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## Alderman Jabez Chaplin, J.P.

The world of time is poorer now,  
You tread the higher way;  
Far richer than the wealthy man,  
Your mind held righteous sway.  
In civic mould your will was shaped  
To those who needed most;  
We love to know such men return  
Back from the angel host.

It will be with extreme regret that the large circle of friends of Alderman Jabez Chaplin learn of his death, through being run down by a motor car in Leicester on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. He was injured in the head and did not regain consciousness, passing away a few hours after the accident.

Alderman Chaplin was 67 years of age. He was the President of the Leicester Spiritualist Association and a very encouraging supporter of Lyceums. He spoke at Lyceum Anniversaries and occupied the chair on many occasions in a number of towns.

Alderman Chaplin walked into Leicester as a poor boy and rose to be Mayor of the city and a Freeman of the City of London. He had been a member of the Town Council for about 25 years and was Deputy Mayor prior to his death. He was the elected President of the Amalgamated Hosiery Union in 1887 and became Secretary in 1892, the position he occupied at his death. He was a Justice of the Peace and held many public offices in the social life of the city. A strong temperance advocate, Chairman of the N.S.P.C.C. Committee and Poor

Boys' and Girls' Summer Camp. Other interests were Wycliffe Homes for the Blind, Trades Council, Labour Party, Royal Infirmary, Saturday Hospital Fund Society, The Vaughan College, Leicester Hosiery Union, The Cripples' Guild, and a number of other organisations.

Just before the accident occurred he had settled a dispute and was on his way to have tea with Mrs. Chaplin. The Leicester daily papers paid a long tribute each day before and after the funeral.

The whole town seemed to be in mourning on the day of the funeral. He was described by the local press as the "Dick Whittington" of Leicester.

The wreaths were on the coffin and a special carriage was filled to overflowing with floral tributes. One magnificent tribute was a floral design of "The Gates Ajar." The respect of one firm was displayed on a wreath "With the greatest respect for an old adversary, a fair fighter and a good friend."

There was a Civic funeral, which was attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, seven ex-Mayors and representatives of most of the societies with which Alderman Chaplin had been connected. The Rev. Benj. Gibbon conducted the civic service in the Baptist Chapel, which the deceased formerly attended. The chapel was full and large numbers lined the streets all the way to the Cemetery. A number of the factories closed down and over 2,000 people assembled in the Cemetery, where Mr. E. W. Oaten, the Editor of *The Two Worlds*, conducted the Spiritualist interment service. Appropriate hymns were sung by the local Spiritualists. Mr. Oaten spoke of spirit communion and Ald. Chaplin's fearless regard for the causes he held dear to himself. In bidding farewell to the earthly casket, Mr. Oaten said he knew that our arisen friend would not sleep whilst there was work to be done.

Amongst the mourners were Mrs. Chaplin, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Smith (daughters), Mr. Joseph Chaplin (brother) and other members of the family. The Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. T. W. Walker) also attended the ceremony. Mr. G. F. Knott represented the B.S.L.U. Many Spiritualists attended from surrounding towns; Mrs. Ruth Darby, Mr. Wigley and Mr. Hawkins were noticed among others too numerous to enumerate.

And so Leicester loses the services of a valiant worker with a character all his own. If Alderman Chaplin thought a thing was wrong he said so, and did much for the civic and social life in the city that will remain as a memorial of his past labours and be of use to those who survive him.

The Spiritualists, too, will miss his genial presence. His jovial character often broke through his candour and he was able to get over the rough places with a smile. We appreciate a good life well-spent in the service of humanity.

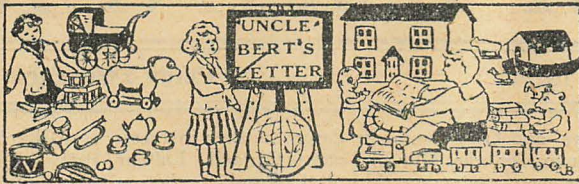
G. F. KNOTT.

## THE CHILD'S SOUL AND MINE.

By W. GEO. WHEELER.

My soul touch'd the soul of the child  
On his weary bed,  
His soul look'd up and rejoiced  
As my name he said.  
'Sleep, gentle heart,' I softly cried,  
'Sleep and forget'—his spirit sigh'd—  
Life's but a dream, sleep thou to-day,  
Sleep and awake, love is for aye.

My soul kiss'd the soul of the child  
Mid his earthly sleep,  
His features were beautiful, mild,  
As his love was deep,—  
Rest, little dreamer, Angels dear  
Come to caress thee, never fear;  
Smile in thy sleep, God's will is best,  
Thine be the sunshine, deep thy rest.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

I will start off by telling you that I think you are real sports.

Last month I said I wanted a big mail of letters. You have disappointed me, for your letters have only just come rolling in.

The holiday news in them is just simply topping; Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I am delighted you had such ripping times.

In many of the letters I notice such remarks as "I helped mother with baby in the morning, then played in the afternoon." This proves you were thoughtful and unselfish. Of course, those who have not a baby brother and sister told me how they helped in the home and in other directions. So top marks to all of you. You are good kiddies; I am real proud of you all.

Autumn is now upon us, the season when we see the leaves falling around us, the flowers fading, the sun appearing to lose its power, and altogether a general feeling of decay seems to settle over the earth.

There are thousands of people who dwell on this aspect until they get the blues; they simply dread the dull days of winter which are to follow.

It is very important, boys and girls, that you should not follow such examples as these.

I said you were real sports, because you did what I asked you last month. Now I have a much greater request to put to you. I know you will not fail me in responding with just the same eagerness as you did with your letters.

I want every one of you to co-operate with me in forming ourselves into "Uncle Bert's Sunshine League" for at least the next six months. There will not be any subscription fee to pay. It will be open to all, old and young. When you write you can put "Sunshine Ray" in the top right hand corner of your letter; this, of course, will take the place of "Ever Ready."

Our motto will be "Let's be merry and bright."

I am not going to bind you to umpteen rules to obey, but I am going to put you on your honour, as real Lyceumists, to scatter sunshine all along your way.

We all know how much brighter we feel when the sun is sending forth its rays upon us, and the temptation we feel to be dull when the storm clouds are in the skies. So it is, boys and girls, in our everyday lives.

If you meet a man or woman, boy or girl, who is just a bundle of life, what do you say when they have left you? Why, you say he or she is a "k'nut": always merry and bright. Jolly good company, cheers you up for the rest of the day, and so on.

On the other hand, you meet someone with a scowling face, grumbling about everything there is to talk about. You at once say, what a miserable old bounder he or she is, don't you?

See the point, boys and girls, or in the words of Uncle Bertspear, "Have you got me?" What we say of others, they also say of us if we give them cause to do so.

We're off, then, on our Winter Sunshine Campaign. Hurry up and fall into line.

Here's an example for you, from one of my many letters. It is from one of my girlies who has not had all sunshine to contend with. This is what she tells me in her letter: "I was going along the street and saw some children playing; they were grumbling and could not agree. I told them how happy they should be, etc." I think you will agree with me that she is a real ray of sunshine. I always love to meet her because she is always the same.

You may not always be able to do what she did, but we all know too well that if we are miserable we make others feel miserable also. But if we get this merry and bright spirit, then we shall just send out rays and rays of happy sunshine, not only along our own pathways, but along the pathway of others.

I promised you last month I would try and think out some plan for the winter months; now you have it, so just write and tell me what part you are going to take. If you intend to be a Ray, do not forget to put "Sunshine Ray" on your letters.

There is another lesson I want you boys and girls to learn this autumn. It is a great mistake to think we have reached a dead season just because we do not see so many flowers blooming as during the summer months. As in the household gardens there are a host of seeds and bulbs to be planted ready for the coming spring, so each Lyceumist has to go on sowing seeds in his or her everyday life. Although once they are sown we lose sight of them for a while, the time will come when they will shoot forth and bear beautiful flowers.

The Lyceum is a garden in which I want each one of you to sow seeds. The seed of invitation means you will tell your classmates and companions all about the happy times you have at your sessions. Seeds of thoughtfulness are trying to help to make your sessions brighter by doing your part whenever you are asked. Seeds of kindness, when you hear of some of your ennums who are ill. If you cannot visit them, just write them a little note and drop it through the letterbox as you pass. It will cheer them up. Or you can call and ask how they are getting on.

These are little things which mean such a lot. I know you have not time for everything, for there is your school homework; then there are my Comrades, Uncle Joseph and the Guild Imp, who are setting you tasks each month, and, of course, you must get a little time in for a romp, it would not be fair to expect otherwise of you. But these simple little lessons are just fill-ups which you can put into practice when and where the chances occur. So it will not overtax your energies too much, I feel sure.

In the words of our good friend, Mr. Alfred Kitson:—

"We find 'tis the little things, the little crosses and cares;  
The little golden chances which make up the sum of the years.  
If we take them with heart of courage and do the best we may,

They will be like a host of angels, flitting about our way."

So I trust each one of us will endeavour to make this autumn and the coming winter bright with our individual endeavours to do good for goodness sake.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES AND QUESTIONS.

No. 72. Cat, Unit, Tea, Hare, Boat, Egg, Rose, Toe, "Cuthbert."

No. 73. The best answers will be published next month.

No. 74. 1. China; 2. Cricket; 3. Cane; 4. Bark; 5. Queen of Hearts.

Answers received from

Florence Stuart, Helen Tollerton, Frank Partington, Doris Fruin, Florence, Ernest and Leslie Morris, Edith Taylor, Edith White, Willie Owen, Nellie Dean, Madge Spence, Muriel and Horace Tyrer, Alice, Celia and Ivy Whitehead, Gladys Bayliffe, Portsmouth Lyceumists (*en-bloc*), a prize being offered locally for results.

PUZZLEDOM CORNER COMPETITION.

This month I have taken a map of England, making a dividing line by drawing a straight line across it just above Nottingham, calling the two divisions for this purpose North and South.

The idea is to have a Competition Match, NORTH versus SOUTH. The result of the match will be decided on the marks gained for answers from each section; I point for correct answer to all puzzles, and according to merit on part answers. Adults are eligible to add to the number of replies sent in, but all answers must be the work of the individual competitor.

All replies must be sent in not later than first post of the 18th of October. "So play up and play the game"; make it a real TEST MATCH.

- No. 75. 1. Much talked-of animal—three letters.  
2. Part of a door—four letters.  
3. Used for football match—four letters.  
4. Fish—three letters.  
5. Part of sports programme—four letters.  
6. Part of finger—four letters.  
7. Used for boat—three letters.  
8. Fruit—three letters.

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

No. 76. Make a sentence from the letters B.S.L.U.  
Thus: B— S— L— U—  
Example: Bright smiles linger, Uncle.

No. 77. Think of four figures. The beginning letter of each one placed together gives you a four-letter word meaning "Despatched."

Now the match is in progress and the Referee awaits your replies which must be sent to address below by date stated.

Play up the North, Play up the South, is the yell of the invisible crowd watching the game.

Cheer-i-oh, Rays,  
Your loving friend,

2, Villiers Road, OSTERLEY, Middlesex. UNCLE BERT.



My Dear Kiddies,

What a jolly time we are going to have this month! I know the Cross-word puzzle has already "taken your fancy," and what a dinky little bird it is too!

Now, please don't neglect your Guild annual essay Competition, because you will have heaps of time to work out the crossword puzzle as well.

Do you know, kiddies, I have another little birdie which will appear on this page next month. So I want you to save your BANNER this month, then send along your cross-word along with the one from November BANNER.

**THINGS WE NEVER SEE.**

Now isn't this a funny title? Still, there are some things we cannot see. Oh yes, Kiddies, it's just a catch, and the following are just a few of the things we never see.

1. A sheet from the bed of the river.
2. A tongue from the mouth of a stream.
3. A toe from the foot of a mountain.
4. A page from a volume of steam.
5. A plume from the wing of an army.
6. A judge from the bar of a gate.

Do you know any more Kiddies? If so, send them along to me, or other "catches," please.

**OUR ESPERANTO GROUP.**

Progress is being made in this section, but more enthusiasts are required. It is our desire to train the older Guildites so that they may help along the younger ones, and thereby make their lessons easier for them to learn. Now, don't delay, please, but send right away for the first lesson.

Mi havas Rozo.—Do you know what this means, children? Well, our Esperanto Leader is waiting to teach you, but, please enclose a stamped envelope when you apply to be entrolled.

