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PRICE TWOPENCE.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The 38th Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U. will be held in the historic town of Nottingham. It is memorable to Lyceumists that the first Lyceum was started in Nottingham, with Mr. Hitchcock as the Conductor. An old D.V. for that district, Mr. J. J. Ashworth, has been in touch with Lyceum work ever since the foundation of Lyceum methods and attended the first Lyceum.

We shall be proud to renew his acquaintance and delegates will be glad to see his genial old face. He is full of the memorable days when ostracism and sarcasm was the lot of our pioneers.

Another happy feature is that the Conference will be held in the Mechanic's Hall. Such halls as these were provided in many parts of England for the education of working men and women in the days before education was compulsory and grown people learned the three "R's" and gained a knowledge of the sciences.

We should thus have the psychic surroundings for, an inspirational conference, and the pioneers, with their spiritual vision, can infuse their larger ideals through the sense-waves of the delegates. We are all subject to inspiration and the Children's Parliament is a happy time when the near and distant Lyceumists can rub shoulders and feel the general enthusiasm which is necessary to generate interest and sustain the movement from year to year.

We shall pass from figures to phrases, and phrases to ideas, and ideas to ideals. In and through it all may we feel real brotherhood and the joy of immortal guidance.

G. F. KNOTT.



Dear Kiddies,

Just take a glance at the three words written below, then read their message, then think out and practise their real teachings in your daily lives. Use those words as a pearl, kiddies, for as such they are given to you.

SUNSHINE—HAPPINESS—VICTORY.

Life seems to us to resemble something like a merry-go-round. To-day we are hard at work in the school-room, tomorrow we are off on holiday. How quickly one holiday follows the other! Whitsun will soon be here, then the long holiday, and for weeks before this happens we are busy preparing for our holiday, though it may be only a week by the sea. From the very moment of entering the train, our hearts are so light, and we feel so elated. How we can look back with delight remembering all the little happenings at the seaside—the salted air which invigorated us, prancing about on the sand amongst the sea-shells and star-fish. Beneath a boiling sun we made our castles, now and then resting awhile to gaze upon the ribbed sand, with the sun's rays making it sparkle like the twinkling eyes of the fairy goblins in our picture books. Then we admire our castles, our own handiwork, and are as proud of it as would be the architect of a great cathedral, though we know that these will eventually be washed away by the incoming tide. In the evening we may watch the gorgeous setting sun. We feel that all our holidays will be a pleasant remembrance, something to keep the radiant, sunny smile upon our faces and the gladness in our hearts to counteract all sorrow which may in later years come our way. The shade is not for us, kiddies. We will love the sunshine for

the splendour, and for the energy which it gives to us, thus we shall reap in its fullness its happiness and its glory.

It is our duty, as Guildites pledged to do our part. So we will dwell always in our "holiday sunshine," and let the sunshine enter into our lives even more so than the sun scorches our faces at the seaside, making us freckled. Then happiness will follow, and in time to come our castles, not so frail as those made with bucket and spade, but with stronger material, modelled by actions which make good sterling character.

This is our line of action, and the road to ultimate victory.

JIG-SAW COMPETITION.

RULES.

1. All Guildites, 12 years and under, including those who join "Our Guild" during the month of May, can enter for this competition.
2. Send along your efforts as early as possible; last date of entry 28th May.
3. Please write the word "COMPETITION" in the bottom corner of your envelope, and enclose your name, address and GUILD NUMBER.



WHAT TO DO.

Now, kiddies, here is a puzzler for you. The above must be cut out neatly and pieced together to form a picture, then crayon or paint it, and send the whole complete along to "The Guild Imp," 26, Albert Road, St. Anne's-on-Sea, before May 28th.

Six MYSTERY BOXES will be sent to the best six efforts received. Now, just one more word. These prizes are well worth winning; they are very quaint gifts and have been sent many thousands of miles for You. Now is your chance, kiddies. Try to obtain another copy of the *Banner* if you spoil your picture the first attempt.

So best of luck, kiddies, and love.

Yours fraternally,

THE GUILD IMP.

LETTER TO GUILDITES.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR LYCEUM GUILD.

Dear Guildites,

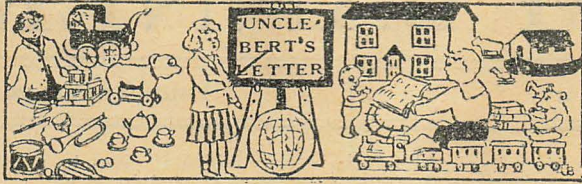
In accordance with our usual custom, there is no *Guild Page* this month, as the Reports, etc., for Conference, take up extra space.

But our Editor is very kindly making room for our Serial and the Kiddies' Corner.

Those of you who have been successful in this year's exams, please send for your promotion-badges as soon as you can. (Last month's *Banner* tells you exactly how to send for it).

With fraternal greetings to all,

M. E. KITSON, Guild Leader.



MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

I hope you will not laugh too much when I tell you that I have given you a puzzle which has puzzled me too. It was the Picture Puzzle last month, in which I asked you to find all the things you could starting with the letter S. I must tell you the secret about it, of course. All these pictures have to be drawn ever so much larger than they are when you see them in the BANNER, then they have to be photographed and a printer's block made the size you see them in the BANNER.

This all takes time, therefore I have to let Mr. Knott (our Editor) have my large picture by the first of the month, but last month I was so busy that it was several days after this date when I rushed off the picture in question.

As it was such a rush I had not time to count how many things I could find, but I knew I had drawn at least twenty-seven. Then came my first letter, from a little girlie who had found 40. Then another with 46, and so on. This made me put my own thinking cap on, and, together with the aid of several assistants, we nearly reached 100, and I think there are still more to be found.

Now, quite a lot of adults have got the S fever. Every day someone says to me "I have another S for you." I hope those of you who still have a copy of last month's BANNER will look it up again and see who can get the highest number and send them in together with this month's letters. Do not forget such items as Skin, Shins, Steel, Solos, Side, etc.

Then, if I get time, we will try another picture with another letter next month, and as I am just going to Wales perhaps I shall find some tongue twisters for you. I know the boys and girls who live in Wales will not be surprised when I tell them my friends there are always interested, when they take Auntie Ruth, Doris and I for a railway trip, to hear us telling them the names of the stations.

For instance, when you stop at a station with a simple little name such as CWM, it's so easy, if only you know it sounds like CUM, but it's a funny little way they have in Wales of spelling their words.

This month I want to talk to you about "Keeping your Balance." I expect most of you have read S.C.R. 71 on the subject. Learning to ride a bicycle is perhaps one of the best illustrations I can use for this subject.

When I was a tiny tot I started to try and keep my balance on the most wonderful bicycle you ever saw. I used to sit on the edge of my mother's wash tub, using the Dolly with string round the handle for pedals. (For the benefit of Londoners and Southerners, who may not know what a Dolly is, it is a wooden shaft attached to a disc with projecting arms and legs, used for stirring clothes.) This was great fun.

Then progression came by the purchase of my first real bicycle, which, I think, cost about five shillings. It was a wonderful machine, half-inch wheels with solid rubber tyres, which were tied on with string or wire in several places.

In order to keep my balance I used to lean up against a long brick wall, pushing myself along, stage by stage, until I was soon able to ride without any assistance.

My first great adventure was a ride into the village about a mile away. All went well until I came to a holly hedge corner, at which I met a horse and cart coming in the opposite direction. Knowing my manners, I made way for them to pass me, which resulted in my landing into the middle of a nice thick holly hedge. That proverb which says "A stitch in time saves nine" would have been a very fitting one when I picked myself up and took myself home to my mother.

That was only one of my misfortunes. I could tell you many more had I the space, but I did not give up until I had fully mastered the lesson of how to keep my balance.

I also experienced somewhat the same results when I started roller skating. I think I should have done better had the skates been fixed on my back instead of my feet; but this, too, I mastered by learning to keep my balance. It may be that you have not all had the chance of learning to keep your

balance on a bicycle or roller skates, but every one of you have a daily chance of keeping your balance in life.

The balance of character is the most important, in which you display Truth, Honesty and Uprightness. Just a little slip of the tongue, just a wrong action, just a thoughtless deed, will cause you to fall.

Then in the Silver Chain we are reminded of another danger, Selfishness and Pride. "Keep your balance when men praise you, Guard your steps with double care."

Another one of my early experiences will serve as an illustration here. After I had learned to keep my balance, like most boys I tried to ride without holding the handle bars. One day someone called after me "Learning to ride?" No! I was learning to be cocky.

That is the danger we all, big and little, have to face. When people begin to praise us there is a danger of our getting too big for our shoes. When we do this we lose our balance at once and soon have a fall.

It is correct to give praise where praise is due, but it is also correct to remember that we must not allow praise to make us cocky and tricky, thinking we are better than everyone else.

If we go for a bicycle ride we do not expect to find the road perfect all the way; we find it rough in places, hills to climb, lonely in parts, but in all these things we find it easy to keep our balance if we have mastered our first lessons.

Likewise, in our everyday life, if we allow the lessons we learn in the Lyceum, week by week, to sink into our minds, we shall find it is much easier to keep our balance under the most trying circumstances. Therefore try from to-day onwards.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES AND RIDDLES.

No. 57. CRICKET. TENNIS. SKIPPING.
ROUNDERS. NETBALL. RACING.

No. 58. I smile because I am happy,
I smile because I am glad;
But take away my Lyceum
It would make me very sad.

No. 59. (1) Because its hands are always in front of its face.
(2) Tie a knot in its tail and call it a (pigsty) Pig's tie.
(3) Because all the rest are weak days (weekdays).

Answers received from:—

Leslie Mitch, Castleford; Lilian Wattam, Lincoln; Elsie Burrows, Halifax; Doris Nash, Manor Park; Annie Hope, Iris Thornton, South Manchester; Nellie Dean, Bury; Celia Whitehead, Newton Heath.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES AND RIDDLES.

No. 60. (1) What is it you sit on, sleep on, and clean your teeth with?
(2) What knitting is every lady able to do without knitting needles?
(3) Why is the letter Y like the evening.

No. 61. (First and last letters). Six articles used in the home.

D.N. (Seven letters). T.T. (Six letters).
D.R. (Six letters). S.N. (Eight letters).
F.L. (Seven letters). K.S. (Six letters).

No. 62. (A Pearl).

A . E . S . C . . S . . E . . M . . . S A S . . T
P . L . . W .

Do not forget to let me have your answers by May 18th, heading your paper with your name in full, and the Lyceum you attend.

I hope you will also remember Uncle Joseph's and the Guild Imp's requests for letters, too; we all look forward to getting your letters.

To all I pass on this message:—

LEARN TO LAUGH.

"Learn to laugh: a good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn to tell a story: A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room.

Learn to keep your troubles to yourself: the world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to do something for others: even if you are a bed-ridden invalid there is always something that you can do to make others happier, and that is the surest way to attain happiness for yourself."

In these thoughts we find a great lesson, and if only we can put them into practice, how much brighter the world would be.

Happiness is catching, it is a fever the world at large needs to break up the discord which is found in so many sections; in Business, Home, or Church life. Happiness will be found its redeeming feature.

With love,

Your loving friend,

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

UNCLE BERT.

Our Lyceum Guild Story.

Tommy the Bootblack.

AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY.

By FLORENCE MORSE.

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PART III.—Continued.

"Won't you have some?" asked the boy who sat on one of the lower branches of the tree Jennie and Tommy were looking at, "they are very nice, and you look hungry."

Half doubting, Tommy held out his hand for the fruit the boy offered.

"Is all that for me?"

"Yes, and as much more as you want. Sit down. My name's Willie; this is my sister, Dora."

"Have you been here long?" asked Tommy.

"Not very. If you have had enough fruit I'll take you and Jennie on the lake."

"We can't go, Willie. I was told to take Tommy ter the home, an' if I don't my teacher will say I am not to be trusted."

"Very well. We'll wait until she can go with us."

A little farther on Jennie and Tommy heard a soft voice singing. They looked about for the singer and found a boy, apparently about fourteen, sitting by the side of the lake, holding in his arms a tiny child, to whom he was singing a song about birds and flowers. The boy was tall and slender, with dark hair and dreamy brown eyes. The tiny girl, who sat with her arms clasping his neck, was fair-haired and blue-eyed, her soft curls crowned with a wreath of daisies.

"Doesn't he sing beautifully, Jennie; who is he?"

"I don't know, I've never seen him before. See, Tommy, there is where I live."

Tommy looked in the direction indicated, and saw before them a moderately large white house. It was long and low, with a wide doorway in the centre. A wide verandah ran the entire length, covered with climbing vines and flowers. All the windows on what we call the "ground floor" were open, shaded only by fine, transparent white curtains, soft and delicate as the finest Indian muslin. In front of the house was a large lawn, smooth as velvet; and around the outer edges of the lawn flowers grew in informal profusion. On the lawn were several large trees, giving ample shade to those who cared to sit beneath their spreading branches.

It was the most beautiful place Tommy had ever seen, and he gazed at it with speechless admiration.

"That is where I live, an' where you'll live, too."

"Live there, in that beautiful house! Do you really mean it, Jennie? Why, I'm afraid I should tear them curtains, an' be such a nuisance, they would turn me away."

"I do not think you would tear those curtains, and I know I should not turn you away. Come in and rest."

Tommy turned to see who spoke, and found it was the kindly-looking woman who had left him a little while before. She held out her hand to him, smiling at his bewilderment. He took the proffered hand, and walked with her towards the house.

"Wonder who she is?" thought Tommy. "She looks as if she would be kind. She said she would not turn me away; did she mean I was ter stay in that grand house?"

By this they had reached the doorway, through which they entered. The hall was not very large, square, with what looked like a tiled floor, a wide staircase facing the entrance and several doors on either side.

"Please will you tell me your name?"

"My name is Alice, but all the children call me 'the teacher,' because I teach and care for them. Come in here."

The room they entered was large, with plenty of windows, through which could be seen the garden, the tree-dotted meadow beyond and the pretty silvery lake. It was very simply furnished, with plenty of pictures on the walls, many of them being framed with flowers and leaves. Several children were playing by one of the windows, but directly the door opened to admit Tommy and the teacher, they came forward to meet them.

"A new friend, children. He has only just come, so talk to him, show him your birds, your flowers, your pictures; let him realise he is with friends who will love him."

They all crowded round Tommy, smiling, offering him fruit, telling him they were glad he had come to their beautiful home.

Tommy, unaccustomed to kindness, was puzzled. Why did these children talk and act so kindly, for he had done nothing to make them like him?

"What makes you all like me? I'm only a bootblack."

"You are not a bootblack now," answered one boy, "and we like you because here we are taught to love everyone."

"This is a nice place to be in, but I wish Jimmie was here. He's not so big as me, an' he don't earn as much money. Don't you think he could come? Couldn't I go an' fetch him?"

"You could go to see him if you wish, but he cannot come here unless he dies as you have done."

"Can I go an' see him?"

"Yes."

"Will he see me?"

"I do not know."

"I would like him to see me, then he'd know I'm alive and happy. Perhaps he might die if he knew that."

"You shall see him soon, but first you must rest," answered the teacher gently. "Come with me."

She led the way to another room much smaller, in one corner of which was a pretty couch, and on to this she lifted Tommy, who settled comfortably on its soft cushions, and in a very short time fell asleep.

(To be continued).

A Cruise and a Guild for Scottish Readers.

Lyceumists all,—I want to appeal to you on behalf of the Cruise Committee to give your earnest sympathy in our endeavour to cater for you, and to show your practical sympathy by helping us make this Cruise a success, financially and socially, and shall I say spiritually too.

Now, we as a body are helpless without your individual efforts. I appeal to you all to give your best and the best will come back to you.

This Cruise effort is got up mainly to bring Lyceumists more in touch with one another; also as a financial investment for our Union. There is an old saying which is quite true and can be applied here with success: "What is Home without a Mother." Now what use is a union without funds? None whatever. Will Lyceumists rally round, one and all, old and young, and help us to help yourself.

Most of you know there has been a Guild started in Glasgow. The Guild will be needing funds to carry things to a successful issue. I implore you stand shoulder to shoulder and when success is ours we will be able to appreciate that glorious S.C.R. "The Workers Win."

Now, Lyceumists, this appeal is on your behalf as much as anybody's, because without Lyceumists there would be no use for me; no use for D.Cs.; no use for B.S.L.U. Realize the position and go in determined to win.

Scotland is in a very shaky condition and I feel, along with many more we will some day be called upon to win through, and if our beloved cause has to win it is only by each and all doing their utmost to carry the day.

A word to those outside Glasgow, and even in England. WRITE to your friends in Glasgow and tell them to go to our "Cruise." It is the first great advent in Scotland, but may be the forerunner of many more.

Wishing you all success and prosperity in our work for the children.

C. RANKINE, D.V., Scottish D.C.

BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

THE ABOVE UNION WILL HOLD ITS

38th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th, 1927 at 3 p.m. in the
MECHANICS MINOR HALL, North Church St., Nottingham

A Civic Welcome has been arranged to take place at 2-30 p.m. and Delegates are requested to attend early to receive the welcome.

President : Miss Edith Elliott, of Manchester.

AGENDA.

