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## THINK BIG.

If you think you are beaten, you are;  
If you think you dare not, you don't;  
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,  
It's almost a cinch you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you've lost,  
For in the world you find  
Success begins with a fellow's will,  
It's all in the state of the mind.  
Full many a race is lost  
Ere ever a step is run;  
And many a coward fails  
Ere ever his work's begun.  
Think big, and your deeds will grow,  
Think small, and you'll fall behind;  
Think that you can, and you will,  
It's all in the state of the mind.  
If you think you're outclassed, you are;  
You've got to think high to rise;  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win a prize.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man,  
But soon or late the man who wins  
Is the fellow who thinks he can.

## Our Lyceum Guild Story.

### THE STORY OF A WOOD-SHED.

Founded on Fact.

By J. J. MORSE.

(Reprinted from Volume I, 1891, of the *Lyceum Banner*.)

Ever so long ago there lived in the pretty little town of Blankingtonville, a dear, amiable, sweetfaced lady whom everyone called Grandma Brunton. She was known and loved by everybody, as indeed she deserved to be, for she was known all over town as being kind to the sick and distressed—a lady whose life was spent in going about doing good to all in need of her kindly offices. She resided in the home of her son-in-law, Walter Banks who, some years ago, had married Hettie, Mrs. Brunton's only daughter.

At the time of our story, Mrs. Banks had a dear little girl who had reached twelve years of age, and was a bright and charming little lady with soft blue eyes, wavy golden hair, and a warm and loving disposition. Her name was Kate, though she was usually called Kitty, for short. Kitty was an apt scholar, a dutiful child, and loved her parents and her grandma intensely.

Just about this time Mrs. Brunton was taken sick with a troublesome and complicated disorder which soon confined her to her bed. Every means of affording her relief was tried, but the doctors could but shake their heads, and admit that all that could be done had been done; and now there was but little to hope for beyond affording the suffering lady as much relief as possible.

Of course, Kitty and her mamma felt very bad about this, for Mrs. Banks was devotedly fond of her mother and was constantly in attendance upon her. While her husband, ever kind and thoughtful, told her to spare no expense for her mother's comfort. Little Kitty, after thinking as children will about it all, one afternoon stole into her grandma's room, and laying her little head by the side of her dear face, and holding her thin and wasted hand in her own warm fingers, said:

"Grandma, won't you get well again?"

"No, dear, I am afraid not. I think it will not be long now ere I leave you, dear."

"Where will you go, grandma?"

"To heaven, I hope, dear."

"Where is that? If I knew, I would often come in to see you."

"Ah, dear Kitty, I wish it might be you could, but it cannot be."

"But grandma, how can you go to heaven? They will put you in a coffin and in a deep grave—Oh, grandma!" and here Kitty cried in great sorrow. "I don't want you to go to heaven, I don't want you to be buried. When you die, I want you to stop here. Oh, grandma, you must stop here; we will be just as good to you as ever, and we will be quite as good as the folks in heaven are," and her tears and sobs overcame her.

"There, there," said grandma, "I won't leave you if I can help it, Kitty. If the good Lord permits, I'll come and be with you—"

"Oh, I am sure He will if you will ask Him, and I'll ask Him too; Oh, I'll ask Him ever so much," said Kitty, interrupting her grandma.

That night Kitty did ask that grandma be allowed to come to them after she had died, and Kitty dreamed that a beautiful, bright angel told her that grandma should surely come back to her again.

A few days after this conversation Mrs. Brunton passed away, and the large assembly of friends at the funeral services showed how fully she was respected by the townspeople. Kitty's mamma was of course very much affected, but Kitty astonished her by saying:

"Oh, mamma, don't cry so. Grandma isn't gone for good, she's coming back again."

"Why Kitty, how can you talk so? It is wicked, dear."

"No, mamma, it isn't, for the angel came and told me she would." Then Kitty told her mamma all about her dream.

About a month later, Kitty and her little playmate, Frances Alton, were amusing themselves in the wood-shed at the side of Kitty's home, when suddenly Kitty said:

"Oh, Frances, we had a visitor last night who, papa said, was a Spiritualist and a medium. They sent me to bed soon, but before I went I heard the man say, 'Let us sit at this table and see if we can obtain any communications,' and when I got to my little bed-room I heard a noise as if our tables were bumping all up and down. I say, Frances, do you know what a Spiritualist it?"

"Yes; they are people who believe that folks don't die, only their bodies, you know, and that people's spirits come and talk to them—"

"Through tables?" asked Kitty.

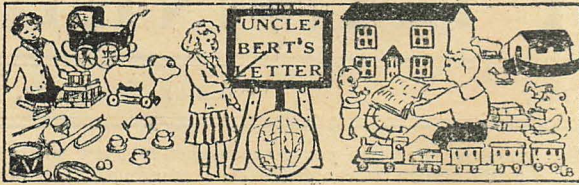
"Yes, through tables," answered Frances.

"Then" said Kitty, "let us try."

Frances agreed, saying that her parents were Spiritualists, and so she knew how to do it. As there happened to be quite a large three-legged stool in the wood-shed, they decided to use that as a table, and seating themselves on blocks of wood, one on either side, they, at Frances' suggestion, sang a little piece and put their hands upon the stool, which presently commenced to rock very gently, and then a few moments later quite a shower of tiny raps fell upon their astonished ears. This, however, made them so nervous that they both ran into the house and Kitty told her mother all about it. At night, Kitty's mamma and papa, with Kitty and their Spiritualist friend, sat round the table, and again the raps were heard; then as advised by their visitor, they desired the raps should be given as they called over the alphabet, and so letter by letter the following communication was spelled out:

"Dear Children, it is Grandma Brunton come back to you as the angel told Kitty I would. I wanted to tell Kitty so in the wood-shed this afternoon, but she got frightened and I could not. I am very happy here, dears. I have found my dear husband, and uncle Ben, cousin Joe and sister Elizabeth. I want you to meet like this every now and then. Kitty has got her Grandma back again."

As Kitty grew older, she fully understood that when we die we become spiritual men and women, and that then we can communicate with our friends; and the raps that she and Frances heard in the wood-shed were the signals her grandma was making to tell her that the angel told her truly in saying she would return. Kitty grew up to be as kind and as much beloved as was her grandma; and as she is now married and has a little Kitty of her own, she often tells her about the story of the wood-shed, which taught her to know that our friends never truly die.



My dear Boys and Girls,

Although I am afraid many of you will not get this letter until after the eventful day known to us as Guy Fawkes' Day, we must be up-to-date and have A Guy Fawkes Week of our own.

This is going to be a real jolly week, the biggest blaze ever seen in history. I am sure this is in keeping with the times, for people everywhere are always endeavouring to break records. Some by Motor Car Racing, others Swimming, Air Racing, etc., so let us create a Guy Fawkes' Record, by burning the biggest, ugliest Guy ever seen, also by lighting this largest Bonfire the world has ever seen.

We will start with the preparation for the fire. If we are going to make a real success of this, we must have all hands on deck in making a collection of suitable rubbish to burn. This will mean Mothers, Fathers, and children all turning out every nook and corner of the House, Garden, and Lumber Shed to see what worthless things they can find. This will result in thousands of little heaps of things which are of no use to yourselves or anyone else.

While this is a very good idea so far, it has its failures, I find it would be a lot of trouble and take too long to get all these little collections sent to one centre, and even if we were able to do this, you would not all be able to see the fire.

Although we cannot work this stunt out on these lines, we are not going to give up the idea of breaking the record; we will each strive to make an individual record, having our own fire and Guy, this will be more exciting for you all. I expect your little minds have already been working hard, thinking of all the things you can get to burn, but this being a very special effort, we must have a very special Bonfire too. The one I have in my mind is not quite the usual kind. I will explain to you the sort of fire I want you to have this week and a few of the things I want you to burn. This will give you a start, by which you can add your own efforts. We all know that our characters are made up of a thousand and one things we collect from examples, or habits we form as we go through life.

The good points are gained from the highest ideals we form, while the bad are due to allowing that which is evil or degrading to remain within our makeup.

Instead of turning out the usual household rubbish then, I want every one of you to examine your own characters and see how much you can find in them which, if you are honest and frank with yourselves, you will say at once that certain things would be better on a "Bon-fire."

I think we can all well afford to burn such things as Bad Tempers, Idleness, Carelessness, Unkind Thoughts, etc.

If every Lyceumist did this this week, I feel sure it would break all the world's records, but this is only the first part of our stunt. I said we were out to burn the biggest, ugliest, Guy ever seen. Again it means an individual effort to find him, for he is the most artful dodger you ever saw.

Sometimes dressed up representing a gentleman, sometimes a lady, and never content to remain in one place, but travels to every part of the globe, leaving his influence wherever he can form friendships.

Seeing he is a most dangerous person, always happiest when making trouble in Homes, Churches and between Friends, it will be very wise if we all get busy at once to track him down.

Catching him, we will most willingly grant him the greatest place of honour on our Bonfire, giving him a real warm time, watching him destroyed for ever.

This does not seem quite like Lyceum methods, but when you find out the true character of this person you will all see the need for such strong action.

As I want you to find him for yourselves, I shall only add one further clue to the description I have already given. It is that his name is spelt with four letters the first one S and the last F.

I have often seen him playing with children, and heard him say "You're not going to play with us, it's my ball or skipping rope," or "Who told you to come, we don't want you with us."

I have seen him a thousand times with grown up people too; I have heard him say "Everyone's wrong except me," and heaps

of other things, but you just find out his whereabouts you will hear him for yourselves.

Next time you write let me know if you have been able to find him and if you manage to burn him.

What Records! if we can do these things, why it would be enough to fill every newspaper and book printed. If we do, we will have the greatest Firework display we have ever had, Squibs, Chinese Crackers, Jack-in-the-Box, Cannon Crackers, and Rockets too, for every bang we hear we will say to ourselves, "There's another bad habit gone West," but let us make sure we mean it before we say it. I hope you will all enjoy yourselves working out plans for this great record breaking stunt.

Following Guy Fawkes' day, we have Lord Mayor's Show. Space will not permit me to say much about this letter, but every one of you who carry out the first part of this letter will be worthy of the chains of honour such office bears.

Now before I reach Puzzledom Corner I want to again say how delighted Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris, and I have been to see so many letters last month. Why the Postman has been playing Fireworks on our Door Knocker nearly every day.

Every time I hear Bang! diddy Bang, Bang! I guess there is another letter for us.

We are pleased, too, that so many of you are keen on being Sunshine Rays during the winter months, we wish you all success in all the efforts you make and shall be pleased to hear reports from time to time.

I would also congratulate some of the older members on the Essays they have sent me, the idea of these being to help them to express their thoughts in Sessions, etc., I do not wish to take up space on this subject, this being the children's page, enough for me to say I am always pleased to help young men and women and those of older years who are seeking to be of service to the children or the Cause.

#### PUZZLEDOM CORNER COMPETITIONS.

I received a large number of replies to Puzzle No. 73. (quotations from the word L.Y.C.E.U.M. September issue).

Those selected as the best are:—

- Let your character embody unblemished morals,—Mrs. Hayward, Portsmouth.
- Let your children eventually understand Mediumship,—Helena Tollerton, Liverpool.
- Let your children ever unite merrily,—Alice Whitehead, Newton Heath.
- Little Yetta, came eating Uncle's Melon,—Annie Hope, South Manchester.
- Let your constant endeavours uplift mankind,—Vera Rose, Portsmouth.

#### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES AND QUESTIONS.

No. 75. Ape, Lock, Goal, Eel, Race, Nail, Oar, Nut "Algernon."

No. 76. The best answers will be given next month.

No. 77. 6892. Numbers 3, 7, in place of 2 and 6 also correct.

"Sent" (Your answers should be in four figures not 6, 11, 9, 10, etc.)

#### ANSWERS TOGETHER WITH LIST OF PICTURE PUZZLE WORDS RECEIVED FROM:

Lucy Manuell, Irene and Horace Tyrer, Madge Spence, Ceilia, Alice, Inghan and Ivy Whitehead, Ivy Whittle, Ellen and Florrie Barnett, Gladys Bayliffe, Mr. J. Taylor, Newton Heath; Reala Hallas, Morley; Walter Oakes, Dewsbury; Arnold Raymond, Lena Tollerton, Florence Stuart, Elsie Hogarth, Liverpool; Arthur Outram, Ripley; Kenneth Freeman, Nelson; Doris Riley, Sowerby Bridge; Mr. and Joan Long, Southampton; Vera Roberts, Birkenhead; Willie and James Owen, Florence, Ernest and Leslie Morris, Mrs. Nellie Dean, Tom Adams, Edith Taylor, Edith White, Bury; Portsmouth (en bloc); Muriel Lamb and Mrs. A. Hope, South Manchester.

THE NORTH WINS THE TEST MATCH (figures next month). Mr. Joe Taylor, Newton, led the North. Mr. McFarlane, Portsmouth, led the South.