**REPLIES TO JULY COMPETITION PRIZEWINNERS.**

To Olive Eggleton.—So glad, Olive, that you were overjoyed to receive an Autograph book. So it was just what you had been wanting! How thoughtless of me not to put a drawing in it, still I may have an opportunity sometime. I am glad you liked the "TOBY" also; there are some very nice stories in it.

To Ingham Whitehead.—So you were quite proud of your little present, Ingham, perhaps you will again be one of the lucky Guildites in our Competition this month. Just try again, and do your best.

To Frank George.—How unfortunate that you should drop the pen I sent to you, Frank. Still, I am satisfied that it was a pure accident, and I am sending you another one, or rather, our kind friend is giving another to be forwarded to you. It will probably have reached you by the time you read this. If not, depend upon me to let you have it at the earliest possible moment.

Other letters have been received and answered, but some have not replied at all. Now Kiddies, please, just remember, that a letter, no matter how short it is, is always a pleasure to me, to learn that you take a real interest in our page. I am interested in you, and the work you do, in your various hobbies. Perhaps I could assist you in this respect. If so, then just a line will bring me to your aid. You need not send a stamp

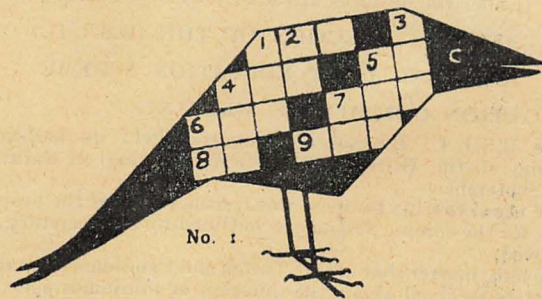
along when asking for such advice. If you have not got any hobby, then send along to me for suggestions, and I will give advice to you freely and gladly.

**OCTOBER COMPETITION.**

This month's Competition will be run in conjunction with the one which appears in November BANNER, so when you have followed out the instructions for this month, save your "Bird" cross-word, and forward it to me with the November "Bird." Don't forget this, Kiddies, but send both of the puzzles to me in November.

**OUR "BIRD" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE (No. 1.)**  
CLUES TO NO 1.

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| <p><i>Across.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.—An Explosive.</li> <li>4.—More than enough.</li> <li>5.—Exclamation.</li> <li>6.—Used for drinking with.</li> <li>7.—Finishes you.</li> <li>8.—Olive Brown's initials.</li> <li>9.—One that is very small.</li> </ol> | <p><i>Down.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.—Highest.</li> <li>2.—Negative.</li> <li>3.—Schoolboy's love.</li> <li>4.—Another name for bath.</li> <li>5.—More than warm.</li> <li>6.—Short for company.</li> <li>7.—Preposition.</li> </ol> |
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No. 1

I am quite sure you will have no difficulty in working this one out, Kiddies, but now for the rules. Do be careful to follow these out, and don't make any mistake this time.

**RULES.**

1.—The "Bird" must be drawn first the exact size of the one on this page, but NOT TRACED.

3.—When this has been done, work out the cross-word, and save it until the next one appears in November issue.

3.—The drawing is to be the most important part of the Competition, so do your best, and be sure to be exact in your drawing of the bird.

4.—See the final instructions in next month's BANNER, and for the number of prizes to be given.

Now, children, here's your chance, but remember you must be 12 years or under. Age will of course be taken into consideration by the judges, and you must do everything *yourself*.

**GREETINGS.**

To all Lyceumists, I send my fraternal greetings and good wishes, to Uncle Bert; and to Uncle Joseph, who has been a real good help-mate in my work; not forgetting the Brothers Taylor, of Newton Heath, who are ever ready to assist in any capacity in the Kiddies' Cause. This is the spirit of which we should all be the proud possessors.

I sincerely hope many of our young Guildites will help to strengthen the bond of fellowship and love between them and those Lyceumists Over-Seas. For myself, as Uncle Joseph is aware I am in constant communication with these. Now, Kiddies, apply to the Over-seas Section, and do your part. Goodbye until next month.

Address all letters to 8, Tudor Road, St. Annes-on-Sea.  
Heaps of love,  
THE GUILD IMP.

**AFFIRMATION.**

(Distributed in Christchurch Lyceum, New Zealand).

I am a link in the Golden Chain of Love that stretches round the world, and I must keep that link bright and strong. So I will be kind and gentle to every living thing I meet and help and protect all weaker than myself. And I will think pure loving thoughts, and I will speak pure and truthful words. I will do pure and beautiful acts, secure in the knowledge that as I go through life the Guardian Angels will protect me. May every link in that Golden Chain become bright and strong.

## "PETALS."

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

E. L. ANNING.

## 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.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING.

The B.S.L.U. Education Committee held its half-yearly meeting at the Britten Library, Manchester, on Saturday, 10th September.

The usual routine business was transacted; and the proposed work, for the coming Session, as outlined by the Secretary, was approved.

The only matter that affects Tutors and Candidates was raised on letters received about the question of minimum ages; and the following important *amendment of the regulations was passed.*

### IMPORTANT TO YOUNG CANDIDATES.

The amended regulation about candidates who are *under the minimum age* for any Grade now reads:—"Young candidates who obtain 90 per cent. or more of the total marks in Grades I. to IV. may take the next Grade, even if under the minimum age for that Grade."

### AGES FOR THE GRADES.

*Oral Grade* is primarily intended for Lyceumists under the age of 12; (or under 10, for the Junior Section); but older Lyceumists may take it if they wish.

*Grade I.* This may *only* be taken by Lyceumists who will be *twelve* years or over in February next. (Adults from 21 to 70 years or over take the various Grades year after year.)

*Grade II.* This is open to all Lyceumists of *thirteen* years or over, who have passed Grade I. (any Class).

*Grade III.* may be taken by those Lyceumists who will be 15 years or over next February, and who have passed Grade II. (any class); and *those who are only 14 years, but got DISTINCTION in Grade II.*

(Those of 14 years who passed Grade II., but did *not* get Distinction, are advised to take Grade II. again, and try to score higher marks).

*Grade IV.* is open to all Lyceumists who will be 17 years or over next February, and who have passed Grade II. (any class).

Also, candidates of 15 or 16 years may take this Grade, *if they won DISTINCTION in Grade III.* If not, we suggest they sit for Grade III. again, and aim at a Distinction certificate.

*Grade V.* may be taken by all Lyceumists who will be 18 years or over next February, and who have passed Grade IV. (any class).

*Younger candidates may take this Grade, if they won Distinction in Grade IV.* If not, we recommend them to take their last Grade again, and try to win a higher percentage of marks.

THE A.N.S.C. DEGREE of the College is awarded to all Grade V. candidates who pass with 70 per cent. or more marks. GO IN—AND WIN.

### NEXT FEBRUARY'S EXAMS.

Now is the time for *Conductors* to begin to include in their Sessions Manual pieces set for the various Grades; for *Leaders* to take them in their Groups for discussion and for memorising, along with the study of the Handbooks; for *Tutors* to begin their Study Classes for the various Grades; and for *all Lyceumists* to begin their studies,

*Secretaries* will, at an early date, receive full particulars about the exams.; the necessary forms of application; and fullest information to hand to the Conductors, Leaders and Tutors.

### SESSION PROGRAMMES FOR CONDUCTORS.

As a help to intending candidates, and as a guide to Conductors willing to co-operate in the work for the Education Examinations, we give below *suggested* Session Programmes, which bring in the various Manual Selections for the examinations.

	Opening Hymn	S.C.R.	M.R.	G.C.R.	Closing Hymn	Key to teaching.
Week (op'l)						
1st.	368	78	212	148	363	The Lyceum.
2nd.	330	4	203	136	334	Life's Journey.
3rd.	357	66	223	140	408	Mediumship.
4th.	373	93	211	142	25	Our Aims.
5th.	62	1	210	137	366	The Divine Order.
6th.	395	51	236	138	351	Builders.
1th.	328	78	228	108	306	The Lyceum.
7th.	341	19	208	139	340	Children.
8th.	320	100	221	141	347	Ministering Spirits.
90th.	398	55	218	103	423	Brotherhood.
11th.	307	15	212	148	355	Spirit Guidance.

(For fuller details see Page 3 of *How to Prepare for the Examinations*,—sent free on receipt of stamped, addressed envelope— which pamphlet is full of helpful information and hints).

### 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. The first set of these Notes was given last month.

### NOTES ON "A STUDY OF MEDIUMSHIP."

ALFRED KITSON.

(Handbook No. 3— for Grade V. and Entrance Exams.)

1. All human beings are surrounded by an aura which envelopes each individual as completely as the atmosphere surrounds the earth.
2. A physical medium is a person whose aura can be operated and drawn upon to supply the forces necessary for the production of physical phenomena.
3. In the case of other kinds of mediumship, where the brain power and nerve centres can be stimulated to higher rates of vibration:—There appears to be a similarity between the medium and the Spirit operator.
4. The process of materialisation depends upon the medium's body, the particles of which are loosely associated and can be borrowed by the Spirit operator(s).
5. These particles must later be restored to the medium.
6. Psychic Photography is a kind of partial materialisation.
7. In slate writing, the powers latent in the etheric substance of the aura are probably used by the operator to move the pencil between the closed slates.
8. In the passing of matter through matter, the article to be moved is probably dematerialised and held in solution, and then materialised again.
9. A thin covering of this etheric substance will protect a medium's hands from the effects of fire.
10. In clairvoyance and clairaudience the action is upon the psychic aura and direct to the brain centre concerned; no impression being received through the eye or the ear.
11. In the development of mental mediumship the vibratory forces are gradually quickened, enabling the medium to "pick up" the more rapid vibrations given out by super-physical substances.
12. The finer the rate of vibratory action in the medium, the clearer will be the impressions, inspirations, clairvoyance, clairaudience and communications received.
13. The operating Spirit—to make himself seen, heard or felt—must either bring his rate of vibration down to the level of that of the medium, or raise the medium's rate of vibration to correspond with his own.
14. A communicating Spirit may be unable to *fully* "contact" the medium; hence may not be able to give full information as to name, etc.

15. The Spirit operator cannot always eliminate the peculiarities of the medium's speech and other mannerisms.
16. All psychic powers are the powers of the medium, stimulated (in many cases) into activity by the Spirit operators. These powers, however, exist (and can manifest) independent of the presence or influence of a discarnate entity.  
(Compiled by W. G. Gush, D.N.U., F.N.S.C.)

#### NOTES ON "SPIRITUALISM, PHILOSOPHICALLY CONSIDERED."

ALFRED KITSON.

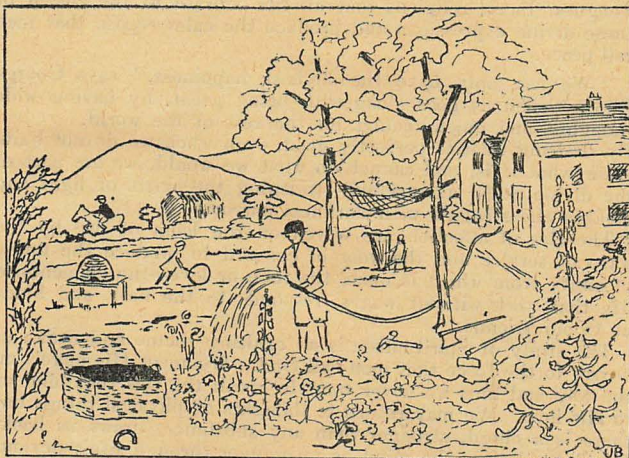
(Handbook No. 3—for Grade V. and Entrance Exam. Students).

1. Spiritualism is based on the fact of communication between embodied and disembodied Spirits.
2. It recognises a *continuous* Divine inspiration of Man.
3. It aims, through the study of facts, at a knowledge of the laws governing the universe and Man.  
And of the relationship of Spirit to matter.  
And of Man to GOD and the unseen universe.
4. **PHILOSOPHY.**  
The Philosophy of Spiritualism teaches of the principles of Nature, and the facts of Science.  
It deals with the constitution of Man; Man's relation to the worlds; his progress and growth both here and hereafter.  
As the Science of Spiritualism answers the question "How?"—so the Philosophy endeavours to reply to the question "Why?"
5. **ETHICS.**  
The Ethics of Spiritualism may be defined as "The application of the teachings of Spiritualism to daily life."
6. **RELIGION.**  
One of the suggested meanings of the word "Religion" is "To bind back."  
Man as Spirit is part of GOD.  
When this is realised, some effort is made to live spiritually. This effort results in right living and the development of the virtues.  
Therefore, by the quickening of the inner (spiritual) life, Man realises and is "bound back" to GOD.  
SPIRITUALISM—its phenomena, philosophy and religion are stepping-stones to the living of the spiritual life.  
(Compiled by W. G. Gush, D.N.U., F.N.S.C.)

