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PRICE TWOPENCE.



MR. E. W. JONES, OF HANDSWORTH.

The Handsworth Lyceum have suffered the physical loss of their founder, Mr. E. W. Jones, aged 61 years, after a long and painful illness. He has been confined to his bed for the last nine months. Mrs. Jones has nursed him constantly, and only left his bedside for a few moments sleep.

Mr. Jones was a loving and respected man, with a noble and self-sacrificing disposition, and a real stalwart for Spiritualism. He has been a Spiritualist for about 30 years, and his children went to the Lyceum over twenty years ago.

Mr. Jones was the principal founder of the Handsworth Church and Lyceum, and has been the conductor of the Lyceum throughout, with a number of interested young men as assistants. He has also, with the exception of one year, been the President of the Church, and has been respected and supported by all. He has left a fitting memorial, in the existence of a strong and virile Church and Lyceum in Handsworth.

Mr. Jones suffered from chronic bronchitis, and passed to the higher life on May 7th. During the last few days he knew he was passing and described some of the scenes to which he was going.

The interment of his remains took place on May 11th, and his old friend and co-worker, Mr. Edmund Spencer, of Brighton, conducted the ceremony. Appropriate hymns were sung in the presence of a large congregation. The chief mourners were Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cook, Miss Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wisdom, and Mr. J. Smith. The bearers were all Lyceumists.

The local Churches were represented, and many floral tributes were sent.

At the Memorial Service the Church was crowded. Mr. Maybury, the new President, and an old friend, presided, and gave the sympathy of the Church and Lyceum to Mrs. Jones and the other mourners.

Mr. Maybury stated that Mr. Jones was a real leader, apologised to no man for his convictions, and surmounted all obstacles to the progress of the Church for which he worked as a labour of love.

Mrs. Bullock, the speaker, said they could not build a better memorial than the Church and Lyceum which Mr. Jones had created for them. Handsworth is certainly the best Lyceum in Birmingham. Mr. R. Robb, D.V., attended on behalf of the M.C.

The members of the Church and Lyceum are looking for his continued guidance to help them with inspiration for the continuation of the work he so nobly pioneered in the cause of truth.

We offer his widow and family our greatest sympathy.

ADOPTING A HOSPITAL.

The Two Worlds Publishing Co. have originated a Hospital Scheme among Spiritualists. It does not matter who introduces an idea so long as the results are good and useful.

We have been requested to bring the scheme before the notice of Lyceumists and readers of the "Banner."

The adoption of the Hospital Scheme means that one or more persons in each town shall make themselves responsible for a monthly collection of books, magazines, journals, toys, etc., and see that they are transferred to any hospital.

The Two Worlds Publishing Co. offer us half the credit, but we pass the scheme on to Lyceumists who are willing to take up the idea of scouting round for books, etc., to ease the pain and occupy the minds of patients absent from their friends.

The particulars of the collection and distribution will gladly be supplied to anyone making enquiries to the

Two Worlds Publishing Co.,
18, Corporation Street,
Manchester.

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BIRTH.

BOLTON, Bradford St.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson (née Roe), on May 20th, at 210 Settle St., the gift of a Daughter.

IN-MEMORIAM.

BRIERFIELD.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Matilda Webb, who passed to the Summerland on February 20th, 1927, aged 81. From Reuben and Elizabeth, New Zealand; Sarah and Edwin, Brierfield.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, Grange Rd.—Transplanted in the Summerland on April 6th, 1927, Ernest Pidd, aged 3 years.

"Our loss, their gain."

M. Harrison, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics' Hall.—It is with the deepest regret we have to report the passing on of Amy Reynolds, on April 21st, 1927, aged 24, who has been a loyal Lyceumist from childhood.—O. Peel, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—To the memory of Mother, Harriet Mary Redden, passed over June 17th, 1898. Also our brother, Captain George Herbert Redden, killed in action, June 7th, 1917. Never forgotten by Flo., Harry and Harriet.

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

(We very much regret that last month an error was made in the name of Mr. Oldfield.—Ed.)

We have received a report of the passing of Mr. Harry Higginson, of Manchester, under very sad circumstances. He suffered very much before he passed out, and we sympathise with his family and the Lyceum over the sad loss of a useful friend.



My dear Boys and Girls,

Many of our poets and writers have referred to the value of the different months of the year, hence we hear, "Oh to be in England, now that April's here," and about "The Merry month of May, etc., etc."

Here we are in June which surely we can class as the "Happy month of June". Happy because wherever we go we see crowds of people of all ages seeking happiness and recreation in the open air. Boys and girls are endeavouring to beat the records of many of our famous cricketers. Amongst their efforts I heard of a match being played in the street, the lamp post being a substitute for stumps. Bowler and batsmen were in full action, when all at once the cry rang out "OUT," and then the running began. I agree it does not sound quite correct to run when you're out, but in this case it happened to be Mrs. Smith's window, so I think the umpire would be quite correct in using his own judgment and allowing runs, don't you?

There are many other sporty people about just now, who are hoping one day to meet Susanne on the Tennis Court. Having watched many of these I am of the opinion that they would make champion net-ball players, for they certainly know how to hit the net alright.

There are the boys and girls too who prefer a jolly romping game of "Touch," or as I believe some of you term it, "He."

Here I see we get another kind of expert in the making.

It is those, who by careful practice are able to say some such wording as follows, without the last letter coming to themselves:

- (1) Ena, Denah, Dinah, Doe, Catch a nigger by his toe,
If he hollows let him go, O.U.T. spells out.
- (2) Each Peach, Pear, Plum, out goes number one,
Number one won't do, out goes number two.
- (3) Old Dictation had an operation,
How many miles to Ipswich station, etc., etc.
- (4) Ten little sausages frying in a pan,
One went pop! the other went bang!
O.U.T. spells out.

Of course each district has its various method of deciding who shall be first catcher, and if yours is not one of the above I should like to know what you say, also how many times you manage to say it, so that it falls to your lot to be first catcher.

Talking about games, Cousin Doris has just asked me what would happen if I put a cricket ball on the table. Of course not knowing, she says "It would stand still and look round," That's a good one.

I am however delighted to see so many Lyceumists, young and old, taking such an active part in sport this year. I hope you will keep me booked up with your records, etc., concerning same.

June has also been termed the month of Roses. Seeing they are the symbol of Love, this adds another link in the chain for those who are seeking happiness. I suppose this letter then should be a love letter.

Let me see, how do you boys and girls write those love letters which you pass on to your sweethearts at school. If I remember correctly they go something like this: Dear Billy Green, Sugar is sweet and so are you; or Violets are blue, I will be true; or something like that. Send me a copy of your next one please. I hope you will not write and tell me you never do such things, for I know what a lot of saucy young rascals you are. Ah well, boys will be boys; yes, and girls will be girls. Let us see if we can find a lesson from this beautiful word L.O.V.E.

We will take it letter by letter starting with L. first, which stands for the word itself—LOVE.

As you know the world itself is full of it. Books and Poems by the million are written on it. Sermons and Lectures are given daily about it, therefore we cannot fail to see its expression from the time we open our eyes in the morning until we close them again in sleep in the evening, and even in the sleep state love surrounds us, because we are God's children and God is Love and Love is God.

While of course there are thousands of lessons I could find from this most sacred word, the one I will chose is, "Cultivate

a love for the beautiful." Everything which is pure, noble, true and good is beautiful, while their opposites such as impure motives, cowardly actions, false and bad characters should be rejected, and the love for the highest should be our ideal.

O. Obedience to the laws of nature governing us. I have often told you about being obedient to parents and teachers, but this month I want us to learn that our bodies need care. Just as much as the homes in which we live, because for the time being they are the earthly home of the soul. You girlies, who have dolls houses, know how you like to keep them beautifully clean, and you boys know if you have a watch, how important it is not to let a speck of dirt get inside the works; well then how careful we all should be concerning keeping our lives clean.

From the washing of our hands and faces to the highest ideal we set ourselves in our daily lives, all count as important items in this obedience to the law of our being. We must ever strive to keep our lives pure.

V. Valour, which means courage or bravery. I do want you boys and girls to grow up into brave and courageous men and women.

Many of you have recently heard results for the Guild. I am pleased so many of you passed, but a word to those who failed. I was asked to give the Certificates to members of one Lyceum last week. In this particular Lyceum, there was only one little girlie who failed, and it made me feel very sorry for her, until she came up to me, and said, "I do not mind, I shall try again next year." That is courage.

She had grit which will lead her to victory. Therefore boys and girls should you too meet defeat, be brave and ever remember there is still another day to-morrow.

E. Energy: this follows on whatever you undertake to do, put your very self into it. You have all heard the saying "A new broom sweeps clean" meaning of course that many boys and girls, men and women too, when they take up some new hobby or work, put every ounce of energy into it, but after the novelty has worn off they get tired and careless. The result being failure. The men and women and boys and girls who count are the stickers. Those who Love the beautiful, are Obedient to the laws of nature, and have Valour to go forward and Energy to reach their goal. That is my love letter to you this happy month of June.

Answers to last month's Puzzles and Riddles.

- No. 60. (1) A Chair, a bed, a tooth brush.
(2) Knitting her brows.
(3) Because it is the end of day.

No. 61. DUSTPAN, TEAPOT, DUSTER,
SAUCEPAN, FLANNEL, KNIVES.

No. 62. An Easy Conscience makes a soft pillow.

Answers received from: Nellie Dean, Muriel Booth, Annie Hope, Lily Emery, Zeta Goodall, Kathleen Lilliott, Iris Thornton, Amy Lucas, Annie Sherran, Blanche Preston, Hilda Cavana.

"Boys! Boys! Boys! what are you doing to let the girls beat you like this" every month.

This month's Puzzles:

- No. 63. Leading Cricketers (found on sports page of any newspaper).
(1) They fixed a — and I paid it.
(2) I painted the tree trunk —
(3) We crossed several — on our journey.
(4) The knife was —
(5) You should not stand on the —
(6) I put the wire up with —

There's a chance for you boys this month.

No. 64. Can you arrange the figures 1, 2, 3, in three lines, so that which ever way you add them up they come to the same number.

No. 65. Riddles:

- (1) When did the penny stamp?
(2) What two flowers ought to be in the Zoo?
(3) What is that which never asks questions, yet requires many answers?

This month I am looking forward to meeting many of my friends of the Nottinghamshire districts at Conference. Then all my London Lyceumists on June 19th at Battersea Town Hall, and next month those of the Southern Counties at Portsmouth, July 24th. Greetings to all.

2, Villiers Rd.,
Osterley, Middlesex.

Your Loving Friend,
UNCLE BERT.

Education Department

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE

(Under the auspices of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U.)

ASSOCIATE SECTION (B.S.L.U.)

of the

NATIONAL JOINT EDUCATION SCHEME.

CONCERNING CONFERENCE.

When this issue of our paper appears, it will be Conference Week-end, during which will be considered the Education Report, which appeared in last month's issue. Next month we hope to give the decisions of Conference, and if and how they effect the *personnel* and work of the Education Committee.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS.

The candidates in the B.S.L.U. six Grades and S.N.U. Entrance Examination have learned their results during the past month. *The B.S.L.U. successes* are given in detail, with interesting summaries of results and other supplementary information, in the printed book of EXAMINATION RESULTS. A copy can be obtained (price one shilling) at Conference, or from the General Secretary or Education Secretary.

The S.N.U. successes (Entrance Examination) we give in this article.

TO B.S.L.U. CANDIDATES.

The Committee congratulates the 837 successful candidates of the various Grades, and hopes each one will make an early start on the work for the 1928 examinations, either to take the next Grade or to take the same Grade again, to obtain a higher class (especially if not old enough for the next Grade).

JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The first S.N.U. examination under the new National Education Scheme was held in March last, and the appended Result List shows that 19 Entrance Examination candidates have qualified to sit at the Intermediate Grade examination to be held next year. The standard set by the Examiners was a high one, and we congratulate the successful candidates on having attained the first step in their progress towards a Graduate Diploma and (we hope) the Certified Exponent Diploma of the Spiritualists' National Union.

The result of the examination supplies 19 candidates from the S.N.U. side, and as there are 72 Lyceumists eligible to sit at the Intermediate examination, it is hoped that next year's entries will give this important examination a good start. Will Lyceumists please remember that the Graduate Scheme was drawn up mainly in response to a demand from successful Grade V. Students that they should be supplied with a Continuation Course in "general" Spiritualism. A Lesson Plan, to cover a twenty-six weeks period of study, has been drawn up, and can be obtained from the Education Secretary or from Mr. T. Oliver, 272, Edmund Road, Sheffield. Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope when applying.

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

The following Lyceums are eligible for membership of the College as Local Branches (*see* the Local Branches Constitution in this issue), the names in CAPITALS being those of Lyceum Council Districts, and the numbers in brackets showing the number of students who sat. It should be remembered that the qualification for membership as a Local Branch is that TEN members of the Church or Lyceum sat at the Examinations held in February and/or March this year, and lasts till Whit-sun next year. A Form of Application has been sent to every eligible Lyceum, and it is hoped that all will apply for enrolment.

All Lyceumists who qualified this year for the Degree of A.N.S.C. have been notified, and it is hoped that they will apply for and use the Degree. A full list of the "Eligibles" and of those to whom the Degree has been already awarded will be found in the Results Book of the B.S.L.U. examinations.

LYCEUMS ELIGIBLE AS LOCAL BRANCHES.

