

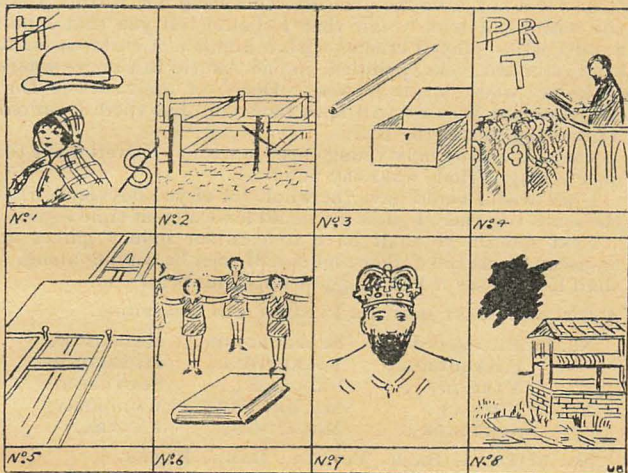
THE LYCEUM BANNER

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The Children's Puzzle.



Here are some things you see in school,
How many can you find?
The answers send to Uncle Bert,
And please don't be behind.
For other boys and girls will write
Their answers very soon;
And you may have, if you will try,
A pleasant afternoon.

A Letter from the Southern Hemisphere.

Dear Overseas Lyceumists,

It is with some trepidation that I am endeavouring to write to you something of interest about Australia and New Zealand, or, as it is known, about "Australasia."

Australia is a vast country. A country of sunshine; of singing birds; of glorious sunsets, and of a joyous outdoor life. One seldom meets with class distinction. A man with but a few shillings is as good as a man with a thousand pounds. Rich and poor mingle together in God's sunshine, enjoying the delights of swimming, tennis and many other forms of healthy enjoyment.

New Zealand is a much smaller country. The care-free, happy ways of the Australian are found in a lesser degree in New Zealand. Class distinction has a footing, though not a very great one, in this little country.

The Aborigines—the Australian natives—are a race of a very low order. They have little power to learn, and, as a consequence, are an uneducated people.

The Maoris—New Zealand natives—are a very fine race. They are exceedingly handsome and clever. They are eager to have the best education and many of them hold high positions in the Dominion. The Maori boys and girls at colleges and schools are able to compete, and compete favourably, with the English children.

Australia is a country of vast plains, where wheat is grown in enormous quantities.

New Zealand is a place of mountains and hills. Dairying is an extensive occupation.

The Australian bush and scenery is wonderful. It has a strong tropical nature that is hardy yet beautiful, but gives one the impression of strength.

The New Zealand bush is composed of flowering shrubs, and

many varieties of ferns and native plants. It is enchanting and one never tires of it. The New Zealand scenery is indescribable and remains in one's memory for all time.

These two countries have much in common and yet are strangely apart.

It needs a far greater person than I am ever likely to be to do justice to such a subject, but I hope you will overlook any departure from the rules of literature and accept these few lines as from an overseas Lyceumist.

Yours fraternally,

(Miss) L. WEBB.

AN AFTERNOON IN THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH.

Have you ever thought how you would love to visit other countries and see other sights than those where you live? Then let us set out from that beautiful Australian town, Perth, and go for a trip into the ever-calling yet eerie bush.

What wonder! What exquisite delight to wander leisurely along beneath the giant gum trees and breathe the fragrant perfume of the wild flowers that grow everywhere.

Look at that clump of tall, noble looking Kangaroo Paws, with their long scarlet stalks, and rich green flowers. How strange to see green flowers and red stalks, and yet how beautiful. There are the Royal Blue Flowers which grow abundantly everywhere: why is it not cultivated and given a place among the gardener's favourites?

Let us pause awhile and listen to the bush sounds that can be heard on every hand. Can you hear the chirp of the Cricket and the Grass-hopper? Surely you cannot mistake that buzzing for anything but the sound of a busy bee as he pays his visits to the flowers he loves.

But what was that? Surely someone laughed from sheer enjoyment? Ah! There he goes with his outspread wings and his feathers a mixture of greys and browns. Surely the Laughing Jackass is a happy bird.

So we wander on, for the most part in silence, for words fail to express our thoughts adequately. We stoop to pick an exceptionally fine spray of blue Hovea here and a lovely Orchid there. We strive our utmost to reach a branch of the Gum Tree by which we have stopped, but the scarlet blossoms are high enough to be safe from marauding hands.

The creak of a Bull-frog breaks through the stillness, and we hasten on until a sparkling stretch of water breaks on our vision.

Was ever swamp set in such surroundings? Around its edges grow many varieties and colours of Bottle Brush and Ti-Tree, while farther back the Paper Bark and the Banksia have a place. We step carefully so as to avoid treading on the Scarlet Runner, which is everywhere.

And now we must return to the city, and to work. We have broken away from the everyday world in which we live, and for one short afternoon have wandered amidst the beauties of nature. But all things come to an end, and so we turn reluctant steps homeward.

Still, we have something to remember. We have seen the tall silent gums with their blazing blossoms of red or their pure blossoms of white; we have marvelled at the Kangaroo Paw and the blue Hovea; we could not fail to notice that insignificant little white flower, known as Mayflower, because of its delicious perfume; the many varieties and colours of Orchids which grew everywhere will never be forgotten; the pale pink Heath, the tall slender Sacrifrage, with its pink and white flowers, the white wax flowers, the wonderful Pink Myrtle, the Gold Wattle, the Flannell flowers, the Baronia, and the pink, white and yellow Everlasting flowers, have all made lasting impressions on our memory.

Truly has it been said that Australia possesses the most wonderful wild flowers in the world.

(Miss) L. WEBB.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

"All good things come to an end" is a well worn saying, one which I expect many of you have recently quoted, regarding the ending of the holidays. Yes, it is quite true many of the good things of life do come to an end, but I cannot agree with the word all. A stick of Seaside Rock, an Ice Cornet, a Donkey Ride are certainly like Horses, the more we lick 'em, the faster they go.

The Railway journey which takes us to and fro from home to our holiday quarters, is certainly a good thing but it comes to an end.

Pocket money so carefully saved for many weeks for holiday expenses, does not last for ever. There is however one thing, to which I want to call your careful attention, which does not end. It is that little Store House we all have, which we call "Memory." Here it is, that we store up the happy recollections of our holidays and the many events of our lives, and often make reference to it, when we are talking of past dates. Every deed is recorded in this Store House, therefore how important it is that we should always endeavour to keep our thoughts, words, and actions pure. The bad deeds as well as the good ones are thus recorded; however much we may dislike this idea it is true, but the remedy is as I have suggested. We are not perfect, and there is not one of us who have not made mistakes at some time or another. As we cannot remove these records, let us do the next best thing; that is, bury them out of sight as far as we are able, by adding daily, fresh records of good and noble deeds. Good deeds will always be an outstanding feature.

I do not advocate dwelling too long in the past realms of our lives, nevertheless it is very pleasant and helpful to look back over the past at times. By doing so we see how wonderfully kind God has been to us. We face the future with stronger determination to progress in all walks of life.

There is another thought I want you to realise: it is this, that when one good thing comes to an end another begins. Sometimes little clouds may pass between events, but life is made up of more sunshine than showers, if we only go the right way to find it. The way is along the pathway of helping others and even keeping the motto of right living before us. We will agree that the holidays have been one good thing, and to most of us they are ended for this year. What is the next good thing we have to look forward to, "School life again."

Perhaps a few of you will not agree with me when I say this, but I really think if you consider how important and useful school life is, you will see that I am quite correct.

Many of you at this time of the year are going into higher standards or Forms, while some whom I have to congratulate have won scholarships, and will be starting in new schools.

With all the memories of a happy month's freedom, some may feel like saying "Oh fancy being shut up in a class room again, and not allowed to talk except at playtime."

Let us suppose we have been through all the classes and are in the final class room of an advanced School or College. I am going to open the door, I want you to watch carefully where each scholar goes, and what school life has made of him.

Here they file out, Bank Clerks, Accountants, Manageresses of Factories and Workshops, Nurses, Doctors, Clerks, all having a suitable education for the position he or she has been trained, each ready to take his or her place in the world.

This, boys and girls, is the result of another good thing, "School life," and my advice to each of you this month is to look for the sunny side of school life. Make up your mind to master your lessons however hard they seem. You will master them if you set your mind to do so.

A class once was told by their teacher to write down twelve Arctic animals, one little boy sooner than admit defeat wrote "Six Seals, Five polar bears and One walrus."

In another class a teacher asked her class if they knew what "Sowing tares" meant. One little girl put up her hand "Yes Miss I do," when Mother sews up my pinafore when I tear it.

Or when the question was asked what meal is it you have in the morning Tommy? he brightly replied Oatmeal, Sir! So school life is not too bad after all, is it?

Last month I excused you writing to me, being your holidays, although I am glad to say many of you did so. This month I

want a great big mail bag full of letters recording some of those happy memories of your holidays. I just want to know how that wonderful banking account stands now. If you built Sand Castles, Boats, or played Clock Golf on the Sands or in the Parks. If you made friends with the Ducks and Geese in the Country, or played cricket, rounders, etc. How many times you washed Dolly's face during the holidays, and if she was a good girl and kept her dresses nice and clean? How far you boys travelled in your posh soap box on wheels Motor Car? What class or form you have gone into now you have returned to School, and anything else you can think of?

As I did not have the pleasure of meeting you when I was at the seaside, it is only fair that I should tell you that I built Sand Castles, played cricket with a number of children on the sand, climbed rocks, paddled, in fact Auntie Ruth once wanted to know whose spade it was? Doris' or mine? while Doris suggests next year we will both have one, but there I am only a great big kid at the best.

They say we are only young once, so we may as well make that once a long period, what say you?

I just wish I could have the whole lot of you boys and girls on the sands together, I guess we would have a great time together.

Next month we shall have to consider indoor games and amusements as the darker nights will then be coming along. I shall have to see if I can suggest some stunts for you.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES AND QUESTIONS.

No. 69 BLACKPOOL, SCARBOROUGH, RAMSGATE,
EASTBOURNE, FOLKESTONE, ILFRACOMBE,
YARMOUTH, SKEGNESS, SOUTHPORT.

No. 70 FINANCE, MACKINTOSH, UMBRELLA,
SUNSHADE, MAGAZINES, CAMERA.

No. 71 DEAL, BATH, TURKEY, BAND, RULER.

Answers received from.

Eric Cutler, Birmingham, Doris Nash, Manor Park, Lily and Vina Emery, Amy Lucas, Irish Thornton, Annie Hope, Hilda Cavanagh, South Manchester, Mrs. and Nellie Dean, Burry, Florence Stuart, Liverpool; Doris Fruin, Battersea. *Emily Talbot, Johannesburg.

*I am delighted to see that Boys and Girls overseas are interested in these Puzzles.

PUZZLES FOR THIS MONTH.

- No. 72. 1. A Fire side pet, three letters.
2. One, Four letters.
3. A drink, three letters.
4. A popular animal, four letters.
5. Used on the Sea, four letters.
6. Used in Puddings, three letters.
7. A Flower, four letters.
8. Part of the foot, three letters.

If you get your answers correct, you will find the first letters of each word placed together, will spell a boys name.

No. 73. Make a sentence from the word Lyceum.

Thus L— Y— C— E— U— M—.

Example: Little Youngsters can even understand meetings.

No. 74. QUESTIONS.

1. What Country does a Tea Service remind you of?
2. What Insect reminds you of a summer sport?
3. What do School Masters use, which reminds you of Sugar?
4. What part of a tree reminds you of a dog?
5. Which playing card reminds you of a Nursery Rhyme?

Since my last letter to you I have had the pleasure of visiting the Boys and Girls at the Portsmouth Lyceum. They gave me a right royal welcome and you will see what a good time we had by the separate report in this issue.

With regard to letters received Manchester District still hold the lead. Newton Heath heading the list. I hope this month to receive quite a lot of letters from Boys and Girls who have not yet written to me, while Essays and Individual Efforts from older members are always pleasing.

With Love,

Address letters to me at:

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

Your Lovng friend,
UNCLE BERT.

Granny Betsy Armitage, of Leeds, Easy Rd. Lyceum, has passed to the Higher Life. Granny Armitage walked three miles to the Lyceum every Sunday. She was 84 years of age, and the Lyceum was very proud of their old friend.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

LYCEUM MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE.

Minutes of the Meeting held at 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, on Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th July, 1927.