#### 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.)

### The Children's Puzzle.



There are a number of things in the picture which begin with the letter "H." Send your lists to Uncle Bert.

## The National Spiritualist College.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

During the month, Southend and Westcliff Lyceum has been registered as a Local Branch; and the College Board gratefully acknowledges a donation of one pound sent in addition to the membership fee. It is hoped that by the time the Governing Board meets on 8th October the Local Branch membership will be much nearer its possible full strength. Only ten out of 73 eligible have joined up so far. We would like not less than fifty.

### THE COLLEGE AND CLAIRVOYANTS.

A correspondent complains that the College is doing nothing for the Clairvoyant, the Medium, or the Inspirational Speaker. It is not the function of the College to do anything specifically for any Speaker or other public worker. The prime object of the College is to provide a course of Spiritualistic study for EVERY Spiritualist who wishes to have a well-ordered knowledge of Spiritualism. Its object is to persuade Churches and Lyceums to combine in a national movement for the establishment of educational mid-week classes; and to adopt the Joint Education Committee's Courses of study: testing the efficiency of their studies by sitting at the annual examinations. The two Education Committees concerned present certificates to their successful students—and the College, *in addition*, awards its Degrees as laid down in its Constitution. When a student at last passes his Final Grade examination with Honours or Distinction the Graduate (G.N.S.C.) Degree is awarded, and the student's name is FORWARDED TO THE S.N.U. EXPONENTS COMMITTEE.

The only body in Organised Spiritualism that can grant a Diploma for Public Workers is the Exponents Committee of the National Union. All the College Diplomas are for educational successes—and no Spiritualist is debarred. The clairvoyant, the medium and the inspirational speaker can all take the Education Courses and gain the College Degrees. If the student does his duty by the Movement he will then go on and win his Diploma as a Certified Exponent—on which the College will award its Diplomat Degree, for which ONLY holders of the Certified Exponent Diploma are eligible.

To anticipate objections, and at the risk of bringing my grey hairs to the block,—it is my opinion that a clairvoyant, a medium or an inspirational speaker will not suffer by taking up a course of study. And if we really believe that like attracts like, we must admit that the result would inevitably be a raising of the standard of the work performed by those who had thus developed their mentalities and so made themselves fitter instruments for their Spirit Friends.

### INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE.

An Errata List for "Psychic Philosophy" has been printed, and can be obtained from the S.N.U. General Secretary.

Will students please buy the "Rationalist Press" edition of "The Story of Creation." The Lesson Plan has been drawn up from this edition, and the paging will most probably not agree with that of other editions.

Students themselves must enter for the Intermediate Examination, which will be conducted by the S.N.U. Education Committee—but if agreed to the Lyceum or Church Secretary can apply for entrance forms from Mr. Oliver and return them all together.

Send for a copy of the Lesson Plan for yourself, and for a copy of "The College Booklet" (now ready for your Lyceum Committee).

### FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEMES.

For information about *Oral Grade and Grades I., II., III., IV. & V.*, send stamped, addressed envelope to:—

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37, South Street,  
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Dewsbury, (Yorks.).

For information about the College, and Advanced Scheme, send stamped, addressed envelope to

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## The Ties that Bind.

Spiritualism has come to stay. It is founded on truth and cannot be denied. It is a natural force that will display its energies and persistence. Like everything else its power must be intelligently controlled or its misdirected results will retard the utility of its existence for mankind.

We have the evidences of spiritual experiences in every country in the world. One remembers the story of Shackleton, the Explorer. His ship was smashed by the ice and the men had to take to the boats. They reached the barren rugged rocks of an isolated island.

Travelling over the mountains to the other side of the island, they were led by spirits, who were at first thought to be men, to where the inhabitants lived on the farther side of the land.

We find spiritual experience in every nation, but when the facts are related there is always an interpretation given which contains the local colouring of customs and conventions. No nation seems to be able to grasp truth in its own beauty. It is forever clothed with pre-existing notions and is affected by and added to the existing prevalent opinions. Thus we find the truth—and Spiritualism is true—is hampered by many ideas which should be left behind. Truth needs no system of apologetics in its espousal. Old beliefs die hard. Their lingering persistence hold mental progress back and delay emancipation. We do not seem to have the courage to embrace new truths until many people have been ostracized and martyred by our regard for the retention of old systems.

We, who are Spiritualists, find ourselves in chains, with popular opinion standing over us demanding we shall conform to the local system of thought prevailing in the various countries of the world. In all lands we find an opposition to Spiritualism as an "ism" in its own right.

Yet we can truly say that it is the only "ism" which actually draws mankind into one school. It is intellectual, scientific, philosophical, religious, ethical, socially dependent for its expression of individuality, and an economic factor in the control of life. The comprehensiveness of its fundamental permeation affects the basis of all human and spiritual experience.

And so the most progressive people in Great Britain feel it is wrong to make Spiritualism narrow and sectarian by endeavouring to persuade anyone it needs the confirmation and acceptance of the dominion of any separate great religious leaders' interpretation of truth and revelation, and the inferred denial of the beatitudes on which other systems have been founded.

No, we must not attempt to give a new rendering of old dogmas or we shall need—as orthodoxy does—an introduction of apologetics to state our case.

That there are virtues in all religious systems we should be the last to deny, but it is unwise for the Spiritualists to enter the lists of denominationalism. If Spiritualism means that our similarity of experiences are such that we can band together for the study and pursuit of mutual knowledge, and the quality of our lives is enobled by our practise and search for truth, with the Spirit of God's unfolding revelations as a conscious part of

our unfolding nature, we have the unifying system of a co-ordinate life which—from God, through the angels, and down to mankind—will give us the medium for removing schism from men's thoughts.

Spiritualism welcomes the unbeliever. We offer fundamental knowledge of spirit communion, formulate interpretation, and recognize leaders in preference to mediators. Every man is a medium who can learn to feel the pulsation of divinity vibrating through his being. The heart is not the head, but our emotion and our intellect can both operate towards an understanding of human and spiritual mysteries.

For this purpose, then, sectarian precociousness is obliterated and we adopt the practical measures which prove we are able to heal, to be clairvoyant, to speak in diverse tongues, and each feel the inspiration of thoughts higher than our own. The weak-kneed and craven-hearted stay where they are, worshipping at the shrine of time-honoured error. Until they are willing to listen and learn we cannot help them, though we smile at their ridicule of our exalted experiences, for they do talk in their sleep.

The world is before us with chaos to overcome. But no matter how big the idea, we must reach each individual if we intend to be any use in bringing spirituality into the conscious human world. Parents have a duty to the young. Few people have the natural ability to lead, though they are examplars to their children. Hence a true system of education involves both parents and children who can often profitably learn together.

The ties that bind parents and children will no longer be sacrifice and fear, but an expanding love for each other. In the presence of capable leaders a new tie is added. The more elastic and plastic the binding power of the common pursuit of truth becomes, the greater will be the love and harmony that is engendered. There exists no binding creed, but an ever-expanding circle of personalities enthused with this love of harmony. When meetings occur there is a blending of forces and a magnetic vitalising incidence takes place, until the uniting accord can be carried away, to be drawn upon by an act of will. Thus we need never feel alone.

Most of us have to be satisfied with our books, shut ourselves off from other people, and live with the author and his written word. Here again we find most domestic libraries are a cemetery of books and are but as tombstones for the physical vision of visitors to behold.

Where'er we turn we find apathy, inertness, automatons and blind convention, until we pass into the coma of death, to remain there until the new condition inspires us to probe the loom of destiny.

We are grateful there are exceptions and it is these exceptions that are responsible for progress; the remainder are only subject to change and move to the destiny that shapes their ends.

The more we deplore the comatose condition of the people who are nursed, fed, employed and prayed for, the more must we endeavour to infuse the rabotic influence from their lives and emancipate their individuality.

Music and art, portrayed in love and beauty, speak the universal language and unite the soul of man in every nation. Tongues, races, religions and all life vibrate to the charm of these divine expressions and produce the calm repose that men call peace.

"We can only have the highest happiness," says George Eliot, "such as goes along with being great, by having wide thoughts, and much feeling for the rest of the world. . . . By desiring what is perfectly good, even when we do not quite know what it is, and cannot do what we would, we are part of the divine power against evil—widening the skirts of light and making the struggle with darkness narrow."

The ties of affection are woven on the loom of life by the warp of service and the woof of concord to produce the fabric of amity from which is made the robe of love—the elements of life that work without wages, responds to the best, and binds us to our friends.

The study of Spiritualism is an exalting theme and draws us nearer to the force that men call God. We meet His angels on the way and thus we never want to break the ties that bind us to His love. We may return to thoughts of physical things but there is a chord, stronger than any substance, draws us back. His light illumines the mind as we wander through life's devious ways. The few short hours when men spiritually commune will give us grace. Memory weaves its record of our "circling" joys with spirit friends. And thus we love to feel *the tie that binds* will do us good.

G. F. KNOTT.

## £2,000 Effort Report.

Dear Lyceumists,

This month I have only the sale of 1 doz. Mr. Kitson's Pamphlets and 1 doz. Bookmarks, to Manchester, Maskell Street, Church, bringing in 3/9, for which I am very grateful.

Frankly, I am rather disappointed that there is not a better response to my continued appeals. I wonder why the interest in the Effort seems to be so apathetic. I quite realise that money is very scarce, and it has its re-action upon appeals like this, but still I think if Lyceumists were really showing a live interest in the cause which they say they love, their love would be sufficient to help them to make some sacrifice.

I hope before the next BANNER is in print I shall be able to report a good increase in donations.

Yours fraternally,

29, Kliffen Place,  
Corporation Road,  
Halifax.

W. BURROWS.



## The Fund of Benevolence.

"I see beside you the form of a man who tells me he is a near relative of yours, and he comes to give you a special message about the home and the children." The message is then given and other descriptions follow.

When the service is over and the Secretary asks "What is your fee?" the medium replies, "Eh! I'm glad to be able to do it and help folks along."

That was 40 years ago. The medium's family are married and some abroad. They have faded away from touch, except to say that times do not allow them to do much to support the old folks.

The old lady and her man don't fulfil the conditions requisite for the old age pension. Too old to work and a bit from the Guardians, with help from the F.O.B., they are just able to keep body and soul together.

We have paid out, to cases like the above, much more money than we have received in subscriptions this year, so we issue this annual appeal to Lyceums and Churches to think of the old veterans in their declining days, "Lest we forget."

The Fund exists to help those who cannot help themselves, through sickness and old age. During 1926 we gave in grants £550 10s. 0d., and the income was £382 12s. 10d. 585 grants were sent to over 50 pensioners for long and short periods, but to do this the Reserve Funds have been drawn on to the extent of £175. Think what this means and let us receive at least enough money for a whole year's work. At the present time the grants are inadequate to meet some of the needy cases. The Committee feel they must not let their generosity run away with them and the funds be depleted too much, or the work will be seriously hindered.

The Fund is yours, for your workers—those who have worked in Societies or on the platform for a number of years and are really in need of help. It is estimated that in our Union we have over 30,000 workers. Just think how much the Fund would benefit if we all contributed our share, say 6d. at least. I know you have local funds, many of you, but let us appeal to the National Spirit which slumbers in the breast of each one, and let every one strive to help.

What say you, fellow Spiritualists and Lyceumists?

All donations will be published in the usual way. See to it that your Church's name and also the Lyceum is included, for I feel confident the children would help if they were asked to do their share.

Please don't forget the date, October 16th, and let us have your best collection.

All donations to be sent to the Honorary Secretary.

(MISS) MARY L. STAIR, Hon. Sec.,  
32B, North Street,

Keighley, Yorks.

Cheques payable to M. L. Stair.

## Halifax & Huddersfield Lyceum District Council.

THE B.S.L.U. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

will hold a

**MASSED OPEN SESSION, at 2-30 p.m.**

and a

**PROPAGANDA MEETING, at 6-30 p.m.**

on Sunday, October 9th, in the Queen's Road Church, Halifax, under the auspices of the Halifax and Huddersfield D.C.

