyceumist in Great Britain and overseas I strongly appeal to you to-day to do something, whether great or small it will be a token of your appreciation for the love and service rendered by our noble pioneers. To every Lyceum I would suggest that you make it a rule of your Lyceum, that the collection on Founder's Day be sent annually to the £2,000 Effort Secretary. Lyceum District Councils could organise Massed Sessions in their own districts once a year in aid of the fund.

There is a great opportunity at the present time for individual effort. The £2,000 Effort Secretary has collecting cards upon which 6s. can be obtained in pennies. Who is going to be amongst the first Thousand to send for one of these cards, and so help to put the Lyceum Union on a sound financial basis, and thus help us to supply your needs direct? Your co-operation is earnestly solicited to bring the object of this effort to a successful issue, in so doing we shall shew our appreciation of the joy and consolation we have received through the efforts of those noble souls who dared proclaim the Gospel of "Truth" and who won for us immense advantages in the Liberty and Freedom we enjoy to-

day. "Appreciation and thankfulness bring the soul into harmony with the divine power that makes achievement possible."

LESSONS FOR THE DAY.

Opening Song	..	..	..	..	L.M. 334.	S.S. 93.
Invocation and welcome to all unseen ones.						
Silver Chain Recitation	..	..	..	..	L.M. 30.	
Musical Reading	..	..	..	..	L.M. 232.	S.S. 89.
Golden Chain Recitation	..	..	..	..	L.M. 122.	
Pearls, Recitations, Solos, etc.						
Marching and Calisthenics.						
Short Address by the Conductor.						

"There are lofty and noble characters who do not hesitate to sacrifice their individual interest for that which they feel is truth." "Under their guidance and that which is like unto them, the progress of light and knowledge will develop the true relation between man and that nature to which he belongs; the law which controls both, and the principles which govern humanity."

A. J. DAVIS.

To take an important part in the world's work, to perform well the Duties of Life, to rise above the discordant influences of adverse environment, to banish fear, to be enthusiastic, progressive and happy, you must have not only good health, but a keen intellect and a magnetic personality; not only these, but a noble character inspired by high ideals and worthy ambition. Let us cultivate a keener perception of our glorious possibilities and hasten our progress on the upward path that leads to the attainment of the highest happiness which is the rightful heritage of our existence.

"The Mind's Attainment."

Closing Song	..	..	..	..	L.M. 306.	S.S. 123.
Benediction.						

In conclusion, let me again request every Lyceum, and Lyceumist to rally round on Founder's Day, and let the £2,000 Effort Secretary see that you are mindful of the needs of the Movement, by sending along your donations as early as possible so that he can announce that 1927 has broken all previous records. Remember.

"True effort never vainly dies."

"The Workers Win."

E. ELLIOTT, A.N.S.C.

AN URGENT APPEAL.

May we solicit the support of all Lyceumists and Spiritualists to a Fund that the Yorkshire District Council have just opened on behalf of the widow and five children of the late Mr. John Kane Jones, of Sheffield, who was one of the most enthusiastic workers we have had for many years. Mr. Jones was on the Executive of the Yorkshire District Council, and on the Sheffield District Committee. He was for twenty years the Secretary of the Attercliffe Spiritualist Church. He also served on the Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. He was the Conference Secretary for the two S.N.U. Conferences held in Sheffield. He has worked on the platform, in the Lyceum, and in every effort which has been made in the district for the extension of Spiritualism. Mr. Jones was the Life Conductor of Attercliffe. After many years in the principal Lyceum position, he retired from the position to give younger Lyceumists the chance of serving in that capacity. The Lyceum then made Mr. Jones the Life Conductor, so that he could assist and encourage whoever held the office. He has devoted the whole of his life to our Cause and Attercliffe Church is in its own building largely through his efforts.

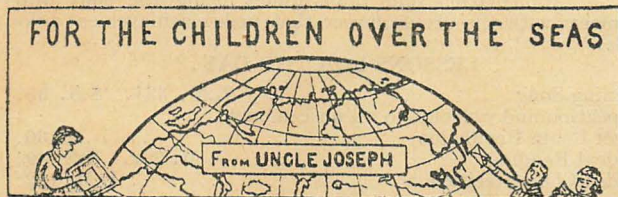
Through the physical loss of Mr. Jones, which transpired after a long and expensive illness, extending fitfully over many years, his wife and five children are left without support. For many years he had struggled hard through business worries and ill-health, and nothing but the determination of a strong will and the sympathy of his friends, kept him going.

All contributions should be sent to the Secretary, 40, Broomhill Avenue, Ingrow, Keighley, who will acknowledge the same and publish all donations in *THE TWO WORLDS*, with the Editor's consent.

WILLIAM C. GUSH, President.

W. THISTLETHWAITE, Secretary.

We supplement this appeal to enable the family to get over the financial troubles in which they have been placed by the work and sacrifice which Mr. Jones and his family gave to serve our movement.—ED.



HOW IT BEGAN.

Dear Children,

I want to tell you a story, a true one, and we will see what the end of it all means.

One day a man was reading the "BANNER," and he read it through to the last page. This particular month the names and addresses of the various Lyceums were printed, and there came to this man an idea. The Lyceums in England send representatives to other Lyceums, especially at Open Sessions, and these representatives give greetings to the Lyceumists attending, and take greetings back to their own Lyceum.

Now this man thought what a good thing it would be if he sent greetings from Home Lyceums to Overseas Lyceums; and so letters went North, South, East, West, giving tidings of the Home Lyceums, and asked for greetings in return. He got the greetings from the Overseas Lyceums, and better still he got letters from others too, and the result has been that some of the Overseas Lyceums have adopted him as an Uncle, and the "Children" old and young, send him letters, telling him all about their Session, and about their every day life; happy letters, full of information; and of course Uncle Joseph sends them letters in return. In this way they have a fine time together. This has made a strong link between Lyceums in England and Overseas, but we want the link made stronger if possible.

Now this month we are dealing chiefly with thoughts, because it is a thought which starts things moving. You see it is just like a stone flung into a pond. First there is a splash, the rings start forming, growing bigger and bigger until they get lost in the bank of the pond; and that is how the thought expands, only we never know where it ends.

We Lyceumists can help one another very much, if, during the Session on Sunday, and also in the ordinary days, we can just give one little thought to other Lyceums, particularly Overseas, because those are some that Uncle Joseph is particularly interested in. He likes all Lyceums of course, but the Overseas are his special charge, and he wants the Home Lyceums to spare them a thought, and the Overseas Lyceums to spare Home Lyceums a thought, and thus we shall have loving thoughts travelling both ways and helping one and all.

Also, for Overseas Lyceums, Uncle Joseph would like any children who wish, to write to him, and he will either send letters himself, or try to get them correspondence with Home Lyceumists about their own age, and then they can exchange views. This will interest them all and will also help. Home children who would like to correspond in the same way can send their names and addresses also, and Uncle Joseph will try to put them in touch with Children overseas, and thus we shall be able to have a fine long chain of Love.

Now next month we shall have another talk, and in the meantime the address for letters will be:

"UNCLE JOSEPH,"

c/o "Lyceum Banner," 20, Toad Lane,
Rochdale, Lancs., England.

Of course you must allow time for the letters to travel and an answer to come back again, for these letters you know do not reach their destination as soon as the Home ones do.

And now I will leave it with you, and get ready for a further talk in which we will try to deal with another part of our work Overseas.

Yours lovingly,

UNCLE JOSEPH.

California and Lyceum Work.

California is the State in U.S.A. which is displaying the greatest interest in Lyceum Work, mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Mary C. Vlasek, the Pastor of a splendid Spiritualist Church in Los Angeles. The following descriptive article by her son Virgil R. Vlasek has been contributed at our request to give some idea of the geographical difficulties which interfere with the progress of Lyceums in the States. We

take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to Mr. Vlasek, and thank him for his interesting article.—ED.)

Conditions in Lyceum Work are somewhat different in California than in England. These are due to two causes. First, there is the geographical; second, the different attitude of the Spiritualists regarding Spiritualism. In regard to the geographical condition let me give you a few facts concerning the State of California. A glance at a map of the United States does not reveal the size of California. It merely shows you that it is on the Pacific Ocean, and that it is about three times as long as it is wide. But when I tell you that this coast line is one thousand miles in length, and that the breadth of California is from one hundred and fifty to three hundred and fifty miles, you will realize its size.

These great distances make personal visits to each Lyceum difficult. For instance there is a distance of about 650 miles between the Lyceum at San Diego and the Lyceum at San Francisco. Ordinarily I do not visit Lyceums further than 100 miles from my home. It is even somewhat of a task to visit Lyceums in the City of Los Angeles because you can travel from the mountains to the sea for a distance of 55 miles. Los Angeles is always growing by annexation. At the present time it is over 500 square miles in area.