1. OPENING EXERCISES AND WELCOME.
2. APPOINTMENTS:—(a) Messenger; (b) Tellers; (c) Scrutineers; (d) Member for Standing Orders Committee.
3. MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE.
4. CORRESPONDENCE.
5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Nil.
7. REPORTS:—(a) Management Committee; (b) Treasurer; (c) Auditors; (d) Banner; (e) Education; (f) Trustees; (g) U.D.C.; (h) Manual Revision; (i) S.N.U. Conference and E.C.; (j) Overseas; (k) £2,000 Effort; (l) Inter-relations; (m) Secretary's Interim; (n) International; (o) Home of Rest; (p) College.
8. ELECTIONS.
 - (a) ELECT OFFICERS:—(i) President; (ii) Vice-President; (iii) Treasurer.
 - (b) DECLARATION OF AREA ELECTION RESULTS.
9. (a) Elect S.N.U. E.C. Representatives.
(b) Elect four B.S.L.U. Members of the Joint B.S.L.U. and S.N.U. Arbitration Board.
10. ELECT AUDITOR.
11. ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER CONFERENCES.
12. PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

13. MOTIONS.

- (a) TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION:—
 - (i). *Art. iii. Page 3. From Tyneside D.C.*:—
‘Insert new clause (g) ‘Promoting the teachings of Spiritualism.’
 - (ii). *From N.E. Lincs. D.C.*
‘Insert new clause (g) ‘The Teaching of Spiritualism as a Science, a Philosophy, and a Religion.’
 - (iii). *Art. iv. Page 3.*
‘Delete the phrase commencing ‘‘consisting’’ and ending ‘‘Bye-Laws’’ and substitute the words ‘‘of eight members elected at the Annual Conference of the Union.’’
 - (iv). *From Liverpool, Daulby Hall Lyceum.*
‘Insert after the word ‘‘committee’’ the words ‘‘They shall conduct all the business of the Union between Conferences except such legal business as is specifically assigned to the Trustees in the Trust Deed.’’
 - (v). *Art. vi. Page 4. From Manchester and Salford D.C.*
Clause (c) ‘Delete the words ‘‘and United Districts’ Council.’’
 - (vi). *Art. vii. Page 4. From Burnley, North Street Lyceum.*
2nd paragraph ‘Delete the words ‘‘names on their register.’’
 - (vii). *From Liverpool, Daulby Hall Lyceum.*
2nd paragraph ‘Insert after the word ‘‘register’’ the words ‘‘and one further delegate for not less than 25 out of each succeeding 50.’’
 - (viii). *From Manchester and Salford D.C.*
‘Delete the last paragraph of the Article.’
 - (ix). ‘Amend the whole article to admit the following principle ‘‘That all Lyceums shall be represented at

Conference through the District Councils by a number of delegates, proportionate to the number of Lyceums in the District Council, such delegates to be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the District Council, the delegates' expenses to be pooled equally between all Lyceums in the District Council.’

- (x). *Art. viii. Page 5.*
‘Delete clause (e).’
- (xi). *From N.E. Lincs. D.C.*
Clause 8. ‘After the word ‘‘Officers’’ insert the words ‘‘and Executive Members.’’
- (xii). *Art. ix. Page 6. From Manchester & Salford D.C.*
‘Delete clause (c).’
- (xiii). *Art. x. Page 6. From N.E. Lincs. D.C.*
‘Delete 3rd paragraph, commencing 7th, line up.’
- (xiv). *From United D.C.*
3rd paragraph, 2nd line, ‘After the word ‘‘Conference’’ insert the words ‘‘as defined in Article vi.’’
- (xv). *From the Management Committee.*
Last paragraph:—‘After the word ‘‘months’’ insert the words ‘‘during the five years previous to the Annual Conference.’’
- (xvi). *Art. xi. Page 7. From Manchester and Salford D.C.*
Clause (a) ‘Delete the words ‘‘and the United Districts’ Council.’’
- (xvii). *Art. 12. Page 7. From Liverpool, Daulby Hall Lyceum.*
‘Delete 2nd paragraph and substitute the words ‘‘One Auditor shall be elected annually for a term of two years. They shall be eligible for re-election if the necessary conditions are fulfilled. If at any Annual Conference it should be necessary for any reason to elect two auditors, the one receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for two years, and the one receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve for one year only.’’
- (xviii). *Art. xiv. Page 7.*
‘Delete the word ‘‘such’’ and substitute the word ‘‘they.’’
- (xix). *Art. xv. Page 7. From Tyneside D.C.*
‘Insert after the term ‘‘(Sub-Section B.)’’ the words ‘‘All affiliated Lyceums within a District Council’s Area (by virtue of that fact) shall become members of the said District Council and subject to the financial obligations of same.’’
- (xx). *From Liverpool, Daulby Hall Lyceum.*
‘Insert after the term ‘‘(Sub-Section B.)’’ the words ‘‘The District Councils may form themselves into a United Council which shall be constituted and governed in accordance with Sub-Section A. of this Constitution.’’
- (xxi). *Art. xvi. Page 8. From the Management Committee.*
‘Delete the words ‘‘less than eight weeks’’ and substitute the words ‘‘later than the 23rd of March.’’
- (xxii). *Art. i. Page 19. From the Management Committee.*
‘Alter to read:—‘The name of this Lyceum shall be

- 'The Children's Progressive Lyceum of
 (here insert the town and street).''
 (xxvii). *From Liverpool, Daulby Hall Lyceum.*
 'Delete the word "Children's" and substitute the
 word "Spiritualists."'
 (xxiv). *Art. ii. Page 19. From Tyneside D.C.*
 'After the word "promote" insert the words "the
 teachings of Spiritualism and."'
 (xxv). *Art. iv. Page 19.*
 'Insert after the word "required" the words "The
 Conductor, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be eligible for
 office, must be a member of a Lyceum for the twelve
 months previous to election to office: new Lyceums
 in process of formation excepted."'
 (xxvi). *Art. v. Page 20. From the Management Com-
 mittee.*
 'Insert after the word "body" the words "provided
 such rules are in conformity with the current Inter-
 relations Agreement of the British Spiritualists'
 Lyceum Union and the Spiritualists' National
 Union, Ltd."'
 (xxvii). *Art. v. Page 20. From Burnley, North Street
 Lyceum*
 2nd paragraph. 'Delete the number "12" and
 substitute the number "16."'
 (xxviii). *Art. vii. Page 21. From Liverpool, Daulby Hall
 Lyceum.*
 'Delete the word "Children's" and substitute the
 word "Spiritualists."'
 (xxix). *Art. xii. Page 22. From the Management Com-
 mittee.*
 'Delete the words "less than eight weeks" and
 substitute the words "not later than the 23rd of
 March."'

(b) TO AMEND THE BYE-LAWS.

- i. *Bye-Law 1. Page 23. From Burnley North Street
 Lyceum.*
 Sec. 6. 'Delete the whole section and substitute the
 words "Voting shall be according to Lyceumists on
 register: one Lyceumist one vote."'
 ii). *From Liverpool, Daulby Hall Lyceum.*
 Sec. 6. 3rd paragraph. 'Delete the number "20"
 and substitute the number "50."'
 iii). *Bye-Law 5. Page 28 gummed amendment slip for
 May 1926. From Burnley, North Street Lyceum.*
 Sec. 1. 'Delete the phrase commencing with the
 word "Lyceums" and ending with the word "regis-
 ter" and substitute the words "Lyceums when
 applying for membership shall pay a capitation fee of
 2½d. per Lyceumist on the register."'
 iv). *Sec. 2.* 'Delete to end of first sentence and substi-
 tute the words "members' subscriptions shall be 2½d.
 per head and shall be based on the annual returns made
 to the General Secretary of the Union; ¾d. per head
 shall be forwarded by the General Secretary of the
 Union to the Secretary of the District Council in whose
 district the Lyceum is situate."'
 v). *Sec. 4. Page 28.*
 'Delete the whole section.'
 vi). *Sec. 6. From Tyneside D.C.*
 'Delete the amount "2s." and substitute the
 amount "1s."'
 vii). *Bye-Law 10. Page 29. From N.E. Lancs. D.C.*
 Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. "Delete."
 Sec. 6. 'After the word "Officers" insert the words
 "Executive Council."'
 viii). *From Tyneside D.C.*
 Sec. 5. 'Delete all the words between the word
 "Conference" on the third line, and the word "new"
 on the seventh line.'
 ix). *From Southern D.C.*
 Sec. 1. Clause (H.)
 'Delete the words "Southern England and".'
 Sec. 1. 'Insert new clause (1) to read "Southern
 England".'
 x). *Bye-Law 13. From the Management Committee.*
 Sec. (k) 'After the word "Conference" insert the
 words "or the unanimous vote of the Management
 Committee present at any of its Quarterly Meetings".'

(c) GENERAL.

- i. *From North London Lyceum.*
 "That the Spiritualist Songster be revised by a

Songster Revision Committee (as apart from the
 Lyceum Manual Revision Committee) especially
 appointed for that purpose."

- ii. *From the Management Committee.*
 "That this Conference heartily approves the hold-
 ing of a Lyceum Session during the I.S.F. Congress
 and appeals to Lyceumists to make this national
 Lyceum Session a great success, and an example of
 our Educational System."
 iii. "That the Spiritualist National College be consid-
 ered an integral part of the British Spiritualists'
 Lyceum Union in conjunction with the Spiritualists'
 National Union Ltd."
 iv. *From N.E. Lancs. D.C.*
 "That the system of electing the Management Com-
 mittee at the Conference, be reverted to and the
 Constitution and Bye-Laws be amended accordingly."
 v. "That in the event of the compiling of the Consti-
 tution and Bye-Laws being relegated to a sub-Com-
 mittee the said sub-committee be elected from the
 floor of the Conference, the definition of the word
 "floor" to mean:—The United Districts' Council,
 District Councils, and Lyceum delegates."
 vi. *Southern D.C.*
 "That Parliamentary procedure shall be adhered
 to regarding the introduction of motions by proxy at
 the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union Conference;
 in the event of the delegate(s) from the body in whose
 name such motions stand, being prevented from
 attending."
 vii. *Liverpool, Daulby Hall Lyceum.*
 "That the nominations for the election of the Edu-
 cation Committee be governed by Article ix of the
 Articles of Constitution."

14. NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.
 15. VOTES OF THANKS.
 16. CLOSING EXERCISES.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES: Fourteen days notice in writing must
 be given to the General Secretary of all questions relating to
 the business of any Conference except the last one.

S.N.U. E.C. Report.

The reduction of the numbers composing the E.C. caused a
 re-arrangement of the Committees.

The Organisation Committee was not elected and the work
 was distributed to the other Committees.

The Exponents Committee and the Education Committee were
 separated and the Education affairs referred to the three persons
 appointed by the A.G.M.

The Parliamentary and International Committees were
 amalgamated.

The Finance Committee is also dealing with General Purposes.
 Miss Elliott serves on the Exponents and Healing Committees.

Mr. Knott sits on the Parliamentary and Agenda Committees.

The filtering proposals are in operation to save the Agenda
 being too extensive at the A.G.M. General motions for the
 A.G.M. Agenda have to be submitted before December 31st and
 receive consent of five D.C.s.

A Sample Balance Sheet has been issued for sale to Churches.

The question of Lyceum Trust Funds has been discussed and
 the recommendation is that the Lyceum properties should be
 vested under the Church Trust Deeds, except where special con-
 ditions prevail.

The Building Pool Scheme has been completed and now
 awaits the deposits from Churches. Any Church which has
 deposited sufficient funds will be able to draw from the pool to
 finance the building of a church, after the funds of the pool
 have accumulated.

The National Spiritualist College has been accepted as an
 integral part of the Union's functions.

The S.N.U. have agreed to support an Open Session during the
 Sunday afternoon when the I.S.F. Congress takes place. The
 probable dates of the I.S.F. Congress are September 14th, to
 20th, 1928, and the proposed place for the venue is London or
 Brighton.

The Annual Fees for 289 Lyceums have been paid.

The Lyceum representatives have taken part in the various
 propaganda meetings.

Some practical work has been done towards the legality of
 Spiritualists, and there is hope of the Petition and Bill being
 presented before Parliament.

G. F. KNOTT.
 E. ELLIOTT.

THE LYCEUM BANNER:

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EDITOR: G. F. KNOTT, D.N.U.

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The Management Committee Report.

There were 269 Lyceums affiliated to the Union during 1926, a gain of three Lyceums over the previous year.

There was a decrease of 890 Lyceumists and a total of 16,055 was given in the official returns which will be found in this issue of the *LYCEUM BANNER*.

There have been meetings of the M.C., held in Blackpool, Wigan, Nelson and Newcastle. The Annual Conference was held in Dewsbury, and we thank all these Lyceums for their hospitality and support of the Union.

The Rota Scheme of visiting the Districts commenced in Bolton District at Bury and will continue under the alphabetical arrangement.

During the year the Union has rented a new office with better accommodation for the work of the Union.

The M.C. were pleased to accept an invitation to hold the 1927 Annual Conference in Nottingham.

The British Federation of Youth request consideration of the affiliation of the B.S.L.U. to that body. It is international and unsectarian. The M.C. recommended the affiliation.

A separate account has been opened for the Certificate Deposits.

As the last Conference did not appoint the B.S.L.U. panel on the Joint Arbitration Board, the M.C. have requested the four Lyceum members of the Inter-relations Committee to act for the B.S.L.U. until the Conference can make the appointments.

A copy of the amended Bye-Laws has been circulated to all Lyceums.

We regret that Mr. F. F. Ball, one of the Union's Auditors, passed away on Feb. 19th. Mr. Dixon was chosen to assist Mr. Thistlethwaite to complete the audit.

The industrial troubles have probably affected the strength of the Union and its sales. We feel fortunate in having come through the year with our stability maintained, though the £2,000 Effort has not met with the success it deserves. We appeal for stronger support of this Fund during 1927.

The Education Department continues to meet with success, thanks to the services of the Education Committee and the energetic Secretary, Miss M. E. Kitson. Lyceumists who have passed through the Grades are recommended to follow the College course.

The M.C. have proposed a National Lyceum Session during the I.S.F. Congress. The S.N.U. and I.S.F. Secretary has promised to support its acceptance by the I.S.F. Committee. The London District Council have been asked to support the M.C. in arranging a Session worthy of the Movement.

No new publications have been introduced during 1926, and this included the decision of not publishing the Calendar, as the number of orders and cost did not warrant the Calendar being produced to sell at a reasonable price.

The General Secretary's Agreement has been drawn up by a solicitor and passed to the Trustees for completion.

There have been reprints of the *Lyceum Manual* and the *Spiritual Songster*.

The M.C. desire to thank all Lyceumists who have helped to carry on the work of the Union. The M.C. hope for a better year during 1927.

MAY, 1927.

DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

During May there will be issued to the Lyceums a copy of the 1926 Conference Minutes, an Agenda for the Conference, the Inter-relations Agreement, and Price List. The Delegates' Cards will be issued to those Lyceums who have sent in the application form.

The Billet charge is 3s. 6d. per Delegate. The charge for the meals during the Conference is 6s. per delegate.

The Meals are provided at the Mechanic's Hall (Room 75) on the Saturday, and at Lyon's Cafe on the Sunday.

Guide for Delegates.

Delegates arriving at the L.M.S. Station cross the road and take a No. 1 or No. 2 Car to the Mechanic's Hall (fare 1½d.). The Hall is the third stop after leaving the Market Place. The Conductor must be asked to set you down.

The Mechanic's Minor Hall is situate in North Church Street. Delegates arriving by the L.N.E.R. will see the Mechanic's Large Hall across the road. The Minor Hall is at the back of the Large Hall.

Delegates are requested to be in the Conference at 2-30 p.m. to receive a Civic Welcome by the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Chas. Foulds.

Delegates requiring billets must send 3s. 6d. to Miss Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, before May 21st, or accommodation cannot be provided. Kindly state when making the application whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss.

Delegates who wish to see any of the places of interest in Nottingham on the Monday after the Conference are requested to notify Miss Rayner when applying for billets, so that arrangements can be made.

G. F. KNOTT,
General Secretary.

BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet, Year Ending December 31st, 1926.

