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PRICE TWOPENCE.

The Management Committee at Castleford

Very successful meetings were held at Castleford, on January 14th and 15th, in the National Spiritualist Church, Castleford.

The Vice-President of the Church gave a cordial welcome to the M.C. on arrival, and the President of the Union said the arrangements showed a good spirit of combination, and were a happy omen for the week-end.

All the M.C. were present except one member.

Miss Elliott presided at the business meeting.

The newly-formed Birmingham and District Lyceum District Council have decided to affiliate with the B.S.L.U.

A full financial statement was deferred, as some details were not to hand.

It was decided to pay the S.N.U. Affiliation Fees of £14 9s. od. for 289 Lyceums on the Union's Roll.

The Treasurer reported £10 had been donated, on behalf of the B.S.L.U., to the Hydesville Memorial Fund.

Mr. Burrows read out a list of donations to the £2,000 Effort, amounting to £2 13s. 8d.

The General Report stated that there were 289 Lyceums and 15,679 Lyceumists on the Union's Roll; the same number of Lyceums, but a decrease of 376 Lyceumists during the year. 20 Lyceums had been admitted to membership, but there have been 20 lapses for various reasons.

The Fleetwood Distress Fund opened by the Lyceum had realised £18 1s. 6d. up to date.

Mr. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Fruin were appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Youth.

It was decided to pursue the Rota Scheme and pleasure was expressed with the successful meetings and hearty welcomes from the districts.

Regret was expressed by the Editor that part of the printed text for the January issue of the BANNER had been delayed in the post and a number of items had to be left out.

The sales were shown to be slightly less than in 1926.

An error was noted in the Amendments to the Constitution issued to the Lyceums. Errata Slips are being printed to correct the mistake.

No invitations for the Annual Conference were to hand. The M.C. are acting in the matter, with a view to arranging the Conference in as central a place as possible.

Miss Elliott's Peace Congress Report was accepted as previously printed in the LYCEUM BANNER.

Arrangements were detailed concerning the I.S.F. Triennial Congress in London and the particulars will be issued later.

The President complimented Mr. and Mrs. Kitson on the occasion of the jubilee of their Golden Wedding. Mr. Kitson said he had made many new friends through Press notices of the event.

The Home of Rest was under consideration and definite steps taken in conjunction with the Trustees towards progress.

Applications from Normanton (Assembly Rooms), Morley (Cross Church Street), and Rugby, were fully endorsed.

Three others were deferred for further consideration.

A real hearty vote of thanks was given to Castleford Church, Lyceum and friends, for the splendid harmony and welcome extended. The thanks of the M.C. were expressed publicly later, during the meeting.

OPEN SESSION.

An Open Session was held in the beautifully decorated Co-operative Hall. On the platform was the President (Miss E. Elliott), supported by the officers and members of the M.C., Miss Hesp (a Past President), Mr. Tweedale (President, Leeds L.D.C.), Mr. A. W. Harding (Secretary, Leeds L.D.C.), and Mr. Bickham (the local Conductor). The latter gentleman gave the introduction and handed the Session to Miss Elliott.

Mrs. L. Nurse gave the invocation. A number of young Lyceumists presented buttonholes to the visitors and Miss Elliott accepted the welcome by saying that the flowers from the Lyceumists conveyed the sentiments more expressively than words, and they would symbolise all that could be said.

The President introduced the visitors on the platform, Dad

Kitson's name called forth hearty applause. The happy feelings created by the President made the whole session very harmonious.

Mr. E. G. Cox led the Lyceum through the S.C.R. No. 1, and it proved the usual word puzzle. The questions were suitably answered by the leader.

Miss V. G. Rayner, Mr. J. E. Hart and Miss H. Cleland read the connections to "Scatter the Germs of the Beautiful," and expressed their interpretations of the readings.

The marching was conducted by Mr. C. Riches; the leaders were E. Jackson, J. Parton, M. Crann and H. Pearson. They did their work with smart precision.

Two efficient Callisthenic Leaders, Mr. Ormeson and Miss Bickham, led the exercises.

Mr. G. A. Mack, the Vice-President, conducted the G.C.R. Interesting questions arose and displayed the intelligence of the children. Mr. Mack concluded by saying there is always something new can be found in the Manual readings.

Recitations were given by Miss M. Crann and Master K. Goodall.

Mr. J. F. Smith gave his greetings to the Leeds District, as their Area Representative, and expressed his pleasure for the opportunity.

Mr. Kitson spoke words of encouragement to the children and Mrs. Nurse gave the benediction to a happy session.

Mr. Geo. Whitehead was the Musical Conductor, and he proved to us that music is the art of expressing sentiment by means of sound.

PROPAGANDA MEETING.

Mr. Tweedale, the President of the Leeds L.D.C., gave a greeting and welcome to the M.C., and said Castleford was honoured by the visit, for anything which is for the benefit of the child is for the benefit of the country.

After a hymn had been sung, Councillor Brook, the Church President, welcomed the M.C. in the name of the Church, and gave a short felicitous speech, creating happy conditions for the addresses which followed.

Miss Elliott gave the outline of the work of the Union, explained the Rota Scheme, under which the visit was being made, and said the M.C. were delighted to be present. During a short address she stated that the Lyceum takes into consideration the welfare of the child. The moral side of the training is "to do right because it is right." Peace and love come from God Himself, and we are pacifists. If you are looking for a Spiritualism which will help humanity you will find it therein.

Mr. Kitson gave a short speech and introduced interesting illustrations of his points. He referred to memorable lives, and said we turn to the angel world to help us to produce the golden age.

Mrs. Nurse's address dealt with the truth we love so well, because we know its value. It has given us the power to lead people to harmony. Thoughts, she concluded, are the vital factors in our lives, and rebound back to us. We are placed in those conditions by which our actions have surrounded us. The force of our will must be developed on spiritual lines.

Mr. Knott spoke of the conscious force in life and the Lyceum as a means of teaching a broad system of thought.

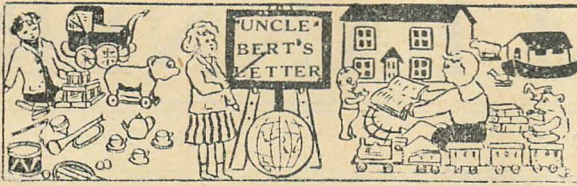
Mr. C. J. Williams, the Treasurer, thanked all the local friends for their very kind and welcome hospitality.

Councillor Brook appealed for a retiring collection to assist the townspeople who had lost their "all" in the disastrous fire which had brought the Market Hall to ruins.

Mr. J. F. Smith gave the benediction in a helpful prayer.

The Castleford friends, though suffering from an adverse industrial period, made the visit very enjoyable. We hope they will feel a close link of friendship and have happy memories of the visit of the M.C. to their town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kitson desire to thank all friends for their good wishes and kind congratulations on the occasion of their Golden Wedding.