If you should visit Los Angeles one of the things you would first notice is the absence of smoke. All of the factories use electricity for power, and have gas for fuel. We are somewhat handicapped for water, and our present aqueduct, which brings water from the mountains 250 miles to the north, has about reached its capacity, hence work has been started to draw water from the Colorado river 300 miles south east. The major portion of our electric power is generated by water power in the High Sierras, and transmitted 300 miles at 220,000 volts. When completed this one power project will have cost more than the Panama Canal. It may be interesting to know that Los Angeles uses more electricity than any other city of its size in the world.

Another drawback that we labour under here is our comparatively small population. The entire State of California has only a population of 5,000,000. Of this population 3,000,000 live within a radius of 30 miles of Los Angeles. Considering these facts of large area and small population one can readily see that Spiritualism cannot be as well organized as in England with its small area and large population. However, the California State Spiritualist Association is progressing. At the present time there are 65 Churches and 12 Lyceums affiliated with it. The first Spiritualist Temple in California was built in 1856 at San Bernardino. Spiritualist Services are still held in the Temple. There are many Independent Spiritualist Churches in California, for example; while there are 15 affiliated Churches in Los Angeles, 90 other Spiritualist Meetings are held here.

With its vast distances it is but natural that California should have many automobiles. California has over 2,000,000 automobiles for its 5,000,000 inhabitants. Many automobiles naturally call for many paved roads, and so we find that California has over 6,000 miles of paved roads. It is possible to start from Tia Juana, Mexico, travel through the length of California, pass through the States of Oregon and Washington, and arrive at Vancouver, British Columbia, a distance of 1700 miles over paved roads.

Many automobiles naturally require vast quantities of gasoline. California is bountifully supplied with oil, and especially in the vicinity of Los Angeles. Two years ago, during a period of flush production, gasoline sold for 6 cents. per gallon, it has since risen to 16 cents. per gallon. There are many oil wells in the suburbs of Los Angeles. These oil wells cost about \$100,000 to drill, but so great is their production, some producing 5000 barrels of oil per day, that they pay for themselves within two weeks time. All are deep wells about 3000 to 5000 feet. There is one well 8000 feet in depth. It takes from one to two years to drill a well. The value of the output of oil has far surpassed the output of gold. So great has the export of oil become that San Pedro, the harbour of Los Angeles, is second only to New York harbour in the tonnage of shipping. An oil tanker leaves the harbour about every ten minutes.

Perhaps the Lyceum Children would be interested to know something about Hollywood, "The Movie Capitol." I am not a native of Hollywood, but I graduated from the Hollywood High School. (Hollywood High School is one of the twenty High Schools of Los Angeles and has 3000 students).

Hollywood is not a village. It is a portion of the City of Los Angeles, being situated in the foothills. About 200,000 people live in the Hollywood district. Hollywood was originally a suburb of Los Angeles but later came into the City.

Hence, it had its own business district the same as any other city. With the increased business created by the motion picture industry it now has about eight business blocks 13 stories in height. Higher buildings would be built, but on account of the danger from earthquakes they are limited to a height of 150 feet.

Hollywood contains the finest homes in the City of Los Angeles some of them costing as much as \$500,000. Being primarily a high class residential district it is difficult to locate the motion picture studios unless you are acquainted with them. I remember taking a visitor to see Hollywood three years ago who was quite desirous of seeing a studio, and of his astonishment when I told him he was standing before one of the largest studios. The studios are mostly built in such a way as to conceal their real identity. They may be built as a stately mansion or a business block, etc., anyway to avoid the appearance of a "Studio." The reason for the motion picture industry locating in Hollywood is its climate and geographical location. Hollywood has only about 25 days a year not suitable for taking motion pictures. In the early part of the industry this was a great advantage, but now most of the pictures are taken on large indoor stages under artificial light. In fact, whenever you see an outdoor scene that looks perfectly natural in every detail you may be sure that it was taken indoors under artificial light.

Hollywood is unsurpassed regarding its location for outdoor scenes. Within a radius of 75 miles any kind of scenery is available, snow, mountains, plains, desert, fertile valleys, ocean, lakes, waterfalls, etc. In this respect it is the motion picture producer's paradise. On October 21, 1926, I attended the placing of a bronze tablet marking the location of the original motion picture studio erected in 1911. From this humble beginning the industry has grown until there are over 100 studios. The Hollywood Egyptian Theatre is now showing their latest achievement—talking motion pictures under the name of "Vitaphone." This is a combination of the radio and phonograph. The actor's voice is caught by a radio microphone and recorded electrically on a phonograph disc when the picture is taken. When the picture is shown the actor's voice is reproduced from the phonograph disc by a radio loud speaker.

Another fact that makes our problem of presenting Spiritualism to the public different in Los Angeles than in England is the fact that Los Angeles is a new City. Seventy-five years ago Los Angeles was a sleepy Pueblo of 12,000 inhabitants; to-day it has a population of 1,250,000, and hopes to have 2,000,000 by 1932. As a result of such a rapid growth Los Angeles is a city of strangers. In order to interest the stranger we have to present more of the phenomena of Spiritualism than its philosophy, which is just the reverse of what you do in England. As a result of emphasizing the phenomena the educational side of Spiritualism—the Lyceum Work—is neglected. At our conventions everyone speaks of the advantages of the Lyceum, and money is freely appropriated but few Lyceums are actually organized. In California every Church member pays 20 cents per year into the Lyceum fund. All Lyceums are furnished with supplies free of charge, but as we have a comparatively small number of Lyceums and a large Church membership we have a surplus of over \$1,000 in the Lyceum Fund.

As a native son it is impossible for me to write about California without mentioning our Climate. Due to its 1000 mile coast line California has a variety of climate. The topography of the country also affects the climate. In Death Valley, so named on account of its desolate character and of the many who perished of thirst, the temperature reaches the unusual height of 140 degrees. However, in spite of its forbidding nature, Death Valley contains great mineral wealth in soda and borax.

California is unique in containing the highest and lowest spots in the United States. Mt. Whitney is 17,000 feet in elevation, and Death Valley is 200 feet below sea level. This naturally produces a variety of climatic conditions. California is quite mountainous. One of the numerous mountain ranges divides the State into Northern and Southern California. Northern California has some snow and abundant rainfall. Snow is a curiosity in Southern California and the rainfall is but 12 inches a year. Hence the mild climate. All varieties of sub-tropical fruits and flowers thrive here. Many homes are situated in orange groves. The mild climate is responsible for the growth of California. Thousands of tourists visit California during the winter season, and many return to make their home here. To give you an example of our climate to-day, November 10th, the temperature is 90 degrees.

The third claim to fame that California has is that it con-

tains the oldest living things in the world. These are the giant Sequoia trees in Santa Cruz. Their age is estimated at least 4000 years. These trees are truly giants. They are 325 feet in height and 50 feet in circumference. Their bark is two feet in thickness.

Before I close I wish to tell you about a wonderful psychic experiment that my mother, Mrs. Mary C. Vasek, has just completed. Mrs. Vasek has developed the power of leaving her body and travelling in the Spirit World at will to such an extent that she is able to make her presence known at circles the same as any other spirit. She had developed this power sufficiently to convince herself of this fact in private experiments to such an extent that last year she mentioned it to the Mediumship Class at the First Spiritualist Temple of Los Angeles, of which she is the Pastor. This was done prior to her trip to the 1925 National Spiritualists' Association Convention, which was held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The members of the class, knowing of Mrs. Vasek's ability to manifest after she had left her body, and not wishing to feel separated from their Pastor for a month, requested her to manifest at two Trumpet Circles which were to be held the week following her departure. The experiments were to be conducted while she was on the train. One of the Circles was held in a private home and the other in the seance room of the Temple. At the meeting of the class following her departure, the various members of the two Circles testified to the presence of Mrs. Vasek speaking through the Trumpet and of the words she had spoken. After her return Mrs. Vasek publicly stated her side of the experience of speaking through the Trumpet and the words she had tried to speak. Following this the various members of the two circles publicly corroborated her statements. Wonderful as this was, an experiment still more wonderful was performed during 1926.

Last fall, when Mrs. Vasek was to leave for the 1926 National Convention to be held at Toledo, Ohio, the people of the class knowing what she accomplished in 1925 were eager to repeat the experiment and to carry it a step further. They requested her to manifest at a Trumpet Circle on Monday, September 27th, and to manifest at a materializing circle on Tuesday, September 28th. Mrs. Vasek was on the Train on both of these dates on her way to Toledo, Ohio.