Hymn Sheets provided.

Collection.

A Tea will be provided for Visitors.

## Transition of Mr. James Stewart.

We regret to learn of the passing of Mr. James Stewart, who died on Wednesday, Sept. 14th. Mr. Stewart was taken suddenly ill on his houseboat and was taken to a Nursing Home. He never rallied and passed away a few days later.

The remains were cremated privately and a Memorial Service was held at the Southern Spiritualist Association Church, on Sunday, Sept. 18th. He is survived by a widow and two young children.

Mr. Stewart was formerly the B.S.L.U. District Visitor for the Scottish Area, and provided a team of young Lyceumists who travelled over Scotland to demonstrate Lyceum methods. He also sat as a member of the B.S.L.U. Management Committee.

We offer our condolences to his bereaved widow in her great trouble.

## 1928 B.S.L.U. Conference.

INVITATIONS REQUESTED.

The Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. invite Lyceums and District Councils to offer invitations to the next Annual Conference which will be held on Whit-Sunday and the Saturday prior thereto, May 26th and 27th, 1928.

The rules applying to the invitations are as follows:—

Bye-Law 9.—Invitations for Conference.

Lyceums or District Councils may invite the Union to hold its Conference meetings in their locality upon agreeing to the following conditions:—

- That the Lyceum Union take all receipts and pay all authorised expenses.
- That all arrangements involving expense shall be approved and (or) authorised by the Union's Management Committee before they are put in hand.
- That the inviting Lyceum or District Council provide, if possible, hospitality for all accredited members of the Conference.

When the inviting Lyceum or District Council is unable to provide free entertainment for all the Delegates and Representatives, the Lyceum or District Council Secretary shall submit to the General Secretary, not later than March 31st, an estimate of:—

The number of free billets.

The amount of local financial assistance.

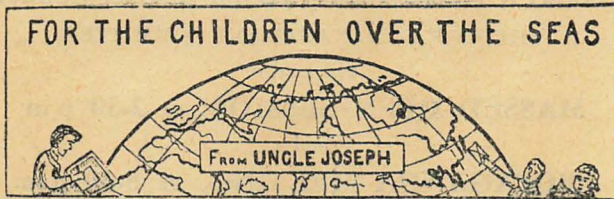
The cost per head per night of paid billets.

The same to be submitted to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall then determine the amount for billeting only to be levied per Delegate or Representative on all Lyceums, District Councils, and other bodies sending Representatives to the Conference. The amount, not exceeding seven shillings and sixpence, to be paid by each Delegate, to be sent to the Billeting Secretary with the application for billets. The meal tickets shall be an additional charge.

The Secretary of the inviting Lyceum or District Council shall, within twenty-one days after the Conference, render to the Union's Treasurer a full statement of Accounts for same, together with all vouchers and the balance, if any. Such balance to go to the General Funds of the Union.

Invitations should be sent to G. F. Knott, General Secretary, B.S.L.U., 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.



### ■ ABOUT GARLANDS.

Dear Children,

I was looking in a book and I came across this word, so I thought we would have a little talk about it.

Now let us see what we can make out of this word. First what are garlands? Why, you thought everybody knew what a garland was didn't you? but you know so many words have two or three meanings so I went to a book which explains things, and of course I found what I expected. In the first place when we say garland we generally mean a wreath or ring of flowers. It is not always a wreath of course. Sometimes it is a long stream of flowers arranged in a chain.

I am also thinking about the time when the old, old Greeks used to run races and the winner got a garland of laurel. Other people used to put flowers on their heads and around the necks of their oxen. Now we dress up our little girls and our banners, and yes, sometimes our boys with garlands of flowers, especially when we are having a big procession, and it looks very lovely to see all the different colours, all along the line; many many colours, yet each blending together.

I was in a house the other day; they were going to have a demonstration, and I asked if I might see their flowers; so Mother and I went quietly in and peeped at the decorations that loving hands had so unselfishly put together.

We saw Roses and Carnations; not real ones of course, for real ones would not have lasted. They were made of paper, and looking as near as possible like the flowers which Mother Nature herself helps to grow. They had been made to grace the pageant, and one effort pleased us more than anything else.

Picked out in flowers was the word "Progress," and we thought what a beautiful idea it was. There were Pink Carnations, White ones, Red Roses, and oh, how nice it all looked; and it had been fashioned into a word which we all like to see and means something which we are all striving for.

Was it a garland? well yes it was in a sense, except that it was carried by some of the children instead of being wound around them, so that was putting a garland to real good use, for it showed the passers-by that we were using our flowers with an object.

You know in the old days they used to make sacrifices; I mean long, long ago; they used to hang flowers on the animals and lead them through the streets. That of course is not done nowadays, because we do not make sacrifices in that way. Instead of that we try to do kind actions, and to help others as much as we can.

Summer is nearly over and the flowers in the gardens are gradually giving place to fruit and seeds, but still there are many beautiful blooms to be seen, and others are brought to us by the wonders of the quick transit of railways, steamers and airships; and the scientific methods of keeping things alive and fresh for a long time. We can have beautiful flowers all the year round, and so we need never be without our decorations.

I was at a naming service the other day and we had flowers there; so pure, so sweet smelling, lovely white and beautiful red. As the blooms were raised in invocation so we dedicated the tender baby floweret to purity and love.

What a lot of uses these garlands can be put to! They greet us as we come into this early life; on all occasions of gladness we like to have them with us; we send them to cheer the sick and to beautify the rooms, and when our earthly casket is laid aside they are once more in evidence, and to me the message, as the flowers are sent down with the remains of a friend, seems to say that it is a sign that although our life has finished one period yet we are to blossom forth into another and more useful stage of existence.

That then is the lesson that the flowers teach us. They come forth as a tiny shoot, grow into lovely plants, put forth their blooms; then when the blooms die away they leave the seeds behind them for other flowers to come in their place.

That brings us to gardens; "oh no," you say, "we ought to have started with gardens," well perhaps we should, but of course we know that we have to have the gardens before we can have the flowers. But we are so used to seeing the flowers that

we sometimes quite forget the care that has to be lavished on them before we get the beautiful results.

That too starts us to think about our own gardens. Oh yes, I have just had another look at a book, and reading about the wonderful hanging gardens of old Babylon. There were many, many wicked people in this old time city, but there were also clevermen who put gardens where nobody ever dreamed that things would grow, and so they had beauty, formed by people who made their task a pleasure by devotion to the decorations which Mother Nature provides, if we serve her well and truly. And we have to tend them so carefully, and provide them with water sometimes, especially in the Eastern countries. "Irrigation," we call it now, and in Egypt to this day, you can see gardens where a little donkey or a cow goes round in a ring; it has a long piece of wood fastened to its harness; this piece of wood works on a wheel which turns another wheel, and then we find a chain or strap with little pots fastened on it, and these dip into water and bring it into a little brook which in turn empties its water on to the gardens and makes the plants grow where otherwise there would only be sand and no flowers at all.

Oh, there has just come from New Zealand a letter telling me about a lovely service they have been holding; flowers again! just a little simple dedication service, and all the children were allowed to help; it must have looked nice, and I feel sure we should all have liked to have seen them walking up offering flowers to another little member of their Lyceum, just as we were told that the wise men of old offered gifts to an infant who had been sent into the world and of whom the world expected great things.

Now, children, I suppose you want to know what we are trying to tell you. Well, the idea that I have in my mind, is about the flowers of love which you are continually sending away to your friends on each side of the great ocean. Flowers of goodwill; flowers of information; flowers of friendship, all interwoven into a great garland of love and harmony; for you can do so much with a few kindly words ably written to cheer a friend whom you have never seen perhaps, but who waits anxiously to hear from you. It is wonderful writing to chums with half a world between you, and it is still more wonderful to think that there are angel friends blending together between them and you, and all on account of the love that flies quick as space, whenever your thoughts go speeding across the distance.

I have had some more photos. Here is one of a little girl whom I saw myself not so long ago. Another has come from a great distance and shows me two children dressed up in the national dress of their country. They look pretty; the dresses are pretty, and I know that they are striving, by their Lyceum teaching to keep beauty as their watchword, for you know that beauty, like progress, is a watchword of ours. It comes in with the garden, and with our garlands also, and the beauty we want to see is the beauty of holiness, which we can all have if we centre our thoughts on the flowers of love, truth and harmony, because by blending our aims and thoughts we shall make a splendid circle of Joy and be helping not only those whom we wish well, and who are at a distance, but ourselves and our Lyceum also.

What is our motto? Progress? Oh yes, of course it is, but our real particular very special motto now, what is that?

### "THE WORKERS WIN!"

Of course, I hadn't forgotten it, had you? Oh no, you hadn't because we have loaned it from our President haven't we? And our President willingly lends it, for the President is a worker too, and one of us in thought and action. So you see our garlands must be woven into progress and sacrifice, and as we "Trace the lines of grace and beauty" let us ever remember that there are those who need our helping hand to make their gardens grow strong and beautiful flowers, and it is only by working for God and the Angels that we can help others to do the same.

The workers win! Workers seem to be always coming and going, just like the bees. They are here, then suddenly they are gone from our midst, at least as far as their bodies are concerned, though they live on; we know they do, for they come to tell us so; and we are thinking just now of one man whom I myself have had the pleasure of meeting on one or two occasions. I mean Alderman Chaplin, to whom I ask all our children to send their loving thoughts. By the time this is in print Alderman Chaplin will have started on another "rugged round of duty," but he has left behind him many useful garlands of loving service and sacrifice. We will not refer to his many virtues, because there are other places where these are dealt with, and he will be receiving the fruits of his harvest in a beautiful land ere he returns to help on what he started here. We wish him every blessing and help in his new life, and whilst we offer

every condolence to those left behind, and have lost his physical presence, we rejoice that he himself, untrammelled by bodily encumbrance will continue to make a garden that each angel friend will be glad to see.

Now then, read what this friend has done in earth life, and although we may none of us weave such a useful career, yet we may try our utmost, with the gardens and flowers at our disposal, to get as near as possible to the usefulness which he and others have attained.

Now, children, you see what garlands can do; weave yours, with loving thoughts and kind actions, and whatever your reward on this side of life, you will be sure that your angel friends will know that you are making lovely flowers in the gardens of the Summerland, and these matter as much and more than anything else, for "By their fruits shall ye know them."

Keep up with your letters; remember all the kind things you have to do and don't forget that I want you to write to me as often as you can, and the address is,

Yours lovingly,

UNCLE JOSEPH,

c/o LYCEUM BANNER, Office,  
20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

Greetings to all Lyceums, and to "Josephites," the world over.

#### MANUAL REVISION NOTES.

The following selection from poems sent in for consideration by the Revision Committee will serve as samples to those who would like to help, but don't quite know how. Each month, unless there are important developments to be discussed, two or three poems will be printed. All who think that our educational Movement ought to be supported are invited to help with the revision work.

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

#### IF WE KNEW.

There are gems of wondrous brightness  
Oft-times lying at our feet,  
And we pass them, walking thoughtless  
Down the busy, crowded street.  
If we knew, our pace would slacken,  
We would step more off with care,  
Lest our careless feet be treading  
To the earth some jewel rare.

If we knew what hearts are aching  
For the comfort we might bring;  
If we knew what souls are yearning  
For the sunshine we might fling;  
If we knew what feet are weary,  
Walking pathways roughly laid,  
We would quickly hasten forward  
Stretching forth our hands in aid.

If we knew what friends around us  
Feel a want they never tell,  
That some word that we have spoken  
Pained or wounded where it fell,  
We would speak in accents tender  
To each friend we chanced to meet;  
We would give to each one freely  
Smiles of sympathy so sweet.

—*Genesee Richardson.*

#### THE WORLD IS BETTER THAT I LIVED TO-DAY.

Let me to-day do something that shall take  
A little sadness from the world's vast store,  
And may I be so favoured as to make  
Of joys too scanty sum a little more.

Let me not hurt by any selfish deed,  
Or thoughtless word, the heart of foe or friend,  
Nor would I pass, unseeing, worthy need,  
Or sin by silence where I should defend.

Let me to-night look back across the span  
'Twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscience say:  
*Because of some good act to beast or man,  
The world is better that I lived to-day.*

—From an Unknown Writer.

#### THE SOUL'S DISCOVERY.

By MARIE CORELLI.