My dear Boys and Girls,

What a wonderful month January has been. Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I have just simply been having a ripping time attending Lyceum Parties. Oh, the fun we've had. Yes, I've been a Farmer in his den, I've been blindfolded. I mean I've played Blindman's Bluff. I've been an Orange and a Lemon too. Once, twice, and more, I found myself outside a door with a dear little Lyceumist telling me she was waiting for the Postman to knock. Yes, I don't think. I have also sent a letter to my love, which I dropped and someone picked it up and put it in their pocket, but I caught him.

Although we have had such a lot of snow I have been gathering nuts and may, and as a "Shy widow" (don't tell Auntie Ruth) I was Ar. As to being a Jolly Miller, I was quite a gay old spark. London to York in the Family Coach was a most most enjoyable trip, also the run with "Sally round the Moon" The warmest time I had was in the "Dentist's Chair." Blindfolded, instead of extracting a tooth I was presented with a spoonful of mustard, but here I am still alive to tell the tale. "Slipping off the Magic Carpet," sitting on Musical Chairs, weeping in the centre of a large ring of Lyceumists for someone to come and kiss me. Winking at the boys and goodness alone knows, how many more things I've done. These together with the tea fights to which I took my own mug, have resulted in my programme being well filled.

It has just put my New Year's message "Cheerfulness" into real action, for there has been no time to be miserable. I see, too, by the large number of letters received last month you have also been expressing your feelings in much the same way. If we try, I think we might find a lesson worth learning from our Xmas and New Year Parties.

The first point is that every Lyceumist is determined to do their part to make them a real success, so following up my New Year's message we come to the word Determination. This reminds me of a Lyceumist who was returning to school after the Xmas holidays, she told me she had made up her mind to beat her previous term's record. That idea alone, boys and girls, is at least half way to victory, and well worth copying.

I can quite understand some of you, boys and girls being (or pretending) shy when you are playing Kiss in the Ring, but there is no excuse for any Lyceumist being shy at a little real energetic work. We are all like the Key which said, "If I rest I rust." Who on earth wants to be a rusty old Lyceumist? The way to avoid being one is to make up your mind that you are going to be real little workers this year. The next lesson I think is the amount of energy displayed.

In a party, Social Evening or Dance, we all enter into the spirit of it wholeheartedly, yes, almost as if our very lives depended on it. Why do we do this? because we want it to be a success, for there is not one of us who like failures is there. Then, boys and girls, surely this applies to your every day school life and the Sunday Session at your Lyceum just as much as a Social Event. If the one is worth exercising a little extra energy, I think you will agree the others are also. Just for an example, let us suppose your Conductor has asked you to learn some new Pearls and Recitations for the next Open Session. It will mean a little extra energy having to be displayed on your part, but if you love your Lyceum as I feel sure you all do, you will enter into the spirit of it, doing your part to make it a successful Session. The last point I am going to call your attention to this month is not a new one to you, "Create Happiness." This is the main idea running right through the Party Season. Selfishness takes a back seat, and thoughts for others are expressed on all hands. This alone creates this spirit of Happiness, for if we are happy ourselves, we are bound to make those around us feel the glow of cheerfulness too. Here is a verse from a Recitation I heard a very tiny Lyceumist say recently:

"Just being glad, brings Heaven here below.
Looking for the glad things, in the lovelights' glow.
Burdens will be lighter, Life seems more complete
Looking for the glad things, glad things we shall meet."

When you play Musical Chairs at your party you were all

alert to find a chair, your little eyes were almost glued to the chairs, your ears strained to hear the music stop.

I want each one of you to try and adopt this same energy as you go through life. The chairs take the form of opportunities, then be on the alert to seize the first one which comes your way.

At school you will find a thousand and one chances to give a helping hand to some of your chums. In the home the way is always open to lend a hand. In your Lyceum your help is needed, so there is no excuse for idly waiting for some greater work to do.

Every little deed mounts up to greater ones, so take them as they come and joy will be yours.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

Picture Puzzle, Nuts and May, Oranges and Lemons, Postman's Knock, Jolly Miller, Kiss in the Ring, Musical Chair.

- No. 83. 1. The Philosophy of Life.
2. The Conduct of Life.
3. The Kingdoms of Nature.
4. Two Sides of Life.
5. The Coming of Angels.
6. Matter and Spirit (from 1924 Edition).

N. 84. Alfred Kitson.

No. 85. "Amy and Annie are arranging an attractive afternoon after April.

ANSWER RECEIVED BY JANUARY 18TH.

Replies having been so numerous, space will not permit a list of individual names, Congratulations to Portsmouth and the rest. The following table shows the result of our Second Test match.

Lyceum.	Test Puzzle replies.	Points scored.	Picture Puzzle.
Portsmouth..	27	25	1
Newton Heath ..	21	21	
Bury ..	13	13	12

Replies have also been received from the following Lyceums, London, Acton, Peckham, Woolwich, Manor Park, Battersea, Bootle, Birkenhead, Coventry, Horwich, South Manchester, Harpurhey, Elland, Blackpool, Liverpool, Lincoln, Leicester, Wakefield, Whitley Bay.

One point for three correct answers, half a point for two, quarter for one, or part answers only. The Picture Puzzle did not count in the Test Match points.

The total number of letters received this month being 71, I must ask you to excuse delay in replies for which stamped addressed envelopes were enclosed.

Look out for the THIRD TEST MATCH SHORTLY.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 86. A verse from a S.C.R., below are the first letters of each word.

L—U—, T—, B—U—A—D—,
W—A—H—F—A—F;
S—A—, S—P—,
L—T—L—A—T—W—.

No. 87. A Pearl.

Why ·AI· U·I· ·O·O·O·O·, ··E· ·O·A· I· A· ·A··

No. 88. A PORTSMOUTH PUZZLE.

During the recent snow storms, three frightened animals, a dog, bull and donkey, found themselves far away from home. They decided to race back, they had not got far on their run before they arrived in a dead heat at a gate by a Church, through which they could only pass one at a time, just as the clock struck ten. They argued who should lead, with the result that one passed through at 10-5 p.m., one at 10-7 p.m. and one at 10-10 p.m. Which was the Bull.

Having received several requests to revive the notes to Liberty Section in this page, this matter is being reconsidered.

With love,

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

Your loving friend,
UNCLE BERT.

TO LYCEUM SECRETARIES.

Lyceum Secretaries are requested to examine the Lyceum Lists. There are many changes in the new List.

The Editor regrets his inability to publish numerous items through lack of space.

The Education Department.

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

THE EXAMINATIONS.

On the third Sunday of this month, 19th February, will be held the examinations for all the Grades.