Both experiments proved successful. The members of the Materializing Circles were so gratified with the result that they sent a telegram to Mrs. Vasek at the Convention. Mrs. Vasek was so elated over the successful result of the experiment that she could not keep the good news to herself. Finally the matter was called to the attention of the Board of Directors of the National Spiritualists' Association, and they regarded this as a matter of such importance that they have requested her to make a complete authentic record of the experiment so that it may be placed on record in the Bureau of Phenomenal Evidence. This is the first authenticated case of a person making arrangements to materialize at a materializing circle while still in the body and successfully performing the experiment. Should you be interested in knowing the details, such as the names of the people at the circle, what Mrs. Vasek experienced in the cabinet, etc., we will be glad to give you a full account of the experiment.

VIRGIL R. VASEK.

In Memoriam.

HEATON AND BYKER.—In loving memory of our dear son, William Wootton, who passed to the higher life on January 5th, 1923.

It is a beautiful belief,
When ended our Career,
That it will be our ministry
To watch o'er others here.

—S.J.H.

NORTH SHIELDS.—In loving memory of our dear daughter, Jennie Dixon, who passed to the higher life, December 5th, 1923, in her 18th year.

"Angel hands shall clasp our own,
And we shall know as we have known."

Ever remembered by her loving mother, father, sister and brother-in-law.

OLDHAM CENTRAL.—To the memory of Dorothy Clegg, passed to higher life January 18th, 1923, in her 4th year. From Mother, Father and Auntie Hetty.

STOCKTON ON TREES.—On November 29th, 1926, Rosa Westbrook, passed to the higher life, aged 17 years. An earnest worker and a true Lyceumist.—S. Williams, Sec.

Lyceum Manual Revision Committee.

The National Revision Committee invites the submission of poems suitable for inclusion in a Children's Section of the new "Lyceum Manual."

The poems need not be original, but where they are not it will be very helpful if the senders can supply the name of the Author and Publisher, with the year of publication—as the question of copyright will have to be carefully considered before any poem can be finally selected for inclusion in the new Edition.

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

The following Golden Chain has been submitted as a substitute for the present G.C.R. 120.

HEALTH.

Conductor.—What is the highest manifestation of complete health?

Lyceum.—A sound Mind in a sound Body.

Conductor.—What is needed for the attainment and preservation of a sound mind?

Lyceum.—Careful study of good books; careful training of our minds to think and judge correctly; and constant exercise of our thinking powers on the subjects we study.

Conductor.—What will be the result of this constant exercise of our reasoning powers?

Lyceum.—The ability to form reliable judgments on the various problems with which our experiences in life may confront us.

Conductor.—What is needed for the attainment and preservation of a sound body?

Lyceum.—Personal cleanliness, secured by frequent washing; a regular and sufficient supply of wholesome food and warm clothing; plenty of sunlight and fresh air; and a reasonable amount of physical exercise, so regulated as to avoid any undue strain on our bodily organs.

Conductor.—What is the reward of mental and bodily sound-bodily health?

Lyceum.—We shall enjoy the possession of constant physical fitness, and obtain the utmost pleasure from all physical exertion; and our bodies will always be in fit condition for our mental powers to operate at their highest level of development.

Conductor.—What is the reward of mental and bodily soundness?

Lyceum.—In the Mental realm—clear thinking, just decisions and actions, and a confident self-esteem which can arise only from an intelligent knowledge of our own powers and limitations. In the Physical realm—the ability to withstand any reasonable strain on our powers of physical endurance, and to find full recuperation in refreshing sleep.

Conductor.—What is the promise of this mental and bodily excellence?

Lyceum.—An honoured, and physically and mentally vigorous, old age.

A. T. CONNOR.

BIRTH.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Cecil Street.—On November 18th, at 60, Cecil Street, to Mr. and Mrs. Walker (*née* Neale), a son.

MARRIAGE.

LEEDS, Armley.—On Dec. 18th, the wedding of two of our Lyceumists, Mr. L. Armand and Miss I. Hardaker, was solemnised in our Church. Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax, officiated.—C.S.

An Internal Education Scheme.

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By J. E. HART, M.I.P.S.

Corrections to the section in the December issue:—

Section (e) clause 2: "for" should read "or."

Section (e) clause 4: "36" should read "16."

The last sentence in Clause (f) should read: "As the callisthenics are done at present it would be wise to notice that, taking the first series through, one side of the body is exercised more than the other, and could be remedied by increasing the exercises with the arm least used."

(1) The Lyceum Section G. A SESSION PROGRAMME.

1. At the commencement of the Session the Conductor gives one stroke of the bell, which means that he, or she, requires the ATTENTION OF ALL present, and denotes that the Session has begun. The Guards then give out the books, badges, etc., or in some cases the books are placed on the chairs, etc., before the commencement of the Session, which saves time.
2. Opening Hymn is then sung. Two strokes of the bell calling the officers to rise and three the remainder of the Lyceumists.
3. The Invocation follows the opening Hymn, in some cases this is given by the Conductor and in others either an officer or member is asked to give it. The Invocation to Angels is also used as Invocation. No one should be allowed to enter during the Invocation. Four bells then calls all to be seated.
4. The roll is then called and marks given accordingly either in a book provided for that purpose or in the Star Cards.
5. Silver Chain follows and all remain seated with the exception of those concerned in the reading.
6. Musical Reading. All stand during the Musical Reading, the verses being sung and the readings taken either by the Conductor or whom the Conductor appoints to take them.
7. Golden Chain Recitation. All remain seated except those concerned in the reading. There is plenty of opportunity here to expand ideas and gain knowledge appertaining to our teachings.
8. Individual Effort. Recitals, Solos, Pearls, Instrumental items, etc., drawing out the talents of each member. Envy not the talents of another, but improve thine own talents, by contributing to this section of the Session.
9. Marching and Callisthenics. (Previously commented upon).
10. Lessons, Groups, etc.
11. Visitors' remarks, notices and Collection.
12. Closing Hymn.
13. Benediction.
14. Collection of books, badges, etc., and dismissal.

The Session can be varied, and in many Lyceums the Marching and Callisthenics are done between the Musical Reading and the Golden Chain Recitation, which I think makes the Session more balanced. Many Lyceums consider it too much to take the readings, Groups and Physical in one Session and so adopt the method of having the Marching, etc., one Sunday and the Groups on another, with which I quite agree. Too often are our Sessions rushed and great benefits lost. Other Lyceums have Groups once a month. Times in Lyceums, and circumstances also, alter cases, and we must be tolerant and consider how to make the best of the time allotted to us. It is much wiser to have a short programme and understand the thoughts therein than to have a long programme half understood, leaving everyone with a hazy recollection of what has transpired and also dragging the Session on to dinner time or tea time as the case may be.

There are many ways of making the programme interesting; here are a few suggestions.

1. The Session can be linked together by a pearl embracing titles of the various readings and Hymns of the Session.

2. The programme could be chosen a week prior to the Session and the readings given to members who could, during the week, look up their portion and give a short essay or comment after their reading.

3. Set thoughts could be the keynote of the Session, the thought to be expressed to the end of the Session and taken for a moral for the week, as our Session to-day teaches us "Truth," "Brotherhood," or whatever is chosen as the keynote.

Lyceumists could be asked at the end of the Session what the keynote was which ran through the Session. As an example of this I will give you a few suggested programmes with their connected thought, pearl or teaching.

1. Session explaining what the Lyceum is.

Opening Hymn 306. The Lyceum Band.
Silver Chain Recitation 78. Invitation to the Lyceum.
Musical Reading 232. Steps to Progress.
Golden Chain Recitation 108. The Lyceum.
Closing Hymn 363. The Lyceum.

Pearl—Knowledge is Power.

Summary—Let us give you an "Invitation to the Lyceum and so ensure you Steps to Progress."

2. Progress:

O.H. 398. Shoulder to Shoulder.
S.C. 33. Star of Progress.
M.R. 124. Reform.
G.H. 202. The Voice of Progress.
C.H. 322. Wave the Banner.

Pearl—The first task of the reformer is within himself, out of his character he manifests his mission to the world.

Summary—Let us set out for "Reform" by working "Shoulder to Shoulder," giving heed to the "Voice of Progress," and knowing that the "Star of Progress" is overhead, so we shall be able to "Wave the Banner" of "Truth" and walk with firmer bearing.

3. Love.

O.H. 389. Do not wait.
S.C. 37. Are we not Brothers.
M.R. 215. Triumph of Love.
G.C. 118. Love.
C.H. 391. Strike Your Harps.

Pearl—The best way to have a friend is to be one.

Summary—"Do not Wait" for opportunities to scatter "Love" by thoughts. "Are we not Brothers" and should make opportunities and realise the benefit of "Love" so that when you Pioneers who have preceded us "Strike your harps" we shall be attuned to you.

