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PRICE TWOPENCE.

THE CHILDREN'S SPHERE.

We know the light of love,
Transcends what we call death,
The force persists, life still exists,
Beyond the mortal death.

The children come again,
And pierce the human veil;
Each gentle voice makes us rejoice,
With charms that never fail.

The lesson we have learned,
Borne from the spheres above;
The life they live, can surely give
An educative love.

And so we give our school,
The mould of heaven's sphere;
Lyceum ways, brighten our ways,
And youthful hearts will cheer.

We welcome all to-day,
Humans and angels all,
Service is best, here is our nest,
Within the spirit's call.

Introspective Propaganda

CONVERTING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

A few months ago Nelson Lyceum was visited by the local M.P., and he expressed his pleasure with the Lyceum system. Mr. Greenwood, M.P. for Nelson, was so pleased with the visit that he has offered to visit any Lyceum in any district where he is booked to speak on other questions. We shall be glad to report any Lyceum who takes advantage of the offer.

MR. A. E. TOWNSEND, M.P.

VISIT TO A STOCKPORT LYCEUM.

In support of the resolution passed at the Manchester S.N.U. Conference, on "*the disabilities of Spiritualists under the present laws*," a copy of the resolution was sent to the local Members of Parliament, and an invitation given to the Junior Member to attend our Lyceum Open Session on Jan. 2nd. It was accepted, and on that day our Lyceum Session was a huge success, with visitors from Macclesfield, Stalybridge, Heaton Norris and Hillgate. Our Hall was filled to its utmost capacity.

After opening exercises one of our young Lyceumists, E. Brown, gave a Lyceum greeting to Mr. and Mrs. Townsend.

Our usual session was gone through, and all Lyceumists did remarkably well. Pearls, recitations, etc., were readily responded to. Mr. J. H. Marston took the G.C.R., and explained the resolution.

After the whole of the programme had been gone through, Mr. A. E. Townsend addressed the Lyceumists. He said he had never spent a more pleasant afternoon. The free and easy manner in which every one had taken their part must fit them to hold their own in life's battle. He commended S.C.R. 34, "What I Live For." He was sure the Lyceum method would help to that desire, and he promised to support the resolution, so ably put by Mr. Marston, whenever the opportunity arose.

After the address, our Conductor, Mrs. L. Ennion, presented Mr. Townsend with an Officers' Manual, on behalf of the Lyceum, which was much appreciated.—L. Ennion.

SILENCE.

Oh! men and women, as you go upon your way,
To all the tasks that crowd within the day,
Whate'r they be, in palace, office, shop,
In homely duties—a busy mother's lot;
I pray you pause one moment,
Just to feel the Hidden Presence that indeed is real.
In early morning, eve—or noontide glare—
A moment's thought, for just that thought is prayer.
And in the quiet "Silence" you will find,
The inner Peace and Joy that dwells behind.

E. L. ANNING.

Mr. W. Mason, a past president of the Union, writes: "Please find enclosed my Annual Subscriptions for the Lyceum Banner. May I wish you and the whole Lyceum Movement everything good."

Mr. Ernest Vickers, another past president, has a special seance room in his home. He sends us an encouraging message from A. J. Davis to Mr. Alfred Kitson. We have cordially passed the greeting to our adviser.

We regret to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. Randolph Hope. He was carol singing at Christmas and caught a chill which developed into pneumonia. Our sympathies are given to his family and friends at South Manchester Lyceum. We shall greatly miss his enthusiasm and impulsive influence. He had a large gift for organisation, and was a progressive worker in the Church and Lyceum.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT BRIGHTON.

The Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. held the quarterly meeting at Brighton on January 8th and 9th, in the Mighell Street Church. The M.C. were welcomed by the local officials, and Miss Elliott responded to the welcome.

The officers of the Southern Counties District Council were present. Lyceumists attended from Southampton, Portsmouth, and Worthing.

Miss Elliott conducted the Open Session and presided at the evening Propaganda Meeting. Mr. Kitson was heartily welcomed. The various M.C. Members gave short addresses.

It is hoped the visit will be memorable, as the Lyceums in the South are prevented by distance from seeing much of each other.

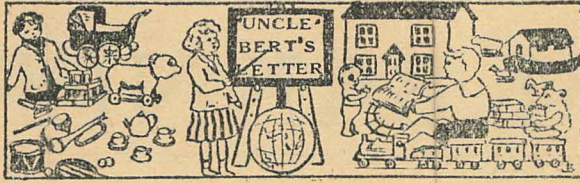
The S.C.L.D.C. officials had charge of the morning meeting, and gave short addresses.

The whole week-end was a happy one. Everybody was impressed with the geniality and earnestness of the President. Mr. Kitson's integrity and perseverance in building up the Movement had preceded him and it was nice to see the smiling honours paid to his labours.

Bookmarks were presented to the M.C. members as souvenirs of the visit.

The M.C. are grateful to the Brighton Lyceum for the cordiality of the invitation and their happy hospitality.

Mr. Tallent Bateman, the late Solicitor to the B.S.L.U., has passed to the higher life. Mr. Bateman held the Scrip of the Ainsworth Legacy. This matter is occupying the earnest attention of the Trustees and the M.C.



My dear Boys and Girls,

Ha! Ha! Ha! What a joke! The answer to the riddle, "What is the difference between an elephant and a pillar box?" if you do not know, you are quietly informed is "That it would be useless to send you to post a letter. Fancy trying to post a letter in an elephant's trunk, wouldn't it be funny?"

I wonder if some of you boys and girls whom I have not heard from lately have made this mistake when posting your letter, and that is the reason I have not heard from you, I am sure you will be careful this month, as I want to see a record batch of letters this time.

One little girl who lives in a district where there is not a Lyceum at present, wrote to me last month asking me if she could write to me. Of course she can. I am always pleased to get letters whether from big or little boys and girls, fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, or your great, great grandmother if you like. It does not matter to me whether they are fat, thin, Eton-cropped, bobbed, or shingled, or long ginger hair. The only thing to remember is that if you desire a reply you must enclose a stamped addressed envelope for a reply. January has been a topping month; Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I have been very busy attending Lyceum parties, though we have been unable to accept all the invitations received.

At those I have attended, I have endeavoured to carry out the advice of one of my young friends at Newton Heath, who wrote to me at Christmas time and told me "not to eat too much or I would burst." At one of these jelly-welly parties, I was placed in a very dangerous position in this respect, for instead of serving me with an ordinary tea, they brought me a steaming hot plum pudding. Had I not received this good advice before I started, goodness only knows what the result would have been.

January has also brought another Uncle into this Magazine, one who is going to write to boys and girls overseas. I am sure we all welcome him. I hope one day we shall have a Banner Party, where he, together with the Guild Imp, Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I will all meet and exchange views on our separate pages.

Another happy event of last month was the meeting of officers and members of the Management Committee. It was a pleasure to see dear old Mr. Kitson enjoying a practical joke with the spirit of youthful enthusiasm. It gives us all a wonderful example of the value of the Lyceum Movement's training, and all it has been to him.

I must now find you a lesson before I use up all my space. In a magazine I had sent to me this month, there was an account of three men of Brighton, who went out to sea in a small boat for a day's fishing. When they had got a little way out they decided to drop their anchor. Alas! when they did so they found it would not hold them, and so they drifted further and further out to sea, with the fear that all was lost.

At last they saw a steamer which they signalled to, and fortunately were seen and rescued. To get back to Brighton, where loved ones awaited them, they were forced to go with the steamer to Rotterdam and journey back from there. You will be pleased to know that arrangements have been made to reward the captain and crew of the steamer when they come to England again.

This is a true story which gives us all a lesson. We are all travelling upon the sea of life, and surely there is a need for us to test our anchors from time to time in order to see if they will stand the strain of the waves of trials and temptations.

Many of you will have been busy preparing for the examinations and reading M.R. 203, "The Voyage of Life," which fits in with this story.

"Oh guide thy barque with care, my child. The barque which thou has to guide is thy physical body." The sea upon which we sail is our everyday life, the anchor is our character. The dangers we shall meet are temptations of selfishness, discord, jealousy, unkindness, etc.

Will the anchor (our character) stand the test? Yes, if we endeavour to carry out the Lyceum teachings for our guide or compass.

There may be times when we fail, what then? Have we to give up the voyage and sink? Oh, no! When a ship is damaged at sea they signal for help and are towed into harbour. They are then put into dry dock and repaired.

When this work is completed, the ship sets out again on a new voyage.

I told you last month it was necessary for us to overhaul our characters from time to time. Therefore we have here a story which calls our attention to this all-important fact.

Test the anchor of character before leaving home for school or business. You will then know you will be safe should a storm of temptation assail you.

"Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife;
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift or firm remain?"

PUZZLES AND RIDDLES.

The instructions regarding last month's picture puzzle were accidentally omitted. The first letter of each article in the picture made up the motto.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES.

No. 48. "Let's be merry and bright."

No. 49. Now let us all be jolly,
Now let us all be gay,
Ill humour is but folly,
Then make it fly away.

No. 50. (Riddles).

1. Because it is badly drawn.
2. One is shaken before taken, the other taken before shaken.
3. When they are tired (tyred).

Answers to December and January Puzzles:—Phyllis and Edgar Watts, Peggie Bailey, Peckham; Elsie Speight, Bolton; Nellie Dean, Bury.

It is with pleasure I congratulate Margaret Brimer, of South Shields, upon her success in winning the *North Mail* £100 Scholarship for girls between the age of 12 and 14 years. Margaret was one of my early correspondents, and her name has appeared in these pages several times. I am always pleased to hear such good reports concerning my boys and girls.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 51. (1) Why is a fly taller than most men?

(2) Why is a baby like a diamond?

(3) When is a Scotchman like a donkey?

No. 52. The first letters of the following will give you a girl's name: 1. Seen at the zoo. 2. A fruit. 3. Used for shopping. 4. Used by artists. 5. A language.

No. 53. Common articles.

TTEELK, NSAAPUEC, BTAEEKS, KLCCO,
ALLUERBM, ONHSUC, URHBS, RRPBMAALUOT.

During the three years I have been writing these letters to you, I have received letters from 492 Lyceumists (some of whom write monthly). They represent 107 different Lyceums.

Many of these letters come through the hands of co-workers in various centres.

It is with deep regret I have to refer to the passing on of one who has been my most energetic co-worker and friend, Mr. R. Hope. Particulars will be given on another page. About three years ago Mr. Hope determined that Manchester should share full honours in this page, with the result that I was soon receiving my letters from this district in batches of twenties and thirties, and through his instrumentality I continued to do so.

While I, together with his loved ones, share the loss of the material form and comradeship, I rejoice in the knowledge of the wider sphere of labours in the Summerland to which he has been called.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

With love,

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

Your loving friend,
UNCLE BERT.

Education Department.

THE EXAMINATIONS.

On the third Sunday of this month, 20th February, will be held the examinations for all the Grades.

The Committee wishes all candidates success, and appreciates their active interest in Lyceum education and true progress. Also the Committee thanks all Secretaries, Tutors, and Conductors for their share in the work involved in entering candidates for the examinations.

TO ALL CANDIDATES.

We would advise that the remaining days before the exams be spent in thorough revision.

Make quite sure (from the *Syllabus of Work*) what work is set for your Grade, and see that you have covered the whole ground. Then *learn* your own notes, learn the summaries of *your* Manual recitations and readings, make sure of the meanings of all difficult words and phrases in them, and read through the set chapters in your Handbook.

If you've time, practise *writing* answers to questions. Excellent advice on *how* to answer questions is given in the booklet (sent free on receipt of stamped addressed envelope) *How to prepare for the examinations*.

[You can practise on questions set in previous years. Send stamped, addressed envelope (and state *Grade* required) to the Education Secretary, who will send you copies of the actual exam. papers for 1926, 1925 and 1924.]

TO SUPERVISORS.

If you do not get your parcel of exam. papers, etc., by the evening of Tuesday, February 15th, please write the Education Secretary at once. All parcels will be posted on Saturday, 12th, and should in most cases be delivered on the 14th.

Full instructions about what you are expected to do as Supervisor will be found in the parcel.

THE ORAL GRADE.

The instructions, list of questions, and mark-sheet for the use of the Oral Grade Supervisor will be enclosed in the parcel sent to the Supervisor of the written exams.

Each Oral Grade Supervisor will need a list of names (from the Secretary, or children's Tutor) of the children to be examined.

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

(i) You are allowed three hours for the exam., but if you finish sooner you may give in your paper (but not until one hour has passed from the time of starting).

(ii) *Officially, results are due* to be published at Conference, i.e., at Whitsuntide; but certificates are usually ready, and posted to the Secretary, during late April or early May.

(iii) For information about the College, and how to qualify for its Degrees, please apply to the *College Secretary*, Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

(iv) A full list of booklets and pamphlets useful to students appears on the back cover of this issue.

NEXT MONTH.

The questions set for each of the Grades will be given next month. Take care of your copy, as it will be useful when you are preparing for your next Grade next year.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE about the Education Scheme and the Examinations should be sent to the Education Secretary. Enclose a stamped, addressed envelope if a direct reply is desired.

Honorary Education Secretary:—

Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A.,
37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury (Yorks.).

We regret to learn that the Bournemouth Lyceum has closed down.

Lyceums are requested to see their annual Fees are paid to the Union before March 1st. The nomination papers for Area Representatives will be issued after that date.

Mr. Randolph Hope.