The Committee wishes all candidates pleasing results, and thanks them for their active interest in Lyceum progress and education. The Committee also gives sincere thanks to the Tutors for their work on behalf of Lyceumism, to Conductors who have taken the Grade Sections of the *Manual* in their sessions, and to the Secretaries who have played so important a part in obtaining and sending in names, distributing necessary papers, and fostering the work generally.

TO ALL CANDIDATES.

We would advise that the remaining days before the exams. be spent in thorough revision.

Make quite sure (from the *Syllabus of Work*) what work is set for your Grade, and see that you have covered the whole ground. Then *learn* your own notes, learn the summaries of your Manual recitations and readings, make sure of the meanings of all difficult words and phrases in them, and read through the set chapters in your Handbook.

If you've time, practise *writing* answers to questions. Excellent advice on *how* to answer questions is given in the booklet (sent free on receipt of stamped addressed envelope) *How to prepare for the examinations*.

[You can practise on questions set in previous years. Send stamped, addressed envelope (and state *Grade* required) to the Education Secretary, who will send you copies of the actual exam. papers for previous years].

TO SUPERVISORS.

If you do not get your parcel of exam. papers, etc., by the evening of Tuesday, February 14th, please write the Education Secretary at once. All parcels will be posted on Saturday, 11th, and should in most cases be delivered on the 13th.

Full instructions about what you are expected to do as Supervisor will be found in the parcel.

THE ORAL GRADE.

The instructions, list of questions, and mark-sheet, for the use of the Oral Grade Supervisor will be enclosed in the parcel sent to the Supervisor of the written exams.

Each Oral Grade Supervisor will need a list of names (from the Secretary, or children's Tutor) of the children to be examined.

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

(i) You are allowed three hours for the exam., but if you finish sooner you may give in your paper (but not until one hour has passed from the time of starting).

(ii) *Officially, results are due* to be published at Conference, i.e., at Whitsuntide; but certificates are usually ready, and posted to the Secretary, during late April or early May.

(iii) For information about the College, and how to qualify for its Degrees, please apply to the *College Secretary*, Mr. A. T. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Road, Forest Gate, London, E. 7.

(iv) A full list of booklets and pamphlets useful to students appears on the back cover of this issue.

USE OF THE MANUAL AT THE EXAMS.

Only Grade IV candidates are allowed to use the *Lyceum Manual* at the examinations. Those taking any other Grade must not use any books or papers except those given out by the Supervisor and the one headed "Instructions to Candidates," (which you should receive from the Secretary *before* Examination Day).

GRADE V. AND ENTRANCE 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 last.

NOTES ON "THE VARIOUS PHASES OF OPPOSITION TO SPIRITUALISM AND HOW TO MEET THEM."

By JAMES TINKER, F.N.S.C.

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

(Continued from last month.)

AGNOSTIC OPPOSITION.

15. Agnostic (a-agnostic)—*not* gnostic—not claiming to know. The Gnostic claimed to *know* of the existence of the soul by spiritual illumination, transcending the usual methods of reasoning. The modern Agnostic repudiates all special means of obtaining knowledge. His standard is the proven and what may be cautiously deduced from the proven.
16. We meet the agnostic on his own ground—proven facts. There are abundant evidences on scientific grounds that human beings survive after the death of the physical body. By the planchette, the table, the clairvoyant, psychic photographs and materialisations, can this proof be obtained.
17. In the next stage of life matter and mind still interact, and the human spirit is still embodied: using material forces as modes of action and manifestation. The facts obtained are not in contravention to, but an extension of, the natural order.
18. It has not yet been demonstrated that the BRAIN is absolutely necessary for thought. Experiments in hypnotism and psychic operations point, in fact, to an opposite conclusion. The sub-liminal or sub-conscious mind is used by the "controls." But the instructed Spiritualist realises that a great deal of mediumistic piffle comes from that source—spirits not being to blame for much that "comes through" (?).
19. Careful investigation shows that many messages have been given by mediums which no reasonable theory of prior knowledge can explain. When the agnostic says "Telepathy"—we ask him to produce evidence that the alleged sender knew anything about the item, or was thinking of it.
20. We can admit all the follies and delusions in psychic operations, and there still remains a mass of facts which can only be explained by the "spirit hypothesis."

MATERIALIST OPPOSITION.

21. A Materialist is one who holds that from force and matter originated all that is, and who ignores all religious tenets as to God, the soul and a future life.
22. We have to demonstrate that this view of the universe is wrong, and to enlighten him as to other states of matter known to psychic science.
23. The common ground upon which the Materialist and the Spiritualist can meet is found in the physical aspects of our objective phenomena. But we must refuse to be led away into the question of "how" and "why," or "what good is it?"—the primary question being—"Does Man survive?"
24. The rapping upon a table is a manifestation of a hitherto unknown force. . . . A message by means of rappings denotes intelligence guiding the force. . . . The messages often give details of happenings in Earth life unknown to the sitters, but establishing the identity of the intelligence operating. Thus we proceed—unknown force; intelligence; identity proved.
25. We advise the Materialist to set up his *own* investigation circles, and procure his own evidence. We admit that a great deal of unreliable matter comes from the other side of life. As Spiritualists we are not called upon to defend liars and fools on either side of the grave.
26. Notwithstanding all the piffle and unreliable matter which comes from spirit people—the fact remains, that IT DOES COME FROM SPIRIT PEOPLE.
27. We counter the Materialist, therefore, by pointing to our proven facts; by claiming that these facts lead to an amended view of the universe; and by insisting that it is his duty to help us to find a solution to the many riddles that perplex us.
(Compiled by W. G. Gush, D.N.U., F.N.S.C.)

COLLEGE NOTES.

During the past month Croydon, Stretford and Wigan have registered as LOCAL BRANCHES. We should be glad to enrol the

many other Lyceums that are eligible. For full particulars about the COLLEGE and its Branches, the aims, work, rules, etc., send for the COLLEGE BOOKLET.

The College acknowledges with gratitude the donation of £5 from the sale of *Bible Studies*, in return for helping to push the sales, as per agreement.

THE S.N.U. EXAMINATIONS.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, on Saturday OR Sunday, 24th or 25th March;

INTERMEDIATE GRADE, on Saturday AND Sunday, 24th and 25th March.

Last date of Entry—EXTENDED TO 20th February.

We hope that all B.S.L.U. students who have won their A.N.S.C. Degree will take the Intermediate Examination either this year or next, and we are glad to know that several will be sitting for it next month. We wish them success.

HOW TO ENTER FOR THE S.N.U. EXAMINATIONS.

There may be some students who have not entered for the examinations because they do not know how to set about it. So the following hints may enable some waverers to make up their minds:

ENTRANCE candidates must be members of an affiliated National Church or Subscribing Members of the National Union. They must obtain a Form of Application from Mr. Oliver, fill in the required information, get the Church Secretary to counter-sign their signature, and forward the Form, with a Postal Order for 2s. 6d. to Mr. Oliver. Subscribing Members should send their entries through Mr. Berry's Office.