Present:—Mr. E. A. Keeling (Chairman), Mrs. M. E. Pickles, Misses E. Elliott, G. M. Halliday, A. Hesp, M. E. Kitson, M. E. Lawton, Messrs. G. F. Knott, G. A. Mack, J. Nurse, J. Shuttleworth and A. T. Connor (Hon. Secretary).

The minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted—a special acceptance being voted for the two G.C. Recitations in print (from the L.B.).

Arising, the Secretary reported on his correspondence with the Management Committee *re* the *Helps* MSS., and the circulation of the MSS. to the members of the Revision Committee. The report was accepted. The advertisement in the January BANNER was approved, and the Secretary reported that as a result he had suggestions, etc., from two Lyceumists. It was decided to circulate Mr. Wareham's G.C.R. on MATTER AND LIFE, with the comments of Messrs. Hibbins and De Brath, and Mr. De Brath's suggested G.C.R., to the members of the Committee, for consideration; and as suggestions for alterations, etc., of Golden Chains had been received from Chesterfield and North London Lyceums, the whole of the G.C.Rs. already considered were passed under review, with the following results:—

- 105—It was decided to reconsider this at length.
 106—Title adopted: "The Destiny of Man."
 112—"Heavens" and "Universe" to be spelled without Initial Capitals.
 114—The first reading to begin with "Answer, O Soul."
 118—The "Pitfield" addition to be inserted after the fourth Conductor reading—with the exception of the final reading which shall be used to end the Golden Chain.
 120—New version tentatively accepted, and reserved for further consideration.
 125—Restore the original final readings omitted in the Harmonised and subsequent editions:
Cond.: A good death is better than an evil life; strive, therefore, to live as long as thou oughtest, not as long as thou canst.
Lycm.: While thy life is to others worth more than thy death, it is thy duty to preserve it. Complain not of the shortness of thy time; remember that with thy days thy cares are shortened.
Guar.: He who gave thee life as a blessing, shortened it to make it more so.

During this revision it was decided to delete all personal references in the body or at the end of Golden Chains, and to make full acknowledgment to all authors in the preface.

Correspondence was read from Chesterfield Lyceum, Miss Kirkham and Mrs. Arnold, and after careful consideration of the points raised the Secretary was instructed to reply, thanking the correspondents for their suggestions and/or offers of help.

The Conference Representatives gave their report and made special reference to the resolution arising out of the Revision Report, and carried by 86 votes to 6: "This Conference instructs the Management Committee to refrain from printing and/or publishing a revised edition of 'Helps to the Study of the *Lyceum Manual*,' until such time as the *Manual* Revision Committee has completed its work or an agreement as to the contents of 'Helps' has been arrived at between the Management and Revision Committees." The report was adopted.

The proposed Interim Report on the "Helps" was held over, and the Secretary was instructed to inform the M.C. that "Until the members of the Committee have completed their examination and a full report been considered, the Committee is not in a position to reply to their request for a list of the errors in the new "Helps" MSS.

The Revision work proper was then resumed, and G.C.Rs. 128 to 135 were examined, with the following recommendations:—

- 128—Delete and replace. It was considered that a lesson or lessons on Human Brotherhood must be included, and the Secretary was instructed to invite Mr. H. G. Wells to help with advice *re* a proper presentation of the subject.
 129—Delete and replace.
 130—Alter the title to "Spiritual Attainment"; delete "For"

where it begins Lyceum readings. Restore, after reading beginning "Truth is God's," the omitted reading *re* Hope:

Lycm.: Hope, fair hope, and all her train of eloquent resolves, do stand upon the watch, and guard you well.

131 and 132—Retain.

133—After considerable discussion, the title of the Recitation was altered and the readings adapted to read as follows:—

THE PHYSICAL, MORAL AND SPIRITUAL ORDERS.

Con.: What do we chiefly learn from a careful study of Life's experiences?

Lyc.: We learn of a physical order, which embraces us and all the world; of a moral order, which governs our relations to every living thing; and of a spiritual order, whereby all souls are immortal.

Con.: What good results from a knowledge of these orders and conformity thereto?

Lyc.: The attainment of that happiness which all men desire.

Con.: Can you give a summary of precepts the observance of which experience proves will lead to happiness?

Lyc.: Yes. There are many precepts which form the substance of true religion and philosophy. They may be divided into four groups.

Con.: What is the first group?

Lyc.: Ideals to be realised: purity, justice and truth.

Con.: What is the second group?

Lyc.: Faculties to be disciplined and cultivated in striving to reach it: affection, will and reason.

Con.: What is the third group?

Lyc.: Vices to be conquered: selfishness, intemperance and worldliness.

Con.: What is the fourth group?

Lyc.: Virtues whereby progress may be ensured: thoughtful self-respect, self-denying work and single-eyed devotion.

Con.: What do we chiefly learn by these precepts?

Lyc.: We learn what to avoid; what we owe to ourselves, and what we owe to our neighbours.

Con.: What has man to avoid?

Lyc.: His great enemies are disease, ignorance and injustice.

Con.: What does he owe to himself?

Lyc.: The maintenance of that health of body by which he is related to the physical order; cultivation of such practical energy as may enable him to fulfil his duties in the Moral Order, and the proper development of those faculties which make him a spiritual being.

Con.: What does man owe to his neighbour?

Lyc.: His duty to himself will necessarily lead him to perform his duty to others; and his relations to his fellow-creatures will multiply in proportion to the development of his sympathies and life.

134—Retain, with the second Leaders and Lyceum Readings altered to read:

Leaders: Suffering arises from the wrong methods that are employed to obtain happiness.

Lyceum: Thus, the drunkard seeks it in intoxicating drinks, and thereby impoverishes his home, starves his children and ruins his life.

135—Retain.

136—Discussion was begun, but no decisions were arrived at.

The next meeting was arranged for Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th November.

The proceedings ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the Dewsbury friends for their hospitality, and to Mrs. Kitson for her hospitality and catering.

A. T. CONNOR, Hon. Sec.

THE M.C. AT SALTAIRE.

Our attention has been called to the omission of Bradford, Harker St. Lyceum, in the list of Lyceums which were represented at the Massed Session in Saltaire on the occasion of the visit of the M.C. to Saltaire during July.

The Bradford District Council gave the M.C. a very hearty and hospital welcome and we regret that any Lyceum was missed from the report in the August BANNER.

Education Department.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

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

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

TO WIN A SPIRITUALIST DEGREE.

All Lyceumists are eligible for the Education Scheme Course, and the value of working through it is twofold, viz. (i) the Grades are all important parts of a complete whole—the B.S.L.U. Scheme—and working through them gives the earnest, progressive Lyceumist an all-round knowledge of essential facts and teachings, and a sound basis for deeper and wider reading and study (such as given by the S.N.U. Advanced Course); and (ii) when Grade V has been passed (with 70 or more marks per cent.) a Lyceumist is awarded the A.N.S.C. Degree (Associate of the National Spiritualist College). *Only* LYCEUMISTS can win this degree; but the S.N.U. confers the later one of G.N.S.C. (Graduate of the National Spiritualist College).

WHAT TO DO.

If you have not yet taken any of the examinations, you begin at Grade I. Either ask someone in your Lyceum who *has* taken it, or ask your Secretary about it, or write to the B.S.L.U. Education Secretary and ask for full particulars about the Scheme (enclose a stamp for reply). On reading the pamphlets sent, you'll see the work is not difficult. Then get your Manual and Handbook, and begin studying NOW.

TO PREVIOUS CANDIDATES.

Those of you who have already passed Grade I, II, III or IV, I would urge to begin NOW preparing for next February's examination. If you got a First Class Honours, or Distinction certificate, then study for your next Grade. If you got a Third or Second Class, you can either take the same Grade again, to win higher marks and a better class certificate, or (unless under the minimum age) take the next Grade.

Grade V students who did not score 70 marks are strongly urged to take the exam. again. The work will not seem as difficult this time.

GRADE V.—TO TUTORS AND STUDENTS.

By the kindness of Mr. Gush, D.N.U., F.N.S.C. (of Huddersfield), who has successfully coached students for Grade V, and for the S.N.U. Entrance Examination, we are giving NOTES OF LESSONS, as prepared and used by him in his classes, on the Grade V. Handbook (No. 3).

If these are used along with their respective Chapters, and then learned, they will be found of great help in grasping the important points, and in summarising what has been studied.

NOTES ON PHASES OF PHYSICAL PHENOMENA.

By E. W. OATEN.

(Handbook No. 3.—for Grade V.)

1. There is a difference between a faculty and a force. Imagination—the power to think—artistic ability—etc.—are *faculties*; Steam; electricity; muscular strength, etc.—are *forces*.
2. Probably a small amount of force is needed to stimulate faculty.
3. In physical phenomena there is a force at work outside the body of the medium. This is generally termed "*Psychic Force*."
4. There is an invisible, non-gravitational substance—probably stuff of the nature of Ether—of which the Aura may be partly composed.
5. Dr. Crawford shows in his experiments that this "stuff" is moulded into rods and is under the control of the operating intelligences—as the rods are made thicker or thinner or more pliable, etc., as requested. These rods came mainly from the shins and chest of the medium—Miss Goligher.
6. The force drawn from each sitter is attracted to the vicinity of the medium, and is there compounded and extended to the objects to be moved.
7. Materialisations are probably concentrations of the stuff drawn from the medium and sitters.
8. In materialisation the actual spirit body of the deceased person may or may not be the mould upon which the stuff is thrown and shaped.

9. Materialised forms are often but mere shells; while in others the interior organs are materialised also.

TRUMPET PHENOMENA.

1. When the trumpet floats round the room, it is probably connected to the medium by a psychic rod.
2. The voices are probably produced through a larynx or "voice box," to create sound waves in the air—materialised sometimes in the trumpet and sometimes nearer the medium.
3. When the power is weak the medium's habit of thought is largely drawn upon; and when the phenomena are weak the voice and accent of the medium is often reproduced. The greater the power available, the more will the voice be *unlike* that of the medium.

PSYCHIC PHOTOGRAPHY.

1. Psychic Photography is a kind of semi-materialisation, but the form built up does not necessarily stand before the camera or "in focus."
2. The drapery thrown round the form is probably in the nature of a protective cabinet.

AUTOMATIC WRITING.

In Automatic Writing psychic force is used to stimulate the brain and nerve centres—acting within the body of the medium. (Compiled by W. G. GUSH, D.N.U., F.N.S.C.)

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

Since our last list appeared Fleetwood and Castleford Progressive Lyceums have applied for registration as Local Branches, and Associate Diplomas have been granted to Muriel Keeling (Liverpool) and Henry Abbott (West Pelton). This leaves 64 Lyceums yet to apply. If YOUR Lyceum is eligible, and has not yet applied, will you please find out the reason why—and let me know? You will find the lists in the *Lyceum Banner* for July and August.

The College Board acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the £10 donation voted by Conference; and sundry donations from Associates when applying for their Degree. Financial strength at the beginning of any effort is one of the essentials of success; and the Board will gratefully receive and acknowledge any donations from Churches, Lyceums, District Councils, or individual Spiritualists.

FOR INTERMEDIATE GRADE STUDENTS.

It will be noted that "The Doctrine of Immortality" has been for the time being deleted from the Syllabus. Owing to the late industrial unrest and other unfavourable circumstances, the *Two Worlds* Publishing Co., who are the prospective publishers, are unable to guarantee the publication, within a given time, of the series of three books of which "Immortality" is the first; and the Joint Education Committee considers it wiser to wait until the series is complete or guaranteed before including it again in the Syllabuses. The Committee will be very glad when this most important series is available for students.

IT IS TIME TO START STUDYING.

The next B.L.S.U. examinations will be held on 19th February, 1928; and the first Intermediate Grade examination will probably be held on 24th and 25th March. The Intermediate exam. will consist of three question papers—one each on the Reading, the Philosophy and the Evolution Courses—and the questions on each will be confined to the text-books set out in the Grade Syllabus. Three hours will be allowed for each paper, the Examination Sessions to be held on the Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning or afternoon.

Those who start studying at once will have about seven months clear in which to prepare for the examination. As an aid to students, whether "solitary" or grouped in classes, the Joint Education Committee has drawn up and issued a Lesson Plan which will take the student through the Syllabus in 26 weeks, each week's work being shown on one line of the Plan. The work is thus equalised so that students may not over-study or under-study during the time at their disposal. For instance, the Plan starts off with "Hints to Students" and "Spiritualism and Lyceumism" in the *Reading* Course (A and B); "Essays on Reasoning" in the *Philosophy* Course (C); and "The Story of Creation" in the *Evolution* Course (D); and the first four weeks are planned as follows:

Week.	(A) Pages	(B) Pages	(C) Pages	(D) Pages
1st	1-6	7-13	Essay I	9-11
2nd	7-11	13-17	„ II	12-16
3rd	11-15	18-25	„ III	18-23
4th	16-22	26-31	„ IV	24-28

The plan, of course, is more comprehensive, and allows the student to take in the scope of the six months' work at a glance. Intending students are advised to apply for a copy.