NOTE.—Any Delegate to the Annual Conference who wishes to question any items in the following Accounts, Balance Sheet or Trustees' Accounts, must give seven days' notice to the Union's Treasurer, Mr. C. J. WILLIAMS, 58, Boston Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To M.C. Expenses:—				By Collections, M.C. Propaganda Meetings:—			
Blackpool	8	9	5	Blackpool	4	6	3
Wigan	8	5	5	Wigan	2	1	6
Nelson	16	13	3	Nelson	3	3	0
Newcastle	13	12	3	Newcastle	3	18	11
			47 0 4				13 9 8

,, Conference, Dewsbury:—			
M.C., etc.	25 16 10		
Printing, etc.	7 2 5		
Halls, etc.	5 10 0		
Billeting and Catering	25 2 3		
F.O.B. (S.N.U.)	1 10 6		
		65	2 0
,, Salaries—General Secretary		260	0 0
Adviser	78	0 0	
Clerk	62	4 6	
		400	4 6
,, Office Rent, Cleaning, Lighting		32	2 3
,, New Office, Removal and Sundry Ex- penses		11	9 3
,, Office Requisites and Sundries		4	11 0
,, Printing and Stationery		13	7 3
,, Advt., T.W., 12/-; Health and Un- employment Insurance, £2/19/6		3	11 6
,, Postages		17	12 8
		82	13 11
,, Affiliation Fees:—			
S.N.U.	14	6 0	
I.S.F.	23	0 0	
Peace Society	1	0 0	
		38	6 0
,, Wreaths		2	0 0
,, Donation, F.O.B. (S.N.U.)		5	5 0
,, Education Department:—			
Stock, £217/1/3; Meetings, £20/9/11; Wages, £15/18/0; Postages, £20/5/2; Storage and Office Expenses, £8/2/6; Miscel- laneous, £14/7/1		296	3 11
,, Sub-Committees:—			
F. & G.P., £4/10/3; Publishing, £4/10/2; Secretary's Agreement, £1/9/10		10	10 3
,, Conference Committees:—			
Trustees' Meetings	3	16 3	
Manual Revision	7	15 3	
Inter-Relations	3	0 0	
		14	11 6
,, M.C. and Trustees Joint Meeting		4	8 0
,, Delegations:—			
U.D.C. £4/17/0; S.N.U., £4/7/6; International Con. £9; Disputes, £3/0/8		21	5 2
,, Legal Expenses, Secretary's Agree- ment		6	10 6
,, Transfer to Certificates' Deposit A/c.		10	5 0
,, Balance to Accumulative Fund		105	5 4
		£1109	11 5

,, Conference, Dewsbury:—			
Collections	10 18 0		
,, F.O.B.	1 10 6		
Billeting, Catering and Donations	54 17 0		
		67	0 6
,, Conference, Preston (1925), Balance			1 4 4
,, Subscriptions		217	1 0
,, Certificates Deposit			1 8 0
,, Bank Interest		8	19 10
,, " " Trustees' Account		0	4 5
		9	4 3
,, Education Department:—			
Sales, £54/4/8; Exam. Fees, £42/16/6; Lyceum Postages, £6/3/6; Result Books, £5/9/0; Donation, £5; Stock, £191/6/6		305	0 2
,, Transfer from Publishing Fund A/c:—			
Proportion of Salaries (2/3)	300	3 0	
Proportion of Meetings, Rent, Lighting, etc. (2/3)	124	5 6	
		424	8 6
,, Transfer from Lyceum Banner A/c:—			
Proportion of Salaries (2/3)	50	0 9	
Proportion of Meetings, Rent, Lighting, etc. (2/3)	20	14 3	
		70	15 0
		£1109	11 5

PUBLISHING FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Stock of Publications, Dec. 31st, 1925	468	16 1
,, " " " Trading...	6	5 1
,, Office Fittings and Furniture...	34	0 0
		509 1 2
,, Printing and Binding:—		
Manuals	284	11 2
Songsters	90	10 0
Hymn Sheets	16	16 6
Attendance Cards	0	11 0
		392 8 8
,, Postages and Stationery	43	3 9
,, Fire Insurance	2	8 6
,, Labels, Packing Paper, etc.	2	0 7
,, Adverts.:—		
Lyceum Banner	10	0 0
Press Guide	0	16 6
		10 16 6
,, Audit and Stocktaking	6	9 2
,, Bank Commission (Secretary)	2	9 6
,, Sec.'s Expenses and Sundries	1	13 9
,, Office Fittings and Furniture... ..	31	4 9
,, Proportion of Salaries (2/3)	300	3 0
,, Proportion of Rent, Light, etc. (2/3)...	124	5 6
		424 8 6
		£1426 4 10

INCOME.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Manuals, Songsters, etc.	725	2 4
,, Sundry Publications (Trading)	5	15 5
		730 17 9
,, Stock of Publications, Dec. 31st, 1926	592	17 5
,, " " " " Trading	1	18 7
		594 16 0
,, Office Furniture and Fittings... ..	61	16 9
,, Deficit Balance to Accumulative Fund	38	14 4
		£1426 4 10

LYCEUM BANNER ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Outstanding Accounts, Dec. 31st, 1925		78 11 3	By <i>Lyceum Banners</i> , etc.	416 0 11	
„ Printing, etc., Banners...		385 2 9	„ Advertisements and Reports...	24 0 3	
„ Carriage, £65/18/7; Labels, 10/-		66 8 7	„ Outstanding Accounts, Dec. 31st, 1926	69 2 5	
„ Blocks, 4/18/8; Posters, £9		13 18 8	„ Deficit Balance to Accumulative Fund	112 17 6	
„ Postages, £6/6/4; Stationery, 18/6		7 4 10			
„ Proportion of Salaries ($\frac{1}{3}$)	50 0 9				
„ Proportion of Rent, Light, etc. ($\frac{1}{3}$)	20 14 3				
		70 15 0			
		£622 1 1		£622 1 1	

ACCUMULATIVE FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Deficit Balance, <i>Lyceum Banner</i> A/c.		112 17 6	By Balance, Accumulative Fund, Dec. 31st, 1925	1257 7 10	
„ Deficit Balance, Publishing Fund A/c.		88 14 4	„ Balance, General Fund A/c.	105 5 4	
„ Balance		1211 1 4			
		£1362 13 2		£1362 13 2	

CERTIFICATES DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance		10 5 0	To Transfer from General Fund A/c.	10 5 0	
		£10 5 0		£10 5 0	

LYCEUM HOME FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance, S.B.U.D.C.	100 0 0		By Balance, Dec. 31st, 1925	159 4 4	
„ Bank	65 14 3		„ Interest:—		
		165 14 3	S.B.U.D.C.	3 16 0	
			Bank	1 15 11	
			„ Income Tax Refund	5 11 11	
		£165 14 3		0 18 0	
				£165 14 3	

£2,000 EFFORT FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Collecting Cards		0 18 6	By Balance, Dec. 31st, 1925	485 10 10	
„ Balance:—			„ Donations	17 19 2	
S.B.U.D.C.	300 0 0		„ Interest:—		
Bank	170 10 2		S.B.U.D.C.	10 16 0	
		470 10 2	Bank	4 8 8	
			„ Income Tax Refund	15 4 8	
		£471 8 8		2 14 0	
				£471 8 8	

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Accumulative Fund Account	1211 1 4		Outstanding Accounts	69 2 5	
Lyceum Home Fund Account	165 14 3		Cash in Bank:—		
£2,000 Effort Fund Account	470 10 2		Treasurer	221 5 6	
Certificates Deposit Account	10 5 0		Secretary	20 0 0	
			Trustees	52 14 2	
				298 19 8	
			Lyceum Home Fund Account	165 14 3	
			£2,000 Effort Fund Account	470 10 2	
			Certificates Deposit Account	10 5 0	
			Stock:—		
			Education Dept.	191 6 6	
			Publications	594 16 0	
			Office Furniture and Fittings	61 16 9	
		£1857 10 9		£1857 10 9	

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer*.

Audited and found correct, March 12th, 1927.

W. THISTLETHWAITE,	} Auditors.
G. A. DIXON,	

THE LYCEUM BANNER REPORT.

During 1926, 65,750 BANNERS were printed: a decrease of 3,400 in comparison with the previous year. The monthly issue has been one of 20 pages, including the covers, except for the two Conference issues in May and July, when the issue was extended four pages per issue to provide space for the reports.

The policy of covering all the activities and inviting contributors from all sections of the movement and all parts of Great Britain has been continued. Occasional articles have been contributed from overseas.

The support of Lyceum Secretaries in the sale of the BANNER is greatly appreciated, especially during the serious economic pressure of industrial troubles. The sales dropped a little but very few Lyceums stopped the supply altogether.

The space given to active sections has been appreciated, but it has not been possible to use all the copy which has been contributed.

The only suggestion necessary to make is that writers of reports should remember to write their reports clearly, in ink, and on one side of the paper, which should not be less in size than five inches by seven inches.

A link between local secretaries is contained in a Secretaries' Guide. Any secretary not possessing a copy can have one on application.

The thanks of the Editor are accorded to Mrs. Pickles for her interesting contributions. She desired to have a rest at the end of 1926, so the articles from her pen ceased for the present. Uncle Bert has continued to assist with articles and puzzle pictures, and has many young and old contributors. The Guild continues to be an attraction under the leadership of Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A., and her lieutenant, the Guild Imp, with his stories and pictures. We are grateful to the unknown provider of the cost of his blocks.

Much space has been occupied and many of the 27,000 words in each issue have come from Miss Kitson and Mr. Connor in providing the Education articles which help to keep the interest in, and sales of the BANNER, which contains more text than any other paper in the movement.

On the financial side there is apparently a loss. The nett payments and receipts show a slight profit, but nothing is allowed for salaries and office expenses in this accountancy: against this there is no charge, except a nominal payment from the Publishing Fund, for the many items inserted free of charge.

The policy will remain to be of service to the movement, invite contributors from as wide a field as possible, and give an opportunity for young literary aspirants to express their abilities.

There are a number of contributors to whom I must express regret that want of space has not allowed for the insertion of their articles. A better appearance could be built up in the paper by using different sizes of type; but a common type has been adopted to provide as much space as possible and prevent the crowding out of much useful information.

I express my thanks to all contributors, secretaries and readers for their continued support.

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT,
Editor.

Education Report to Conference.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 1926-27.

Chairman: MISS A. HESP (Leeds).
 Hon. Secretary: MISS M. E. KITSON, B.A. (Dewsbury).
 Assistant Secretary: MR. A. T. CONNOR (London).
 Members: MISS M. E. LAWTON, A.N.S.C. (Barrow).
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 MR. G. F. KNOTT, D.N.U. (Rochdale).

NATIONAL JOINT EDUCATION SCHEME.

B.S.L.U. ASSOCIATE SECTION.

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

provides an Advanced Course of study (called the GRADUATE SECTION, and conducted by the S.N.U. Education Committee) which will lead to the Degree of Graduate (G.N.S.C.). Nor is this all; for every Graduate will be eligible to apply to the Exponents Committee of the S.N.U. for their Diploma as a Certified Exponent, and this Diploma, if granted, will entitle the holder to the Degree of Diplomat of the College (D.N.S.C.). So the earnest student will be able to look forward to a career of systematic, comprehensive and progressive study and of attested fitness to play a useful part in the educational advancement of the Spiritualist Movement.

(If TEN or more students from a Lyceum sit at the Annual examinations, the Lyceum is eligible for membership of the College, and to be registered as a LOCAL BRANCH).

EDUCATION PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS.

There has been the usual printing done, to carry on the work of the Scheme; but, IN ADDITION, have been published:—

- (a) THE ORAL GRADE READER, as a *Companion Book* to the ORAL GRADE PRIMER. The *Reader* is a reprint from the LYCEUM BANNER of the *Oral Grade Object Lessons*, by Mr. A. T. Connor, to help children's tutors.
- (b) An *Oral Grade Leaflet*, for propaganda purposes.
- (c) A new SYLLABUS OF WORK, including the new matter concerning the A.N.S.C. Degree, and bringing all particulars up to date.

SALES AND STOCK, 1926	SOLD.	In stock on 31st Dec., 1926.
Oral Grade Reader	170	776*
Oral Grade Primer	608	2328
No. 1 Handbook	1078	2673
" 2	365	2228
" 3	265	2294
" 4	177	2857*
" 5	148	4214
" 6	159	2712*
Syllabus of Work	253	—
Summaries and Glossaries ..	388	3869

(*Order not yet completed by printer.)

The sales compare rather unfavourably with those of last year, but that is because there have been none sold for book-stalls. This phase of propaganda work was purposely suspended, as the prolonged coal lock-out conditions made such purchases by Societies impossible, as their funds were very low.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The full Committee met in September and April; and any of its work and decisions other than those connected with routine work and ordinary business, have been made known in the monthly Education Article and/or by circulars to Lyceums.

The Sub-Committee met in September and February with the S.N.U. members, as the Joint Education Committee and College Governing Board.

AN EDUCATION OFFICE.

In October the Education Secretary removed to a more convenient house, and the large attic has been converted into the Education Office and Storeroom. The Committee agreed to pay five shillings a week for expenses, e.g., storage, lighting, heating, and rent of room.

THE WORK OF THE SCHEME.

All the usual activities have been carried on, but as these are the same in kind (but ever growing in amount) there is nothing in particular to report.

The activities include:—propaganda letters and circulars to Lyceums and to individual candidates, monthly articles in the BANNER, quarterly reports to the M.C., half-yearly meetings, correspondence, sale of education literature; and the work for and after the examinations themselves, culminating with the despatching of certificates and the issue of Results Books.

The position of Education Secretary is honorary and receives no financial payment; but as it is a spare-time job, and as the scope and amount of the work grows rapidly, the time required to carry it out is now far in excess of spare time, and the services of a part-time clerk had to be obtained. She is paid sixpence per hour, and her cost to the Union last year was practically £16.

THE EXAMINATIONS.

The work connected with the examinations has been carried on as usual. Full particulars of numbers of entrants, sitters and

successes per D.C.; of examiners; of marking scheme, and of successful candidates per Lyceum appear in the official booklet of Results, Lists and Summaries, price one shilling.

The numbers of candidates this year are somewhat below those of last. This is chiefly due to two causes, viz:—

- (i) the higher minimum ages have caused young candidates at most Lyceums to have to "mark time" until old enough for their next Grades; and
- (ii) large numbers of candidates and many Lyceums have been badly hit, financially, by last year's bad economic conditions. Consequently there was no money to spare for either Handbooks to study or fees to take the examinations.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

Under the College Constitution our Education Committee is now the B.S.L.U. Section of the College Board. The activities of the College since its establishment last July will be found recorded in the appended College Report to Conference. The Constitution for Local Branches therein referred to has been drawn up and, after careful discussion at its last meeting, recommended to the Lyceum Movement by the United Districts Council. The Constitution has yet to be discussed by the Governing Board, after which it will be issued as a guide to all Churches and Lyceums which wish to carry on educational and class work under the College Scheme. The membership of the College, though very satisfactory for a beginning, is not as strong as it could be; but we are sure that every "Home" Lyceumist is glad to welcome Wellington Lyceum as a Local Branch, and Mr. Brown (Winnipeg) as an Associate, of our College.

JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Joint Committee met twice since last Conference, and full reports of the business done were published in the LYCEUM BANNER for October, 1926, and March, 1927. The Regulations governing the Graduate (S.N.U. Scheme), and a Scheme for the Entrance Examination, have been issued as (free) Leaflets; and several knotty points have been considered and decisions announced (see October BANNER). The first Entrance Examination was held in March, but results are not yet known. Whatever they may be, the important fact is that a start has been made; and it is hoped that next March, when the first Intermediate Grade examination will be held, the entries by eligible Lyceumists (all who have passed Grade V. with not less than 70 per cent.) will prove that our Scheme has met the desires and requirements of our students. A Lesson Plan for the Intermediate Grade (covering the Course in 26 weeks) has been issued, and can be obtained (with the Leaflets) from the Education Secretary.

THE COMMITTEE GIVES THANKS TO:—

- (i) The Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER, for the space so readily given month by month for Education Articles, to help on the work.
- (ii) The small army of willing and voluntary workers who have combined to make the Scheme a success. This army consists of candidates, tutors, conductors, secretaries and committees, of M.C. officers and members, of generous donors to the funds, of writers of articles, and of examiners, who annually devote hours to the arduous job of marking the papers. Each individual's help is needed and counts towards the success of the work.

IN CONCLUSION.

Our aim as a movement is to *earn* the right to be called *progressive*, and to equip our Lyceumists for dealing *intelligently*, and with the *confidence of knowledge*, with all inquirers, investigators, opponents and critics. It is earnestly hoped that all who have not yet started to study will make a start at once, and thus prove to all critics that Lyceumists realise that their movement is an *educational one*. The desire of the Education Committee is that *each Lyceum, as a body*, should take up the Scheme, and make it an integral part of the Lyceum's work by taking the selections from the Lyceum Manual for study and discussion in the Sessions, and by using the articles in the Handbooks for Group Lessons; and by sending in all its *eligible* members for the annual Education Examinations, thus itself qualifying to be a LOCAL BRANCH of the Spiritualist COLLEGE, and giving practical support to the EDUCATION MOVEMENT.

The Committee further hopes that each candidate will work through all the Grades; qualify for the A.N.S.C. Degree; and then take up the work of the Advanced Scheme, and become G.N.S.C. and finally D.N.S.C.

On behalf of the Education Committee,

M. E. KITSON, B.A. (Hon. Secretary).
A. HESP (Chairman).

The National Spiritualist College.

ANNUAL REPORT (1926).

The National Spiritualist College started its career under unfavourable auspices, as a great struggle in the mining industry, which adversely affected nearly every District, was in progress, and diverted for months financial and other support on which, normally, the College could have relied. But despite this great handicap, the Governing Board considers that the "year" which this report covers has been very successful.

On 31st December, 1926, the membership of the College consisted of:—1 District Centre, 24 Local Branches and 36 Associates (A.N.S.C.); and it is confidently anticipated that, as a result of the 1927 examinations, these numbers will be sensibly increased. The Board realises, however, that many Churches and Lyceums, which normally would have qualified under Article 5(a) of the College Constitution, have been so affected by the industrial troubles that they will not be able to attain the required standard. It is a question for consideration whether the standard should not be relaxed for the purpose of Local Branch membership for 1927-1928. It would be an act of grace, which, in the opinion of the Board, should be extended—if not to all, at least to those who qualified for 1926-1927.

The College is indebted to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Mr. T. F. Smedley, the London Lyceum District Council, Our Lyceum Guild, Ramsden Street Study Group, and various individual Spiritualists, for donations to the funds. It is in the early days of any institution that financial help is most needed—and the Board expresses its deep gratitude to those who, having realised this fact, were able and willing to act up to their realisation. It is hoped that, as industrial conditions improve, other Spiritualists and Spiritualist Bodies will find themselves able to forward a donation, as there are a number of important foundational activities which are at present financially impracticable—but which should be undertaken at the earliest possible moment.