INTERMEDIATE GRADE candidates must be Lyceumists who have passed the B.S.L.U. Grade V. examination—or Church or Subscribing Members who have passed the S.N.U. Entrance Examination—with not less than 70 per cent. of the total marks. They must obtain the Form from Mr. Oliver, and fill in the date of the qualifying examination and the marks obtained. The completed Form must be forwarded, with a Postal Order for 5s., to Mr. Oliver.

Candidates must THEMSELVES send in their entries, but a number of candidates who have worked together, or who belong to the same Church or Lyceum, may send all their entries in the same envelope. Mr. Oliver's address is 272 Edmund Road, Sheffield.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE about the Education Scheme and B.S.L.U. Examinations should be sent to the Education Secretary. Enclose a stamped, addressed envelope if a direct reply is desired.

Honorary Education Secretary:—

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

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

Mr. A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C.,
College Secretary,
29, Oakhurst Road,
Forest Gate,
London, E.7.

AMENDMENTS TO THE B.S.L.U. CONSTITUTION.

The M.C. have drawn the General Secretary's attention to an error in the B.S.L.U. Constitution Amendments circulated to Lyceums on Nov. 26th, 1927.

An Errata Slip will be issued later and circulated to the Members of the B.S.L.U. The error occurs in the Constitution for Spiritualist Lyceums, Article 5, Annual Meeting, page 20 of the Constitution book.

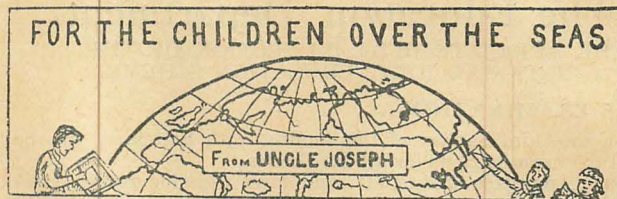
The Amendment should read,—

ARTICLE 5.—ANNUAL MEETING.

That the Annual Meeting be held in the month of..... when the financial position and progress of the Lyceum during the past year shall be reported; the Officers for the ensuing year elected; and other general business transacted. Due notice of the meeting must be given in the Lyceum Session on the two previous Sundays.

Subject to the rules of the parent body, providing such rules are in conformity with the current inter-relations agreement of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union and the Spiritualist National Union, Ltd., all Officers shall be elected by a majority of votes given by members present over 12 years of age; in cases of a contest a ballot can be demanded.

G. F. KNOTT,
General Secretary.



ABOUT KEYS.

Dear Children,

"And all the wicked witches were bundled through the door into a green forest and when the door was opened again they had turned into little fairies and behaved themselves very well."

Yes—A man had a child on each knee, and that was nearly the end of his tale; and the children were very tired and they wanted to be taken to the land where the fairies played with them all the time, so Mother packed them off, and talk went on to other things.

Keys, Yes they came into the conversation because it became necessary to lock the doors for the night, and one started talking about keys and what they were for, and how long they had been used.

We went into all sorts of nooks and corners about those keys. Bits of history and knowledge tossed from one to another as we play bat and ball.

We found out that keys seemed to be as old as Father Time himself, and nearly as useful, because they seemed to be always trying to look after something; almost like a sentry. The doors and other things could not be opened without asking permission to turn the key—and then—well, the way was open and we could step out into the air, or rummage through a box, and be entirely happy.

We found out that some old keys were just bits of wood, with pieces of iron stuck here or there. Others were great big things that you, dear children, could hardly hold, and these turned great locks which opened big doors covered with iron plates, and people with lances and swords stalked in and out, like the soldiers in a pantomime. But, oh dear me, these soldiers were not half so harmless as the pantomime ones, for they had to guard the door and keep wicked people out, and sometimes to keep wicked people in.

Let me see now. Oh yes, the children had gone to bed. Soon after the older children (which included Mother and Father) went to bed, too. But do you know, those keys were wandering about loose in Father's mind, and they would keep dancing about when he wanted to join the children in fairy-land, until he said he would have to try to find out what it all was about.

He must have closed his eyes for a moment, for suddenly he could see a band of funny people marching about the room.

Here came a lot of people dressed up in bright silver, and they were quite thin, with funny faces, and feet which doubled up underneath them. They hopped instead of walked, and what do you think, they were keys. Yes, and the leader had a tale to tell.

He invited Father to look closely at them. To see how nice and clean they all were, and how well they marched together. Not a speck of dust on one of them. How neatly they did their drill. He said it was because they were always at work and being with the others kept them clean. They were always rubbing up against each other and that took away any chance specks of dust.

The next band were rather brown in parts, and they said, "tisn't our fault! We want to work, we are willing to work, but you people don't let us!

"Cheer up" said the leader, you'll get work to do after this."

But last of all! Oh black shame! Just look at these dirty rusty, old, worn things! Can they be keys?

"Yes, we belong to the Brotherhood, and have been elected all in the right way, but you see we have fallen out of use, so we just sit and dream. No-one wants us, so what's the use of trying to keep clean, when Uncle Rust and Grandfather Damp are living on us all day long?

Then came the Fairy Queen. She wasn't dressed in a shimmering dress this time. She looked like a motherly lady, dressed in a blue print frock and white apron. She came briskly in, nodded to Father, and after she had rubbed her hands together, she began to take stock of her surroundings.

Father gasped, because, you see, he knew she was a Fairy Queen, although he had never seen one like this before but sometimes funny things happen in Fairyland.

Well, Fairy Queen Mother looked at the first band as they marched past, and the leader said "Eyes right!" and they all

bowed to her as all good keys should. The Queen nodded and smiled, and the leader knew he and his band were alright. They had passed the test.

The next band came along slowly, and the Queen wrinkled her forehead and gave sharp orders to their leader. He had to take them to the shaking cell for an hour to get cleaned up. And how they shuffled out, with heads bowed! But they had to go.

But when the next band came! Well, the Queen said something which sounded like "Laws-a-mussy," and she stamped her foot. And do you know those keys actually cried with shame! It's a fact, they did!

The Queen thought for a minute and then clapped her hands, and in came a band of little mothers all dressed like the Queen. They had pots of oil and cloths, and they took those keys and washed and dried them, and made them bright and clean. Then they had to march round until they were every bit as good as the first band.

Thus they came before the Queen, who said, "Now you dare to get dirty again, and you'll see!"

The leader said "Please, Ma'am, we'll try to keep clean."

The Queen replied, "Off you pop to your duties," and she laughed just as our Mothers do when they have made us nice and clean. All the other little mothers laughed too, and Father sat up in bed, because two wise little folk were sitting laughing at him as he lay asleep. He had to tell them his dream because they said he had been crying because he did not like to be washed in oil.