4. The Fatherhood of God.

O.H. 368. Again we've met.
S.C. 23. All Thy Works Praise Thee.
M.R. 236. Trust in God.
G.C. 115. The Word of God.
C.H. 422. Nearer my God to Thee.

Pearl—Behold a part of God Himself within Thee nor dare descend to evil or meanness.

Summary—Again we've met to hear about the Word of God Our Father and to realise that we should Trust in God as a Father, to see, Oh God, that "All Thy works praise Thee," and by complete understanding of one another shall we truly be "Nearer my God to Thee."

5. The Brotherhood of Man.

O.H. 349. Gentle Words.
S.C. 37. Are we not Brothers.
M.R. 235. Have Faith in one another.
G.C. 103. Brotherhood
C.H. 378. Shoulder to shoulder.

Pearl—Friendship is the fairest flower that ever grew, talked of by many, understood by few.

Summary—"Are we not brothers" and should "Have faith in one another." Let us then strive always to employ "Gentle Words" which are the essence of true "Brotherhood" and will enable us to walk "Shoulder to Shoulder" through this to the fuller life.

(Continued next month).

District Visitors' Reports from London and South-East Lancashire are held over till next month.—Ed.

District Council Reports.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Quarterly Conference at Birstal on Saturday, December 11th. The President presided.

Opening Exercise 88. Hold Fast. Invocation by the Secretary.

President's Address: It gives me great pleasure to give you all a hearty welcome on behalf of the Council, Officers, Delegates, Associates and Friends, and I hope we each feel the unity which binds all together. We differ in our opinions just as we do in our faces, but let us differ to agree, then we know we shall carry the great cause on and go away this afternoon

feeling we have done a great work for the children. During the past we have drunk the bitter dregs of the cup, but our Lyceum movement is teaching us we must be responsible for all our deeds or actions. I know the children will have a better time to travel through. We have just been going through a difficult course during the industrial trouble, which has caused a great deal of anxiety, but our Lyceum Movement is trying to prevent this. We are meeting together time and time again to try and help each other and to further the work we are doing to-day. I wish many a time that I had known of this movement when I was younger. We come into this Lyceum Movement to learn how to live, not to die. We are here to try to build up a different world for our children, then we shall be able to look back and see what a great work we have done.

The Minutes of the last meeting and Special E.C. meeting were accepted, and after a few questions were asked and satisfactorily answered, were confirmed.

Correspondence. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Miss Hesp and Mrs. Harrison.

D.V. Report. 7 visits. Reports all show progress except one. Pleased to hear Mr. Laycock still carrying on under difficulties.

Treasurer's Report. Balance £2 14s. 6½d.

No B.D.C. Report.

L.D.C. Report. Three very good and able reports presented by Mrs. Harding and best thanks given and to be recorded.

U.D.C. Report. Owing to illness of delegates the report was deferred until next meeting.

Competition Business. Result: (1) Dewsbury 90. (2) Leeds Psycho 88. (3) Cleckheaton 85.

Adjudicator Report, by Mr. Bramhald. The report created great interest and was most ably given. The Wing movement was especially mentioned as not one Lyceum was doing this as shown in the MANUAL. Many questions asked and most satisfactorily answered. The best thanks of our Council were accorded to Mr. Bramhald and to be recorded.

Presentation of Bell and Certificates. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st at Dewsbury. The President to make the presentation. Associates: Mr. Sutcliffe, Morley (Queen St.), Mr. Mason, Birstal. Nominations for L.L.D.C. All nominations to be in writing and consent of Nominee attached. Date of closing, Jan. 31st, 1927.

Open Council. Auditors elected; Mr. Daisley and Mr. Calcutt. Credential Officers: Mr. Daisley and Mr. Calcutt.

"Delegates Cards" to be placed on agenda for next Meeting. Date and place for next meeting was left with Secretary to arrange.

A vote of thanks was given to our Birstal Friends and accepted by Mrs. Crabtree on behalf of the Lyceum.

Roll Call. Officers 4. Lyceums, Armley, Batley Carr, Cleckheaton, Birstal, Dewsbury, Dairycoates (Hull), Cross Church Street (Morley), Holborn Hall (Hull) Horsforth, Horbury and Ossett, Wakefield. Associates 4. Lyceums 13, Delegates 16.—A. W. HARDING, Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held on Sat., Nov. 13th, at 31, Millgate, Wigan.

Mr. Watson presided over delegates from Daulby Hall and Boaler Street, Liverpool, Runcorn, Southport, Warrington, Wigan and a visitor from Crewe. Mr. Watson delivered the Invocation.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Correspondence was read and accepted.

We decided to send copies of the Resolution *re* Witchcraft Act, signed by the Conductor and Secretary of each Lyceum in the Council, to the Prime Minister and Home Secretary.

The Secretary gave a report of Mass Session held at Runcorn.

The D.V. reported visits to Birkenhead, Rock Ferry and Crewe.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand of £3 8s. 7d. The Reports were accepted en bloc.

We decided to hold Open Air Demonstration, Session Competition and Massed Session during 1927.

Mr. Newsham invited the Council to hold the May Meeting at Southport.

A vote of thanks was passed to Wigan friends for their hospitality.—E. Clitheroe, Sec.

MASS SESSION AT RUNCORN.

The Liverpool District Council held a Mass Session at Runcorn on Sunday, Oct. 31st, about 160 people took part. Five Lyceums were represented. There were also present four visitors from a Liverpool Society which is desirous of forming a new Lyceum. The Session was conducted by Mr. Cohen, of Runcorn. The Musical Conductor was Mr. Jones, of Runcorn.

Mr. Cook led us in the Invocation. The S.C.R. was conducted by Mr. Badge. The Connective Readings of the M.R. were ready by Mrs. George, Miss Owen and Mr. Bellamy. Mrs. Keeling conducted the G.C.R. Many questions were raised and some interesting opinions expressed. Mr. Mack conducted the Marching and Callisthenics. A few pearls were given and explained. Jessie Kyne, of Warrington, sang "Just a Child of Mine." Warrington Lyceumists joining in the chorus. A Pianoforte solo was rendered by Miss Keeling, of Daulby Hall.

A Cornet solo was given by Mr. Badge of Runcorn. A happy session was brought to a close with praises to God.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

On Sunday, Dec. 5th, a Massed Session was held at Macclesfield Spiritual Church, under the auspices of the N.E.C. District Council, and was conducted by the President, Mrs. Ennion. Delegates and friends were present from Hyde, Heaton Norris, and Lord St. (Central). We opened by singing, "In the March of Life." The S.C.R. was conducted by Mrs. Edwards, a past officer of the council. The Musical Reading was taken by four Macclesfield Lyceumists. Mr. Edmundson took charge of the Marching and Callisthenics, which were excellently done. The G.C.R. was conducted by the President of the B.S.L.U., Miss Elliott, who made a few appropriate remarks. Pearls and recitations were very good. Miss Dean recited, "What is a Gentleman," which was much appreciated. Mrs. Ennion then gave the greetings to all Lyceums on behalf of the Council. Miss Elliott gave the greetings from the B.S.L.U., Manchester and Salford District Council, and also her own Lyceum at Moston. Other Lyceums responded.—E. Joles, Sec.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, Nov. 27th at Penn St., Rochdale.

Mr. J. Nurse, President, was in the chair. Mr. Hudson was elected Credential Officer.

The Minutes of the last meeting were adopted. Mr. A. Wright, of Rochdale, was admitted as an Associate.

The Correspondence was accepted.

A donation of 10s. from Mill St., Middleton, to Council Funds was accepted with thanks.

The President expressed the hope that Lyceums would elect their delegates for a period of 12 months so that they may keep in touch with the Council business, and hoped that all Lyceums would discuss important business of the Council and instruct delegates.

The President's Address was accepted with thanks, as was also the D.V. Report.

Credential Report: 10 delegates, 2 Associates, 1 D.V., 1 visitor.

A motion that all correspondence be sent to each Lyceum at least 14 days before Council meetings was defeated.

It was agreed that we accept the invitation of Hartley St. Lyceum to conduct a Propaganda meeting on Sunday, March 6th, 1927. The programme to be arranged at the February meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Regent Hall, Rochdale, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Important business. Election of Officers, and delegates to other meetings, etc.

T. Dixon 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.

ACCRINGTON, Argyle St.—On November 28th two massed Sessions were held at the above Lyceum. The Sessions were conducted by Mr. W. Taylor, of Gt. Harwood, ably supported by Miss Coleclough, Miss Wright, Mr. Fazackerley, Mrs. Braithwaite, and Miss Bleasdale. A large number of solos, duets, recitations, and pearls were given by various Lyceumists. Marching and Callisthenics were gone through exceedingly well, which, combined with keen discussion on several readings, made two most enjoyable Sessions. These massed Sessions are creating a great interest in Lyceum work.—N. Davis, Sec., Joint Committee.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—On December 5th a good Open Session was held. Lyceumists responded fairly well with songs, recitations, solos, duets and pearls by Mr. Wilman, James Hill, Eva Hunter, Edith Keene, Miss Lena Batty, Mrs.