The Board also records its grateful appreciation of the great support given to the College by Mr. G. F. Knott, D.N.U., Editor of THE LYCEUM BANNER, by throwing open the pages of his journal for our reports and announcements, and thus assisting us in our efforts to reach the Movement.

At the time of reporting it is impossible to give an authoritative report of the working of the Local Branches, as they have only been in operation for half of a Winter Session, and it is only from results that a reliable judgment can be formed. A "Working Constitution" for Local Branches, with hints on how to put it into operation, is in course of preparation, and it is hoped that the 1927-1928 Winter Session will see the inauguration of important and progressive educational work.

The College Board has decided to issue Diplomas to Fellows of the College, and nominates the following national workers for the award of the Degree of F.N.S.C.:

Mr. Alfred Kitson—who has devoted over fifty years to educational work for Spiritualist children and Spiritualists generally.

Mr. James Tinker—author of an Educational Handbook and of many articles for students; teacher and examiner under the Education Schemes.

Messrs. G. F. Berry, W. G. Gush and E. W. Oaten—for pioneer work on the Exponents Committee and on the Joint Education Committee.

Misses A. Hesp and M. E. Kitson, and Mr. A. T. Connor—for pioneer work on the B.S.L.U. Education Committee and on the Joint Education Committee.

Mr. G. F. Knott—member of B.S.L.U. Education Committees since 1914; was Education Secretary, 1914-1916; made possible the success of the B.S.L.U. Scheme, and also the new Advanced Scheme and the College, by his unstinted allowance of space in THE LYCEUM BANNER during his editorship.

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Secretary.
W. G. GUSH, D.N.U., Chairman.

Trustees' Report, 1926-27.

The Trustees of the B.S.L.U. have endeavoured to carry out the instructions of the 1926 Conference contained in Minute 97, re the Ainsworth Legacy.

Considerable progress has been made, the details of which will be given more fully at the forthcoming Conference. These are incomplete at the time of writing this report. The Management Committee have acted in conjunction with the Trustees, and we hope the Conference will accept, what appears to both bodies, a very satisfactory ending to a protracted matter.

The death of Mr. Tallent Bateman, one of the Stakeholders for the B.S.L.U., has, no doubt, hastened matters, and together with the willing assent of the remaining Stakeholder, Mr. John Venables, J.P., to transfer the Scrip, the issue is likely to give great satisfaction to all.

The Trustees suggest to the Conference that it should show its appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Venables—a past President and Treasurer of the B.S.L.U.—in his efforts to safeguard the interests of the B.S.L.U. and his persistent efforts to get the interest accruing free to use, and which now becomes practicable.

The Union's Solicitor, Mr. Pimblott, has been very helpful to the General Secretary and the Trustees.

The Secretary's Agreement, as prepared by the Management Committee, has been duly signed and completed.

The Trust Funds are shown below.

TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Dr.		£	s.	d.
Lyceum Home Fund Account		165	14	3
£2,000 Effort Fund Account		470	10	2
Trustees Capital Account		52	14	2
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		£688	18	7
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Cr.		£	s.	d.
Lyceum Home Fund Account:—				
S.B.U.D.C.	100	0	0	
Bank	65	14	3	
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		165	14	3
£2,000 Effort Fund Account:—				
S.B.U.D.C.	300	0	0	
Bank	170	10	2	
		<hr/>		
		470	10	2
Trustees Capital Account:—				
Bank	52	14	2	
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		£688	18	7

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, March 12th, 1927.

W. THISTLETHWAITE,
G. A. DIXON, } Auditors.

(Signed) JESSY GREENWOOD, Chairman.

Lyceum Home of Rest.

At the meeting of the Trustees and Management Committee of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, held at Bury on Saturday, 9th April, 1927, it was decided:—

“That as there is no immediate prospect of a sufficient fund being raised to provide and endow a Home—pending the accumulation of a fund or funds sufficient to provide and endow a Lyceum Home of Rest to meet the terms of the Ainsworth Trust—a scheme be formulated, whereby the income of the Ainsworth Trust and the Lyceum Home Fund can be used to provide accommodation and maintenance for sick or convalescent indigent Lyceumists at various seaside places, and the consent of the Charity Commissioners be asked for.” (Tentative arrangements are already made at Blackpool, Southport and Westcliff-on-Sea. Others are in course of negotiation).

LYCEUM HOME OF REST FUND.

- (1) Scheme to provide periods of rest for sick and convalescent indigent Lyceumists (children or adults) from the income of the Ainsworth Trust and the Lyceum Home Fund.
- (2) The Trustees to be responsible to the Charity Commissioners for the disbursement, through the Governing Board set up.
- (3) A Governing Board consisting of seven persons from the Trustees and Management Committee of the British Spiritualists Lyceum Union elected by those bodies. All to be Honorary Workers.

- (4) Objects. To provide suitable accommodation at given seaside places for Lyceumists (children or adults) needing rest, or convalescent, whose circumstances render them unable to meet the cost thereof themselves, for periods not exceeding fourteen days in any twelve months.
- (5) Qualifications.

(a) Applicants must have had their names on the register of an affiliated Lyceum for at least twelve months prior to application being made, and unless prevented by sickness, have attended the Lyceum on not less than 25 Sundays during that period.

(b) The applicant must be recommended by the Lyceum and the application signed by the Lyceum Conductor and Secretary.

(c) The application must in all cases be accompanied by a medical certificate, and any suggestions from a doctor as to the place of convalescence would receive due consideration.

(d) Applicant or the Lyceum recommending would be expected to pay the return fare to the home while the Governing Board would provide maintenance during the sojourn in the Home.

(e) All applications to be sent to the Home of Rest Secretary on the forms provided for that purpose.

- (6) *Granting Applications.* All applications, time permitting, to be submitted to at least four members of the Governing Board before being granted. Urgent applications to be dealt with by the Chairman and Secretary.

- (7) *Visits.* A Local Lyceum official residing in the town in which the indigent Lyceumist is staying to be appointed to visit the Lyceumist at least once during the stay in the home and report to the Secretary of the Home of Rest.

- (8) *Accounts.* All books and accounts to be submitted to the Union's Auditors annually, and a Statement to be prepared for Conference and the Charity Commissioners.

- (9) *Revision.* Alteration or revision of this scheme only by two-thirds majority of Conference, and with the approval of the Charity Commissioners.

JESSY GREENWOOD, Chairman of Trustees.
EDITH ELLIOTT, President, B.S.L.U.

The United Districts Council Annual Report.

In presenting this report may we draw your attention to the fact that this year, on Nov. 24th, the Council attains its majority, the inaugural meeting being held on Nov. 24th and 25th, 1906, at St. Paul's Rooms, Laisterdyke, Mr. W. Edwards in the Chair. At this meeting Mr. R. A. Owen was elected Secretary.

Glancing through the records of the Council, we find amongst many important and interesting items the following suggestions and recommendations:—

At the very outset we find a spirit very antagonistic to the then M.C. of the day, but in 1908 it was resolved that if D.Cs. would use the U.D.C. it would be a power for good co-operative work. The question of holding exams. for leaders and conductors was discussed and recommended to the D.Cs., and appeal was made through the D.Cs. for all interested to make themselves proficient to lead.

A question and answer column was suggested in 1911. Also in this year the need of constitutional status was felt and such was granted in 1912.

An interesting note occurs in the meeting for Nov., 1911, to the effect that the Bolton L.D.C. was formed that year, and at the next meeting attended the Council meeting.

The question of an interim conference, to consider constitution, was moved this year; also the adoption of a system of standing orders.

Educational matters about this time came very much to the fore, and we find a resolution from Sheffield suggesting that “An annual exam. be held and that certificates of merit be awarded.” From this has, we believe, grown our present educational system.

In 1916 we find the Council busy at work collating, discussing the new constitution, and we believe valuable work was done and much time saved.

In 1917 we started under definite constitutional status, and from that time to the present the usefulness of the Council has increased.

In 1916 there was launched from the meeting at Todmorden an Internal Education Scheme which has been more or less adopted by a majority of Lyceums. Educational matters have

always held a prominent place in the Council's activities, and provided that the D.C. delegate is a live wire the usefulness of the Council is at once apparent.

Of late years two or three Councils have ceased their connection with the U.D.C., but we are pleased to note that a majority are still in active membership and participate in all its activities. Another feature of our work is the propaganda section, and we think the Council has always presented to the public a sane, sensible Spiritualism. In addition, under its auspices, has been held the greatest gathering of the exposition of the Lyceum system. This was at Nottingham, in March, 1921. Questions of saving conference time, Editorship of LYCEUM BANNER, General Sec. (P.S.F.) and (P.S.) have all been discussed; also the idea of a chairman for B.S.L.U.

In connection with legal status it is very interesting to note that the very first suggestion of legal status, as discussed and suggested by the U.D.C., is the very system of legislation which we now enjoy. What the succeeding years will bring time alone can tell, but it is gratifying to note that all the real progressives of the movement have devoted a portion of their time to the Council and have taken part in its activities. We enjoy the confidence of the M.C., the Education Committee and College Board, who all do a useful work in forwarding their own particular systems.

This report is somewhat lengthy. Our excuse is that majorities only come once in life and bring along the realisation that no matter what has been achieved in the past there is yet greater work to do.

Yours fraternally,

C. T. BATLEY, Chairman.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec. and Treas.

Lyceum Manual Revision Committee Report.

The National Revision Committee has met once since last Conference, on a Saturday and Sunday in November. The work done is recorded fully in THE LYCEUM BANNER for December, 1926. The greater part of the two days was devoted to an exhaustive examination of Golden Chains 101 to 127, and as a result the Committee is making recommendations for the deletion of some of the Chains, and for the alteration of others (See December *Banner*, pages 193-194) approved for retention. But the Committee has come to the conclusion that one meeting each year, even though it lasts two days, will not be sufficient to allow the revision to be completed by 1932, so efforts are being made to arrange for a meeting during the summer, in addition to the fixed meeting in November.

Helpful suggestions have been received from individual Lyceumists, and from several District and Lyceum Revision Committees. One suggestion, *re* a Children's Section of the *Manual*, has been referred to, and adopted by, the United Districts Council, which has decided to place a number of proposals before the various Districts, with a request for consideration and criticism, and a report to the Council.

The question of expression marks in the Songs section, referred to the Committee by last Conference, was carefully considered; and, whilst considering that the innovation would be helpful, the Committee recommends that it should go hand in hand with a revision of the *Songster*.

Also, the MS. of the projected *Helps to the Study of the Lyceum Manual* was submitted by the Management Committee, but it did not reach the Secretary until a few days before our November meeting, and as it was impossible to do more than discuss it on general lines, the MS. has been set in circulation amongst the several members of the Committee. It is hoped to have their criticisms and suggestions for consideration at our next meeting, and in our opinion it is most undesirable that publication should be proceeded with until the Management Committee and the Revision Committee have reached an agreement as to its contents.

The Committee deeply regrets Mr. Kitson's decision to adhere to his notice of resignation, which is here placed before Conference.

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Secretary.

ERNEST A. KEELING, A.N.S.C., Chairman.

Delegates are requested to apply for Billets as soon as possible to Miss Rayner, enclosing 3/6 for the billet fee.

OVERSEAS REPORT.

The countries overseas do not adopt the Sunday School policy with the same vigour as in Great Britain. The great mileage is a deterrent against visitation. We find the overseas Lyceums depend very largely on emigration from Great Britain for their inception. Australia has Lyceums in Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney; New Zealand shows our system in Wellington, Dunedin, and Auckland.

Canada has Lyceums in Hamilton, Winnipeg, Calgary, Toronto, and Vancouver. The Vancouver district is trying to cement the Churches in a Union and we are hoping Lyceums will follow as a result of this cohesion.

In South Africa the Lyceum cause is not having much support. Johannesburg keeps going but needs more support.

It takes the foreign mind some time to realise such an object as a Sunday School, especially when it is made the means of a national system on education. The M.C. are hoping to prepare a model session to present our methods to the delegates during the I.S.F. Congress in September, 1928, with a view to giving a practical demonstration of Lyceum teachings.

An overseas section has been commenced in the LYCEUM BANNER, and next year we shall be able to give a composite report which will be very comprehensive in its scope.

In the meantime we wish success to all the Lyceumists overseas.

£2,000 Effort Report.

Dear Lyceumists,

Once again I present my report to Conference and I very much regret that the total from last Conference is so small.

The amount received from 1925 Conference to approximately the same time last year was £30 8s 9d. This year, from last Conference to April 14th, 1927, the amount received was only £8 1s. 4d., a drop of £22 7s. 5d. The great upheaval through which we have passed has no doubt been a contributing cause, but I can hardly believe that it has affected the fund to that extent, and one can only think that the decrease is largely owing to lack of interest. The collecting cards whereby anyone can make a small weekly contribution if one so wishes, have not been taken advantage of as I could have wished and I can only keep on trying by one method and another to revivify interest in the fund.

If we try and realize that it has taken us, by contributions and interest, 6 years to raise £470, and then try and reckon up how long it will be before we are able to use the money for the purpose that it is intended for, it makes one wonder who will be here when the amount is raised, and if the original intention of the fund will be lost sight of in that time. I was very pleased to read the letter sent by Mr. Brown in the last month's BANNER, and I would that ALL our Lyceumists would really begin to bestir themselves and make a great effort to bring about an early realization of the fund.

	£	s.	d.
<i>Bolton District</i> —			
Bradford St., Bolton	10	0	0
Bury, King St.	10	4	0
<i>Bradford District</i>			
Keighley	9	0	0
4 10 0			
<i>Halifax and Huddersfield District</i> —			
Halifax, Alma Street	12	9	0
Huddersfield, Ramsden St.	3	0	0
Huddersfield, St. Peter St.	1	0	0
Quarby	0	10	0
Sowerby Bridge	10	0	0
<i>Leeds District</i> —			
Batley Carr	5	5	0
Castleford	0	13	0
Dewsbury	10	0	0
Hull, Holborn Hall	2	13	6½
Leeds, Armley	13	0	0
„ Psycho	10	0	0
„ Roxburgh Rd.	0	12	0
Heckmondwike	0	6	0
South Emsall	0	2	6
Wakefield	0	5	0
Horsforth	0	10	0
Cleckheaton	2	19	0
<i>Liverpool District</i> —			
Liverpool, Daulby Hall	10	0	0
Runcorn	12	4	6
Southport	2	10	0
Wigan	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
<i>London District</i>	1	10	0
North London	0	10	6
Kingston-on-Thames	0	8	6
Peckham	0	10	6
Hackney	0	18	0
Southend and Westcliff	2	2	0
<i>Manchester District:—</i>			
Moston	4	10	6
Princess Hall	5	19	0
Pendleton, Ford Lane	3	0	0
Moss Lane	0	15	6
<i>N.E. Cheshire District:—</i>			
Hyde	1	10	6
Macclesfield	12	0	0
Stockport Central	10	0	0
<i>N.E. Lancs. District:—</i>			
Accrington, Pearl Street	1	12	6
Barrow, Dalkeith St.	1	0	0
Barnoldswick	0	5	3
Blackpool	10	0	0
Blackburn, St. Peter St.	10	0	0
Burnley, North Street	10	0	0
Burnley, Hammerton St.	0	5	3
Colne, Cloth Hall	0	10	0
Darwen	10	0	0
Lancaster	10	0	0
Nelson	0	15	0
<i>Nottingham District:—</i>			
Leicester, Rupert St.	1	6	0
Mansfield	0	7	0
Nottingham, Hawarden Terrace.. .. .	0	5	0
„ Mechanics Hall	1	18	0
„ Beaconsfield St.	0	17	6
„ Gladstone Hall	0	19	0
Sutton-in-Ashfield.. .. .	0	10	0
Northampton	0	5	0
<i>Sheffield District:—</i>			
Chesterfield.. .. .	0	10	0
Rotherham	1	0	0
Attercliffe	0	12	0
Heeley	2	0	0
Hillsborough	0	3	0
<i>Southern Counties District:—</i>			
Brighton, Old Steine Hall	3	10	4
Reading	0	10	0
Southampton, Cavendish Grove	0	5	0
<i>South East Lancs. District:—</i>			
Heywood	1	5	0
<i>Tyneside District</i>			
Gateshead, Eden Progressive	10	0	0
Hirst	1	3	3
Newcastle, Heaton & Byker	10	0	0
„ Rutherford St.	2	5	0
<i>Birmingham District:—</i>			
Handsworth	0	10	6
<i>Coventry District:—</i>			
Coventry, Bull St.	1	18	0
<i>Lyceums not in Districts:—</i>			
Lincoln	0	7	0
Scunthorpe	0	17	6
Tunstall	0	7	9
Glossop	0	13	0
Wisbech	0	7	6
M.C... .. .	10	0	0
D.C.	11	6	0
<i>Overseas Lyceums:—</i>			
Winnipeg, Canada	10	0	0
Wellington, New Zealand	5	5	6
<i>Personal:—</i>			
Mr. T. F. Smedley.. .. .	50	0	0
Sir A. C. Doyle	10	0	0
Mrs. Pickles	11	0	0
Mr. Sutcliffe	5	0	0
Miss Tims	0	10	0
Miss E. Midgley	0	5	0
Miss Elliott.. .. .	2	2	0
Miss Stair, Keighley	1	0	0
Mrs. Dean, Bury	0	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. Wigley	0	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Miss Cleland	0	10	0
Mr. Emmott	0	1	0
Mrs. Mallinson	0	1	0
R.R.	0	2	0
Baby	0	0	1
Mrs. Pickles, Sale of Mr. Kitson's Pamphlets	1	5	0
Miss Elliot	1	5	0
Mr. Burrows	1	5	0
Mrs. Nurse	1	5	0
Miss Raynor	1	7	0
Mr. J. K. Jones	0	12	6
Mr. H. C. Guy	0	10	0
Mr. G. A. Mack,	1	5	0
Mr. J. Jackson	0	12	6
Mr. Williams	0	5	0

My attention has been called to the fact that in the May, 1922, BANNER £2,000 Effort Report, a donation of £10 was then credited to Blackburn St. Peter St., and asking the reason why such has not been included in my reports since 1924. In reply I can only state that in the data and accounts which was supplied to me in May, 1923, such an entry does not occur, but the M.C have decided that this amount shall be credited to Blackburn St. Peter St., in this and any future reports.