This month the test will be between the District Councils your Lyceum is in.

#### THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 78 (Means of conveying messages):

MTREALEG. EEONLHPTE. RBEMLCAG.  
SSEENGMR. REIRRC. SREELIWS.

No. 79. "It was our Anniversary, never a day remembered so exceptionally wonderful, Mrs. Johnson ably catered for us, Mr. Knott spoke on the New Discovery, a very instructive session."

In the first letters of some of the above words you should be able to find a friend.

No. 80. (A muddled Pearl) can you put these words in their correct places.

"Something to find bluer than you feel, who will help blue someone else, is when you do that."

All letters should be posted so as to reach me not later than the 18th of the month.

Please take special care to see that you address your envelopes correctly, Uncle Bert, 2, Villiers Road, Osterley, Middlesex for this page. Uncle Joseph's address will be found on The Overseas Page, and the Guild Imp's on the Guild page.

We all three love to get your letters, but want you to send them direct in order to avoid delay, a few have been getting mixed lately.

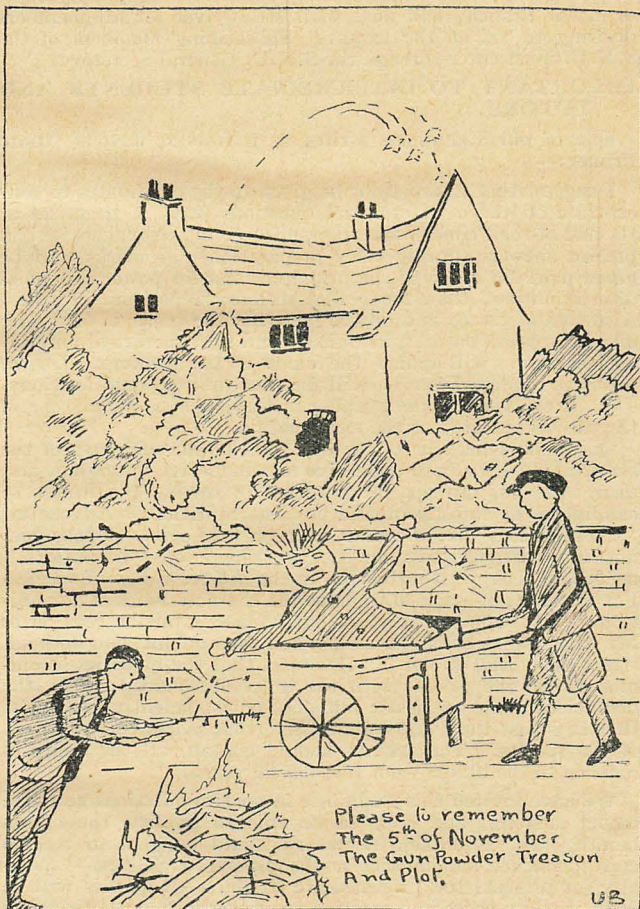
Next month we have our usual Jolly Xmas.

With love,

Your loving friend,

UNCLE BERT.

### The Children's Puzzle.



THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER.

Puzzle find Guy Fawkes, the Policeman, Mother, and the dog.

Hurrah for the fifth, through the din there rang  
A shriek and a yell, as fireworks went bang.  
Crickle, crackle, goes the fire, the flames leap and bound,  
While we carry Guy the camp fire around.

We, the policeman, defy, as with torches we toy;  
His memory goes back when he was a boy.  
And mother looks on and smiles at the fun,  
Our playtime is done e'er we've hardly begun.

Our pet dog is here, but he doesn't agree  
With b'ff, bang and smoke, and he wants to flee;  
But he must give way to enjoyment to-day,  
For to-morrow again, with him we will play.

Now Mother and Dog, the Policeman and Guy,  
Have all hid away, and you must all try  
To find out for me where they all did go,  
In the picture above, and then let me know.

Send the answers to Uncle Bert.

### AN INTERNAL EDUCATION SCHEME.

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

#### RULES OF PROCEDURE.

*Chair to be addressed standing.* A Member of a Meeting desiring to speak, must rise in his place, and address himself to the chair. No interruption to his speech should be permitted, except upon a question of "Order" suddenly arising.

*Chairman's call to speak.* When two or more Members rise to speak, the Chairman calls upon the Member who, on rising in his place, is first observed by the Chairman: and Order is best maintained by acquiescence to his call.

*Motion that a Member "Be now Heard."* A motion may be made that a Member who has risen to speak "be now heard."

*Motions to be in Writing and Seconded.* All Motions and Amendments must be moved and seconded, and except formal motions, such as motions for adjournment, &c., Motions and Amendments should be handed to the Chairman in writing.

*Speech to be directed to the question.* Each Member who rises to speak must direct his speech to the Motion proposed as the question for discussion, or to a Motion or Amendment to be proposed by himself, or to a question of Order.

*No Second Speech.* No member may speak twice to a question, except in explanation or reply.

*Explanations allowed.* A Member who has spoken may be again heard to clear up misunderstanding in regard to some material part of his speech, but he is not to introduce new matter, or to interrupt a Member who is speaking.

*Matter of order arising.* Upon a matter of order suddenly arising, any Member may speak, if he does so immediately, and commences by a statement that he rises to Order. The Member who is addressing the Meeting must thereupon resume his seat, and so, also, must the Member who rose to Order, when he has concluded his appeal to the Chair.

*Question Fully put.* No Member may speak to any question after the same has been fully put; that is to say that after the question has been put from the chair and the voices have been given thereon both in the affirmative and the negative in which, if agreed to, it would stand in the amended motion.

*Amended Motions to be Intelligible.* Every Amendment must be relevant to the Motion upon which it is moved and be framed so as to form therewith an intelligible and consistent sentence.

*Motions, &c., withdrawn.* Motions and amendments may be withdrawn, leave being granted without any negative Voice, before the question on the motion or an amendment has been fully put.

*Error in Vote by Show of Hands.* In case of a misunderstanding among the tellers as to the number of hands held up during the Vote by show of hands, a second Vote must be taken, unless such misunderstanding can be corrected by agreement between the tellers.

*Chairman's Casting Vote.* In case of an equality of votes the chairman must give the casting vote.

*Irrelevance or Repetition in Debate.* The Chairman may call the attention of the meeting to the continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a member, and may direct the Member to discontinue his speech.

*Closure of Debate.* The closure of a debate may be obtained by a motion made, according to the evident sense of the meeting, "That the question be now put."

*Adjournment by Chairman.* If disorder should arise, the Chairman, acting on his discretion, as a matter of right, can quit the Chair, and announce the adjournment of the meeting; and by that announcement, the Meeting is immediately adjourned, and no business subsequently transacted will be valid.

*Authority of Chairman.* Deference should be paid to the Chairman's Authority. Silence, also, must ensue, and all must remain sitting whenever the Chairman rises to speak, that his words may be heard without interruption.

# THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

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

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

### IMPORTANT TO ALL LYCEUMISTS.

You are a Member of a PROGRESSIVE Lyceum.

#### DO YOU KNOW:—

- (i) Out Principles, what they mean, and how we got them?
- (ii) The History of Our Lyceum Movement?
- (iii) The Beginnings and Progress of MODERN Spiritualism?
- (iv) The life-stories and work of Our Founder, and of the Father of English Lyceums?
- (v) About children in Spirit Life?
- (vi) About the various phases of Mediumship?
- (vii) The effects of Spiritualism on Science, Philosophy and Religion?
- (viii) About early Pioneers of Spiritualism?
- (xi) The vital differences between Orthodox Christianity and Spiritualism; and HOW TO MEET THE ARGUMENTS AND OBJECTIONS of our OPPONENTS?

If you can not say "Yes" to any or all of these questions, then YOU would derive much help and benefit from a study of the Handbooks for the five Grades of the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme—for all PROGRESSIVE LYCEUMISTS.

You can win a Spiritualist Degree, as well as acquire an all-round, essential knowledge of our history, teachings, and practices, by studying these Handbooks.

How to win the A.N.S.C. Degree (Associate of the National Spiritualist College), and be able to uphold the dignity of Our Movement. To win the Degree you take the five Grades (one per year) of the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme, and on passing Grade V with 70 marks or more you become eligible for the A.N.S.C. Degree.

#### WHAT TO DO.

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

#### GO IN—AND WIN.

##### 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.)

#### DONATION FROM MR. T. F. SMEDLEY (Belper.)

For the eighth year in succession, Mr. Smedley has sent a donation to the Funds; and we very deeply appreciate his generous support, practical help, and great interest in the work. He writes:—

"Please find enclosed a cheque for six pounds; five for your Lyceum Education Fund, and one for your Lyceum Guild. I hope that both of these movements are meeting with a fair share of success and support, for they certainly deserve the hearty co-operation of all Spiritualists."

#### THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

The "College Booklet" has been sent to every Lyceum affiliated or eligible to be affiliated to the College, and it is hoped that, now the Lyceums concerned can see the plan of work in full, we shall have a decided increase in the number of Lyceums registering. Daulby Hall renewed its membership per return to the Circular appeal sent out with the "Booklet"; and others will be acknowledged as they come along.

The College Board tenders its gratitude to the senders of donations. As pointed out already, the College depends for its income on donations and Membership (Local Branch) Fees,

and the Board will gladly acknowledge any gifts received in furtherance of our work.

#### THE 1928 EXAMINATIONS.

B.S.L.U. Scheme—Sunday, 19th February;

S.N.U. Scheme—Entrance Examination, on Saturday OR Sunday, 24th or 25th March;  
Intermediate Grade, Saturday AND Sunday, 24th and 25th March.

Last date of entry—B.S.L.U. Scheme, 17th December, 1927.  
S.N.U. Scheme, 31st January, 1928.

Entry Forms for the Entrance and Intermediate Examinations have been drawn up, and can be obtained from Mr. T. Oliver, 272, Edmund Road, Sheffield. And will candidates please remember that THEY themselves must enter for these S.N.U. examinations—unless the Secretary of their Church, or Lyceum, or Local Branch, will deal with Mr. Oliver for all members desiring to sit at the exams? Subscribing Members of the S.N.U. must enter through the S.N.U. General Secretary.

#### IMPORTANT TO INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS AND TUTORS.

One of our Examiners writes as follows *re* Jevons' LOGIC Primer:—

I suggest that instructions be given to the candidates to concentrate on the most essential questions (*i.e.*, of those set at the end of the Primer), and to practise giving clear, concise and precise answers (during their preparation); as marks will be given more for grasp of the principles and for power of logical discrimination, than for verbal memory repetition of rules. Also that stress be laid on the fact that the paper is for LOGIC and its application to Spiritualism, and that rhetorical amplifications, etc., will reduce the value of the answers. *Logical precision and conciseness* will be the desired qualifications. That is my view of the purpose of the paper as merely *one* of the subjects treated at the examination.

Questions should be set to test the candidates' grasp of the *essential rules* for both deductive and inductive reasoning, and *their value* for our special purposes in testing the fitness of candidates as intelligent and efficient Spiritualist Advocates. "Classification" is, of course, the test for Logic. Jevons does not lay enough stress on the *importance* of "dissimilars," needed to occupy the attention in the *differentiation* of species. For instance, on page 36 we have the characteristics of a definition: "just sufficient to mark out a class"; but he goes on to say what things belong to a class and what do not, and does not stress the "what do not." He states that the qualities "common to all the genus, with the differences added, make the definition of the species"; but does not sufficiently emphasise that it is just the "difference added" that *marks* the definition of the species. The SPECIES should contain all the qualities common to the GENUS—but *it is not the genus*.

We have invited this Examiner to set two questions and give model answers, and hope to be able to publish these next month. The Education Secretary would be glad to receive correspondence and queries *re* the Advanced Scheme—especially (at present) the Intermediate Grade. All queries will be dealt with by those in a position to answer with authority, and their receipt will be a guide to useful articles.

#### GRADE V. AND EXTRANCE EXAM.—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 in September.

## NOTES ON "WHAT OUR PRINCIPLES REVEAL."

By A. T. CONNOR.