THE PASSING OF A GOOD WORKER FOR THE MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

In the passing of Mr. Randolph Hope, who was for many years Conductor of the South Manchester Lyceum, we feel deeply that we have lost a worker who was keenly interested in matters appertaining to Education and Guild Schemes and other Lyceum work. He was one of the foremost in the district and was one of the local engineers of the Education Scheme, and was always happy when good results accrued, no matter in what Lyceum they were obtained. As Lyceumists, we must realise the work done by him and give our minds to help him to progress where he now is, so that for labour he has done for us in the material he may feel the benefit of our work for him in the Spiritual. It seems hard that he should be taken just as the College Scheme was about to blossom, because he was so interested in it.

Knowing, as we do, that there is no death, but one eternal scene of change, we feel he will be able still to keep the good work going and that he will see things in a much better light. He was an active soul and was, as a good many of us, not understood. It is at times like these that we should truly say, "Oh to be a true Lyceumist and do unto others as we would be done by." Just over twelve months ago he was married to another Lyceum worker of the Pendleton Lyceum, Annie Lewis, and they were about to depart for Australia (Feb. 3rd), but this evidently had not to be, as he has had to go on another voyage.

Randolph was a good organiser and was on the South Manchester Church Committee as well as the Lyceum Conductor, and one saw the effects of his organising at their 25th Anniversary.

The funeral was conducted at the Southern cemetery, on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, by Mr. E. W. Oaten. Prior to going to the cemetery a service was held at the S.M.N.S. Church, a great number being present. Many Lyceums were represented and great respect was shown by the number of wreaths sent. A Memorial Service was held at the Church on January 16th.

Mr. G. F. Knott, Secretary of the B.S.L.U., occupied the Chair, and spoke of the work Mr. Hope had done, not only in his own Church, but in connection with the Education Scheme of the B.S.L.U.

Mr. Oaten gave the Memorial Address and referred to the work which Mr. Hope had done in the arrangement of seances for investigators with some of the best mediums, thereby bringing a conviction of spirit return to many. He believed Mr. Hope's work had not ceased, it had been transferred to another plane of activity, and those who loved him would still benefit by his presence and inspiration.

Sympathy with Mr. Hope's wife, mother and family were feelingly expressed.

"PETALS."

Don't bear the burden all alone,
When there's Another standing by,
Who understands the Road of Stone,
That does before your footsteps lie,
Just turn aside, a moment's space
And buckle on shoes, good and strong,
Then you will never mind the pace,
Or notice if the way is long;
A friendly hand is on your arm,
A friendly Voice is in your ear—
And you will never come to harm,
When the "White Comrade" is so near.

E. L. ANNING.

Our Lyceum Guild.

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

TO GUILD CANDIDATES.

To those members who are taking the exams, this month we wish success, and thank them for pledges kept and for true interest in the educational side of the work of the Guild.

AN APPEAL TO LEADERS OF GUILD CLASSES.

The following request has been received: "We are starting a Guild Class, which will consist chiefly of children, at our Lyceum, and I have been elected Leader. Will you please advise me on what to do each evening, and recommend subjects for study and games to play? The class will begin when the exams are over and the studies for them are dropped till time to prepare for the next exams."

Will *Leaders of Guild Classes* please help the enquirer, and the Guild Leader (whose time is fully occupied just now with the work for the national exams.) by writing out their suggestions of how to plan for a Guild class, how to run it, how to apportion the time per evening, and what to do (and how to do it), during each section. Cater for interest, variety and usefulness, and for bodily, mental and social needs.

Send your article to the Leader, who will forward it to the enquirer.

This is *not* a competition. The reward lies in the helping of a fellow worker.

TOMMY THE BOOTBLACK.

As promised last month, this serial story by Miss Morse begins this month. After you've read it, show it to some friend and interest him or her in it too. Miss Morse has kindly given *Our Lyceum Guild* permission to reprint her story for the benefit and pleasure of its members and all other readers of the *Banner*.

MR. RANDOLPH HOPE.

All our members will join with the Guild Leader in extending very deep sympathy to the wife and mother, brothers and sister of Mr. Randolph Hope, of Manchester, in their great loss. His interest in Guild matters and education work was always great and practical, and he worked strenuously himself for them, and inspired others with his enthusiasm and example. We can ill spare such devoted and energetic workers; but we know his interest and help will continue, and he will now have wider scope for his energies and self-expression. We are confident that his influence will often be used to help those who were his colleagues here; and all those who knew him can best show respect for his memory by helping to realise his aims for all branches of Lyceum work.

GUILD LEADER:—Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A.,
37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, (Yorks).

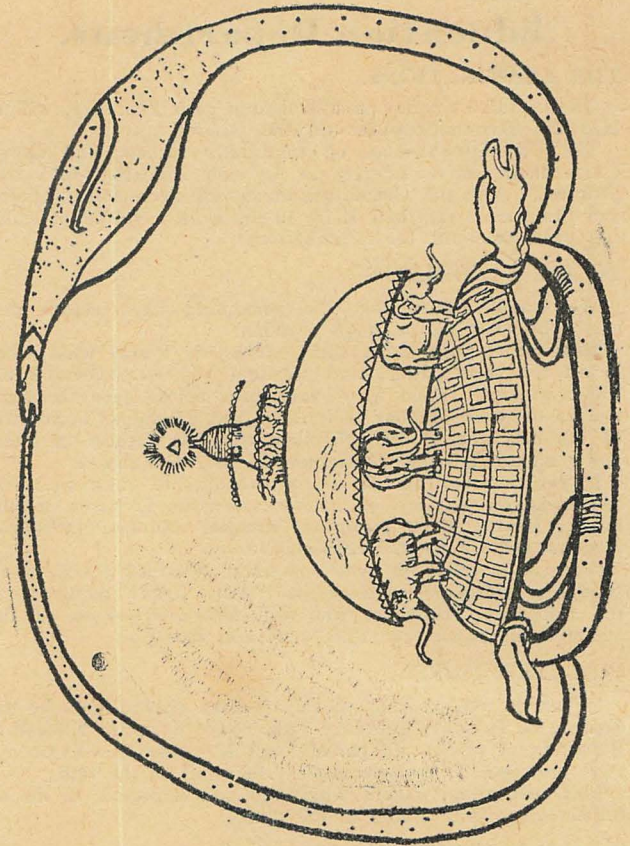


My Dear Kiddies,

Our hope and promise of the future is going to be work and goodwill. We are not going to grumble at anything we are called upon to do. Though we have had such wretched weather of late, soon we shall see the summer sunshine; so let us all look ahead for the bright days that are yet to come. The examination date is close on hand. To all Guildites, let me say, go in and win and PROGRESS.

PEARL FOR GUILDITES.

Upward! Onward! is our watchword,
Though the winds blow good or ill,
Though the sky be fair or stormy,
This shall be our watchword still.



PICTURE STORIES—II.

You will be wondering what our picture this month represents. I wonder how many of you could guess without looking for the answer printed below? Very few, I am sure, so I will explain. The whole picture represents the Divine creative power of the whole universe, or as we call this power, God. It is the symbol as expressed by the Ancient Egyptians.

Looking closely at the picture you will see the two serpents encircled round a tortoise. The sun, as seen at the pinnacle, can be seen usually over temples in Eastern lands, with a sacred beetle directly underneath it. This is an emblem of transformation, or of immortality, as we call it, the life after the change called death.

So, children, you will see how the Egyptians and Hindoos gained the idea of the world in this picture:—the serpent with its tail in its mouth, an emblem of time which continues and goes on forever. Upon this rests the tortoise, which is meant as the solid basis of the world, the world itself appearing in the form of three tiers, the first supported by three elephants, the second and third, upon which the sun is placed, supported by a cluster of elephants, these elephants denoting solid support. Older Guildites may find that the picture, or a description of it, may be given as the old Aryan conception or idea of the Universe, but it was also the Hindoo and the Ancient Egyptians' idea of the world and of the great power which controls the Universe, designed in this way according to their symbolic language.

COMPETITIONS.

Our next competition will be held in the May issue of the *Banner*, when several mystery prizes will be given to successful competitors. Look out, kiddies, and take advantage of this; you will be delighted with these prizes. No, I am not to tell you what they are, or their value, but they are certainly worth winning, so be sure to get your May *Banner*. The result of the December Competition is as follows:—1st Prize of five shillings (£5) to Zillah Burrows, Halifax; 3 Book prizes to Arthur Norman Newton, Birmingham; Frank Partington, Stretford, Manchester; and Eileen Partridge, Nottingham. *Toby Books* sent to: Amy Heapy, Derby; Vera Clark, Nottingham; Kathleen and Frank Rushworth, Sowerby Bridge; David Davies, Ashington; Robert Cross, Brixton; Edgar Newton, Birmingham; Ivy Whitehead; Madge Spence; Ingham White-

head; George Slingsby, of Newton Heath; Elsie Burrows, Halifax; Alice Willson, Grimsby; Jessie Cheesebrough, South Kirby.

This competition was a great success and I thank you, kiddies, for your efforts. (Several were disqualified for failing to draw the picture before painting it, so don't forget next time; read the rules very carefully).

THANKS.

To my numerous correspondents who have sent such nice letters, I am endeavouring to reply to each personally. Thanks also to Miss Mary Williams, London, for her splendid essay, "What does Christmas really mean to a Spiritualist?" whose effort I appreciate fully.

TOBY WINNERS.

Will all Guildites who received a copy of *Toby* please let me know as early as possible how they like the book, and if they have solved any of the puzzles or made any of the models, etc.

BIRTHDAYS.

All Guildites whose birthday is in any month from February to June send in name, address and *Guild number* to the Guild Imp, c/o 26, Albert Road, St. Annes-on-Sea.

Best love and fraternal greetings to all Guildites.

Yours sincerely,

THE GUILD IMP.

Tommy the Bootblack.

AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY.

BY FLORENCE MORSE.

Reprinted from the *Lyceum Banner* of 1894, by kind permission of Miss F. Morse.

Part I.—LONDON.

It had been raining all day, not a heavy rain that washes the dirty streets and makes them the better for Nature's cleansing, but a slow, dreary downpour that had left roads and pavements slippery and dangerous. It had ceased now, and in spite of mud, the busy tide of London life flowed as briskly as ever through the ever busy Strand. Heavily laden omnibuses, with their freight of tired business people; cabs and carriages, bearing pleasure-seekers to theatre and concert; pedestrians hurrying along, mentally grumbling at the mud; boys running, calling the evening papers; girls selling early spring flowers, whose sweet freshness seemed out of place in that hurrying throng; and a few more boys moving about from side to side with the cry of "Shine, sir?"

One of these had taken his stand by one of the theatres, thinking that it would be a good spot to find men with dirty boots who wanted them cleaned. He was a ragged little urchin, perhaps a little above the usual London street arab. He did not look more than ten, if you judge years by height, but the small, thin face was shrewd enough for twenty; a very bright face it was, too, with a pair of honest brown eyes that looked straight at you, and coaxed you into letting their owner shine your boots, even when they were quite clean. He was kept busy until the doors opened, the crowd went in, and he was left with the comforting knowledge that he had enough pennies to get supper, a bed, and a breakfast in the morning.

"Hello, Tommy, 'ave yer earned any money?"

"Yes, 'ave you?"

"No, only tuppence, an' that a big feller down there knocked out 'er my 'and an' it dropped down the grating."

At this Tommy regarded his companion (a dirtier and more ragged specimen than himself) with a very serious stare.

"That's bad luck," he said, "what yer going to do, Jimmy?"

"Dunno."

"I does, though. Look 'ere, I got a shilling, that'll buy supper an' breakfast. If I earns any more, we can get a bed. If I don't, we can sleep in a corner where the bobby won't find us."

Although both boys tried their hardest, no more pennies were earned by either, so towards midnight, after a—to them—sumptuous supper of fish and bread, they turned down one of the side streets leading to the Embankment, and, huddled together in the shadow of Cleopatra's Needle, sat watching the river, which looked inky black under the faint moonlight.

"Don't it look pretty, Jimmy?"

"What?" asked Jimmy.

"The moonlight, 'er course. Did yer think I meant this old stone needle? Reckon they couldn't make clothes with a thing like that. Wonder what they used it for?"

"There's some reading on the'r side. P'raps that'll tell, only we can't read. Tommy, what's ther moon?"

"I dunno. Tell yer what I think it is. It's a big hole in the sky, so the angels can look through an' see what we's doing, an' them little clouds is angels coming down to take care of the likes of you an' me."

"Do yer think if me an' you died we'd go to 'Eaven?"

"No, we ain't good enough, Jimmy, so you jes' go ter sleep, an' dream yer a 'avin' beef an' puddin' every day, an' wear clothes that ain't all tore, an boots as 'as soles to 'em."

In a little while both slept, huddled together on the hard, wet, cold stones, under the shadow of the needle that had come from the warm, sunny land where hungry, tired-out shoe-blacks were unknown. They slept on, unconscious of cold and hunger, of the wide river so near, and—saddest of all—unconscious of the loving, pitiful, spirit woman, who stood looking at them with a smile of infinite tenderness, as she stooped and stroked the hair from their foreheads with her hands, trying to make their dreams pleasant and peaceful.

Morning dawned cold and cheerless. Jimmy was the first to wake. Seeing his companion was still asleep, he sat quite still, watching the trains that now and again went rushing across the railway bridge, not far away.

"Hello, Jimmy, how long 'ave yer bin sittin' there, watchin' them trains?"

"Dunno, Tommy, er long time. 'Ave yer ever bin in one of 'em?"

"Yes, an' they do go farst. Why, yer journey's up almost afore yer know yer started. But ain't yer 'ungry? I am."

So, picking up their boxes that contained their brushes, the two boys started off in search of breakfast, soon finding a coffee stall.

"Thank yer, Tommy," said Jimmy, as he drank the last drop of coffee and swallowed the last crumb of bread. "Yer bin good ter me. I ain't 'ad such a good breakfast for a month."

"Alright. Hope yer'll 'ave better luck ter-day," and with an abrupt nod Tommy ran off in search of dirty boots, whose owners were willing to have made clean.