And was it only a dream? Of Course it was!

You see our patron saint was a dreamer, and we too, are allowed to dream as well, I hope.

But dreams have meanings, so let us see if our dream had a meaning.

I think it means we are all made up of keys. Keys of kindness, keys of love, keys of good, and all sorts of keys which had better be locked up for ever. No, let us open all the doors, and keep all the keys working, and the Fairy friends will help us, if we ask them, to turn the bad things into good things, just as the witches were turned to fairies.

Then there is the key of the letters. You turn the key and out comes a lot of words like water from the street when the waterman puts his key down and turns on the tap. So our friends across the sea drink of the water of your knowledge, and your doings.

Before I forget! What a lot of keys were turned at Christmas. "Love to Uncle Joseph" from "Annie, Doris, Evelyn, Lucy, Jean, Tom, Beth, Dorothy, Elsie, and ever so many more. All pretty cards, but all saying how glad they were it was Christmas, and that the postman would have to hurry up and post all these letters.

Hello, here comes the American mail and more letters and news, but we shall have to leave that for another month.

However, I do want to mention one letter from one of our pet Lyceums, and that is Dunedin, New Zealand. It is from a young man who is only 75 years old, and please can he be a nephew? Of course, he can! Uncle Joseph is only—well, every time Uncle Joseph reaches 155, he starts again at one, so now you know how old he is. But we are all children, and Uncle Joseph is still a nephew, and his Uncles are still nephews and so on, so Nephew Henry from Dunedin is as welcome as—Christmas cards on Christmas Day, and they are welcome because they bring greetings of fraternal love.

Now, have we talked enough about keys? I haven't said all I must about them, but the Fairy Queen has just whispered to me that we mustn't get rusty ourselves. Just keep rubbing the oil of kindness into the joints, then we shall be able to turn the lock of good deeds, and open up the room of happiness and let its fairies work.

Just one little moment, please, there is another fairy coming post haste. Where from? Coledale? Where is that?

"Where we have a Lyceum in our home, because it is too far to the big town, and we do have some fine sessions."

Now then chicks, join hands in your big ring, shut your eyes tight, and send one big thought to Coledale in New South Wales, and wish them fraternal greetings from your Lyceum. Hope they will soon have a Church there to the Glory of our Father and the Brotherhood of Man.

Now it comes to good-night, and we can dream again for another month but don't forget, dear children, big and little, our master key is "The Workers Win."

If our keys are to keep bright and clean we must use them all we can.

Father Janus says he unlocked the door and we are to keep the House clean and pure all the year round.

Don't forget, letters will find their home with

Yours lovingly,

UNCLE JOSEPH, Room 4,

20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

Our Lyceum Guild.

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

Dear Guildites,

Those of you who will be taking the Education Examinations this month are loyally keeping your Guild pledge, and we wish you every success.

When the exams. are over, we intend holding our *Annual Essay Competitions*. This will be some months earlier than usual, to meet the wishes of several members, who have pointed out that opportunities for preparing and writing essays are much better during the months "between exam. entries."

Will all our members please bring the KIDDIES' CORNER to the notice of Lyceumists *under twelve*, and try to persuade them to write to the *Guild Imp*. If they write *at all*—about anything whatever—they receive a nice certificate and become members of their own very special ORDER. Also show them the Guild story: this month appears the first of a series of stories "just for them," but grown-up kiddies will enjoy them too.

OUR ESPERANTO GROUP.

In the papers quite recently, we have read of various 'stunts' by various papers. This made me think a little; a man may swim the channel, climb high mountains or break records (and sometimes his neck) in a flying machine that does not live up to its name, and people take little notice, but as soon as I suggest to the average man that he should study *Esperanto* out comes the question, "What good will it do me?"

Quite recently I was asked "What is Esperanto, and what use will it be if I study it?" In the first place Esperanto is a secondary and international language, invented with the idea of creating brotherhood internationally. It is very useful to every business man and traveller. For instance; the business man is able to advertise his goods in foreign journals and newspapers, a thing much practised on the Continent.

We ourselves may, perhaps, decide to spend our holiday abroad, availing ourselves of the tours arranged by various shipping companies, Cook's tours, etc., to visit Norway, Sweden, Holland, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, etc. But then comes up the question of speaking the language of the country visited. If our tour enables us to visit more than one country, the speaking difficulty is increased, for few of us can converse in several languages. So we dare not wander very far if we cannot speak the foreign tongue, and we wish we had studied the language.

BUT if we knew a *universal* language the matter of travel abroad would be simplified. Such a language is ESPERANTO. Knowing that language, all that we need to do is to obtain the address of the Esperanto Class nearest to the hotel at which we shall be staying, and write to its Secretary. We find out that there are other people than Spiritualists who are every ready to lend a helping hand and practise one of the chief teachings of our Lyceum, viz. BROTHERHOOD. For there is a well-known saying in the realm of Esperanto to the effect that:—Where the *green star* (the Esperantists *badge and sign*) shines, no enemies can abound.

Speaking Esperanto and meeting Esperantists of other nationalities, we can talk together, though ignorant of each other's native languages; and, returned home, we can keep in touch by writing. And our knowledge of other lands, other ways of life, and other points of view will broaden our own mental vision and deepen our sympathies. Esperanto is a means to bring about universal brotherhood.

So help now to advance the Cause further by yourself taking up the study of Esperanto. Join OUR ESPERANTO GROUP, formed to provide Lyceumists with an interesting, instructive and useful hobby.

Lyceumists intending to join, are requested to first obtain the following book which will be of great help to students:—

THE "EDINBURG" POCKET ESPERANTO DICTIONARY. Cloth bound 1s. 6d. net. Leather bound, 3s. 6d. net. Ordered via your newsagent from T. Nelson & Sons, London.

Write now for Lesson No. 1, *enclosing stamped addressed envelope* to: Mr. Walter Taylor, The Esperanto Leader, 1, Willow Street, Oldham Road, Failsworth, Manchester.

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FEBRUARY, 1928.

Thoughts arising from a Book.

There is a virtue in possessing one's own *Lyceum Manual*; for the pensive moments that come in the evening, it is the key which may lock away the thoughts of the day and foster a mental regeneration to induce a healthy state to the nerves. The passive calm that comes with the coma of sleep, with such a preparation, has opened the door to those spirit visitors who can perceive our subconsciousness. Prayer, too, adds to the attraction and vibrates into the ether to find a response from the forces that rehabilitate and energise our beings for the toils of another day.

The same results may accrue from the "circle," especially when the conditions and sitters have been harmonious. We have experienced the sensation that the germs of the beautiful have been scattered. The world becomes brighter and our tempers are calm.

If, as Sir Oliver Lodge suggests, "when life enters matter it arrives from the ether and is the universal vehicle of life and mind" we can pass through earth into matter and find the conscious life a tangible expression through the understanding of our relations to our environment by our senses.