I have found Thee, O God,  
Not in cold temples made with human hands,  
But in the broad benefices of skies,  
And in the flowering time of meadow lands.

I have heard Thy Voice,  
Not in the pauses of priestly prayer,  
But in the tender whispering of the leaves,  
And in the daily breathing of the air.

I have felt Thy touch,  
Not in the rush of world's delight or gain,  
But in heart-breaking agony and tears,  
And in the slow pulsation of strong pain.

I have known Thy Love,  
Not when earth's flattering friends around me smiled,  
But in deep solitude of desolate days.  
Then wast Thou very gentle with Thy child.

Yes, I have found Thee, God!  
Thy breath doth fill me with a fire divine;  
And were a thousand worlds like this my foe,  
The battle would be brief—the victory mine.

God make my life a little light  
Within the world to glow;  
A little flame that burneth bright  
Wherever I may go.

God make my life a little flower  
That giveth joy to all;  
Content to bloom in native bower,  
Although the place be small.

God make my life a little song  
That comforteth the sad;  
That helpeth others to be strong,  
And makes the singer glad.

God make my life a little staff.  
Whereon the weak may rest;  
That so what health and strength I have  
May serve my neighbours best.

God make my life a little hymn  
Of tenderness and praise;  
Of faith that never waketh dim  
In all his wondrous ways.

MATILDA B. EDWARDS.

#### THE BEAUTY OF NATURE.

An Essay by DOROTHY OWEN.

Nature's divine works were revealed more deeply to me than ever they have been before, during my stay at Hackney Lyceum Camp during August. There were quite a number of us staying at Hydesville (the name of the Camp). I will try to describe the joys and beauty of nature that I found in those few days. The hour for rising had come and we crept stealthily to the door of the tent, and lo! the grey dawn was breaking. However in a few minutes the thin blue veil of mist which swept the country side and hills was lifted and rent in two by some magic and unseen hand.

Just out beyond above the white caps of the foaming surge, the smiling sun rose and bid us all good morning. The pale blue ethereal sky with its dreamy rosy, flaky, cloudlets gliding upon its breast, seemed to tell us of something deeper than perhaps we had thought of before; it was a tale of divine bliss and solitude which seemed to me so wonderful and inspiring.

The whole aspect from the Camp was beautiful: far out in the distance beyond the pastoral hills, now spangled with dewdrops, lay the sea. There it was leaping for joy; dancing in pretty wavelets along the shore; foaming and tossing the ships upon its billows; but now and again a calm and stillness would seize it, and, with the bright sun glistening upon its waters would remain in profound silence for some few moments. It was in these moments that it tried to tell me of God's great goodness, wonder and love for all.

Towards the right hand side lay more meadows and hills, which bore upon them delightful flowers of every kind and hue; here and there a buttercup or celandine would shyly lift its head to the glory of the sun.

To give a final touch to all this one could see some quaint country cottages which lay in solitude, save for the company of trees, stones and birds, the busiest of which were the cackling hens. All these had something to tell me if only I stop to listen.

Towards the close of day the drowsy hum of bees, the song of the birds and the lowing of the herds would cease; the flowers would gently close their tiny eyes and say good night. The pale purple even melted around, and as the golden sun dipped behind the hills, its rays gently bid good-bye to mortals until to-morrow. Up the ladder of the sky the big round majestic silvery moon with all her children came, and behold! the untrodden way for the weary traveller was lit once more; it was the way to Heaven.

The soothing song of the trees in the stillness of the night soon lulled us to sleep at the end of A PERFECT DAY.

These wonderful works of Nature, sparks of the Divine I think were realised fully by every Lyceumist present; and we cannot show our gratitude enough to our dear teachers who worked so hard in organising the Camp. We have all learnt really well how good God is to his creature "Man."

## Our Lyceum Guild.

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

### THE GUILD STORY.

You will find this month a story written for Lyceumists of "ever so long ago" by Hudson Tuttle, one of Spiritualism's early American Pioneers. We hope you will enjoy reading it; and then profit by King Humblebee's sad story and decide that *you* won't put things off till it is too late. Then you'll get busy right away, and begin working for next February's examinations. GO IN—AND WIN.

Next month will appear another story from the LYCEUM BANNER of long ago.

### ESSAY COMPETITION.

Please remember to post your Essays *not later than 16th of this month* (October), so that they can be marked in time for results to be given in the December BANNER. We wish you success, and a merit-badge.

For subjects, rules, and other particulars of the Essay Competition, please see Page 150 of last month's issue (September BANNER).

### WILL YOUNG GUILDITES HELP?

Will young members, up to the age of eighteen, please send me on a post-card titles (and authors) of their favourite books? Some other young members are asking what books are "nice" and interesting, to get from Libraries, also to buy for the Junior Section of their Lyceum Library. Please help. Thanks very much.

## OUR LYCEUM GUILD STORY.

### THE KING HUMBLEBEE.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

(Reprinted from the LYCEUM BANNER, September, 1894).

A King Humblebee became weary of his nest in the bog, and determined to fly forth, see the world, and secure himself a wife. Yes, to get himself a wife, for there were too many hummers in the nest, and a home is not a home if there is more than one lord. It was a beautiful day, and the bright May sun was reflected by the purple wings, and made his nest like a plash of gold.

"Never a handsomer bee," said he, complacently, "I have but to choose, for my regal title of itself is sufficient to gain the love of anyone. The world is wide, and I will not choose in a hurry. My mother made a mesalliance, and see what a family she has on her hands!"

With astonishing buzzing he flew away in the soft, sweet air. The day was perfect, and he enjoyed its delights. The sweet pinks gave him a cup of nectar, and the rose was scarlet because of a compliment he paid her. At her feet sat a cricket, and when the King came, the cricket chirped.

"Not an especially agreeable voice," said the Bee, "but a good and pleasant body. What say you to housekeeping, my lady?"

"Ha! ha! sir!" chirped the cricket, "I have no need of keeping house; I have no house to keep, nor do I want one. Here is my cousin, grasshopper, who is quite anxious, for she fears she will become an old maid."

"What a grovelling thing!" said the Bee to himself. Then, indignantly, "Your cousin grasshopper will die an old maid for aught of me. I prefer to select my partner for myself, and no thanks to you for your interference."

Then he met a snow-white millee; she was resting on a crimson hollyhock blossom. "How beautiful you are," he said, as he settled down on the opposite side of the flower. The millee was frightened by the bustling fellow, for his buzzing, to her, was like the scream of a steam whistle.

"I am surprised," he began, "to find such a charming creature alone and unprotected." She did not understand his words, and was so overcome with fear, she would have fainted had she but forgotten her smelling salts. He eyed her with a fixed stare of undisguised admiration.

"I am a King," he again began, "and I want a Queen. You already have a bridal mantle. Let me bring you a veil, and we'll have the ceremony at once."

Just then a great green caterpillar looked over the edge of the blossom, and crawling over, stretched itself on its rim. There were yellow blotches on his sides, and along his back tufts of stiff hairs, which gave him a stiff and uncomfortable appearance. It was the King's turn to be frightened, yet he restrained himself, and said to the millee, "Shall I stab him dead with my sword?"

"Stab him? No!" she shrieked, "He is one of my younger brothers!"

"And did you resemble him when you were young?" he asked with a trembling heart.

"Certainly, exactly like him."

"Humblebee children are disgusting enough, but defend me from such frights as this fellow! If one had such a family," said the Bee to himself. Then aloud, "I pray you not to take my little joke seriously. Good-day."

He felt a sense of relief at his narrow escape from the noose of matrimony. "The world is wide and there are as good wives left as have been caught. The summer is long, and there is no hurry."

The days are long but they chase each other with swift feet, and vanish like a dream. Summer had given place to autumn, and the maples flamed in scarlet and gold. It was a warm autumn night, and the Bee had gone to repose in the dense clustered bloom of the golden rod. The south wind swept in gusty billows over the dusky landscape, as though saying, "I am warm now, and fragrant as the breath of a maiden, but two months hence, I shall be the keen breath of the frost, and instead of dead leaves will bear the glittering crystals of snow."

In the maples the Katydid's were holding their ceaseless family quarrel. Each was determined to have the last word, and to the Bee, who was weary and wanted to sleep, their contradiction was very distracting. "Katydid," "Katydidn't," "did," "didn't," repeated by the hour, till his patience was exhausted, and he flew up among the dark branches to quiet the disturbance.

"Poor Katydid!" he said softly, "if your husband treats you so rudely, come with me and you will find one who will never cross you." There was no reply, and he could see nothing in the darkness. "What a distressed being," sighed he, "undoubtedly beautiful, and charming as beautiful, yet unappreciated by her brute of a husband."

A fire-fly came slowly that way. "Come here with your lantern, my good friend," said the Bee, "I am anxious to find a treasure I have lost."

The fire-fly came and trimmed his lamp and made it flame up brilliantly. Oh, what a sight appeared to the horrified Bee! There, right before him, were two Katydid's on a twig, face to face, evidently enjoying what Katy had done. He saw what strange, outlandish foreigners they were, and was so overcome he fell off the branch to the ground. It was beginning to rain great drops like beating hail, and before he recovered he was nearly drowned in a muddy pool. He saved himself by creeping up a stalk of grass that was near, and impatiently awaited the morning. The warm sun gave him new life, but his golden nest was soiled, his wings ragged, and the marks of dissipation and age were on him.

"If I am to have a home, I must come to some conclusion," said the Bee, "I've been taking my ease, sipping honey, and thought too little of founding my kingdom. I will ask advice of the rose."

Then he flew to the rose that filled the whole air with fragrance. She gave it for love, and was happy because she could make everything so sweet. But he asked not her advice, for, delicately poised on her soft petals, scarcely bending them, was a butterfly, shining like dark velvet with crimson embroidery, and the most dainty crest on her head. Such a being he had dreamed of, but never expected to find. He awaited afar to gaze at her. "Alike in complexion," he murmured, "and of similar tastes; she loves the flowers and sips honey." He approached, and with low bow, rested on the opposite side of the flower, crushing the petals with his clumsy weight. The sweet flower could do no less than introduce them.

"Ah, you are a King!" gaily exclaimed the butterfly. The Bee was greatly assured at this, and, taking courage, replied: "A most powerful King, and I desire a Queen to share my kingdom with me. What say you, my most charming creature?"

"What do I say,?" scornfully replied the butterfly, "I say that kingdoms are founded by youths, and not by greybeards. You are too old for a kingdom, but not too old to be a fool."

With that she spread her gorgeous wings, a thousand times larger than the Bee's, and with indolent grace was wafted away like a wind-blown leaf.

The King could bear rebuff, but to be called "old," and a "fool." Was he really worn out? His wings were ragged, and on cold mornings he felt a decided stiffness in his limbs. Was he really wasting, and yet possessed of no kingdom?

Now the trees were becoming leafless, and the blossoms were few. He was often hungry and continually cold. As he flew over a garden he saw a large yellow blossom, and went down into its deep cup after nectar. The wind did not blow there, and the sun shone warm. He was quite well satisfied to remain and fall asleep. He had of late felt an unusual disposition to sleep. When evening came, the flower slowly and softly twirled its margin together, completely closing the entrance. "Now I call that hospitality," said the Bee, awakening, "I am perfectly sheltered."

He did not think so kindly in the morning, for the flower forgot to open, and retained him as a close prisoner. "I prefer to be less comfortable with more privileges," he said, but having no choice, remained for another day. Then a boy came along, and hearing the buzz of the Bee, stopped and listened.

"Where does that noise come from?" exclaimed the boy. He was of a prying disposition, and having begun a collection of insects, was on the alert. "Where is it?" he repeated. "Ah, right in that pumpkin blossom!"

He broke off the flower, and pulling it to pieces, caught the Bee with a pair of pincers. "What an odd old Bee! I've a dozen now, but this fellow is a curiosity, he is so worn out with age."

Then he ran the poor Bee through with a pin, and carried him home on his hat. "Where shall I place him in my cabinet? I have it," he exclaimed, "right in the vacancy beside this splendid butterfly, as a contrast between age and beauty."

At least the Bee had revenge, for the butterfly was the one that so cruelly mocked him.

### Spiritualism in Spain.

We print below a summary of some of the Principles and Objects of one of the two largest Spanish Spiritualist organisations. The items will be of interest, having in view the present controversy on the Seven Principles of the S.N.U.