He spent a busy day, going from one crowded street to another; running under horses' heads; getting in the way of men who were loading or unloading carts; tormenting 'bus conductors; getting into mischief generally, as all boys do, whether they be rich or poor. Although mischievous, Tommy was never cruel; he chased sleek, well-fed cats and dogs, because they looked so funny when they regarded him with indignation at being disturbed, but he never threw stones at them, or tried to hurt them in any way.

In the afternoon, as he sauntered along, looking at the big shops, and wondering how it felt to wear nice clothes like he saw in some of them, he heard someone crying. It was a little girl whom a boy, about Tommy's age, was teasing, and preventing from continuing on her way.

"Let 'er alone," said Tommy, indignantly.

"I shan't," answered the boy.

"Then yer'll 'ave to," said Tommy.

A short tussle, resulting in victory for Tommy, followed, and the boy, feeling a little ashamed, ran away.

"He wanted to steal my money, but I held it tight, an' then he hit me," explained the girl.

"Well, leave off cryin' an' I'll take yer 'ome if yer'll tell me where it is. What's yer name?"

"Jennie. What's yours?"

"Tommy. Give me yer 'and, an' I won't let no more boys hurt yer."

"'Ave yer bin in the country, Tommy?"

"No, but I've bin in Sent James' Park."

"So've I, but it ain't like the country. It ain't so big."

"Ain't it? Did ther people that gives treats in the summer send yer?"

"No. I was born there. We've only bin in London a little while, nearly a year. Father couldn't get any work, so we came 'ere."

"Do yer like bein' 'ere?"

"No, it's so noisy, an' it's all 'ouses an' no trees, an' yer can't play on the grass, an' if yer picks ther flowers ther policeman boxes yer ears an' says if he catches yer agen he'll lock yer up. This is where I live. Come an' see mother."

(To be continued).

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The Liberty Group.

The Lyceum Liberty Group has an ever-widening field of thought and experience to draw upon for themes of useful discussion.

Spiritualism has ceased to be a subject peculiar to Spiritualist Churches and Lyceums. It is in the minds of all people. From the records of the last Spiritualist International Congress we realised that at least 30 different nations have had the common experience of human survival over physical decay, and we are able to state that every nation has had similar experiences. The fundamental fact of survival and conscious communication between mortals and spirits is the divine law of personal progress, and the mortal transcends to a higher form of life's expression.

It is in the interpretation of the phases of survival as proved by science, thought of by philosophy and felt by religion that we find the discussion of Spiritualism is surrounded.

There is a tendency among non-believers in the truths of Spiritualism to test the phenomena by material standards. Their search is doomed to failure in almost all research work if such a premise is adopted. We cannot test spiritual forces by material standards. Our hope for an exact examination must begin with whatever phenomena comes our way, rather than demanding definite results according to a pre-arranged plan.

Psychic laboratories are springing into being in different parts of the country. No man can make a physical machine to test psychometric forces or invent a dictaphone to record inspiration. It is only the intangible mind of man that can record the display of such forces.

The Liberty Group is therefore the real laboratory where spiritual dynamics can be understood, explained and examined. Our critics may, along with us, see ectoplasm and materialisation, but we shall find that any atomic weight such substance may possess is drawn from the physical beings who exude it. Such visible emanation is reabsorbed again into the source of its demonstration.

Beside the newspaper stunts there are serious attempts being made in the modern press, through newspapers and periodicals, to fathom the truth or falsity of spiritualistic claims that human intelligence persists after the death condition and focalises itself by a continuous process in another form of expression, with the retention of the powers which made each individual a personality through a conscious entity.

The Lyceumists should have a ready answer to the critic, and it is wise we should be primed with irrefutable statements to prove our case. The first query must not be one of pre-supposition that the phenomena does occur, or that it does not occur.

What is needed is an open mind to examine whatever takes place with sanity and sound judgment. Sound judgment needs some elementary knowledge of life and conduct in a general sense. Some knowledge of natural science, including biology and psychology, is essential to an enquirer into communion between mortals and spirit-people.

The truth of Spiritualism depends upon personal experience of communion. It is wise for an enquirer to be introduced to the subject by one who has had the direct evidence and become fully convinced of the facts of communion with post-mortem beings.

If I wished to examine a city I should obtain a printed guide or seek the assistance of a personal guide who could show me the things which had made the city notable and worthy of a visit: just as surely as I should gain useful knowledge I did not previously possess, do I feel assured that any person who trusts himself to a guide or a medium will gain knowledge that Spiritualistic phenomena are true, and that there is also utility in associating with the knowledge which the experiences produce.

Our Lyceums exist for the process of physical, mental, moral and spiritual education. Having reached or entered the Liberty Group, the Lyceumists are ready for the proof which investigation is capable of producing. Spiritualism can be proved to be fundamentally and scientifically true. On that basic of evidential truth, can be built all that surrounds sensible philosophy and true religion.

It is in the latter aspect that the Liberty Group thrives and provides its members with discussion and understanding. The evolution of the Seven Principles (printed as Six in the G.C.R. 136) form the theme of useful social service in the physical world, and portray inherent laws for the conduct of human society that avoids discord, hatred, oppression and war, and encourages harmony, wisdom and love. The International Spiritualist Congress in 1925, evolved "social responsibility" as the essential gateway leading to national and international peace and amity between the nations. The League of Nations has favourably received a paper on this subject from the I.S.F. Secretary. Thus are we proving our utility as a world-force in shaping the destiny of mankind and overcoming the race prejudice which leads to misunderstanding and strife.

After we have become convinced of the truth of spirit-return we have a vast field of enquiry open to us and we can negate much that is untrue and support all that helps to produce the knowledge of life's real purposes. Time, space, substance, etherealisation and divinity are measured in the compass of eternity. We realise the unfolding of the deeper states of conscious entity and transmute the spirit of progression within the orbit of our knowledge, and by gradually learning, we are able to function on higher planes and become mediums of a larger intelligence which reaches out to grasp some of the details of infinity.

Obsession, hallucination, hysteria, self-hypnosis, inertia and automatons are some mental conditions to evade. Self-control is the safeguard to sovereign power. Each of the foregoing may be the subject of discussion in the Liberty Group. A merge towards inspiration, genius, ecstasy and joy, a deep, fervent, religious joy, carries us to the permeative sense of spirituality and clearer discernment. Clairvoyance dawns and we definitely link ourselves with the spiritual forces to reveal the wisdom of the higher spheres.

We sometimes feel the joy of these vibrations in circles and conferences. "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." The greatest fortune we can possess is a happy understanding nature which can blend personalities in unison of effort for the commonweal. The Liberty Group at least assists in this direction.

Our opponents may absurdly ridicule us but truth stands irresistible against all attacks and vindicates its exponent. Thus shall we prosper and grow.

It is our duty, too, to review our position from time to time to keep pure and unsullied the truths for which we stand so that our children may not have to remove the barnacles of an impeding tradition. With this idea in view we can safely place our confidences in the Liberty Group doing its share of the work for the educational progress of our common cause.

G. F. KNOTT.

It was a happy thought which arranged the billets for the M.C. in London on the evening prior to the M.C. Meeting at Brighton. It enabled the M.C. to rub shoulders with prominent London Lyceumists. Another advantage was that the whole of the M.C. were able to travel together for the last portion of the journey in preparation for the seven hour meeting on Saturday. Another happy feature of the weekend was that the whole M.C. were entertained in the same billet. Miss Goldie made a splendid entertainer. The welcome of the Lyceum and the lovely dance gave the M.C. a very pleasant interlude between the evening's adjournment and the Sunday meetings.

We regret the Internal Education Scheme is held over till next month.—(Ed.)

The £2,000 Effort.

Fellow Lyceumists,

This month I am striking a note of better results. Since January a few donations have come in. On January 7th I received a donation of 15/- from Hackney Lyceum, which brought me to the position of being able to write to Southend Lyceum for another donation of £1 1s. 0d. (1,000 farthings), which was also forwarded by them. I also received a donation from a respected old friend at Alma Street of one shilling. I do not despise the day of little things, and if every member of our various Lyceums would just send *one shilling* it would mean a matter of over *eight hundred pounds*, and what a little sacrifice it would mean, say half a pound of chocolates for the ladies, or an ounce of tobacco for the gentlemen, and at two operations like that our Fund would be complete. I can only hope that I can inspire all my fellow Lyceumists to send me a shilling. Try to think it is a cross-word puzzle and you are a winner. I have also so far got three collections for Founder's Day. The first is from Alma Street, Halifax, for eleven shillings and sixpence. Cleckheaton Lyceum 5/-, and Castleford Lyceum 5/-. To all of these Lyceums and individuals I extend the Union's hearty thanks for their remembrance and promptness in forwarding, and I sincerely hope that these will stir others to follow their example. If you can't send me a shilling all at once I can forward a card on which you can save up as you like and forward me the results as you wish. The cards are a very useful way to get little donations easily, and the little donations are quite as welcome as the big ones. Do please try and sacrifice a little so that we may get this fund working and of some real use to the Union. If we love the Union as some of us say we do, surely it is worth a little sacrifice on our part.

Good wishes to all Lyceumists wherever they may be.

Yours fraternally,

W. B. BURROWS,

Hon. Sec. £2,000 Effort.

29, Kliffen Place,
Coronation Rd., Halifax.

The Name of God in Ninety Languages.

God—English.
Good—Flemish.
Gudd—Old Saxon.
Gud—Norwegian.
Buch—Slavonic.
Bog—Polandic.
Jumala—Finnish.
Deus—Latin.
Diet—Old Germanic.
Diou—Provencal.
Oro—Society Islands.
Tarou (Bul God)—Friendly Islands.
Jilbeambeartje—Samoiedes.
Atua—New Zealand.
Bataru—Sea Dyaks (Borneo).
Todor Pennor—Khond, India.
Quawteaht Aht—(Vancouver's Is.)
Godt—Dutch.
Rainn—Hindustani.
Purocamae—Peruvian.
Uhlanga—Amakosa-Zulu.
Hoas—Aeolian.
Tuet—Old Egyptian.
Gut—Danish.
Morimba—Angolese.
Great-Great—Zulu-Kaffir.
Dios—Spanish.
Deos—Portugal.
Doue—Low Breton.
Duei—Old Irish.
Athur—Babylonian.
Duu—Aryan.
Iabe—Samaritan.
Ju-pi-ter—Roman.
Manitou—Iroquois.
Istu—Pannonian.
Nunn—Ostiaks.
Naengei—Fiji.

Wakiuri—New Caledonia.
Juwata—Land Dyaks (Borneo).
Oomodoo Kowreregas—Australia.
Elohim Eloah—Hebrew.
Prussa—Chinese.
Zeos—Thracian.
Dio—Italian.
Theos—Greek.
Ovisha-kia—Egbas Tribes.
Alla—Malay.
Brahm—Bengalee.
Thios—Cretan.
Orsi—Magian.
Tenn—Modern Egyptian.
Brama—Coromandel.
Nyommo—Ashantee.
As—Runic.
Godd—Pan-Sclavic.
Manck-Sor—Patnah (India).
Gott—Swiss.
Allahah—Syrian.
Jubinal—Laplandic.
Bung—Polacca.
Tooba Total—Tonga Islands.
Valichur—Patagonia.
Diex—Low Latin.
Eliah—Assyrian.
Allah—Turkish.
Zannar—Madagascan.
Teuti—Armorican.
Ioa—Ancient Chaldaic.
Sire—Persian.
Magatal—Tartar.
Goegur—Japanese.
Fetizo—Zemblian.
Deu—Old Gallic.
Ilos—Doric.
Diu—Celtic.
Iloga—Ashira Tongue.
Adi Willoo Nau—Nano Maoris.
Allah—Arabic.
Gott—German.
Zambi—Malonda.
Njambi—Camma Tongue.
Deu—Olala Tongue.
Gud—Swedish.
Dieu—French.
Miam-Kupong—Fanti Tongue.
Gorramittee—Congolese.
Jigareeh—Bannians.
Ela—Chaldaic.
Goth—Teutonic.

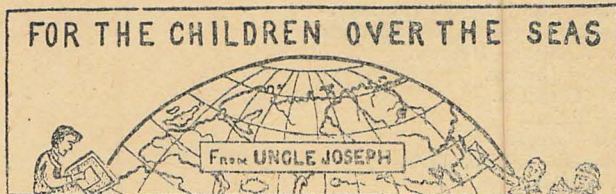
—From the *Progressive Thinker*

S.N.U. Platform Regulations

Adopted at the S.N.U. Annual General Meeting, July, 1926.

To operate as and from January 1st, 1928.

1. That in regard to platform restrictions, each District Council, if they so desire, should frame Bye-Laws to meet the requirements of the Churches within their area.
2. That before becoming operative such Bye-Laws must be sanctioned by the Council of the S.N.U.
3. That when such Bye-Laws have received the sanction of the S.N.U. the Council of that body shall support the D.C. in the administration of the Bye-Laws within the area of the D.C. concerned.
4. That the Regulations governing Diploma Holders shall remain as at present, viz., that Diplomées shall not serve any Church conducted by one or more persons for private gain, or any Church that has been expelled from the Union.
5. That the National Union, in conjunction with its District Councils, shall prepare a list of accredited Lecturers and Mediums, and forward copies to affiliated Churches and Societies, requesting their loyal support of those named therein.
6. That the above recommendations shall become operative as and from January 1st, 1928.



About Words.

Dear Children,

In our last letter we were introducing ourselves, and now we have shaken hands all round and duly said, "How d'ye do?" we had better get on to something else.

Let me see, what was the chief thing I mentioned in the letter? Oh yes; I know; "Thoughts" was the chief item, of course, and we have not quite finished with it, because although I have headed this letter with "Words," there is something to come before we get to them.