BIRMINGHAM D.C.	NOTTINGHAM D.C.
Handsworth. (10)	Belper. (10)
HALIFAX AND HUDDERS-	Hucknall. (15)
FIELD D.C.	Lincoln, Midland. (14)
Brighouse, Commercial St. (17)	Long Eaton. (13)
Halifax, Alma Street. (15)	Nottingham, Mechanics'. (10)
LEEDS D.C.	SHEFFIELD D.C.
Castleford. (33)	Rotherham. (18)

Hull, Dairycoates. (10)	Darnall. (10)
Leeds, Armley. (10)	SOUTHERN COUNTIES D.C.
LIVERPOOL D.C.	Portsmouth, Temple. (26)
Liverpool, Daulby Hall. (16)	Southampton. (17)
Wigan. (14)	SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE
LONDON D.C.	D.C.
Fulham. (18)	Rochdale, Regent Hall. (18)
Forest Hill. (19)	SOUTH WALES D.C.
Hackney. (15)	Caerau. (11)
Hampton Hill. (13)	TEES-SIDE D.C.
Tottenham. (28)	Middlesbrough. (16)
Southend and Westcliff. (28)	TYNE-SIDE D.C.
Croydon. (15)	Blyth. (10)
MANCHESTER D.C.	Heaton and Byker. (19)
Newton Heath. (18)	South Shields, Fowler St. (16)
South Manchester. (34)	OVERSEAS LYCEUMS.
Stretford. (20)	Wellington, New Zealand. (12)
NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE,	
D.C.	
Colne. (10)	
Fleetwood. (18)	
Lancaster. (11)	

S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE GRADUATE SCHEME. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Result of Examination held on March 26/27th, 1927.

No.	Candidate.	Town.	Marks.
1	Mrs. Lilian George ..	Liverpool ..	90
2	Henry W. Phillips ...	do. ..	89
3	William Heald ..	Bolton ..	83
4	Miss Winifred Fielding	Jarrow-on-Tyne ..	83
5	Mrs. May Jones ..	Bishop Auckland ..	83
6	Benjamin Partington	Manchester ..	82
7	Samuel Briggs ..	do. ..	82
8	William G. Giles ..	Plaistow ..	81
9	Miss Lucy Smith ..	Huddersfield ..	78
10	Miss Lucy Radcliffe...	do. ..	78
11	John H. Silcock ..	Manchester ..	78
12	Henry Dawson ..	Gateshead ..	77
13	Mrs. E. Gordon ..	Manchester ..	76
14	William Bland ..	Bishop Auckland ..	75
15	Cyril Ellis ..	Huddersfield ..	74
16	John Smith ..	Manchester..	74
17	George Thornton ..	do. ..	73
18	John Emery ..	do. ..	72
19	E. J. Raven ..	Plaistow ..	70

The above have passed the Entrance Examination, and are now eligible for the Intermediate Grade of the Graduate (S.N.U.) Course in the National Education Scheme.

There were five failures, and three candidates did not sit.

(Signed) THOMAS OLIVER,

May, 1927. S.N.U. Education Secretary.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME.

For information about the ASSOCIATE SECTION (i.e., Oral Grade to Grade V.) apply to the Hon. Education Secretary (B.S.L.U.):—

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

For information about the NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE apply to the College Secretary and Secretary of the Joint Education Committee:—

Mr. A. T. CONNOR,
19, Oakhurst Road, J
Forest Gate,
London, E.7.

For information about the GRADUATE SECTION (i.e., the Advanced Courses) apply to:—

Mr. T. OLIVER,
S.N.U. Education Secretary,
272, Edmund Road,
Sheffield.

Professor W. Geo. Wheeler (late of Brighton) has commenced *Phrenological Delineations* at the Mental Science Centre, Bath, (Premises: Pier Approach, Bournemouth).

Our readers will have read with pleasure the articles and poems Prof. Wheeler has contributed to the LYCEUM BANNER. We wish him success in his new effort to bring utility to a neglected phase of child culture.

The National Spiritualist College.

MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL BRANCHES.

1. NAME.

This Church (or Lyceum) has been registered as the.....
..... Branch of the National Spiritualist College,
and, for the purposes of the College or the National Joint
Education Scheme, shall be so known.

2. OBJECTS.

(a) To provide educational class facilities for students studying for the various Grades of the National Education Scheme.

(b) To engage, where possible or practicable, speakers or lecturers to address the students on the general aspects of any subject being studied in the classes.

(c) To induce members of the Church and/or Lyceum, who are not already interested in the educational side of Spiritualism, to take up one or other of the prescribed Courses of Study.

3. AIM.

To establish within the Church and/or Lyceum, as a normal integral part of its activities, an educational body providing for every member who wishes to study, a sound education in the Religion, History, Science and Philosophy of Spiritualism.

4. WORKING ARRANGEMENTS.

(a) Each Church and Lyceum Branch shall elect or appoint a Branch Committee, each such Committee to make full provision for its own Branch's classes and tutors, and also to arrange for lectures and lecturers—

BUT

In the case where both a Church and its Lyceum are registered as Local Branches, they may, from their respective Branch Committees, appoint a Joint Branch Committee to make proper provision for lectures or courses of lectures by qualified exponents—and any other activities which can be carried on conjointly.

NOTE.—This Branch Committee is only a Special Committee of the Church or Lyceum, and, except in its educational activities, is not in any way independent of the Church or Lyceum and its General Committee. Its funds and property are Church or Lyceum funds and property—earmarked for a special purpose.

(b) A class or classes, sufficient to cater for all who desire to sit at the examinations under the National Education Scheme, shall be held at least once a week—and lectures at least once a month.

(c) All Associates or Full members of the Church or Lyceum shall be entitled to attend the classes under the provisions of this Constitution (but Branch Committees may make local regulations limiting the dates beyond which new members will not be allowed to join classes preparing for any Grade examination). Also, earnest inquirers recommended by the Church or Lyceum Committee, and approved by the Branch Committee, may be invited to attend occasionally at the classes.

The Lectures should be thrown open to the public.

(d) Members of affiliated Churches or Lyceums in the District which do not provide educational classes, may attend the Branch classes if invited by the Branch Committee concerned.

(e) Where there are more than one Local Branch situated in any local area, clashing of efforts may be avoided by all the Local Branches combining for the purpose of each monthly lecture. The Branch in whose Hall (or locality) any such meeting is held shall make all necessary arrangements, in consultation with the other Branches—OR a Joint Committee, composed of the Chairman and Secretary of each Branch concerned, may be appointed to organise the meetings for any Winter (or other) Session.

In any such combined efforts, each Branch concerned shall pay an equal share of the authorised (or approved) expenses, and take an equal share of any profits.

NOTE.—Article 11 (b) of the College Constitution lays down that "All such arrangements must be submitted to the District Centre concerned (or in cases of dispute to the Governing Board) for approval, *before being put into operation*. Where there is no District Centre in being, all schemes must be submitted direct to the Governing Board, whether drawn up by a Local Branch or a combination of Local Branches,

(f) Each member of the Branch shall be supplied monthly with a copy of THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST and/or THE LYCEUM BANNER, in order that (s)he may be kept in touch with the educational work of the Organised Movement. These Journals shall be obtained by the Branch Treasurer, and sold or distributed to the Branch members (as the Branch Committee may see fit).

5. MANAGEMENT.

(a) The Branch Committee shall consist of not less than seven members elected annually by and from the Church or Lyceum concerned—of whom not less than half shall be students in the National Education Scheme—with the President and Secretary of the Church or the Conductor and Secretary of the Lyceum (if not already members of the Committee) as *ex officio* members.

In cases of maladministration by the Branch Committee, alleged and substantiated by the Branch members or students, the Committee may be dissolved by the Church or Lyceum, and a new Committee appointed.

(b) The Branch Committee shall appoint from its member, the following Officers—a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer

(c) Conductors of Church or Lyceum Circles, and Tutors of classes (if not already members of the Committee) may be invited to attend the Committee meetings, with power to speak but not to vote.

6. DUTIES OF OFFICE-HOLDERS.

(a) The Branch Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Branch at which he is present. In his absence a temporary chairman shall be appointed by the members present. He shall countersign all reports, and his signature to the Minutes of any meeting shall be evidence that they are a true and impartial record of the proceedings. It will be his special duty to maintain harmonious relations between all Classes, Groups and Efforts. He shall see that all the educational activities of the Branch are carried on with the greatest possible efficiency and benefit to all concerned, and devote all his energies to prevent or remove friction. He shall be responsible to the Church or Lyceum for the successful working of the Branch.

(b) The Branch Secretary shall take the Minutes of meetings; keep a roll of Classes and Students; engage Speakers, etc., selected by the Branch Committee; and prepare and despatch all reports. He shall also collect the entries of all students taking the Advanced Scheme Examinations (Entrance Examination to Final Grade) and see that they are forwarded, at the proper time and with the proper fee, to the Spiritualists' National Union Education Secretary. He shall forward to the College Secretary a quarterly report of all work done or being done, not later than the tenth day of January, April, July and October; and a copy thereof to the Church or Lyceum Secretary, for consideration by the General Committee.

(c) The Branch Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys, and render an account (audited by two members of the Branch who do not hold any office in the Branch) to the Annual meetings of the Branch and the Church or Lyceum. For disbursements he shall act at all times on the instructions of the Branch Committee. Accounts of One Pound (£1) and over shall not be paid by him until they have been signed by the Branch Chairman and Secretary.

(d) The Branch Committee shall meet at such times and places as it may deem necessary for the proper transaction of Branch business—but not less often than once in every two months, and never on the evenings set apart for classes or lectures. Its main duties shall be to arrange class nights and provide class-"rooms"; appoint or approve tutors; draw up Syllabuses or plans of work (where the official Plans of the Joint Education Committee are not considered practicable); arrange series of lectures and select speakers and lecturers; and, in general, put into operation all instructions received from the Branch General Meeting(s).

7. FINANCE.

(a) All Full and Associate members of the Church or Lyceum may become Branch members by requesting the Branch Secretary (in writing) to place their names on the Branch Roll. Each member so enrolled shall pay to the Branch Treasurer a membership subscription of THREEPENCE per week, or such larger sum as may be agreed to—payment to continue during such time as the educational classes and lectures are being held.

(b) Inquirers invited to attend the classes may be allowed to attend on the same financial terms as Branch members—or special terms may be arranged, at the discretion of the Branch Committee.

(c) The Treasurer shall pay from the Branch funds the expenses of all classes or lectures, and receive all income derived from these efforts. He shall also pay the Examination Fees of all Branch members entering for the National Education Scheme examinations, and defray any incidental expenses arising from the holding of these examinations.

(d) Any balance remaining at the end of the financial year may be devoted to providing text-books for any would-be students who are unable to afford them; building up a Branch Library of books providing a wider course of reading on the subjects being studied—or to any purely educational purpose on which the Branch Annual Meeting may decide.

(e) Should the Branch for any reason be dissolved, any cash remaining after all just debts are paid shall be handed to the Church or Lyceum Treasurer, to be held over for future educational work. The Branch Library, if in being, shall be held under the same conditions by the Church or Lyceum Committee.

8. MEETINGS, CLASS-WORK, ETC.

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Branch shall be held as soon as can be arranged after the announcement of the Examination Results. A Branch General Meeting should be held not less than a fortnight before the opening of each Winter Session, for the discussion of Session Plans, nomination of Classes and Tutors, etc. Other General Meetings may be called, if and when required, by the Branch Committee.

(b) A class or classes shall be held every evening, from the month of till the month of (inclusive). Tutors and students are requested to be in attendance each class night at such time as to allow a prompt start at p.m.

At the first class meeting in each Session, the Branch Committee shall announce its arrangements for the coming period.

(c) At the request of Branch members who do not wish to enter for the examinations, but desire to study some book or books in the Syllabuses, a class shall be established under a competent Leader appointed by the Branch Committee.

9. ELIGIBLE AND NON-ELIGIBLE BODIES.

To be eligible for registration as a Local Branch of the College; a Church or Lyceum

(a) Must be in affiliation and good financial standing with the Spiritualists' National Union, Ltd., or the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

AND

(b) Must have at least TEN members who have sat at the Annual Examinations (in the year in which application is made) in any or all of the Grades of the National Education Scheme (Oral Grade to Final Grade).

Registration is for a year—from Whitsun to Whitsun.

Churches and Lyceums not yet eligible for registration, but anxious to work for the Scheme, may establish "Education Sections" and appoint Education Committees to carry on the foregoing activities. But these Education Committees must not be called Branch Committees until the Church or Lyceum becomes registered as a Local Branch.

A. T. CONNOR, College Secretary.



My dear Kiddies,

Here we are again! This month we are going to learn the solution of one or two problems which have puzzled many of us when we have made our annual trip to the seaside. We have asked the question many times to ourselves, "Why is the sea never still?" Of course, there are times when the sea is nearly still, when there is hardly a ripple on the ocean, though no doubt when it looks like glass, there are waves in it that are too small for us to see. But the sea is almost always moving,

even so much that our eyes CAN see it, simply because the air above it is moving. It is the wind that makes the waves.

If there were no wind at all, the sea would slowly swell up and fall again, owing to the tides made by the moon; but it would do this very quietly, so that if you just looked at it casually you would notice nothing. Still, the waves you are thinking of, when you ask this question, are really made by the wind.