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

1. The only facts *peculiar* to Spiritualism are those obtained through mediumship and the exercise of psychic powers—and which are *unobtainable in any other way*.
2. Actually established facts are one thing; the inferences from them quite another.
3. Mediumship was not invented by Spiritualists—Spiritualism is a result of Mediumship.
4. **MEDIUMISTIC PHENOMENA:**
  - (a) Physical objects moved without visible physical leverage; and Raps without apparent physical concussion;
  - (b) Replicas of physical bodies built up from no apparent physical source; these bodies endowed with movement, sight, hearing and speech; with apparently Human intelligence; with a personality claiming to have once inhabited a physical body;
  - (c) "Control," with identification;
  - (d) Clairvoyants describe those who were known to us in Earth-life, with intimate details.—  
By these means we become convinced that "our 'dead' " friends still live, and that they have *set up communication* with us.
5. Upon these facts rests the central principle of our philosophy:—"Conscious survival of the Self after the death of the body."
6. Communications from Spirit people tell us that the *Evolution of Man* continues in *their* world.
7. There is no point in this evolution where it can be said to or of the Human Spirit—"Thus far and no farther."
8. Man the Spirit always was, and always will be—and *Eternal Progression* is the Law of his Being.
9. Eternal progression being for each Human Spirit a personal matter (that is, as no other person can earn our progress for us) we are driven to realise the principle of *Personal Responsibility*.
10. There must be *personal* initiative; we cannot progress by the work of others.
11. All spirits, in and out of the flesh, have the right and the power to progress eternally in Wisdom and Love.
12. No power outside ourselves can prevent us from loving or from becoming wise.
13. *Compensation and Retribution* are the natural and necessary corollaries of Personal Responsibility and Eternal Progression.
14. So far our Principles reveal a great law of progress governing all the Universe; an essential part of all life—the prerogative of all men—  
The responsibility of all for their thoughts, motives and actions—And that no power can hinder the reaping of the consequences of the good or ill done.
15. Further, we must think of ourselves not as individuals only, but also as members of a community.
16. Our thoughts, motives and actions not only indicate the standard of our spiritual growth, but are forces thrown out amongst our fellows, and we must accept responsibility for them.
17. Our philosophy, therefore, compels us to draw up codes of action—of right and wrong;  
Ethics are definite and practical Rules of Living.
18. The Ethics of Spiritualism are bound up in our second Principle—*The Brotherhood of Man*;  
The quality of our ethical standpoint will vary in ratio with the expansion of our Spiritual (*not* our Psychic) Powers.
19. ALL men, of all classes and of all nations, are brothers, and should be approached and treated in a brotherly way; The Spirit World, we are told, is ruled and governed by fraternal and co-operative methods;  
The brotherliness and love felt for the members of our own "home" family should be expanded to include all.
20. The Ethics of Spiritualism *in action*, will promote right living and bring men into brotherly relationship with each other.

21. Through mediumship we come into touch with Spirit people at a high stage of development in wisdom and love;  
We are able to conceive of the development as constantly increasing (Eternal Progression) until the love and wisdom become universal;
22. So we may build for ourselves an ideal of God, as Infinite Love and Infinite Wisdom: the Centre and Source of all life and energy;  
Further, when we *realise* ourselves as Spirit, we shall become more able to apprehend *something* of the Infinite Spirit and Universal Consciousness, and of Man as participating in the Infinity of GOD. ("Realise" is here used as meaning "to make real").  
(Compiled by W. G. Gush, D.N.U., F.N.S.C.)

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## THE "SEVEN PRINCIPLES" IN ESPERANTO.

L A SEP PRINCIPAJ DE SPIRITISMO.

- Patreco de la Dio.  
Fraterco de la Homaro.  
Senmorteco de la Animo Kaj ghiaj Karakterizoj personaj.  
La Faktaj Pruvitaj de la Interparolada inter Homaj Spiritaj forrintaj kaj mortemuloj.  
Persona respondeco kune kun rekompenco kaj puno poste por chiu la bonaj kaj malbonaj agoj, chitie jaritaj kaj vojo de Eterna Progreso por chiu homa animo kiu volas sekvi ghin lau la vojo de eterna boneco.

## COLNE OPEN THEIR NEW CHURCH.

The National Spiritualist Church, Colne, opened their new Church in Spring Lane, on Saturday, September 24th, 1927. During the following day, September 25th, the opening Lyceum Session took place. Our opener was Miss E. Elliott, our Lyceum Union President, who gave us some very sound advice and plenty of encouragement for the Education Scheme, and later received a gold key as a memento of the occasion.

We should have had our friend, Alfred Kitson, to open the Lyceum, but owing to illness he was unable to be present. All Lyceumists at Colne expressed their sorrow and at the same time, their sympathy, in the hope that it will not be long before he is again as active as circumstances will allow.

Our Lyceum at the opening ceremony was crowded, and some old Lyceumists turned up and renewed acquaintances with all concerned. The collections at the session were approximately £7, which proves the number of people present.—H. Crabtree, Sec.

## A MEMORIAL TO MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, when speaking at a Chicago reception, suggested a memorial to commemorate the advent of Modern Spiritualism. The idea was adopted and Mrs. Cadwallader and Mrs. Longley have since that day in 1924 been working for a Memorial to be erected at Rochester, to commemorate, near the home of the Fox Sisters, a suitable monument to the advent of Modern Spiritualism.

The plan was presented at the International Spiritualist Congress in 1925 and approval given the scheme. The Memorial will be dedicated to the Movement during November. The shaft of light barre granite, 25 feet high, will bear a bronze tablet with a suitable inscription.

There are probably people in Great Britain who would like to have a share in bearing the cost of the Memorial, and subscriptions, large or small, can be sent through the LYCEUM BANNER office, or direct to the Chairman of the Fund, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, 106, Loomis Street, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

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## The Problem of Mediumship.

In thinking of ways and means to describe some of the Seven Principles, it is somewhat difficult to explain, particularly to children, what the processes are by which we know Spiritualism is true. The evidences are common and the sensations often experienced are self-satisfying to the medium, but when we come to the explanation how we feel and see the evidences and sensations which are not visible to mortal sight or the other physical senses, there is a difficulty in explaining the phases of mediumship through which we pass.

The fatherhood of God is a transcendental subject. The brotherhood of man is explained by ethics. But the immortality of the soul and spirit-communion depend on definite evidences. These evidences have introduced a deeper study of human nature, particularly the occult side of man's nature. We are finding many things and powers are possessed by man in common with the spirit people, and deeper phases of human personality are constantly unfolding new revelations of the intrinsic powers inherent in mortal men; powers which carry us into a consciousness of mental states which exalt the recipients of intuitional perceptions that make us the mediums of peculiar sensations which previously were only thought to be possessed by ex-carnate individuals. Yet we have come to know of such traits by contact with the physically invisible people who have passed to the higher states.

Many children possess psychic faculties and can, through their spiritual perceptions, see the evidences of spirit life beyond death. The children themselves ask why they are able to see such things and we must educate ourselves to give sensible answers to such queries. Yet, how few of us know the means by which such things come within our experience.

We have had demonstrations of public phenomena for 80 years since the advent of Modern Spiritualism, and many of us are no nearer explaining how such things occur than we, or our forerunners, were at the commencement of the "Rappings."

We speak of telekinesis and the poltergeist, etc., but these are but terms given to the phenomena. In searching the records of strange occult experiences we find parallels in ancient lore which link Modern Spiritualism with ancient mysticism to an alarming yet inspiring degree. And there is, in such a study, much that will help us to understand some of the ancient miracles and modern phenomena that bewilders the average person.

The advance of the inner study of the mental self is very slow and we are almost as far from a true understanding of the real self as we were a few thousand years ago. But that is no reason why we should not operate the lay mind to find out the source of human genius and inspiration. The modern scientific mind is gradually turning to the subject and we can all help by investigating our spiritual and mental powers and introducing the outstanding characteristics by which a medium is differentiated from the normal person, though it should be

noted that the psychic sense is normal to some people and has to be induced in others by spirit agency.

The condition of the body plays a great part in assisting mediumship. It is a common practice for the medium to avoid food before performing mediumistic acts. The reason for this abstention from food is that the attraction of the nervous system must be taken away from the digestive organs and be "handed over" to the mental states. There are a number of plexuses, or nerve groups, governing the anatomy and concentration cannot take place if the nerve's sensations are being pulled to the various bodily organs. That is one of the causes of the necessity of circles to develop mediumship, to obtain the help of others for the undeveloped medium, so that the nerve centres can be overcome and nullified in the operation of their normal tasks. Sitting in circles produces a kind of mesmeric control of the bodily organs, and makes spirit control possible. Eventually the sitters can be dispensed with and the medium can induce the influence of those people—spirits without material bodies—to use the organism for the conveyance of spirit messages in lectures or clairvoyance, or any of the other phases of control which we see and hear displayed. Sometimes the spirit has actually to enter into the body of the medium, and then we get the transfiguration of the features. But the general method seems to imply that the spirit does not actually enter the body of the medium, but throws a suggestive telepathy to the medium's mind, finding the theme and often the words for the giving of messages and other phenomena.

There is an inference that if a medium can control the nerve centres by diet and concentration it is possible to enter into such a state that the spirit is, for a time, freed from physical embarrassment and can produce spiritual evidences from their own inner being. This phase is often evidential during sleep, when the spirit is able to travel beyond the limitations of the body, eliminating time and space and substance to such a degree that far distance scenes can be consciously visited and the memory retain the record of events during such a state.

If we are asked how such events can be explained to a child, it would be a wise answer to state that such questions are not likely to arise in a child's mind until it is old enough to use its deeper nature for such a purpose. Questions arise from interest in a subject, and few children will ask such questions until they are old enough, though it must be agreed that if a child is curious enough to ask a question of its own accord, as in child clairvoyance, it is our duty to give some kind of sensible answer, or candidly say we don't know.

Children live chiefly in an objective world, and want evidences, but few young people are even likely to demand answers to questions which deal with subjects requiring abstract answers.

Yet we older children—and many of us are still "children crying in the night, with no other language but a cry"—must probe the darkness until we find a light. And the study of mediumship must be one of our studies, for, at present, we seem incapable of raising the average mind to the consciousness of spirit communion without a medium. The problem of mediumship will remain with us until we can individually pierce the darkness that exists between us and the inner light by which is revealed the deeper mysteries of our own natures.

There is a great charm awaits mankind when we can cease to worship substance and, instead of thinking so much of physical bodies and things, we can study and use the enhanced powers of the inner nature, making our bodies subservient to the spirit so that we can come nearer to those who have passed through death and move around us, awaiting that communion and guidance which could be so helpful to the human race.

All the evils of life loom up before us as barriers to negate. All the joys of life come before us as a vision and an ideal for humanity to make real. Behind the mysteries of mediumship are hidden all the beatitudes and virtues of the millennium. Religion gets a real meaning and the Seven Principles await operation. Remember these tenets came to mankind, through the soul of a woman, from the spirit world. They were conceived by the angels for the guidance of mankind and, when man chooses to give them a broad interpretation and express the principles of their teachings in human conduct, many of the present mysteries of mediumship will be within the understanding and practise of mankind.

It is a pleasure to think of children being born into such a world, and so we appeal to parents to help us to prepare the way, that earth may truly become the nursery of heaven.

G. F. KNOTT.

## £2,000 Effort Report.

Dear Lyceumists,

Once again I present my report, but I must say that I am feeling very disappointed at the poor response from Lyceums. Individuals are helping very well, but I am hoping that Lyceums will yet respond to our continuous appeal for the Fund.

The receipts for this month are as follows:—Mr. Smith, Sheffield, 5/-, sale of bookmarks; Mr. Hart, Manchester, 15/- by sale of bookmarks; Miss Elliott, 6/- by collecting cards; Mr. Cox, London, 6/- by sale of Mr. Kitson's Bible Studies; altogether £1 12s. 0d.

If anyone would be good enough to sell either bookmarks, Mr. Kitson's pamphlets, or would like to take some of the collecting cards, I should be only too pleased to supply them at once. Don't let our Great Effort languish any longer. We have almost reached the first quarter of the amount. Let us pull together, and send the other three quarters right away.

Yours fraternally,

W. BURROWS.

29, Kliffen Place,  
Halifax.

## The I.S.F. Grand Committee Report.

The I.S.F. Committee met at the Maison des Spirités, the headquarters of the I.S.F., on Tuesday, September 26th, 1927.

The countries represented were: Germany, Great Britain, Argentine and Brazil, Spain, France, Holland, and Switzerland.

In the absence of Mr. Berry, Mons. Meyer, the Vice-President, was in the chair, with Mr. Oaten supporting.

Mons. Wanger who was taking the place vacated by Mons. Forthuny was present and gave useful service to the British delegates during the visit.

The Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as printed in the archives.

The Vice-President's address was read and a few items included. The French Spiritualists were somewhat disturbed about the British discussion on the "Eighth Principle." The views of the I.S.F. Office are important, so the Vice-President's address is given in full.

### VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Here we are once more united for the fourth time since the founding of our Federation.

You will all share with me the regret of not having among us our esteemed President, detained in his own country by other calls. I am certain that he is among us in thought; ours go out to him to testify our sympathy and to assure him of our gratitude for the services he has rendered to our cause.

We regret the absence of another prominent figure to-day. Our honorary member, Leon Denis, the much-beloved Spiritualist writer, has left this earthly plane. He presided over the 1925 Congress with so much competence and authority. We are convinced, however, that he will continue to inspire our work.

We also have to deplore the departure of Miss Felicia Scatcherd, one of the greatest propagandists of modern Spiritualism. Her courteousness, her untiring charity, and her devoted attachment to all kinds of humanitarian works has won her many friends and great sympathy throughout the world.