Words mean talking—a thing most of us can do, especially when we should not be doing sometimes. When we should speak we are often at a loss what to say, as for instance, when Silver Chain or Musical Reading comes round, some of us are very bashful indeed, but that is where thoughts come in. If we think, then we shall easily do our part.

Of course I did not intend to lecture you on your Lyceum work; that is the duty of your Conductor; and whilst we are on the subject let us have a few words about the Conductor.

The Conductor is a *very* important person indeed. They are the leaders in the Lyceum, and we have elected them to help us to be *real* Lyceumists, but remember at the same time it is only the individual Lyceumists who can prove that they are real Lyceumists, and that is where we can do some good thinking, because the better we think the more we will do for our own Lyceum. By thinking for ourselves we shall also think for others, so we must go to our Conductors and ask them to invite all the Lyceum to concentrate one huge thought for Lyceumists, especially those a long way off.

Now we will take an example. There you are, we will say, a long long way from any Lyceum or any other Lyceumist. No meeting for you then on a Sunday, no Musical Reading, no Golden Chain except the one you can take yourself from the Manual, which as a true Lyceumist you would have with you. Supposing some Lyceum was sending out thoughts to you! You would probably catch those thoughts in your own lonely place, and then, having found that others were thinking about you it would help very much, I feel sure.

There is a little job for our thoughts. Any Home Lyceumist can think of the Overseas Lyceums and Lyceumists, especially of those who are not near a Lyceum, and this little effort may help someone on their way and brace them for further effort on their part. It will also revive memories, which after all are only thoughts which we have stored away in some corner of our brain until they are needed. The Overseas Lyceumists can think of those at Home. Thus having set one another thinking we have made a complete circle; thoughts coming, thoughts going, and the chain is being gradually strengthened.

Thinking means that we have to start talking. If our thoughts only give a start to some Lyceumists who have been shy, and suddenly try to speak, then that will be a little bit of good done.

Talk, like thought, can go a long long way, so we must make it a *good* talk, as our friends the Indians would say. We know bad news and bad talk travel fast and sometimes does more harm than is intended, because it takes a bad fairy called "Discord" with it. Our Lyceum teaching tells us that we must try to educate all bad fairies and make them good ones, so that Discord has to change its name and become "Harmony."

Well, good talk means Harmony and that too can travel quickly, so if we talk lovingly to others of our absent friends then the good will gradually reach them.

Have you ever been in an Echo Cavern? Most of us have, I feel sure. It is interesting to visit these places. Someone shouts "Hullo" and then we hear a mysterious voice taking up the call and tossing it from corner to corner until it gradually dies away in the distance to just a whisper.

Maybe our talk will carry like that, going from one person to another until perhaps it will reach someone overseas whom we have never seen, but to whom our talk may do some real good without any further effort on our part. The talk may be the means of starting a Lyceum where none has been before; thus our word would be the means of helping many people to become

Lyceumists, so we can realise part of the power of thought and words.

Having discussed how we are to use our thoughts and our tongues we homesters must all try to remember Overseas Lyceums and Lyceumists, and Overseas Lyceumists must try to remember us. Just carry your mind to the letter from California in the January number. What a splendid lot of information there is in that letter, and what a tremendous distance those words have come. We have to realise what a distance some of those Lyceums are from one another, yet you see they can send their thoughts out though they cannot always be calling round on one another. That letter also tells you a lot about California, and so we are getting knowledge which will come in useful. Some day we may want to tell other folks about it. I am sure that someone far away would be quite as interested in what some Lyceumists in England do. I know that we are interested in Overseas doings, so hurry up, all you good Lyceumists who desire to open up correspondence; send your letters to "Uncle Joseph, c/o 'Lyceum Banner,' 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lanes., England.

I will try to start another chain and then it will be your job to keep it going. Remember this! I will try to open up the correspondence between you, but you must keep faith with one another and write regularly and often.

Another thing which I would like, and that is if Secretaries would please send me, in good time, notices of any special Open Sessions or Anniversaries I should be very pleased indeed: never mind why, that will come later.

I have received many letters, from friends wishing us well in our new venture. I thank these correspondents and reciprocate the kind thoughts. I have also received requests for Overseas names, so hurry up all the rest of you, or there will be none left for you.

Will Home Lyceumists who wish to have a reply please enclose a stamp, *that is, those who can afford it*, as this will help very much and those Lyceumists who receive an address to write to must remember that it takes time to send the letter out and get a reply back, so they must not get impatient.

And just one more little thing; whilst we want Lyceumists to link up overseas, we must not forget that there are also other branches of our work which want attending to; the Guild, Education scheme, etc., and we must not neglect them.

Before I close I want to tell you of one Lyceumist, who watched the Overseas work with great interest, and who has gone from us in the physical sense. His name is Randolph Hope, of South Manchester Lyceum. Randolph passed behind the veil on January 6th, as a fearless but kindly critic, as a cheery and hard worker he will be a loss to a great many people. Let us, children, stand for one silent moment for Randolph, also for other Lyceumists who may have passed or are passing. Randolph's career will be dealt with elsewhere in this issue, but I wish to place my tribute to his memory on record, and to voice my sympathy to his family in their bereavement. We must be fortified by his example and 'be not weary in well doing.'

Yours lovingly,

UNCLE JOSEPH.

Births, In Memoriam, and Marriages.

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

BIRTH.

MACK.—January 21st, at Tranmere, Birkenhead, to the wife of George A. Mack (May Robb), a son.

MARRIAGE.

Elsie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. May, of Tubiaco, W. Australia, (late of Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent), to John Firth, junr., of Nyabing, W. Australia, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Firth, of Fleetwood (late of Rochdale).

IN MEMORIAM.

BLACKBURN.—In loving remembrance of Sarah Ellen Folding, who passed away February 14th, 1926, aged 72 years. From son and daughter, Edwin and Louisa, and grandsons.

LONDON, Forest Hill.—In loving memory of Ernest Frederick, youngest and dearly loved son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Payne, suddenly called "Home" on Jan. 6th, 1924, aged 18. Ever remembered by his father, mother, brother, sister, Edie and many friends.

Fund of Benevolence.

THE SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION, LTD.

Jan. 21st, 1927.

Dear Mr. Knott,

I have pleasure in sending report of income received since the Annual Appeal sent out in September, which includes all monies received to the end of December, 1926.

The Secretary and Committee sincerely thank all who have contributed, especially during the difficult times we have passed through.

The old folks are truly thankful for the help received from time to time; it helps to keep a goodly number of them out of the workhouse.

May I ask all Lyceumists to remember that they owe a duty to these old workers who paved the way and made the task easier for us, and try to assist the Committee with a small donation or collection. 400 circulars were sent out and 130 responded; just a third have realised their duty.

During the last four months £190 10s. 0d. has been distributed in 200 grants, so the fund is helping as much as possible and could do more work if the funds would allow it.

With grateful thanks and best wishes to all subscribers.

Fraternally yours,

MARY L. STAIR,

Hon. Financial Secretary.

CHURCH AND LYCEUM DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Runcorn Church, Ashridge Street	0	10	0
Blackpool Lyceum	1	1	0
Armley Church	4	10	0
Mrs. Marshall Hancock's Class	0	5	0
Todmorden Roomfield Buildings	0	10	0
Wimbledon Church	3	16	7
Edinburgh Association	0	10	6
Barnsley, North Pavement Society	1	1	0
Manchester, Longsight Church	1	1	0
Idle National Church	0	10	0
Blyth National Church	0	9	0
Old Penshaw Society	0	6	0
Plaistow Church	1	5	0
Camberwell Church of the Spirit...	2	2	0
Mexboro	1	0	0
New Shildon, Newlands Avenue	1	0	0
Cheltenham Chris. Spiritualist Church	5	17	0
Ventnor, Isle of Wight	1	6	0
Hackney Spiritualist Church	2	2	0
Birkenhead, Hamilton Church	1	9	0
Halifax, St. Paul's, Alma Street	2	0	0
Great Harwood	0	5	0
Plymouth, Morley Street Church	1	1	0
Barry, S. Wales	1	3	6
London Spiritualist Mission, Pembridge Place	12	17	7
Tantolice Church	0	2	6
Manchester, Higher Openshaw Lyceum Church	0	15	0
Whitley Bay Church	0	15	0
Horden Church	0	5	0
Huddersfield, Ramsden Street	2	2	0
The Pontygm Church	0	8	6
Hounslow Church	1	0	0
East Leeds, Easy Road Church	0	5	0
Sparkhill Church, Birmingham	0	8	6
Hollinwood, Byron Street	0	16	9
Glasgow Association	6	10	0
Colne Church	0	10	0
Coventry, Bull Street	1	14	0
Rotherham, Percy Street	0	17	8
Coventry Progressive, Broadgate	0	6	1½
East London Spiritualist Association, Earlsam Hall and Lyceum	1	10	0
Bradford, Otley Rd., Church and Lyceum	1	1	0
British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union	5	5	0
Kingston Church	1	12	0
Bedlington Church	0	12	0
Aston, Birmingham	0	12	0
Blackpool Church	1	15	0
Bacup Church	2	0	0
Congleton Church	1	1	0
Smallwell-on-Tyne	0	8	0

Ilkeston, No. 2 Church	0	11	0
Southwick Church	0	5	0
York, Spen Lane	1	11	0
Manchester, Cheetham Hill Church	1	1	0
Dairycoates, Hull	0	10	0
Barrow Psycho, 9 months' members' tax	2	9	3
Shildon Psycho Soc.	0	5	0
Benwell Church and Lyceum	2	0	0
Newburn-on-Tyne	0	5	0
Northampton, Newland Church	0	11	0
Tunstall Church	0	11	0
Sowerby Bridge Church	1	0	0
Crook Church	0	6	9
Ealing Church	2	2	0
The Little Ilford Christian Spiritualist Church	2	2	0
Nuneaton Church	0	10	9
Slaithwaite	0	10	0
Erdington	0	10	0
Lancaster, Central Hall	1	0	0
Mansfield Spiritualist Church, Dallas Street	0	10	0
Iredegar	0	10	0
Bradford, Bankfoot Church	0	3	0
Elland Church, Westgate	0	10	0
Devonport Church, Ferry Hall	0	10	0
Harrow Church	1	1	0
Hucknall, Notts.	0	4	11½
Heeley, Bramhall Lane	0	10	6
New Manchester Lyceum Church	0	5	0
Rushden, High Street, Northants.	0	5	0
Barrow, Orange Hall, Ramsden Street	1	10	0
Gateshead (Beaconsfield) Liberal Club	1	0	0
Dukinfield	0	4	0
Eden Progressive, Rectory Hall, Gateshead	0	12	6
Brixton Church, Stockwell Park Road	4	0	0
Liverpool, Boaler Street	0	10	6
Walsall Reunion	0	16	7
Nottingham Progressive	1	1	0
Kettering Progressive, Dalkeith Street	0	12	0
Nottingham, Sherwood Street, Parent Church	1	1	0
Marylebone Association, London	3	11	3
Heaton and Byker Church and Lyceum	1	10	0
Pendleton	1	0	0
West Pelton	0	5	0
Southport, Hawkshead and Forester's Halls	1	2	0
Hanley	1	1	0
Portsmouth Temple	2	19	6
Portsmouth Temple Lyceum	0	10	0
Exeter Church, Market Hall	2	10	0
Brighton, Mighell Street	1	2	6
Birstall Church	1	0	0
Blackburn Temple, St. Peter's Street	2	0	0
Dundee	0	15	0
London, Manor Park	3	3	0
Darwen Church and Lyceum	1	0	0
Wallsend, Carville Road	0	8	6
Dalton Church	0	14	0
Fleefwood Church	2	2	0
Keighley, Heber Street Choir Funds	1	9	3
Liverpool, Daulby Hall	3	3	0
Manchester Central	5	0	0
West Hartlepool, Musgrave Street	1	0	0
Battersea	1	1	0
Portsmouth Progressive, Francis Avenue	0	5	0
Tottenham Church	2	0	0
Brighouse Alliance	0	12	0
Middlesbrough, Grange Road	2	9	0
Doncaster, Kings' Arcade	1	0	0
Leeds Psycho	1	0	0
Macclesfield Free Church	2	2	0
South London Spiritualist Mission and Lyceum	2	11	3
Southern District Council E.C. Meeting Tea	1	1	6
Southern District Council E.C. Meeting Tea	2	14	0
Nottingham Mechanics	2	0	0
Northern District Council Quarterly Retiring Coll.	0	18	0
Southampton Church and Lyceum	18	13	0
Hull United	0	6	6
Hyde, Clarendon Street	0	10	0
West Vale	1	1	0
Clapham Church	2	2	0
Newport Central, Charles Street	1	0	0

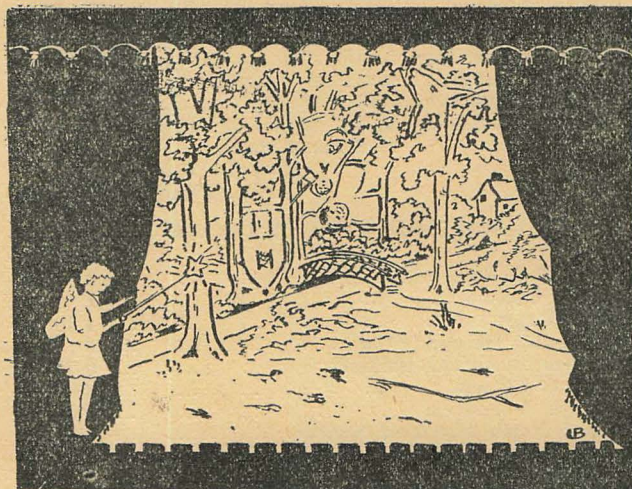
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Stockport Central	0	14	0
Bournemouth	5	5	0
Bristol, 1st Church, 12 monthly after circles coll.	2	15	3
Grand Total	...	...	...	£804	4	0