Abbott, Mrs. Stead, Phyllis Wilman, Connie Hammond, Mary Ackroyd and Annie Hudson.

During the Session we had the naming of a baby by Mr. Henry Barnes. We have settled down and are preparing for the B.S.L.U. Examinations. The Workers Win. Best greetings to all Lyceumists.—J. Babbs, Sec.

SALTAIRE.—A very successful Concert and Supper was held in the Victoria Hall, Saltaire, on Saturday, November 27th, about 150 assembling and enjoying the Concert, under the Chairmanship of Councillor H. H. Clarke. Items were contributed by Lyceumists and friends.

After supper the full E.C. of the Bradford Lyceum District Council occupied that platform for the purpose of presenting the Silver Bell to Saltaire School. Mr. Bottomley, President, presented the Bell, which was accepted by Miss G. Murphy, Conductor, on behalf of the Lyceum. We hereby tender our best thanks to all Lyceums for their support.

On Sunday afternoon we held our election of officers for 1927. Conductor, Mr. A. Bickel; Assistant Conductor, Miss G. Murphy; Secretary, Mr. W. Simpson; Treasurer, Mr. E. Baily; Registrar, Miss Porter; Musical Conductors, Master Stanley Evans and Mr. H. Mayes; Callisthenic Conductor, Mary Evans; Leaders, Bernard Evans, Frank Rhodes, Mr. W. Mayes, Mary Evans, Hilda Cobold and Lily Whitley; Librarian, Elsie Hustwick; Delegates, Mr. H. Mayes and Mr. W. Simpson; Stewards, Alice Lloyd and Ernest Cobold. The following completed the E.C.:—Mr. Ingleby, Mr. Atkinson and Mrs. Raine.—W. Simpson, Sec.

STRETFORD.—We held our Open Sessions on November 20th, and had for our Conductor one of our young Lyceumists, Master Ronald Marsh. He chose for his subject in the afternoon "The Lyceum Teachings," and in the evening "The Brotherhood of Man." At both Sessions he proved to all present a thorough knowledge of his subjects and gave a splendid lesson to all. We had a goodly number of pearls, recitations, and solos from the children, and a very enjoyable day was spent by all.

At the evening Session we had with us Miss Elliott, the President of the B.S.L.U., and Mr. Hart, the President of the M.S.D.L.C., who gave to us some sound advice regarding Lyceum Teachings. Fourteen Lyceums were represented. Greetings to all.—E. Miller, 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 December 20th.

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than January 26th, to ensure insertion in the February issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Open Session on December 5th. Invocation by Mr. Fazackerley. Recitations by G. Jenkins, Nellie Laycock, Walter E. Swift, and May Thompson. Solos by A. Anderson, Mr. Swift, H. Rimmer, I. Watson, G. Jenkins, J. Sharples, Nellie Laycock, Mrs. Chambers, Miss Keniford, Miss Coleclough, and Mr. Fazackerley.—A. Anderson, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—On Nov. 28th, we held our usual Open Session about 50 Lyceumists took part in the Marching and Callisthenics. Songs were given by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Seddon, of Darwen, and were greatly appreciated. Miss Molly Lamb gave us a treat as Elocutionist. About 40 friends attended. We are hoping for a record attendance on Xmas Sunday, our last Open Session of the year.—W. E. Mason, Sec.

BLACKPOOL, Albert Road.—Lyceum Anniversary on Nov. 28th. Speaker, Mr. Batley, of Fleetwood. Afternoon, Open Session. Good responses to readings. Marching and callisthenics were good. Solo by Betty Calvert. Duets by James Machin, and James Chattington, Phillip Chattington and M. Cartmell. Recitations and pearls were numerous.

At 6-30 p.m. speaker, Mr. Batley, chairman, Mr. Hobbs. Solo by Miss Christopher. Mr. Batley splendidly explained "What the Lyceum and its teachings are." An anthem was beautifully rendered. It was a splendid day.

BIRKENHEAD.—Dec. 5th, the Open Session was more successful than last month. Recitations by Eileen Edwards, May Stretton, Nellie Roberts, Eileen Leighton, Margaret and Charles Ellis, Elsie Makin, James Woodley, George Cameron, Edith Winters, Nellie Connor, Laura Robson and Lilian Harding. Solo by Mrs. Holehouse. Pianoforte solo by Edna Moore. This is the highest record for the year.—John Hirst, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley.—On November 28th we held Open Session. Pearls were given. Mr. Smith presided, and Mr. Robb, of Birkenhead Lyceum, was present.—H. Fletcher.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On November 17th, 1926, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paylor was named Richard Henry.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—Election of Officers on Dec. 5th: Conductor, Miss Alice Cliff; Assist., Mr. Cliff; Secretary, Miss Edna Holt; Assist., Jack Holt; Marching Leader, Mr. W. Johnson; Assist., Mr. W. Edwards; Treas., Mr. Ridings; Musical Director, Mr. Lyles; Guardian, Miss E. Walker; Capt. of Guards, Mr. R. Johnson; Guards, Emily Edwards, Megan Roberts, Jane Yates, Edith Birchall, Bessie Ridings; Auditors, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lintott; Representatives to Society, Miss Cliff and Mr. Cliff; Representatives to B.L.D.C., Mr. Cliff and Mr. R. Johnson; Leaders, Miss Thwaites, and Mr. W. Johnson; Librarian, Miss Thwaites; Assist., Mr. Edwards; Sick Visitors, Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson; Miss Yeoman and Mr. Edwards. Thanks to all retiring officers.—Edna Holt, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry Street.—On Sunday, Nov. 28th, Election of Officers: Conductor, Mrs. Chapman, Assist. Conductor, Miss E. Monk; Secretary, Wm. Monk; Treasurer, Mr. Shipperbottom; Musical Conductor, Miss D. Moore; Assist. Conductor, Mr. Peers Owen; Callisthenic Leader, Miss A. Parkinson; Marching Conductor, Wm. Monk; Marching Leaders, Miss P. Monk, Wm. Owen; Guardians, Miss E. Concell; Captain of Guards, Miss L. Owen; Guards, Miss P. Monk, Wm. Owen, W. Monk; Delegates to B.L.D.C., Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Entwistle; Liberty Group Leader, Mr. P. Owen; Teachers, Miss E. Monk, Mrs. Chapman, Mr. Shipperbottom; Lyceum Representative on Committee, Mr. P. Owen.—Wm. Monk, Sec.

BURNLEY, North St.—Lyceum Day, Dec. 5th. In the afternoon we held an Open Session before a good audience. A splendid explanation of the readings was given by the children. Mr. Hepworth, of Bury, explained the G.C.R. splendidly. Recitations by Violet Horsfall, Eric Westwood, Wilfred Osborne, Winnie Horsfall, Alice Osborne, and Marjorie Blackburn. Songs by Harry Fulham and Miss D. Lofthouse. Pianoforte solo by May Sagar. In the evening Mr. Hepworth gave a splendid address. Miss Ada Dugdale gave a solo.—A. Pollard, Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—We had a good time at our Open Session on Dec. 5th. Miss Joliday was conductor. The youngest of the children said recitations which were enjoyed by all.—A. E. Rayner, Sec.

COLNE.—On Dec. 12th we held our annual Election of Lyceum officers. Conductors, Mr. E. Phillips and Mr. P. Proctor. Marching Conductors, Miss B. Keavacan and Mr. G. Scott. Callisthenics Conductors, Miss A. Blackburn and Mr. W. Farron. Musical Conductor, Mr. G. Smith. Lyceum Secretary, Mr. H. Crabtree. Star-Card Secretary, Mr. N. Wigglesworth. Captain of Guards and Librarian, Mr. B. Hargreaves. Our old Conductor Mr. Townley did not seek re-election, having served as conductor for many years. All Lyceumists gave him a hearty vote of thanks.—H. Crabtree, Sec.

DEWSBURY, Wellington Road.—We held our Open Session on October 31st, conducted by Mr. T. Taylor, we had the naming of a Lyceumist's child by a member of our church, Mrs. Peel. She gave it the name of Tom Rhodes, and its spirit name was "A Defender." The session was enjoyed by a very large audience.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—On Dec. 5th we held our usual Open Session. The children took much pleasure with the various items. Several good pearls evoked much thought. Recitations by Tilly and Jenny Yarwood, George and Jack Consadine, and Frank Harris. Pianoforte solo by Nora Harris. Solo by Kitty Thurston. The marching and callisthenics were well done.—Mrs. E. K. Firth, Sec.