Now kiddies, it is true that the sea may have great waves when there is no wind, but those waves were raised by the wind at a spot some distance away, and have travelled towards us where we see them.

A very short distance below the surface the sea is quite quiet; and always remember, that there is no such thing as "waves mountains high." If you could see a few feet below the water, during a fierce storm, you would find it quite calm. This is because the waves are made by the movement of the air, and the effect of that cannot reach very far down into the sea.

HOBBIES.

Every Guildite must have a hobby of some description, whether it be woodwork, football, or any kind of sport, shorthand, or learning Esperanto or some foreign language. Here is something which every Guildite can make quite easily,—a hammock, suitable for your Mother, Sister or for Father or Brother. Now is the time for hammocks, and here is one which will cost you very little. All you need is an old apple barrel and some rope, plus also the tools you will need. Take off the hoops of the barrel, draw the nails out, then measure three inches from bottom and three inches from top of the barrel, and at each point draw a line right round the tub. On each section, at the line, bore two holes, after which thread a rope, a strong one, through these holes. You will leave about an inch between each stave, and the result will be a ladder-like arrangement, which hung between two trees, and padded with cushions, will make an excellent hammock. Just try it kiddies, it's quite easy.

Next month another useful article to make will be explained, and also a picture shewn to give you a better idea how to make it.

PLEASE NOTE.

I am anxious to hear from all Guildites interested in Shorthand and Esperanto, but please enclose stamped addressed envelope.

THANKS.

To all who have forwarded such nice letters during the past month, most of which have been replied to. Margery Hoxton will have received her gift. Miss Williams will hear from me on June 9th.

GOOD NEWS FOR GUILDITES

By kind permission of our good friend "Toby," a series of instructive articles will be commenced next month in this page. Be sure to order your copy early. These articles will be fully illustrated by pictures and drawings. How to make "useful presents" will also be a special feature on our page, these also to be explained by drawings. Later, you may have an opportunity of winning a "Kiddies' Corner" prize by working out a cross-word puzzle, so kiddies, get your dictionaries ready.

TOBY BOOKS.

To those who have not yet read this interesting and instructive book—a copy will be sent to any Guildite who sends one penny (1d.) cost of postage to The Guild Imp, 8, Tudor Road, St. Annes-on-Sea. Kind regards to all who have sent along their sincere wishes for the success of our "Kiddies' Corner." Cheerio, kiddies, until next month.

Yours lovingly,

8, Tudor Road,
St. Annes-on-Sea.

THE GUILD IMP.

N.B.—Please note new Address.

LINCOLN, Coultham Street.—Open Session, May 1st. Conductor, Mr. Raspin. Good attendance of members and friends. The children gave a good programme, consisting of pearls, recitations and songs.

On Wednesday, May 18th, the Conductor presented the certificates to the three successful candidates in the examination, and also explained to the friends present the value of Lyceum training.—N. Willey, Sec.

THE LYCEUM BANNER:

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A Better Race shall Dawn.

This issue of the *Lyceum Banner* is due to be issued to Lyceums on the day when the Annual Conference is taking place. To those Lyceumists who cannot be present we offer our best thoughts in the hope there will be a mental response to our call for the highest inspiration to guide the deliberations.

We are moulding the Constitution to our will. There is a common desire to accomplish the existence of the best machinery for our growth and the propagation of our principles.

The founder of the movement is in the land of shades, but glimpses of the brighter world are being envisaged as we gradually discover it is we who are this side of eternity who have made things shady and unseen. We read of native races where it is common practice to talk with those in the higher life. Davis has truly written "There are voices from the Spirit-land which sound, to the inhabitants of earth, like the revelations of fancy; but the time will come—it is dawning on the world—when men shall hear these voices, and comprehend the mighty truths their tones impart."

As we grow nearer to the spirit people we find "Truth respondeth to truth—love to love—and soul answereth to soul." There is a language of the heart, based on emotion, that goes beyond the physical sphere of things and we learn the basis of inspiration may be the dawning of our own spiritual consciousness or the infusion of some spirit being outside of ourselves.

Beyond the mirage of hallucination there is a real oasis of generative thought which receives its impetus from the dawn of a spiritual conscience and links up with the eternal verities of life—unfolding and demonstrative to that aspect of human nature which depends on a law of association with higher precepts and metapsychical conditions.

The law of telepathy may be termed the base and foundation of passing thought from mind to mind which goes round the world and into the higher realms, until we intuitively feel we are touching the fringe of heavenly forces. We gain some of the cadence and harmony which prevails "over there," and, having crossed the river that metaphorically divides the living from the "dead" we are finding it is the "dead" who are really most alive.

As we can occasionally wander beyond the world of time into the realms of spirit, so do we find that those in the world beyond this may make the return journey to visit us in the home, the Lyceums, and the Conference too.

And so we hail in our midst those who are interested and can inspire us with the same earnest enthusiasm which our pioneers used to bring our blessed movement into being.

Out of the goodness of an all sustaining Spirit we shall gain wisdom and revelations of real forces. Times are changing, and with the newer growth we need the real vision and guidance to shape our destiny aright that we may quickly come into larger joys.

May the best and truest inspiration guide our decisions, and all be happy in the common task we have chosen to place upon

ourselves to help in the emancipation of the race, founded on moral and religious precepts which the purer minds of spirit beings have been able to unfold for us.

There is a Manual reading which says "I live for those who love me and those who know me true."

Here is an expression of harmony, displayed by love and truth, infusing the strength of confidence and built on trust. We see in such things the foundation of the moral law which turns man into a social animal and raises him above the brutes, and in this change we describe man as human.

There has grown in humanity, and out of it too, a larger vision than a material universe and we see each other, not only face to face, but soul to soul.

Personality is merged into the commonweal and we feel the sufferings and joys of each other. Sympathy is born, sacrifice becomes a desire and we find we have gained by giving. Service is our form of liberty and we become helpers in a common cause.

There is a supreme joy in vibrating consciously to the desires of those around us and thus our leaders are born. Stage by stage we reveal ourselves until we feel "All are but parts of one stupendous whole, whose body nature is and God the soul."

There is a mighty tide of being flows through countless ages back to us and we realise we are the composite embodiments of the unfolding generation. We are in the plan of being and may consciously realise that even death opens the door to a larger world than this, with enhanced powers. Our friends have made the spirit world as natural to us as is this world we know so well.

Looking into the inner side of things we find our Lyceums and Annual Conferences give us the opportunities for deeper and closer contact with the dynamic forces. We hope the 1927 Conference will have shaped a larger outlook and happier vision of difficulties to overcome, stability to maintain the powers we have, and unfold into a greater consciousness that shall bring us nearer to the wisdom essential for spiritual progress.

Our greatest thoughts and best attention must be rooted in the child, for his love of life and home and friends must find a response in the Lyceums and then we can be satisfied that our labours have born good fruit and satisfied the needs of youth to have expansion for his dreams and true desires.

The loftier race, the nobler mind, and spiritual men will be the award of our endeavours.

We shall move from the cycles of time and soar to the realms of spirit knowing the world is better for our toil. Through age clasping the hand of youth we may see the fulfilment of life's long dream.

G. F. KNOTT.

£2,000 Effort Report.

Dear Lyceumists,

For the interim report to Conference I have one donation of 11/- from Mrs. Raymond, of Bootle, which she has obtained by use of the collecting cards. On behalf of the Union I tender to her our grateful thanks for the trouble she has taken.

The collecting cards are an easy way of each Lyceum raising its quota. All that is required is for one individual in a Lyceum to take charge of the cards and then for willing Lyceumists to take out the cards from that individual, and, either by asking others or paying to the card one penny per week, (and making a little prick in each square for each penny) to do their little bit towards raising the amount we require.

After the Conference at Whitsuntide I am really hoping that Lyceumists generally will try to devote their time and energy to pushing the effort so that at next Conference in 1928 we can say the amount has been realised. Don't you all think it is time it was? I do, and know there are others who think the same. Now then, who will be the first to begin the great push, which has a real good end in view? I wonder sometimes how many Lyceumists and others read the reports each month. Do let us put some real energy into this effort, and make a great finish of it.

Yours fraternally,

29, Kliffen Place,
Coronation Road,
Halifax.

W. BURROWS,
Hon. Sec., £2,000 Effort.

The Ecclesiastical World still in Dense Darkness.

BLIND TO THE SAVIOUR—WISDOM—AND OBSESSED
BY HUSKS AND TRADITIONS AND OUTWARD SHOWS.
CAUSES AND EFFECTS INDISSOLUBLY UNITED, AND
SPIRITUAL CULTURE MUST BE PERSUED AS A FINE
ART.

By JOHN RUTHERFORD, Roker-by-the-Sea.

It is a simple truth, and easily understood by our Lyceumists, that death is not final. The poets have an intuition of this, while the scientists are somewhat sceptical and desire to see a solid foundation for the belief. An American poet, James Herbert Moore, beautifully says—

“Let the dream live on, the mortal die,—
The vision thine, the costly form decay,—
The beauty old and cold all pass away,
The spirit higher and higher, in fire uprolled,
Wrap tower and spire and battlement on high
And earth and sky, so that it ne'er grow old.”

Spiritualism has, as my readers know, developed through the trumpet stronger evidences for survival. The chronic sceptic has failed to plant the “Sub-conscious” in the trumpet. Priestly religions have never taken the trouble to make men understand the practical conditions of life. It has not unfolded to them the constitution of the world, or taught them how to live on rational principles. Traditional churchism has not given instruction in the economies by which people are enabled to make the best of the world as a world, but has rather taught them how they are to get happily out of it. Multitudes thus who need direction most—hopeless, helpless people—find themselves plunged into an unbelief. And by playing incessantly upon hopes and fears, heightening them in the most extravagant manner, it has been steadily undermining the foundations of morality. The modern working man may say: “Brethren, the time is short, we must therefore be careful, since there is no to-morrow after to-day.” Spiritualism is the great enlightener—the great consoler. It teaches us to multiply and augment our intellectual resources, to strengthen our hearts, make ourselves equal to the occasion, and the occasion will be less than we are, will be tributary. Life is a battle. It is only by fighting that we acquire the power to fight. The God power is within us, and we must rely on it. Our Seer, A. J. Davis, holds the same view. In his little book, “The Fountain with Jets of New Meanings,” he says: “Ideas and indestructible principles, and not the wonders of communications with persons residing beyond the tomb, are the seed-causes of progress and reconstruction. The eternal Truth, as it is revealed through the beautiful mediums of Love and Justice, is the only everlasting standard. Religion is true and undefiled when it is absolutely free—independent of dogmatic theology on the one hand, and free of fleeting marvels and superstition on the other—free as immortal love and truth are free, a power of eternal Good and Right in the indestructible constitution of the Spirit and removing error and distributing justice throughout the world.” Our redeemer is Wisdom, but the Ecclesiastical world holds that we are “saved” by outward ceremonies—church-going, sacraments, masses, etc. The Rev. Mr. Littledales has, in a little book, published by the “Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge,” shown reasons why individuals should not join the Roman Catholic Church. He gives a curious case where the Parisian clergy, who contracted to say some couple of hundred thousand “Requiem Masses” for the departed, found that the masses could not be got through, and farmed a large proportion of them through a “middleman” to country priests. It was proved by a couple of law suits that the agent simply pocketed the money! and no masses were performed. These masses may be very artistic, but one fails to see how they can rejuvenate dilapidated souls. The scientific method compels us to look at things as they are, to put cause and effect together where they belong, and to classify things according to their constitution and relations. The scientific method is adapted to the understanding. It bids us consult visible facts and study palpable realities. We need also the poetic sense. Whitman, the American poet, expresses this truth finely:

There is that in me—I do not know what it is—but I know it is
in me.

I do not know it—it is without name—it is a word unsaid.
It is not in any dictionary, utterance, symbol.
Something it swings on more than the earth I swing on,

To it the Creation is the friend whose embracing awakes me.
Perhaps I might tell more. Outlines! I plead for my brothers
and sisters.

Do you see O my brothers and sisters?

It is not chaos or death—it is form, union, plan—it is *eternal*
life—it is *Happiness*.”

Manual Revision Notes.

The work of revision goes steadily on, and contributions are being steadily received. The process of building up the new “Manual” will not begin until the present compilation has been thoroughly examined, and the Committee’s recommendations accepted by the Movement; but it is not too early to send in pieces of poetry thought to be suitable for Silver Chains or as the basis of Musical Readings. The Editor has kindly consented to reserve a column each month for Revision matters, and I shall be very glad to receive and deal with any points of criticism or difficulty—it being always recognised that the opinions expressed are my own personal opinions and in no way binding on the Committee.

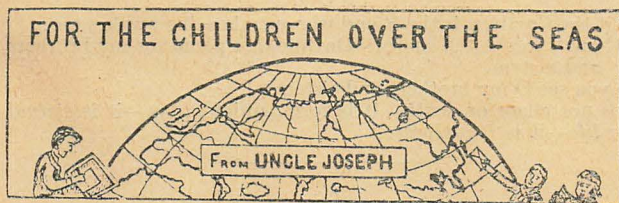
I have received a number of letters asking in what way G.C.R. 107 is contradictory to the teachings of modern science. The answer is that the Reading suggests that Life developed from the mineral through the vegetable to the animal and human phases. This is contradicted by our knowledge of present day Life-forms. Again, Life is likened to a pyramid, broad at the base and gradually tapering to a point; whereas modern biologists liken Life to a tree, which near its root branches into a double trunk, one trunk being plant life—which reaches its highest point in the composites (it is strange to think of the daisy as being higher in the scale of life than the giant pine)—and the other trunk branching out more and more until it reaches its present highest branch in Man. So the animal, in its development, evolves away from, and not through, the vegetable. The very lowest forms of life partake of the nature of both plants and animals; and evolution would seem to have resulted in some forms developing their plant-life properties at the expense of the animal properties, and others doing the opposite. The recent discovery that plants have a nervous system seems to bring the two trunks nearer than had been thought. Lyceumists wishing for a clear and simple description of the evolution of plant life should read Miss Lawton’s little book on “Baby Plants and how they are born” which may be obtained for 7d. post free from the Education Secretary; and a helpful basis for the study of animal and human evolution will be found in H. G. Wells’ “Outline of History” and the “Outline of Science.”