Only the following are eligible to sit for the Intermediate Examination: students who have passed (i) the B.S.L.U. Grade V. examination or (ii) the Entrance Examination with not less than 70 per cent. of the total marks and (iii) holders of the Dipl. S.N.U. (by examination); and (ii) and (iii) must be members of a Church or of the S.N.U.

The 73 Lyceumists who have qualified for the A.N.S.C. Degree, and the 19 Church members who have passed the Entrance Examination, are thus eligible—together with the Diploma-holders above mentioned.

TEXT-BOOKS FOR GRADES I. TO V.

A full set of all the books can be obtained, at the *specialty reduced* price of 3s. 6d. (post free); or any particular book or books can be got separately. (For list and prices see back cover of this paper.)

SUITABLE FOR LIBERTY GROUPS.

A book very suitable for (and already used by many) Liberty Groups is Glover's *Know your own mind*; an entertaining and instructive study of elementary psychology (mind study or study of mental processes).

A limited number of copies of this can be got, (price 3s. 6d.) from the B.S.L.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, F.N.S.C.,
19, Oakhurst Road,
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.

BOOKS FOR HOSPITALS—THANKS.

The Two Worlds Publishing Co. desire to thank the Lyceumists who have kindly taken up the scheme for providing Hospitals with Books and Periodicals. A number of Lyceums have adopted a Hospital. The system is operated by collectors obtaining books, etc., from any person willing to give any readable things to the Hospitals. The books are then taken to the Hospitals for the use of the patients.

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Dear Lyceumists,

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I would like once more to bring the collecting cards before your notice. These cards can be an easy way of raising a small donation and you know a lot of small donations soon add up. To those who do not care to ask others to donate on their cards, they can give one penny per week themselves and so raise their individual share. Of course it is much better for one person in a Lyceum to take charge of the cards when filled, to return them to me. Who will be the first to write me for cards?

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Reasoning by Facts.

The Lyceum system of education is based on the evidences of revealed natural and spiritual laws in conjunction with a moral code which accepts the institution of personal and social responsibilities.

The first step is to acquire a fundamental knowledge of the physical and spiritual surroundings in which we find the material to use and shape objective things to our physical needs; and spiritual forces to influence the mental growth of desire along sequential and progressive lines.

Man is made of substance, but by spirit. Matter is the object and spirit is the force which produces evolution and change in harmony with human requirements.

The substance of life is four-fold; solid, liquid, gaseous and etheric. The spirit comprises thought, mind, will, conscience, and soul.

The intangible consciousness of man operates mysteriously and all we know is that it happens. It is the result of this happening that we are provided with all the means of existence and the realisation of our possession of intelligence.

It is now within the normal experience of mankind that vague relations, with people who have passed out of their physical bodies, are continuing to manifest themselves.

It is the spirit-people who have opened human minds to this contact. They have descended to their former vibration and infused the consciousness of their existence upon human minds by the various evidences of spirit-identity.

Just as the spirits have descended and merged with physical life, we find an equasion of corresponding exaltation in human experience by which we soar to a concept of elementary spiritual laws.

The physicist can teach us to understand the elements of matter and the dynamics of force. We find a deeper problem when we contemplate the elements of spirit substances.

The most fundamental lesson we have learned by contact with spirits is that substance is sublimated. Whilst the higher form of spiritual substance and dynamics may be difficult to understand, we have learned the useful lessons that it is demonstratable that the elements of personality possess more than a human body; there is a spiritual body within the human form, and thus body is capable of projection to near or distant places outside the physical form. This second body goes out into the world of thought, registers impressions and sometimes takes objective shape, when it is recognised as the person from whom this secondary personality has proceeded.

We reason from the foregoing knowledge, that the evidence for human survival beyond death is in favour of the supposition that we shall have a body through which we can manifest our identity. St. Paul stated "there are bodies celestial and there are bodies terrestrial." These words are not actually those of St. Paul, but they are the translation which is read by English speaking people. Thus we appreciate an interpretation which coincides with our experiences. The old records and the new revelations corroborate each other.

There are human, traditional and conventional traits in the spirit communications we receive from spirit people and these display the earthly experience is largely retained for some

considerable time after the spirit has left the physical body. It is these local propensities that the undeveloped cosmic vision of the spirit cannot leave behind at death and which apparently bias the ideas that are given to mankind from the spirit-world.

When we think of the incompleteness of human education and the narrow circle of most individual lives on earth, and realise that most people have passed into spiritual experiences, not only unprepared for their new experience, but also with very vague notion of what they have passed through, it is small wonder that the answers to our queries come from fog-bound minds. We must awaken our own natures to encompass as much knowledge and enlightenment as we can, if we wish to attract the vibrations for the inner truth of things and forces that shape human progress and destiny.

Hence the Lyceum has a great splendid unfolding vista to offer mankind in the solution of the enigmas of life and the immediate control of events to produce human welfare and advancement. It will perhaps be wise here to insert the statutory objects of the Lyceum:—"The objects of the Lyceum are to promote the physical and social improvement, as well as the intellectual, moral and spiritual progress of its members, and to impart a knowledge of the facts pertaining to our personal immortality, spirit-communion, and the naturalness of mediumship; and for the inculcation of a morality based on right doing; and a religion free from creed; and to assist in ascertaining some higher mode of work-a-day life may be better lived than is at present possible."

There can be no doubt the objects are utilitarian and catholic: environment and local customs are transcended. The free student goes from the centre to the outer circumference of experience and desire. For guidance he looks to the highest minds.

What other talented men may say and do must be tested by his intuitive sense and he will not go far wrong. The difficulty is that most men have a "bias" and their code of reasoning is affected thereby.

Sir Oliver Lodge is purely a physicist.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is influenced by the Christian environment and makes a God-man his leader.

Rev. Walter Wynn is controlled by Christian tradition.

Mr. Moseley is a reporter, not out for conviction, but for copy.

Sir Wm. Barrett says spiritualism is not a religion. It exists to give a force to religions which already exist.

Lastly there is the Spiritualist who states that Spiritualism is the Science of life, here and hereafter.

It will be seen from the foregoing outlooks that the facing of Spiritualism and the study of life may be from a local or universal aspect.

A Lyceumist will prove the varying opinions and test their standard. The truth is the standard measure of his mind.

Truth is the source of all eternal realities. Things decay, but the truth principle of their existence remains.

Truth is simple; error is complicated. Apart from creed, religion is easily understood.

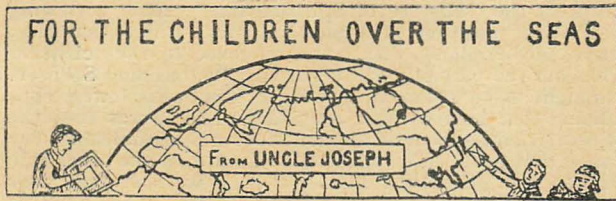
Self-comprehension is essential: biologically, physically, psychologically and spiritually. The merge into the social scheme of things and forces must start from the God-consciousness of intuition within. Will and wisdom unite and we shall find an education sufficient to weigh the evidences of truth in a just balance; and see the motive of each premeditated thought as it is conceived in other minds. Thus we shall be able to allay ourselves with progressive causes which unfold truth. The bias will have disappeared. The fog will have cleared.

We shall be able to see behind the spirit messages and discern their potentialities or inaccuracies. Millions are in the spirit world who have gone unprepared. If they come back to us let us take them at their true value, sift their statements, and we will find that we may need to help spirits in darkness, even as we look for help from those who are more enlightened than ourselves.

True riches and poverty are governed by the concept of the soul and their values or deficiencies are weighed in the balance of utility. The sins of omission and commission alike weigh in the balance when we test our spiritual worth.

Reasoning by facts will give us a proof of our existence in a larger world than we previously lived. It is a mentally governed world leading to spirituality; the fusing of ideas in truth to practise for the commonweal those things which help the weak, guide the unlearned and give an impetus toward the attainment of the wisdom that shall influence the highest and purest minds to draw mankind towards the circle of God's expanding love.

G. F. KNOTT.



ABOUT FLOWERS.

Dear Children,

I think we will all agree that we like walking in the country about this time of the year. A lot of us live in towns, of course, but we are well provided for by tramcars, and very quickly we can be carried into the quiet of some little lane where the hedges are alive with wild flowers, whilst on the way we can see gardens with all kinds of flowers growing. In the parks, too, the gardeners have been busy, and the designs they have worked out are really very wonderful. And it has all been done with flowers.

Many great men have said wonderful things about flowers, and we can go on talking about them for ever.

Just look how they grow; we put a tiny seed into the earth; by and by little points of green peep out; they grow bigger and bigger, and unless we understand gardening each one looks very much like the other. But the days go by and the shoots begin to make a shape that is known to us, and we can say then what is going to come from the plant. Look, here is a flower like a big daisy. The leaves came first, then a funny looking knob which opened slowly, oh, so slowly, until by and by the white petals shook themselves out and the perfect flower showed itself to our eyes.

Here are some that are too close together, so we will take some away and put them where there is more room to grow, but first let us look at them; take them up tenderly, because the part which was in the ground ends in some little threads, almost like hairs. We must not break these; they are the roots which gather moisture and food for the plant, and if these are broken the plant may not grow properly; it may even pine away and die, and we don't want that, do we?

Ah! we have managed to get them all safely planted; let us put a little water around the roots; not too much, and then they will grow in their new home and give us some beautiful flowers.

Of course, we cannot do that with all flowers or at all times. We have to be careful when we take plants up, because some will not live if we remove them, but we ask the gardener, and he tells us which it is safe to touch, and which we must leave alone, and then, if we follow the advice of the gardener our garden will look nice.

But whatever has this got to do with us? Well, I am coming to that in a few moments.

First, what are the uses of the flowers, and why do we take so much trouble with them?

Well, there are so many reasons for growing them; first of all, they look so pretty when they are growing; the leaves so fresh and green, the blooms nodding and winking in all the colours of the rainbow. Here a red rose; there a beautiful blue cornflower; there a white rose, emblem of purity; there poppies red, white, pink, and so frail yet so beautiful sweet peas, swaying in the slight wind like so many butterflies.

These are some of the things which Mother Nature gives us as a reward for our labours. We sometimes give flowers as a sign of love and goodwill. We use flowers at our naming ceremonies as a token of love and harmony. They are used at a marriage to help to grace the service, and they are used when a loved one has gone to the Summerland, so that our friends may know they still have our love.

Still you do not see what it has to do with us. Oh yes, I think we are getting somewhere near it now. We have been talking about flowers; and flowers generally mean gardening. Now we are getting at it. Why ever didn't I think about it before?

All this year we have been getting the ground ready and planting seed, and now we are looking forward to some result from our labour.

Well, I think we can show something, for many, many letters tell us of messages of love going out from England across the

seas, and these messages have received their reward in the shape of loving replies from our chums in other lands. So you see we have been gardening to some purpose, for we have been sowing seeds in the fields of love, and are now gathering bright flowers of welcome and kind thoughts.

Whilst I am writing I am just turning over a few letters which have come to me.

Here is a picture showing some Lyceumists; they have sent letters and now I have the photograph, so it brings us quite near to one another.

Here is one of a home Lyceumist; they tell me they have had a letter and a photo of the chum they are writing to, and how they like their friend, and how much they are looking forward to another reply.

There, that is an idea for all who are writing overseas; send your photo, because it is so much nicer when we can look at one another whilst we are writing.

I know quite a lot of people now, apart from their letters, because I have their photos, and can look at them whenever I want.

NEWS ABOUT CALIFORNIA.

Now, then, here is a bit of news. I have a letter from Mr. Vlasek, of Los Angeles. He tells us that during the summer months the Lyceums are not so well attended because, of course, they have holidays there just the same as we do; only, of course, we suppose they try to find a Lyceum to go to when they are on holiday, and when they can take loving greetings from their Lyceum.

Then in America they have camp meetings, and I want to write about one in California, called Harmony Grove Camp.

It is near a place called Escondido. (It sounds like a Spanish name, doesn't it?) and is 116 miles from Los Angeles, where many of the people come from, and many of them go down in motor cars, of which they seem to have so many in California.