GT. HARWOOD.—On December 5th we held our monthly Open Session. We had a good Session throughout. The following Lyceumists contributed to its success: Solo, Mrs. Braithwaite. Recitations by Winnie Chambers, May Pickvance, Maggie Nelson and Mr. W. Taylor.—N. Davis, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—On Dec. 5th we held our Open Session. In the morning Mr. Keyworth conducted marching and callisthenics,

after which pearls were given. In the afternoon, Recitations by R. Howard, N. Beckley, J. Powell, Mrs. Howarth and R. Barron. Songs by J. Couling and P. Stanham. Duet by F. Smith and R. Howard. Trio by G. Lilley, G. Dawson and Ernest Smith.—P. Stanham, Sec.

HOLLINWOOD.—Byron Street.—On Dec. 5th we held our Open Sessions which were enjoyed by all. Fraternal greetings were extended to us by the representatives of ten Lyceums and the M. & S.L.D.C. We are making favourable progress.—(Mrs.) V. Mycock, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter St.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 5th conducted by Mr. Garside. We had recitations by Elsie Kerrison, Peggy Turbin, Mary Midgley. Solo by Eva Garnhill. Pianoforte solo by Miss Wilson. Trio by Arnold Whitley, Stanley Kitson, Walter Buttle. We had a very pleasant time together.—Elizabeth Farnhill, Sec.

LANCASTER.—On Dec. 5th we held a most enjoyable Open Session to which the following Lyceumists contributed: F. Dennison, D. Bleasdale, A. Coupland, M. Dawson, D. Baines, L. Brooks, E. Pearson, M. Jewett, J. Baines, B. Kelly and A. Bond. We are held our Lyceum Treat on Christmas Day and had a real good time.—Mr. Thompson, Sec.

LEEDS, Armley.—On Dec. 11th, we held a Bazaar in aid of the Lyceum and organ funds. It was opened at by the young Lyceum scholars and one of the youngest Lyceumists collected the children's purses from them. It amounted to 6s. 9d. There were drapery stalls, sweet and toy stall, refreshment stall, pound stall, a bran tub and other amusements. The bazaar secretary, Mrs. Crabtree, was able to handover £15 7s. 6d. to be shared by the Lyceum and Organ Funds.—C. Sykes, Sec.

LEEDS, North.—We gave a service of song, "The Warning Voice," on the 28th of November. Mrs. Carncross took the reading and Annie Rainforth closed with prayer.—Mrs. Land, Sec.

LEEDS PSYCHO.—On Nov. 21st Mrs. Almond named the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cockell, of Harrogate. The parents and child passed under an arch of flowers formed by the children. The child was given the earthly name: Edith Kathleen, spirit name "Sunshine," and presented with a Lyceum badge.

On Dec. 3th Mrs. Oxley named the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clay. This child, being given the earthly name: Dorothy Margaret, spirit name, "Snowdrop." Raymond Russell presented it with a badge.—Arthur Daisley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—On December 5th we held our Open Session when the following Lyceumists took part: Pianoforte solo by Mr. L. Kenny. Recitations by Misses E. Dehane, M. Coysh and Master H. Jayes. Duets by Misses D. Jayes, A. Hughes, M. Coysh, and Master W. Coysh. Solos by Miss E. Wicks and Mr. W. Beck. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Miss E. Wicks conducted. Best wishes to all Lyceumists.—J. Wicks, Secretary.

LEICESTER, Silver St.—On Dec. 5th, we held our Open Session. Callisthenics were well done by the scholars. Recitation by Miss C. Greenough, Mamie Coysh, and J. Geddes. Diets by Misses M. Forrian and R. Lucas. M. and W. Coysh. Solos by Miss C. Greenough and Miss C. Lowe. We thank all friends for their kind support.—L. Underwood, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham St.—On November 30th we held our A.G.M. and Election of Officers for 1927. Conductor, Mr. Raspin; Assistant, Mrs. Brown; Guardian of Groups, Mary Smith; Captain of Guards, Ivy Brown; Guards, Ivy Roberts and Fred Willey; Treasurer, Mrs. Raspin. Open Session on December 5th. Good programme.—Mrs. N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Battersea.—We are pleased to report very marked progression. Lyceumists are making our Guild really a Guild to be proud of.—W. F. Holt, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Gorton.—On Dec. 12th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Green. Recitations were given by K. Ellis, M. Everett, D. Eccles, L. Arkwright, J. Barlow, E. Meredith, F. Brierley, A. Barlow, H. Green and Mr. Barlow. We had a very enjoyable day.—E. Eccles, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Hr. Openshaw.—On Saturday, Nov. 27th, we held in conjunction with the Gorton Lyceum, a United Effort: Tea, Social, and Whist Drive. We thank all friends who supported us in our endeavour.

On Nov. 28th we held our Open Session, conducted by Bro. J. W. Partington. It was a tremendous success.

At the evening service there was the naming of the son of Brother and Sister Williams, Mrs. Shearsmith officiating. The child's spirit name is "Youth." May this little messenger of truth be a guide to us all. Many visitors. Thanks for the rally.—S. Molineux, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Maskell St.—We held our Open Session on November 28th, conducted by Mr. G. Dixon, assisted by Mrs. Vernon. Recitation and solos were given by the children. Marching and callisthenics was ably led by Miss Copeland and Mr. Backhurst. Fourteen Lyceums were represented during the day. It was a day well spent.—F. G. Cross, Sec.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

- G Birmingham, Handsworth. 3 p.m. Mr. E. V. Babb, 9/172, Hospital Street, Birmingham.
 G Birmingham, Stireley, 10-0. Mr. S. C. Kind, 233, Fordhouse Lane, Stireley.
 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, 11 a.m. Mrs. T. M. Lever, 4, Eden St., Bury.
 E Bury, Sydney-st., 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Clegg, 3, High St., Freetown, 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. Hutchinon, 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. Babb, 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, 27, Mond Avenue, Bradford Moor, Bradford.
 D Keighley, Heber Street, 10 and 1-30. Mr. F. D. Binns, 10, Hill Street, Keighley.
 D Saltaire, 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, Mrs. E. C. Coe, 82, Coronation Rd., 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, King's Hall, Vicar Lane (off Smithford St.), 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. E. 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, Lutton 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 Quarmby, 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, 6, Anne St., Carlinghow, Batley, Yorks.
 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. Carillill, 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 Littletown, Wall St., 2 p.m. Mrs. Boswell, 1, Well St., Littletown, Liversedge.
 C Moorthorpe, Barnsley Rd., 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. G. Roberts, 190, Gordon Place, South Elmsall, 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, 83, Queen Street.
 C Scarborough, Sherwood St., 2 p.m. Mrs. Riley, c/o Mrs. Jones, 113, Castle Rd., 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. Mr. Hirst, 3, Cedar St., 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. Mrs. L. George, 85, Queen's Road, Everton, 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. G. L. Cohen, 103, Greenway Road, Runcorn, Cheshire.
 F Southport, 10-30. Mr. F. Newsham, 6, Victoria St., Southport.
 F St. Helens, Charles St., 10-30. Mr. W. Chesworth, 2, Douilton St., St. Helens.
 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, 143a, 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, Beadnall-road, 3 p.m. Miss A. Payne, 29, Beadnall-road, Forest Hill, S.E.
 H London, Hackney, Amburst Rd., 3-0. Mrs. M. Hester, 128, Church Rd., Canonbury, London, 1.
 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.16.
 H London, E.13, Plaistow, Braemar Rd., 3 p.m. H. Wright, 153, Denmark Street, Beckton Road, Plaistow, E.13.
 H Little Ilford, Third Avenue Church St., Manor Park, 3 p.m. Miss I. Page, 21, Shelley Avenue, Manor Park, London, E.12.
 H London, E., Manor Park, Shrewsbury Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mrs. E. M. Marmoy, 30, Ashley Rd., Forest Gate, E.7.
 H London, Stratford, Idmington Road, Mr. R. A. Manning, 67, Khartoum Road, London, E.13.
 H London Surbiton, South Bank 11-15 a.m. Miss E. Cowland, 55, Tolworth Park Rd., Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.
 H London, Tottenham, 684, High Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mr. W. H. Markham, 226, Victoria-rd., nr. Edmonton, N.9.
 H London, Walthamstow, 3 p.m. Mr. J. S. Thomas, 4, Canning Road, Walthamstow, E.17.
 N London, Woolwich and Plumstead, Perseverance Hall, Villas Road, Plumstead, 3-0 Mr. H. Wathey, 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., Westcliff-on-sea; 3 p.m. Mr. L. R. Fulcher, 149, North Rd., Westcliff-on-sea.

MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT.