It may be denied that the above interpretation of G.C.R. 107 is the correct one. But this is the interpretation placed on it by the author of the article on “Pyramid” in the present edition of “Helps to the Study of the Lyceum Manual.” He says: “This latent energy in the Mineral Kingdom manifests itself first in the lowest forms of the Vegetable Kingdom, and gradually works its way through the higher forms or grades of the Vegetable Kingdom till it overlaps and merges into the lowest grades of the Animal Kingdom, through which it gradually ascends, manifesting increasing powers and intelligence, till it reaches the Human Kingdom.” So both the G.C.R. and “Helps” are misleading in the light of present day biological investigation and discovery. And it was thought that a new Golden Chain, giving the results of this recent investigation and discovery, should be substituted for the present one, and, of course, that the article “Pyramid” should be amended.

Mrs. Lilian George and Miss Kirkham (both of Liverpool) have taken a consistent interest in the provision of a Children’s Section of the Manual, and Mrs. George has sent two contributions of poems suitable as Readings for the younger children, who nowadays have not a very enjoyable time at most Sessions. My own little girl of six says she dislikes the Lyceum because she cannot sing the songs. But neither can she join in the Readings, and it seems rather unreasonable to expect her to be willing to attend. I think it is time that some real attempt was made to cater for these little minds, and it is to be hoped that the recent discussion of this subject at the United Districts Council will arouse a constructive interest in the Districts.

In subsequent issues, after next month, I shall give selections from the poems, etc., submitted, and hope that this will encourage others to send in their favourites. In all cases the name of the author and the publisher, and the date of publication, should be given.

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



ABOUT COURIERS.

Dear Children,

Do you know what a courier is? Well, a courier is a very important personage indeed. He generally goes along in advance of a traveller, preparing the way and making things smooth for people. On the Continent, especially, these couriers are very useful, getting passports, booking rooms, and doing the thousand and one things which are necessary to someone's comfort, and as soon as they have made arrangements for one day's travel, away they go again in advance and make things easy for another stage of the journey.

That is one kind of courier. There is another kind called the King's courier, and I am sure all boys would like to be one of these, for everyone has to make way for the King's courier; he is always on very urgent business indeed, and everybody has to do all they can to help him along. He is carrying messages of great urgency.

Yes, but what has that got to do with us? Aha, that is the question I was waiting for.

We are couriers, aren't we? Certainly, for we are engaged on a very vital business indeed. We are conveying greetings and love to people who live a long way from us.

Yes, I think that makes us couriers, for we are doing our very best to make things easy for other people, making new chums in distant lands; and in doing this who knows what help we are giving to people who will come after us?

What a magnitude our corner can grow to. It takes us back to our building, and thus does each succeeding month link itself to the one that has passed. Each little letter, each friendly greeting is putting another portion to our house, so that in sending these cheery messages we are helping ourselves as well as others.

You remember I told you at the beginning that our work was like a big race, with a hurdle at each month end. Well, here we are ready to jump over the sixth hurdle; nearly half-way through one year, so we can afford to look for one moment at what we have done.

Well, first of all we have got in touch with quite a lot of interesting people, and many letters have brought forth answers from beyond the seas, full of loving thoughts, and I know by that that some of us at any rate are well established and industriously paving the way for more work, and willing to do it, which is what we want, isn't it?

Now, before I forget, let me tell you of the activities in two home Lyceums. One has formed a League and have pledged themselves to do a good deed every day, like the boy scouts. They have also made themselves a badge and have promised to wear it every day.

Another Lyceum, or at least part of it, have formed something similar, but only the smaller children, and they write to one of my fairies every month or so, and between one and another we have some real fun writing and receiving letters.

Dear me, when we talk about Leagues and patrols, it really seems as if we were taking our ideas from other people, but imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and if it helps us in our work and does not make us neglect other people, then it is all to the good, as our Scots friends would say. By the way, Scotland is still backward at coming forward. We do want some of our friends from the other side of the border, so do please get your thinking caps on, forget your shyness and join in our band of workers. I know quite a lot of people far away who would be glad to see some of their native "accent" written down on paper, so see to it, Scotland, that your part is well borne.

But that is getting a little way from what we were talking about, and we must get back.

You will find an interesting article on Calgary in the next issue of our paper, and we shall probably have something to say of our other Dominion cities in further issues, if our Editor is kind and can spare the space, but I want to quote from a letter I have received from Miss Webb, of Wellington, and is "very well, thank you," and carrying on the good work

amongst others in that "jewel by the sea," but let Miss Webb speak in her own words.

"The Lyceum Movement in New Zealand is not by any means so strong as it is in England. This is caused mainly through the fact that Spiritualism is in its infancy in the colonies. People do not mind what Sunday School their children attend, so long as they attend one!

Then again, the weather is against the building up of large Lyceums. In the summer the weather is so warm and the sunshine so pleasant that young and old people prefer to go picnicing rather than staying inside. The native bush is so wonderful in New Zealand that picnics are indulged in by every one, and people also flock to the beaches, for swimming is a favourable pastime.

Wellington is a very compact city, backed up by very high hills, and consequently the wind is so bad that they call the place Windy Wellington. There is a beautiful harbour, of which the Wellington people are very proud, and when the sun shines on the water it makes a magnificent sight. There are a lot of magnificent buildings, but not so many as other cities in the Dominion, as Wellington stands on ground reclaimed from the sea, and as a consequence substantial foundations cannot be put in."

Miss Webb promises to write some more information some time, but we have a lot to go on with. First of all, children, you can do your part very well in sending your letters to people in New Zealand, and gradually their children will want to go to the Lyceums no matter how nice the sun is shining, so that they can receive your letters. You see how much you couriers are necessary. Also, if you go picnicing, see that it is not on Lyceum day, unless you take your Lyceum with you. It would be fine fun having a Lyceum out in the open air some time, with the sun shining and plenty of room for the marching and callisthenics, and also plenty of space to let our songs go lustily out.

Now then, you people who are writing to Wellington, there is something to go on with. Tell your new chums that they must find some more new chums, and we will find some new chums here, and make a big band, and do our best to make our Lyceums strong in New Zealand; yes, don't forget that, you belong to your new chum's Lyceum, and your new chum belongs to yours, for you adopt one another. Uncle Joseph belongs to a lot now.

Before I forget, I am sorry if some of you haven't had replies yet, but I am doing all I can to hurry people up, and if those who are still waiting will let me know I will do my best to set matters straight or else make a fresh link. Now Overseas, please help us to help you.

To Yorkshire Lyceums I have a very interesting tit-bit indeed. I sent a fairy with a message to Akron, Ohio, and I found an old Yorkshireman there, Mr. J. W. Parker, who will be well remembered in Bradford, Leeds, Scarborough, and many places besides. He sends such a message of love and cheer to all of us over here, and he wants to see our little corner increasing because he says it will really help over in America. There you see what our couriers are at. They have unearthed a very old worker; not too old to be still hard at it, though, so I have sent him a cheer back again in the name of the Josephites, and if any one in Yorkshire would like to get in touch with Mr. Parker we have his address. I daresay he would welcome some letters from some of you.

We have had some really splendid and encouraging letters from California, Los Angeles in particular, and they are watching our work with interest. You know, they have many Lyceums there, and some day soon we are going to try to make a very strong link there. It is coming, and we shall soon be having more and more letters to write over there, but I suppose we can say the more the merrier.

Now I suppose it is time to bring our letter to a close, and so I will just ask you to remember one or two little things.

1. The two minutes or so of remembrance for other Lyceums, both near and far.
2. Don't forget to reply as soon as you get your letter, and send another letter a few weeks after the first.
3. Do a deed of loving kindness wherever and whenever you can.
4. Work hard in your Lyceum, and do all your work with a will and cheerfully
5. Don't forget the many little things you have to do for our paper.

Yours lovingly,
"UNCLE JOSEPH."

West of Scotland Lyceum Workers' Guild.

On Sunday, May 1st, a meeting was held in the rooms of the Scottish Mediums' Lyceum, 100 West Regent St., Glasgow, for the formation of the Guild. Those present were Miss H. Cleland, Chairman, and Mr. J. Shaw, Sec. and Treasurer who were appointed at the last meeting of the S.L.D.C. in Glasgow, also Miss N. Moore, Glasgow Association, Mrs. Hastie, S.M.U., Mrs. Prior, Southern, Mrs. Menzies, Henrietta St., Mr. W. Gow, Broadway Dalmeir, Mr. Stuart McDowall, Dalmeir, No. 1, Mr. Robertson, Northern, while Govan Lyceum were represented by Mr. Shaw, Sec. Mr. C. Rankine, D.V., was also present.

Two names were suggested: that we call the Guild "The Lyceum Workers' Guild." That we call it the "West of Scotland Lyceum Workers' Guild." After discussion the latter name was decided upon.

The various sections of the proposed constitution put forward by Miss Cleland were then taken item by item, and agreed to unanimously.

Finance. It was decided that the fee for membership be two shillings per Lyceum per annum.

Miss Cleland intimated that the S.M.U. through Mr. Graham, were willing to let us have a room in West Regent Street on Sunday afternoons for meetings of the Guild, and that later Rallies might be arranged with the S.M.U. on a fifty-fifty basis.

It was agreed that the financial year of the Guild should begin on the 1st May each year.

Activities. The question of further activities was left over until after the Cruise. Mr. Rankine appealed for the Cruise to be "pushed." A Field Day is to be arranged, to be held at the end of August.

Monthly Rambles, under the leadership of Mr. Rankin and Mr. Robertson are to be arranged. Collection will be taken on the Rambles for the expense of tea.

It was agreed to hold a ramble on 25th June to Fereneze Braes. Lyceumists to meet at Paisley Cross at 3.30 p.m.

The Field Day will be held on August 20th at Hogganfield, or Corporation Water Dept. enclosure, Auchenshuggle direction.

The Arrangements for the September ramble were left over until the meeting on June 12th at 1-0 p.m. in West Regent St.

Thanks were recorded to the S.M.U. for their kindness in granting the use of their hall for the meeting.

WEST OF SCOTLAND LYCEUM WORKERS' GUILD. CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.

The name of this Guild shall be "The West of Scotland Lyceum Workers' Guild."

Article 2.

Objects. (1) A co-operative educational effort to bring the workers of the Lyceum movement together for STUDY and DISCUSSION on matters pertaining to Lyceumism and to encourage the youth of the movement to become efficient officers.

To act as a centre from which assistance can be given to Lyceums in the district who may require trained officers. Also to gather in district news and distribute information to the various Lyceums so that the whole can act as one on occasions such as Open Session Rallies, etc.

(2) A creative recreational effort to give mental and physical health, thus carrying out our ideal of a healthy mind in a healthy body.

Under this would come the social element also.

(1b) A system of interchange of Conductors (or other officers) to be established. To create a more harmonious co-operative spirit between Lyceums in the district.

Article 3.

Membership. Any Lyceum in the West of Scotland, whether affiliated to the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union or not shall be entitled to membership of the Guild, provided that it instructs the Guild Secretary in writing to place its name on the roll, and declares its assent to this Constitution.

Article 4.

Representation. Each Lyceum in membership shall be entitled to one Lyceumist as their representative on the Guild Committee, such representative to be appointed annually from and by the Lyceum on whose roll his or her name appears, and who has made not less than twenty attendances during the year in his or her own Lyceum; also at some period of his or her membership have been an officer.

Article 5.

Officers. At each A.G.M. of the S.L.D.C. the Chairman and Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from the delegates or Associates present. The Western D.V. shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Committee, and shall act as Chairman in the absence of the appointed Chairman. Representatives from unaffiliated Lyceums cannot be elected as Office-bearers.

Article 6.

Business. Special business shall be introduced by motion only, written notice of which shall be sent to the Guild Secretary fourteen days before the date of meeting at which it is to be considered, and the secretary shall intimate such notices to the Lyceum representatives.

Ordinary business may be introduced without notice, at the discretion of the Guild Committee.

In the event of a question arising requiring immediate attention, and before a Committee meeting could be called, the decision of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and District Visitor shall be accepted.

Article 7.

Finance. The finances of the Council (or Guild) shall be derived from:—

- (a) membership subscriptions from Lyceums.
- (b) Collections at Guild Rallies, etc.
- (c) Voluntary contributions and collections.
- (d) Such other means as the Guild may deem desirable and expedient.

Article 8.

Duties of Officers. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Guild. The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence, keep the minutes and perform such duties as usually belong to that office. The Treasurer shall receive and expend all monies and keep a proper account of same, and present to each Guild Committee meeting a report of the financial position.

Article 9.