If there are any other queries arising from my report I shall be only too pleased to have them pointed out, as I certainly wish to have my data and accounts as up-to-date as possible. In conclusion I can only hope that Lyceumists generally will get busy and try to raise the amount intended.

Yours faithfully,

W. BURROWS.

THE INTER-RELATIONS REPORT.

The S.N.U. Annual General Meeting and the B.S.L.U. Annual Conference adopted the Inter-relation report last year. The B.S.L.U. M.C. decided to request the B.S.L.U. representatives to act as the B.S.L.U. panel until the appointment of a panel by the 1927 Conference. The S.N.U. have appointed their panel and the members of the present Arbitration Board are:—

For the S.N.U., Mr. E. A. Keeling, Mr. W. G. Gush, Mr. J. M. Stewart, Mr. A. G. Newton.

For the B.S.L.U., Mrs. Jessie Greenwood, J.P., Miss E. Elliott, Mr. A. T. Connor, Mrs. M. E. Pickles.

Two cases have been referred by the B.S.L.U. to the S.N.U. for reference to the Board.

G. F. KNOTT,
B.S.L.U. Secretary.

Annual Roll of Lyceums in Membership with the B.S.L.U., December 31st, 1926.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.				
No.	Name.	1925.	1926.	
1.	Handsworth	77	78	
2.	Walsall	144	145	
3.	Wolverhampton, Princess Street.....	59	59	
4.	Stirchley	35	36	
BOLTON DISTRICT.				
5.	Bolton, Bradford Street	93	100	
6.	„ Deane Road	47	48	
7.	„ Henry Street	85	29	
8.	Bury, King Street	40	45	
9.	Daisy Hill	43		
10.	Horwich	80	77	
11.	Radcliffe, Railway Street.....	47	35	
12.	Bury, Freetown	33	24	
13.	Leigh, Market Buildings	25	38	
BRADFORD DISTRICT.				
14.	Bradford, Boynton Street	29		
15.	„ Harker Street	40	34	
16.	„ Whetley Lane	47	34	
17.	„ Manchester Road.....	29	29	
18.	„ Otley Road	24	36	
19.	Keighley	97	52	
20.	Saltaire	38	31	
21.	Shipley	26	30	

22. Windhill	35	—	98. Forest Hill	40	50
23. Laisterdyke	98	47	99. Bowes Park	43	42
24. Skipton	28	42	100. Southend and Westcliff	60	50
25. Idle	47	47	101. Surbiton	22	22
COVENTRY DISTRICT.					
26. Coventry, Bull Street	45	47	102. Eltham	34	
27. „ Foleshill	46	47	103. Letchworth	12	45
28. „ Broadgate	48	48	104. Romford	15	
29. „ Lockhurst Lane	48	43	105. Hendon		16
30. Nuneaton	80	94	106. Dover		14
HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.					
31. Brighouse, Commercial Street	98	98	107. Brixton		100
32. „ Martin Street	35	35	108. Stratford		50
33. Elland, Portland Street	35	35	109. Chatham		20
34. Halifax, Alma Street	57	63	MANCHESTER DISTRICT.		
35. „ Queen's Road	67	64	110. Hollinwood	74	50
36. Hebden Bridge	45	27	111. Ardwick, Manchester	73	69
37. Huddersfield, Ramsden Street	35	35	112. Cheetham Hill	45	38
38. „ St. Peter Street	50	50	113. Collyhurst	44	67
39. Marsden	22	22	114. Moston	99	90
40. Quarmby	40	40	115. Newton Heath	123	96
41. Slaithwaite	70	66	116. Hr. Openshaw	96	88
42. Sowerby Bridge	75	68	117. Pendleton	149	149
43. West Vale	47	47	118. Salford	58	50
44. Elland, Westgate	30	29	119. Princess Hall	68	92
LEEDS DISTRICT.					
45. Batley Carr	50	49	120. Moss Side	77	40
46. Cleckheaton	50	50	121. New Manchester	50	45
47. Dewsbury	149	149	122. Longsight	99	97
48. Leeds, Armley	115	118	123. Lr. Broughton	49	50
49. „ Psycho	99	50	124. Saddleworth	28	39
50. „ Easy Road	84	85	125. Stretford	40	42
51. Littletown	48	48	126. Openshaw	45	45
52. Normanton	36	37	127. Swinton	40	44
53. Wakefield	70	69	128. Eccles	40	40
54. Heckmondwike	25	25	129. Gorton		41
55. Hull, Dairycoates	98	99	NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.		
56. „ Holborn Hall	74	67	130. Heaton Norris	50	50
57. Moorthorpe	50	50	131. Hyde	76	93
58. Castleford	46	48	132. Macclesfield	46	48
59. Morley, Queen Street	30	33	133. Stockport, Central	83	77
60. Scarborough	33	12	134. „ Lr. Hillgate	48	29
61. Birstall	55	60	135. Ashton-u-Lyne	77	80
62. Leeds, Horsforth	50	44	136. Hadfield	31	27
63. „ North	32	28	137. Denton, Central	41	45
64. Morley, Cross Church Street	47	37	138. Leek	44	46
65. Harrogate	40		NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.		
66. Leeds, Alpha Street	60	60	139. Accrington, Pearl Street	35	36
67. Ossett and Horbury	30		140. Blackburn, St. Peter Street	105	105
68. Hull, Jarrett Street			141. Blackpool	78	87
LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.					
69. Birkenhead	76	93	142. Brierfield	48	50
70. Chester	48	27	143. Burnley, Hammerton Street	100	100
71. Crewe, Mill Street	50	50	144. „ North Street	192	150
72. Liverpool, Daulby Hall	84	74	145. Clitheroe	45	45
73. „ Boaler Street	43	45	146. Colne	86	61
74. Runcorn	68	37	147. Darwen	98	98
75. Southport	42	50	148. Earby	148	70
76. Warrington	69	83	149. Fleetwood	232	194
77. Wigan	49	31	150. Great Harwood	87	71
78. Rock Ferry	39	39	151. Nelson	111	109
79. St. Helens	50	50	152. Padiham	48	50
LONDON DISTRICT.					
80. Battersea	44	42	153. Preston, Clark's Yard	26	38
81. Clapham	30	35	154. „ 68, Lancaster Road	50	46
82. Fulham	39	42	155. Rishton	43	44
83. North London	75	73	156. Barrow, Dalkeith Street	95	83
84. Kingston	25	36	157. Lancaster	169	140
85. Little Ilford	49	41	158. Rawtenstall	71	61
86. Manor Park	49	49	159. Preston, 202 Lancaster Road	49	
87. Peckham	44	37	160. Dalton	35	35
88. Plaistow	49	33	161. Accrington, Argyle Street	31	43
89. Tottenham	65	68	162. Barrow, Ramsden Street	50	67
90. Woolwich	50	50	163. Barrowford Lee Street	48	29
91. Wimbledon	10	10	164. Barnoldswick, Green Street	50	50
92. Hounslow	29		165. Turneycrook	45	
93. Walthamstow	78	92	166. St Annes-on-Sea	46	21
94. Lewisham	37	45	NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.		
95. Hampton Hill	28	17	167. Belper	100	100
96. Hackney	45	40	168. Eastwood	45	70
97. Croydon	47	46	169. Hucknall	50	47
			170. Leicester, Rupert Street	49	48
			171. „ Silver Street	50	50
			172. Mansfield	73	94
			173. Nottingham, Mechanics Hall	122	121
			174. „ Sherwood Street North	49	44

175.	Parliament Street	50	50	249.	Middlesboro', Grange Road	150	100
176.	Sutton-in-Ashfield	82	69	250.	Shildon	100	90
177.	Hyson Green	66	57	251.	Stockton, Cecil Street	98	84
178.	Beeston	37	45	252.	Brunswick Street	86	83
179.	Long Eaton	46	29	253.	West Hartlepool	70	68
180.	Leicester, Liberty Progressive	50	50	254.	Darlington, Witton Park	30	46
181.	Marston Street	34	34	255.	New Shildon	37	44
182.	Derby, Charnwood Street	50	50	256.	Horden	40	48
183.	Ripley	36	37	257.	Grangetown	50	50
184.	Lincoln	73	74	258.	Bishop Auckland	15	15
185.	Ripley, Codnor & District	39	39	259.	Middlesboro', United	79	79
	SCOTTISH DISTRICT			260.	West Hartlepool, Musgrave Street	35	35
186.	Dundee, Overgate	83	80		TYNE SIDE DISTRICT.		
187.	Rattery Street	27	31	261.	Chester-le-Street	42	30
188.	Edinburgh, Gayfield Square	75	78	262.	Dunstan	—	35
189.	Glasgow, Association	86	99	263.	Hetton & District	93	90
190.	S.N.U.	35	18	264.	Hirst	93	100
191.	Aberdeen	108	46	265.	Jarrow	96	100
192.	Glasgow, Northern	147	266.	Newcastle, Benwell	95	94	
193.	Edinburgh, India Buildings	48	46	267.	Heaton & Byker	79	100
194.	Glasgow, Southern	40	43	268.	Blandford Street	77	50
195.	Dalmuir	40	30	269.	Wallsend	50	48
196.	Rosyth	21	21	270.	South Shields, Fowler Street	75	75
197.	Glasgow, Broonloan Road	48	48	271.	High Shields	96	98
	SHEFFIELD DISTRICT			272.	Cambridge Street	37	50
198.	Barnsley	75	84	273.	North Shields	100	100
199.	Chesterfield	94	94	274.	Sunderland, Derwent Street	49	75
200.	Mexborough	50	50	275.	Gateshead, Rectory Hall	122	122
201.	Rotherham	73	90	276.	West Pelton	47	50
202.	Sheffield, Attercliffe	200	150	277.	Sunderland, Victory	16	28
203.	Gifford Road	94	81	278.	West Stanley	47	50
204.	West Melton	48	62	279.	Blyth	41	48
205.	Parkgate	94	45	280.	Craghead	—	50
206.	Doncaster, Catharine Street	26	28	281.	New Delavel & Newsham	50	49
207.	Sheffield, Darnall	44	49	282.	Newbiggen	42	42
208.	Doncaster, King's Arcade	48	36	283.	Whitley Bay	44	47
209.	Wombwell	39	39	284.	Gateshead, Beaconsfield Hall	82	96
210.	Sheffield, Hillsborough	47	39	285.	Hebburn, Albert Hall	37	37
211.	Stainforth	50	50	286.	Southwick-on-Wear	49	50
212.	Edlington	50	39	287.	Houghton-le-Spring	24	49
213.	Scunthorpe	38	47	288.	Dawdon	—	36
	SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.				AREA LYCEUMS.		
214.	Portsmouth, Temple	79	79	289.	Grimsby	99	94
215.	Southampton	100	100	290.	Hanley	141	149
216.	Brighton, Mighell Street	100	50	291.	Tunstall	50	50
217.	Bristol, United	44	44	292.	Northampton	48	42
218.	Devonport	23	26	293.	Wisbech	50	—
219.	Exeter	41	49		OVERSEAS LYCEUMS.		
220.	Portsmouth, Francis Avenue	42	45	294.	Calgary	30	34
221.	Reading	44	45	295.	Hamilton, East	100	96
222.	Bournemouth	22	30	296.	Johannesburg	35	38
223.	Hulham House	24	24	297.	Wellington, Kent Terrace	50	50
	SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.			298.	Winnipeg	45	45
224.	Bacup	44	72	299.	Vancouver	46	47
225.	Dearnley	50	50	300.	Methuen	80	—
226.	Heywood	40	40	301.	Stanmore, Sydney	28	28
227.	Middleton, Gilmour Street	50	49	302.	Dunedin	47	41
228.	Oldham, Elliott Street	37	40	303.	Toronto, West	36	36
229.	Rochdale, Penn Street	48	46	304.	Welland	25	—
230.	Regent Street	77	57	305.	Melbourne	12	12
231.	Todmorden, Eagle Street	50	35	306.	Adelaide	38	—
232.	Roomfield Buildings	35	35		The foregoing figures are compiled from the Statistical Returns which were returned for Lyceumists on the Rolls during 1924 and 1925.		
233.	Littleborough	40	16		The Annual Fees for 1927 are based on the Statistical Returns for 1926. The returns for 1926 will be circulated to the District Councils in January, 1928, and published in the BANNER for May, 1928.		
234.	Rochdale, Baillie Street	45	43		The total figures for 1924 were 286 Lyceums and 16,945 Lyceumists; for 1925, the numbers were 289 Lyceums and 16,055 Lyceumists.		
235.	Oldham, Waterhead	40	40		In the present lists a blank denotes unpaid fees during 1926. A hyphen represents payment of the Fees without any numbers being declared.		
236.	Middleton, Mill Street	28	28		The following Lyceums applied for membership but were not fully endorsed at the end of 1926; Wellington (Cambridge Avenue, New Zealand), Harrow, Smethwick, Devonport, York, Walkden, Long Eaton (Orchard Street).		
	SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.				Radcliffe (Sion Street) have applied for membership but closed during the year.		
237.	Caerau	50	50		Other Lyceums which have closed are Letchworth, Hendon, Moss Side, Hillsborough, Bristol (United).		
238.	Newport, Charles Street	41	41				
239.	Tredegar	40	30				
240.	Cardiff, 1st	48	48				
241.	Merthyr Tydvil	97	35				
242.	Newport, Albany Hall	49	39				
243.	Cardiff, Central	35	23				
244.	Ystrad	40					
245.	Barry Dock	40					
	TEES SIDE DISTRICT.						
246.	Darlington, Psycho	100	89				
247.	Northgate	33	39				
248.	Gurney Valley	84	85				

RESULTS OF THE AREA ELECTIONS, 1927-8.

Area.	Candidates.	Votes.
A.	Miss H. CLELAND	Unopp.
B.	Mr. J. SLIMIN	Unopp.
C.	Mr. J. F. SMITH	Unopp.
D.	Mr. W. BURROWS (elected) Mr. E. AKED	256 107
E.	Mrs. L. NURSE (elected) Mr. G. F. W. WALSH	399 167
F.	Mr. J. E. HART (elected) Mrs. E. EDWARDS Mr. A. HUDSON Mrs. L. GEORGE	375 158 132 91
G.	Miss V. G. RAYNER	Unopp.
H.	Mr. E. G. COX (elected) Mr. H. C. GUY	210 118

Signed,

EDITH ELLIOTT, President.

GEO. F. KNOTT, General Secretary.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CONGRESS OF PARIS, 1925.

This important volume has just appeared. It is an exhaustive survey, worthy of the event of which it gives a full account in French and English. Apart from the remarkable speeches delivered on this occasion by the Masters of the Spiritualist School, the volume contains most of the reports made to the Congress.

Needless to say that it is a most interesting work for all those who follow, the world over, the evolution and the progress of the Spiritualist movement.

The volume, contains 560 pages of text and engravings. Copies can be obtained from the Head Office of the International Spiritualists' Federation, 8 Rue Copernic, Paris (16e). Price, 30 Francs, or equivalent in English money.

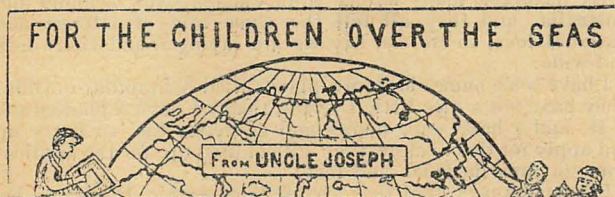
Orders and remittances to be made to the General Secretary, Mons. Ripert, at the above address.

NEW SECRETARIES, etc.