PERSONAL DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Henry Bubb and E. Maude Bubb	10	0	0
Joseph Dobson	0	5	0
A Friend	0	2	6
Mrs. Lonsdale	0	5	0
Mr. Heald	0	5	0
F. E. Gabell	0	10	0
Jas. F. Bowerman	2	2	0
Rosa Gray	0	2	6
Miss E. Smith	0	5	0
Mrs. Marshall Hancock	0	10	0
A. W. Orr	1	1	0
Miss M. Hill and J. A. Hill	1	0	0
W. Boyes	0	2	6
Mrs. E. S. James	1	1	0
C. J. Vesel	0	3	0
A. Scott	0	5	0
Mrs. Entwisle	1	0	0
F. D. Birkenhead	1	1	0
H. Jackson	0	2	6
Rev. G. Vale Owen	0	10	0
T. F. Smedley	1	0	0
Mrs. M. J. Holden	1	0	0
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	10	0	0
Mrs. Meinecke	0	5	0
Mrs. M. Walker	0	3	0
Miss Mary Mills	0	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. Wrather	0	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. F. Bessant	1	1	0
"Irene"	0	2	6
Mrs. M. H. Armstrong	0	10	0
A. Campbell Holmes	1	1	0
J. Fraser Hewes	1	1	0
H.M.	0	5	6
M. L. Fairbairn	0	10	0
W.P.	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. E. Waterhouse	0	10	0
Mrs. A. M. Severn	0	5	0
A Secretary	0	10	0
Mrs. Dean (Bury)	0	2	6
Mrs. Alice Jamrack	0	8	0
Mr. and Mrs. Dowdall	1	0	0
Mr. A. Scott	0	5	0
In Memory of J. Sutcliffe	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. Buryer	0	3	0
Mrs. Kitty Butterworth	0	10	0
H. Marsden	0	2	0
A. Teague (South Africa)	2	2	0
Mrs. M. J. Parker	1	0	0
A Friend (York)	0	5	0
Mr. Albert Sutcliffe	0	10	0
Mrs. M. A. Stell	0	10	0
Mrs. M. A. Windsor	0	10	0
Mrs. E. E. Green	2	2	0
Joseph Owen	0	1	0
Mr. J. Venables	0	10	0
Mrs. Mary Anderton	1	1	0
Aaron Wilkinson	0	5	0
A. Scott (Cardiff)	0	5	0
A. S. Wormald	0	3	0
Lewis and Edith	1	0	0
Mr. Osman	0	10	0
Mrs. M. Love	0	5	0
M.D., 2/6, H.D., 5/-	0	7	6
Mrs. T. M. Lever's Effort	0	2	6
A. U. and F. E. Peters	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith	1	1	0
A Friend (per E. W. Oaten)	20	12	0
Mrs. M. E. Pickles	0	10	0
In Memory of M. A. Turner	1	0	0
Dawson Rogers	1	1	0
A. Scott (Cardiff)	0	5	0

Robert Catling	...	...	...	0	10	0
Mr. J. and G. W. Reynolds	...	...	...	0	10	0
Mrs. Crouch	...	...	...	0	10	0
Mr. H. Bubb, Miss O. Bubb and Miss M. Bubb	...	...	...	10	10	0
Mrs. Marster (per Mr. Gush)	...	...	...	5	0	0
Snowflake (Cardiff)	...	...	...	0	5	0
W. Newman	...	...	...	0	2	6
E. Victor Quarmby	...	...	...	0	5	0
J. E. Bale	...	...	...	0	10	0
From Friends	...	...	...	0	5	0
W. T. Doyle	...	...	...	0	10	0
Mr. and Mrs. A. Summersgill	...	...	...	0	10	0
Mr. Millington (Christmas Tea-table Collection)	...	...	...	0	3	0

THE CHILDREN'S PUZZLE.



Which Pantomime does this Puzzle contain the characters for? There are seven people and things to find in the puzzle. Find four people, one animal and two things.

District Council Reports.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Green Lane, West Vale Lyceum, on Sunday, Feb. 13th, at 10-30 a.m. All Lyceums in affiliation are asked to fully consider any suggested alteration to the constitution and send Delegates, with amendments.

The nominations for officers received are: President, Mr. W. Burrows; Secretary, T. Ellis; Treasurer, Miss N. Hirst; District Visitor, Mr. Baldwin.

An Open Session will be held in the afternoon and a service in the evening.—Tom Ellis, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The yearly Conference will be held at Old Robin Rooms, Cleckheaton, on Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 3-30 p.m.

Agenda:—Opening Exercise, Invocation, Credential Report, President's Address, Minutes, Correspondence, Reports, Treasurer's Yearly Statement, Competition Business, Election Adjudicator, Field Day Secretary's Report, Associates, Election Officers L.L.D.C., B.S.L.U. Nominations, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Area Representative, Open Council, Inter-change.

Will all Lyceums endeavour to be represented at this Conference? Important Business. Associates are welcome.

All Affiliation Fees and Associate Fees now due and should be paid before this meeting or your Lyceum may lose its vote.

Will newly elected Secretaries kindly notify B.S.L.U. Secretary and Council of your address?—A. W. Harding, Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th, 1927, at 3 p.m., at Warrington Spiritualist Church, Academy Street, Warrington.

Business:—Minutes, Correspondence, Reports, Election of Officers, Open Air Demonstration, Massed Session, Session Competition and B.S.L.U. Nominations.

Invitations are wanted for September 10th and November 12th.—E. Clitheroe, Sec.

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The North East Lancashire Lyceum District Council will hold the A.G.M. and Election of Officers on Saturday, February 19th, in the Church at North St., Burnley, to commence at 3-15 p.m.

Fees to Council are now due, as also are the Annual Associate Fees.—J.S.

PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT SHIELD.

The Lancaster Lyceum had during the past year competed with 25 other Lyceums in the area covered by the North-east Lancashire division for the honour of holding the challenge shield, which is awarded annually for proficiency in a number of directions which are distinctive from the orthodox Sunday school. The scholars, who number about eighty, together with their friends, made up a total of 150, who partook of tea, after which the "Lyceumists," as they are termed, participated in a model session, which it was pointed out differed from the usual method, as in the Lyceum it was desired to develop the physical as well as the spiritual.

Miss Swale, the Conductor, conducted the customary opening, hymn and prayer, after which the scholars read sentences relative to the tenets of the sect, these being interspersed with verses from a hymn. A musical drill followed, and after going through a variety of intricate measures, the class participated in physical drill, under the direction of the assistant conductor, Mr. H. Stephenson.

Miss Swale, in welcoming the assembly, described the occasion as a very happy one. They were very proud that it had at last come their turn to win the district shield.

Mr. Batley, the president of the North-east Lancashire District, of Fleetwood, who was accompanied by Mr. Latham, Burnley, the adjudicator, Mrs. Nurse, Blackpool, Miss Lawton, Barrow, and Mr. Shuttleworth, Darwen, secretary, members of the executive of the division, in presenting the shield to Miss Swale, said the Lyceum was the Spiritualist Sunday school. After they had witnessed the exhibition that evening they would realise that they did not follow the orthodox way. They had had given to them by the pioneers of that movement, through their spiritual insight and inspiration, a method of tuition which was the very opposite of the orthodox in this respect. Whereas they were taught in other places what they had to believe, it was given to them either as a creed, or as a tenet, or as articles of faith which they had to believe and accept, in the Lyceum they did not tell them that certain things were so, and they had to believe, but they first found out what the child was capable of receiving. They acknowledged that there was another factor which was of importance to humanity, the psychological part. That had been overlooked in the past. Educational authorities were now taking this matter up. They as Spiritualists sought out the psychic need of the child, and gave it those things which it could assimilate according to its need. He had pleasure in presenting the shield to Lancaster.

Miss Swale, receiving the shield, said they were proud to have achieved what they had attempted. She desired to press home the fact that although they won the fight was not over. They had to fight all the time that they might retain it. It was achieved as the outcome of efforts that had been put forth for many years past.

Mr. Latham, the adjudicator, said when he came to Lancaster towards the end of the year, there were three schools level in points, and he was expecting to have to visit them again. His experience at Lancaster, however, put such a visit out of the question. The adjudication was given under 15 headings, and 10 marks were possible for each. He desired to pay the greatest tribute possible to the Conductor. During the whole of his visits he knew of no conductor, and especially a lady, who was as self-contained, had as complete a grasp of her work, and who secured the response that she did. The whole session was managed with equanimity and harmony. He had no hesitation in awarding Lancaster the shield. They were doing something to make the citizens of twenty years hence the smartest, most intelligent, and most rationally minded people they had in Lancaster.

Mrs. Nurse, on behalf of herself and Miss Elliott, the president of the Lyceum Union, congratulated Lancaster on their win, as also did Miss Lawton. Mr. Shuttleworth also added his tribute of praise.

Mr. F. Ball, president of the local Church, acknowledging the compliments which had been paid that Church, said they owed their victory not merely to present workers but also to their pioneers. They had worked hard to secure the honour, and he hoped that in future years the success would be repeated.

Mr. Stephenson also replied, and afterwards a social gathering was held, and this was largely attended.

—From the Local Press.

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on Dec. 18th. Miss M. E. Lawton and H. Stephenson were appointed credential officers.

The Minutes were adopted as amended. Correspondence from the B.S.L.U., Lancaster, Burnley, North St., Brierfield, Colne, Rawtenstall and Mr. Hopper was accepted and adopted.

Miss Lawton and Mr. Latham, the District Visitors, had adjudicated at several Lyceums. Many comments were made re the helpful suggestions made by the D.V. re callisthenics and singing, etc.

The 1926 adjudication was given by Mr. Latham:—1, Lancaster. 2, Blackburn, St. Peter St.; Fleetwood; Colne. 3, Blackpool. 4, Preston, Central. 5, Barrow, Dalkieth St. 6, Nelson. 7, Earby. 8, Great Harwood. 9, Clitheroe; Rishton. 10, Rawtenstall. 11, Darwen. 12, Burnley, Hamerton St. 13, Accrington, Pearl St. 14, Burnley, North St. 15, Preston, Lancaster Rd. 16, Accrington, Argyle St. 17, Padiham. 18, Barnoldswick. 19, Barrowford. 20, Brierfield.

The following Lyceums in the district have not been judged: Millom, Dalton-in-Furness, Barrow-in-Furness (Orange Hall), St. Annes-on-Sea, Preston, Progressive (which has lapsed). The winners are Lancaster, with 140½. Blackburn, St. Peter St., Fleetwood and Colne tie for second place with 138½ marks. 23 Lyceums have been visited. Collections have been paid by all except Great Harwood and Accrington, Argyle St. Income, £4 10s. 4½d. Expended, £3 6s. 3d. Balance, £1 4s. 1½.

The President gave the certificates for the 1926 Competition to Lancaster, Blackburn, St. Peter St., Colne and Fleetwood.

Mr. Latham was given our best thanks for his services as adjudicator. Mr. Latham was re-appointed as adjudicator for 1927.

Financial Report. Income, £7 11s. 1d. Expended, £2 18s. 0d. Balance, £4 13s. 1d.

The U.D.C. Report was given by Miss M. E. Lawton and accepted. Discussion on the B.S.L.U. Constitution. An interesting discussion of proposed amendments to the Constitution took place. A Committee was appointed to produce proposed amendments to place before the Lyceums. The U.D.C. Report was adopted.

Credential Report. E.C. 5, Delegates 24, Associates 2, Visitors 2. Total 33. 17 Lyceums, Pooling 7/11 per Lyceum. 17 Lyceums present, 9 absent.

President's Address. The President spoke on coming events, Demonstrations or Field Days. He said we could help the Movement by holding Massed Sessions in convenient centres, and employing the E.C. on Sundays. He spoke re the Education and the raising of ages. Also gave a word on new Officers, and spoke about the Annual dues.

The address was accepted. It was pointed out that a Committee was in existence in Rishton, Gt. Harwood and Accrington for arranging Massed Sessions.

The address was adopted.

Mr. Latham took the Chair upon the President's desire to leave. Mrs. Parkinson intimated that Mr. A. Greenwood, M.P., would attend any Lyceum upon request being made.

Two proposals for increased Lyceum Fees to the Council were defeated. The Chairman suggested local efforts to clear the debts and assist the Council.

Notice of Motion. That the office of Treasurer be abolished and the Secretary act as Secretary-Treasurer for the Council.

A Vote of Thanks to local friends was carried with acclamation. The date and place of the next meeting is on February 19th, 1927, at Burnley, North St.

The adjudicator stated he would start his rounds after the first Sunday in the New Year.

Lyceum Fees to the D.C. are now due.—J. Shuttleworth, Sec.

District Visitors' Reports.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

I have made the following visits:—

Scarborough, Sept. 25th. The connective readings were fairly well read together, Mr. Laycock giving a very good explanation. Marching was fairly done.

Leeds, Armley, Oct. 3rd. Connective readings were very well read together. Many questions were asked and very ably answered by the conductor. Singing was very good. Many questions were asked on the G.C.R. and very ably explained by the conductor. Recitations 1, solos 4. Marching and callisthenics were very good. Credit is due to the conductors for the very able way in which they conduct their sessions.

Morley, Queen St., Oct. 10th. Connective readings were well read together and explanation good. Questions were asked, and very ably answered by the conductor. Singing good. Pearls were numerous and good. Recitation and solos were rendered. Marching and callisthenics were good.