Auditors. Two Auditors shall be elected annually from the members of the Committee, to audit the accounts and books, and present a report of same at the Annual Meeting of the S.L.D.C.

Article 10.

Order of Business.

1. Opening exercises.
2. Pro. tem. appointments (if necessary).
3. Minutes of last meeting.
4. Correspondence.
5. Financial report.
6. Activities report.
7. Motions.
8. General business.
9. Closing exercises.

Our Lyceum Guild.

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

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

1. On 16th April, 1920, the first member was enrolled. On 16th April, 1927, our membership totalled 2,006, representing 140 Lyceums.

2. Our list of members includes:—The officers of the B.S.L.U., most Area Representatives, the Trustees of the B.S.L.U., the members of the Education Committee, and the Manual Committee, the officers of the U.D.C., several prominent S.N.U. workers, most Examiners under the Education Scheme, and well-known district and local workers for Lyceumism.

TO BECOME A MEMBER.

A. FULL MEMBERS.

Any Lyceumist who is ten years of age or older (there is no maximum age) can become a member by filling in an application form, and forwarding it with the entrance fee of one shilling, to the Leader. In return will be sent the certificate of membership and ribbon-badge, along with literature about the work.

B. JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Children under ten can enrol as Junior Members by sending in the Junior's Application Form (filled in) and threepence. They

receive a ribbon-badge, but no certificate. When ten, they apply for full membership in the usual way. (See previous paragraph).

OUR AIMS.

- (1) To be progressive.
- (2) To develop ourselves (A) physically; (B) mentally; (C) psychically; (D) spiritually.

GUILD BADGES.

The Guild badges (made of ribbon) are of *seven different colours*, each one representing a definite status of the member in the *Educatoin Scheme*.

A member who has passed Grade V wears a WHITE badge.

"	"	"	"	IV	"	an ORANGE	"
"	"	"	"	III	"	GREEN	"
"	"	"	"	II	"	VIOLET	"
"	"	"	"	I	"	BLUE	"
"	"	"	"	Oral Grade	"	PINK	"

A member who has not yet passed any grade wears a RED badge, and is called a Probationer.

PROMOTION BADGES.

Therefore as a member passes a higher Grade in the Scheme, (s)he becomes entitled to promotion in the Guild, and is entitled to a new badge.

Many Guild members are now entitled to promotion-badges, and have received forms on which to apply for them. This a number have already done; and we hope the rest will send for their new badges at an early date.

If you have mislaid your form, or have not received one, then on a piece of paper write:—(i) name (in full) (ii) Guild number, (iii) Lyceum, (iv) Grade just passed, (v) Marks, (vi) Class, (vii) Address. (If you have won an Essay Badge, also give (viii) how many times and year(s).)

Enclose 3d. in stamps for the new badge, and a stamped, addressed envelope, and post to:—

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

Tommy, the Bootblack.

AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY.

By FLORENCE MORSE.

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Part III.—THE LAND OF FLOWERS (*Continued.*)

After a long peaceful sleep, Tommy wakened to find a boy about his own age standing by the couch looking at him, waiting patiently for him to open his eyes.

"You've had a good sleep," he remarked, as Tommy looked at him, "would you like to come out with me? I'm going on the lake to get some lilies for the teacher. I'll take you if you like!"

"May I?"

"Yes."

So the two boys started away side by side, Tommy all eager curiosity; his companion ready to answer his questions to the best of his ability.

They soon reached the lake. How bright it looked in the clear sunlight, ever so much nicer than the water Tommy had been accustomed to.

"Can I go in?"

"In the lake? Yes, if you want to; I'll come too."

In they both went, tumbling about, laughing and shouting with pleasure, but although the lake looked and felt like water, it puzzled Tommy, for it did not make him wet, as directly he left it he was dry.

"That's funny water," he exclaimed, as he sat down on the grass on the lake shore, "soon as I git out of it my clothes is dry. Why's that?"

"I don't understand it myself," answered his companion slowly, "perhaps it is because it's spiritual, but you are wet when you're in it."

"Oh, look, there's swans, ever an' ever so many. They're coming over 'ere. Are they tame? Can yer touch 'em?"

"All the birds are tame here. There is no need for fear; love is the only law. You will soon learn to understand and obey it."

Both boys turned at the sound of a voice, to see a man standing behind them. He was tall and powerful, dark-eyed, dark-haired, with an expression of wonderful kindness, and his voice was very pleasant to listen to.

"If you would like to come with me, I will take you in my boat. Will you come, Harold?"

A small boat lay on the water. Into this Harold and Tommy jumped, followed by their new friend, who seated himself in the stern and carefully steered towards the middle of the lake. To Tommy, who had never, during his short life on earth, been in a boat, it was delightful. The little boat, with its white sail set, seemed to almost dance along, so quickly it went. The seats on which they sat were covered with soft cushions, and their feet rested on a pretty rug.

Soon they reached a part of the lake covered thickly with pure white water lilies. Harold gathered a large bunch and laid them in the boat.

"Do yer think she would take them if I got them?" asked Tommy anxiously.

"Yes, I know she would. The 'teacher' always takes the flowers we bring; she likes them. She knows when we take them to her that we love her," answered Harold.

"Ain't she a kind lady to let a lot of children come an' live in her house?"

"Yes, but she says she loves us all, and that it is her work to take care of us."

Time, as we count it, sped on. Tommy, in that beautiful land, where, for little children, love and kindness and gentle wise teaching is the only law, rapidly developed into a bright and happy little spirit. The memory of his brief, hard life here no longer constantly troubled him. He learned to realize and appreciate the beauty of his surroundings. Jennie was his almost constant companion, for true friendship is not broken by death, and Tommy and Jennie loved each other as though they had really been brother and sister.

"Jennie, wouldn't you like to see your mother?"

"Yes, Tommy, very, very much."

"Can't you an' I go?"

"I'll ask the 'teacher' to take us."

"Yes, I will take you, but although *we* may go and see her, she may not, perhaps, see *us*."

Giving a hand to each child, she led them gently along, past the pretty lake, stopping once to gather some fruit from one of the trees, on through the sunny meadows until they came to a wide smooth roadway that stretched far into the distance. Many people passed them now, some going, some coming.

"This is one of the ways that lead to earth, I will go with you now, and when you again wish to visit your mother, Jennie, I will come to show you the way, but I want you to learn the way yourself, then you will be able to visit her frequently."

"Do you think when we have been to see her we could find Jimmie? I know he's lonely. He wasn't so big or strong as me."

"We will try, Tommy."

"Ain't it funny! I believe them people can't see us," exclaimed Tommy, as he sprang out of the way of a rather cross-looking old gentleman.

"No, they cannot, you forget that we are spirits and quite invisible to them. There are some who can see us."

"Are we what people call ghosts?"

"Yes, but we are very different from the idea people have of what a ghost is."

On they went through the busy familiar streets, until at last they found themselves in the well-remembered room, where Tommy had said goodbye to his little friend.

Mrs. Barnes was sitting by the fire, busily sewing, pausing now and again to look at a tiny baby who slept peacefully in the cradle by her side.

"Oh! Tommy, see, there is a baby!" cried Jennie, running to its side. Then—

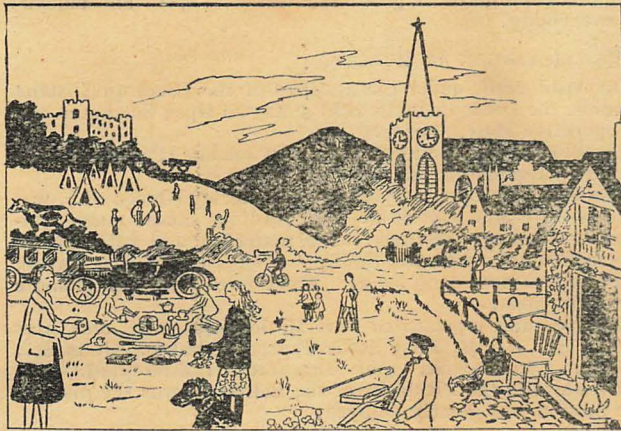
"Mother, mother dear, I am here, Jennie. Can't you see me, mother, here by your side?"

Mrs. Barnes turned, "How foolish of me," she thought, "but I fancied I heard Jennie's voice. Why, what is that?" For at the head of the cradle was a soft light. It grew larger, brighter, till at last it opened, disclosing to her startled gaze, Jennie's smiling, happy face.

(*To be continued.*)

We regret that space will not allow the insertion of "The Story of Calgary," some D.V. Reports, and other interesting items.—(Ed.)

The Children's Puzzle.



The letter "C" can be found as the first letter in the names of many things in the picture. See how many you can find. Uncle Bert will be glad to know how many you have found. Clever conundrum catchers can change chances, cultivating cunning charms, carefully colouring costumes cleverly chalked.

S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in reporting the following income for January, viz.—Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, 5/-; Miss E. M. Redman, 5/-; Small Circle, Marsden, 8/-; E.T.B., per Two Worlds, £1 0s 0d.; Miss W.L.M., 10/-; Mr. G. Langham, New York, £2 10s. 0d.; Bristol, St. Paul's, Bishop St., 12/-; Quarmbury Church, 10/-; Hull, Holborn Hall, £1 1s. 0d.; Shipley Church, £2 0s. 0d.; Ilford Psychical Research Society, £2 2s. 0d.; Mr. A. Scott, Cardiff, 7/6; J. W. Hanson, 5/-; Sunderland, Derwent St., Collection and Donation Watchnight Service, £2 15s. 0d.; Total, £14 15s. 6.

February.—Snowflake, Cardiff, 5/-; Great Yarmouth Society, £1 1s. 0d.; In memory of a dear Wife and Son's Birthdays (G.H.), 10/-; Poulton le Fylde Society, result of draw at Whist Drive, £1 0s. 0d.; A grateful friend, 10/-; Mr. A. Scott, Cardiff, 7/6; Attercliffe Church, £5 5s. 0d.; Mr. Thompson, S. Africa, 8/8; Total, £9 7s. 2d.

March.—Southern Lyceum District Council, 10/-; Mr. E. Sims, 10/-; Hebden Bridge Association, £1 0s. 0d.; Wolverhampton, Drummond Street, £1 0s. 0d.; Mr. A. Scott, 7/6; Snowflake, Cardiff, 5/-; Leicester, Silver St., £1 10s. 0d.; Collyhurst Lyceum, Manchester Sportsman Service, Collection taken by Mr. E. W. Oaten, £1 1s. 0d.; Southern D.C. A.G.M., Tea Collection, £1 12s. 0d. Total £7 15s. 6d.

To all who have remembered the Fund the Committee tender their grateful thanks, and look forward to a continuation of your support, and so help to carry on the good work for the aged workers of our beloved Movement. Let us see to it that we as Lyceumists do our share towards this object, as our Motto should be, Help the Aged and Weaker Brethren.

All contributions gratefully received by

Mary L. Stair,
Hon. Secretary,
32b, North Street,
Keighley, Yorks.

District Visitors' Reports.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

Newton Heath, Allen Street, February 13th, 1927. 2-30, prompt start. 38 present, 5 late. Mental efficiency good, questions were answered in a most able manner by the conductor. Marching and callisthenics good. This Lyceum has a number of enthusiastic young workers to whom every praise is due.

Moston, Church Lane, February 27th, 1927. 10-30, prompt start. Good attendance, good explanations on the readings taken by adults. Recitations, girls 9, boys 4. Marching and callisthenics good. Good session throughout.

Higher Openshaw, Old Lane. February 27th, 1927. 2-30, late start. Larger gathering of Lyceumists and friends. Naming ceremony by the conductress. Good response to the readings. Recitations, girls 11, boys 8. Marching and callisthenics good. Great praise is due to the leaders; all being young children.

Eccles, Milton Hall, March 13th, 1927. 11 a.m., late start. Present 30. Good response to readings. Several recitations from the children. Marching good. Callisthenics fair. Great interest is taken in the children by the conductor. There seems to be a lack of adult members. The Lyceumist of to-day is the Spiritualist of to-morrow. Adult members rally round Eccles Lyceum. Remember: The Workers Win.

Harpurhey, Sharston Street, March 20th, 1927. 10-30, late start. Good response to the reading, recitations and solos. Marching good. Callisthenics good. There is great improvement in this Lyceum, and I hope they will continue the same.

Local Board, Openshaw, March 27th, 1927. 2-30, late start. Mental efficiency fair, good response to recitations by the children. Marching fair. Callisthenics only fair.

Markell Street, Ardwick, April 3rd, 1927. 10-30, late start. 25 present. Mental efficiency good. Recitations, girls 3, boys 1, solos 1. Many questions were asked upon their readings. The children of this Lyceum could take a more active part in questions, and not leave it all for the adults. Marching and callisthenics good.

Longsight, Shepley Street, April 3rd, 1927. 2-30, prompt start. present 56. Splendid response to the readings, recitations, boys 4, girls 5. Marching and callisthenics good. There is great attention paid to the children. Also great improvement all round. Good session throughout.

Cheetham Hill, Haliwell Lane, April 17th, 1927. 10-30, late start. Poor attendance. Good response to the readings, recitations, pearls, and solos. Considering a young conductress, the children were very attentive. Although only few in numbers the session was very good.