- Smethwick, 108, High Street, 2-45 p.m. Mr. J. Cotton, 36, St. Paul's Road, Smethwick, Staffs.
- Walkden, Barlow Street, 10-30 and 2-30. Mrs. M. Mounsey, 30, Memorial Road, Walkden.
- Bradford, Otley Road, Mr. J. H. Brunskill, 33, Stanacre Place, Otley Road, Bradford.
- Shipley, 10-45 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 46, Scarboro' Road, Shipley.
- Rock Ferry, Spencer Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Warrington, Academy Street.
- London, Bowes Park. Mrs. K. M. Stroude, 28, New River Crescent, Palmers Green, N.13.
- London, Eltham. Mr. J. P. T. Calway, 13, Elmbrook St. Eltham, S.E.9.
- Manchester, Harpurhey, 24, Sharston Street, 10-30 and 2-30. Mrs. M. E. Gibson, Mora Street, Moston, Manchester.
- Northwich, Co-op. Hall, Station Road, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. S. H. Southern, 54, Middlewich Road, Northwich.
- Leek. Mr. W. Greenwood, 25, Beatty Road, Leek, Staffs.
- Nottingham. D.V. Miss Carr, 53, Nesbitt Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield.
- Beeston. Mr. Shaw, 24, Windsor Road, Beeston.
- Lincoln, Midland Hall. Mr. C. Crane, 1, Lytton Street, Cannon Street, Lincoln.
- Nottingham, Hyson Green. Mr. Harrison, 50, Eland Street, New Basford, Nottingham.
- Barnsley, Grace Street, 2 p.m. Mrs. Fisher, 40, Cranbrook Street, Barnsley.
- Doncaster, Catharine Street.
- Reading. Mr. J. Jackson, 237, Wykeham Road, Reading.
- Darlington, Elmfield Estate, Northgate.

Newcastle, Heaton and Byker. Mrs. R. Hunter, 34, Tossou Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle.

Whitley Bay. Mrs. M. Hall, 17, Cambridge Avenue, Whitley Bay.



ABOUT BUILDERS.

Dear Children,

'How the busy builders throng, ever coming ever going.' I have been thinking very much about that Silver Chain, and how well it fits in with our little talks. You know the last talk was about Adventurers; how they went forth into the unknown places and made homes for other people.

After them went the people who planned the settlements, and following them came the men who improved the settlements, and made many of them into big towns.

I have been watching some big buildings grow in the town in which I live. First the old buildings had to come down, because they were too old to be of further use; then in went the foundations for the building to rest upon. The framework of steel and iron went up, then the brickwork, and soon came the army of plasterers, joiners and painters all were busy until the place was ready for people to use.

Now that is just like our work; we are building, and by our letters are making themes fit for people to use. Not earthly buildings perhaps, but still building, because in our letters there may be some germ of thought which will help someone else on life's way.

And certainly the little chats we have between ourselves will find a field for discussion, even though the distance divides, and as long as you are discussing things you are learning all the while, for it is by hearing the opinion of others that we acquire knowledge.

I have had a very nice letter from an old Lyceumist in New Zealand. He is watching our little corner with great interest, because he likes children and children's work.

He has sent me a whole link of pearls; real good wisdom, and I am only sorry that we have not the space to use them all, but we shall have to divide them out amongst us, and use them at our Lyceums, for there is a wealth of wisdom in every line. I will give one which will help us.

'Rome was not built in a day, so PERSEVERE.'

Building, you see; so that is what we want. We have only been going such a short time, and yet a great deal has been done. Some of you will be sending off your second letters, I hope, and if any of you have not yet had your replies, after allowing a reasonable time, please let me know, and I will do my very best to set the matter right. However, I hope you have all been set up with your new chums, and all going nicely.

Now, let us report progress a little bit. Letter No. 1 from Los Angeles, wishes us success of course; that's a foregone conclusion, and we hope they will soon send some addresses from there. I received a nice account of their Lyceum and how they conduct it; also some of their lesson sheets. By the way I have a few of these by me, and if any Conductors would like to see them they can have a copy on application if they will enclose stamped addressed envelope, but as there are only a few available I shall have to ask them to pass them along to someone else when they have done with them. It might be well worth while studying them a little. Our Guild motto says: 'We live to learn, whilst we are learning to live.'

Another letter from Los Angeles, sending greetings to all our Lyceums. The elder folk abroad are very very interested indeed; some of them you know have gone from our shores to those lands, and letters sent to them revive memories which are dear to them sometimes, so you see that is another little corner of our building.

Another letter from Dallas in Texas, where the cowboys used to be before they all went to the picture studios. Mr. Sawyer, the Lyceum leader and pastor of Dallas Spiritualist Church, will welcome any letters which you like to send to him, and I am just waiting for another letter from him with addresses in it.

Another letter from Oklahoma City in the State of the same name. The lady who has written that letter is very interested indeed, and has promised to help us as much as she can.

We have also many letters from Canada, New Zealand and Australia, and they all tell the same tale of interest and fraternal love, so we can say we are laying foundations deep and wide.

I have some names in from a place called Ashtabula, in Ohio. They have got a nice little Lyceum there; I have a photograph of it, and I have some names and addresses too, so hurry up and apply for them before they all get used up, for the applications do come in thick and fast.

I find, however, that they are all from certain districts. Do you know I have had no applications from Scotland or Wales. Are you too shy in those places, or have you already got work abroad. If you are writing now by all means carry on with the good work, for those in the far places simply love to receive letters, as indeed we all do, but if you are not writing to some Lyceumists already there is still time and opportunity to get on the job.

Now Scotland, what about it? I want some nephews from the North. Gallant little Wales, that is the title that men have built up for you, can we have some of that gallantry shed abroad to Lyceumists who will welcome your letters very much?

One letter I received gives us a great idea of how useful we could be to others. The Lyceumist who wrote it was enquiring of Lyceumists in countries other than English speaking places.

Now, I am sorry to say I know of no other countries except those in our Empire and America who have Lyceums, but if this should catch the eye of any other person in other countries we should welcome their letters, and if we couldn't read them ourselves we would try and find someone who could translate them.

If only we could get Lyceums in France and Denmark and other such places we should be doing work which is necessary; so if any of our corner are "linguists" perhaps we can add one more little branch to our growing house. There seems to be such a lot of things we can do to build for other people besides ourselves, and I am always open for suggestions, so these will be welcome from anyone who cares to make them. And again I want to say that there is no age limit, as there are plenty grown-up folk abroad who can do with letters, and if they are too old to be nephews and nieces they can be brothers and sisters or even Fathers and Mothers if they like, because we can always do with a mother or two extra to help us along.

They would also be able to help us with their advice and wisdom, for being older than us, they would know a little more, wouldn't they?

Now let us see what else we have done. We have been giving greetings at our Lyceums, and in doing that we have linked up our own Lyceum with Australia, New Zealand, America and Canada, so as that other Silver Chain says: "thus round and round the circle runs" and there is no end to it because the blessings and kind thoughts we send are continually coming back again to us in greater measure, for people are always pleased to be thought well of, and they think well of us in return.

Here is another matter which has pleased me so much. One of our Class Leaders (never mind what Lyceum she knows); has got some of her tiny tots writing, and whilst I do appreciate all the letters I receive, these four simple little letters were like extra sunbeams flashing from our already glorious work. They told of the small things that are so unimportant to many, but are just what they and we are interested in. Now if any other class leaders should be impressed to get their children to write we can accommodate them, and the children shall have all their letters answered, but of course we must always remember that fact that we are one small part of a great big whole, and we must not make it inharmonious by looking after our share, and forgetting others, so whilst the letters come to me, don't forget the others who also want supporting, and keep in mind every corner of our magazine, for the more knowledge we can take in the better Lyceumists we shall be.

I have also received a letter from one of my Nieces in New Zealand. It is the first she has written herself, for she is only a little girl, and how proud she is of her effort, and very glad am I to receive it. It marks a little more building you see. The girlie is beginning to use more of her own powers, and the

pleasure which we receive from such letters will always return, won't it?

Now then let us sum up quickly, for we have talked a lot about builders, but there are one or two things I want again this month.

I want some names from Scotland.

I want some names from Wales.

I want those lists of Anniversaries and Open Sessions. Secretaries are very slow with these; I have had some; I want more.

I want each Lyceum to have a moment's concentration for other Lyceums, especially those abroad.

I want the strong Lyceums to help the weak ones; this means visiting round a little and talking to one another, and it all comes in with our building.

And I want you to always spare a thought for places where they have no Lyceums at all, and see if we cannot get some started.

Greetings to all Lyceums,

Yours lovingly,

"UNCLE JOSEPH."

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT BURY.

The M.C. held the Quarterly meeting at Bury on April 9th and 10th in the King Street Church, Bury.

Miss Elliott, the President, was in the Chair.

A standing vote of sympathy was given to the relatives of Mr. F. F. Ball, late Auditor to the B.S. L.U.

The Trustees sent a deputation, and an amicable discussion took place to provide a scheme in relation to the Ainsworth Legacy.

The Bradford D.C. invitation to hold the July M.C. meeting in Saltaire was cordially accepted.

The income for the Quarter was £450 0s. 4d.; payments £175 10s. 8d. Outstanding accounts £136 18s. 11d. Certificate Deposits £10 12s. £2,000 Effort, £476 9s. Lyceum Home Fund, £165 14s. 3d.

The President explained the appointment of Mr. Dixon vice Mr. Ball, as auditor to assist Mr. Thistlethwaite.

An invitation has been submitted to London D.C. to assist in a Lyceum Session during the I.S.F. Congress in 1928.

It was decided to refer some Inter-relations to the Arbitration Board.

The Annual Fee to the National Council for Prevention of War was passed for payment.

Miss Elliott was chosen as Representative of the Union to the Manchester Good Friday Celebrations.

It was decided that where any disputes are in progress no Fees to the Union shall be accepted until the dispute is settled.

Mr. R. Robb was appointed as the District Visitor for the Birmingham District.

A slight increase in the sale of LYCEUM BANNERS was reported.

The Sales were about equal to the previous quarter of 1926.

The General Secretary's agreement has been handed to the Trustees Treasurer for safe keeping.

The Education Report was satisfactory and will be fully explained in the printed Examination Results.

The U.D.C. Report dealt chiefly with amendments to the Constitution, and Branch rules of the National Spiritualist College.

Applications from Northwich, Barnsley (Grace Street), Walkden, Wellington (Cambridge Terrace), Romford, Lancaster (Alliance), Eltham, and Smethwick were endorsed.

It was arranged for Mr. Robb to visit Wolverhampton (Temple Street), and Mr. Hart to visit Harpurhey.

The Lyceum Lists as printed in the BANNER were approved and the new allocations made to the areas in which the signatory D.C.'s exist.

The list of candidates for Officers, Auditor, and Area Representatives was approved.

The M.C. outlined a number of amendments to the Constitution to appear on the Conference Agenda.

Two S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates have been invited to attend the B.S.L.U. Conference.

The local details for the Annual Conference were approved, and are given elsewhere in this issue.

The Auditors were requested to act as the Credential Committee to the Conference.

The Assistant Secretary was appointed to assist the Conference Reporter.

A very cordial vote of thanks was given to Bolton D.C. and Bury (King Street) Lyceum and Church for the entertainment and free hospitality provided during the week-end.

OPEN SESSION.

On Sunday afternoon, Miss Elliott, President of the Union, conducted an Open Session in the Temperance Hall.

Miss Rayner invoked.

A bouquet was presented to Miss Elliott, on behalf of the Bolton D.C. Local Lyceumists presented paper-knives to the Members of the Management Committee, as a memento of the visit. The children also gave a verbal welcome.

Mr. Hart conducted and explained the S.C.R. Mr. Smith, Miss Rayner, and Mr. Burrows read the connective readings, and explained thoroughly.

Marching and callisthenics were ably conducted and smartly done.

Mr. Mack conducted the G.C.R. and answered questions asked by various people.

Mrs. Moore sang a nice solo, and Miss Shepherd recited splendidly.

Greetings were exchanged with 12 Lyceums and two District Councils.

Uncle Bert's greetings were given, and Uncle Joseph sent a letter wishing the effort success.

Miss Elliott pronounced the benediction.

PROPAGANDA MEETING.

Mr. Charnley, President of the Bolton D.C., welcomed the Management Committee to Bury, both as President of the D.C., and as a former Bury Lyceumist.

Miss Elliott, in replying to the welcome, appealed for greater support of the Lyceums in Bury. After the efforts during the week-end Bury ought to find that Lyceumism and Spiritualism was really worth while. She hoped the M.C. visit would bear fruit, and that the Lyceums would grow in strength.

Mrs. Moore nicely rendered "Bright Spirit Star."

Mr. Kitson thanked Mrs. Moore and said she had sung at his request. He spoke on the title of the song. Spiritualism, he said, was the mother's source of comfort when she had lost her little one. Lyceumism was heaven born, heaven sent, and heaven inspired. He spoke of the effects of Spiritualism on Science, and Science on Spiritualism.

Mrs. Tims stated she was fond of Bible-searching. A little while ago she had been asked to quote from the Bible on "Spring-cleaning." She proceeded to give quotations and appealed to the congregation to prepare themselves for the after-life: see to it that they sowed the seeds from which bouquets would grow, bouquets of flowers not of weeds.

Mr. Knott first thanked the Bury people for the welcome extended during the week-end. He then went on to explain the reflected values of spiritual things. He quoted examples from various sources.

At this juncture Miss Elliott apologised for the absence of Mrs. Nurse, the local Area Representative. Force of circumstance prevented her being present.

Mr. Hart, while appealing for good financial support appealed for a more careful education of children. Thus would the world become more efficient, spiritually and materially.

Miss Elliott pronounced the benediction.

Before the close of the meeting Mr. Williams asked for a retiring collection to be taken for the F.O.B. and 15s. was realised.

In Memoriam.

BATLEY CARR.—In loving remembrance of Ethel Maud Lumb, who passed away May 11th, 1925.

Just two years ago she left me,
How I miss her smiling face;
She has left me to remember
None on earth could fill her place.

From her loving Mother.

HIRST.—On April 14th, 1927, Mrs. Harrison, our oldest and a pioneer Lyceumist, passed to the higher life. Age 74 years. "Ever remembered."

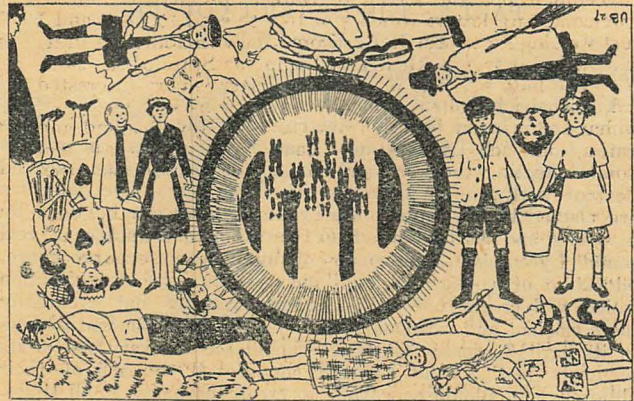
J. Stafford, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Longsight.—We regret to report the passing on of Kathleen King, on March 14th, 1927, aged 6 years. "Hand in hand with Angels."

Jas. Reid, Sec.

SHIPLEY.—We regret to report the passing to the Higher Life of two of our Lyceumists, Mrs. Midgley, on February 21st, 1927, and Mrs. Oldfield, our Life Honorary Conductor, on March 26th, 1927. "Both highly respected."

The Children's Puzzle.



There was once a Fancy Dress Party and all the little and big people attended dressed in characters that are found in the Nursery Rhymes. See how many names you can find in the picture.

When you have found as many little people as you can from the Nursery Rhymes send your list to Uncle Bert. He will be delighted to read your letter.

The United Districts Council.

The United Districts Council held a half-yearly meeting at Halifax, in the Alma Street Church, on March 19th and 20th.

There were representatives from Scotland, Leeds, Halifax and Huddesfield, North-East Lancashire, South-East Lancashire, and the Management Committee.

The Tyneside Delegate was too ill to attend the meeting.

Mr. Batley occupied the chair.

Mr. Burrows welcomed the delegates.

The Minutes and Correspondence were confirmed.

Mr. Connor wrote regretting his inability to reconsider his resignation from the Presidentship, which was regretfully accepted.

Manchester D.C. wrote resigning from the U.D.C. Mr. Batley and Mr. Shuttleworth were deputed to visit the Manchester D.C. to explain the position and report the result to the U.D.C.

The Annual Meeting of the U.D.C. was fixed to be held on October 15th and 16th, at Wigan.

Mr. A. T. Connor, the Secretary of the National Spiritualist College, submitted, by letter, a copy of proposed Local Branch Rules, which met with the sympathetic consideration of the U.D.C. and were referred to the D.Cs. for study and suggestions. (A copy of the rules will be printed in the BANNER later).

On the proposed rules the U.D.C. favoured each Branch of the National Spiritualist College making its own financial arrangements.

The U.D.C. accepted the Scheme for Branches of the N.S.C., approved the Constitution, and expressed thanks to Mr. Connor for his work in the compilation.

The financial report gave an income of £8 9s. 3¼d., an expenditure of £3 18s. 0d., with a balance of £4 11s. 3¼d.

Mr. Shuttleworth was appointed delegate to the B.S.L.U. Conference.

Various amendments to the Constitution were discussed and referred to the Districts for consideration. The chief one was a proposed amendment to revert to the Conference method of electing the Management Committee.

The question of a Children's Manual was discussed and referred to the Districts for discussion, and a suggestion that the Education Committee consider the subject.

The Education Secretary sent a letter requesting consideration of giving points in District Council competitions, with a view to encouraging support to the Education Scheme.

It was agreed to give the heartiest thanks to the Halifax friends for their kind hospitality.

An Internal Education Scheme.

PART 2.—THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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

(a) *What it is and what it should do.*

The District Council embraces all the Lyceums in its district which are in good financial standing with the B.S.L.U. Delegates from each Lyceum meet quarterly to discuss the various points affecting the work and conduct of Lyceums and a good deal of work can be done by the D.C. if real live delegates are elected by Lyceums. The greatest good can be done by a strong and harmonious D.C. to assist in effecting a real sound Lyceumism, uniformity of method, correct procedure, education of young and old, and every phase of instruction which will create not only efficient Lyceums but eventually more efficient and harmonious churches, resulting in Spiritualism in its highest sense. The D.C. should see to every one of its members just as the Lyceum should see to each of their children, and should endeavour to create harmony at all times, so that the reports of the Delegates will be pleasing to the Lyceums and the Lyceums will be as pleased to be members of the Council as the Lyceumists should be to be members of the Lyceum.