The radiation of light has a double meaning. It may symbolise physics or spirituality: the latter is a complement of the former. It is naturally successful in progressive growth. The sun produces, by its power, the products of the earth on which man physically subsists. The intelligent light of an intuitional God-consciousness within ourselves causes the vibrations of spirit which convince us, beyond belief, of a philosophy of life that is—even in this material world—capable of demonstrating that without spirit, life would be a void and consciousness unknown.

The moods of a dreamer produce the mystic and the genius. Isolated from mankind and yet related thereto the visionary tendency produces the birth of invention. The sources of new thought which are tapped do not bring anything really new to the mind of man. It was there all the while. All that occurs is that a previous unknown possibility has been reduced to the measurement of duration and expressed in terms of material conception in concrete form for tangible recognition by people living in a physical world.

Every child that is born is apparently a physical marvel and a spiritual perplexity to most people. "Where did you come from, baby dear? Out of the everywhere into here," portrays a mysterious music to the mind of the soliloquiser who ponders on such actualities.

Whether, as Sir Oliver Lodge suggests, we find in ether the cause of life, or we must look further, the inference to us, as Spiritualists, is in the spirit of things; the evolving, changing and diversifying form that makes the units of humanity and all forms of being. The struggle to pierce the abstract and mould it to our minds must not be clouded by what others have taught us. The ideas of our teachers may be true, but we must sift and analyse the evidence and deductions before we can personally form opinions. The safest place seems to be that we must con-

tinue to float in the air until we can find a firm foundations to build our evidential progress.

And so these mental musings arise from turning over a few pages of the *Lyceum Manual*. We are anxious not to leave "a trace of deformity in the temple of the heart." One is greatly tempted to connive with the spirits for inspiration on some of the absorbing topics that concern the creation of animate life and proceed through death to what we have called the etheric realms of spirituality.

Plunged into the economic maelstrom of a work-a-day world there is little opportunity of vibrating human consciousness beyond the physical order of things, and yet, is it not the intangible ego of identity which fashions human will and characterises our individualities? It is a shocking contemplation to be surrounded by thousands of people whose real personalities it is considered an indiscretion to approach. We have hallucinated our lives by "the daily round and common task." Every man seems a hermit living in a desert with a mirage ever before him: he makes the accumulation of world-wealth his paradise, rather than use it as the stepping stone to higher things.

Thus the longing is created to look for a sweeter and holier inspiration from the people who are beyond the desire of mortal pursuits, as the mind passes through the beatitudes it soars in exaltation and prayer for sympathy and love to come from spirits who retain personal affection for those who remain in the physical plane of existence. It is small wonder the "dead" have come back into our lives. We were so miserably disposed. Present day civilisation is a misnomer and the spirit people know it. The future may see the dawn of a brighter day. The transfusion of love and joy through spirit communion may brighten the evenings of our days. The convention of the circle symbolises the unity of, not only spirits and mortals, but the generative power of God's influential charm as the controlling power of our developing continuance. "All are but parts of one stupendous whole." We are all in the circle, and, though some beings are molecular and others are etheric in our immediate environments, the two aspects are interchangeable conditions which lead to progress.

All the witches were put to death but that materialising medium, the Woman of Endor, remained. And we shall ever have with us the prophet, the seer, the healer and the teacher. That which emanates from God cannot be destroyed. The outward form may change, but the spirit of man will persist. Science, philosophy and religion will continue their united search in support of truth and revelation. God speaks to mankind in an abstract way and we shall interpret his influence aright by ceasing to pander after false divergences and define our differences as due to locality and an undeveloped consciousness.

With our true relation to the cosmic scheme of things and forces substance can be moulded to our will.

There is a majesty in man
Relates him to his kind:
It vibrates through the sacred plan
And he no more is blind.
Direct to God he'll raise his song,
His love the path makes bright:
In nature he will move along
And merge towards the light.

The man passes away and enters a new surrounding, but his written word remains. Where the eternal message stands the test of time we can be assured there has been the standard of truth at the inception.

Flowers may fade, but the fruits follow and man enjoys the sustenance. It rebuilds and refreshes his body. By the inspiration of the God-force our earthly bodies may drop into decay, but the soul persists. The growing-pains of a self-inflicted penance are the only punishments through which we shall ever pass. As I close my Maunal for the night I see a final passage written by Socrates: "Men differ, but men also agree; they differ as to what is fleeting; they agree as to what is eternal. Difference is the region of opinion; agreement is the region of Truth: let us endeavour to penetrate that region."

G. F. KNOTT.

TRANSITION OF MRS. REUBEN LATHAM.

We regret the passing of Mrs. Reuben Latham, of Burnley, after a long and painful illness, on Jan. 19th. Mrs. Latham recovered a little during December, but became worse during the new year. She was removed to hospital and underwent an operation with the hope of recovery, but passed away a week after leaving home.

The interment of her body took place on Jan. 23rd. at

Whetley. There was a double burial service, the latter part being taken by Mr. H. Hargreaves, of Nelson.

Mrs. Latham had a very homely, pleasing, and affectionate disposition. Eighty wreaths were sent as a last earthly tribute and we offer our sincerest sympathy to Mr. Reuben Latham and the family in the loss of a sweet personality, a good wife, and respected mother. Those who have had the privilege of being guests in her home, and these have been many, will give a silent thought to her memory, and condolence to the family in their great loss.

A number of friends from Burnley and Nelson attended the interment. Mr. Knott was present on behalf of the B.S.L.U. of which Mr. Latham is a Trustee and Past President.

We hope the memory of a good life will soothe the intense sorrow her passing has caused within the home.

£2,000 Effort Report.

Dear Lyceumists,

Just a few more donations to report, and if there are not quite as many as I would like, I am very grateful to those who have so kindly donated. Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman, Halifax, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Musgrove, Blackpool, 2s.; Mr. G. F. Knott (sale of pamphlets), 2s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman, 10s. 6d. I have also one or two friends who are hunting round for farthings, but who prefer to remain anonymous. So far they have brought me 28 farthings, representing 7d. I offer to all these kind people the sincere thanks of the Union.

Now what of 1928? Are we going to make a real good effort to try to reach our objective? This can only be gained if all our Lyceumists will make some small sacrifice. Try to realise what it would mean if only *all* our Lyceumists would forward the contribution of 1s. each. In one year we should realise £730, not a bad total for 1s. each. Just think it over and let it sink deep into your minds, and then send me your shilling. I shan't mind if you send 2s. or more, it will all be gratefully received and acknowledged. In the meantime, please let me have your A. J. Davis Day collection, and let it be as liberal as possible.

W. BURROWS,

Hon. Secretary,

29, Kliffen Place,
Coronation Road, Halifax.
January 24th, 1928.