Well, this is the 31st Camp meeting, so you will see they have been having Camps for quite a long while. It is in a little valley, and the hills around rise to 800 feet. The ocean is nine miles away, so that they can have the sea and country at the same time almost, for it doesn't take much time to run nine miles in a motor car, does it? And on one mountain, Mr. Vlasek says, there are the remains of one of the old Indian Sun Temples covered with signs, which the learned people call hieroglyphics. We have heard of these sort of things before in Egypt, but they also have them in America, and I dare say some of us would very much like to study them; so I have asked Mr. Vlasek if he can find out anything about them. Then we can improve our knowledge by talking about them a little, because it is always wise to learn all we can.

Mrs. Mary C. Vlasek is very interested in this Harmony Grove Camp, for she is the President, and loves the work very much, and whilst we are talking about Mrs. Vlasek, we find that she has been the Pastor of her Church in Los Angeles for 25 years, so you will see that she has been attending very strictly to her garden, and we should expect that there are many flowers of love and truth have been grown there.

When the camp meetings are on, they have Services and Lyceum Sessions and talks, so you can see what a lovely, enjoyable time all those people can have together, with their open air services, and the lovely walks by the sea and on the mountain.

In another part of this Banner you will find a letter from Miss Webb, telling you something about Australia and New Zealand. It is very, very interesting to learn about other lands, so we must ask our friends to tell us more, and the English Lyceumists must not be backward in telling of the beauties of their own towns, for every place has its own charms and its own little stories. Though they may seem commonplace enough to those who live there, yet to the chum who is far off it will be something for them to think about.

So you see there are so many flowers you can send abroad; flowers of knowledge, as well as flowers of love. Oh yes, there is a lot of sowing yet to be done, and a lot of reaping also, because little bits of news like that make our letters all so interesting to those who read them.

Here is a Lyceumist who has been to the seaside, and oh, how she has enjoyed herself paddling in the sea and riding in a little carriage. How happy she looks. She will come back

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The S.N.U. Summer School.

Miss Elliott, the President of the B.S.L.U., attended the Summer School as the official representative of the B.S.L.U. In response to a request from the Editor, Miss Elliott contributes a review of the Summer School for the readers of the BANNER. Miss Elliott expresses her great interest and pleasure in having the opportunity to represent the Union at the School.

LEAVES FROM MY SUMMER SCHOOL DIARY.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Conference, I attended the S.N.U. Summer School at Rhyl.

Arriving on August 6th I was greeted by Mrs. Turtle, the Assistant Secretary of the S.N.U., who proved, throughout the term, to be a genial soul, and we regarded her as our "Mother." She never tired in seeing to our comforts. "Colet House," the venue of the school, is a large red brick building, standing in spacious grounds, and situate on the promenade. It commands a good front view of the sea, and from the sides and back of the house we got a wonderful view of the surrounding hills and mountains, so well known to lovers of North Wales.

In the midst of such scenery, the S.N.U. Summer school Students began their studies with real zeal. Saturday evening found us a very happy family, arranging the details of the programme for the week. A social evening gave us songs, recitations, games, etc. All social barriers broken down, we retired with the happy thought that the Summer School was going to be a real success.

Sunday morning, August 7th, found us all ready to receive our first lesson: Mr. G. Berry, D.N.U., S.N.U. Gen. Secretary, was our speaker. In his lecture, "Founders of Great Religions," he took us back to the time when men were emerging from animalism, prayer being prompted by the grave difficulties around them. Zoroaster, first founder of Religion, defender of the community against the "Maradin" (the Soldier). He regarded animals as sacred because they were the mainstay of life, and looked upon the rain as milk, because it watered the land that fed the animals.

The changes of life, created thought, and he concluded there were two tremendous forces, the law of attraction and repulsion—Two opposites; behind these Zoroaster saw "A Unity," "A Will," and said "I am going to find out what lies behind all these things." His search led him to discover we had a "Spirit" and went into other worlds.

Mr. Berry then dealt with Buddha, how very like unto the Jesus he was, yet born 500 B.C.

Buddha gave up his princely position and became a beggar, that he might alter the conditions of life, that men be no longer lepers in "mind and body." He struggled to have courage to face the facts. By the crucifixion of the body (giving up material pleasures) he thus gave the soul a chance, and he said this was the only way by which our difficulties would be solved. Mr. Berry told how Buddha taught the need for desiring the right things of life, through right words, right thinking. He taught annihilation. "Nirvana" was not extinction; but the power to empty self for another's salvation; to reach the standard of self-abnegation; to be absorbed in the great god-head.

Next, said Mr. Berry, we come to Jesus, whom he believed was the greatest man of the world. Jesus came into the world to more than just express thoughts, but to be at-one-ment with "God" and yet retain his own individuality. His death is a splendid example to those who can go to death in the way he did, to bring into being personal relationship with God. When he said "I and my Father are one" he realised that death did not end life. To His disciples he said "I will come back and shew myself to you." He was a man with prior knowledge of these occult powers, a man who could express spiritual ideas.

Mr. Berry summed up by saying "Truth, then, grows by adding."

Many questions were put to the lecturer and very ably answered by him.

Sunday afternoon was well spend basking in the sunshine to prepare us for the evening meeting.

At 6-30 Mr. Berry spoke for a short time. Miss Hesp, who said that she was proud she had had a Lyceum training, told how that influence had made itself felt in her teaching profession.

Miss Elliott then gave the events that led up to her becoming associated with the Lyceum, and how her orthodox training had helped her to make comparison and come to a decision that salvation rested with herself and could not be brought about through belief in Jesus.

Mr. Whyman gave some very convincing clairvoyance.

Thus ended a "Glorious day well spent."

Monday, August 8th, Mr. Berry was again our lecturer and dealt with the "History of Spiritualism." After reviewing the political position of France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Austria and England, with some reference to the scientific world, and the part played by Darwin, Wallace and Spencer, he brought us to 1848, when religion was at its lowest ebb. Realising that men without religion perish; it was then the new revelation came to us through Modern Spiritualism. The message that came to us was "We who are on the other side have not been gone away from you, that we have seen your struggles and our tears flow for you." Mr. Berry took us back to Swedenborg "the forerunner of Modern Spiritualism," from 1772 to 1848. He then dealt with John Wesley, the Irvinites, and Mesmer, whose mesmerised subject comes back with a definite message. He spoke of France, with its Theosophical teachings; and the American Shakers, who practiced mediumship in 1837, and who claimed their guides were made of Red Indians. Then Mr. Berry spoke of A. J. Davis, who gave us philosophical writings. There was observed a great likeness between him and Swedenborg, and all tended to shew that the spirit world was making preparations for the new revelation of 1848.

Much interest was taken in the subject, hence a lively discussion followed.

On Monday afternoon a picnic was arranged to Dyserth Waterfalls, and there we went into the Church where we had an opportunity of inspecting the famous "Jesse" window.

Another social evening was spent in the company of our friends from "Elway Hall."

Tuesday, August 9th, Mr. H. Boddington gave us a lecture on "Spiritual Healing," and throughout he maintained that the "mind does more towards healing us, than belief in Faith." It was necessary, he said, that we as Spiritualists, should prove our cases of healing.

Tuesday afternoon had been looked forward to by many of the students, in response to an invitation to pay a visit to Lowther College. We went by bus, and after half an hour's run we went through the Castle gates, and all felt like little children, waiting for the fairy prince and princess to reveal their presence to us, but lo and behold, as we advanced towards the front of the Castle we were welcomed by our very genial host, Mr. Lindley, Dr. of Music (Manchester University). We went on to the Hall and met our hostess, Mrs. Lindley, the Principal of the College, a lady with a charming personality made us all feel really happy, from the smile upon her face. Warm as the welcome was, warmer still was the delicious tea that was awaiting us in the large hall. The elements so far had been against us, but suddenly a burst of sunshine afforded us an opportunity of looking round the spacious grounds of the Castle. We visited the old Japanese garden, which was a blaze of colour, and through it all one could observe "Unity." We then passed on to the rose gardens, and words fail to give expression to the delightful scene that met our gaze. Here we could realise that we were in "God's garden." Another notable feature of the gardens was the Lancashire and Yorkshire roses, famous during the time of the Battle of the Roses. It reminded us of the Hymn we often sing, "Where e're we turn thy glories shine, and all things pure and bright are thine." Our journeyings through the grounds completed, we bade our host and hostess adieu. We shall ever carry with us the pleasant memory of our kindly Host and Hostess for many years.

Wednesday, 10th. Off by chara to Bettws-y-Coed. The weather was against us, owing to the heavy rains that had fallen, but despite the damp atmosphere, our spirits remained perfectly dry and we were a very cheerful party. We visited Swallow Falls, and here one can conceive something of the mighty power that speaks to us of God in all things. On close examination of the water as it comes rushing mightily on, it seems to take the definite pattern of lace.

Resuming our journey once again, we visited Conway Falls and Fairy Glens. These, too, show the wondrous art of Nature. Returning over the Denbigh Moors we are reminded of perfect solitude, yet they provide a wonderful blaze of colour, from the rich heather growing thereon.

Passing over Lord Davenport's shooting box, we are now over 600 ft. above the sea level. The atmosphere is somewhat chilly, but our spirits are still warm in admiration of "God's glories all around." All were delighted with the 90 miles drive through lovely Wales.

On Thursday, August 11th, Mr. Berry gave us the "History of Spiritualism in the British Isles." Reference was made to Mrs. Hayden, the first medium to visit Great Britain, and of the staunch supporters she had in Robert Owen, the great social reformer, and his son, the Rev. Dale Owen. She left the

country a disappointed woman. She was followed by up D. D. Home. Comparisons were made of the philosophical writings of A. J. Davis, Stainton Moses, and the Dale Owen scripts which increase in value, linked together by the spirit world. Looking through the symbol of these writings we get a dim gaze of the realisation of these truths. It is impossible for me to give anything like full details of this lecture and as it will probably be printed later on, I advise every student of the Education Scheme to become familiar with it when the opportunity occurs.

In the evening we had a circle for the benefit of the Rhyl people who are just commencing a Church. Some sound advice was given on "How to conduct a Church," both from a religious and a business standpoint.

On Friday, August 12th, Mr. H. Boddington gave us a discourse on "The Art of Healing," which again proved very interesting. Sharp discussion ensued, but Mr. Boddington proved equal to the occasion.

Throughout the week, Mr. Roebuck, of Preston, charmed us with his very delightful music at the piano.

After tea farewells were said to those who were leaving us, each one receiving a token of love and appreciation.

In the evening we all journeyed to the Theatre, where a very enjoyable time was spent, and proved a real tonic for mental indigestion.

The Saturday was free. We welcomed new friends in the evening, and then had some real good community singing.

The Sunday morning lecture was very ably delivered by E. W. Oaten, D.N.U., Editor of the "Two Worlds." His subject, "Mediumship" was well elucidated, and another lecture followed on the Monday when the subject was "Mediumship and its Development." This proved to be a very interesting topic and aroused much thought, and resulted in a bombardment of questions, and the speaker very ably replied. During the afternoon some of the students paid a visit to the woods at Colwyn Bay.

In the evening Mr. H. Boddington gave us another very fine address.

On Tuesday, August 16th we welcomed the Rev. Geo. Cole, who afterwards delighted us with his lecture "What is fundamental to Spiritualism." His points were firstly, That all things are natural, there is no supernatural, and we must get rid of superstition. Secondly, Soul is our spirit within—self-consciousness; spirit is the soul beyond our consciousness.

The afternoon was free, when some of the students again paid a visit to Dyserth Falls.

In the evening Rev. Geo. Cole again lectured to us, on "What did the Druids teach?" He gave us a wonderful illustration of the Druids' Chapel on Salisbury Plain (Salisbury meaning "Soul of berry"). Symbolism, he said, was very clearly identified with their religion. He made reference to Tal-y-essin (He of the radiant brow), Father of the Sages, who had a knowledge of involution and evolution, and claimed that he existed before the world was enchanted by the sage of sages.

Ego, the speaker said, is the self-centre of all energising thought and idea. Spinoza was quoted as having said "Soul has a body prior to the earth life, which is only the expression of the soul." Spiritualists have seen the truth of this, when they know we have other bodies after death. Much discussion ensued.

On Wednesday, August 17th the morning woke us with a bright burst of sunshine, which filled us with great anticipation for our journey to Snowden, the great wonder of Wales. The inward journey was through the glorious valley and dales, passing through Conway, Bettws-y-Coed, again viewing Swallow Falls. Then on through Capel Curig to the Llanberis Pass. Entering the Pass from the highest point we drove slowly through until we could get a good view of the Llanberis Lakes. Arrived in the Llanberis village we had lunch, and then made our way up the hillside until we got a wonderful view of Snowden in all his glory. We were indeed fortunate to see him without his cap, which is very unusual. The outward journey was by the coast. We called at Carnarvon, and inspected the famous old Castle. Continuing we arrived at the Menai Bridge. Passing over the bridge we got a splendid view of the Straits. Again we were off, passing through Conway, Llandudno, Colwyn Bay, and soon in sight of Rhyl. The memory of that day will ever be remembered by the students of the first Summer School.