#### CODE OF THE FEDERACION ESPIRITA ESPANOLA.

*Translated from the Spanish.*

##### ARTICLE 13.

For discussing, propagating and defending the Doctrine of the F.E.E. by conformity with the following discipline (or principles):—

(a) Proclaiming free examination (to full extent). Understanding that the things outside of reason for each one are neither to be of obligation or devotion.

(b) Not to be dogmatic in anything but to accept all true evidence, come what may, for our evolution.

(c) To hold to the principle that Spiritualism is not a mission to cultivate censure, criticism or violence by word, or of work, but for spreading a rational affirming and convincing solution.

(d) To respect absolutely the ideas of all the rest, allowing each the responsibility of such beliefs, but not to exclude

comparison to clear up different doctrines and keep in their regard.

(e) To honour always the motto "by love and study."

##### ARTICLE 14.

For the good government of all, collectively, we proclaim as a basis of truth:—

(1) The reality of an absolute, inexplicable root of all that is or exists—GOD.

(2) The existence of the SOUL as a perfect entity that evolves from the lower to the higher in the multiple manifestation of its power.

(3) The eternity of life and the uninterrupted succession of existence as a method that the SPIRIT can realise in the material and perfect. (*Reincarnation*).

(4) Communion between man and Spirits.

(5) The plurality of worlds inhabitable and inhabited.

(6) Enjoyment and pain as a consequence of acts performed and incitement to rise in the route of knowledge easily.

(7) Indefinite progress.

(8) The universal responsibility and confraternity of humanity.

(9) The natural law of existence contained in this precept; Love of God in all things and to his fellow man; Each to Each.

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#### TWIN-SOULS AND NATURE.

BY W. GEO. WHEELER.

Wide circular realms of measureless blue,  
'Mid exquisite snow peaks of tender'st cloud,  
Where flash-lights of heav'n in glory abound,  
My soul and thy soul unite in the true.

'Mid sweetest of skies and noblest of seas,  
The flash on the beach, the ripples afar,  
Love's golden sunshine that never can jar,  
My soul and thy soul with nature acquiesce.

'Mid perfume of flow'rets, nectar most sweet,  
And tender'st grasses of mystical shade;  
The music of song birds oft in the glade,  
My soul and thy soul in kinship most meet.

## WEST OF SCOTLAND LYCEUM WORKERS' GUILD.

A meeting of the above was held on Sunday, September 4th, in the Masonic Halls, Glasgow, the use of which had been kindly granted by the Scottish Mediums' Union. Those present were Miss H. Cleland, area representative, Miss N. Moore, Glasgow Association; Mrs. Hastie, S.M.U.; Mr. Robertson, Northern; Mr. M. Brown, Govan; and Mr. J. Shaw, secretary. Miss Cleland presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Regarding week-night meetings during the winter, a letter was read from Glasgow Association regretting they could not see their way to grant accommodation. We decided to approach the S.M.U., through Mr. Graham, for the second and fourth Thursdays in each month, or Tuesday, if Thursday is not possible.

The Treasurer reported postage 1/1½d. Balance in hand 3/9.

**FIELD DAY.** It was reported that about thirty attended the Field Day on 20th August, representing Glasgow Association, Northern, Govan and Henrietta Street Lyceums. The weather was very wet, which accounted for the small attendance. However, sufficient young men for three five-a-side teams were present (two from Govan and one from Maryhill), and the two Govan teams were played against each other, the winners tackling the Northern, whom they beat. A ladies' race was next run, the winners being Miss N. Dunlop, 1st; and Miss J. Williamson, 2nd. Three-legged race (mixed) was then run off, the winning pair being Miss Q. McConnell and Mr. C. Rankine. Miss Cleland then intimated with respect of cost of prizes for Field Day that one pound had been received by her from a friend who wished to remain anonymous, and that thanks to this and the entry money received from the various events, there was likely to be a small balance in hand, in addition to a number of prizes held over owing to the weather and small attendance. The full financial report will be given later by Mr. C. Rankine.

**WINTER PROGRAMME.** Miss Cleland also reported that Mr. Graham, of S.M.U., had been able to arrange for the use of the large Masonic Hall for a rally on October 2nd.

A meeting has been held in Govan to see if a football team could be organised for Lyceumists in Glasgow. It was decided not to proceed with the project.

A vote of thanks was passed to the S.M.U. for the use of the Hall.

### Births, In Memoriam, and Marriages.

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

#### BIRTH.

**ROBBINS.**—To Mrs. Robbins, past Conductor of Battersea Lyceum, and a valued Lyceum worker in the London District.

On Sunday, Sept. 18th, 1927, to "Robbie," wife of Stanley Robbins, Esq., The Haven, 23, Hebden Road, Upper Tooting, S.W.17, a son (John Stanley).

All London Lyceums offer their congratulations.

**LAST—WEEDEN.**—A marriage was solemnized at Holy Trinity Church, Wealdstone, on September 10th, between R. Edmund Last, Secretary of Lewisham Lyceum, and Lydia Annie Weeden, of Wembley. The Reception was held at "The Limes," Harrow.

#### SILVER WEDDING.

**COOPER—WATERS.**—On September 22nd, 1902, at St. Augustine's Church, Monsall, by the Rev. William Holden, John Edward Cooper to Jessie Waters, Lyceumists of Collyhurst and Moston.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

**DONCASTER,** Catherine Street.—In loving memory of our dear daughter, Mary Nutter, who passed away on October 2nd, 1926.

To-day recalls sad memories

Of a loved one laid to rest;

And those who think of her to-day

Are those who loved her best.

From her sorrowing Father and Mother.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**—In loving remembrance of MOTHER—Mary H. Naylor, who passed to the higher life October 11th, 1926. She loved to sing:

" Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh,

When the bird waketh and the shadows flee;

Fairer than morning, lovelier than the daylight,

Dawns the sweet consciousness I am with Thee."

From her loving husband, family and grandchildren.

**SALTAIRE.**—We regret to record the passing to the Higher Life of Mrs. Coodcliffe on August 11th, 1927. She was a silent worker, never failed in her duty and will be greatly missed by all.—W. Simpson, Sec.

**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, HEATON AND BYKER.**—It is with deepest regret we have to report the passing on of our Lyceumist, Mrs. Lunn, on Aug. 21st, also the beloved wife of our Conductor. A True Lyceumist.

" While we dwelt on earth together,

Precious moments we have seen;

Friendship's tears, like dews of morning,

Keep their mem'ry fresh and green."

S. J. HUNTER, Sec.

**SOUTHAMPTON,** Cavendish Grove.—On Sunday, Sept. 11th (at sea), our esteemed and beloved worker, Mr. G. Mathieson, passed to the higher life.

Barrow and Australian (Sydney) friends please note.—R. C. Chalk, Sec.

## District Council Reports.

### BOLTON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held at Horwich on August 20th. 17 delegates represented 9 Lyceums; 1 Lyceum was not represented. The meeting was ably conducted by our President, Mr. Charnley. Much business was dealt with, including ways and means to uplift the Council.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Radcliffe on November 12th. A cordial invitation is given to all delegates, associates and friends interested.—D. Ward, Sec.

### LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

#### UNITED OUTING.

On Saturday, September 3rd, a merry party of Lyceumists journeyed to Chingford.

The Lyceums represented were:—Battersea, Bowes Park, Woolwich, Peckham, Eltham, Forest Hill, Romford, Manor Park, Kingston, North London, Hackney, Stratford, Walthamstow Progressive, together with officers and members of the Council; also Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Connor.

The events of the day included a pleasant ramble through the woods, visit to fair ground, tea at Jubilee Retreat and a number of sporting events for both children and adults.

Dancing and community singing, to the accompaniment of a gramophone, kindly brought by the Area Representative, Mr. Cox.

The President expressed, on behalf of the Council, his appreciation of arrangements, carried out so ably by the Social Secretary and Committee, and the support of Lyceumists present.

### SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The above Council held their Quarterly Meeting at the Central Lyceum, Koomfield Buildings, Todmorden, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The President, Mr. Dixon, presided.

The Minutes were read and accepted, as also was the correspondence.

The President spoke on matters concerning the *Manual* Revision and emphasised the fact that Lyceums within the Council should help each other and get together in massed sessions.

The Balance Sheet and Auditors' Report were accepted.

The D.V.'s Report was accepted and the thanks of the Council were again tendered to our D.V. for his diligent work without incurring expenses to the Council.

The Conference Report was accepted after a few points had been elucidated.

Credential Report:—12 delegates, 2 associates, 1 D.V. and 8 visitors.

The best thanks of the Council were tendered to our Room-field friends for their kindness in entertaining. We accepted an invitation for our next meeting to Burton Street Lyceum, Middleton, on Saturday, November 26th, when it is hoped a good attendance will be ensured.—H. Greaves, Sec.

#### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD.

Our Quarterly Meeting was held on August 28th, at Ramsden Street Church, Huddersfield.

The formal routine business was soon disposed of.

The cash statement showed a balance in hand of £4 17s. 5½d.

The E.C.'s action in accepting the M.C. to our Area for their October meeting was endorsed. The arrangements for their reception at the Queen's Road Church, Halifax, were made.

Discussion took place *re* an Interchange of Conductors, and the suggestion of a Shield or Bell, in place of the Prize Banner. Both matters were referred to the Lyceums. The next meeting will be held at Quarmby on November 13th.—T. Ellis, Sec.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The quarterly Conference was held at Wellington Road, Dewsbury, on Saturday, September 10th.

Mr. Tweedale, President, was in the chair. Invocation by the President. Welcome to Conference by Mr. Peel, of Dewsbury.

The President said: "There are many new faces at our meeting, and I am very pleased to see them. I have been thinking seriously lately of the many discussions amongst some of the most eminent men. Some have been searching our cause with suspicious minds, therefore it is up to us all to try to the best of our ability to prove the truth to these auspicious men. I can remember the time when Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sir Oliver Lodge were not spiritualists. Sir A. C. Doyle was booked to speak at Brookworth Hall, and this hall had to be booked 3 years in advance. He was not then a Spiritualist, but when the time came for him to fulfil his engagement, he was a convinced and confirmed Spiritualist. We ought to feel proud of our movement, and if it is good enough for these great men it ought to be good enough for us. I want us all to give our best, so that it will be a great movement, not only for personal affairs but for national and international affairs."

The Minutes of the last Conference were accepted and confirmed. The L.D.C. Propaganda meeting at Morley was conducted by the Secretary of the Council.

The Rota Scheme, M.C. visit on January 14th and 15th. Delegates are taking the invitation back to their respective Lyceums, and report to Council Secretary as early as possible for E.C. to decide the place.

Three new Lyceums have opened at Hemsworth, South Kirby, and Assembly Rooms, Normanton.

Letters of appreciation: Chief Constable of Wakefield, L.M.S. Railway, Halifax, Alma St. The Bradford D.C. Delegate's resignation accepted with regret.

The D.V. reported visits to Ossett and Horbury, Horsforth, Liversedge, Holborn Hall, Dairycoates, and Gipsyville, Hull. All show progress except one. The Treasurer reported a balance of £2 15s. 11d. L.D.C. report by Mrs. Harding. Field Day and Financial Statement, Balance £15 2s. 5d. Auditors' Report. All reports were accepted with thanks.

Competitions, Adjudicator's report and awards. Mr. Barnes, of Laisterdyke, said it was a most difficult task, yet a very pleasing one, and pointed out the wrong method of doing the wing movement. Not one did it correctly. It is shown quite plainly in the Manual. Dewsbury Lyceum were declared the winners by securing 86 out of a possible 100. Wakefield 85½. Cleckheaton 83. Response to Bell is poor. There is too much talking when preparing for marching. Some conductors talk too long, and lose the young children. Services given free. Best thanks were given and recorded to the Adjudicator.

Notice of Motion (Castleford): Much discussion took place, and finally agreed that fraternal delegates be asked to condense their reports before presenting them at Conferences.

Interchange: Agreed it be deferred for another 12 months. Associated, Miss Raynor, Cleckheaton.

Open Council: Morley Cross Church Street and affiliation to B.S.L.U. The recommendation of the E.C. was accepted. The next Conference was left with Secretary to arrange. Roll Call:

Officers 5, Fraternal Delegate 1, Delegates 15, representing 11 Lyceums, Associates 6.

Lyceums represented: Batley Carr, Birstal, Castleford, Cleckheaton, Dewsbury, Heckmondwike, Horsforth, Liversedge, Normanton, Leeds (Psycho), Wakefield.