Morley, Cross Church St., Oct. 31st. Connective readings were fairly well read together. Questions asked and ably answered by the conductor. The Singing was very fair. Conductors' parts in the M.R. well explained by the readers. The marching and callisthenics were good.

Leeds Psycho., Nov. 7th. Singing very good. Questions were asked and answered very well by the conductor. Reading and responses in the G.C.R. were good. Marching and callisthenics were very good. Pearls were numerous.

Leeds, Horsforth, Nov. 28th. Connective readings well read together. Conductor giving a good explanation to same. Singing was good in the M.R. Conductors' parts ably explained by the readers. Pearls were good.

Leeds, Alpha St., Dec. 5th. Readings were fairly well read. Singing was very fair. Questions were asked and answered very well. Recitations and solos were given. Marching and callisthenics were good.—H. Spencer, D.V.

LONDON DISTRICT.

I beg to report having visited the following Lyceums during the quarter. Hampton Sept. 12th. Walthamstow Sept. 19th; present 86, pearls 63. This Lyceum has a very efficient Choir. New Eltham Oct. 3rd. Present 122, pearls 54, also presentation of a Banner. Battersea Oct. 10th, 45 present, 34 pearls. Plaistow Oct. 17th. This Lyceum has much improved since my last visit. Peckham Oct. 24th, 40 present 39 pearls. North London Oct. 31st, 63 present, 39 pearls.

On November 7th I journeyed to Harrow but failed to find the meeting house. Woolwich and Plumstead Nov. 14th, present 52, 39 pearls. Harrow (opening) Nov. 28th, present 25, 11 pearls. The adults present took a keen interest in the proceedings. Chatham Dec. 5th, present 20, 14 pearls.

I attended Royal Albert Hall Armistice Service on Nov. 14th making one of the 500 Lyceumists present.

I must say that without exception all are trying to live and act up to our principles of "The Workers Win," and certainly they are winning through, showing the keenest intelligence and interest in the work undertaken. Some of the questions and answers have staggered me, showing that serious thought and consideration is being used to get the best educational value from the teachings. Marching and Callisthenics are good. The singing could be improved, and efforts are more numerous. Wishing all Lyceumists a very prosperous New Year.—Fred. John Miles, D.V.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

ROYTON, Whittaker Street.—This Lyceum is still progressing. They intend to join the B.S.L.U.

WATERHEAD, Equitable Street.—This Lyceum is increasing in numbers. Everything was gone through satisfactorily. Plenty of discussion on the readings.

LITTLEBOROUGH, Hartley Street.—Small Lyceum, but earnest workers. They could do with a little help from the stronger Lyceums.

OLDHAM, Hooper Street.—Good Lyceum, Pearls, recitations and solos were very good.

DEARNLEY, near Littleborough.—Very nice session. Marching and Callisthenics very good. Very active workers.

ROCHDALE, Regent Hall.—Strong Lyceum. This Lyceum is best with a large Liberty Group. We had a very interesting discussion on "Reincarnation."

MIDDELTON, Mill Street.—Open Sessions were very successful. Readings, recitations and pearls were very good.

HEYWOOD, William Street.—A nice homely session. Marching and callisthenics were very smart. Remember, "the workers win."

HERBERT BUCKLEY, D.V.

Special Reports.

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

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—January 2nd. This day proved to be another splendid Open Session. under the conductorship of Mrs. Babbs. There were good attendances both morning and afternoon. Great praise is due to all who took part and delighted all present with their pearls, songs, duets, solos, recitations and quartettes. With best wishes to all Lyceums and to the LYCEUM BANNER.—J. Babbs, Sec.

CALGARY, CANADA.—On January 2nd we held our Annual Meeting, following the usual Sunday Session which was helped out by the presence of a large number of children. After the secretary had given his report the conductor outlined the work of the past year. A very agreeable part of the report was the increase in the membership of the children. The financial report showed a strong balance for the Lyceum. Reports by all leaders showed progress.

The following officers were elected for 1927:—Conductor, Miss A. Garrad; Secretary, Mr. W. A. Garrad; Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Parkyn; Guardian, Miss V. Potts; Musical Director, Mrs. R. H. Parkyn; Captain of the Guards, Mr. Robinson; Physical Director, Mr. D. Roberts; Librarian, Mr. Robinson; and Leaders, Miss A. Garrad, Mrs. Rushton, Miss E. Rushton, Miss V. Potts and Mr. Adam. All officers were commended for their work by the Lyceum. We wish the best of success to all the Lyceums the world over in the year 1927.—William A. Garrad, Sec.

EDINBURGH, E.S.C. Lyceum.—On January 9th an Open Session was held, conducted by Mrs. Duncan. The following items were well rendered by the Lyceumists: recitations from Margaret, Cathie and Isa Bennigan, Jean McIntosh and Rhoda Brake. Solos from Rina Stevenson, Jessie Duncan and Margaret Bennigan. A short address from our late Conductor, Mr. Thomson, and our Assist. Conductor, Mrs. Smith. A surprise in the way of a solo from our oldest Lyceumist, Mrs. Urquhart, brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.—M. Hunter, Sec.

HULL, Holborn Hall.—On January 9th, Annual Election: Conductor, Mrs. Hogg; Guardian, Mr. Bert Roberts; Secretary, Mr. Buckton; Treasurer, Miss Headley; Musical Conductor, Miss Hogg; Marching Conductor, Miss Cook; Captain of Guards, Miss Mowforth; Guards, Mrs. Christmas and Mabel Bursell; Librarian, Mona Millson; Leaders, Mr. Buckton, Mrs. Hart and Miss Barker.—M. J. Brown, Past. Sec.

JARROW.—On January 16th we held our election of officers: Conductor, Mr. B. Hardwick; Asst. Conductor, Miss French; Secretary, Mr. J. Dunn; Treasurer, Mr. G. Hardwick; Guardian, Mr. Hannah; Captain of Guards, Robert French; Organist, Miss J. Dunn; Guards, Tom Bothwick and Hannah Evans.

On January 23rd, Lyceum Founder's Day, we completed the afternoon session as set forward in the BANNER, and Mr. N. E. Ainley, Vice-President, of T.L.D.C., conducted the evening service.—Mr. J. Dunn, Sec.

LONDON, Eltham.—On Saturday, January 8th, we held our fourth Christmas Party, and an excellent tea was provided for sixty-six Lyceumists. The evening was spent in games interspersed with songs and recitations by the children. Two songs "The Ash Grove" and "There were Four Lillies," were sung by the Lyceum Choir and were much appreciated. "The Fairies' Gift," a short play, was gracefully acted by a number of Lyceumists splendidly trained by Mrs. Young, one of our latest recruits. The acting of all, especially Violet Mantle, in our first play was highly commendable.

Father Christmas distributed a small gift to every child present. We heartily thank all who helped to make this party such a success.—Jack Calway, Sec.

LONDON, Hackney.—We held our annual Xmas Tea and Party on January 1st, which was largely attended by Lyceumists and friends. A special invitation was given to all members of the Church to join us on this occasion. Our old friend Mr. Clegg, was an honoured guest and enjoyed the festivities as much as the youngest member of our Lyceum. We also invited some of the poorest children we could find in the neighbourhood; in fact we went out and brought them in to share the good things.

The centre of interest was the gaily decorated tree which was laden with presents for everyone. Mr. H. Carman was dressed as Father Xmas to the great delight of the children. After tea and games Father Xmas dismantled the tree, giving the presents to everyone in their turn. Two Fairies were at the top of the tree, which were won by two of our young Lyceumists. Our little guests were sent home with parcels of good things and all departed tired but happy and wishing Xmas would come oftener.—M. Hester, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics Hall.—On Saturday, January 15th we held our Annual New Year Party, when over 100 sat down to tea. A very enjoyable evening followed. Beside games and dancing, interesting items were interspersed by the children. The chief event of the evening was the entrance of Father Christmas, with his bag of gifts, which he distributed amongst the children.

Another interesting event came as a great surprise to the Lyceum Secretary, who was presented by Miss Rayner, on behalf of the Lyceumists, with an Attache Case, a Wallet, and a Fountain Pen, which had been secretly subscribed for by the Lyceumists as an appreciation of his 12 years' service as Secretary and Treasurer.

Miss Rayner tendered her thanks to all who had helped to make the party a success.—O. Peel, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Heaton and Byker.—On December 29th we held our Annual Tea. After tea games, etc., were enjoyed by all. At 8-30 "Father Christmas" arrived and gave a present off the Christmas Tree to all the Scholars.

Open Session Jan. 2nd, conducted by Mr. Hunter. Pearls by Messrs. Ronaldson, Walmsley, Lunn, J. Keel, H. A. McEwen, Mrs. McEwen. Recitations by Doris Ronaldson, David Ronaldson, Jim Ronaldson, Alec Ronaldson, Mr. Ronaldson, Oliver Wright, Miss Shadforth. Solo by Miss Lamb; a splendid Session.

Jan. 9th, election of officers for 1927. "Life Conductor," Mr. Hunter. Conductor, Mr. Lunn; Assists., Mrs. McEwen, Mr. Gregson and Mr. J. W. Ronaldson; Guardian, Miss Steele; Treasurer, Mr. Shadforth; Marching and Callisthenics Instructors, Mr. J. Wardle and Miss Wardle; Organist, Mr. Shadforth; assists., Misses Kidd, Ganlie and R. Fenwick; Capt. Guards, Mr. Pybus; Guards, S. Gregson, L. Black, L. Rayner, J. Wardle; Leaders, Misses Hunter, Walmsley, Ronaldson, Mrs. McEwen, Misses Wardle, Dixon, Gregson, and Mrs. J. W. Ronaldson; Delegates to Church, Messrs. Lunn and Gregson; to Council, Mr. Walmsley; Auditors, Mr. Ronaldson and Mr. Pybus.—Mrs. R. Hunter, Sec.

RIPLEY, CODNOR & DISTRICT.—We held a grand Concert in the Co-operative Hall on Dec. 27th. The artistes were the junior Lyceumists under the conductorship of Mr. Geo. Sheldon. We had a sketch entitled "The Fairies' Gift." Mr. J. George, of Eastwood, presided. A Social followed the Concert.

On Jan. 2nd Mrs. George conducted an Open Session. Each Lyceumist gave a pearl. Marching and callisthenics were well done. Lena Webster, Josephine Hartle, Mr. J. George, Arthur Outram, Fred. Allen, and the conductor contributed items to a successful session.

RISHTON.—On Sunday, Jan. 23rd, we held our Open Session and Prize distribution. Prizes were given by Mr. R. Cooke, the Conductor. Mrs. Mayor, of Preston, gave some interesting remarks. The recitations were enjoyed by all.—C. Cooke, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Monday, Jan. 3rd, our New Year's Party for the junior members was held. About 45 children sat down to tea, after which "Father Christmas" presented each one with a gift from the Christmas tree; the rest of the evening being passed in high spirits by playing games.

On the following Wednesday, the elder members held a social, which commenced with a whist drive. First prizes were won by Mrs. Hassam and Mr. Thompson. There followed refreshments, after which games and dancing occupied the remainder of the evening until, at eleven o'clock, 50 happy Lyceumists dispersed after a most enjoyable time.—R. C. Chalk, Sec.

SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF.—Annual Christmas Tea and Social on Dec. 29th, 1926. There were about 70 Lyceumists and Friends present at tea, after which they all indulged in games and dances, and spent a very enjoyable time which was greatly added to by the efforts of Mr. Jack Heather as (Charlie Chaplin) and Mr. David Roberts at the piano. At 7 o'clock each child was presented with a box of chocolates and fruit. At 7-30 p.m. the guests began to arrive for the Fancy Dress Social and more than 200 people joined in the evening's dancing

and merrymaking. Everyone had an enjoyable time thanks to the efforts of our Lady Conductor, Miss Tina Tims, D.N.U., and her band of workers. Many of the revellers were in fancy costume and were judged by Mr. Hill, Miss Parsons, Mrs. Turrell, and Mrs. Heath, who were all strangers to the Spiritualist Movement. The Hall was gaily decorated with flags and Bunting (kindly lent by the Kursall Management) added to which were Laurel wreaths and Mistletoe (given by Messrs. Pilgrim, the Southend Florists).

Mrs. A. Fletcher presented the prizes to the following winners: Mrs. Sidney Jones (Eastern Lady) and Miss Kathleen Moore in a pretty erinoline costume; Mr. Jack Heather (Charlie Chaplin) and Mr. Bernard Young (a realistic looking Apache); Kathleen Simpson, First Prize for girls in the Children's section, (trelis rose dress); Violet Tims, second prize (Alexandra Rose day); and Jean Storey (Fairy) took third prize.

Joyce Stubbington carried off first prize for those with a Dick Whittington Costume; The next prize was won by Eric Jones a (perriott) and the last by Victor Cabouche who represented "Burlington Bertie." Mr. Charles Brookes was Master of the Ceremonies (this duty the gentleman always perform with pleasing results). The Boleyn Syncopated Orchestra provided the music.

The entire day was a huge success.—F. B. S. Kemp, Sec.

SOUTHWICK.—Election of Officers: Conductor, Mrs. Mackey; Assist. Con., Mr. Schonewald; Sec., Mrs. Newman; Treas., Mrs. Leith; Guardian, Mrs. Hall; Guards, Miss B. Mackey and Miss E. Leith; Organist, Mr. Littlefair; Choir Master, Mr. Lloyd; Auditor, Mr. Littlefair; Leaders, Mr. Henn, and Mr. Rodgers; Delegate, Mrs. Mackey. We thank retiring Officers.—Mrs. A. Newman.