On Thursday, August 18th, Mr. H. Boddington gave us a "Summary of Healing." At the close of his lecture he gave us a fine demonstration of the passes when treating a patient. It was a splendid lesson to those interested in the art of healing.

On Thursday afternoon, Mr. Geo. Cole was again our speaker. "Egyptology" was undoubtedly one of the most profound

lectures delivered during the term. He commenced by reading from the 17th book of the Dead. Mr. Cole gave us a wonderful illustration of the Pyramids, "A Symbol of Flame." Every student followed with rapt attention as Mr. Cole unfolded to us the symbology of the pyramids. Space will not permit me to go into details but sufficient to know we had some very definite knowledge imparted to us, that enabled us to realise the need of becoming initiated into deeper occult subjects.

On Friday, August 19th, the subject "What of Reincarnation" was very ably dealt with by Mr. Cole. This is a subject we cannot afford to dismiss too lightly. Mr. Cole gave us to understand that Spiritualism through its philosophy, had a definite answer to the question. Much discussion ensued. This was the last of our lectures.

Mr. E. A. Keeling, Vice-President of the S.N.U., invited expressions of opinions in regard to the Summer School.

In summing up, all present were of the opinion that it had at long last supplied a long felt need in the movement. On a show of hands being taken the students gave their assurance of attending next year's Summer School.

Many suggestions were offered and will be dealt with in the S.N.U. Council.

In conclusion I wish to state how much I appreciate the opportunity of attending the school as the Lyceum Union's Representative. It has been a real educational feast.

On Friday evening each student received a Certificate showing that "He had digested both mental and physical sustenance, and that he would be a fit and proper person for the next Summer School."

A visit to the Theatre brought the day to a close.

Saturday found us very reluctant to leave, but we carry with us a wonderful memory of the First S.N.U. Summer School.

EDITH ELLIOTT.

LYCEUMISTS' WEDDING AT BURY.

On Monday, August 8th, in the Bank St. Unitarian Church, Bury the marriage between Mr. Morris Herbert Hepworth, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hepworth and Mary Agnes Carroll (second daughter of the late Mr. Thos. Carroll and Mrs. Carrol, of Waimersley) was duly solemnised. Mr. E. W. Oaten (Editor of the *Two Worlds*) officiated.

The bride was attired in white silk eolienne with lace veil and coronet of orange blossoms and carried a magnificent sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaids—Miss May Hepworth, (sister of the bridegroom) whose dress was of pale blue crêpe-de-chine,—and Miss Winifred Carroll, (sister of the bride) attired in pale blue silk eolienne. Each carried a large bouquet of pink roses. The best man was Mr. George Mowe, and the groomsman, Mr. George Ward.

A beautifully decorated three-tier Wedding Cake graced the breakfast table which was laid at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hepworth, where fourteen relatives and friends partook of breakfast. The speeches and presentations were appropriate to the occasion. The newly married couple then travelled to Morecambe where a happy honeymoon holiday was spent.

Both are members of the Bury (King St.) Lyceum.

LYCEUM WEDDINGS AT OLDHAM.

A marriage was solemnised on July 27th at Elliott St. Spiritual Church between Joseph Bridge and Florence Cockrane.

Our Conductor, John Woods, officiated: although it was the first Wedding he has taken, credit was due to him (a dream fulfilled).

On August 20th at Hooper St. Spiritual Church a pretty wedding took place between two of our Lyceumists namely Harry Fox and Lillian Chappel. The Bride was given away by her Father and she looked a charming picture in ivory satin with veil and coronet of orange blossom. She carried lilies and white heather. Annie Potter was the chief Bridesmaid and wore Green Silk dress and hat to match. Annie Molebury and Doris Carrington, friends of the bride, wore lavender silk dresses and black hats. All three carried bouquets of pink carnations and roses. The little bridesmaids were Elsie Glover (niece of the bride) Clara Fox (sister of the Bridegroom), and Gladys Carey (niece of the Bridegroom); all wore lemon silk dresses and caps to match, carrying baskets of flowers. James Chappel brother of the bride was best man. The groomsman was John Woods. Our President, Mr. Standish, performed the ceremony. The church was adorned with lovely flowers. Tea was held at Oldham Central where 150 guests assembled and a grand reception was held in the evening. Miss Clara Stott played the wedding bells and also officiated with music at the Church and reception. All Lyceumists and friends wish them long life and every success. Numerous presents were received.

Mrs. H. Clegg Sec.

Our Lyceum Guild.

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

THE GUILD STORY.

This month appears the concluding chapter of "Tommy the Bootblack"; so next month we shall give another story, also from very early volumes of the LYCEUM BANNER,—which your Leader enjoyed reading when she was a little girl, and hopes young (and old) Guildites will enjoy just as much.

We wish Tommy good luck in his visit to Holland (see last month's page).

GUILD CLASSES.

A good report, showing splendid efforts and steady progress, has come in from Middlesbrough Guild Class; and we heartily congratulate our members there.

Will other Class Leaders please send in Reports soon?

It is now time for Classes to take up Examination studies again, especially if Groups do not specialise in these at Lyceum Sessions. Good luck to all.

OUR ESSAY COMPETITION.

To win merit badges for the Guild ribbon-badge, an essay competition is held each year. Each competitor wins a merit badge if the essay scores 85% or more marks.

THE MERIT BADGES.

A First success is shown by a red square, filled in with blue.

A Second success is shown by a red square, filled in half with violet and half with blue.

A Third success is shown by a red square, filled in half with green, quarter with violet and quarter with blue.

A Fourth success is shown by a red square, filled in with orange, green, violet, and blue (quarter each).

(These are worked on the ribbon-badge).

Certified Essayist. A certificate is awarded to each member scoring a fourth success, and (s)he becomes a certified Guild Essayist.

GO IN—AND WIN.

We are hoping for a record number of entries this year. REMEMBER, every competitor can win; the required standard being 85% or more of the marks.

RULES FOR COMPETITION.

A. (i) The essays must be posted not later than 16th October. (Results will be announced in the December issue).

(ii) Disregard of the following rules will disqualify a competitor.

B. (i) On a sheet of paper write—name, address, Lyceum, age (if under 21), Grade passed (if any), Guild number, and, if you have already won a merit-badge, give year or years.

(ii) Write your essay on *one* side of the paper ONLY.

(iii) Write in ink.

(iv) Do NOT enclose a letter.

(v) In the top left-hand corner of your envelope write "Guild Competition."

(vi) Only *one* essay per subject may be sent in; but if a member is eligible (see list of subjects) for more than one subject, then more than one essay may be sent (each essay being on a different subject).

(vii) The effort must be *your own* work, and not copied from another; nor joint or collective work.

(viii) *Each* essay sent in must have a slip attached, giving name, number, Lyceum, etc.; even if more than one are sent by the same individual.

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

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

The Leader reserves the right to publish any winning essay, but cannot promise to do so.

C. Marking of Essays.

(i) The Examiner's decision must be accepted as final.

(ii) Marks will be awarded for:—

(a) Originality of ideas, and (or) grasp of subject.

(b) Essential matter and facts, and arrangement (or development).

(c) Keeping to the point, and conciseness.

(d) Expression, choice of language, fluency and coherence.

(e) Correct grammar and spelling.

(f) Legibility and general neatness.

SUBJECTS FOR ESSAYS.

A.—For Juniors under 10 years.

Write an essay on *one* of these subjects—

(a) My Pet (either about one you have, or have had).

(b) My favourite game (why you like it, and how to play it).

(c) My Lyceum.

(d) Fairies.

B.—For members 10 to 12.

Write an essay on one of these subjects—

(a) The importance of little things.

(b) If I were ——— (fill in the fourth word for yourself).

(c) The troubles of a baby (as if told by itself).

(d) What being a Lyceumist teaches me.

N.B.—The Handbooks for Grades I. to V. will be found helpful.

C.—For members who will take Grade I. next.

Write an essay on *one* of these subjects—

(a) Explain as to a bereaved mother about children in Spirit Life.

(b) Write an imaginary conversation between a non-Lyceumist and a Lyceumist about Spiritualist Sunday Schools.

D.—For members who have passed Grade I., but not II.

Write an essay on *one* of these subjects—

(a) How do you think we can put into practice the Commandment of Brotherhood—"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself?"

(b) "Spiritualism is not a system of dogmas. It is the science of spiritual life, here and hereafter, founded on facts." Say all you can in support of this.

E.—For members who have passed Grade II., but not III.

Write an essay on *one* of these subjects—

(a) Write what you think is meant by S.C.R. No. 1.

(b) Write a dialogue between an Orthodox Christian and a Spiritualist on the *vital* differences between their respective religions.

F.—For members who have passed Grade III., but not IV

Write an essay on *one* of these subjects—

(a) Explain as to a non-Spiritualist friend what is meant by the last of our Principles—"A path of eternal progress, etc.," and justify it to him (her).

(b) Draw up a Lyceum Session Programme, with one idea running through all the items. Give your Manual selections, the harmony of teaching, and show how you would link up the various items chosen.

G.—For members who have passed Grade IV., but not V.

(a) Give evidences, from personal experience or from reliable authority, of spirit manifestations from which could be shown:—(i) the existence of an intelligent director; (ii) that the *identity* of that controlling intelligence was that of a *discarnate* entity; (iii) conclusive proof that the medium was ignorant of the facts given or the person's (i.e. spirit's) earth-life.

or (b) How does mediumship get and give evidence for the other principles of Spiritualism?

H.—For members who have passed Grade V.

Write an essay on *one* of these subjects—

(a) As for Section G., part (a), (i.e., the first subject for those who have not passed Grade V. but have passed Grade IV.)

or (b) As for Section E, part (b), (i.e., the second subject for those who have passed Grade II.)

J.—For all members over 17 years.

Write *either* an essay or an original story on the Guild motto—"We live to learn, and learn to live."

SEND ALL COMMUNICATIONS 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.

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

PART III.—THE LAND OF FLOWERS (Concluded).

"Tommy, I am going to visit my father and mother. I promised to take you with me. Will you come now?"

"If the 'teacher' will allow me."

"It was I who suggested to Harold that he should take you to a seance held by his father and mother; go, Tommy. By so doing you will learn to communicate with those on earth," said the 'teacher' as she came into the room.

"Are you coming with us, like you did with Jennie and I?"

"No, Harold has learned the way."

So the two boys went out through the window past the lake, and on till they came to the wide roadway. Many people passed them, some going, some coming; some happy, smiling with the knowledge that they had spoken to their friends on earth, and convinced them that they were still living. So happy were they with the thought of their success that they scarcely seemed to touch the ground as they walked. Others, who had failed in their attempts to communicate, walked slowly along with bowed heads and sad faces.

"This is the house, Tommy, and here they are sitting at the table waiting for me."

Tommy looked round the room. It was a prettily furnished drawing-room. In the centre was a small table, at which were seated a lady, two gentlemen and a little girl.

"Mamma, there is Harold, and there is another boy with him."

"Harold, Harold, that's the little girl I saved when I was killed."

"She is my sister; be quiet while I speak to mother."

Harold stepped to his mother's side and placed his hand on her head. In a moment or two her eyes closed, and she picked up a pencil. Harold, still keeping his hand on her head, began to speak slowly and distinctly, and as he spoke his mother wrote his messages word by word. After greeting them with loving words he told them of Tommy's presence, of his death through saving the little girl, and finally how anxious he was to reach Jimmy, and through him other boys, and to find some way of taking them from their miserable life in the streets, and making them honest, useful and happy.

"He says, mother," said Harold, "that he does not know where Jimmy lives, but that if you will promise to go, with my help, he can show you the place."

"Yes, Harold," said his father, when he had read the rather lengthy message, "if you will come to-morrow morning we will try to find this boy, and see what can be done to help him."

"Oh, papa," exclaimed the little girl, laughing. "you have made that boy pleased! He is dancing round the room. Can't you see him?"

"No, dear, I am not blessed like you, with clairvoyance."

"Harold, tell them you'll come, and I'll come too, and we'll find Jimmy, and he'll know I'm alive even if I am dead."

After the seance was over, and Mrs. Graham and Pearl had retired, the two gentlemen sat discussing the message Harold had given.

"But do you really believe, Mr. Graham, that all this comes from your son, and is not Mrs. Graham unconsciously writing what is already in her mind?"