Let us keep these ardent fighters for our Ideal in loving memory.

The agreeable duty falls to me of wishing you all a cordial and brotherly welcome. You have in your hands the agenda of our deliberations and decisions to be taken. If other proposals are presented, you will, I feel certain, find the solution in that wide and tolerant spirit which will continue to inspire our International Federation which will remain open to all sincere truth-seekers. Truth is one; she is not the monopoly of any sect or any religion. Tolerance, which is the basis of spiritist morality, imposes on us a duty to respect all beliefs. Our doctrine must be freely accepted, and not by constraint or by the imposition of dogmas, whatever they may be. Proclaiming liberty of conscience as a natural and inalienable right, it will follow in the line of progressive evolution, which is its essence. Immobility always becomes a cause of weakness because those who wish to go forward separate themselves from those who insist on remaining behind. Nevertheless, while progress is made, it must be with prudence.

Based upon the laws of nature, spiritism must not shut the door to any new ideas. Its duty is to follow and study all discoveries, to assimilate all ideas recognised as sound, of whatever nature they may be, physical or metaphysical. More and more should it turn towards Science which in the future will be its powerful auxiliary, coming to confirm with all its authority the things which spiritist experiments have taught and proved to us for more than fifty years.

In the last few years psychical and metapsychical societies have been formed all over the world. Eminent savants study with ardour and zeal the great problems of metapsychic science, destined to become the science of sciences. The third International Congress of Psychical Research, under the Presidency of Professor Richet, is a proof of the evolution which is at work. It allows us to anticipate good in the future for the ideal we defend.

Furthermore, in conclusion, I make a new and urgent appeal to all countries which have not yet joined the International Spiritualist Federation. It is the duty of all spiritist and psychical societies to help us in our work of propaganda and union. Our task is immense,—we want the moral and material aid of all who consider that the practice and teaching of spiritism (reasoned, scientific, moral and social), as well as the study of metapsychic science, is the irresistible force destined to transform the life of mankind.

JEAN MEYER.

The Secretary (Mons. Ripert) reported Germany, Great Britain, France, Holland, and Switzerland have paid full fees. Spanish fees will be sent later. Belgium were excused full payment for 1926, but are paying full fees for 1927, and onwards. Mexico and Portugal applied for membership. Portugal, though only a small society, have promised full fees. Mexico have paid a portion, and will pay in full. The membership of these two countries was accepted.

The Treasurer reported the expenses were 37 francs (Swiss) and the balance stood at 4,700 francs. There was a loss on the 1925 Congress report of 4,000 francs (French) (£33 6s. 8d.).

The rules of the I.S.F. were amended to enable the inclusion of associate societies (from any country) to enable them to attend the I.S.F. meetings in a consultative capacity, but without vote. The resolution read:—

### AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 10. SECTION 4.

Participating societies are admitted the same formalities as regular societies. Their minimum annual affiliation fees are 50 frs. (gold). They must send an annual report about their work and activities to the General Secretary of the I.S.F. before the meeting of the General Committee or the General Assembly (Congress).

Such participating societies, as well as societies having full membership, may address their delegates to the General Committee and General Assembly (Congress). Only one delegate is admitted for each society. His voice will only be consultative.

Such participating societies, as well as full member societies, are regularly informed of the works of the I.S.F. They will receive all official information.

NOTE.—Applications from participating societies will be referred, before acceptance into membership, to their respective affiliated societies in their country.

Each country will continue to settle its internal affairs.

### GLOSSARY.

Mr. Oaten handed in a British Glossary of terms and promised additions to the list. Other countries are collaborating through the I.S.F. Office for the International Glossary to be compiled later.

### THE 1928 CONGRESS.

The British Delegates gave a report of the proposals for the 1928 Congress and the following proposals were adopted:—

The dates of the Congress are September 7th to 13th.

A list of Hon. Vice-Presidents is to be prepared.

An Exposition of Psychic Objects will be arranged.

Not more than 24 papers (eight for each section) will be chosen for discussion.

The languages used will be (1) English, (2) French. (3) Spanish, and interpreters will be provided in each section.

Papers will be solicited from every country.

Mediumistic Demonstrations will be arranged where possible in special rooms.

A list of hotels will be sent to all delegates.

An International appeal will be issued for financial support of the Congress.

Day and Congress tickets will be issued for the various sessions of the Congress.

A special subscription ticket will be on sale for copies of the Congress Report. The whole proceeds of the Congress Report tickets will be handed over to the I.S.F. to assist in defraying the cost of the production of the Report, which will be published by the I.S.F.

COMMITTEE ROOMS.—"School of Music," Harrington Road, South Kensington, London, W. September 8th to 13th, 1928.

#### PROGRAMME.

The International Executive Committee will meet on Friday, September 7th (a private meeting).

The International Grand Committee will meet on Saturday, September 8th (a private meeting).

#### CONGRESS.

The deliberations of the Congress will be sectionalised under three heads:—

- (a) Phenomena (including mediumship).
- (b) Philosophy (including moral, ethical and religious).
- (c) History and Organisation (including legal).

Each Section will have a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

SATURDAY, 8th,	6 p.m.	Reception of Delegates (speeches and music).
SUNDAY, 9th,	10 a.m.	Reserved.
	2-30 p.m.	Massed Lyceum Session.
	6-30 p.m.	Public Mass Meeting.
MONDAY, 10th,	10 a.m.	United Session to Outline the Work.
	2-30 p.m.	Section (a) in Room 10. Section (b) in Room 12. Section (c) in Room 14.
	8 p.m.	United Session. Reports of Chairman and Speeches of Foreign Delegates, and Music.
TUESDAY, 11th,	10 a.m.	
	and 2 p.m.	Sections meet in respective rooms as on Monday afternoon.
	8 p.m.	United Session for Reports.
WEDNESDAY, 12th,	10 a.m.	
	and 2 p.m.	Sections as on Monday afternoon.
	8 p.m.	Public Mass Meeting.
THURSDAY, 13th,	10 a.m.	Reports of various Sections and Resolutions arising therefrom.
	2 p.m.	Continuation as above.
	8 p.m.	Final Meeting. Congratulations and Votes of Thanks.

The papers must pass through the National Secretaries affiliated with the I.S.F., to be forwarded to the I.S.F. Secretary. The papers may be written in any language, but must have a French or English translation.

PSYCHIC OBJECTS.—Any person willing to loan anything suitable for a Psychic Exhibition is requested to communicate with any of the undersigned, with a view to the preparation of suitable material of interest to the Spiritualists and friends attending the Congress.

Any Church or Lyceum desirous of sending any donations towards the heavy expenses of the International Congress are requested to send their subscriptions to any of the following:—

Mr. G. F. Berry, Broadway Chambers, 162, London Road, Manchester.

Mr. E. W. Oaten, 18, Corporation Street, Manchester.

Mr. G. F. Knott, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancashire.

My most interesting impression of the I.S.F. Committee Meeting was the enthusiasm and the deep interest of the various national representatives. There was a spirit of "Vive la Internationale" during the whole proceedings.

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

## Manual Revision Notes

A number of correspondents, noting that our Committee has reached Golden Chain 136, have asked me if the Revision Committee is going to take into consideration the recent suggestion that an Eighth Principle should be added to the Seven given through Mrs. Britten. To all these I have given the same answer—that I am only the Secretary, and one of the twelve members, of the Committee, and therefore not in a position to say beforehand what the other eleven may decide.

But as these Notes are recognised as containing only my own private opinions, for which the Committee cannot be held responsible, there is no reason (short of the Editor's disapproval) why I should not express my ideas—and I sincerely ask for comment or criticism.

First, however, I must point out that the Principles set out in G.C.R. 136 as coming from the Spirit side number only Six, the Seven sponsored by the S.N.U. having been obtained by splitting the Fifth Principle into two—though to me that seems to have weakened their appeal, for there can be no personal responsibility without the obligation to accept its results.

I was present at the "Eighth Principle" discussion, and was rather sorry that Mr. Knott's amendment was not accepted. I listened very attentively to all the speakers, and was struck with the fact that they all (or most) seemed to have come with a set piece to say and when their turn came said it, without apparently having been in any way influenced by what previous speakers had said. One point which I would have liked to hear emphasised was that, whereas all our present Principles arise unavoidably and logically out of the fact of Spirit Return and the acceptance of its implications, the suggested addition does not so arise, and would be a clumsy and perilous accretion which did not harmonise with the main body. There was the point also that we were not told which of the five or six hundred Christian conceptions of Jesus we would have had to adopt—perhaps that was being left to further Consultative Conferences. Again I hoped that someone would intervene to point out that the value of Jesus as an exemplar to men has been destroyed by the claim that he was more (or higher) than human. As well might we set up a man as an exemplar to a fish. If Jesus was more than Man, it is useless for us to attempt to copy him—for we have neither the necessary nature nor the necessary faculties, and the attempt must end in failure.

Dr. Westropp, of the Temple of the Redeemer, impressed me with her appeal for the recognition of the female element in Nature by declaring the Father-Mother-hood of God and the acknowledgment of sisterhood as well as brotherhood in Mankind. And thinking over this, I realised that the wording of most of our Principles could be revised with benefit to their helpful interpretation. For instance, I have found that most people interpret *Personal Responsibility* as *having to answer*, willy-nilly, for all our actions, etc. If that is so, we have no need for *Compensation and Retribution*—which teach the same thing. I would prefer *Personal Initiative*, which admits Man's power to choose. Also *Immortality of the Soul* does not mean now-a-days what it did in 1886, and *Human Survival* best conveys what is meant by the teaching.

In my usual reckless manner of "asking for" trouble, I submit the following re-readings of the Principles—once more reminding all my readers that they are *mine* and do not compromise the Committee:—

The Parenthood (or Father-Mother-hood) of GOD;

The Brother-Sister-hood of Mankind—with the teachings of Buddha, Confucius, Jesus and other religion-founders acknowledged as containing acceptable examples, each suitable to the minds to which they appeal.

Continued conscious existence, after physical death, of the Soul and its personal characteristics.

The fact of communication with discarnate Human Spirits; and of the possibility of communion with exalted Minds in the Spirit Realms.

Personal Initiative, with full responsibility for all the results of exercising (or neglecting to exercise) it.

Infinite Progress in wisdom and love for all who strive to attain it.

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Now I have placed my head in your hands. But use your own to think with when preparing your comment or criticism.

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

The Editor regrets that the M.C. Report of the Halifax meetings, other reports, and articles, are unavoidably held over till the next issue for lack of space.



My Dear Kiddies,

Here we are again, all merry and bright, despite the awful dull weather we have been having just lately.

Still, in all weathers, and in all circumstances, we, as Lyceumists, learn to keep a happy frame of mind, and always be happy. And we can do this,—can't we Kiddies? Now the dark nights are upon us, so we shall have heaps of time to 'swot' for the exams., which take place next year. We shall need every minute of our time to prepare for these. How many Guildites were captivated (Oh dear, what a big word) by the 'Bird' crossword puzzle which appeared in last month's issue of the 'Banner'? This month the final 'Bird' appears, and I want to ask you to read the rules carefully. DON'T be disqualified, whatever you do.

**OUR ESPERANTO GROUP.**

More, still more students are required to take up this branch of study, which has proved to those students already enrolled to be a most interesting and useful language to study. Send at once for Lesson No. 1. enclosing stamped envelope to the Esperanto Leader, c/o The Guild Imp.

**A CATCH.**

Someone has sent me the following little 'catch,' so I have been saving it specially for this issue to give to you. Here it is:—

**A BAD MONTH.**

No Sun, No light, No—vember.

Also a riddle which is worth passing on. It is—

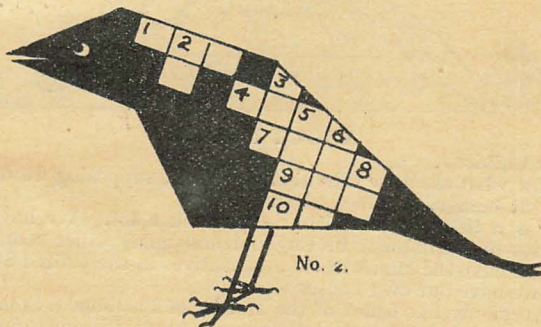
Who is responsible for the rising generation?—The manufacturers of alarm clocks.

I am always happy to receive puzzles and riddles from you, so if you know any new ones just send them along to me during this month. You may enclose them with your Competition entry.

**OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER JOINT COMPETITION.**

Now, all of you have saved the 'Bird' from your last month's 'Banner' I hope. The crossword puzzle below is entirely different from the last one, so work it our carefully. Please don't forget to read and follow out the rules printed below

**"BIRD" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE (No. 2.)**



**CLUES TO No. 2.**

*Down.*

- 2.—All correct.
- 3.—To drink slowly.
- 5.—Not for sale.
- 6.—Sweeps delight.
- 8.—Telegraphic term.