WHITLEY BAY.—On Dec. 27th we held our annual Christmas Treat; afterwards a three act play entitled "Golden Locks" was performed by the following young lyceumists, Isabel Caverhill, William Shields, Jack Higgins, Harry Childs, and Ralph Harrison. A most enjoyable afternoon and evening closed with a Coffee Supper.—Mrs. M. Hall, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry St.—On Jan. 1st we held our Annual Tea-party and Prize Distribution. We had tea and a social. The Lyceumists gave a play entitled "Bob Cratchit's Christmas Dinner." About two dozen prizes were given. Later Father Christmas entertained us. The rest of the evening passed happily, thanks to our Lyceumists, Mr. Norris and Mr. Rooney. Our thanks are given to those who made the day a success.

Jan. 2nd was our Open Session. The day was bad and only a few attended. Recitations and pearls by Lyceumists. Miss A. Taylor, of Bury, was our Speaker. We had a very enjoyable time.—W. Monk, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Dec. 19th, the Election of Officers took place. Conductor, Mr. Batley; Assist., Mrs. W. Parkinson and Mrs. Cooke; Secretary, Mrs. E. K. Firth; Assistants, Mr. F. Church and Elsie Johnson; Treasurer, Mr. Shurmer; Guardian, Mrs. Frith; Musical Director, Miss Cooke; Assistants, Nora Harris, Jessie Thurston and Kitty Thurston; Marching Leaders, Phyllis Jordan, Nora Harris, Evelyn Horan, Ernest Frith, Sam Sherlock and George Cooke; Callisthenics, Irene Griffiths and Kitty Thurston; Captain of Guards, Annie Williams; Guards, Lily Yarwood, Harry Jordan and Tom Church; Auditors, Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Marron; Sick Visitors, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Church, sen.; Tellers, Mrs. Marron and Thomas Firth. A Vote of Thanks was given to all retiring officers. An Officers' Edition of the Lyceum Manual was presented to Thomas Firth, on the occasion of his departure for Australia on Dec. 24th, with best wishes for success from the whole of the Lyceum. He responded with his thanks to them for their good wishes.

Open Session on Jan. 2nd. There was a grand attendance and the following items. Solos by Nora Harris and Agnes Christopherson. Recitations by Lily and Eva Yarwood, Dorothy Harris, Frank Harris, Jack and George Consadine. Numerous pearls, which were well received.—E. K. Firth, Sec.

GLASGOW, S.M.U.—On Dec. 26th we held our Open Session and Annual Toy Service, conducted by Mr. Grovan, assisted by Miss Cleland, Area Representative, and Mr. C. Rankine, D.V. A Callisthenic display was given by the tiny tots from Maryhill Lyceum. We greatly appreciated the amount of toys, etc., we received. After the Service the toys were taken to Eastpart Cripple Children's Home. We tender due thanks to all Lyceumists from other Lyceums who so nobly helped us.—Mrs. E. Hastie, Sec.

LINCOLN, Goultham St.—We held our Christmas Treat on Dec. 28th. We had tea and invited all Church Members. After tea we had games. All parents were invited to supper. A very enjoyable time was spent together. We held our Open Session on Jan. 2nd.—N. Willey, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 23rd we held our A.G.M. The officers' reports showed excellent work, and fair progress. The following were elected for 1927:—Conductor, Mr. G. Thornton; Assist., Mrs. R. Hope; Secretary, Mr. W. C. Robinson; Treasurer, Mr. H. Pitt; Trustee, Miss L. Eastwood; Musical Conductor, Miss Booth; Captain of Guards, Mr. G. Taylor; Guards, Miss Iris Thornton and Master F. Pitt; Marching Conductor, Mr. H. Pitt; Guardian, Mrs. Pitt; Guild Leader, Miss Clark; Caterer, Miss L. Eastwood; Assist. Librarian, Mr. W. C. Robinson; Group Leaders, Miss Potter, Miss Hanlon, Miss L. Thornton and Miss Whalley.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

- RULE 1.—Reports must be written in ink or typed on one side of the paper only. Commence the Report by stating the name of your Lyceum, and sign your name at the end.
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- RULE 5.—Colonial Reports, if posted to the Lyceum Banner within 7 days after the events reported, will be inserted in the next issue after receipt at the "Banner" Office.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—We held our Open Session on January 9th. Solos and recitations were given by H. Swift, E. Rimmer, H. Rimmer, Annie Smith (jun.), A. Anderson, Nellie Laycock, G. Jenkinson, Ida Sharples, I. Chew, Mrs. Cook, Miss A. Smith, E. Scott, Mrs. Chambers, and Miss R. Swift. Music was well rendered by Mr. Crossley.—A. Anderson, Sec.

BACUP.—We held our Open Session on January 2nd. Conductor, Mr. H. Shaw. Pearls, recitation, songs and solos were given by the scholars of the Lyceum. The marching and callisthenics were well done.—B. Lord, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—January 2nd. The following officers were elected for the year: Conductor, Mr. Thompson; Assist., Doris Dunn; Musical Conductor, Mr. Whitely; Assist. Elsie Thompson; Marching Conductor, Mr. Taylor; Guardian and Callisthenic Leader, Dolly Williams; Treasurer, Mr. Edwards; Secretary, Mr. Hirst; Assist. Secretary, Nora Whitely; Captain of Guards, Mr. Woodley; Guards, Olive Pennington, Laura Robson, Stephen Darlington and Leslie Colligan; Group Leaders, Misses Dunn, Hemsall, Mrs. Holehouse, Mr. Mathe-son, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Taylor.—John Hirst, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Stirehley.—On Jan. 2nd new officers were elected for 1927. Mr. Smith was re-elected conductor, Mr. King, Secretary. January 8th our Annual Christmas Party was held. Prizes were distributed. Lyceumists and friends rendered a good programme. Altogether the Party was successful.—Lit. Sec., H. Fletcher.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On December 26th we held our usual Open Session, about 90 Lyceumists took part in the marching and callisthenics, which were well done. Solo by Mrs. Hall. Duet by the Sisters M. and E. Robinson. Recitations by Miss E. Rothwell and Alice Raitlon. Our Conductor, Mr. H. Hopper, named the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Memmany. The child was given the earthy name Margaret, spirit name, "Sunbeam," about 60 friends attended. A good session and was greatly appreciated by all present.—T. Wood, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—On January 9th we had with us two visitors, the Adjudicator and the District Visitor. Although the weather was not favourable and we had not our usual attendance we had a nice session. They gave us fraternal greetings from their Lyceum and others which they had visited, including New Brighton Lyceum and Uncle Bert and Auntie Ruth.—Edna Holt, Sec.

BOLTON, Deane Road.—On January 1st we held our usual Tea Party and Christmas Tree. The tree was beautifully decorated with presents for all Lyceumists. We were ably entertained by the children and Church members. Prizes were distributed by Mr. David Cooke, our President. Every child in the room received a present and an orange.—F. Johnson, Sec.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On January 9th, naming of a baby. Conducted by Mr. Eddleston. The baby was Marion Whitehead, spirit name, "Hope." We had an harmonious session.—R. Boys, Sec.

BURY, King Street.—January 1st, we held our Annual Tea Party and a Carnival Social. The young Lyceumists entertained with songs and dances. The adults gave a sketch. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing and games.

January 2nd, Open Sessions. Many Lyceumists rendered songs and duets. Fraternal greetings were exchanged with Bury, Sidney Street and Radcliffe, Railway Street.—Mrs. T. Lever, Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Miss E. Thornton was the conductor of the Open Session on January 2nd. Although this was her first time we had a harmonious session and a good start for the New Year.—A. E. Rayner, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.—On January 2nd we held our Election of Officers: Conductor, C. Riches; Assistant Conductors, Mr. Mutch and Mr. Bicklam; Secretary, Mrs. Wright; Treasurer, Mr. Bicklam; Librarians, Marjorie Crann and G. Parton; Captain and Guards, Miss Wright, Miss Rooke, William Parton; Musical Conductor, Mr. Mutch; Organist, G. Whitehead; Marching Conductor, Mr. Smith; Marching Leaders, Nellie Mutch, Blanche Kidd, Fred Wright and Ernest Jackson; Callisthenics Leaders, Lily Sykes and Harry Wright; Guardians of Groups, Mr. Crann, Mr. Bicklam, Mr. Mutch, Mr. Riches, Miss Hutchinson and Mrs. Partridge; Delegates, Mr. Crann and Mrs. Partridge; Auditors, Mr. Riches and Miss Hutchinson.—Mrs. K. Wright, Sec.

DARWEN.—On January 2nd we held our Election of Officers. Conductor, Mrs. Kirkham; Assistants, Misses Jenkinson and Walker; Secretary, Miss Leaver; Treasurer, Mr. Nightingale; Guardians, Misses Walker, Haworth and Simms; Callisthenics Leaders, Miss Coghlan, Masters Turner and Leaver; Flower Guild Secretaries, Miss Jenkinson and Mrs. Jones; Auditor, Mr. Robinson.—Dorothy Coghlan, Ban. Sec.

DENTON, Central.—On Saturday, January 8th, we held our Annual Children's Tea Party, Concert and Prize Distribution. On January 9th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Booth. Solos, pearls and recitations were rendered by the children.—Miss Moss, Sec.

DEWSBURY, Wellington Road.—On December 26th Mr. Jos. Senior was conductor for the day. Election of Officers: Conductors, Mr. J. H. Collier and Mr. Jos. Senior, Mr. Hey; Secretary, Mr. Tinker; Treasurer, Mrs. Huntley; Delegate, Mr. G. Peel; Marching Conductor, Mr. E. Wilson; Guardians, Miss P. Kaye, Miss M. Hirst, Mr. Eric Peel and Mr. H. Whitworth; Guards, Victor Hartley (Capt.), Walter Bennett, and Roy Collier; Registrars, Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Bentley; Group Leaders, Miss M. Hirst, Miss N. Whitworth, Mr. J. H. Collier and Mrs. Bentley; Auditors, Mr. J. Whittles and Mr. L. Bland. Thanks to all retiring officers. We were pleased to see our Lyceum worker, Mr. C. Phillips, back again in the Lyceum from his serious accident at work.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session, January 2nd, conducted by Miss L. V. Batty, the first time in our new church. Lyceumists came in good numbers. Our conductor spoke for a little while, urging Lyceumists to bring new members along to swell our ranks. How pleased she was to think we had a home of our own. Mr. Bates, our Church Treasurer, also a Lyceumist, who had helped to build the Church, said he had got us a nice home, we had to do our bit by filling it every Sunday. All Lyceumists took part in session, making it a red letter day. We were all sorry when the time came to close a most enjoyable session.—Mrs. S. C. Webb, Sec.

DUNEDIN.—Sunday, Nov. 21st, Open Session. Attendance of children and adults good. Several visitors present. Pearls given by Freda Asher, Garnet Asher, Kenneth Brooks, Mr. Englefield, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. O'Sullivan. Pearls and recitations by Margaret Asher, Edith Asher, Maureen Mumford, Lilian Bayliss, Charley Bayliss, Francis O'Sullivan, Hazel Pratley, Daisy Brown, Jean McConnell, Joan Hargreaves,

Irene Brooks, Frances Anthony, Hilda Paul. Raymond Englefield, a new scholar, sang "A little ship was sailing." Our oldest member, Mr. Gore, sang a hymn. Readings given by Mrs. Asher, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Hargreaves.

Some splendid quotations were given on "Sympathy" by several children and adults, including Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Paul. Mrs. Baird spoke on the subject, and Mr. Wilkinson, who had not attended for some time, congratulated conductor on work done by children and progress of Lyceum. Mr. Hargreaves gave a musical solo and thus concluded a very enjoyable afternoon. Greetings for New Year to all Lyceumists.—R. Burgess, Sec.

EAST HAMILTON.—We held our Open Session on November 28th, with a very good attendance, conducted by Miss L. Bridge. Our Lyceumists did their utmost to make it a successful afternoon by giving lots of pearls. Miss L. Bridge gave a song and Mrs. Smithson recited. Mrs. Bridge gave a few messages and we all enjoyed the afternoon.—E. Allen, Sec.

EAST HAMILTON, CANADA.—On December 26th we held our Lyceum Day with a good attendance. The morning service was in charge of Mr. Holt, the speakers being Mr. Woodstock and Mrs. Thomas. In the afternoon Mrs. Smithson conducted the Open Session. Pearls were plentiful; duet by Vera Holt and Rhoda Greeves, messages by Mrs. Bridge. Mr. Woodstock took charge of the evening service. The choir rendered two anthems. Miss Bridge was the soloist. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bridge were the speakers.—Miss E. Allen, Sec.

EDINBURGH, 9, Gayfield Square.—On January 16th we held a most enjoyable Open Session, to which the following Lyceumists contributed. Songs by Bessie Houston, Letty Cobb and Lottie Woolford. Recitations by Bessie Houston, Jack Woodsell, Gilbert Anderson, Charles Forbes, Douglas Ewing, Graham McKay and Mr. Heald (Bolton). Pianoforte solos by Mr. Tom Wilson and Mr. George Cobb. Pianoforte duet by John Trotter and Jack Blaik. Violin Solos by Mima Rutherford and John Cobb. A very successful afternoon indeed.—P. Lawrence, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—On January 2nd the Lyceumists took the services for the week-end. Our children were responsible and all worked with great credit. We had a very successful week-end.

On Sunday, January 9th, Election of Officers: Conductor, Mr. W. Smith; Vice., Mr. G. Lilley; Secretary, Mrs. M. Barron; Treasurer, Mrs. Howard; Marching Conductor, Mrs. F. Smith; Musical Conductor, Miss N. Hockley. We had to postpone further elections until the following Sunday.—(Mrs.) M. Barron, Sec.

HEATON NORRIS.—On January 9th we held our Open Sessions, conducted by Mrs. Craig. The attendance was good. Pearls and recitations were rendered by the Lyceumists. Explanations of the Readings were given by Mrs. Deplitch, Mrs. Downs and Mr. Parfitt. Duet by Miss Downs and Mr. Jones. Mr. Pilkington also gave a solo. The Session concluded with a few well-chosen remarks from our new Conductor, Mrs. Craig.