£2,000 Effort.

Births, Marriages, and In Memoriam.

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.

COLLYHURST.—Harry Cooper, 21st Birthday, 14th January, 1928. Son of John Edwin and Jessie Cooper of 32, Joule Street, Blackley, Manchester. The naming ceremony was performed by Mr. Delderfield, at Collyhurst Spiritualist Church.

IN MEMORIAM.

BURY, King St.—We regret to announce the transition of Mrs. J. Vernon, aged 64 years, on Jan. 14th, 1928. A well respected Lyceumist.

“Remembrance is a golden chain
That binds us till we meet again.”

FLEETWOOD.—Passed to the Higher Life, Jan. 3rd, 1928, Lyceumist Doris Watkins, aged 18 years, 9 months.

“Ring the bell softly, there's one gone before.”

PENDLETON.—We regret to announce the passing of our little sister May Lewis, age 16 years, after a long illness. “God called” May with a smile answered.—W. H. Shaw.

HOPE.—In affectionate memory of Randolph, who passed to the Higher Life on Jan. 6th, 1927.

In the soul-home of sunshine,
So peaceful and blest,
When this earth-life is ended,
How sweet to find rest.
There with all who prove truthful
Safe on the bright shore,
We shall meet some fair morning,
Meet to part never more.

—Nance, Mother and Family.

THE FLEETWOOD DISTRESS FUND.

The donations received for the Distress Fund amount to £19 4s. 6d. This amount has been sent to Fleetwood Church and Lyceum. Mr. Batley, the Church President, has sent the sincere thanks of the Church and Lyceum for the great sympathy shown to them through their misfortunes arising from the Flood. The Fund is now closed. Mr. Batley promises a statement for the press later.

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Hollinwood Lyceum	0	10	0			
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Colne	2	10	0			
Mr. Spencer	0	2	6			
Mr. Newsham	0	7	6			
				4	2	6
Northampton Lyceum	0	12	0			
Manchester and Salford L.D.C.	1	0	0			
Stockport Central Lyceum	0	10	0			
Doncaster, King's Arcade	0	5	0			
Manchester, No. 1 Lyceum	1	7	0			
Bacup Lyceum	1	0	0			
Peckham Lyceum	1	15	0			
South London Spiritualist Church	1	2	6			
Fulham Lyceum	2	10	0			
Hollinwood Spiritualist Church	1	0	0			
Eltham Lyceum	0	13	6			
Droylesden Lyceum	0	7	6			
Mr. Tynan (per Miss Elliott)	0	2	0			
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S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure to report the following income for December from 22 Churches, 3 Lyceums, 2 Circles, 1 Study Group, and 20 Personal Donations. Since the Annual Appeal in October £312 15s. 10d. has been received, and £154 10s. disbursed.

The Committee are truly grateful for the help received, but feel they must still appeal for more help, so that the Fund and its work may not be forgotten.

There are still over 50 pensioners on the Fund, and I know there are other very ready cases who require help, but at present our hands are tied, because the Reserve will soon be gone if the income does not increase.

Now Lyceumists, just put your hands together and help me to solve this difficult problem by sending in some special collection or donation and also asking your Parent Church to help as well. Times are difficult, we know, but to cultivate the art of helping our old pioneers who worked for us fifty years ago deserves our earnest consideration and calls forth action. “Deeds not words” your motto.

With grateful thanks for help received in 1927, and looking forward to greater efforts in 1928, I beg to remain,

Yours gratefully,

Miss M. L. STAIR,
32b, North Street,
Keighley, Yorks.

DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER.

CHURCHES, ETC., DONATIONS.

Southampton Church and Lyceum Collection, Donations, etc.; £23 11s. 3d.; Hull, Holborn Hall, £1 1s.; British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, donation, £5 5s.; Nottingham Spiritual Evidence, £2 2s.; Manchester Central Collection and Mrs. Christie's Fee, £6 1s.; From the Felicia Scatcherd Fund, £2 2s.; Keighley, Heber St. Temple, £1 14s. 3d.; The Bradford Study Group, per Mrs. J. M. Shaw, Secy., £1; Gateshead, Beaconsfield Liberal Club, £1 10s.; Blackburn Temple, £2 2s.; Ilkeston, 6s. 3d.; South Shields Lyceum, Fowler St., 10s.; Barry, S. Wales, £1 12s. 6d.; Mansfield, Dallas St., 10s.; Nuneaton, 10s. 7d.; Armley, Theaker Lane, £3; Congleton, £1 1s.; Parkgate, 10s.; Edinburgh Assoc., 10s. 6d.; Darwen Church and Lyceum, £2; Hyde Church, 10s.; Bristol Spiritual Temple, £1 5s.; Halifax, Queen's Road, £1; Meersbrook, Sheffield, £2 5s. 6d.; Sowerby Bridge, £1 1s.; Small Circle, Marsden, 9s. Total, £63 9s. 10d.

PERSONAL DONATIONS.

A. V. and F. E. Peters, 10s.; Mrs. H. Cox, Home Circle, 10s.; Mrs. M. H. Newman, 2s. 6d.; Mr. C. E. Beaton, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Summersgill, 10s.; J. and G. W. Reynolds, 10s.; and from Daughter Amy in Spirit, £1; Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Cardiff, 10s.; M.H.W., 10s.; Mr. G. Langham, New York, £3 11s. 3d.; Investigator, 3s. 6d.; J. J. Ashworth, 5s.; Fred. J. H. Dark, 2s. 6d.; P. Q.R., Acton, £1; Wellwisher, 10s. 6d.; Mr. E. Bartin, 10s.; Mrs. M. J. Holden, 10s.; A. A. and J. Sutcliffe, £1 11s. 6d.; Mrs. Margaret Crouch, U.S.A., £1 10s.; Wyomie's Box, £1 10s. Total, £15 11s. 9d.



DEAR FELLOW IMPS,

I suppose it will take a month or two before your elders bring this Page to your notice, or before some of us who have already seen it can pluck up the courage to have a try. And I think, too, that some of us would *like* to try, but don't quite know what to send in. I am not worrying a bit, and am willing to wait until you make sure of yourselves. But I was glad to receive the following letter and essay, which I am going to print because it was the first received, and also as a sample of the sort of thing we want. Frank will be forwarded his Membership Certificate as soon as it comes from the printer, and I congratulate him on being the first member of The Royal and Ancient Order of Kiddies. Here are his letter and his essay:

Dear Brother Imp,

I am sending this little essay because I would like to be a member of the Royal and Ancient Order of Kiddies.

With love from

FRANK GEORGE (Liverpool).

ESSAY ON "THE SQUIRREL."

The squirrel lives in an oak tree. It is a frisky little animal with a long bushy tail. When he is very hot he puts his tail up his back, which protects him from the heat.