Stretford, Watson Street, April 4th, 1927. 2-30, prompt start. 43 present. Recitations, solos, and pearls quite up to expectation. The young people are very active in this Lyceum. All readings and explanations given by young people deserve great credit, as they were spontaneous, which shows the test for mental efficiency. Marching and callisthenics good. A most enjoyable session for old and young.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

Feb. 13th, Newton Heath, Allen Street. Prompt start. good singing and responses. Comments good. Questions and answers very good. Children interested in lessons. Marching and callisthenics good. D.V. present. 39 present.

Feb. 27th, Harpurhey, Sharston Street. Prompt start. Singing good, with vigour and volume, responses good, very suitable questions and answers. Recitation very good. Phonetics above the average. Good marching and callisthenics. On this form, this Lyceum should be regarded as serious challengers for the Shield. 35 present.

March 6th, Openshaw, Old Lane. Prompt start. Singing good, with vigour and volume. Responses and comments very good. Recitations good. Marching and callisthenics very good. Children interested in lessons. 52 present.

March 13th, Combroom Street. Open Session. Good start. Singing and responses good. Recitations very good. Every Lyceumist made an effort. Marching and callisthenics good. Children interested. 35 present.

March 27th, Collyhurst Street. Prompt start. Singing good. Responses and comments very good. Group Sunday. Children well catered for. Nature studies and reading lessons. Liberty Group very interesting. 63 present.

April 10th, Cheetham Hill, Haliwell Lane. Good start. Good singing and responses. Verbal and written comments on the lessons very good. Marching and callisthenics very good. Recitations good. 14 present.

May 1st, Gorton, Montana Street. Good start. Singing and responses good. Children interested in lessons. Good questions and answers. Recitations good. Marching and callisthenics good.

May 8th, Northwich, Station Road. Fairly good start. I conducted session. A new Lyceum with plenty of enthusiasm, and with the right kind of interest, will make a strong Lyceum. Singing good. Comments very good. Responses good. On account of circumstances no marching and callisthenics were done. Adult Lyceumists would be helpful. 15 present.

The general tone of the Lyceums is good, and very commendable, but there are too many empty seats in most Lyceums.

J. R. PARKER, Ass. D. Visitor.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

On April 10th I visited Eastwood Lyceum. The Session commenced with 31 members. Mr. Slater, the Conductor, gave the invocation and supervised throughout the programme. The scholars were very willing, and did their part to make the Session both harmonious and instructive.

Pearls were excellent, and the singing was good. The marching and callisthenics were good. The order and personal efforts were very good.

MISS CARR, D.V. (No. 2.).

District Council Reports.

TO THE LYCEUMS IN THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

Will all Lyceums in the Birmingham district who are willing to help in forming a District Council in that locality kindly communicate, by letter only, with the District Visitor, Mr. R. Robb, Firecroft College, Bourneville, Birmingham.

The communications will have to be by letter only, because I have no facilities to entertain anybody.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. ROBB, D.V.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The Bradford Lyceum District Council held its meeting at Idle on May 8th. All Officers and a good number of Delegates attended. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed. A vote of thanks was given to our Idle Lyceum friends for their great help in making the Council Whist Drive and Dance a success. We went a stage further towards making a success of the M.C. visit to our District on July 9th and 10th.

Mr. Aked and Mr. O'Neil were appointed Delegates to attend the Leeds District Council Field Day. Mr. Spencer was accepted as our judge for the Shield and Bell Competition for this year and the rules for the competition were confirmed. Mrs. Clayton and Miss Farrar were confirmed as Associate members.

The B.S.L.U. Conference Agenda was under discussion and we decided to deal with the items at a special meeting on Thursday, May 19th.

The Open Session in the afternoon was conducted by our President, Mr. Thistlethwaite.

The evening service addresses were given by Mr. Hudson and Mr. Beety.

A Vote of Thanks to our Idle Friends brought a nice day to a close.—E. Aked, Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Our Quarterly meeting was held on Sunday, May 1st, in the New Church at Queen's Rd., Halifax, this being our first visit to this Church (the Old Raven St.). We were given a very cordial welcome. Seven Lyceums were represented by eleven Delegates, five officers, and one Associate, a total of seventeen. After the correspondence had been dealt with, and a Cash statement which showed a balance of £4 4s. 9½d., the B.S.L.U. A.G.M. Agenda was fully considered and our Delegates instructed on various motions: also the Delegates from the Lyceums were requested to report our finding to their Councils. The statistical returns showed a slight increase on register, but a decrease in the attendance. The U.D.C. Delegates report was brief as it dealt mainly with the B.S.L.U. motions, and was incorporated with the discussion thereon. The D.V. report which will be found under its proper heading was received with pleasure.

A very enjoyable Open Session was held during the afternoon when a number of excellent recitations were given by the Lyceumists.—Tom Ellis, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Under the auspices of the Leeds District Committee the Council held a Massed Lyceum Open Session on Monday, April 18th, at Hemsforth (Easter Celebrations).

The Session at 11-0 a.m. was conducted by the Secretary of the Council supported by Mr. Tweedale (President) and Mrs. Hurley (Vice-President). The organist and pianist was Mrs. Gill. Marching and Callisthenics were conducted by Mr. J. T. Hargate of Wakefield.

Much discussion followed on all the readings. Pearls, songs and recitations were numerous. The Lyceums represented were Armley, Cleckheaton, Morley (Cross Church St.), South Elm-

sall, Wakefield, Leeds (Psycho), Yeadon, Barnsley (North Pavement), Barnsley (Grace St.), Doncaster (Kings Arcade), Brighton (Central). A good time was well spent and enjoyed by everybody.

A MASSED SESSION AT MORLEY.

On April 24th, under the auspices of the Bradford District Council, the Leeds Councils held a Massed Open Session at the Co-operative Hall, Morley.

The Session was conducted by Mr. Tweedale (President) supported by the officers and District Visitor.

The Welcome by the Lyceumists of Morley (Queen St.), was composed by Mrs. Harrison. The readings caused much comment and many questions. The marching and callisthenics were conducted by Master Sutcliffe of Queen St. Miss Rayner and Mr. Robinson sang for us. There were many pearls and a few recitations.

The Lyceums represented were Morley, Queen St. and Cross Church St., Leeds, Easy Rd., Psycho, Armley, Alpha St., Birstal, Cleckheaton, and Bradford (Laisterdyke). Mr. Thistlethwaite the President of the B.L.D.C. was the pianist. The Session was greatly enjoyed.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

The next Quarterly Conference will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Castleford, 8-30 p.m. Agenda: Opening exercise, Invocation, President's Address, Correspondence, Roll Call, Reports,—D.V., B.D.C., L.D.C., U.D.C., B.S.L.U., Field Day Secretary's final report, Treasurer. Competition business. Final arrangements for Field Day. Associates, Open Council. Vote of thanks to local friends. Will all Lyceums endeavour to have delegates at the Meeting. Important. All associates welcome.

ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION.

The Annual Field Day Demonstration will be held at Wakefield on Saturday, July 2nd. All Lyceums taking part will assemble at the Town Hall, Wood St., not later than 2-45 p.m. ready to move off at 3-0 p.m. prompt.

The procession will be headed by the Wakefield Old Prize Band, and the Wakefield City Prize Band. All Lyceumists and friends from other District Councils and District Committees are heartily invited to join us. Those desiring to come must let the Field Day Secretary know, not later than the first post Tuesday morning, June 28th, or no tea can be guaranteed.

Children up to 14 years 7d. each. Adults 1s. each. Full particulars can be obtained from the Field Day Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes, Wakefield.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, May 14th, 1927, at Hawkshead Hall, Hawkshead Street, Southport. Mr. Watson presided over delegates from Boaler Street, Daulby Hall, Rock Ferry, Runcorn, Southport, Warrington and Wigan.

Mr. Watkins delivered the Invocation.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read and accepted. The D.V. reported visits to Warrington, Birkenhead, Rock Ferry and Daulby Hall.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £2 10s. 7d. A Fund is to be opened for Open Air Demonstration. Daulby Hall Lyceum promised to start it with £1 1s. 0d. Leaflets are to be printed. B.S.L.U. Conference Agenda was dealt with and delegates to Conference received their instructions. Mr. Newsham of Southport, invited Council to hold the November meeting at Southport. There was no invitation for the September meeting. Miss Keeling reminded us that whenever we are without invitations, we can hold Council meeting at Daulby Hall. A hearty vote of thanks was given to local friends for their hospitality.—E. Clitheroe, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Please note!!! The Quarterly Meeting has been postponed until Saturday 25th June, 1927.

The Meeting will be held on the above date at "The Spiritualist Church," Thames Street, Kingston-on-Thames, at 4-0 p.m. The Agenda will be sent to Lyceum Secretaries as usual. Looking forward to a good attendance.—Ernest E. Young, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The above Council conducted its Annual Massed Session on April 24th in the Mechanics' Minor Hall, North Church St.

Mr. L. Shipley very ably presided, supported, on the rostrum, by Alderman Chaplin, of Leicester, and officers of the Council. Lyceum conductors or representatives and old mem-

bers including Mr. J. J. Ashworth, who was a member of England's first Lyceum.

It was a very bright session; the singing, readings, pearls and items being well rendered.

Miss V. G. Rayner (Area Rep.) announced the results of the Silver Bell Competition, after an explanatory address re the varied activities of the Union and the Nottingham District Council.

Sherwood St. Lyceum were declared the winners of the Silver Bell for the second year of the Competition.

Sutton-in-Ashfield, who were the winners the first year, came in second.

Mr. L. Shipley, the Conductor of Sherwood St. Lyceum, had arranged for his two assistants to share the honour of receiving the Bell. Alderman Chaplin very appropriately addressed the gathering, and in a pleasing manner awarded the Silver Bell to Miss Sanderson and Miss Whiteman; who accepted it very gracefully on behalf of their Lyceum, making suitable little speeches.

Alderman Chaplin then awarded the Sutton-in-Ashfield Lyceum with an illuminated address, certifying that they had held the Silver Bell for the year 1926. The Conductor, Miss E. Carr, accepted the same with a touching little speech. She remarked that, "it was easy to smile when winning, but not so easy when losing; but that they were going to lose with a smile."

Alderman Chaplin delighted the children by his little anecdotes and concluded by congratulating the workers of the district on such a fine gathering, which he declared was a revelation to him of what could be achieved amongst Lyceumists and Spiritualists.

Mr. J. J. Ashworth concluded a really happy session by referring to the early days of the Lyceum Movement and quoted from the first Lyceum Reports ever published in England.

It is pleasing to note that N.D.C. Business Meetings are well attended each Quarter, and the varied efforts organised were patronised in a practical way by the Lyceums, which shows that spirit of loyalty necessary for true progression.—Victoria G. Rayner, Sec.)

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting was held at Hartley St., Littleborough, on Saturday, May 14th. The President, Mr. T. Dixon, was in the chair. Mr. Lord, of Heywood, was elected Credential Officer. Delegates present: 15 Delegates, 3 Associates and D.V. Minutes passed as read. Correspondence accepted. President's address accepted. He particularly urged the solidifying of the Lyceums in the Council by demonstrations and Open Sessions. He also emphasised the need for Revision of the Songster together with a more simplified edition of the Manual for the use of children, to help those whose duty it is to teach children.

Reports: Auditor's, Credential and D.V.s accepted. Again the D.V. was thanked for his services, without expense to the Council. The Conference agenda was read and instructions given to delegate.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 10th. Keep a watch on THE BANNER for the place of the meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to Hartley Street friends for their kindness in entertaining the Council.—H. Greaves, Sec.

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

Splendid conferences were held in Gateshead during February and May. The annual meeting at the Beaconsfield Lyceum was held in February. Officers elected: President, Mr. J. Slimin; Vice-President, Mr. N. E. Ainley; Secretary, Mr. Geo. P. Robson; Treasurer, Mr. M. Mather; D.V., Mr. W. Hall; Assistant D.S.s, Mr. I. Stafford, Mr. Walmsley, Mr. Brown; Shield Competition adjudicators, Mrs. Slimin, Mr. Robertson; Past President, Mr. R. Hunter; Auditors, Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Smith.

The balance sheet showed cash in hand at end of 1926 £4 7s. 8d. The Conference decided that the Lyceum fees to this Council be 4s. per year, plus one penny per member.

It was agreed that a plan of accredited Lyceum speakers and demonstrators be compiled and issued to Lyceums. This being the best way to have the Lyceum represented at special services, etc., held by the Lyceums. Eleven new associate members were accepted.

Fowler Street Lyceum, South Shields, were the winners of the Shield, Hirst Lyceum being very close, being just one mark behind the winners.

Seven suggested alterations to the B.S.L.U. constitution

were agreed to and two Bye Laws alterations also sent forward.

17 Lyceums were represented by 23 delegates. Representatives from the Northern Dis. Council of the S.N.U. were

A pleasant conference was also held on May 8th at Hall, Gateshead. Shield competition matters were discussed. It was decided that we have a clairvoyant as speakers at our propaganda meetings: the clairvoyant to Lyceumist.

The D.V.s reports showed that they had been very active. Lyceums were appreciating the interest taken in them by the visits. At both of our conferences a marked feature was the welcome given by young Lyceumists in the form of verse or song, composed by Miss Bogue and Martin Dodds.—Geo. P. Robson, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

ACCRINGTON, Argyle St.—Under the auspices of the "Accrington, Gt. Harwood and Rishton Joint Lyceums' Committee," two Massed Sessions were held at the above Lyceum on May 15th, conducted by Mr. W. Taylor of Gt. Harwood, ably supported by Mr. English (Rishton), Mr. Fazacery (Pea St.), and Mr. Gregory (Argyle St.).