(b) *Its formation.*

It is composed of delegates (not more than two for each Lyceum) who should be appointed annually from and by Lyceums they are to represent, and who should really be capable persons who understand the business of an agenda and who can speak and take a keen interest in all that goes on. This is not always possible, but should certainly be considered. In the event of either of the delegates being unable to attend, a substitute may be appointed. Associate members who are members of a Lyceum in good financial standing with the B.S.L.U. are an asset sometimes, from the financial standpoint especially, as a D.C. must have funds if it is to carry on its work properly. District Councils cannot assist in forming new Lyceums without funds, nor help Lyceums in difficulty, neither can they consider having demonstrations and functions, etc., without funds.

(c) *Its officers and their duties.*

At each Annual Meeting the D.C. should elect its officers as follows:—President, Secretary, Treasurer and District Visitor. In large Councils it is customary to elect a Vice-President and one or two assistant D.Vs. Where there is a shield, bell, or other competition, an Adjudicator is elected either from the D.C. assembled or from outside. Two Auditors should also be elected. Candidates for the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer and District Visitor, must fulfil the following conditions:—(a) Be a member of a Lyceum within the District which is in good financial standing with the B.S.L.U. (b) Make not less than 20 attendances at some affiliated Lyceum during the 12 months preceding their candidature, 10 of which must be at the Lyceum on whose register their names appear as a member. (c) Be members of the Council, either as a Lyceum representative or as an associate who is a member of an affiliated Lyceum. (d) Be present at the A.G.M. or have informed the D.C. Secretary in writing of their willingness to accept office. (e) Each D.C. Executive shall be composed of the officers and such other members as the D.C. may deem necessary. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council. In the event of absence, a Chairman shall be elected from amongst the members present when there is not a Vice-President. The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence, keep the Minutes of all meetings and perform such duties as usually belong to his office. He should always remember to notify the Lyceums and Associates in good time for the various meetings, sending an agenda if possible, so that the Delegates are fully prepared for the meeting. He should also send the agenda to be published in the BANNER the month prior to the meeting, with the intimation of the place and date of such meeting. He should also see that the meeting is reported in the BANNER the month after. This will make Lyceumists take a greater interest in the BANNER. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and keep a proper account of same, presenting to each Council meeting a report of the financial position. A good Treasurer always tries to, or at least expects to, receive six or seven times as much as he expends, and his report will be a good one. The District Visitor shall keep a record of all visits made to Lyceums, interviews sought or held, and present to the Council a summarised

report of same in writing to each of its meetings. The D.V. should possess tact and display kindly feeling in dealing with Lyceums and should not be unduly critical. He or she is there to assist, not to deter, progress. A good deal of work can be done and much progress made if he is tactful in dealing with the various situations that arise. It is also wise to publish reports of visits in the BANNER, so that the Lyceumists may read what is thought of them, but here again tact is needed. The D.V. must exercise our greatest asset in life, tolerance, and will also have to make for himself a very hard skin, so that, although he has not to criticise, he must be able to stand the criticism of others.

(d) *Its business and finance.*

Special business shall be introduced by motion only, written notice of which shall be sent to the D.C. Secretary five weeks before the meeting at which it is to be considered. The Secretary shall publish all such notices in the BANNER. Ordinary business may be introduced without notice at the discretion of the Council. The Council may elect sub-committees to do such work as may require consideration; for example, special sub-committees should be formed to deal with *Manual Revision*, *Revision of Constitution*, *Education Schemes*, *Social Affairs*, or *General Demonstrations*, *Massed Sessions*, *Interchange of Conductors*, etc., so that Lyceums make full use of the Council and each one helps accordingly in these various essential items which go to the making of efficient Lyceums. The finances of the Council shall be derived from:—(a) Membership subscriptions from Lyceums, the amount of which shall be decided by the Council. (b) Collections at D.C. meetings. (c) Voluntary contributions and collections. (d) Enrolment of Associates (at a fee to be fixed by the Council), and such other means as the D.C. may deem expedient. Under the latter heading I would suggest the following:—*Demonstrations*, *Massed Sessions*, *Propaganda Meetings*, *Concerts*, *Dances*, *Whist Drives*, etc.

(e) *A Meeting and its Agenda.*

At the Annual Meeting the order of business shall be:—

1. Opening Exercises.
2. *Pro tem.* appointments, if necessary.
3. Minutes of the last D.C. A.G.M.
4. Correspondence.
5. President's Address.
6. Reports.
7. Election of Officers and Auditors.
8. Open Council.
 - (a) Standing Orders. (b) Notices to amend Constitution.
 - (c) Notices of general motion. (d) Motions arising out of the business of the D.C.
9. Decide date and place of next meeting.
10. Vote of thanks to local friends for hospitality.
11. Closing exercises.

For quarterly and special meetings the agenda shall be arranged by the Secretary.

A Semi-Charity Effort at Saltaire.

On April 2nd and 3rd, 1927, the object of our effort was to benefit Sir Titus Salt's Hospital, and to raise money for the church Building Fund.

In the Social Rooms, Victoria Hall, on the Saturday, a Tea and Concert was held, over 200 persons were present at tea. The company was augmented at the concert. Mr. W. Thistlethwaite, President of the Bradford Lyceum Council, presided.

A splendid and interesting programme consisting of dancing, vocal and instrumental items, was presented by the following artistes: Misses Bullock, Mona Wall, Foster, Siddon, Hardaker, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Firth, Master Stanley Evans, Master Steele, Messrs. Creswell, Crossley, Atkinson, J. Evans, C. Evans, E. Stone, W. Mayes, J. Myers, and H. Mayes.

The young Lyceumists presented a sketch entitled "the Missing Step."

On Sunday afternoon, in the York room, a Massed Lyceum Session was held under the able conductorship of A. Bickel, Esq., when fully 250 were present. The Bradford Lyceum Council was represented by the E.C. President, Vice-President, Secretary and District Visitor. 16 Lyceums were represented; also North East Lancashire. After the opening hymn and invocation, the Conductor asked all to be upstanding for one minute, as a tribute to an earnest worker who has gone to that higher life, Mr. Oldfield, of Shipley.

Miss A. Hesp, of Leeds, conducted the S.C.R., and answered questions. Mr. Slimin (Sunderland) conducted the G.C.R., and enlightened many on various points. An anthem was sung by the children "O, What can little hands do." Altogether it was a beautiful session.

There was a good attendance at the propaganda meeting in the evening. Ald. T. Blythe, J.P., occupied the chair, supported by Coun. H. H. Clarke.

Mr. J. Slimin, gave an inspiring and intellectual address, in which he outlined the aims of the Lyceum movement and teachings of Spiritualism generally. The glorious aim of our movement, is the intellectual, moral and spiritual unfoldment of its members and through them of the world at large. Mr. Slimin stressed the importance of properly educating the young mind, thus making better citizens, and eventually helping towards a better world.

Coun. Clarke said that he entirely endorsed all that the speaker had said. He, like the chairman, belonged to the international Church, which was deeply concerned with uplifting humanity, and the cause of righteousness and justice.

Mrs. Firth, of Brighouse, effectively sang "In a Child's Little Hand," and Liddle's "Abide With Me." Master Stanley Evans, and Mr. Frank Oade, of Brighouse, were the accompanists.

L.L.D.C. Rally at Peckham.

A Rally, run by the London Lyceums District Council, was held on Saturday, March 12th, at Lausanne Hall, Peckham, when about 70 members from various London Lyceums attended. This is the second event of this nature held by the Council.

After tea, which was provided by the Peckham Lyceum, the real business of the evening began at precisely 6 p.m., Mr. Fruin (President of the Council) in the Chair.

The proceedings opened with all singing "The March of Life," after which Mr. Stewart gave an inspiring Invocation. The Secretary of Council (Mr. E. Young) then read several letters from Lyceums regretting their absence owing to other matters engaging their attention. A letter was also read from Mr. Hugh Dalton, M.P. for Peckham, regretting he could not attend, having a prior engagement.

The Captain of Peckham Lyceum, Edgar Watts, then recited the following lines:

GREETINGS.

We give you greetings, friends, this night,
And wish you strength and guidance for the right,
May Angels guide your deliberations
And strengthen ties between all nations.

To those who come from the Summerland
We greet them, too, as a mighty band,
And pray that they may with you stay,
And give you thoughts that will this meeting sway.

Mr. Fruin thanked Edgar for his greeting, and said he was pleased to note the reference to the visitors from the Summerland, who were undoubtedly a mighty band.

After singing Lyceum Song 328, "Welcome to All," the President gave his address, which was as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fellow Lyceumists and Friends,

The subject of my address to-night is the outcome of a two hours' discussion with a friend who visited me, stating that the British Spiritualist Lyceum Union, and the London Lyceum District Council, were of little, if any use to the individual Lyceum.

Fully appreciating our Lyceum teachings on "Our Right" that man has the right to think and reason, I did my best to give my friend a few facts to reason with.

In the first place, I want us to get out of our minds to-night that false impression which lead so many people to ask "What Do we Get Out of Them." This idea is a one-sided one, and results in selfishness.

My remarks to-night are based on "What do we Put into Them?" First taking the B.S.L.U. To those who have recently taken Grade III. Examination, the importance of the Union will be familiar, while to others the Examination Text Books would be very useful for this purpose.

To appreciate the value of our Union, which to-day governs about 300 individual Lyceums with their membership of over 17,000, we must take a look back to the days before such a Union was in existence. What do we find? A few energetic

workers endeavouring to lay a firm foundation to the Lyceum System, handicapped by opposition from the orthodox Church, and the lack of a suitable Text Book for use in their Sessions.

To overcome such a state, they had to take their Recitations and other Readings, from Hymn Books, Poems, and other Literature, assisted to some extent by articles printed in "Medium and Daybreak," to which thanks were due to Mr. J. Burns. The first Conference held in 1886, at which 20 delegates were present, discussed the Needs of a Manual, with the result that one was published the following year. The Manual brought with it the need of a Songster, which was published the next year.

Time will not permit reference to all names and details, but I cannot pass these items without referring to the good work of Messrs. Kitson and Kersey, who together with other friends did so much in this direction.

A few years later brought the formation of The Union, and to make reference to the following items, to my mind, should convince every Lyceumist of the Value of such an organisation:

The Publishing Department, which has given us all the useful literature we possess to-day, including THE LYCEUM BANNER, which links us up with the Movement as a whole.

The Education Section, with its annual Examinations, and now, The Lyceum College.

The formation of the District Councils, The Management Committee, and an ever-ready Secretary who we find ever willing to help the Lyceums, the Councils, or the individual. Surely we cannot say that a subscription of 10s. for 50 members and 2s. for every 20 above this number, is asking too much, not forgetting that such subscription enables us to obtain literature, etc., at a cheaper rate.

In considering these few brief points I would like to draw your attention to the £2,000 Scheme which has been on hand for so long now, and is still so far from being reached. This scheme is to further place the Union in a strong financial position to meet the needs of the future.

In looking over the past balance sheets I am afraid London has been a little lacking in supporting it, I fully realise each Lyceum has its own needs, I would like to suggest that each Lyceum might consider making at least one collection a year.

Now I must come nearer home, to the London Lyceum District Council. As I said at the recent Annual General Meeting we must thank all past workers for their interests and labours.

While the B.S.L.U. is the National Section, we are the London Section of it.

Our main duty is to look after the welfare of the London Lyceums. This side of our work is mainly accomplished by a series of visits made by our District Visitors, a full report being kept of each visit made.

Propaganda Work is another important feature of our efforts and this, while useful in increasing the general interests of our teachings, also becomes an aid to the individual Lyceums for increasing their membership.

For this purpose I have the support of a most energetic band of workers who are always ready to answer any calls made on their services.

It should be understood that the Council Secretary will always be pleased to accept invitations for this purpose.

Every assistance is also offered to New Churches when forming Lyceums.

Realising the importance of Unity and co-operation of all sections, Social Events are arranged from time to time, such as Dances, Outings, etc., in order that all workers may meet each other.

"Where Does the Money go?"

Subscriptions to B.S.L.U., U.D.C., L.D.C. of S.N.U.
Donations to such Causes as the College, Aged Workers, etc.
Expenses for Conferences, Printing, Hire of Halls, Postage, Silver Medals, Adverts., Hymn Sheets, etc.

"Where Does the Money come from?"

This is a point with which I confess I am rather disappointed. The money is raised by:—Subscriptions from Lyceums, Associates' Fees, and Donations from special efforts held on the Council's Behalf and Collections at Meetings conducted by the Council.

A glance at the Financial Statement for the past year shows that only 16 out of a total of 31 of our London Lyceums have supported us. This may of course be due to the fact that some Lyceums consider when they have joined the B.S.L.U. they automatically become members of the L.L.D.C. This is not the case, our present membership subscription is based on ½d. per member a month.

If my remarks have caused a draught to blow on any of my friends present, I hope they will prevent it from causing a serious illness by accepting this timely hint as a tonic for supporting our efforts in the London District, by joining as Associate Members, or Lyceums.

My final remarks are on the matter of Reconstruction. The Present Council are giving this point every attention. Many new schemes are under consideration, one of which will be placed before you to-night, while the interchange of Conductors' Plan, Holiday Camp, and Summer Outing, are in the course of preparation. Further to these items new Bye-laws are being drawn up, and arrangements are in hand for the Annual Demonstration and Competitions.

To do justice to our calling, we need the continued support of every Lyceum and Lyceumist in London.

A general discussion then took place on the Address, and Mr. Stewart (Council) eulogised on the progressive tone of the address, making mention also of the value of co-operation.

Mr. Rainbow (Plumstead) also spoke and said the efforts of the pioneers made the Movement very dear to him.

After Mr. Fruin had replied the Secretary read the suggested Sports and Social Scheme of the L.L.D.C. The scheme was agreed to by the meeting and is as follows:—

A SOCIAL SCHEME FOR LONDON.

London Lyceum District Council's Scheme.

That each Lyceum shall endeavour to hold a mid-week or Saturday Meeting of Lyceumists, with the object in view of forming "A Social Section" under which heading the following items shall be arranged, according to the individual need of each Lyceum.

Sport Sections, Rambling Clubs, Parlour Games, Drill and Gymnasium, Lectures, Book Clubs, Libraries, Singing, Elocution, Dancing, Concerts, Plays, Displays, etc.

Suggested Organisation.

1. That the name of each Section shall be "The Spiritualist Lyceum Social Club."

2. That each Club shall be Financed by its own Lyceum, and controlled by Officers of same.

3. That all finance shall be held by the Lyceum Treasurer, who shall keep same under a separate account, showing same in the Lyceum's Annual Balance Sheet.

4. That the Social Club Funds shall only be used for Social work, unless donations are voted to other causes by a General Committee of the individual Lyceum.

5. In the event of a Social Section discontinuing its meetings, any Funds on hand may be transferred to the Lyceum General Fund, after a period of not less than 12 months.

6. That each Lyceum have the right to arrange their own programme, according to the need of their own members.

7. That interchange visits be encouraged between various Lyceums.

8. In view of the Sunday Sessions and Church Services, no Social events shall be arranged for Sundays.

9. That a monthly report of each Section shall be sent to the Social Secretary of the L.L.D.C. who shall give a general Report of progress at each Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

10. That a list of Clubs be kept by the Council, and particulars for Clubs requiring interchange fixtures shall be obtainable from the Social Secretary of the Council.

11. That members not belonging to individual Social Clubs, if desirous of joining any Section may supply the Social Secretary with their names, for the purpose of being recommended to a Lyceum which has required section.

That membership be open to all Lyceumists, providing they attend Sessions regularly.

That each member shall be on his or her own honour to be obedient to Leaders and those in charge of sections, endeavouring at all times to carry out the Lyceum Teachings of Brotherhood and Right Living.

After a short interval for refreshments, Mr. Fruin welcomed Mr. H. Boddington (Presi. L.D.C. of the S.N.U.), who gave a very inspiring address, in the course of which he touched on the following matters. The need for more harmony between Lyceums and Churches; lack of adhesion to principle; the Four-fold Pledge; over organisation of B.S.L.U., Duplication of Offices, and the voting powers granted to Children.

Mr. Boddington specially stressed the fact that self-sacrifice was a necessary thing to our Movement and all Lyceumists should adopt a livelier interest in Church affairs and Church

members in Lyceum matters. He also emphasised the need for having an age limit for Lyceumists to become members of Church, suggesting 18. If worked for with a true determination the two Unions (S.N.U. and B.S.L.U.) could be absorbed into one and be of greater use to our movement.

A discussion then took place, Mr. Stewart saying the matter of disagreement between Lyceums and Churches was a matter that was eating into the movement, but he believed the Churches were now beginning to realise the need for helping Lyceums.

Mr. Rainbow, said he had boys who were streets ahead of many of the National speakers; and Mr. Williams (Battersea) said the matter was a thorny problem, emphasising the human element.

Mrs. Barnett (Peckham) thought if we were to concentrate for one minute a day on a better understanding it could be achieved.