#### A MASSED SESSION.

Under the auspices of the Leeds District Committee, the Council held a Massed Lyceum Open Session on Sunday, Sept. 18th, in the Co-operative Hall, Morley.

The Session, conducted by Mr. Harding, the Council Secretary, ably assisted by Mr. Tweedale, President; Mr. Spencer, District Visitor. We had with us on the platform Mrs. Oxley and Mr. Smith, President and Secretary of the Leeds District Committee; Mr. Barnes, Adjudicator, and Master McCorquodale, the boy orator. We used Hymn Sheets No. 2. Invocation by Mr. Tweedale. The S.C. "Your Mission" was fully discussed. The marching and callisthenics were very well done indeed. Numerous pearls. Miss A. Raynor (Cleckheaton) sang a well rendered solo. Mr. Barnes gave the benediction to a very useful and interesting session. The attention was very good, especially from the children. Much good has been done and the session left a deep impression on all.

Lyceums represented: Morley, Cross Church Street; Morley, Queen Street; Cleckheaton, Birstal, Wakefield, Laisterdyke, Leeds, Easy Road; Leeds, Psycho; and Horsforth.

The pianist was Miss D. Harding, of Wakefield.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The Council met at Scunthorpe on Sunday, August 28th, Mr. J. F. Smith in the Chair. After the usual opening exercises and 10 minutes' Spirit communion, Mr. Longcake, on behalf of the Church, and Miss Bainborough, the Lyceum Conductor, gave the Council a very hearty welcome to Scunthorpe.

Minutes and correspondence were accepted. Credential report: Officers 4, Lyceum Delegates 13, representing 10 Lyceums; I.S.D.C. Delegate, Associates 2, Honorary member 1, Visitors 4; total 25. Various reports, including Area, S.D.C., Financial, and Lyceum progress reports, were accepted.

A report and balance sheet of the Leeds District Council Annual Field Day and Demonstration was a very interesting item and showed a nice balance in hand.

It was resolved that the question of a Musical Competition be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The Afternoon Session and the Evening Service were conducted by various members of the Council. Mr. Smith presided.

We hope that Church members and Lyceumists enjoyed a happy and profitable day on the Council's first visit to Scunthorpe.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Sunday, October 30th, in the Heeley, Gifford Road, Spiritualist Church, Sheffield.

Business will commence at 10-30 a.m. Usual catering arrangements. The Council will conduct the Afternoon Session and Evening Service.—H. Heath, Sec.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The S.C.L.D.C. held the Quarterly Meeting at Southampton (Cavendish Grove), on Saturday, September 17th.

Delegates from Portsmouth, Brighton and Southampton attended.

The Treasurer reported affairs are not too brisk. There is a small balance in hand.

The Manual Loan Fund had been put to some good use, Manuals having been loaned by Brighton and Southampton to the Council.

Mr. Speakman was elected District Visitor. He will attend unaffiliated Lyceums under instruction from the Council.

On Sunday afternoon we had a very bright session, conducted by Mrs. Baker, the President of the Council.

All stood in memory of the passing of Mr. Mathieson to the Higher Life whilst coming home on the sea. He was a former Secretary of Southampton Lyceum, and has rendered splendid service for the children. He had been useful, too, in bringing reports from the Lyceums in Australia at the ports he touched.

Delegates gave fraternal greetings and showed that the local activity in different centres was excellent. Splendid individual items were rendered showing the talent that this Lyceum

possesses. The Council feels greatly indebted to Southampton for their kind invitation.

One feature of interest is the fact that Lyceums are to be solicited for invitations to hold the quarterly meetings and given the opportunity to extend an invitation during mid-week instead of week-ends.—H. C. Guy, Sec.

#### UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICTS' COUNCIL.

##### NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The A.G.M. and Election of Officers of the above Council will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th, in the Church and Lyceum at Millgate Hall, Millgate, Wigan.

Delegates to this meeting are requested to write Mrs. Clitheroe, 69, Lime Street, Wigan, stating their requirements. Nominations for Officers are required. Also two Motions were referred back from the Lyceum Conference held at Nottingham.

Saturday meeting commences at 6-30 p.m. Tea will be provided for delegates from 4-30 p.m. Session and service on Sunday will be conducted by the Delegates attending.—J.S., Sec.

## District Visitors' Reports.

### LEEDS DISTRICT.

I have made the following visits:—

Morley, Cross Church St. March 6th. Prompt start. 22 present. Good singing and responses. Many questions asked and ably answered by the Conductor. Great interest was taken in all Sessions. Several pearls were given which were very good, and very ably explained.

Castleford, May 1st. Present 36. Good singing and responses. Marching and callisthenics very good. Each Group took a different lesson which was very interesting. Praise is due to the Group Leaders.

Leeds, Psycho. May 1st. Prompt start. 36 present. Good singing and responses. Connective readings very good. Questions were asked and answered by the Conductor. Marching and Callisthenics good. Pearls were numerous and good.

Normanton, May 8th. Prompt start. Present 23. Singing good. Responses and comments good. Children took great interest in the lessons, each one explaining a part of the readings. Marching and Callisthenics good. Three recitations.

Batley Carr. May 22nd. Prompt start. 37 present. Singing very good. Good responses to readings. The Conductor gave some very good explanations to the readings. Marching and callisthenics good. One solo, five recitations.

South Elmsall. June 5th. Prompt start. Singing and responses good. The children were interested in the lessons. Many questions were asked and very ably answered by the Conductor. Marching and callisthenics good. More adults would be very helpful. The general behaviour in all Lyceums was good.

Ossett and Horbury. July 3rd. Present 27. Reading and responses very fair. Singing good. Marching and callisthenics very fair. Nine pearls were given. General behaviour was fair.

Horsforth. July 24th. Present 10. Reading and responses good. Singing very fair. Five pearls; all were very ably explained. One recitation and two solos. The marching and callisthenics were not gone through, as they are having to hold their sessions in a house, not being able to get a suitable room at present. The general behaviour was good.

Liversedge. August 7th. Present 43. Readings very fair. Explanations were given by the Conductor. Singing very fair. Eight recitations. The explanations of pearls were good. Marching and callisthenics were good. General behaviour very fair.

HULL, Holborn Hall. August 28th. Present 16. Readings and responses very good. Singing good. Pearls six, all giving a good explanation of their pearls. Marching and callisthenics very fair.

Hull, Dairycoates. August 28th. Present 76. Readings very fair. Many questions were asked and very ably answered by the Conductor and Leaders. Singing very fair. General behaviour good. Marching and callisthenics not gone through, owing to the room being too small.

Hull, Gipsyville. August 28th. Present 40. Reading and

responses were good. Singing good. Pearls five; all explained. Marching and callisthenics were very fair. General behaviour good. This Lyceum should get along very well, as they have several members who have been in the movement for many years.

H. SPENCER, D.V.

### SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The following visits have been made:—

Middleton, Burton Street. May 22nd. Singing, readings, recitations, pearls and solos. Everything was gone through fairly well, considering the small number present. This Lyceum could do with help from other Lyceums.

Shaw, Lyon Street. June 5th. Morning session, 15 present. Singing and reading fair. Marching and callisthenics good. An improvement since my last visit.

Royton, Whittaker Street. June 12th. Morning session, 15 present. A few solos and pearls. Marching and callisthenics were very good. Changes keep taking place at this Lyceum.

Waterhead, Equitable Street. July 3rd. Morning session, 21 present. Singing good. Readings fair and explained. Pearls, recitations and solos were also given. Marching and callisthenics good. I presented Essay prizes which were given by Mrs. Kelly, of Oldham. We had a very nice session.

Oldham, Hooper Street. July 17th. Morning session, 36 present. Singing, recitations, solos and pearls were very good. This Lyceum is improving. I was pleased to see Mr. Goulding, their old conductor, back again.

Oldham, Central, Bow Street. July 24th. Morning session, 15 present. Good singing and music. A few recitations, solos and pearls. Readings moderate. Good marching and callisthenics. This Lyceum is keeping up to its usual standard. A nice session.

Heywood, William Street. September 4th. Morning session, 18 present. Singing rather slow, but well harmonised. Readings good. Nice discussions. Two recitations and a few pearls; also a few solos and duets. I am pleased to know that this Lyceum has a Liberty Group.

We should be very pleased to have the following Lyceums as members of our Council:—Royton, Shaw, Oldham (Waterhead), Oldham (Central), Oldham (Hooper Street).

H. BUCKLEY, D.V.

## Special Reports.

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

ELLAND, Westgate.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 4th, conducted by Miss Hesslden, assisted by Edwin Smith. Master John D. Brook opened with the Lord's Prayer. Silver, chain and musical readings were well conducted. Marching and callisthenics were enjoyed. Pearls by Miss Smith and Mrs. Williams. Recitations by Miss Berry, Mrs. Wadsworth, Mildred Riley, Ivy Ward, Mrs. Pilling, Mabel Brook, Bernard Ward and Miss Claire. We had a good session well enjoyed.—Mrs. Williams, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Under the auspices of the Accrington, Great Harwood, and Rishton Joint Lyceums Committee two Massed Sessions were held at the above Lyceum on Sept. 4th, conducted by Mr. W. Taylor, of Great Harwood, ably supported by Mr. Doswell, Mr. English, Mr. Fazackerley and Mr. Gregory. The following contributed songs and recitations:—Maggie Nelson, Alice Clare, Florrie Pickvance, Rosa Bagshaw, Miss Woods, W. Kenyon, Mr. Baxter, John Baxter, Miss Fish, Miss Swift, Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Doswell and Miss Barker.

The above Committee also held a Sports and Field Day on August 6th, which was a very enjoyable day and has created great interest.—Miss Davis, Joint Lyceum Sec.

LONDON, Lewisham.—On Aug. 27th our Lyceum had its 2nd Annual Outing in glorious weather. The sun (a stranger) watched the fun. Hayes Common it was that heard the merry laughter and saw the joy-lit faces of the children and grown-

ups, as the various sports, games and prize distributions were proceeded with. Members of the Church gave their hearty support by turning up during the afternoon in goodly numbers.—E. Last, Sec.

#### TRANSITION OF MISS ETHEL GETHING, OF COLLYHURST LYCEUM, MANCHESTER.

We regret to report the passing to the higher life of Miss Ethel Gething on Sunday, August 28th, 1927. She has been an ardent worker and teacher amongst the children of our Lyceum.

The interment took place at Bradford Cemetery, on Thursday, Sept. 1st. Various Lyceums and Churches were represented; a large number of friends also attended. The service was most ably conducted by Mr. G. F. Knott, the B.S.L.U. Secretary. There were many floral tributes.

On Sunday, Sept. 4th, we held a Memorial Service, conducted by Mr. Ely. A large gathering assembled in the Church. There was also a large array of flowers, which greatly added to the impressiveness of the service.

On Sunday, Sept. 18th, we held our Open Sessions. About 200 assembled and ten Lyceums were represented. The unveiling of a photograph of the late Miss Ethel Gething took place at the evening session. Mrs. Ashton unveiled the photograph. Various solos and items were rendered by Lyceumists. Our President, Mr. Lawrence, spoke of the passing of Miss E. Gething and of the good work she had done in the Lyceum.—H. Redden, Assist. Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Darnall.—We had a pleasant Open Session on Sept. 4th. The following contributed songs and recitations:—Elsie Bosworth, Miss Maud Jones, Mrs. Jackson, Tommy Beresford, Mr. David Jones and our Conductor, Mr. Hadfield.—R. Jackson, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 4th we held our Open Sessions, conducted by Mr. Mack. We had two very instructive and well-attended sessions. Lyceums were well represented. The readings and responses by young Lyceumists were good and quick. The marching and callisthenics were quite up to standard. Mr. Mack's remarks were helpful and entertaining.

On Saturday, Sept. 3rd, we held a Demonstration Parade to Alexandra Park. The attendance of our own Church and Lyceum was very good, but not many others came. The floral effect was very pretty. The Openshaw Original Prize Band are a very good band and well worth consideration by Lyceums, etc., as their charges are very reasonable. The District Council and the B.S.L.U. were both represented. The interest of spectators during the marching and callisthenics was well maintained.—W. C. Robinson, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—We had our Monthly Open Sessions on September 4th, conducted by Mrs. Babbs. Duet by Miss E. North and Mrs. F. Babbs. Trios by Miss A. Hudson, Miss M. Ackroyd and Miss P. Wilman, and Mrs. Abbott, Mr. R. Swallow and Mr. F. Lister. Songs by Miss M. Cook, Miss E. Hunter, Miss A. Raynor. Pearls by Miss L. Batty, W. Hill and Mr. F. Babbs. Marching and callisthenics were conducted by Miss Lucy Farnell.—J. Babbs, Sec.