- Secretary, Mr. G. A. Dixon, 31, Royd St., C. on M., Manchester.
 District Visitor, Mr. G. A. Hood, 11, Archer, St. Cheetham Hill, Manchester.
 F Hollinwood, Byrom St., 10-30. Mrs. V. Mycock, 201, Heron St., Hollinwood, Oldham.
 F Manchester, Progressive, 38, Maskell St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. T. Cross, 27, Alfred St., Bradford, Mch.
 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. Mr. W. Holliday, 20, Bath St., Miles Platting Manchester.
 F Manchester, Eccles (Milton), Booth St., 11 a.m. Mr. J. Haynes, 34, Green Lane, Patricroft, 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, 43, Lees St., Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.
- F Manchester**, Pendleton, Ford Lane, 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. Greenwood, 41, Sedan Street, Pendleton, Salford.
- F Manchester**, Salford (Central), West High St., off Cross Lane, 10-30 & 2-15. Miss Goldstraw, 56, Carlton St., Ecoles New Rd., Weaste, M'chr.
- H Manchester**, South, Princess Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Hope, 1, Green St., Greenheys, Manchester.
- F Manchester**, Stratford, Watson St., 2-30 p.m. Miss E. Miller, 108, King St., Stratford, Manchester.
- F Saddleworth**, Court St., Uppermill, 10-30. Mr. J. Shaw, Moorgate St., Uppermill, Oldham, Lancs.
- F Swinton**, 10-30 & 2-30. Mr. L. Breddon, c/o 19, Poplar Rd., Moorside, Swinton, Manchester.
- F New Manchester**, Brunswick Chambers, 65, Brunswick St., C-on-M., 10-30. Mr. A. E. Jones, 118 Hyde Rd., Ardwick, Manchester.

NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT.

Secretary, Miss E. J. Joles, 66, Wellington Rd., South, Stockport.

- District Visitor**, Mrs. Ennion, 95, Vienna Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.
- F Ashton-under-Lyne**, Burlington St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. S. Mortin, 112, Stanhope St., Ashton-u-Lyne.
- F Denton**, Central, Market St., 10-30. Mr. W. W. Lovett, 22, William St., Denton.
- F Heaton Norris**, Baker St., 10-30 & 2-15 p.m. Mrs. A. Craig, 6, Rowland St., Heaton, Norris.
- F Hyde**, Clarendon St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Bowden, 202, Dukinfield Road, Hyde, Cheshire.
- F Leek**, 10-30. Mr. M. Sheldon, 16, Chorley St., Leek, Staffs.
- F Macclesfield**, Cumberland St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.
- F Stockport**, Lr. Hillgate, Crowther St., 2 p.m. Mr. S. Hodgkinson, 61, Hulst Terrace, Adswold Lane West, Shaw Heath.
- F Stockport**, Central, 15b, Lord St., 10-15 and 2 Mrs. Springate, 52, Petersburg Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Darwen.

- District Visitor**:—
Northern Section: Miss M. E. Lawton, 14, Park Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness.
Southern Section: Mr. R. Latham, 173, Colne Road, Burnley.
- E Accrington**, Argyle St., 10-30 a.m. Miss A. Wood, 163, Burnley Rd., Accrington.
- E Accrington**, Pearl St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. E. Anderson, 22, China St., Accrington.
- E Barnoldswick**, Albert Hall, 10-30. Mrs. Whittaker, 100, York Street, Barnoldswick.
- E Barrowford**, Lee St., 10 a.m. Miss A. Broughton, 16, Gilsburn Rd., Barrowford.
- E Blackburn**, St. Peter St., Session 9-30, Liberty Group 2 p.m. Mr. Wood.
- E Blackpool**, Albert Rd., 9-15 a.m. & 1-45. Mrs. L. Calvert, 41, London Road, Blackpool.
- E Brierfield**, John St., 2-0 p.m. Mr. T. Wane, 70, Berkeley St., Nelson.
- E Burnley**, Hammerton St., 10 a.m. Mr. H. Brown, 24, Elm Street, Burnley.
- E Burnley**, North St., 10 a.m. Mr. A. Pollard, 6, Marles Street, Burnley.
- E Clitheroe**, Rechabites Hall, Greenacre St., 10 a.m. Mrs. Slater, 12, Woone Lane, Clitheroe, Lancs.
- E Colne**, Cloth Hall, 10 a.m. Mr. H. Crabtree, 37, Nineveh St., Colne.
- E Dalton-in-Furness**, Bead Hill, 2 p.m. Mr. Legge, Herbalist, Market St., Dalton-in-Furness.
- E Darwen**, Victoria St., 9-30 and 1-45. Miss M. Leaver, 4, Auckland St., Darwen.
- E Earby**, Greenwood Avenue, 10-15 and 1-45. Mr. T. Hodgson, 5, John St., Earby, nr. Colne.
- E Fleetwood**, Oak St., 10-30 a.m. and 2-30. Mrs. E. K. Firth, 31, Burns Road, Fleetwood.
- E Great Harwood**, Mercer St., 10-30 a.m. Miss L. Davis, 137, Blackburn Road, Gt. Harwood.
- E Nelson**, Vernon St., 10 a.m. Mr. J. Parkinson, 12, Netherfield Rd., Nelson.
- E Padiham**, Ightonhill St., 1-30 p.m. Mr. W. T. Utley, 154, Railway Terrace, Padiham.
- E Preston**, Central, Clarke's Yd., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Cook, 15, Parkfield Avenue, Ashton, Preston.
- E Preston**, Central Buildings, 68, Lancaster Rd., 10-30. Mr. R. Smalley, 90, Wellfield Road.
- E Rawtenstall**, Bk. Ormerod St., 10-30. Mrs. Greenwood, 2, Patrick Sq., Hr. Cloughfold, Rossendale, Lancs.
- E Rishton**, Eachill Rd., 10-30 a.m. Miss D. Taylforth, 56, Spring St., Rishton, nr. Blackburn.
- E St. Annes-on-Sea**, Co-operative Hall, St. Albans Rd., 2-0 p.m. Mrs. M. L. Evans, 24, Clifton Street.

- E Barrow-in-Furness**, Ramsden St., 2-0 p.m. Mrs. L. Brown, 49, Harrison St.
- E Barrow-in-Furness**, Dalkeith St., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. W. H. Butcher, 20, Ainslie St., Barrow.
- E Lancaster**, Gt. J. Street, 10-30. Mr. E. Thompson, 6, Davidson St., Lancaster.

NOTTINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT.

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

District Visitor, Mr. Jarvis, 44, Moorgate St., Nottingham.

- G Belper**, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
- G Beeston**, Notts., Fletcher Yd., Fletcher Rd. 10 & 2. Mr. J. H. Avery, Ivy Cottage, The Rylands.
- G Derby**, Charnwood St., 10-45 & 2. Miss E. Hoe, 33, Clifton St., Derby.
- G Eastwood**, Co-op Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-30. Mr. T. Walker, 86, Walker St., Eastwood.
- G Hucknall**, Wesleyan Chapel Yard, Watnall Rd., 10-30 : 1-45. Miss A. Leverton, 34, Florence St., Hazel Grove, Hucknall.
- G Leicester**, Liberty Progressive, Southampton Street, 3 p.m. Mr. C. W. Banton, 63, Fairfield Street.
- G Leicester**, Marston St., 3. Mr. A. Greenhalgh, 96, Green Lane Rd.
- G Leicester**, Rupert St., Lecture Hall, 11-0 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 16, Curzon Street.
- G Leicester**, Silver St., Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. L. Underwood, 77, Noble St., Leicester.
- G Lincoln**, Progressive Hall, Coutham St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Bailey, 1, Bungalows, Abbey Works, Lincoln.
- G Long Eaton**, Chapel St., 10-30 & 1-45. Mr. G. Glover, 39, Orchard St., Long Eaton, Notts.
- G Mansfield**, Dallas St., 10-45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. L. Harrison, 21, Hospital Terrace, Mansfield, Notts.
- G Nottingham (Mechanics' Minor Hall)**, North Church St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briar St., Meadows.
- G Nottingham**, Sherwood St. North, 2-30. Mr. A. W. Shipley, 4, Greenfield St., Dunkirk, Nottingham.
- G Nottingham**, Hyson Green, Beaconsfield St., 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. E. Lovegrove, 50, Eland St., New Basford, Nottingham.
- G Nottingham**, Chamber Buildings, Parliament St., 10-45. Mr. A. Tunneycliff, 33 Clapham St., Radford, Nottingham.
- G Sutton-in-Ashfield**, Twitchell, 10-30 & 2. Mr. W. S. Matthews 33, High St., Huthwaite, Notts.
- G Ripley**, Co-op Hall, Crossley St., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Mr. E. Hutchinson, Grosvenor Rd., Ripley, Derbyshire.
- G Ripley**, Codnor & Dist., Victory Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-0 p.m. Mr. J. E. Eyre, Derby Road, Marchay, Derbyshire.

THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DISTRICT.

Secretary, Mr. J. M. Scott, 32, Elm St., Logie, Dundee.

District Visitor, Mr. C. Rankine, 775, Dumbarton Rd., Dalmuir West, Glasgow.

- A Dalmuir**, 1 p.m., Mr. M. Brown, 866, Yoker Rd., Yoker, Glasgow.
- A Dundee**, 43, Overgate, 12-45. Mr. W. Forbes, 34, Tedburn 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., 1-30. Miss M. Clark, 5, Shaftesbury St., Cranston Hill, Glasgow.
- A Rosyth**, Mr. W. L. Robertson, Clayacre 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. Bainborough, 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. A. Truelove, 48, St. Barnabas Rd., Highfields, Sheffield.
- C Stainforth**, Finkle St., 10-15 : 1-45. Mrs. Ormesher, Third Square, Princess Ave., Stainforth, nr. Doncaster.
- C West Melton**, nr Rotherham, Adult School, Town End, Wath, 2-30 p.m. Miss M. Farrar, 99, Deane Rd., Bolton-on-Deane, nr Rotherham.
- C Wombwell**, Melville St., 10-30 & 2-0. Mrs. T. W. Birkett, Hydsville, 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.
- H Worthing**, Grafton Rd., 3 p.m. Mrs. Lloyd, 32, Woodlea Rd., Worthing, Sussex.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT:

Secretary, Mr. T. Dixon, 183, Whitehall St., Rochdale, Lancs.

District Visitor, Mr. H. Buckley, 211, Oldham Road, Longsight, Royton, nr. Oldham.

- F Bacup**, Christ Church-st., Todmorden-rd., 10-15a.m. Mr. B. Lord, 10, Oak St., Bacup, Lancs.
- F Dearley**, Rochdale-rd., 10 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. F. Jones, jr., 14, Beech St., Middleton.
- F Oldham**, Elliott-st., 10-30 a.m. & 2-15 p.m. Mr. J. Barratt, 1, Bk. Beech St., Wallshaw St., Oldham.
- F Oldham**, Waterhead, Equitable St., 10-30. Mr. E. Case, 4, Sandy Lane, Royton, Lancs.
- 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-butts 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, Mr. S. Buttle, 13, Cumrae St., Splott, Cardiff.
- G Cardiff**, First, 18, Park Grove, 2-45. Mr. J. H. Lemmer, 217, Mackintosh Place, Roath Park, Cardiff.
- G Newport**, Albany Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. G. Hanham, 12, Capel 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, Blackhills Terrace, Horden, Co. Durham.
- B **Middlesbrough**, 57, Grange Rd., West, 2-30 p.m. Miss E. Bonsor, 100, Costa St., Middlesbrough.
- 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., 2 p.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. S. Williams, 70, Hume St., Stockton-on-Tees.
- B **West Hartlepool**, 3, Charles-st., 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Robbie, 8, Raby Square, West Hartlepool.
- B **West Hartlepool**, Musgrave St., Mr. E. Platts, 1, Princess St., 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. Chillely, 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 **Dawdon**, Louisville Hut, Mrs. I. Smith, 62, Marlborough St., Seaham Harbour, Co. Durham.
- B **Dunston-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, Downies Rd., Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Mr. T. McCallum, 18, Dene View, So. Benwell Rd, Newcastle.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Heaton and Byker, Tosson Terrace, Heaton, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Hunter, 36, Mowbray St., Heaton.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, 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, Bamborough 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 Williamsen, St., South Shields.
- B **Southwick-on-Twear**, 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, No. 2 Cottage, Back of 165, Wellingborough Road, 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**, 1st Spiritualist Church, 7th Avenue and 3rd St., E., 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. G. Kitchen, 822-94 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., USA.
- Sydney**, Stanmore, Dispensary Hall, 2-15. Mrs. E. Morrell, 86, Stanmore Rd., Stanmore, Sydney, Australia.
- Toronto** Progressive Lyceum Spiritualist Society, 1087, Queen St., W. Toronto, 2-0 p.m. Mr. E. Richardson, 13, Fermanagh Ave., Lakeside, 3638 W. Toronto, Ont., Canada.
- 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 Pythias 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.

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MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—On December 5th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Roeder. Readings, singing, marching and callisthenics were well rendered. There was a good rendering of pearls. Those contributing toward the entertainment were Miss Bonsor, Miss Duffield, Millie Bessant, Edith Pearson, Doris Hudson, Bessie Bessant, Nora Hicks, Thomas Harrison.—Edna Bonsor, Sec.

NELSON.—On December 5th we elected our officials for 1927. Conductor, Mrs. Parkinson, Assistant Conductors, Emery Raw, Luther Horsfield; Secretary, James Parkinson; Assistant Secretary, Ethel Boothman; Treasurer, Florence Raw; Marching Conductor, Herbert Stevenson; Assistant Marching Conductors, Albert Ellis, William Sutcliffe; Musical Director, Albert Ellis; Assistant Musical Director, Sydney Middlebrook; Guardian, Cissie Smoothy; Captain of Guards, Florence Raw; Herbert Stevenson; Liberty Group Secretary, Ewart Bury; Librarian, Fred North; Florist, Ethel Boothman; Council Delegates, Mrs. Parkinson, Emery Raw, Guards, Lily Smoothy, Edith Boothman, Doris Higgins, Claudine Stevenson, Kate Smoothy, Fred Forrest, Mason Smoothy, Fred North.—Cissie Smoothy, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Benwell.—Dec. 5th. A very seasonable Open Session was given by Mrs. Anten, who took for her story, "The Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens. The children were held in suspense during the telling of the story and the applause at the close was evident of the very enjoyable session given to us by yet another Lyceumist.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—On Dec. 5th we held our Open Session. We also had a visit from Mr. Slimin, our Area Rep., who conducted the Golden Chain recitation. It was very interesting and helpful.

The Evening Session was conducted by the E.C. of the District Council: it is the first Propaganda Meeting by the E.C. and we hope to have many more as everyone was delighted with the service. The speakers were Messrs. Slimin, Robson and Ainley. Musical items by Mr. Robson, Mr. Ainley and Mrs. Ainley. Clairvoyance by Mrs. Petrie, of Sunderland. Our Conductor presided at both sessions. Thanks to all who contributed and made both afternoon and evening a success.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 5th our usual routine of Open Session was held, we were also visited by Mrs. Tina Tims,

D.N.U., and Mrs. Edith Clements, D.N.U. Solos and recitations were well rendered by scholars from all groups.—L. Paget, Sec.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.—Open Session held Dec. 5th. Duets, A. Curtis, and R. Daniels, Misses E. Bradley and A. Norris, Misses E. Curtis and F. Hough, Messrs. D. Rae and C. Curtis. Recitations by J. Hatch and H. Bradley.—R. Smalley, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley.—On Dec. 5th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Hopkins. A good number of recitations and solos were ably rendered by Lyceumists. On Dec. 12th the Adjudicator visited us and complimented us upon the progress of the Lyceum in the past year.—A. Truelove, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick Street.—On Dec. 5th. A Memorial Service was held to our Sister Lyceumist, Miss Rosa Westbrook, who passed to the higher life on Nov. 29th. An ardent worker, she had the welfare of the Lyceum always at heart. Addresses were given by our conductor, Mr. Miller, Miss Winter, and Mrs. Williams. A beautiful duet was rendered by Evelyn and Dorothy Hickman.—S. Williams, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 5th, conducted by Miss Gray. The following Lyceumists took part, J. Douglas, L. Abbott, R. Dryden, L. Dryden, and D. Douglas.—A. Dryden, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 5th, under the leadership of our new conductor, Mr. W. T. Brown. The Lyceum was in full force with a few visitors and old friends present. Pearls, songs, and recitations were given by the following members, Edna Brown, Billy Brown, Verna McLeod, Raymond Parkinson, Daisy Knox, Irene Turner, Harry Towns, Olive Forest, Harry Forest, Winnie Brown, Sylvia Parkinson, Miss Lawrence, Harry Guest, and Mrs. Knox. The Session concluded with a few well-chosen remarks from our new Conductor.—J. Knox, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 5th. The attendance was small, owing to several of our Lyceumists being sick in the hospital. I hope it won't be long before they are quite well and with us again. Pearls and recitations were said by May Armitt, Dolly Sutherland, Mrs. Lenard, Alice Pilkington, Grace Morris, Lucy Hopkinson, Charlie Bailey, Mr. Walker, Miss Hargraves gave a selection on the piano.—M. Armitt, Sec.