*Across.*

- 1.—Schoolboy's joy.
- 4.—An affectionate greeting.
- 7.—Not rich.
- 9.—To cut.
- 10.—Dick Turpin's initials.

I'm sure none of you will be much puzzled with the two cross-words which have appeared. Now for the rules and conditions of the Competition.

**RULES.**

- 1.—Both 'Birds' must be drawn exactly like the illustrations, the same size, etc.
- 2.—All Guildites, and those who enrol before Dec. 1st may enter the Competition, providing they are 12 years of age or under.
- 3.—Age will be taken into consideration by the judges, therefore all have equal chances of gaining one of these Christmas gifts.
- 4.—On a separate slip of paper write YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, GUILD NUMBER, and the name of your Lyceum.
- 5.—These are all the rules, Kiddies. Now DON'T forget to DRAW the birds first, then write in the squares the Cross-word Puzzle solution.

**GIFTS.**

Six (6) Christmas Annuals will be given. All these will be sent to the winners on Saturday, December 10th. So now you can get to work, and win one of these splendid prizes and believe me, Kiddies, they are well worth winning. They include the most popular books that are on sale during the festive season.

Here is the closing date of the Competition, NOVEMBER 22nd, so just let me have YOUR effort early this time; then there will be no disappointments. Send your efforts to—The Guild Imp, 8, Tudor Rd., St. Annes-on-Sea.

**LETTERS.**

I have just been looking over my very large stock of letters which I have received from you during the year. Really, there were too many to count, but I will just find time to do so somehow during the month, and let you know next month. I am going to take great care of these, Kiddies. Then, when I am very old, I shall gain as much pleasure then as I do now by reading them over one by one during my leisure time. But there are many who have yet to send along their first letter to me. Buck up, Kiddies. Surely you can find some little problem in life, some advice you want, or maybe some puzzle or catch which you can send along to me. You will receive a reply from me whatever you may ask in your letter, so don't delay, write at once, and by all means if you happen to be of the age required send in your little attempt in our Competition.

**PEARL.**

I've got a wonderful little pearl here, Kiddies. Learn it by heart, will you? and say it at your next open session. Here it is—

I think that one could never give  
A gift more fine than, 'how to live.'  
Tho' small 'tis filled with jewels rare—  
'Twill teach you how to choose with care  
Each thought, each word, each act in life  
That you may build; be free from strife.  
Lay not this gift of thine aside,  
But rather by its laws abide.

**GREETINGS.**

Loving greetings to all Lyceumists at home and across the seas. Best wishes to those who have our Children's welfare at heart.

Yours fraternally,

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

THE GUILD IMP.

**Our Lyceum Guild.**

*Guild Motto:—*

"We Live to Learn, and Learn to Live."

*Guild Aims:—*

- (i) To be progressive.
- (ii) To develop ourselves—physically, mentally, psychically, spiritually.

(GUILD LEADER:—Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A., F.N.S.C., 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks.; to whom apply for information about the aims and work of the Guild, and for Form of Application.)

**OUR MEMBERSHIP.**

Our first member was enrolled in April, 1920. At the time of writing this, our last member is Number 2108; and nearly 105 Lyceums have Guild members among their Lyceumists.

Included in our membership list are most of the B.S.L.U. Officers and M.C. members; many of our Examiners; the Trustees of the B.S.L.U.; the Education Committee; *Manual* Revision Committee; several prominent S.N.U. workers; and most well-known district and local workers.

**TO JOIN THE GUILD.**

**A. Full members.**

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

**B. Junior members.**

Children under ten can enrol as Junior Members by sending in the Junior's Application Form (filled in), and threepence. They receive a ribbon-badge, but no certificate. When ten, they apply for full membership in the usual way. (See previous paragraph.)

**DONATION.**

Mr. T. F. Smedley (Belper) has once again given one pound (£1) to the Guild Funds, to help on our work. We give our very grateful thanks to him, and much appreciate his continued and practical help and interest.

**OUR ESSAY COMPETITION.**

The closing date for receiving entries has now passed, and the essays are in the Examiners' hands. We hope to announce the results next month.

*Next year*, our Essay Competition will be held much earlier, and soon after the Education Examinations, to allow intending competitors more time, and to avoid clashing with the "study months."

**BOOKS YOU'LL ENJOY READING.**

We recently asked for lists of books that young Guildites would find "nice" and interesting. Two members, Miss Annie Dean and Miss Dorothy Knott, have very kindly sent in quite a long list. It is too long to give this month, so we are giving half of it, and will give the other half next month.

Will some *boy* members please send in lists of *their* favourite books? Thanks.

**BOOK LIST.**

<i>Title.</i>	<i>Author.</i>
Down our Street .. .. .	J. E. Buckrose.
A Knight on Wheels .. ..	Ian Hay.
Freckles .. .. .	Gene Stratton Porter.
Girl of the Limberlost .. ..	" " "
Michael O'Halloran .. .. .	" " "
The Dream .. .. .	H. G. Wells.
North & South .. .. .	Mrs. Gaskell.
Cranford .. .. .	" " "
Barnaby Rudge .. .. .	Charles Dickens.
The Incomparable Bellairs ..	A. & E. Castle.
Under the Red Robe .. .. .	Stanley Weyman.
Mill on the Floss .. .. .	George Eliot.
Anne of Greengables .. .. .	L. M. Montgomery.
Anne of Avonlea .. .. .	" " "
Chronicles of Avonlea .. .. .	" " "
Anne of the Island .. .. .	" " "
Kilmeny of the Orchard .. ..	" " "
The Open Road .. .. .	Halliwell Sutcliffe.

**TO RECITE AT THE LYCEUM.**

"Dear Leader,—Could you manage to spare space occasionally in your page to give one or two recitations suitable to be given in the *Lyceum* by *young* members."

As a result of this appeal, your Leader has hunted up, in old volumes of the *Lyceum Banner*, several such poems, and will give one or two from time to time; and hopes they'll be learned and recited and appreciated.

**A BUNCH OF KEYS.**

A bunch of golden keys is mine,  
To make each day with gladness shine.

"Good Morning," that's the golden key,  
That unlocks every day for me.

When evening comes, "Good Night" I say,  
Thus close the door of each glad day.

When at the table "If you please"  
I'll take from off my kunch of keys.

If by mistake some harm I do,  
"Beg Pardon," and "Excuse me," too.

If I some unkind word have given,  
"Forgive me," and I'll be forgiven.

These keys with a golden band I'll bind,  
And its motto is "Be ye ever kind."

**LITTLE BY LITTLE.**

One step and then another,  
And the longest walk is ended;  
One stitch and then another,  
And the largest rent is mended;  
One brick upon another,  
And the highest wall is made;  
One flake upon another,  
And the deepest snow is laid.

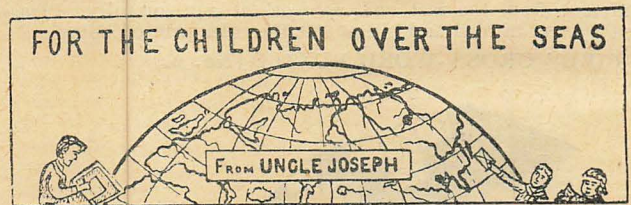
So the little coral-workers,  
By their slow but constant motion,  
Have built those pretty islands  
In the distant dark blue ocean;  
And the noblest undertakings  
Man's wisdom hath conceived,  
By oft-repeated efforts  
Have been patiently achieved.

Then do not look disheartened  
O'er the work you have to do,  
And say that such a mighty task  
You never can get through;  
But just endeavour day by day  
Another point to gain,  
And soon the mountain which you feared  
Will prove to be a plain.

"Rome was not builded in a day,"  
The ancient proverb teaches;  
And nature by her trees and flowers  
The same sweet sermon preaches.  
Think not of far-off duties,  
But of duties which are near;  
And having once begun to work,  
Resolve to persevere.

For a few other very suitable poems, please turn to page 135 of the *August* issue of the *Lyceum Banner*.

GUILD LEADER.



**ABOUT HOUSES.**

Dear Children,  
Now what shall we talk about? Well, supposing we have a look at houses.

It is a little word which means such a lot. We have the Houses of Parliament in England and many other countries, and we have the House of Representatives in the United States, and we have our own houses too.

Everybody has heard of the Houses of Parliament; many of you have seen them, especially our own great building in London where the men sit who make the laws of our country; so there is something to talk about right away.

What a big building, with beautiful statues and a great big clock which tells the hours with a clang which, thanks to a wonderful invention, may be heard in every home in England where there is a receiving set for Wireless Telegraphy. Every day at a certain hour you can hear through the headphones the "clang-clang" from this big clock giving out its tone from the great Tower, and we think of the great big city with its big crowds and rows and rows of houses, and then our thoughts turn to other cities in different parts of the world where clocks big and little are merrily ticking away the time.

Oh yes! some people are just getting up and going to breakfast, others are just sitting down to dinner. With us it is Wednesday night; with others it is Thursday morning, but all the time the houses are full of busy industrious folk, going out to the day's labour or coming back after a day well spent; or at least we hope so.

And again we know of places where houses are just being built. There are the workmen hard at it, some putting the walls up, others finishing the floors or putting on the roofs; getting ready for people to come in, and all working for the comfort and well being of others.

All day long then most houses have somebody in them. Mother is busy with her housework whilst we are at school, and we come home and find dinner ready for us; out again, and home to tea, then a play, and then to bed. That is what our houses are for isn't it?

And what a long time we are in telling one another anything really about ourselves, for really that is what we are most interested in after all I suppose. "Well," I can hear you asking, "What are we going to be told this time."

Let's see then how the houses interest us. We all know we live in them; of course we do; oh yes, and some of us write to houses don't we? And we exchange news and views, and we tell them that school has been easy to-day; we have done our lessons so well, and teacher is pleased. Yes, and on Sunday we had greetings from our Overseas Lyceums, and our own Session was grand, and we are going to tell our far-away chums all about it; and so it goes on week by week, sending and receiving these little notes of joy and love, making the chain of happiness complete.

Some are houses of sickness and trouble, for in this little world of ours there is much sorrow and pain, and so we must send loving thoughts, and ask our own angel friends to help those who are not so happy as we are so that there may be more harmony in the world; and that is another link in our big chain.

And oh, how we may gossip in these little notes of ours! You know that a great poet likened the talk of the children to the laughing gurgle of a summer stream. He lay on his side on a grassy bank listening to the brook running, and the laughter and chatter of the children in the meadow, and that to him was a house; yes, a house of nature undefiled, for everything was happy and gay; even the water chuckled as it made its way merrily over the stones, saying "Oh here is my home, all the way down to the great river."

And it teaches us a lesson, for our home is wherever we are, and is whatever we make it ourselves, for after all, houses of brick or stone or wood only last for a time, don't they? Ah, but we have other homes which we are making for ourselves by the work of our own hands. Yes, helped by loving friends, some of whom we cannot see, we are building, not castles in the air, but houses which we one day hope will be fair and beautiful; how fair and beautiful they are to be only ourselves know, and it is good to know that our houses which we are making can be so beautiful and grand, and we shall have had the biggest part in making them.

Of course it all depends on ourselves, doesn't it? So how shall we set about them? What? they are already being built? Oh dear me, are they? Yes, we are building, some large, some small, but all under the direction of an all-wise Father, so let us build true and well.

There, we have sent off a loving thought to Elsie in the South of England; we think of her every day, and wonder whether her reply is on its way. Elsie has written to New Zealand, and she hopes that there is a letter coming along soon, because oh it does seem such a long time in between; but hark! there is the cheery rat-tat of the postman, and he is holding in his hand the long-wanted letter. Yes, it is the one we wished for, and oh how we read it over and over again, for it contains such news and gossip of lands we have never seen, and oh, see, here is a photograph of our friend; yes, we do like it, and we will put it amongst our treasures, and then when we meet our friends we will bring it out proudly and show them the chum we have got by our efforts in writing those little notes which have gone puffing off in the railway train or skimming the great big ocean in the lordly vessels.

Bricks in our mansions! Pictures on the walls! Yes, children; it is no fairy tale this time, although of course the good fairies help as well, but it is all really true, this building of our houses.

Every kind thought, every noble act, every good word spoken or written in sweetness and harmony is building; building our dwelling place which we hope will be light and lovely to look at.

So you see how houses really make something for us to chat about.

Have you had your letter? I hope you have sent back a quick reply. Do you know any other girl or boy whom you think would like a letter or a chum? Well then, the chance is always there; get them a chum, or write them a letter, nice and cheery; something about yourself or your school or your home, and ask them about themselves, and soon the grand organ of life is playing another merry tune, and better still you are "Building wise and well."

I have just been looking at the Dictionary to see what houses mean, and it stands for such a lot of things. Some of the stars are in 'houses' such as the house of Gemini (isn't it a funny word?) so you see there really are "Houses in the sky." But they are not the houses that the hymn-writer and scribes meant when they spoke of Heavenly mansions. Yet, they might be, for all I know, but that is getting what our learned friends would call me-ta-physi-cal, and is rather a big word with a big meaning, so we will leave it.