Mr. Cox (Council) requested Mr. Boddington to urge his Council to meet representatives of the Lyceum Council to discuss this matter.

Mr. Boddington then closed the debate by answering Mr. Rainbow, stating that the Lyceums had not turned out enough speakers to occupy platforms.

The Rally then ended with a hearty vote of thanks to Peckham Church and Lyceum.

District Council Reports.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Hawkshead Church, Hawkshead Street, Southport, on Saturday, May 14th, 1927, at 3 p.m.

Business:—Minutes, Correspondence, President's Address, Reports, Open-Air Demonstration, Conference Agenda and Open Council. Will all Delegates and Associates please attend.—E. Clitheroe, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council held its Annual Social and Dance at "The Cabins," Tothill Street, Westminster, on Saturday, March 26th. About 120 Lyceumists and friends were present and had, as usual, a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The "Winchellis" Band played with its usual fervour, and the fancy dresses lent gaiety and colour to the occasion. It was a "Nursery Rhymes" Social, and Mrs. and Mr. Schofield easily took first prize as Dick Whittington and his Cat, Miss Marjory Hall, as Oranges and Lemons, and Mr. Frank Payne as Polly Flinders, carried off 2nd prizes; Mrs. Barnard, as Mother Shipton, Mrs. Fruin, as Jack (of Jack and Jill fame), were 3rd and 4th ladies. Mr. Fruin as "Polly put the kettle on," and Captain Hepworth as "The Cat and the Fiddle," 3rd and 4th Gents. Doris Fruin, as "Georgy Porgy," won the children's prize. Mrs. Annie Boddington kindly presented the prizes, which had been given by several members of the Executive Council, to whom thanks are due. Altogether a very happy time. Mr. H. R. Barnard acted as M.C.—K. M. Barnard.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council will hold the second quarter's meeting on Saturday, May 21st, in the Church and Lyceum at Vernon Street, Nelson. Commence at 3-15 p.m. Business: Minutes, Correspondence, Reports—Financial, Secretary's, D.V.'s, U.D.C., Miscellaneous. President's Address, Standing Orders, Conference Business, Votes of Thanks. Tea will be provided by our friends at Nelson at a nominal charge. Please notify your associates of this meeting.—J.S., Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—We held our open Session on April 10th. The Sheffield District Council were at Attercliffe. The Vice-President took charge of the Lyceum Session in the afternoon, and various Officers and Delegates of the Council spoke for a short time. Individual efforts were very good. Everyone spent an enjoyable afternoon. After the Session we had a tea for Council Delegates and visitors.

On Saturday, April 16th, we had a Fancy Dress Social, which was a great success. We had some members from Darnall Lyceum, and we had some from Kimbleworth Lyceum. We were pleased to meet Lyceumists from other Lyceums. We gave prizes for the best Fancy Dress, and Kimbleworth got three of the prizes out of four.—Mr. E. Johnson, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after April 20th.

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than May 25th, to ensure insertion in the June issue.

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

ASHTON.—Open Session April 3rd. There was only a fair attendance. Pearls, readings and recitations were not very numerous. Three solos were rendered from the Spiritual Songster by Miss Alice Lloyd, Mr. H. Beech and Sally Jackson. The marching and callisthenics were also nicely conducted. Altogether a very peaceful and enjoyable meeting, was much appreciated by all.—Howard C. Harwood, Sec.

BACUP.—Open Session April 3rd. 90 Lyceumists took part. Visitors from Rawtenstall Lyceum. Pearls, recitations, songs and solos were given in a good way which one cannot forget. We had a good session.—B. Lord, Sec.

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd. Recitations were rendered by Mary Howbrook, Mary Broadbent, Blanch Scott, Ruby Scott, Frances Jones, Ethel Huddleston. Jackie Howbrook, Jackie Huddleston, Gordon Haznell, Walter Jones, and Norman Oakley.—L. Brown, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Open Session was held on April 3rd, 1927. Various recitations and solos were given mostly by the young. Pearls were given and explained. The session on the whole was an enjoyable one.—John Hirst, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley.—On April 2nd a Social was held by some of our Church members. There were songs, recitations, dances and games. Altogether an enjoyable evening was spent.

April 3rd. Open Session was held, conducted by a Lyceumist. The lesson was afterwards discussed.—H. Fletcher, Lit. Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter's Street.—We held our Open Session on March 27th. About 90 Lyceumists and friends took part in the physical exercises, which were well performed. Recitations were given by a number of Lyceumists. Mr. Edwards, of Accrington, was our speaker. The session was enjoyed by all. About 130 people were present.—T. Wood, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry Street.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session and Lyceum Sermons. There were many present and visitors from different Lyceums. We had pearls and recitations by Lyceumists, and a solo by Miss A. Coucill, and a duet by Miss E. Coucill and M. Hodgkinson. The Lyceum rendered "Lyceum Anniversary Song." We had a very enjoyable time.—Wm. Monk, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—On the 3rd April we held our usual Lyceum Sessions. We were favoured with pearls, recitations, songs, solos, duets, and reading. A very pleasing session under the circumstances, as the majority were assisting other Lyceums.—J. Babbs, Sec.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On April 3rd a Naming Ceremony was performed by Mr. T. Richmond. Baby was called David Maxfield (Spirit Name, Light). On Good Friday, Lyceum Leaders went on a ramble to Bacup. On April 17th, Lyceum Day. Morning 10 o'clock, afternoon, 2-30. The following rendered services: Doris Carr, Marv Hocking, Miss L. Peacock. Fraternal greetings to all.—R. Boys, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session. The following rendered items:—Kenneth Bown, Marion Leverton, Ernest Heath, Jessie Orwin, Sidney Hobster, Linda Heath, Mona Longden, May Wheatley, Marion Wagstaff, Edith Slater, Eveline Clemments, Marion Holland, A. Sutherland, Connie and Lilian Slater, Louie Gore, Avis Bown, Nora Alsop and Mr. Heath. Arthur Sutherland, Session Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session on March 6th. Miss Johnson conducted. Invocation by Miss V. Crossland; Master W. Trout and Miss L. V. Batty took the musical reading; pearls by S. Gomersall, E. Gomersall, A. Crossland, V. Crossland, A. Trout; recitation by L. Ball; solos by Miss D. Batty, Miss L. V. Batty; duet by Miss Johnson and Mr. Totty. Mr. Drury gave the benediction. It was an enjoyable session.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EARBY.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session, when the following scholars contributed items:—Nancy Hopkinson, Olive Wilkins, Elsie Clark, Frank Clark, Alan Bannister, Herbert Eccles, Harry Greenwood, Dennis Seddon and Agnes Layfield. The Liberty Group rendered a hymn.—Thos. Hodgson.

FLEETWOOD.—We held a pleasing Open Session on April 3rd. A good attendance. Recitations were given by Frank and Kenneth Harris, James Frith, Harry Horne, Susan Brewer and Ethel Brooks; duet, Susan Brewer and Ethel Brooks; solo, Mrs. E. K. Firth. Several pearls were given which were very good. Marching and callisthenics were smartly done.—E. K. Firth, Sec.

GT. HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd. The following Lyceumists took part:—S.C., Mr. Nelson; M.R., W. Taylor; G.C., Mrs. Whittle. Music excellent; marching well done; callisthenics good. Recitations by Margie Nelson and May Pickvance.—Miss Davis, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—April 3rd Open Session. Invocation by Nora Godsall, one of our brightest scholars, and very nice solo. Recitations by Stella Willey, Rosie Barron and Bessie Baxby. Songs in unison: R. Howard, F. Smith, S. Willey; N. Godsall, V. Willey and M. Willey; also S. Moore, G. Hockley, J. Shaw, A. Dunhill, E. Alcock, E. Howard, J. Fields. Trio, the Misses E. Cole, K. Sutherland and E. Couling. Closing prayer given by another of our smaller Lyceumists, R. Howard.—Mrs. M. Barron, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter Street.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd and had the spiritual naming of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boothrovd, material name, Allan Boothrovd, spiritual name, Strongheart. It was conducted by Mr. Garside. We had recitations by Eva Farnhill, Elsie Harrison, Herbert Buttle, Jack Dyson and Leslie Mideley; a pianoforte solo by Eric Hollingworth.—Elizabeth Farnhill, Sec.

LANCASTER, Alliance.—We held our Open Session April 3rd, and Catherine Ralph, Edith Townson, Alice Jones, Florrie Dennison, Frank Dennison and William Parkinson helped to make it a happy session by giving recitations.—R. Askew.

LANCASTER, Gt. John Street.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd. The following contributed: Poetry by R. Lees, J. Baines, B. Kelly, D. Baines, D. Bleasdale, S. Jackson, D. Kirk; pearls by B. Kelly, Mr. Kirk, R. Parkinson, J. Baines, H. Dawson; solos by Miss Bowshill, A. Couland, D. Parkinson. On April 6th the Lyceum scholars gave a concert which was a great success.—J. Hudson, Sec.

LEEDS, Easy Road.—Lyceum Week-end April 2nd and 3rd. April 2nd. A grand Social Evening: a good time well enjoyed by all. Sunday, at 6-30. Open Session and Prize Distribution by Mrs. Oxley, of Leeds, 23 prizes being given for regular attendance during 1926. Sunday, April 10th. L.D. Committee was with us, when the child of Mr. and Mrs. Hagne was named Olive Reta, spirit name Daffodil. An enjoyable time well spent.—Mrs. J. Croll, Sec.

LEEDS, North.—The Lyceum gave the Service on March 20th. The members and scholars read essays. The young people gave recitations. Mrs. Land gave the opening prayer, and Miss Lecie closed with the benediction. Mrs. Carncross conducted.—Mrs. Land, Sec.

LEICESTER, Southampton Street.—On March 20th we held a Naming Ceremony by our Conductor, Mrs. Thwaites. The

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dehoux was duly named Yvonne Lillian Marie Dehoux, spirit name "Gabrielle." On April 3rd we held our Open Session. Pearls good. Recitations by Mrs. Hurst, Annie Hughes, Kittie Towsend, Doris and Master H. Jayes. Solo by Mr. W. Beck.—S. J. C. Wheatley, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham Street.—Open Session April 3rd. Conductor, Mr. Raspin. We had with us Mr. Slater, of Eastwood, and spent an enjoyable time. On Good Friday we held a Concert and Social, the Lyceumists giving the programme of songs, sketches, monologues and recitations, which was most successful.—N. Willey, Sec.

LINCOLN, Midland Hall.—We opened our new Hall on April 4th. Mrs. Harrison, our own local Lyceumist, was the Clairvoyant, and Mrs. Essam was the speaker. Mr. Dobby and Mrs. Crane were the two Conductors. We had a glorious week-end both in sessions and services. Attendance of 46 Lyceumists. Hoping to get more children.—Cecil Crane, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Longsight.—We held very successful Open Sessions on April 10th. Representatives from various Lyceums were present and gave us good reports.—Jas. Reid, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Lower Broughton.—We hold our Open Sessions on Sunday, May 8th, at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all.—C. Day, Sec.

MORLEY, Queen Street.—Since our Anniversary we have got four new Lyceumists. We had Mr. Wilman, from Laisterdyke, on a visit, and he gave us very encouraging remarks.—A. Shepherd, Sec.

NELSON.—On March 27th we held our Anniversary Services, with Mr. Hart (of Manchester) as our speaker. The afternoon session was comprised of various items given by Lyceumists in a very pleasing manner, assisted by a small orchestra of our own members, along with Mr. H. Dyson, who rendered valuable service to the singing. The platform was draped with Royal Blue and linked up with daffodils, whilst the words Wisdom, Harmony and Love, along with a Heart of Tulips in the centre, presented a pretty picture. Altogether the day was well spent, and ended with fond memories.—J. Parkinson, Sec.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.—Open Session April 3rd. Recitations by Joan Blackburn, Ben Nixon; duet by Mr. David Rae and Charles Curtis; solo by Evelyn Curtis.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

RIPLEY, Codnor and District.—We held our Open Sessions on March 27th, conducted by Mr. G. Sheldon. Every Lyceumist gave a pearl. We were also tested by the Adjudicators for the Silver Bell for marching, callisthenics, pearls, etc. In the evening a Service of Song was given in aid of the Church Building Fund, under the leadership of the Musical Conductor, Mrs. J. George. It was a Red Letter day for the Lyceum and Church. Mrs. George Sheldon was the speaker for the evening service.—J. E. Eyre, Sec.

ROCK FERRY.—On April 3rd friends from Boaler Street Lyceum and Birkenhead came to visit us. Solos and recitations were given by our friends. The discussions were very educating. Pearls were given and explained.—Wm. Roberts, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—On April 3rd we held our Lyceum Day and Open Session. In the afternoon Mrs. Clive named the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Overment, bestowing the names of "Gladys Brenda," spirit name, "Peace." At both sessions recitations, solos, etc., were given by young Lyceumists. Two very enjoyable sessions.—B. Higginbottom, Assist. Sec.

SMETHWICK.—Our first Anniversary, held on Sunday, April 17th, was a delightful success. Mrs. Dealey, a very able speaker in Lyceum work, addressed three good congregations, spreading our philosophy and the good work of the Lyceum movement. Our Leader, Mr. Upton, led the musical readings. The Lyceumists very nicely rendered hymns, action songs and quartettes. A happy and memorable day was brought to a close with a recitation by Irene Norris, "Our Beloved Lyceum."—J. Cotton, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session, which was very well attended. Pearls and recitations were given by the children and adults. Our Conductor welcomed all present. In the evening the Lyceumists took the platform. Mrs. Ennion, our Conductor, presided. Miss Mason

read the S.C.R. No. 1 and explained it very well indeed. Mr. Pyott gave clairvoyance, Miss Joules recited, and Miss Jenny Rostron sang very well. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick Street.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session. Pearls from Liberty and Shore Groups. Recitations by K. Dodsworth and A. Harrison. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Ruddock. Marching and callisthenics were good. The attendance was only moderate, but we hope to do better.—S. Williams, Sec.

WALKDEN.—First Open Session on April 10th. Good support was given from Pendleton Lyceum, also visitors from other Lyceums, including Swinton, Eccles, Leigh, Horwich, Henry Street and Bradford Street, Bolton.—M. Mounsey, Sec.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace.—On January 16th we re-opened our Lyceum after three weeks' vacation. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists. On January 23rd we held our Annual Election of Officers, which resulted as follows:—Conductor, Mr. R. A. Webb; Secretary, Mr. R. J. Ross; Treasurer, Mr. Bodell (Senr.); Callisthenics Conductor, Mrs. Webb; Assistant Callisthenics Conductor, Miss L. Webb; Guardian, Miss Ruby Waring; Musical Director, Mr. Barton; Assistant Musical Director, Elva Harris; Librarian, Mr. Easton; Captain of Guards, Mr. Bodell (Jnr.); Guards, Winston Wahren and Esma Ruddell; Marching Leaders, Miss G. Webb and Mr. S. Harris; Bankers and Trustees, Mr. Mout and Mr. Barton; Lyceum Representative on the Church Committee, Mr. R. J. Ross. With fraternal greetings to the *Lyceum Banner* and to fellow Lyceums and Lyceumists.—Mr. R. J. Ross, Sec.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Kent Terrace.—Our Sessions during February were very pleasant, and in spite of the hot weather which prevailed, were well attended. On February 19th we held a Benefit Social for one of our Lyceumists who had been seriously ill for some time. The social was a great success. The Lyceumists who are sitting for B.S.L.U. Examinations have been devoting part of their time each Sunday to preparations. Greetings to all fellow Lyceumists.—Robert J. Ross, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—On April 3rd we held our Open Session. Prayer by Conductor, Miss Pitt. S. Chain taken by Miss Chambers, who replied to questions. Marching and callisthenics very well carried out and led by Miss Chambers. We had solos from C. Mordaunt and A. Perry, and a recitation from D. Howe. 53 pearls were given by Lyceumists. We had an enjoyable session.—J. Robbie, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd, conducted by Miss Gray, a short address being given by Mr. G. Ellis. Solos and recitations by J. Douglas, L. Abbott, L. Dryden, P. Armstrong. Mr. W. Gransbury was the organist.—A. Dryden, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—3rd April, Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Hedderley. A good attendance of members and friends. Pearls, recitations and musical items were given. A presentation of a clock and silver fruit spoons was made to Mrs. Fail (née Miss Storey), our callisthenics conductor, on the occasion of her wedding. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.—Mrs. M. Hall, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd. We had a nice turn-out with a few visitors. The children all did their part wonderfully well. They made a good showing with music, songs and recitations. The beautiful spring Sunday made us all feel good after a long and tedious winter. Pearls, songs and pianoforte solos were given by Daisy Knox, Harry Forest, Verna McLeod, Lennie Towns, Harry Towns, Sylvia Parkinson, Millie Crawley, Edna Brown, Willie Towns, Lennie Towns, Olive Forest, Harold Guest, Mrs. Knox and Geo. Seid. The Ladies' Aid of the Church are celebrating their Annual Birthday Social in the Church on Saturday, April 9th. A good time is looked forward to by all of us on that occasion.—John Knox, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess Street.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd. Recitations and pearls were said by Mrs. Cross, May Armit, Mary White, Mrs. Burley, Miss E. Brown, Miss G. White, Gladys Fetterly, Tom White and Charlie Bailey. Miss G. White and Miss G. Morris sang a solo, "Angel Voices," and it sounded beautiful. We had a few visitors. The Open Session was well carried out by all concerned.—Mrs. M. Armit, Sec.