At the Evening Session the Lyceumists gave the Service of Song, "Into the Light."—Miss D. Pickering, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peters St.—We held our Open Session on January 2nd, conducted by Mr. Garside. There were recitations by Alice Schofield, Peggy Turbin, Elsie Kerrison, and Herbert Buttle. Solos by Mrs. Conlan, and Eva Farnhill. Duets by Doris Richmond and Florence Senior, and Stanley Kitson and Walter Buttle. Pianoforte solo by Phylis Wilson. We spent a very pleasant time together.—Elizabeth Farnhill, Sec.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—We held, on Christmas Day, our Annual Treat. The children all enjoyed themselves.—J. Dunn, Sec.

LANCASTER.—On January 2nd we held our Open Session, when the following Lyceumists took part: solo by Miss Bowshill; recitations by B. Kelly, N. Baines; pearls, H. Bowes, B. Kelly, W. Bleasdale and J. Jackson.

On Saturday, January 15th, we held our Shield Celebration, which was a great success.—J. Hudson, Sec.

LEEDS PSYCHO.—On January 2nd we held our election of officers: Conductor, Mr. J. Gascoigne; Assists., Mr. Gascoigne, Miss Smithson and Miss G. Johnson; Treasurer, Mr. Russell; Secretary, A. Daisley; Musical Directors, Miss E. Johnson and Mrs. Burley; Marching Leaders, Misses Gascoigne and Daisley, Masters Russell, Johnson and Daisley; Captain of Guards, Mrs. Burley; Guards, M. Towers, D. Burley and A.

Byers; Council Delegates, Mr. J. Gascoigne, and A. Daisley.—Arthur Daisley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—The 5th Annual New Year Tea, Concert and Dance was held at the Vaughan College on January 1st. About 180 scholars and friends sat down to a very nice tea, afterwards a concert was given by Lyceumists. Father Christmas was present to distribute bags of toys and sweets to the younger children. Afterwards about 400 enjoyed dancing to the strains of the Tres Jolies Orchestra. A very enjoyable evening was spent.—C. W. Banton, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—On January 2nd we had our Open Session. The following Lyceumists took part, Mrs. Dehoue, Misses E. Wicks, A. Hughes, M. Coysh, W. Coysh and W. Hughes. Nurse Welbourne gave a short address.

On January 23rd we had with us Dr. T. Timson and Dr. Charles Wesley, of Witherenshaw. Each gave an address on the true Value of Phrenology in relation to all the Lyceum movement in general. We had Mr. G. Wright, President of the Church, with us, and a large attendance. Miss E. Wicks conducted.—J. Wicks, Sec.

LIVERPOOL, Daulby Hall.—January 23rd was Lyceum Day. The Sessions throughout the day were conducted by Mr. Keeling. At the evening service, instead of the Lyceumists being seated on the platform, an ordinary session was held which was an innovation for the Sunday evening congregation and provided an opportunity of demonstrating the method adopted in training the minds of Lyceumists. A display of Marching and callisthenics was also presented. Many interesting pearls were given with explanations, and Miss Muriel Keeling rendered one of Chopin's Valses on the pianoforte.—A. S. Raymond, Sec.

LONDON, Bowes Park.—We held our Anniversary on January 2nd, and had the pleasure of seeing several Lyceums represented at our afternoon session. Uncle Bert presented the medals and prizes, and he also dedicated a Banner made by Mrs. Bell as a gift from the Lyceum to the Church, and a banner made by one of our Lyceumists for the Lyceum.—K. M. Stroude, Sec.

LONDON, Brixton.—We held the usual weekly meetings for Concert Practice and drill, etc. We shall recommence our Sports meetings after Christmas. Would any Lyceum wish to meet us at Sports meetings? Will they kindly communicate with the Secretary of Brixton Lyceum, 10, Somerleyton Road, Brixton, S.W.9?—F. B. Cross, Sec.

LONDON, Croydon, Katherine Street.—On January 9th, Election of Officers: Conductor, Mr. J. M. Stewart; Guardian, Mrs. Robertson; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss G. Robertson; Rep. Secretary, Miss M. Walton; Musical Conductor, Mrs. Walton; Callisthenic Leader, Miss A. Stewart; Group Leaders, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Innis; Capt. of Guards, R. Walton.—M. Walton, Sec.

LONDON, Manor Park.—On Saturday, January 15th, we rendered a Fairy Play, entitled "Sunbeams." All who took part did very well indeed. Marjorie Baker took the part of Queen Sunshine and Mr. Leonard Goater was Father Christmas. The success of the evening encourages us to go forward, remembering the workers win.—(Mrs.) E. M. Marmoy, Sec.

LONDON, Lewisham.—We held our Annual Christmas Children's Party on Tuesday, January 11th, when the hall looked very cheerful with the flags and coloured lights. 100 Lyceumists and friends sat down to tea. The radiant faces of the children bore testimony to the enjoyment they were experiencing. The Christmas tree was a great success. Each child received a present. Prizes were distributed. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman presided.—Edmund Last, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—On January 19th we held our Annual New Year's Party, which was a tremendous success. After tea there were bon-bons, hats, oranges, chocolates, and balloons, which helped to make a merry time. We thank all friends who worked and helped to make such a success.—Cyril Raymont, Session Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—The annual Lyceum Party took place on January 5th. Most of the Officers of both Church and Lyceum were present. After a substantial tea games, etc., were played, and then we had the usual Lyceum Marches and a Concert. Solos were given by Miss Amy Robinson and Miss Whitehurst. Dances by Miss M. Hulley, a recital by Miss Dean, and a short sketch by some of the older Lyceumists. A present was given to each Lyceumist. They had been subscribed for by several Leaders and a few members of the church. Dancing concluded a happy evening. Mrs. Pimblott was the accompanist.

MANCHESTER, Cheetham Hill.—On New Year's Day the children were taken to the Pantomime in the afternoon, returning to the Church for tea. They had games during the evening, and prizes were distributed. They all went home after an enjoyable time.

MANCHESTER, Lr. Broughton.—We are holding our Open Sessions on February 13th, 1927, and we extend a hearty welcome to all who would like to visit us.—C. Day, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Pendleton.—On December 26th, the session was brightened by a naming ceremony, the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coates being named. The son was named, "Thomas," spirit name, "Star of Hope," and the daughter named, "Clara," spirit name, "Brightness." May health, happiness and prosperity be their lot.

The election of officers took place on January 16th: Conductor, Mr. W. H. Shaw; Secretary, Mr. H. Greenwood; Treasurer, Mr. J. Shaw; Conductor of Marching and Callisthenics, Mr. C. Lloyd; Roll of Honour Secretary, Mrs. Coxhill; Assistant Secretary, Master William Walter; Assistant Conductor of Marching, Miss Eva Lloyd.—H. Greenwood.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, Grange Road.—January 1st, Annual Tea and Prize-giving. Santa Claus gave each child a present from the tree. A Grand Ballet entitled "Nymphs and Sprites" was given by Lyceumists, led by Miss Bonsor.

On January 2nd, the annual Speech Day was conducted by Mr. Nellist. A naming ceremony was performed by Mrs. Pugh.—M. Harrison, Sec.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, United.—On January 2nd we held our usual Open Session, conducted by Mr. Massey, which was well attended. The pearls, recitations and solos were very amiably rendered by young and old.

In the evening, being our Lyceum Sunday, the Lyceum rendered a Service of Song entitled "The Warning Voice," which proved a great success. It was all under the tuition of Mr. Val Smith and proved another day well spent.—M. Brookes, Sec.

MORLEY, Queen Street.—We have had our Annual Election of Officers: Conductor, Miss E. Whitely; Assist. Conductors, Miss Dodson, Miss Axford and Master G. S. Sutcliffe; Treasurer, Mr. Sutcliffe; Secretary, Mr. Alb. Shepherd; Leaders, Boys, G. Lobley; Girls, J. Axford.—A. Shepherd, Sec.

NELSON.—We are looking forward to many pleasing events during 1927 taking place. On January 16th we held our Lyceum Day, our conductors taking charge throughout the day.

At night a well attended session was held. Visitors from the surrounding Lyceums were present and various items were given; the outstanding feature being a solo sweetly sung (without music) by Doris Bulecock, age 6 years. It was greatly appreciated. A pianoforte duet was excellent in rendering by Messrs. Ellis and Heaton. A happy time was spent together by all present.—J. Parkinson, Sec.

NORTH LEEDS.—On January 1st we held a Social and Prize-giving for good attendance. Voluntary prizes were given by friends for Essays, Pearls and Recitations. Mrs. Carncross, Conductor, presented the prizes. Mr. Shutt, Church President, gave the adult Essay Prizes. 6s. was given to the Church.—Mrs. Land, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott Street.—We held our annual election of officers on January 9th. Capable officers were elected. We held our Lyceum Open Session on January 16th. Good recitations were well rendered by the children. A solo was well sung by Mrs. Platt. The prospects are good.—M. Harper, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—December 29th, a very successful Tea, Xmas Tree, and Entertainment was given to all scholars. The Church was prettily decorated.

On January 2nd a pleasant Open Session was contributed to by scholars of all groups.—L. Paget, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Gifford Road.—We held our Open Session on January 2nd, conducted by Mr. Hopkins. The attendance good. The following gave recitations and solos: Misses Taylor, Higginbottom, Clive, Maw, Overment, Saunders, Greaves, Taylor, Gill, Cundy, Brownhill, Gill, Hodgeson and Saunders; Masters Thompson, Furness, Higginbottom and Mrs. Middleton. A session enjoyed by all.—A. Truelove, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—The progress of our Lyceum for the past year was very satisfactory. The attendance and harmony was good. Thanks to the conductors and officers.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On Saturday, January 10th, the Children's Annual Tea and Prize-giving took place. The children, elders and parents turned up in good numbers to an enjoyable tea. Afterwards the time was spent in round after round of enjoyment, games, races, and competitions. The following children contributed items to the pleasure of the evening: Misses Kathleen Rushworth, Carrie Akroyd, Loreen Burrows, Elsie Wadsworth and Masters Vine Sutcliffe, and Arthur Smith. The big event of the evening was the Prize-giving. Mr. Wright presided and Mrs. Poole, of Manchester, presented the prizes and gave a choice little address to the children. Thanks were accorded to her and all who had helped to make the day a success by our President, Mr. Butterworth, and Mrs. Hardy.—A. Sutcliffe.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On January 1st we held our New Year's Party. 68 enjoyed a good tea. Ices and refreshments were served later.

On January 2nd we held our Open Session, when we were favoured by having with us our local Member of Parliament, Mr. Townend, M.P. He spoke on our Silver Chain Recitation "What I live for," and said he had quite enjoyed his visit.

At 6-30 the children took the service, assisted by Mrs. Ennion and Mr. J. H. Marston. Mrs. Sanderson conducted the after circle. It was a week-end well spent for the Children's cause.—Mrs. Springate.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick Street.—On January 2nd we held our Open Session with a moderate attendance. S.C. and G.C.R. were well responded to. Marching and Callisthenics were fairly good. A few pearls were given, and several solos and duets were rendered. A good session.—S. Williams, Sec.

STOCKTON, Cecil Street.—During the festive season social gatherings were held, also a Lyceum Sunday: all were successful. The election of officers took place for 1927.—Geo. A. Atkinson, Sec.

TUNSTALL.—Our Annual Tea took place on January 8th, when 46 children and 50 adults sat down to a knife and fork tea provided out of funds raised by Christmas singing by the two adult Liberty Groups. After tea our Conductor opened the social by singing his well-known item, "Green Leaves." Songs, stepdancing and recitations were the Order of the evening. The cheers of the children announced the arrival of Santa Claus, who handed presents to the small children. The church was a blaze of colour, kindly decorated by two Lyceumists. We were pleased to welcome the Church Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. Lewis and Mr. E. Turner.—L. Smith, Sec.

WALKDEN.—On January 2nd we opened our new Lyceum at the Labour Club, Walkden, and had a good attendance. Our friends from Bolton rendered valuable assistance.—M. Mounsey, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—We held our Open Session on January 2nd. The following Lyceumists contributed items: L. Dryden, J. Douglas, L. Abbott, D. Douglas, P. Armstrong, G. Morton, and L. Wishart. Miss Gray conducted. Mr. Greenwell was the organist.—A. Dryden, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Annual Christmas Tree on Tuesday Evening, December 28th. Songs and recitations were given by the children. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

We held our Open Session on January 2nd, 1926, with a large attendance and the children went through the session with great vigour. Pearls, songs and recitations, etc., were given by the following: Daisy Knox, Winnie Brown, Verna McLeod, Edna Brown, Mr. Brown, Sylvia Parkinson, Viola Dale, Olive Forrest, Mr. Davis, Mr. Pearson, Mrs. Knox, Mr. H. Forrest and Mr. Chadwick, Lennie Towns, Harry Towns, Willie Pearson. Mr. Brown, Conductor, wished the Lyceum a bright and prosperous New Year.—J. Knox, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess Street.—Open Session on January 2nd. Pearls were said by the following: Lucy Hopkinson, Molly Pilkington, Jessie Blackburn, Evelyn Brown, May Armit, Grace White, Dolly Sutherland, Catherine Hopkinson, M's. Hargraves, Mrs. Lenard, Mrs. Burley, Charlie Bailey and Mr. Walker. Dolly Sutherland gave a very nice recitation called Christmas Bells. I am very pleased to say we had some of our children back with us again, and I sincerely hope they will be able to remain with us to carry on the good work.—(Mrs.) M. Armit, Sec.