"Undoubtedly I believe it is my boy, and we can easily prove the truth of the communication by going with Mrs. Graham to-morrow to wherever she is impressed to go."

The next morning, soon after breakfast, Pearl said, "Mamma, Harold and the other boy have come; they are waiting for you to start."

"Shall we take Pearl with us?" said Mr. Graham.

"I think it would be best. She can see the two boys, and if they cannot impress me clearly where to go, she can tell us the way by watching them."

After a short drive Mr. and Mrs. Graham found themselves in the city; on they went, guided by Harold, while Tommy, finding that at last his great desire was to be gratified, danced along, too happy to move as slowly as his friends.

Suddenly Mrs. Graham stopped before a large warehouse, then entered it. As she did so, Jimmy came running down the stairs.

"That is the boy, mother," said Harold, "ask him if his name is Jimmy Foster?"

"Is your name Jimmy Foster?"

"Yes, ma'am," answered Jimmy, looking rather puzzled.

"Had you a friend named Tommy, a bookblack?"

"Yes, but he's dead, bin dead nearly two years; he got killed savin' that little girl from being runned over," he replied pointing to Pearl.

"Now, Jimmy, make haste, don't stand talking there, I want an answer to that note as quickly as possible. Good morning, Mrs. Graham, I suppose you are looking for the boy Harold's message told you of? I hope you will find him, but I am very doubtful."

"No we are not looking now, we have found him. You have just sent him away."

"My errand boy?"

"Are you sure it is the right boy?"

"Quite sure. How came he to be here?"

"I took a fancy to him. He returned a purse I lost without even taking a penny of it. I thought it a pity to leave such an honest boy in the streets, so I made him errand boy."

When Jimmy returned they told him how Tommy had come to them, and with Harold's help had given them an account of his life and sad death, "and he thinks, Jimmy," said Mr. Graham, "that through you we can find many boys who would like to be honest and useful, if someone would show them how."

"I know lots er boys, sir, what would like ter live in er 'ouse instead of ther street. Couldn't yer start er school, sir?"

"Yes, Jimmy, that's a splendid idea, I will see what can be done if you will help me to find suitable boys."

In a short time Mr. Graham was able to keep his promise, and started a home for the ragged, forlorn lads who run about our streets, where they were given a plain education and taught some useful trade. The home was small at first, but it gradually grew until several hundred boys were being cared for.

Tommy, who soon learned to communicate, and Harold often came to Mrs. Graham, the former to thank her for helping to carry out his desire to assist, in some way, his former friends.

All the boys who came to the home were told how it came to be started. Some did not believe it, but all, when they found how kindly they were treated and how carefully and lovingly they were taught, felt grateful that such a boy had lived as Tommy, the Bootblack.

THE END.

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My Dear Children,

Now the holidays are over. I want you to be sure to write to tell me of the fun you had, the jolly times on the sands, on the roundabouts and swings at the fair. Or perhaps many of you would take a holiday in the country. However, send along your adventures, I'd just love to hear of them.

I sincerely hope all Guildites have had a real jolly mid-summer holiday and are feeling now in fine trim for their school-work.

Our next holiday will be at Christmas, kiddies. Just think of it! What a rollicking time we shall all have!

Now, I have been wondering how many Guildites were successful in making the "Enchanted Clock," from our "Kiddies Corner" in last issue. Really, kiddies, it was quite easy to make. I thought it such a novelty. How you must have puzzled your friends with it.

I must ask our friend "Toby" to give us another one some time.

HOBBIES.

Many of our Guildites wish to study Esperanto. It is a very useful and interesting language to study, and, although I do not understand very much about it, we shall help one another in our "Imp" class, under our tutor, and hope to make good progress.

Other Guildites wishing to join the class, please send along their names and addresses to "The Guild Imp," 8, Tudor Rd., St. Annes-on-Sea, and enclose, please, a stamped addressed envelope.

Now, little Impites, what is your favourite hobby? You are too young to learn Esperanto, aren't you?

Some of you have been making Models from "Toby", and I hear you can draw. Do let me have some of these drawings, Kiddies.

You may draw birds, flowers, trees, animals, or anything you wish, and I have here 24 magazines for the best drawings sent, so do your very best, and send before September 30th.

COMPETITIONS.

Our July "Best Story Competition" was a great success, and the lucky winners are to be congratulated upon their efforts. All the stories sent were really splendid, and the judges have, of course, considered the age of each Guildite, when judging the efforts.

I earnestly request those who were unsuccessful in obtaining a special prize, to try again next month. Don't be down-hearted, Kiddies, then you are almost sure to win in the end.

OCTOBER.

You are bound to be delighted with our "Corner" in next issue, a little "Novelty Cross-word Competition" will be published, so get your "Banner" early and work out the puzzle carefully, full particulars will be given next month.

OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER.

Whilst I am asking you to do your best in helping to make our *Kiddies' Corner* a success, don't forget, Kiddies, to continue with your studies for the Exams. next year. We need such a great deal for this if we are going to be a success and a credit to our Lyceum and our Tutors, so put your heart into your work. Let our efforts be worthy of Distinction.

Also, let us all try to spare just one hour and enter for the Essay Competition. Our Leader tells us all about this on another page. I am going to try again myself, so follow me, Kiddies, then we shall be able to say we have supported our Guild and our Leader, and lived up to our Guild Aims and Rules.

JULY COMPETITION.

RESULT.

- 1st.—Florence Hunter (Grimsby).
2nd.—Olive M. Eggleton (London, N.8.)

3rd.—Frank George (Everton, Liverpool).

4th.—Ingham Whitehead (Newton Heath).

I regret that the story sent by Edith Mudd, of Moston Lyceum, arrived after the efforts had been sent to the judges. However, I will write to you Edith, and enclose a Toby. Try again next month, and send your effort early.

All who sent stories will, of course, receive a Toby book, and all prizes will be forwarded as early as possible.

In awarding the prizes the judges have taken into consideration:—originality, clearness, accuracy of spelling, logical possibility, avoidance of repetition of words or ideas, etc.

The following has been considered the best story. It is by Florence Hunter.

THE ADVENTURES OF BUNNY.

One summer's morning as Marjorie walked through the woods, she met a wee bunny. On seeing it she cried out with delight, and they at once made friends.

They played together until Marjorie said it was time she went for dinner, so she bade bunny goodbye and went home.

Bunny went his way but, alas, he gave a cry of pain. He had got trapped.

How long bunny was a prisoner he could not say. But a charming Princess came along and freed him, and took him back to Fairyland, where she cared for him till he was well again.

I am sure all the Kiddies will agree that little Florence has done very well indeed, and deserves to win a prize, and head the list.

Well, goodbye, Kiddies, until next month,

Yours lovingly,

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

THE GUILD IMP.

NELSON VISITS FLEETWOOD.

On August 5th we gave a welcome to the visitors from Nelson, who arrived at the Lyceum at 10-30, in two char-a-banes. After light refreshment they visited the town and came to lunch.

We had a Massed Open Session, exchanging thoughts in the various items in the readings, and singing most heartily. The visit was a huge success in every way. The whole session helped us to realise the reading which tells us of one Lyceum visiting another Lyceum in the Summerland. Nelson invited us to return them a visit.

E. K. FIRTH, Sec.

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ready to carry on with her Lyceum work. Another has been in the country, enjoying the open air. Another has gone from the seaside into a large town, and she, too, finds a change, and changes are so helpful, because the more places we get to, the more we see.

But what about those flowers we took up and planted somewhere else? Does that concern us? Oh, yes, it does; very much; some of you may be going away from the town you live in; perhaps to far off places, where you will be in strange ground, and of course you are just like the flowers.

You must be very careful of the little roots which have grown in the Lyceum, and remember that what you learned in your home Lyceum can be put to useful service in some other place; perhaps to start a new Lyceum.

If you try, then, to help in your Lyceum, you will be training yourselves for helping others, perhaps in the near or distant future, so you can see how much your Lyceum training will help you.

Now then, we have said something about flowers, or really gardening, because we are getting to the harvest time, which we shall have to talk about soon, but before we close this letter we must remember what we have to do.

Tell your friends what we are doing to make our Lyceum a success.

Look up those absent members, and also bring new chums.

Don't forget that that friend across the seas will be waiting for another letter.

Spare that little thought for other Lyceumists, and also for all your friends.

And if there are any who still want a new chum, please remember the address is: Uncle Joseph, c/o "Lyceum Banner," 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs., England.

Yours lovingly,

UNCLE JOSEPH.

Births, In Memoriam, and Marriages.

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

IN MEMORIAM.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—We regret to report the passing on of Miss Elsie Watson, aged 14 years, on July 27th. —J. Wicks, Sec.

LEEDS, Easy Road.—Betsy Armitage (Granny) has passed to the higher life. "With our deepest respects."—T. S. Brown.

NELSON.—Transplanted into the Summerland on August 8th, 1927, James Parkinson, aged 18 years.

"He has left footprints on the sands of time."

E. Boothman, Assist. Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—This month brings memories of a little son, Harry Porritt Clegg, passed over Sept. 23rd, 1926, aged three weeks. "Never forgotten by mother, father and Auntie Hetty."

RIPLEY, Codnor and District.—We regret to report the passing to the Higher Life on July 20th of Mr. W. Howe, our first Lyceum Conductor.—J.E.E.

District Council Reports.

The Quarterly Conference was held at Castleford on Saturday, June 25th. Mr. Tweedale, President, occupied the chair. Invocation by Mr. Harding.

A welcome was given by Mr. Mutch, the Castleford Conductor, and accepted by the President on behalf of the Council. The President addressed the Delegates, Associates and friends, and said: We are just on the verge of a great demonstration and I want us to show the general public we are worthy of our name as Lyceumists. Of course, I know we are all trying to keep true to our name, as Socrates and dactor, and accepted by the President on behalf of the Council. other great men did, to hold to the truth. I try to realise as I study, what a Lyceumist should be. We have a standard to keep up and I hope we shall try our best. I know next Saturday will be a great success. Let us all try our utmost to keep up to this standard. The President finished his address with a hearty welcome to the members present.

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and confirmed. The correspondence was accepted. Morley, Cross Church St., affairs were referred to the E.C. and a letter of protest be sent. Every confidence was expressed in our D.V. D.V. reports—Morley Cross Church Street—held at Churchwell, Castleford, Leeds Psycho, Normanton, Batley Carr, South Elmsall, all showed progress. B.D.C. report was given by Mrs. Harrison and the L.D.C. report by Mrs. Harding. Much discussion took place over these reports.

The Treasurer showed a balance of £3 8s. 0½d. U.D.C. and B.S.L.U. discussion on reports followed. The Field Day and Financial Statement was accepted. Agreed on confirmation. There was no Competition to report.

Open Council. The Inter-change was agreed to be left over until the next meeting.

Re Heckmondwike, and Horbury and Ossett, affiliation to B.S.L.U., agreed Secretary write both Lyceums. The Propaganda meeting at Morley was left over until an invitation is forthcoming from the L.D.C. Next meeting is to be arranged at Dewsbury, if possible, the Secretary to arrange it.

Votes of thanks were recorded to the Castleford friends for their hospitality, and accepted by Mr. Bicken on behalf of the Lyceum and Church.

Officers present, 2; D.V., 1; fraternal delegate 1; Lyceums, Batley Carr, Birstal, Cleckheaton, Morley, Cross Church St., Dewsbury, Heckmondwike, Leeds Psycho, Morley (Queen St.), Wakefield, Castleford. Lyceums, 10; Delegates, 13; Associates, 5, and Credential Officers, 2.

FIELD DAY.

The Annual Field Day and Demonstration was held at Wakefield on Saturday, July 2nd. The procession was marshalled in position near the Town Hall, Wood Street, by Mr.

Tweedale, of Wakefield, ably assisted by the Chief Constable and Police, and headed by the Wakefield Old Prize and Wakefield City Prize Bands through the principal streets. The tea was excellent and did great credit to Mr. Mogg, the Co-operative Society's caterer, for within 15 minutes 1,478 people were enjoying the repast.

At 6 o'clock the scholars and friends were marshalled into their respective squares for marching, and it was very excellently done; the way the bands took up the strain from one another without a pause or break was remarkable. Callisthenics followed, and in the whole history of our Field Day never has this been done so effectively. The citizens of Wakefield who were assembled were amazed. A very pretty piece was rendered by the City Band for the exercises. We are greatly thankful to our band friends for the beautiful music rendered on the march and on the field. Both bands remarked and expressed thanks to our Council for the lovely tea provided for them. They are desirous of tendering again for the event wherever it may be. Dancing occupied the rest of the evening.