LANCASTER ALLIANCE.—On August 28th we held our Annual Flower Services. Bunch after bunch of flowers were brought, until the Church looked like a beautiful garden. During Open Session (afternoon) we had a naming ceremony, conducted by Mrs. Towers. The girl named was Millicent Townley, one of our Lyceumists, who received the spirit names of "Love" and "Sympathy." After the ceremony a number of our smallest Lyceumists presented flowers and a Lyceum Badge to "Milly." It was a very impressive ceremony. The evening services were as usual.

On September 4th we held our Open Session. Florrie, Frank and Reggie Dennison, Alice Jones, Clara Parkinson and Arthur Prosser helped greatly towards its success by giving recitations.—R. Askew, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Heaton and Byker.—On Sept. 4th we held our Lyceum Sunday. Open Session at the evening service, conducted by Mr. J. W. Ronaldson. Recitations and pearls by John Kell, Harry McEwen, Jim, David, Alec and Doris Ronaldson, Nellie Moore, Miss Shadforth, Mrs. J. W. Ronaldson, Mr. Walmsley and Elliott Gregson. Solos by Mr. Lunn, Mrs. McEwen and Miss Wardle. The Golden Chain Recitation was conducted by Mr. Gregson.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

ROCK FERRY.—The services formerly held at the temporary Church in Spencer Avenue are now discontinued.

The Opening Ceremony and Dedication of the new Church, 18, Nelson Road, Rock Ferry, on September 8th, was conducted by Nurse Sketchley, Dip.S.N.U., of Liverpool.

On the rostrum by the President were Nurse Sketchley, Mrs. George and Mr. Roberts. Nurse Sketchley gave a stirring trance address to over 150 people. The after meeting produced clairvoyance. Mr. Wallace Jones, of Birkenhead, was the chairman.

Lyceum at 2-30 p.m. Session conducted by Mr. Hart, of Manchester. Connective readings were taken by our Conductor, Mr. Robb, and Mrs. Dean, and ably explained.

A solo, "Watchman, what of the night," by Master Richard Hart, of Maskell Street Lyceum, was very well rendered and much appreciated. Mr. Hart expounded with great force. The marching and callisthenics were well performed. The cross march and chain march harmonised with the chosen session.

Birkenhead Lyceum came in great numbers to give us a good send off. Representatives from Bury, Manchester, Maskell Street, and Runcorn gave their fraternal greetings. It was a splendid opening.—W. Roberts, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Open Session on September 4th. We had a grand turnout of adults and children after the Lyceum having been closed during the summer months. The children marched beautifully among all nature's glory. The Church was decorated with flowers for the Flower Service in the evening. Pearls, songs, recitations and piano-forte solos were given by the following:—Daisy Knox, Verna McLeod, Sylvia Parkinson, Edna Brown, Dolly Sutherland, Mr. Brown, Harry Forrest, Olive Forrest and Harry Towns. Quartette was rendered by Miss Brown, Miss McLeod, Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Knox.

We held our Lyceum Picnic on Monday, Labour Day, at River Park. We all spent a very enjoyable afternoon.—J. Knox, Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after Sept. 21st.

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 October 26th, to ensure insertion in the November 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.

BACUP.—On Sept. 4th we held our Lyceum Sunday. In the morning we held our Open Session in the presence of 70 Lyceumists, when readings and callisthenics were ably performed. After which our Conductor performed the naming ceremony of two children, John Henry Bell, spirit name "Onward," and Florence Bell, spirit name "Lily."

In the afternoon and evening we received the welcome visit of Mr. Knott, who conducted our services in an instructive and impressive manner. The Lyceum is growing.—B. Lord, Sec.

BARNESLEY, North Pavement.—We are pleased to report that our Lyceum gave Mrs. Noble a wedding present on the occasion of her marriage last month.—H. Lucas, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Our Open Session was held on September 4th, the following contributing to make it a success. Recitations by Annie Watson, Peggy Simpson, Mildred Hirst, Edith Winters, Eileen Edwards and George Cameron. Solos by Norah Whiteley, James Woodley and Albert Thompson. We still keep up a good attendance and trust that other Lyceums are increasing in numbers.—J. Hirst, Sec.

**BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley.**—On Sept. 4th Open Session was held. Mr. Smith, the Conductor, gave a short lesson on "The Psalm of Life," from the *Lyceum Manual*. Afterwards pearls were given by Lyceumists.—H. Fletcher, Lit. Sec.

**BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.**—On Aug. 28th we held our Open Session. About 80 Lyceumists and friends took part in the marching and callisthenics. Recitations were given by I. Lightbown, F. Railton, E. Wood, W. Railton and E. Robinson. A pianoforte duet was ably rendered by Miss Preston and Master Cowell. Mr. Lewis Firth, of Halifax, was our speaker for the day, and he gave us a few words of encouragement. The Session was greatly enjoyed by all.—Thos. Wood, Sec.

**DARWEN.**—During late August we held our Harvest Services. We began with an enjoyable Open Session at 9-30, keeping the same spirit up throughout the day's services, which were conducted by Mr. G. F. Berry, of Manchester. The Monday evening following we again had a happy time at the Fruit Banquet. An excellent week-end.—D. Coghlan, Ban. Sec.

**DONCASTER, Catherine Street.**—We held our Open Session, conducted by Miss L. V. Batty, on Sept. 4th. Invocation by Miss Johnson. All Lyceumists took part and made it a huge success.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

**EARBY.**—We held our Open Session on Sept. 4th. The following contributed: Recitation, N. Hopkinson; songs, W. Wintersgill, F. Clarke, S. Warrinton, D. Wright, J. Blackburn, M. Knight, M. Enniss and Mr. T. Hodgson.—F. Wood, Sec.

**FLEETWOOD.**—The Session was held on September 4th, having the usual interest taken up with the young children with their recitations, pearls and songs. The following gave very good recitations:—Susan Brewer, Irene Watkins, Dorothy Harris, Edwina Brick, Kenneth Harris and Robert Rae. Pianoforte solo by Nora Harris. Pearls were given by almost all present, which created some infusion in the session. The general readings and songs were very well done. The Lyceum has plenty of visitors during the summer months and are ready to listen to their reports and the work of the Lyceums represented.—E. K. Firth, Sec.

**GORTON.**—On September 11th we held our last Open Session in Gorton, supported by nine visiting Lyceums, testifying progress. Our new home will be known as Droydsden Spiritual Lyceum Church, Durham Street, off Market Street, Droydsden.—Mrs. Ellis, Sec.

**GREAT HARWOOD.**—We held our monthly Open Session on Sept. 4th. M.R. by Mr. W. Taylor, Maggie Nelson, Hubert Norris. Recitations by Maggie Nelson, Alice Clare. A song by Mr. Baxter.—Miss Davis, Sec.

**LEEDS, Armley.**—On Sept. 10th we held our first Winter Social. Songs and recitations were given by the scholars. Master A. Knowles and Miss Freda Lee gave pianoforte solos. It was a most enjoyable evening. We also made presentations to three young Lyceumists who are migrating to Canada. The best wishes for their future from their fellow Lyceumists will go with them in their new venture. "Absent but not forgotten."—G. Lee, Sec.

**LINCOLN, Coultham Street.**—Open Session September 4th, Conductor, Mr. Raspin. There was a good attendance of members and friends. Our young members are always ready with items and pearls. On the 6th we held a rock sale. Most of our members had brought a stick home from Cleethorpes. We raised over 6/- for Lyceum funds.—N. Willey, Sec.

**LONDON, Tottenham.**—We are progressing favourably, still merry and bright. Everyone returned from their holidays renewed and strengthened for the winter session. The explanations of the Silver Chains still show a very high standard of efficiency, especially among the younger children.—W. H. Marham, Sec.

**MIDDLESBOROUGH, Grange Road.**—We held our Anniversary on September 4th. A good programme, conducted by Miss E. Bonsor, was much appreciated. Mrs. Pugh officiated in the chair.

On Monday, September 5th, our Anniversary Tea and Social was a huge success and much appreciated by all.—G. Gills, Sec.

**NORTH LONDON.**—On Saturday, September 3rd, fourteen of us, including five adults and nine children, joined the L.L.D.C. Outing to Chingford. A very enjoyable time was

spent. The children are as keen as the adults for these outings.—N. C. Whorlow, Sec.

**NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics' Hall.**—On Saturday, Sept. 3rd, the Lyceumists and friends travelled to Radcliffe for their Annual Summer Party. 104 sat down to a very enjoyable tea. The weather being nice and fine we had a very enjoyable day.—O. Peel, Sec.

**OLDHAM, Elliott Street.**—Our Lyceum has now reached its normal standard. We have prepared for our Harvest Festival and hoping for good lovely and spiritual education.—M. Harper, Sec.

**PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.**—Open Session held Sept. 4th. The following contributed:—R. Daniel, A. Curtis, A. Roscoe, P. Cowell, E. Curtis, Messrs. C. Brierley, D. Rae, C. Curtis, W. Huckin, A. Thompson, Mr. Rae. A pleasant session.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

**SALTAIRE.**—Open Session on Sept. 4th. Singing, marching and callisthenics were greatly enjoyed by all. Several items were rendered by the scholars. Mr. H. Mayes acted as Musical Conductor.—W. Simpson, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.**—We held our Open Session on Sept. 4th. Mr. J. Le Noury conducted the session. The individual efforts were very good. The marching and callisthenics were also very good. We had a very enjoyable session.

On Sept. 11th we had a very interesting event. Mr. Stamford, the Treasurer of the Lyceum, named the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, two of our old Lyceum officers. The name given to the baby was Alan and the spirit name was "Hope." We also presented to the baby a badge of A.J.D., which is the custom of the Lyceum whenever a baby is named in the Lyceum. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon session.—(Mr.) E. Johnson, Sec.

**SOUTHAMPTON, Cavendish Grove.**—On Saturday, Sept. 17th, the Quarterly Meeting of the Southern District Council was held in the Cavendish Hall, and delegates were welcomed to the Sunday session. Visitors from Eastleigh were among the 93 present, who witnessed a most enjoyable session.—R. C. Chalk, Sec.

**SOWERBY BRIDGE.**—On Sept. 11th we held our Harvest Services. In the afternoon a very pleasant Lyceum Open Session took place, Mr. T. H. Wright conducting, with Mrs. H. Greenwood at the organ. Recitations were admirably given by the following:—Bessie Holt, Doreen Burrows, Gladys, Connie and Arthur Smith; also Mrs. Hardy. Songs by Misses Alice Wild and Flora Rushforth, and a duet by Amy Holt and Maggie Higginbottom. Mr. Gilling, our speaker, gave a short instructive address and altogether we held a real enjoyable afternoon.—W. A. Rowson, Sec.

**WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Kent Terrace.**—Our Sessions have been very pleasant and we are quite pleased at the attendances which have been good in spite of the bad weather during this month (July). The Open Session was held on July 3rd and was a great success. We are now preparing for a "Service of Song" which will be given at the Church shortly. The Wellington Lyceumists send their greetings to the British and other Lyceumists.—Robt. J. Ross, Sec.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, Musgrave Street.**—On Sept. 11th, the Lyceum gave a Service of Song, entitled the "Summerland." Connective readings by our Conductor, Mr. Cook. Miss Betty Cook gave the recitation. The children sang "We love the Father." The singing was harmonious. Good congregations attended.

On Sept. 18th Mrs. Sudron, one of our Lyceumists, had the pleasure of naming the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Macklam, earthly name Sheila and spirit name "Rose." The service was very impressive and deeply appreciated.—E. Platts, Sec.

**WINNIPEG, Princess Street.**—On Aug. 21st we had a very beautiful and interesting Flower Service, during which we had the naming of a baby of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, members of our congregation. The baby, who was held by the President, Mrs. Burley, was given the name of Carl Henry. The service was read by Mrs. Armitt and closed with prayer by Mrs. Burley. Recitations and pearls were said by Daisy Knox, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Leonard and Grace White. Miss Simpson sang a solo "The Nightless Land." Mrs. Burley spoke a few words on Flowers. The service was enjoyed by all.—(Mrs.) M. Armitt, Sec.