The following contributed songs and recitations which made the sessions very enjoyable:—W. Kenyon, Annie Gregory, Nellie Laycock, Lizzie Holden, Leslie Cartwright, Miss Barke, Miss Wright, Miss Morris, Miss R. Swift, Norman Davis, J. Leyland, H. Crooks, C. Morman, May Bradshaw, Mrs. Sutcliffe and Mrs. Stephens. The Joint Committee is doing a great work for Lyceumism in this district. It is contemplated holding a Joint Sports and Field Day in the near future.—Miss Davis, Joint. Com. Sec.

BARROW, Dalkeith St.—May 8th was the Lyceum's 38th Anniversary. At the Open Session, Mrs. Rawlinson, A.N.S.C. of Burnley, presented the attendance prizes and the B.S.L.U. Examination Certificates to Lyceumists. An enjoyable programme was provided.

At night Mrs. Rawlinson gave a thoughtful address to a good congregation. Solos were rendered by Muriel Griffiths and Mr. Abbott. The hall was beautiful with flowers which were distributed later to sick friends.—I. Walker, Sec.

A LYCEUM WEDDING AT BLACKPOOL.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Albert Road Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, April 30th, between Miss Clara Clitheroe and Mr. Fred Carter, two of our own Lyceumists. Mr. R. W. Singleton was best man, Mr. Harold Carter, groomsmen and Miss Mabel Carter and Miss Jowitt were Bridesmaids. The Ceremony, which was fully Choral, was conducted by Mrs. L. Nurse. Two young Lyceumists presented Bride and Bridegroom with a spray of roses.

On Monday, May 15th, a presentation Social was held, where Mrs. L. Nurse had the pleasant duty of presenting the happy couple with a beautiful clock engraved with an inscription from all Lyceumists. A good number of Lyceumists and Friends attended both ceremonies, which were enjoyed by all.—R. W. Singleton.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—Open Sessions was held on May 1st with a fair attendance. The subject of the Lyceum Teachings proved to all present a splendid lesson and gave them some sound advice regarding it. We were pleased to meet new friends. We had a good number of pearls, solos and recitations. A most enjoyable day was spent.—J. Babbs, Sec.

BRADFORD STUDY GROUP.—The Bradford Study Group listened on April 30th to an address by Mr. R. Groves, M.Sc.

Mr. Groves said, "It had been said, even among Scientists that this world was all that mattered, but Sir Oliver Lodge had been working along Spiritual and Scientific lines and his tests and proofs were of far more value than those of ordinary people. Temperatures had been taken of the cold air which often occur at Seances. Experiments under 'Test' conditions for phenomena were very difficult. If we could have a Standard Test that would satisfy all scientists it would be valuable to convince a great many people on Psychic Research. In the next world or, 'Summerland,' said Mr. Groves, 'we shall be in the graduated state to which we are suited; and shall feel quite natural. We used to think that 'Heaven' was far away beyond the clouds

Scientific analogies now show how the physical or material objects are transient and materially perishable. Material objects are as holes in the 'Ether.' The Inner or Higher states being most real. Gradually we get to higher states and become more Spiritual, and less dense. People who communicate are valuable to each other, be the communicants this side of the veil or from the other side.

Questions were answered, and with a 'Vote of thanks' to Mr. Groves, an inspiring evening was brought to a successful conclusion.

BRIGHTON, Mighell St.—On April 28th we tried the experiment of engaging a good speaker to address an evening meeting at which a charge for admission was made. Mr. H. Ernest Hunt, of London, came specially, and gave a most interesting psychological lecture upon "The Wonders of the Mind." His winning personality and clearness of language won everyone's heart and made our first effort of its kind a great success. A wide circle of people were attracted, some of whom had never heard of a Lyceum before, with the result that we are urged to organise an Autumn course of similar lectures.

Mrs. E. A. Trehet (President of Parent Church) gave the lecturer a hearty welcome. Mr. H. J. Everett, past president and Hon. Sec. of Lyceum, occupied the Chair. The proceeds, after all expenses were paid, were shared equally between the Church and Lyceum.—H. J. E.

LINCOLN, Midland.—We held our 1st Anniversary on May 7—9th. Mrs. Chappell, of Hucknall, being our Speaker and Clairvoyant. She also presented the Certificates for this year's Examination. 14 sat and all passed.

Mr. Dobby conducted the Sessions, as arranged by our other conductor, Mrs. Crane, and all had heaven here. The Juniors gave a Grand 2 hrs. Concert to a large audience on the 9th May and all did splendidly. We thank all who made the weekend so much like the old times.—Cecil Crane, Sec.

LONDON, Brixton.—We held our concert on Sat., April 9th. It was a great success. The musical accompaniment was provided by the young men who have now formed a jazz band. We are rehearsing for a play which is to be performed shortly.

On Sunday, May 15th, we held delightful services in the afternoon and evening. We had a visit from the L.L.D.C. There was a good attendance and all enjoyed the services very much.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons we hold our Sports meetings in our local park. *If any Lyceum or individual Lyceumist (male or female) would care to join or make arrangements to meet us, kindly communicate with the secretary, Frank B. Cross, 10, Somerleyton Rd., Brixton, S.W.9*

LONDON, Clapham.—On April 10th we held a massed session to celebrate our Tenth Anniversary and it was conducted by Uncle Bert. The hall was filled with about sixty people all wearing cheerful faces. Ten other lyceums than our own were personally represented, and besides the fraternal greetings conveyed to us from them, our District Visitor, Uncle Smiles, gave us greetings from twenty-three others, creating a very harmonious atmosphere.

The first reading was the Silver Chain recitation "Deeds not Words" which preceded the Musical Reading "How to Live," this being followed by Golden Chain "The Lyceum," a theme in unison with the prevailing atmosphere.

After the afternoon session a very liberal tea was served which refreshed everyone for the evening service. This commenced at 7 p.m. and for the benefit of church members or visitors, Uncle Bert, who was also taking the evening session, pointed out that the main object of the Lyceum was to bring out the different characteristics of the children by encouraging them to do individual efforts.

As examples of efforts we were favoured with a splendid paper on Mental Harmony, two solos and a recitation.

Uncle Bert's address was a very impressive one, the subject being "Eternity," and I think safely I may say everyone present thoroughly enjoyed it.

Our own Conductor then gave a short address and I feel sure all present went home feeling they had learned something which would be of comfort and help to them in the future.—P. Lewis, Sec.

LONDON, Hackney.—On April 17th, our New Banner was unveiled and dedicated by Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax.

We had representatives from the following Lyceums: Walthamstow, Bowes Park, Tottenham, Brixton, Clapham and Manor Park. Greetings were exchanged between all.

Our secretary read a letter from Uncle Joseph wishing us success.

Mrs. Barnard, the L.L.D.C. representative, conducted the Session in a very able manner. Marching and Callisthenics were conducted by Mr. H. Carman.

Mr. Carter gave a splendid address, before the ceremony of dedication, which was most impressive. Solos and recitations were rendered by Mrs. M. Hester, Miss Thelma Carman, Mr. Carter (Halifax), Mrs. Bell (Bowes Park), Marjorie Wigg, Hilda Banfield, Mr. Clegg and Lilly Chiplin.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Tea was provided for all who were able to stay.—J. Hester.

We held our 4th Anniversary on May 15th, by taking the Afternoon Session and the Evening Service.

Mrs. Barnard, L.L.D.C., conducted the services, supported in the afternoon session by Mr. Miles, D.V., and Mr. Clegg, who gave addresses.

The Marching and Callisthenics were done in fine style. The three series were given complete and caused Mr. Miles to congratulate the Lyceum on its Efficiency.

Solos by Mrs. Hester and Master Harold Hester, recitations by Thelma Carman, Ruby Howard and Lily Chiplin, songs by Hilda Banfield, Ella Banfield, Doris Wigg, Marjorie Wigg and Dorothy Owen.

Greetings were received from several Lyceums and a letter from Uncle Joseph bringing greetings from Overseas Lyceums.

The afternoon session closed with a pianoforte solo by Mrs. Chusway, and the presentation of a lovely bouquet by the Lyceum to Mrs. Barnard for conducting our session. The evening service was much enjoyed.—Mr. Carman, Snr.

OLDHAM, Central.—We have started our Summer Rambles once more and have enjoyed them up to now. The Lyceum is progressing and we extend a hearty welcome to all who care to visit us.

On Saturday, May 21st, we held a Social which was well attended and enjoyed.—J. C. C. Lappell, Sec.

SALFORD, Central.—Open Sessions were held on May 1st at St. Phillips Place and were enjoyed by all present.

During the evening there was a wedding presentation of a Clock to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hodson. Mrs. Briggs made the presentation on behalf of the Lyceum in appreciation of their faithful services. Mr. Hodson has been our Conductor and Mrs. Hodson was the Callisthenic Conductor, for the past four years.

Greetings were given by various Lyceums and the Council.—M. Goldstraw, Sec.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace, N.Z.—We have had a very pleasant series of sessions this month (March) and we are looking to April. The B.S.L.U. examinations which were to have taken place on 6th March were put off as the papers had not arrived. The Exams. are now to be held on April 3rd. May every candidate have success. Greetings.—Robt. J. Ross, Sec. (The New Zealand posts have been delayed.—Ed.)

WINNIPEG, Polson Ave.—We held our Open Session on March 6th, 1927, the Lyceum turned out in good numbers with a few visitors. The children went through the marching and callisthenics with great vigour.

Pearls, songs and recitations were given by the following: Sylvia Parkinson, Harry Forest, Daisy Knox, Irene Turner, Jennie Towns, Willie Towns, Harry Towns, Harold Guest, Mr. Pearson, Edna Brown, Minnie Brown, Mr. Chadwick, Verna McLeod, Viola Dale and Mr. Brown. We had a musical item by Miss Brown and Miss McLeod and Mr. Chadwick.

The Lyceum held their Annual Prizegiving and Concert on Feb. 26th. A grand concert was rendered by every member of the Lyceum. Songs and recitations were given by the children. Each group gave a sketch. A very enjoyable evening was spent. I am sure great credit was due to the Conductor and other officers for coaching us for this event.

On May 1st we held our Open Session with a wonderful turnout of scholars and visitors; we had a very good session, the children gave a great demonstration with the songs and recitations.

Pearls, songs and pianoforte solos were given by the following: Daisy Knox, Dolly Sutherland, Jennie Towns, Sylvia Parkinson, Verna McLeod, Harry Towns, Willie Towns, Harry Forest and Olive Forest. A duet, Mrs. Parkinson and Mrs. Forest; quartette by Mr. Forest, Mr. Chadwick, Winnie Brown and Verna McLeod. Recitations by Raymond Parkinson. Edna Brown gave a short description of a Sunday morning walk on nature.—J. Knox, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—We held our Lyceum Open Session on May 1st. We have not got all our Lyceumists back yet owing to sickness, but I hope for a speedy recovery for all. Pearls and recitations were said by Miss Evelyn Brown, May

Armitt, Miss Grace White, Dorothy Douglas, Mary White, Wallace Douglas, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Lenard. We had two Lyceumists from Polson Ave. with us and we quite appreciated their presence. Pearls were said by Miss Higley and Miss Crawley, Miss E. Brown sang a solo.—(Mrs.) M. Armitt, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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BARROW, Ramsden Street.—We held our Open Session on May 1st. The following Lyceumists took part:—Mary and Minnie Broadbent, Dora Scott, Ethel Ankinson, Lily Fenton, Frances and Doris Jones, Mary Howbrook, Ruby Scott, Norman Oakley, Herbert Johnstone, Gordon Haznell, Jackie Howbrook and Jackie Huddleston.—L. B., Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—May 1st was a memorable event, which should not be forgotten. It was the 21st anniversary of our Lyceum.

We took the church services. Songs of welcome suitable for the occasion were rendered. The morning took the form of joyful singing. In the afternoon we held an Open Session.

At the evening service past Conductors addressed the church gathering; also our District Visitor.

On May 7th we held a 21st Birthday Party to commemorate the event.—John Hirst, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley.—On May 1st Open Session was held. Songs and recitations were practised for our forthcoming Anniversary. Mr. Smith, conductor, gave an interesting lecture on "Superstition." Pearls and recitations were given and explained by Lyceumists.—H. Fletcher, Lit. Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—We held our Open Session on April 24th. About 110 Lyceumists and friends took part in the physical exercises, which were well performed. The following contributed to a bright Session:—Recitations by M. Turner, C. Railton, E. Wood, M. Railton, W. Railton, and J. Lightbown. Solos by A. Railton and Mrs. Hall. Duet by Miss E. Hopper and Miss B. Wilkinson. Mr. Owen, of Bolton, was our speaker. The Session was enjoyed by all. About 130 present.—T. Wood, Sec.

BLACKPOOL, Albert Road.—On May 15th we held a delightful Open Session. Mr. Hopper, of Blackburn, addressed two good congregations with good effect. Pearls, recitations and songs were given by the children, all in fine style.

At the evening service Miss Jennie Christophor gave a beautiful rendering of Retoina Vincetor, from the opera "Aida." Mr. Singleton, conductor, presided in the afternoon, and Mr. Adcroft, assistant Conductor, presided at the evening service. Mrs. Baker was the Musical Conductor. A happy and enjoyable day.—L. Nurse, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—We held our Open Session on May 8th. It was a beautiful day, and everybody's mood seemed to correspond with the weather. We had quite a good attendance, and visitors from surrounding Lyceums. Altogether a very enjoyable time was spent.—Edna Holt, Sec.