Mr. Tweedale was ably assisted by Mr. Wainwright, Armley; Mr. Ingle, Easy Road; Mr. Spencer, Birstal; Miss Hirst, Liversedge; as assistant marshalls. Representatives: Mr. Burrows (M.C., and Halifax and Huddersfield D.C.), Mr. J. F. Cook (Sheffield L.D.C.), Mrs. Thistlethwaite (Y.D.C.), Mr. Davis and Miss Jones (Sheffield D.C.), Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson (Bradford D.C.), Mr. Baines (Bradford, Adjudicator to our Council), Mr. Jenkins (Treasurer), and Mr. Croll (Leeds D.C.), Mrs. Adamson (Fraternal Delegate, Leeds D.C.), and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, our Area Representative. Mr. Peel, Dewsbury, rendered good service as representative and Band Steward. Thanks are due to Mr. L. Bland (Dewsbury) as our Musical Conductor again. Many Lyceumists came from other District Councils, and Halifax, Alma St., brought quite a lot.

Lyceums represented.—Wakefield, Horsforth, South Elmsall, Armley, Batley Carr, Easy Road, Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Horbury and Ossett, Liversedge, Morley, Cross Church St., Normanton, Morley (Queen Street), Leeds Psycho, Dewsbury (Alpha St.), Birstal, Castleford, Halifax (Alma St.), Barnsley (North Pavement), Laisterdyke, Doncaster (High St., Mr. Bates), Doncaster (Arcade). Churches.—Hemsworth, Bradford (M. St.), Normanton (Assembly Rooms), Morley (Cross Church St.) About 1,540 formed the procession, and many schools were headed by their beautiful banners. A splendid and effective sight. Never before has such a procession been seen in Wakefield, and is talked of to-day, and many religious people have expressed, What are the Christian Sunday Schools doing and going to do in the near future?

The Council's best thanks are due to our worthy Treasurer, Mr. Wilson, of Dewsbury, for his untiring help given to the Field Day Secretary on the day. Collectors at the gate: Mr. Wilson, Cleckheaton; Mr. Daisley, Psycho; Mr. Sutcliffe, Morley, Queen St.; and Mr. Lee, Armley. It realised £5 16s. The income from all sources was £89 9s. 10d. Expenses £74 7s. 5d., leaving the Field Day Fund with the magnificent balance of £15 2s. 5d.

One of the most prominent cinema proprietors of Wakefield stated that if he had known it was going to be such a glorious procession he would have had it screened at the cinema.

Council messenger, Mr. Crossley (Ossett) and local messengers, Messrs. Smith and Wright, all worked very hard.

A. W. Harding, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The quarterly Conference will be held at Wellington St., Dewsbury, on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3-30 p.m. prompt.

Agenda.—Opening Exercise, Invocation, Welcome, President's Address, Roll Call, Minutes, Correspondence, Reports—D.V., Treasurer, L.D.C., B.D.C., Field Day, Secretary, Financial Statement, Auditors, Competition Business, Field Day and Demonstration, 1928 (Invitations), Associates, Open Council, Vote of Thanks to local friends. Next Meeting.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council will be held at 31, Millgate, Wigan, on Saturday, September 10th, at 3 p.m.

Business.—Minutes of last meeting, Correspondence, President's address, Reports, Massed Session. Open Council. Invitations wanted for 1928.

Will all delegates and associates please attend?—F. Clitheroe, Sec.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting took place at Ashton, Burlington St., on Saturday, August 6th, and was presided over by the President, Mrs. Ennion.

There were 25 delegates and associate members present from Macclesfield, Ashton, Baker St., Hyde, Denton, and Lord St. (Central).

The Minutes of the last quarterly meetings and Correspondence were passed as read. The B.S.L.U. Report, D.V.'s Report, and the annual outing report were all accepted as satisfactory.

We accepted the invitation from Ashton to hold a Massed Session on December 18th.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Lord St. (Central) on November 5th. The best thanks were given to the Ashton friends for their hospitality.—E. Joules, Sec.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

The seventh Annual Outing of the above Council took place at High Lane, Middlewood, on Saturday July 9th. The party comprised upwards of 250 Lyceumists and friends, who met for tea at 5 o'clock. The weather was glorious, not a shadow came along to mar the spirit of happiness which existed. All manner of games were indulged in, and time passed all too quickly.

On July 10th a Massed Session was held at Lord Street, Central, under the auspices of the Council, ably conducted by the President, Mrs. Ennion. There were present representatives from Hyde, Macclesfield, Ashton and Baker Street.

A welcome was extended to the members of the E.C. by Elsie Brown. A younger Lyceumist, Annis Springate, then presented each member with a buttonhole. Mr. Bowden, of Hyde, responded to the welcome with a few words of encouragement.

Marching and Callisthenics were done very well. Pearls, recitations, solos, and duets were given very nicely. As a result of obtaining highest marks in the Education Scheme for those under 14 years, George Brown was presented with a Songster. Greetings were extended to the various Lyceums represented.

A Flower Service was held in the evening. The rostrum was tastefully decorated. Mr. Belcher and Mr. Bowden were the speakers. The younger Lyceumists rendered very nicely the Lyceum song "Flowers of the Garden." Mr. Pyott gave a little clairvoyance. The after-meeting was taken by Miss Reece, who gave some very good delineations. Great praise is due to all. A spiritual feeling prevailed throughout the day.—Edith Joules, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council will hold the third quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 17th, in the Church and Lyceum at Albert Road, Blackpool, to commence at 3-30 p.m.

Agenda:—Minutes, Correspondence, Reports—D.V.'s, Financial, Secretary's, Conference, Miscellaneous, President's address, Elect Delegates to other Conferences, Standing Orders, Notices of Motion.

Tea will be provided by our friends at Blackpool at a nominal charge.

Lyceum Secretaries are requested to notify their Lyceum Associates of this meeting.—J.S.

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.

BACUP SPIRITUALIST LYCEUM.—On August 6th we held our Annual Procession and Field Day in glorious weather, when a few of our Lyceum cousins from Rawtenstall and Todmorden joined in along with us, to pay honour and tribute to our noble cause and the founder of the Lyceum in this country, Mr. Alfred Kitson, who has taught us to "Press on," for we are brave and true. This event proved to be a great revelation in Bacup for the cause of Spiritualism. 120 Lyceumists, Church members and friends took part in the procession,

under the conductorship of our Lyceum Conductor, Mr. H. Shaw, and was headed by the Whitworth and Healey Prize Band. After the procession we adjourned to Mr. Clough's field, where coffee and buns were served. Games and various races were held, the winners receiving handsome presents. The band was in attendance until 8 p.m. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, thanks to the Band Committee, who had so ably worked for the interest of the children.

On May 7th we held our Open Session, when pearls, recitations, songs, etc., were given by the Lyceumists. Mr. H. Shaw conducted, 60 scholars were present. In the afternoon the Conductor, along with a few Lyceumists, visited Roomfield Buildings, Todmorden, and were in the presence of Mr. Kitson. They terminated the day's proceedings with the loyal handshakes of our founder with "Long live Mr. Kitson."—B. Lord, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—We had a good time at our Open Session on August 7th. The following Lyceumists contributed to its success:—Miss E. Keen, Miss P. Wilman, Miss Mary Ackroyd, Miss Ena Hunter, Miss Annie Hudson, Miss Elizabeth North, Mrs. Babbs, Miss Lena Batty, Miss Elsie Stephenson, Mr. Swallow, Mr. Wilman, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Stead, Mr. Beanland.—J. Babbs, Sec.

CALGARY, Canada.—On July 10th we held our 12th Anniversary with a good attendance. Mr. Adam took the Silver Chain recitation, entitled "Children." In "Seeds of Promise" Mrs. Garrad read the connective readings. Mrs. Eshly took the Golden Chain recitation, "The Lyceum," after which Mrs. Garrad sang No. 403, all the Lyceum joining in the chorus. Nearly all gave pearls. Lorna Yoxall and Vernona Potts gave readings; a solo by Elsie Peters, violin; solo by Jack Eshly; a pianoforte solo by W. Garrad, and a recitation by Dorothy Browning made an enjoyable programme. As a preliminary to the giving of prizes; our Conductor, Miss Garrad, pointed out the advantages and opportunities that the Lyceum gave to all. Concluding an enjoyable session, Mr. Kitson, President of the Church, said a few words and gave the attendance prizes to the children, who have put in very good attendance this year.

On the 16th of July we held our Picnic by motoring out to a nice spot 10 miles out of the city. A nice turnout helped us out finely. Games were played and races were run, with good prizes being given. All the children were given a bag of food at lunch time; at intervals they were all given several ice cream cones. Fine weather was enjoyed until the rain came as we returned home. Several people who were around the picnic grounds were treated to ice cream and food, of which there was an abundance. After an enjoyable afternoon we all returned home happy. Good luck to all Lyceums and the LYCEUM BANNER.—William A. Garrad, Sec.

DUNEDIN, New Zealand.—On May 8th we celebrated Mothers' Day. Good quotations on mother. Pearls and recitations were given by children and adults, and many of them explained what mother meant to them.

On May 22nd, during Open Session, we had the pleasure of welcoming "Grandpa Nation," of Levin, Editor of "The Message of Life," our grand old veteran of 87 who, with his daughter-in-law, was on a spiritual mission in the south. He takes a keen interest in Lyceum work and he spoke to the children upon the necessity of each being a brick in the walls of truth and love. Many visitors gathered to welcome him and some to renew an old acquaintance. Pearls were given by nearly all present. Recitations by Margaret Asher, Maureen Mumford, Lilian Bayliss, Charley Bayliss, Freda Swift, Edith Asher, Hazel Pratley, Jean McConnell, Dulcie Pratley, Roland Paul, Raymond Englefield, Hilda Paul, Frances Anthony and Mrs. Dickel; a song by Joan Hargreaves. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—(Miss) R. Burgess, Conductor-Secretary.

DUNEDIN, New Zealand.—On June 17th the Annual Birthday Party was held, when 44 sat down to tea and the happy faces gathered around the prettily decorated and well-filled tables was a cheering sight. The big girls and the adult members worked well and greatly assisted in the enjoyment of all. In the evening parents and friends came, in spite of rain. Between 60 and 70 old and young had a most enjoyable time. Recitations were given by some of the Lyceumists and visitors. Games and skipping competitions, etc., were indulged in, the men proving able and willing helpers. After supper a few

dances and then the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." Three cheers were given for Miss Burgess, and more cheers for Mrs. Lily Hope, of Wellington, who was just finishing a term of platform work. She has come along each Sunday afternoon. Our thanks are due to those who, by donations and gifts of fruit, cakes, etc., helped to make the party so successful.

On July 10th we were pleased to receive, through Mrs. Brooks, greetings from Miss Elliott, President of the B.S.L.U. Dunedin Lyceum heartily returns the greetings, with thanks for the interest taken in the work over here. We are separated by a great space, but in thought can draw very near. Greetings to all Lyceums and best wishes for continued success of BANNER and the Overseas Page.—(Miss) R. Burgess, Conductor-Sec.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On August 1st we held our Annual Trip, going to Wylam by train. Everybody had a most enjoyable time, with plenty to eat, but weak tea. All came home tired and sore. Best wishes to all Lyceums.—J. Dunn, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—The Annual Lyceum Service was held at the Portsmouth Temple on July 24th.

All Services were conducted by Mrs. Hayward (Lyceum Conductor, supported by Church and Lyceum officers, and were addressed by Uncle Bert, who was given a very warm welcome on his first visit to Portsmouth.

The spiritual success of these services should be a great encouragement to the southern workers.

The morning service will long be remembered by the large number who attended as a testimony of the outpouring of Spiritual Power, this undoubtedly being due to two causes: the concentration on success by all workers, and the fact that the time of service coincided with the opening of the Menin Gate Memorial, to which reference was made by Mr. Wheeler in the opening Invocation. Several present expressed the power of emotional waves passing over them during the service.

The afternoon service took the form of an Open Session. The Hall being well filled with members and friends from several centres, including many Lyceumists from Southampton. The pleasing feature of the afternoon were the individual efforts by Lyceumists, which called forth much praise from the visitors, a cross-word puzzle and sentence on B.S.L.U. Competition arranged by Mr. MacFarlane adding much interest. At the close of the Session tea was served by a willing band of workers and was appreciated by the visitors. At the evening service the Church was well filled, and a most inspiring meeting was held, in which several Lyceumists took part.

The success of the day's services were largely due to Mrs. Hayward, Mr. MacFarlane, Miss Paget, Messrs. Wheelers, and a loyal band of workers. Above all, the greatest feature of success is due to the fact that Church and Lyceum are united in the strongest bonds of unity.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after August 24th.