Now let me see what we have been doing. Oh yes, we have been having harvests and anniversaries and open sessions and sending letters, and we have been all so busy telling one another about them, but we have never finished talking have we? No, we can never be finished, and we don't want to be finished, so long as we can talk about things; and we must all keep on, talking, talking, writing, writing, and thinking, too, so that the chain may be kept on growing longer and longer each time the sun comes round to us, until YOUR Lyceum and MY Lyceum and THEIR Lyceum: all our Lyceums are known wherever the sun keeps watch over the various lands.

Let us keep on, then, sending our letters bearing their tidings and we shall be making some house happy and cheerful, and we shall also be building up that beautiful place which we so much want to belong to some day, and don't forget, each little act, word or thought is one more brick, one more picture or one more window in your own house, ever far away, ever nearer day by day, until the time comes when loving hands stretch out to welcome us, and show us how well we have dealt with the task which lies before us.

Now I must say good-night until next time, for we Lyceumists never say good-bye, because we are always meeting and greeting, and so we say greeting to one and all, and the next chat must deal with a general sorting up—a kind of stocktaking,—to see what we have done. We are nearly a year old as a corner, and already we have made many friends, and we hope to make many more yet, so keep on with the big, big work, and build more houses until the world is the better for our being here.

God bless you all, and loving thoughts to all Lyceumists the world over; and don't forget Uncle Bert and the Guild Imp; they, too, are building houses, and they want you to help to supply the furniture, so you have always plenty of things to do for yourselves and us, and need never idle a moment away, because as one great and good Man said,

"Behold the fields are white unto the harvest—and the Labourers are few."

Don't let that be said of our Lyceums; each work hard and nobly and make your Lyceum and your letter the best in the world.

Yours lovingly,  
"UNCLE JOSEPH."

### Southend and Westcliffe Lyceum.

On Sunday, September 4th, the above Lyceum celebrated their 3rd birthday. The Church Committee allowed the Lyceum, as on previous occasions, to arrange and carry out the proceedings for the whole day. The Church was tastefully decorated with flowers and the Lyceum Banners. A special platform to accommodate the whole Lyceum was erected, surrounded by trillium work, covered with ivy and red and yellow roses and backed by large palms, kindly lent by Messrs. Pilgrim, the Southend florists.

Master Jack Brooks who, although only eleven years old, officiated as Chairman throughout the day. He mounted the rostrum, accompanied by the speakers, Mr. Hartley Ford and Mr. Myers Clegg; the soloist, Madame Aurigo; the Clairvoyante, Mr. Edmund King; the Elocutionist, Miss Violet Timms; and the Lyceum Conductor, Mrs. T. Tims. From the body of the Hall the youngest Lyceumist present, Peggy Sharp, gave the Lyceum salute, and the service was both invigorating and impressive. With a softly played pianoforte accompaniment, Violet Timms recited "Evermore," followed by Madame Aurigo's splendid rendering of "Arise, Oh Sun." The two items made the conditions wonderfully beautiful for the speakers.

## The Exponents' Committee, S.N.U.

### THE NEW SCHEME FOR CERTIFICATION OF EXPONENTS AND DEMONSTRATORS.

At the A.G.M. held at Bristol in July, 1925, a new scheme was adopted for the examination and certification of Exponents and Demonstrators. The new classification is as follows:—

**CLASS A. Normal Speakers.** Who shall have been awarded not less than 75 per cent. marks in the Graduate (S.N.U.) Section of the Final Grade Education Course, and who satisfy the requirements of the Exponents' Committee of their ability to expound the science, philosophy and religion upon which is based the Seven Principles of Spiritualism.

Applicants under this head to be sent to the Secretary of the S.N.U. Education Committee.

**CLASS B. Inspiration and Trance Mediums.** Who must satisfy the Exponents' Committee of their speaking ability and who show an adequate knowledge of a book selected by the Committee. The book chosen for 1928 is *Psychic Philosophy*, by Mr. Stanley de Brath.

**CLASS D., Demonstrators, viz., Clairvoyants, Clairaudients, Psychometrists,** who must satisfy the Exponents' Committee of their power to give evidence of Spirit Return, and who show an adequate knowledge of a book selected by the Committee. The book chosen for 1928 is *Practical Occultism*, by Mr. J. J. Morse.

**CLASS D. Other Demonstrators, viz., all classes of Physical and Healing Mediums,** who must satisfy the Exponents' Committee of the reality of their psychic powers.

**CLASS E. Students** who shall have received not less than 75 per cent. in the Grade V. (B.S.L.U.) Examination, or in the Entrance Examination of the Graduate (S.N.U.) Section, and who satisfy the Exponents' Committee of their potential speaking ability.

*Important.*—The granting of this certificate does not entitle the holder to sit for the Subsidiary Examination in the three years' course.

All students for the Diploma of the Union must take the complete three years' course of study and examination.

Diplomas will be awarded to successful candidates as follows:

**CLASS A.**—The Diploma of Certified Exponent... C.Ex.

**CLASS B.**—The Diploma of Controlled Speaker... C.C.S.

**CLASS C.**—The Diploma of Demonstrator ... C.D.

**CLASS D.**—The Diploma of Physical Medium ... D.Ph.M.  
or Healing Medium ... D.Hlg.M.

#### *Standing of Candidates.*

All candidates must at the time of application be members of and in good financial standing with an affiliated Church, or Lyceum, or a subscribing member of the National Union.

The entrance fee is 10/6 (which includes one year's subscription to the Union), and must be forwarded with application.

Candidates, by the acceptance of the Diploma, pledge themselves not to serve any Church conducted by one or more persons for private gain, or a Church which has been expelled from the Union.

#### *Important.*

Under the new scheme the Diploma Honoris Causa will be discontinued. Application forms and all other particulars will be forwarded by the Exponents' Committee Secretary.

*Chairman,* Wm. G. GUSH, D.N.U.

*Secretary,* T. OLIVER,

272, Edmund Road, Sheffield.

## S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence.

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in reporting the following income for the last quarter, viz.:—

*July.* A.G.M. Retiring Collection taken at the Shaftesbury Hotel £2 0s. 0d., Mrs. C. George 10/-, B.S.L.U. Retiring Conference Collection £1 16s. 6d., Southern District Council Quarterly E.C. Tea-table Collection 9/-, Miss H. Newman 2/6, "Snowflake" (Cardiff) 5/-, Northern District Council Collections held at meetings (Sept., 1926, March, April, June and Good Friday) £4 2s. 6d., Aaron Wilkinson 5/-, Mr. Scott (Cardiff) 7/6, Mrs. Baldwin £1, as grateful offering for assistance rendered by Fund; Anonymous, Glasgow, £1 10s. 0d. Total £12 18s. 0d.

*August.* From A.M. £1 1s. 0d., A. Scott 7/6. Total £1 8s. 6d.  
*September.* Lewisham Church £2 0s. 0d., West Melton Church 10/-, Sutton-in-Ashfield Church 7/6, Runcorn (Ashridge Street) Church 10/-, Rev. G. Vale Owen 10/6, A. W. Orr £1 1s. 0d., James F. Bowerman £2 2s. 0d., Miss Leresche 2/6, Mr. and Mrs. Gabell 10/-, Miss E. Smith 5/-, Mr. and Mrs. Dowdall 5/-, Mrs. M. J. Parker £1 0s. 0d., Davison Rogers £1 1s. 0d., Mrs. E. S. James £1 1s. 0d., Mrs. Gray 2/6, from Irene 5/-, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith £1 0s. 0d., Miss Wormald 10/-, F.D. (Birkenhead) £1 1s. 0d., Mrs. Severn 10/-, Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse 10/-, Mrs. Lonsdale 5/-, Mr. and Mrs. Waddington £1 0s. 0d., Fraser Hewes £1 1s. 0d., J. Campbell Holmes £1 1s. 0d., Mr. A. Scott 7/6, J. Venables 10/6, Friends at Slaithwaite 5/-, Mrs. C. Sanders £1 0s. 0d., Mr. T. F. Smedley £2 0s. 0d., Miss Mary Mills 5/-, E.U. (Quarmby) 5/- Total £24 16s. 0d.

The Committee are grateful for the help received, and are looking forward to a good response for the Annual Appeal. If your Lyceums have not responded in previous years will you interest your officers in the Fund, and see if you can help this year. The Editor of the BANNER in the October issue stated plain facts. The early mediums gave their services freely when the movement was in its infancy and not as wealthy as it is to-day. They also were the instruments that the spirit people were able to use to get the message through and tell us of the life that awaited earth's children. The teachings of our Lyceum were handed down in like manner.

Let us show our gratitude for the benefits that we continue to receive in a practical manner and cheer the hearts of these old workers, whose very necessities of life depend on the grant received from the Fund. With thanks for past favours,

Yours fraternally,

MARY L. STAIR.

## District Visitors' Reports.

### BRADFORD DISTRICT.

March 27th. I paid a visit to Laisterdyke. Not many present, but we had a good discussion. Marching and callisthenics fair.

May 15th. Shipley, though small in number, had a real good session.

Saltaire, afternoon. We had a very nice discussion.

May 22nd. I visited Windhill, and they were holding Bluebell Day. The room was tastefully decorated and we had a real good session. 45 scholars present.

September 18th. I attended Shipley. 17 scholars present. Good discussion. Pearls and comments very good. Marching and callisthenics good.

### LONDON DISTRICT.

During the quarter commencing June 26th and ending Sept. 18th I have had the pleasure of attending the following twelve Lyceums:—Walthamstow Progressive on June 26th and July 16th. I found in a very flourishing condition. Kingston, Bowes Park, Clapham, Hampton (New Hall), Lewisham, Little Ilford, Manor Park, Hackney, Hounslow, and Southend-on-Sea. The latter as usual, provide new and charming ideas, being more than up-to-date with an attendance of over 120.

Taking into consideration the holidays prevailing during this quarter, attendances have been very good. Pearls were really excellent. Explanations have improved all round. Efforts are good, more particularly the musical ones. Personally I should like to hear more, because it creates good harmony.

Marching and callisthenics have slightly improved, but singing has certainly not improved; why, I do not know. Anyhow, it could not be through the hot weather. Trusting in my next report to say we have all improved.

My best wishes to all.—Fred J. Miles, D.V.

### MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

Since my last report the following Lyceums have been visited. Montana St., Gorton. May 1st. Present 21. Readings taken by young people were explained in a most able manner. Good response to recitations and solos. Pearls given by all present. Considering this is only a young Lyceum they are making great progress. Splendid session.

Hollinwood, Byrom St. May 8th. Good attendance. Fairly good explanations given on the readings. Fair response

to recitations and solos. Marching and callisthenics fair. Session fair.

Pendleton Progressive (Late Ford Lane). May 15th. Prompt start. Present 70. The members here are very enthusiastic. Marching good. Callisthenics good. A most enjoyable session throughout.

New Manchester, Brunswick St. May 22nd. Present 24. No marching or callisthenics, it being Group Sunday. Although only a small Lyceum there are many active workers, to whom great praise is due.

South Manchester, Princess Road. June 26th. Prompt start. Present 46. Being Group Sunday marching and callisthenics were omitted. A most enjoyable time was spent in the Liberty Group. The Subject being "Imagination." Good discussion. Good session throughout.

Maskell St., Ardwick. July 3rd. Prompt start. Present 20. The young people are still rather backward with questions. Good response of recitations and solos. Marching and callisthenics good. Good session.

Newton Heath, Allen St. July 3rd. Prompt start. The members of this Lyceum are still very active. The session rather hurried (owing to it being the H.Y.M.) was very nice.

Lower Broughton, Clarence St. July 10th. Although only few in numbers the members are very active. The session was conducted in a most able manner by one of the young members. Great vim and vigour was put into the singing. There seems to be a lack of adults here. Members and friends rally round Lower Broughton Lyceum. Work, for The Workers Win.

Moss Side, Cornbrook St. July 17th. Present 18. To a young conductress the children were very attentive. We find there is a lack of members here. Members and friends rally round and help to keep the Banner of Truth high. Very good session.

G. ASHTON, D.V.

## District Council Reports.

### COVENTRY AND DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held at the Broadgate Church, Vicar Lane, Coventry, on Saturday, October 1st. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read and accepted.

The District Visitor reported a visit to Nuneaton Lyceum. Reports were received from the Adjudicators in the Silver Bell Competition. The result showed the following marks had been obtained:—Bull Street, 155; Broad Street, 150; Nuneaton, 147; Broadgate, 144; Lockhurst Lane, 133; Stoke, 127.

The Bell was presented to Mr. Burrows, representing Bull Street Lyceum.

A welcome was extended to visitors from Rugby Lyceum, who have just been affiliated to the B.S.L.U.—E. C. Coe, Secretary.

### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

We were pleased to 'Welcome' our B.S.L.U. Management Committee to our District on Sunday, October 9th, at Queen's Road Church, Halifax, by a truly Massed Open Session. It was very gratifying to the D.C. officials that every Lyceum in the District sent their quota and took their part in the Official Welcome, which was very prettily rendered. Thanks are due for the good services of our Alma Street and Queen's Road friends in receiving and entertaining the M.C. so well, and catering for the visitors. About eighty partook of tea. The excellent session and evening meeting was presided over by our National President, Miss Elliott. The cheery and helpful messages from our M.C. members will live long in the memory of our Lyceumists. It was a real Red Letter Day, and the next visit of the M.C. will be looked forward to.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Quarmby National Church, on Sunday, Nov. 13th.—T. Ellis, Sec.

### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, in Easy Road Church, at 3-30 p.m.

Business.—Opening Hymn, Invocation, Minutes, Reports, Competition and Presentation Bell and Certificates, Associates, Open Council, Roll Call, Vote of Thanks.

Will all Lyceums see they are represented? Associates are cordially welcomed. Tea will be provided at the usual charge.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

### LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday, September 10th, at 31, Millgate, Wigan.

Mr. Watson presided over delegates from Wigan, Warrington, Runcorn, Rock Ferry, Boaler Street and Daulby Hall, Liverpool. There was also present 1 Associate, 1 B.S.L.U. Delegate, and our Area Representative, Mr. Hart.

The President welcomed Mr. Hart to the meeting and explained to the delegates that Mr. Hart was attending as Adjudicator of the Session Competition, to reply to any questions that might be raised.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read and accepted. It was passed that a letter of thanks be sent to Birkenhead Lyceum for the loan of Banner carriers and to Mr. Hirst for the gift of Banner carriers. Mr. Hart was thanked for the gift of the film of a photograph taken at the Conference Picnic. Photographs have been sold for Open Air Demonstration Fund.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand of £1 14s. 9d.

It was passed that letters of thanks be sent to every contributor to the Open Air Demonstration Fund. The D.V. reported having visited Southport Lyceum. Mr. Watson gave a report of two meetings of the S.W. Lanes. Group. Miss Owen and Mrs. Clitheroe gave reports of the B.S.L.U. Conference held at Nottingham. Mr. Watson read the Session Competition Report. Daulby Hall Lyceum won the Shield. Mr. Hart replied to questions.

A Massed Session will be held at the National Spiritualist Church, Academy Street, Warrington, on Sunday, October 23rd, between 2-30 and 4-30 p.m. Mr. E. A. Keeling will be the Conductor. Tea will be provided at the Church; prices, adults 1/—, children under 16 years of age, 6d.

Mr. Hart outlined a Fraternalising scheme that the Manchester D.C. would like to take up with other District Councils. The scheme has to be placed on the Agenda for next meeting.

Warrington delegates invited the Council to hold meetings at their Church at any time.

A vote of thanks was passed to local friends for the use of their room and for the good tea provided.—Mrs. E. Clitheroe, Sec.

### NEXT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting will be held at Hawkshead Spiritualist Church, Southport, on Saturday, November 12th, at 3 p.m.

Business:—Minutes, Correspondence, Presidents' Address, Session Competition, Open Air Demonstration, Massed Session, Fraternalisation Scheme, Invitation to Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. Open Council.

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

### LONDON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above was held on Sept. 25th, at "The Workman's Hall," Walthamstow, by kind invitation of the Walthamstow Progressive Church and Lyceum.

Tea was provided for all by a band of Lyceumists and Church members, who must have worked very hard to provide such a tea.

The business meeting opened about 5-30 p.m. with a good number present. 13 Lyceums were represented. The L.D.C.'s (S.N.U.) fraternal delegate was present.

The business was gone through in good time, as we had another honoured visitor, Mr. G. F. Knott, our B.S.L.U. Sec., who was in London for a short time. After the business had been finished, Mr. Knott, who was heartily welcomed, gave us a short address on the importance of looking at the Movement from an international basis, reminding us that we were all and each one an integral part of the machine, and if that duty was neglected the whole suffered from the defect.

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Knott, and the Walthamstow Progressive Church and Lyceum, the meeting was brought to a close about 10-15 p.m.

Mr. Knott visited Clapham Lyceum on the 26th with the Council, conducted the Session, and was the principal Speaker in the evening, when there was a very good attendance.—Ernest E. Young, Sec.

## WEST OF SCOTLAND LYCEUM WORKERS' GUILD.

On Sunday, 2nd October, a meeting of the Committee of the above Guild was held in rooms of S.M.U. Lyceum. Reports of finance, balance from field day in August, etc., were given. It was agreed to begin a Winter Study Class to meet twice monthly, and the Secretary was instructed to enquire for suitable premises. These have now been found in the Deaf and Dumb Institute, West Regent Street (corner of West Campbell Street), and it is hoped to have the first meeting on Thursday, 10th November. The next meeting of the Guild will take place on Sunday, 6th November, at 3 p.m. in S.M.U. rooms as usual.

In the evening a joint massed Session was held in conjunction with the Scottish Mediums' Association, attended by about 100 Lyceumists from various Lyceums, also about the same number of adult friends. Miss Cleland presided, and was accompanied to the platform by Mr. C. Rankine, D.V. (also representing Henrietta St. Lyceum) and representatives from Southern, Glasgow Assocn., Northern, Govan, and S.M.U. Lyceums and Guild Secretary. Mr. A. Buchan officiated at the organ, Miss Robertson and Miss May Nelson at the piano, and Mr. W. Shaw, violin. Mr. McAteer, President of S.M.U. Adult Association, was also accorded a seat on the platform, and spoke of the good feeling between their Association and the Guild, and hoped that Lyceumism would go on and prosper, as in the young rested the hopes of the future. A full Lyceum programme was gone through with No. 9 hymn sheet; also marching and callisthenics. These, along with items of song and recitations from members of the different Lyceums represented, and a display of callisthenics by very young members from Northern Lyceum, were much appreciated by the audience. Miss Cleland and the Guild Secretary spoke of Lyceum training, and outlined the Guild aims, asking for the help of all present to spread the children's movement. Before closing, Miss Cleland mentioned that she was going down the next week-end to a meeting of the B.S.L.U. Management Committee, and was asked to convey through the members of the M.C. she would then meet, the West of Scotland Lyceums, and the Guild, greetings to all Lyceums in the south. The collection was divided equally between the Guild and S.M.U. Association, who had granted to the Guild the free use of the hall for the session.

JAMES SHAW, Guild Sec.

## Special Reports.

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

**BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.**—On October 2nd a good Open Session. Lyceumists responded well with recitations, songs, solos, duets, trios and pearls. Joseph Farnell, James Hill, Mr. H. Barnes, Mr. F. Lister, Mr. R. Swallow, Mrs. J. Babbs, Mr. Wilman, Miss E. Keene, Miss M. Cook, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. F. Babbs, Miss P. Wilman, Miss M. Ackroyd, Miss A. Hudson, Miss L. Farnell and Miss M. Ashforth.—J. Babbs, Sec.

**LONDON, Brixton.**—On September 18th we held our Harvest Festival. It was a great success and was attended by a large number of Lyceumists and friends. We had with us Uncle Bert, Auntie Ruth and Cousin Doris. There were a large number of individual efforts and an unbroken chain of "Pearls." The Lyceumists also took a part in the evening service. The food was taken round to the local orphanage; the rest was distributed among the poor and needy.

On October 2nd we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Stewart, of Croydon Lyceum, and he conducted our Lyceum. There was a good attendance and we spent a very enjoyable afternoon. We are now meeting on Wednesday and Friday evenings to rehearse for a concert which is to be held shortly.—F. B. Cross, Sec.

**LONDON, North London.**—On October 9th we held our Harvest Festival. The gifts were numerous and beautiful indeed. All were given to the Northern Ophthalmic Hospital.

On October 23rd we conducted the evening service. The speakers were: Miss Cannon, Miss Bowden, Clarice Taylor and Nellie Brown. A solo ("The Children's Home") was beauti-

fully rendered by Claude Lovack. Mr. Drury also spoke encouragingly. We are pleased to welcome him as a member of our Lyceum.—Nellie C. Whorlow, Sec.

**WINNIPEG, Princess Street.** We held our Open Session on October 2nd. We had a fair attendance, although many were sick. Pearls and readings were given by L. Rothwell, George Brown, James Keith; songs by Evelyn Brown and May Lindsay; pearls were said by May Lindsay, Evelyn Brown, Mrs. Burley and James Lindsay.—Mrs. Armitt, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.**—On October 2nd we held our Lyceum Anniversary Services in the Meersbrook Vestry Hall. A very interesting session was held during which one of our oldest pioneers, Mr. Inman, had the great pleasure of naming the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hewit, giving the earthly name of George Royston and the spirit name "Bright Eye." The evening service was taken by the celebrated boy speaker, Master Ronald Macorquodale, of Northumberland, who gave a very interesting lecture which was enjoyed by all.

On October 3rd we held our Anniversary Tea, followed by a social evening, during which our President, Mrs. Clive, presented the children with the prizes won during the past year. Forty prizes were awarded.—A. Truelove, Sec.

**WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.**—We held our Open Session on October 2nd. Owing to the conditions of the weather, being very wet, we had a small Lyceum. Those who were there did their parts well. Mr. Brown, our Conductor, was sick and not able to be with us, but Mr. Forrest very ably conducted the session. Pearls, songs, recitations, readings and pianoforte solos were given by Daisy Knox, Edna Brown, Sylvia Parkinson, Vera McLeod, Olive Forrest, Harry Towns, Miss Lawrence, Irene Turner, Winnie Brown, Verna McLeod and Mr. Forrest.—J. Knox, Sec.

**HIRST.**—The wedding of Mr. A. Young (Lyceum Conductor) and Miss Elizabeth Jane Wealleans (both members of Hirst Lyceum) took place on October 20th in the Hirst National Spiritualist Church. Miss L. Shears played the organ, and included the wedding march. Mr. S. Shears performed the ceremony. The Church was well filled. The choir was also in attendance and sang a suitable anthem.—J. Stafford, Sec.

**CARDIFF, First.**—On October 16th we had the pleasure of a visit from our President, Miss E. Elliott. The day was a most profitable one and hopes of much improvement exist as a result. Items rendered by the scholars were well received. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lemmer was named at the evening service. Our thanks are due to all.—J. Woodland.

**EAST HAMILTON.**—October 2nd Harvest Services taken by the Lyceumists. The following Lyceumists conducted the morning service:—Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Davies. Mr. Woodstock was chairman. In the afternoon the following Lyceumists took charge:—Miss Coomber and Miss E. Gretton. Mr. Greaves was marching conductor. A number of Lyceumists gave pearls; pianoforte solos by Mr. Bridge, Miss Edith Davies, Miss Ethel Davies and Miss B. Woodstock; Miss Bridge and Mr. Bridge gave a piano and banjo duet; recitations by Mr. Smithson, Mrs. Burton and Miss H. Burton; Mrs. Bridge and Mrs. Frost gave clairvoyance. The evening Service was taken by Mrs. Gretton and Miss Ada Cliff. Mr. Burton was chairman. The choir gave assistance during the day. Mr. Woodstock, Lyceum Conductor, thanks all who helped to make the day a success.—A. H. Pickles, Sec.

**DERBY.**—Lyceum Anniversary October 23rd. The Lyceumists conducted the whole of the services. Large audiences praised the children's efforts. Individual items by Edith Middleton, Victoria Carter, Florence Heapy, Phyllis Lipscombe, Amy Heapy, Miss Holdcroft, Dorothy Elton, Lily Chadwick, Miss Jessie Wood, Miss Emmerton, Mrs. Cherri-man, Beatrice Saunders, Harold Heapy, Maurice Middleton, Arthur and George Saunders, Ronnie and George Lipscombe; Mr. Wood gave organ recitals.

Monday, October 24th. Prize Distribution. Mr. Cherri-man expressed the hearty thanks of the Lyceum to Mrs. Lawson and Mr. Wood for their splendid efforts for their preparation and assistance during the Anniversary.

## 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.

### MARRIAGE.

STACEY—COOPER.—A marriage was solemnised at West Pelton Percy Spiritualist Church on October 1st between Francis Percy Stacey and Anna Belle Cooper. Mr. W. Moody officiated.

### IN MEMORIAM.

HOLLINWOOD.—In loving memory of Cecil Burns, who passed to the Summerland October 28th, 1918. Interred Nov. 1st. "Too dearly loved to be forgotten."—From Father, Mother, and Sister Lillian.

LEICESTER, Liberty.—In loving memory of Leonard Selby, who was called to the Higher Life Oct. 3rd, 1926.

"I loved you in life too little,  
But I love you in death too well."