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—On May 8th we held our Anniversary Services, the speaker being Miss E. Elliott, President of the B.S.L.U. A welcome was given to her by twelve Lyceumists, arranged by Miss G. Blackmore. A red rose was presented to Miss Elliott by Doris Carr, as a token of love from our Lyceum. The following helped to make it a success: R. Hancock, Mary Hocking and Phylis Tattersall.—R. Boys, Sec.

BURY, Sidney Street.—On April 24th we held our Open Session. Songs and solos were rendered by the Lyceumists. We had an enjoyable time. Greetings were exchanged from Bury, King Street, and Radcliffe, Railway Street.—Miss Clegg, Sec.

CALGARY, Canada.—On Easter Sunday, April 17th, we held an Open Session, at which our Conductor, Miss A. Garrad, named the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Roberts, giving him the name of Arnold and the spirit name of "Onward." The baby was carried in by Miss V. Potts. A delightful programme made a wonderful service. After pearls had been given by all, recitations were given by Raymond Parkyn and Mr. Adams; pianoforte solos by Miss Potts and Mervyn Eshlby; vocal solos by Mrs. Garrad and Mr. Thoms; duet, Hilda and Lena Peters; and a reading by Mrs. Garrad. Several visitors enjoyed the service very much, and helped to swell the number in attendance. Best of luck to other Lyceums and the "Banner."—W. A. Garrad Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On April 24th we held our Anniversary Session. The following rendered items:—Eveline Clements, Joan Wheatley, Jessie Orwin, Marian Wagstaffe, Leslie Driver, Harold Hobster, Fred Gore, Norah Allsop, Betsy Slater, Linda Heath, Mona Longden, Ronald Marriott, Ernest Heath, Winny Bunting, Lilian Briggs, Ethel Gore, Edith Slater, Ken Widdowson, Kenneth Bown, Elsie Smith, May Wheatley, May Slater, Mrs. E. Hobster, Miss Marriott, Miss Whooley, Avis Bown, Lilian, Connie and Kathleen Slater. Mr. Bown distributed prizes.

On Sunday, May 1st, we held our Monthly Open Session, when sixteen Lyceumists contributed to a capital programme.—Arthur Sutherland, Session Sec.

DARLINGTON, Northgate.—We are pleased to report that we have moved into our new Church, which was duly opened on Good Friday by Mr. S. Clay, of Shildon, and others. About 180 people sat down to a luxurious tea, and our Lyceum was represented at the evening service by six little children, with their leader, Miss Chapman, doing the Callisthenics from the platform. Several speakers referred to the good and necessary work of the Lyceum. We are at last in our own home, and can truly say, "The Workers Win."—R.P.C., Conductor.

DEWSBURY.—On April 24th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Jos. Senior. Eleven Pearls. Recitation by Jack Beevers, Victor Hartley, Mr. C. Phillips, Margaret Beevers, Clarissa Phillips, Hilda Bennett and Walter Nuby. Solos by Josephine Nixon, Gertie Bennett, Margaret and Nellie Nixon. An enjoyable afternoon was spent. We were also very pleased to see Miss M. Hurst back in the Lyceum on May 15th, after her illness.—(Mr.) V. R. Phillips, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session on April 3rd, the following Lyceumists taking part: Miss Trout, Master W. Trout, A. Crossland, L. Gomersall, Mrs. Drury, Francis Gomersall and Miss L. V. Batty. An enjoyable session.

We held another Open Session on May 1st, conducted by Miss L. V. Batty. Invocation given by Mr. Drury. Master E. Gomersall, Miss D. Batty and Mr. Barnes took the musical reading. Recitations given by Vera Rhodes, Frances Gomersall, Lily Ball, Miss A. Trout and Lewis Gomersall. Pearls by C. Gomersall and E. Gomersall. Solos by Miss Johnson and Miss D. Batty. Duet by Master W. Trout and A. Crossland, Mr. Jenkinson, of Denby, also took part. We had a very enjoyable session, with 15 visitors.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—An Open Session was held on May 1st, under the leadership of assistant conductor Mr. W. Parkinson. The following Lyceumists helped to make it an interesting session. Recitations by Susan Brewer, Ethel Brooks, Irene Watkins, Kenneth Harris and Mr. W. Parkinson. Solos by Susan Brewer, and Mrs. E. K. Firth. Several good pearls were given. The marching and callisthenics were good, with such a number of little children taking part.—E. K. Firth, Sec.

EARBY.—On May 1st we held our Open Session, when the following Lyceumists contributed items: F. Clark, N. Hopkinson, D. Seddon, A. Bannister, H. Greenwood, M. Enniss, E. Clark and M. Astley.—T. Hodgson, Sec.

EDINBURGH, 9, Gayfield Square.—On April 17th we held a very enjoyable Open Session, conducted by Mr. Niven. Those who took part were as follows: Songs by Miss P. Lawrence, duet by Bessie and James Houston. Recitations by Janet Knowledge, George Strachen, Gilbert Anderson, Douglas

Ewing, Jack Forbes, Ronald Forbes, Charles Forbes, and Graham McKay, Violin solo by Miss M. Rutherford. Piano-forte solos by Miss J. Woolford, Mr. Tom Wilson, and Mr. J. Blaik. A very delightful afternoon was spent.—P. Lawrence, Sec.

GLASGOW Scottish Mediums' Union.—On May 1st we had the pleasure of welcoming to our Lyceum our new Conductor, Mrs. Gray. On the same occasion we held our Annual Flower and Fruit Service. We got a good response to our appeal for flowers and fruit, which we afterwards took, to the Eastpark Home for Infirm Children.—E. Hastie, Sec.

GT. HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on May 1st, the following Lyceumists took part: S.C., Mrs. Hopper; M.R., Winnie Chambers; G.C., Mr. Nelson. Recitations by Rosa Bagshaw, Maggie Nelson, Susie Braithwaite and Walter Taylor. Songs by Messrs. H. Crooks, H. Morris, W. Taylor. A very enjoyable session.—Miss Davis, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Our Lyceum Week-end was held on May 1st. Mrs. Hurley, of Leeds, was our speaker. In the morning we had marching and callisthenics conducted by Mrs. Smith, also a good number of pearls were given. Recitations by Joan Powell and Rosa Barrett. Songs by G. Hockley and Frank Dansie. Six little girls sang in unison—D. Ayscough, R. Barrett, D. Devereux, E. Cromer, M. Greenhalgh and E. Robinson.

Afternoon Session. Recitations by Master Willey, B. Baxly, L. Roberts, D. Powell, A. Ranshawe, I. Jewitt. Songs by E. Alcock, A. Dunhill, S. & M. Willey and V. Pilkington.—P. Stanham.

HEATON NORRIS.—On May 8th we held our Massed Session, conducted by Mrs. Ennion, President of the North East Cheshire District Council. Representatives from seven Lyceums were present, including Crewe. Pearls and recitations were very good. Explanations on the Readings were given by Lyceumists. Our Conductor gave fraternal greetings to all present.

In the evening members of the Council took the platform and various delegates gave short addresses. Miss Pavey sang a solo and Miss Joules gave a recitation. Altogether a very enjoyable time was spent.—Miss Pickering, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter's St.—We held our Open Session on May 1st, conducted by Walter Buttle. We had recitations by Leslie Midgley, Jack Dyson, Herbert Buttle, and Alice Schofield. Solos by Mrs. Conlan, Eva Farnhill, Pianoforte solo by Phyllis Wilson. We had a very pleasant time together.—Elizabeth Farnhill, Sec.

LANCASTER ALLIANCE.—On May 1st we held our Open Session. Attendance good, marching and callisthenics good. Annie Towers, Kathleen Ralph, Iris Jones, Clara Parkinson, Florrie and Frank Dennison gave recitations, followed with a solo by Alice Jones. All were greatly enjoyed. Hope to see more visitors. All are welcome.—R. Askew, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—On May 1st we held our Open Session. Pearls were good. Recitation by Mrs. Smith. Duets by Rosie Newton and Kitty Townsend. Solo by Mr. T. Kenney. A dialogue by Mrs. Watts and Mr. F. Gamble.—S. Wheatley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—May 1st. We had our Anniversary Service. Our speaker was Mrs. Copley, who gave three good addresses. The singing by the Lyceumists was a great improvement under the conductorship of Mr. Payne. Recitations and solos given by the scholars was thoroughly enjoyed; also the action hymn by eight of the youngest scholars. We were well supported. Miss E. Wicks and Mr. Beck conducted the services.

A Grand Concert was given on the Monday evening, by Rupert St. Concert Party. A big success.—M. J. Wicks, Sec.

LONDON, Hampton Hill, High St.—Our 7th Anniversary was held on May 8th, and was a great success. Our Conductor, Miss A. Butt, welcomed all present, numbering about 70. We had pleasure in having on our platform Uncle Smiles, Uncle Bert, also Mr. Kirby, our Church President. Each gave words of encouragement to continue the progress we had made. Solos were given by some of our Lyceumists, accompanied by our Assistant Conductor, Mr. A. Stockwell, which was much appreciated. We also had the pleasure to have with us Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and the Kingston Lyceumists.

After a very enjoyable tea we resumed our Session, when Uncle Bert handed the B.S.L.U. Examination Certificates to 11 successful candidates. He also addressed the Church members of the need of adults joining the Lyceum as there was much they could learn.—E. A. Simmons, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—On Saturday, May 21st, we held a Social and Dance in aid of our Outing Fund, which was a great success, both socially and financially. Recitations by Doreen King. Solos by Miss B. Ridding and Miss Markham were well rendered. Many thanks are due to those who worked to make this event successful.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—May 1st, Open Session. Mr. Shipman conducted. Items ably rendered by Lyceumists. May 15th, a naming ceremony performed by Mr. Nellist. Mr. Roeder presented certificates to 15 candidates in the education examination. All entrants were successful, tutored by Mr. Nellist, to whom great credit is due. Something attempted, something done.—M. Harrison, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott St.—We held our Open Session on April 17th, and we had a good number of visitors from other Lyceums. A quartette was sung by four of the Lyceumists, and recitations were again very well rendered by the children. Altogether, I think everyone had a very enjoyable day.—M. Harper, Sec.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Rd.—Open Session, May 8th. The following contributed: J. Hatch, Ben Nickson, Mr. D. Rae, C. Curtis, Mr. Culling, Misses Curtis and Hough. An enjoyable session.—Evelyn Carter, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—On May 1st a very enjoyable Open Session was held. We were visited by Mr. Ella, of London, and Mr. Singleton, of Skegness, who spoke some very encouraging words to the children. Solos, pearls, and recitations were very good.—L. Paget, Sec.

ROCK FERRY.—May 1st, Open Session. The attendance was rather small, nevertheless the session was interesting to all. Groups have now been formed and we hope for better results, visitors will be made welcome.—Wm. Roberts, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—We held our Anniversary Services on May 5th. We had a good attendance of adults in the afternoon. The church was full on the Sunday evening. The singing and recitations were well rendered. The speaker was Mr. Hatfield, Conductor of Darnall Lyceum. We had a very enjoyable day together. Most of music and words were composed by Mr. Hales, our Hon. Musical Conductor. Some of the words were composed by Mr. Torley, one of our Lyceumists. There were four violinists and the piano playing for us. We repeated the Sermons on the Monday night, and distributed the examination certificates. The week-end was a great success.—E. Johnson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Rd.—On May 1st, we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Hopkins. The attendance was very good. We had a surprise visit from two old Hillsborough Lyceumists who addressed a few pleasing words to the Lyceum. A very good number of recitations and solos were ably rendered by the younger Lyceumists. Mr. Clive and his choir sang "There's rest for thee at home." A very nice afternoon was spent.—A. Truelove, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick St.—On May 1st we held our usual Open Session. S.C. and G.C. recitations well read; no questions were asked. Marching and callisthenics were fairly good. The Shore Group was foremost in pearls. Songs were rendered by the Liberty and Beacon Groups. Duets from Shore Group and the Conductor and Guardian.—S. Williams, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Musgrave Street.—Open Session, April 3rd. Good attendance. S.C., M.R., G.C.R., Pearls, recitations, solos, one pianoforte solo. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

On May 8th we held our First Anniversary. Mr. Cook, Conductor, opened with prayer. 15 pearls. Recitations by Mrs. Jefferson, Miss Petty, Miss Cook, Master Baimbridge, Ronald Macklam and Mr. Cook. Duet by Misses Petty and Cook. Solo by Mr. Jefferson. The singing of anniversary hymns concluded a nice service.—E. Platts, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—We held our Open Session on May 1st. The following Lyceumists took part: L. Abbott, J. Douglas, G. Morton, Isa Gransbury, J. Robinson, L. Dryden, P. Armstrong, N. Robinson and D. Douglas. Miss Gray conducted. The organist was W. H. Dryden.—A. Dryden, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—Open Session, May 15th. Conductor, Mrs. Hedderley. We had our District Visitor, Mr. Walmsley, who presented certificates with encouraging remarks to our Lyceumists, who passed the recent examination, viz.: Norah Childs, Tom Hedderley, William Shields, Ralph Harrison, Harry Childs, Jack Higgins, Cyril Peacock. Pearls, recitations and musical items were given and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.—Mrs. M. Hall, Sec.