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than September 21st, to ensure insertion in the October issue.

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

BIRKENHEAD.—We held our Annual Picnic on Saturday, July 23rd, at Eastham. We travelled by boat and spent an enjoyable day.

On August 7th we held our monthly Open Session. Recitations, pianoforte and vocal solos were given. We welcomed a number of visitors from Bury, Preston and Halifax Lyceums. We extend a hearty invitation to all other Lyceumists who may come to our district.—John Hirst, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On July 31st we held our

Open Session. About 100 Lyceumists and friends took part in the marching and callisthenics. Recitations were given by M. Railton, C. Railton, M. Turner, W. Railton, E. Wood and H. Railton. Solos by A. Railton and Miss Hall. The naming of the daughter of two of our Lyceumists, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Entwistle, was conducted by Mrs. Sutton, who gave the child the earthly name Joyce, spirit name "Pearl." The Session was enjoyed by all.—Thos. Wood, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—On July 3rd Open Session with a good attendance. Conducted by Mrs. Smith. The following took part with songs, recitations, duets and pearls:—Miss M. Ackroyd, Miss E. Keene, Miss A. Hudson, Miss M. Cook, Mrs. Sugden, Mr. Wilfred, Mr. Exley, Miss A. Lister, Miss M. Ashworth. Pearls were good and well explained and we had a very pleasant time.—J. Babbs, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—Open Session was held on August 7th, with a good response of recitations and solos by Misses Bairstow, L. Plumb, Albert Wilkinson, Mr. Steven, Mr. Pickles, Mr. Plumb and Mrs. Walton, of Gildersome.—E. Pickles, Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—We held our Anniversary Services on August 7th. Mr. Harding, of Wakefield, was the speaker for the day. Special hymns were sung by the scholars. A good time was spent throughout the day.—A. E. Rayner.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session on August 7th, conducted by Miss V. Batty. Invocation by Mrs. Webb. The following rendered items:—Masters Trout, E. C. and L. Gomersall, and Crossland, Miss D. Batty, Miss Crossland and Mrs. Gomersall. Mr. Ben Davies, of Rawmarsh, spoke words of encouragement to us. Mr. Bates gave the benediction.—Mrs. Webb.

DONCASTER, King's Arcade.—On July 10th we held our Anniversary. In the afternoon we rendered a Service of Song, "Into the Light."

On July 12th we had a Tea and Social. On July 24th we paid a visit to Dinnington, taking their services. We did good work.—(Mrs.) E. J. Baxter.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on August 7th. Recitations by F. Clarke, W. Waddington, N. Hopkinson, E. Clarke, A. Bannister, H. Greenwood. Songs by Q. Dawson, M. Enniss, E. Taylor, A. Bannister, M. Wilde, A. Nuttall, V. Lancaster, W. Wintersgill, D. Wright, G. Robinson, E. Enniss, N. Bradley, G. Barker.—F. Wood, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—The Lyceum joined in the Hospital Parade, held July 20th, with a tableau, "The Road to Peace," along with the younger Lyceumists carrying garlands of flowers which gave a very pleasing effect. We gained a third prize, a time-piece. We feel we have done some good in helping the hospital to gain funds for the suffering and sick.—E. K. Firth, Sec.

HOLLINWOOD.—On Saturday, July 29th, our Lyceumists went to New Brighton for the Annual Trip. We had a very pleasant time and the games, etc., were enjoyed by all. On July 30th we held our Open Sessions. In the evening our Lyceumists rendered a Service of Song, written by one of our Lyceumists. The sessions were enjoyed by all.—(Mrs.) V. Mycock, Sec.

IDLE.—We held our Open Session on August 14th. Miss Stone, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Allen, Miss Dawson, Miss Allen and Master Dick O'Connell contributed to the programme.—A. W. Jacques.

LANCASTER ALLIANCE.—On August 7th we held our Open Session. Songs and recitations were given by Annie Towers, Clara Parkinson, Alice and Iris Jones, Alice Partridge, John Griffin, Frank and Reggie Dennison, and Arthur Prosser. Our Lyceum continues to make good headway, both in work and attendance.—R. Askew, Sec.

LANCASTER, Gt. John Street.—We held our Annual Outing to Yealand on Saturday, July 23rd. We travelled by motor coach through beautiful wooded country, and everything was fresh and green after the rain in the morning. We arrived at the field and held games and races. Everyone had a delightful time and the outing was a great success.

LEEDS PSYCHO.—On July 10th we held our Election of Officers:—Conductor, Mr. Gascoigne; Assistants, Mr. Clay, Miss V. Towers and A. Daisley; Treasurer, Mr. Russell; Secretary, A. Daisley; Musical Director, Mr. Clay; Pianist, Mrs. Burley; Guardian, Mrs. Towers; Guards, M. Towers and D. Burley; Sick Visitors, Mr. Russell and Mrs. Burley; Marching

Leaders, O. Gascoigne, M. Daisley, R. Russell, E. Johnson and H. Daisley.—Arthur Daisley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—On July 28th our Little Sister, Elsie May Watson, passed into the great beyond, aged 14 years. Another rose transplanted in God's garden.

On August 6th we held our Open Session. Pearls were good. A good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Solos by Lavinia Garrett and Mr. W. Beck. Duet by Eva Newton and Rosie Townsend. Recitations by Mrs. Hurst and Yvonne Dehoux.—S. Wheatley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—August 21st we had a very pleasing ceremony, when Ald. J. Chaplin had the pleasure of naming the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wicks. Earthly name John Robert. The service was very impressive and deeply appreciated. In the evening the Lyceum gave a Service of Song, entitled "The Warning Voice." Connective readings by our Conductor, Miss E. Wicks. This, along with the harmonious singing of our Lyceumists, ended a day well spent. Good congregations.—(Mr.) J. Wicks, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham Street.—Open Session, July 3rd; good attendance. The Delegate gave a good report of the Conference at Nottingham.

On July 16th we had our Summer Outing to Cleethorpes. Two chara loads of Lyceumists and friends left Lincoln and had a long day by the sea. Mrs. Powell entertained us to tea. We arrived home tired but happy. A day long to be remembered.

Open Session, August 4th. Conductor, Mr. Raspin. Our young members are always ready with items which are very well rendered.

On August 10th eight of our young members gave a very good Concert to the Lindum Lodge of Good Templars. They were heartily thanked and asked to come again soon.—N. Willey, Sec.

LINCOLN, Midland.—We held our Annual Outing to Cleethorpes on 21st August. All enjoyed themselves. Thanks due to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Dipl.S.N.U., for their great hospitalities, and to Mr. Dobby, A.N.S.C., for all arrangements made. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bailey, of Loughboro', spent a happy time with us.—Cecil Crane, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—Our Annual Summer Outing took place on Saturday, July 23rd, when 56 Lyceumists spent a very enjoyable day at Southend-on-Sea. The sun shone brilliantly. At 4-30 p.m. we adjourned for tea at Garrons. Not a shadow came along to mar our happiness, which ended in a perfect day.

On August 14th we had the pleasure of the presence of a very old friend in the person of Mr. Clegg. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Mr. Clegg spoke very encouraging remarks on our session and expressed his delight on our progress and the children's explanations. Greetings to all Lyceums.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—We held our Open Session on August 7th. Items were rendered by the Lyceumists and combined with the marching and callisthenics was enjoyed by all.—George Gills, Sec.

NELSON.—On August 7th our Lyceum paid a visit to Fleetwood Lyceum. It was a beautiful day and left happy memories in the minds of all who went. Our thanks are heartily given to our Fleetwood friends for their hospitality. We hope to hear of more of these outings, as it helps to bring the feeling of kinship more closely round us.—E. Boothman, Assistant Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—On July 31st Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax, gave an address to Lyceum, also his greetings. He spoke a few words to the Senior Class and answered questions.

On August 7th an Open Session was held. Owing to many being away on holidays there was a poor attendance. Pearls, Mr. Ronaldson and J. W. Ronaldson, John Kell, Lily Maddison, Miss Swallow. Recitations, Mrs. J. W. Ronaldson, Olga Pybus. Solos by Miss Steele and Miss McMillan.

On August Bank Holiday we had our Annual Outing to Ponteland. 110 children and adults attended. The Sports Committee attended well to the racing for children and adults. Many beautiful prizes were won. A very tired but happy band arrived home after having a glorious day.—S. J. Hunter.

NORTHWICH.—On July 30th we held our first Annual Treat at Whitegate, in brilliant sunshine. 54 Lyceumists and parents sat down to a refreshing tea. Sports and games helped to make

an enjoyable day. All Lyceumists received a present and a prize each.—S. H. Southern, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Beaconsfield Street.—On August 21st the new Lyceum at this Church was opened by Mr. L. Shipley. President of the Nottingham District Council, who introduced to the Lyceumists Miss M. Sanderson and Mr. C. Pinder, as joint Conductors. We had a beautiful session in the morning. After the introduction, there were short speeches from Mr. Marsters, Temperance Visitor for the Council and member of this Lyceum; Mrs. Ferrill, President of the Church, and Mrs. Turner, the oldest member of the Church and Grandmother to Miss Sanderson. There were good attendances both sessions.—M. Sanderson, Con.

PORTSMOUTH.—August 7th. In the absence of our Conductor, Mr. J. G. McFarlane, the Church Secretary took the Open Session. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The pearls and recitations were very good. A pianoforte solo was given by Tilly Grice.—L. Paget, Sec.

RIPLEY, Codnor and District.—One of our Lyceumists, Mr. W. Howe, passed to the higher life on July 20th, under very tragic circumstances, while working in the coal mine. His remains were laid in mother earth on July 23rd. It is very pleasing to know he realised there is no death. There were many sympathisers. Our Lyceumists followed his remains to the graveside. Mr. Howe was our first Conductor.—J. E. Eyre.

SALTAIRE.—We held our Open Session on July 7th, Wallace Whitley conducting in the unavoidable absence of our Conductor, Mr. Bickel. The silver chain and musical reading were well conducted, quite a good discussion arising therefrom. Marching and callisthenics were very much enjoyed. The request for recitations, singing, etc., evoked quite a good response, the following taking part:—Miss Stubbs, Mrs. Whitley, Mrs. Raine, Mrs. Evans and Lily Whitley. A very fine session.—W. Simpson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—We held our Open Session August 7th, conducted by Mr. Armitage, assisted by Mr. Le Nourey and Mr. Thwaites. Mr. Le Nourey conducted silver chain recitation, "The Angel Guest," which was ably explained to the children. The Conductor's part in the musical reading was taken by Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Thwaites and John Thorpe. Marching and callisthenics were conducted by Miss Stanford. Recitations by Alice Thorpe, Irene Brooks, Milly Brooks, were well rendered. Pearls by Mr. Le Nourey and Walter Wood. We had a very enjoyable session together.—(Mr.) E. Johnson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—On August 7th we held our Open Session. Pearls, recitations, etc., were ably rendered by Lyceumists.

On August 11th we took our children to Cleethorpes for the day in a reserved saloon. A ham and tongue tea was provided. Lyceumists up to 14 years went free; 14 to 16 paid half price. Several friends joined us and we had an excellent day.—A. Truelove, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick Street.—On August 7th we held the usual Open Session. S.C. and G.C. recitations well read. Pearls, recitations and duets were plentiful. The session was greatly enjoyed.—S. Williams, Sec.

WALSALL.—A very enjoyable afternoon was spent on Aug. 7th by all who attended our Open Session. The following Lyceumists rendered songs or recitations:—Miss N. Beech, Rosie Tennant, Raymond Kirby, Dorothy Wilkes, Thurla Hollinshead, Jessie Hollinshead, Nancy Fawndrey, Dorothy Beckett, Harriet Willetts, Albert Beckett and Marion Woolley. We were favoured with a visit from a Manchester Lyceumist.—Lilian L. Wadsworth, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—On August 7th we spent a pleasant afternoon by having a singing practice for the harvest festival which we intend to give in September. Mr. Gransbury was the organist.—(Mrs.) A. Dryden, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—We held our Annual Outing on August 10th in Jesmond Dene during glorious weather. A most enjoyable day was spent by all.—(Mrs.) M. Hall, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Open Session July 3rd, but owing to the Jubilee Celebration, the attendance was rather poor. However, those who were there did their part well. Pearls, songs and recitations were given by the following:—Harry Towns, Wally Towns, Norman Stannard, Sylvia Parkinson, Irene Turner, Miss Margaret Anderson and Clara Dale. A pianoforte solo by Harry Forrest.—J. Knox, Sec.