—Ivy.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

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

BARROW, Ramsden Street.—We held our Open Session on October 2nd. The following Lyceumists took part:—Mary Broadbent, Mary Howbrook, Ruby Scott, Francis Jones, Jackie Howbrook, George Johnstone, Herbert Johnstone. We had a very pleasant time together.—L. Brown, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—On October 9th we had the privilege of taking the Church Services. Open Sessions, with recitations, solos, and pearls were given in the morning and afternoon. In the evening we rendered an excellent Service of Song entitled "The Wanderers," composed by one of our Lyceumists, Miss Elsie Thompson. It was one complete day of happiness and enjoyed by all.—John Hirst, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley Lyceum.—October 9th was Open Session. Golden Chain Reading "Pride, Anger and Ignorance," from the *Manual*, was taken for the lesson by Mr. Kind, Conductor.—H. Fletcher, Lit. Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On October 2nd we held our Open Session. About 140 Lyceumists and friends took part in the marching and callisthenics. Recitations were given by E. Wood, W. Railton, A. Wilkinson, and I. Light-bow; duet by Miss J. Robinson and Miss M. Gerrard; pianoforte duet by Miss Preston and Master W. Cowell. Mr. F. Hepworth, of Bury, was our speaker for the day. A good session was enjoyed by all. About 250 present.—T. Wood, Sec.

DARWEN.—During September we held our Annual Lyceum Outing. Two char-a-bancs conveyed the Lyceumists to Belle Vue. Everyone enjoyed themselves from start to finish. In October we held our President's Party, consisting of a Mystery Tea, followed by an excellent concert and dance.—D. Coghlan, Ban. Sec.

BOLTON, Henry Street.—On October 9th we held our Open Session. We had a good attendance. Mr. Ridgway, of Southport, was our speaker. Pearls, recitations and solos were rendered. We had Uncle Joseph with us and also received

greetings from Uncle Bert. Other greetings were sent from different Lyceums. We all spent a happy time.—Wm. Monk, Sec.

BOLTON, Deane Road.—We held a Tea Party and Concert on October 8th, given by our Lyceumists. The Concert was for re-opening our new rostrum. The concert was splendid.—Jack Darlington, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—On October 2nd we held our Open Session and were favoured by recitations and solos from L. Plumb, A. Wilkinson, Kenneth Sherwin, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mr. Stevens.—E. Pickles, Sec.

BURY, King Street.—On October 2nd we held our Open Sessions when we had a real nice time. As Mr. Morris Hepworth had recently been married he was presented with a Lyceum Manual from the Lyceum. We had visitors from Bolton, Bradford Street and Henry Street; Bury, Sidney Street and Heywood. Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the visitors.—Mrs. Lever, Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session October 1st. Singing, marching and callisthenics were enjoyed by all. Several items were rendered by the scholars. Mr. Minshall conducted. Solos by Miss M. B. Robinson and Miss A. Worthington.—T. Brooke, Sec.

DONCASTER, King's Arcade.—Our Lyceum is looking up now. The children seem to be taking greater interest in it. On August 27th we took them all to Cleethorpes for their summer treat, which all enjoyed, and especially the lovely tea which was provided for them. All Lyceumists, both old and young, had their fares and teas paid for and the children all had sixpence each given to them by the Committee. A lady member gave them all threepence each, for which they very heartily thank her. We arrived home about 10.30 p.m., tired out, but having enjoyed a glorious treat.—Mrs. E. J. Baxter, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—The Open Session held on October 2nd was very well carried out by the younger members. The following items were very well given:—Recitations by Dorothy Harris, Susan Brewer, Irene Watkins, Alice Yates, Frank and Kenneth Harris; song by Ruth Harris; trio by Nora Harris, Kitty Thurston and Sam Sherlock; several good pearls. It was a very interesting session. October 23rd was a very important day. The naming ceremony of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright was performed by the Conductor, Mr. Batley. The infant's spirit name was given as "Joy." We also had the Adjudicator for the shield, Mr. R. Latham, who spoke very fairly to the Lyceumists, and remarked on the pleasing way the naming ceremony was performed.—Mrs. E. K. Firth, Sec.

GRANGETOWN.—Open Session, 2nd October, conducted by Mr. Hill. Pearls were excellent, the marching and callisthenics, solos and recitations, were all good. An enjoyable session.—Ed. Nellist, Sec.

GT. HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on October 2nd. A recitation was given by Mr. W. Taylor, "The Dear Departed," composed by himself. S.C., Mrs. Whittle, M.R., H. Doswell and Mr. Baxter. C.C., H. Norris. Questions and comments upon Readings were given.—Miss Davis, Sec.

HULL, Gypsyville.—The Gypsyville Church has opened their New Lyceum and we are progressing.—Mrs. Tozer, Sec.

LANCASTER, Alliance.—On October 2nd we held our Open Session, Reg. Denison and Clara Parkinson gave recitations, Pianoforte Solo by James Towers.

On October 19th we held a potato pie supper in aid of the Christmas Treat. This was a great success.—R. Askew, Sec.

LANCASTER, Gt. John St.—The Open Session held on October 2nd was lacking in the support of the children, only two Lyceumists, Margery Kendal and John Peel, gave recitations. We are, however, all working together for a Lyceum stall, which is to be a special feature at the forthcoming Sale of Work.—Marion Swale, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—On October 2nd we held our Open Session with a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. The pearls and responses were good. Recitations by Miss L. Garrett and Mr. W. Beck. Duet by Kittie Townsend and Rosie Newton.

On Sept. 25th we held a naming ceremony. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Meadows was duly named "William Alfred," spirit name "Whitefeather."—J. Wheatley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—October 2nd, we had our Open Session when the following Lyceumists took part: solos by Miss E. Wicks and Mr. W. Beck; duet by Miss Mary Coysh and Master W. Coysh. Recitations by Misses Evon Dehane and Elsie Clements. Good discussion on Silver and Golden Chain Recitations.

October 9th, Councillor J. Minto gave an address to the senior class on "Citizenship," which was enjoyed by all.—M. J. Wicks, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham St.—On Oct. 9th the Church held their Harvest Thanksgiving. All services were taken by members of the Lyceum. The afternoon Open Session was conducted by Mr. Raspin; good attendance and programme. Mrs. Raspin gave a very good address in the evening. Sale of Produce on Monday evening concluded a very successful week-end.—N. Willey, Sec.

LINCOLN, Midland.—We held our Harvest Festival week-end, September 24th—26th. Mrs. Smith, of Mansfield, was our speaker. At the week-end was a success.

The next week-end, the Lyceum enjoyed a "Paper" from our old chum, Harry Hewitt, on his experiences in Australia, read by the Conductor. Thanks to the Lyceum training, the tie still binds us, though oceans span.

We are now preparing earnestly for the 1928 Exam.—Cecil Crane, Hon. Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—We held our Open Session on October 23rd, conducted by Mrs. Pressay, Miss Eileen Gladman conducted the Silver Chain "Home," which was ably explained by the children. Recitations by Eileen Gladman, Doreen King, Muriel Taylor and Bella Raymont. Solos by Hilda Holloway, Ethel Coffin and Gwenie Movement, were well rendered. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—A very interesting Open Session was our Lyceum share in the Harvest Festival on September 18th. Mrs. Challinor was conductor and she made a few interesting remarks during the Session.

The Silver Chain recitation was led by Mr Edmondson and the Golden Chain by Mrs. Holland. The verses of Musical reading were sung by Mrs. Edmondson, and the connective reading by Phyllis Swindells, Norman Read, and Miss Dean; each one made suitable remarks. "Heart Flowers" was the Solo sweetly sung by Miss Gladys Hill. Most of the Lyceumists gave "pearls." Marching and Callisthenics were very much enjoyed by the Congregation. Miss Marjorie Hulley was Musical Conductor and right well she did her part.—Hannah Rushton, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—We held an Open Session on October 2nd, conducted by Mr. Roeder. Pearls were given by every Lyceumist present. Recitations by Gwennie Wilson, Ronnie Lofthouse and Tommy Harrison. Violin solo by Mr. Shipman. A lovely session, enjoyed by all.—George Gills, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Beaconsfield Street.—On Sept. 24th we had a party for Lyceumists only. Each Lyceumist, old and young, was presented with a paper hat on entering the church. About 70 sat down for tea, after which we had games, recitations, singing, etc. We all had a very happy time.

On September 25th we had a special Open Session, when a large number of parents and friends attended to see the children go through their callisthenics, and give their pearls, recitations and solos. It was a grand success, and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.—Marie Sanderson, Con.

OLDHAM, Central.—On Sept 25th we held our Harvest Services. A special anthem was rendered by the Choir, thanks to Miss C. Stott, our Organist, who taught them. Our worthy President, Mr. Standish, was the speaker. We had a good display of fruit.

On Sept. 26th we held a Fruit Banquet, where justice was done to the fruit.

On Oct. 9th, Open Sessions. Good attendance all day.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—The Harvest Festival Services on Sept. 25th were taken by Mr. Glover Botham, who spoke some very encouraging words to the children. Pearls and social items were good. A violin solo by Gordon Snook, aged 8, was much enjoyed. The competition prizes were presented.—L. Paget, Sec.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.—Open Session held October 9th. The following contributed: Mrs. Rae, Mrs. Sherburn, Misses A. Roscoe and E. Curtis, Messrs. Rae, J. Sherburn, M. Holderness, A. Rae and C. Curtis. A bright session.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session on October 2nd. The following contributed: Solo by N. Martin, trio by Miss Kilner, Miss Cooke and Mr. S. Waring. Recitation by Mr. Simmonds. Numerous pearls.—R. E. Tallon, Sec.

RAWTENSTALL.—We held our Lyceum Anniversary on September 25th. In the afternoon we had an Open Session conducted by Mr. J. M. Tann. Songs and duets were given by Miss M. Smith, P. Greenwood, A. Haworth, M. Phinex, and Mr. Walmsley. Pearls by Mrs. L. Tann, L. Martle, P. Greenwood, J. Lee, M. Smith, Mr. Walmsley. Marching and Callisthenics was conducted by Mr. Entwistle.

At the Evening Service a solo was given by Miss Lilian Standfield, and duet by Miss Smith and P. Greenwood. Our Sister, Mrs. Walmsley of Cloughfold, was the speaker for the day. We had an enjoyable day.—Mrs. Greenwood.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—We held our Open Session on October 2nd; Conductor, Mr. Armitage. We had a very good session. The individual efforts were very good. The marching and callisthenics were very good.

On October 1st we commenced our social season with a Fancy Dress social. We were well patronised by the junior side of the Lyceum. We shall be pleased to see any Lyceumists from the district at our socials, which we shall have every first and third Saturday in every month.—Mr. E. Johnson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—On September 11th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Hopkin. Recitations were ably rendered by the following Lyceumists. Mrs. Clive and Misses C. Higginbottom, E. Maw, H. Greaves, A. Taylor, B. Taylor, M. Clive, L. Wagstaffe, M. Overment, E. Cundy, and F. Taylor. Solos by Miss Hopkin and Master B. Higginbottom. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.—A. Truelove, Sec.

SMETHWICK.—On September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the Lyceumists took part, ably rendering M.R. 230, "Seeds of Promise," and "The Gleaners."

Open Session, Sunday, October 2nd, was visited by the Church President, Mr. Philips, also Mr. Spencer. Again M.R. 230 was requested, and some lovely stories were told; also recitations. A very enjoyable Session.—J. Cotton, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On October 2nd, we held our Open Session, which was conducted by Mrs. Ennion. Pearls, recitations and solos were well rendered. There was a good number present.

At 6-30 a few of the Lyceumists took the platform. Mrs. Ennion presided. Mr. J. H. Marston gave the address, entitled "The Alpha and Omega of Creation." Miss Laura Ward sang "Nearer my God to Thee." Miss Winnie Sainter recited. Mrs. Sanderson gave clairvoyance and also conducted the 8 o'clock service. Our best thanks are due to all who helped to make our children's day a success.—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Heaton Norris.—On October 9th we held our Open Sessions conducted by Mrs. Craig. Pearls and recitations were given by the Lyceumists. Explanations on the readings were given by Mrs. Deplitch, Mrs. Moulton, Mr. Spencer and also our Conductor.

At the evening service the children conducted. Each Lyceumist helped to make it a success. We thank our Sister, Mrs. Moulton, for her good work in training the children.—D. Pickering, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.—On Sunday, September 25th, we held our first Lyceum Harvest Festival. Mr. Pratt, of Houghton-le-Spring, was the speaker. The church was beautifully decorated with corn, flowers, fruit and vegetables. Mrs. Sudron very ably sold all vegetables, etc., on the Monday afternoon.

October 2nd, Open Session. Mr. Cook conducted. Pearls were given. Solos by Miss Moore and Mrs. Jefferson. A well attended session.—E. Platts, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—2nd October, we held our Open Session, with a good gathering. Pearls and recitations were rendered by young Lyceumists and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.—Mrs. M. Hall, Sec.