They are very good mothers and fathers, taking great care of their children. The squirrel makes very big jumps from tree to tree and he gallops up one tree and down another. He feeds upon nuts and acorns which he stores up for the winter.

The squirrel has a very good memory, because when there is a lot of snow on the ground he can tell the exact place where he buried his nuts.

The squirrel builds his nest at the top of the tree where the forks start, and he makes it of sticks, leaves and moss. He crosses the sticks, puts moss and leaves on them and then builds a roof to keep the rain and snow out. Sometimes a hollow in a tree trunk is chosen so that he is hidden from the passers-by.

He sharpens his teeth on young trees and spoils them. When he is eating a nut he bites the top off and then breaks the rest of the shell with his two front paws. He peels the brown off the nut and then eats it. He can always tell a good nut from a bad one.

FRANK GEORGE (aged 8).

YOU CAN ALL SEND IN ESSAYS OR STORIES.

That is a very good essay for a boy of eight, and it was written very carefully in very good handwriting. Now, then, who is going to be the next Imp to join up? Remember, there are no prizes—only a Certificate, but the Certificate is given to everyone who *tries*. Try, then, with a little essay on something you know, just as Frank did; or tell us about your pets or yourselves. I am sure that some of us now know something about Squirrels that we did not know before. We would like to know more about other things. Or send us in a puzzle, with the answer for publication the following month, after we have all had a chance of guessing at, or finding, the answer. I hope to receive

quite a lot of efforts for the March CORNER. I know we all CAN do it—if we are only willing to try.

PROMISED HELP.

Several Lyceumists interested in Children's work have kindly promised our Leader that they will help to create interest in the Corner. Mr. A. T. Connor, so well known as a zealous worker for the Kiddies, has promised to act as London Agent, and has forwarded three essays from members of his family; and I am glad to welcome Maire, Doreen and Patricia to our Royal and Ancient Order. The three essays deal with the doings of two puppies, Joey and Patsy, and a cat named Growler, with whom they seem to have delightful games. And as space is very limited, I shall blend the three into one story, entitled

A CAT AND DOG LIFE.

Growler is about two years old, and as a kitten got his name from the noises he made when angry. Joey is about seven and Patsy just over six months old; both are Poms., and related. For some time Growler did not like the puppies, and would not be friendly. But all that is over now; the three lie and sleep together on the same rug, and the cat or dog that tackles one has to fight the whole three. Growler often brings in "tit-bits" of bones, meat, and other things, for his puppy friends, and sits proudly by as they eat what he has provided. But one day he brought in a small bird, and would not give it to the dogs. Patsy ran round and round the room after him, barking as if asking for the bird. As Growler still kept it, Patsy rushed out into the garden, dug up one of his buried bones which he brought into the house, and once more ran round after the cat, dropping the bone in front of Growler and plainly offering the exchange. The cat still kept the bird, growling up to his name. So Patsy at last gave up coaxing; took his bone back to the garden and re-buried it; and, coming back into the room, started to fight the cat with the evident intention of taking the bird from him. But at this stage Mother interfered, and Growler was left to his "find."

WHO CAN TELL ANOTHER ANIMAL STORY?

Many of us could tell stories about our pets, and they are always very interesting and often very amusing. So please send along *your* animal story or essay, and do your share in keeping us happy and amused while at the same time getting to know useful things. Let me IMPRESS on you the IMPORTANCE of IMPROVING others, and of thus being an honourable member of the Imp family.

ANOTHER KIND OF STORY.

Here is another kind of story, which is just as well worth telling. Try it on your schoolmates, and when you "catch" them, advise them to read the Kiddies' Corner and keep up-to-date.

FIND THE RABBIT.

Two friends travelled in a tram car, one buying a threepenny and the other a twopenny ticket. The Conductor, as usual, punched a hole in the tickets; and after he had gone one of the friends started to examine his ticket very carefully. At last the other friend noticed it, and asked what was the matter.

"Well," said the first, handing over his twopenny ticket, "I was looking to see if the old rabbit trick was still carried on in these tickets. Can you see the rabbit?"

His friend examined the ticket very carefully, but could see nothing but letters and figures, and at last handed back the ticket.

"There is no rabbit there," he said.

The first friend pretended to search the ticket, and exclaimed: "No rabbit here? Bless me, it must have run down the hole!"

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT ORDER OF KIDDIES.

Doesn't the Name of Our Order look just grand? I *thought* you would like it. And it takes so little to qualify for membership—unless you are over twelve.

1. You don't need to fill up or send in any Form.
2. You don't have to pay any fee.
3. You just send in an effort for Our Kiddies' Corner.
4. It may be a fairy tale or any other sort of story; a letter about yourself, your holidays, your pets, your hobbies; you may send in a puzzle or the answer to a puzzle; you can send in *anything*, so long as it is useful to somebody.
5. Send your effort to VERONTAS, c/o Miss Kitson, 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks.

6. As we cannot have more than a page in the BANNER, we may not be able to get all efforts printed each month. But *whoever sends in an effort* will be enrolled as a member of the Order, and get a Certificate, just the same. It is sending in the effort that counts for membership—for really, the prize for doing a thing is in having done it.
7. A list of members will be kept, and they will get one mark for each effort sent in (but not more than one for each month); and in the December issue each year will be printed a list of the nine members who have earned most marks during the year.

Your loving Brother Imp,

VERONTAS.

District Council Reports.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The B. & D.L.D.C. held their Council Meeting in the Forward Spiritual Church, Villa Road, Handsworth, on Sat., Jan. 14th, 1928, which commenced at 3-30 p.m. There were four Lyceums represented,—Forward (Handsworth), Wolverhampton (Drummond St.), Stirchley, Smethwick. Mr. Frost, President, expressed his delight at meeting all the Delegates and friends again and hoped that they would have a good time together. After discussing a little business we sat down to tea, which was fully enjoyed. Mr. Frost thanked Mrs. Straw and her helpers in getting the tea ready for us. Mr. Newton (President Forward Lyceum) responded on behalf of the ladies and said that the Forward Church would always do their best to help the Council. Mrs. Shakespeare, Associate Representative, has been rather busy since last meeting. She has captured 24 Associate Members, for the B. & L.D.C. Rally round all Lyceumists and help Mrs. Shakespeare. It is only 1s. per annum. Please note next Council Meeting which is A.G.M., will be held in High St. Spiritualist Church, Smethwick, on Sat., Feb. 11th at 3-0 p.m. prompt. All Associate members to attend. Invitations are given to all Lyceumists and friends.

ERNEST HEATON, Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the West Gate Lyceum Elland, on Sunday, Feb. 12th, when the election of Officers will take place. The following nominations are to hand. President, Mr. W. Burrows, vice-president, Miss G. Halliday, Secretary, Mr. T. Ellis, Treasurer, Miss N. Hirst, District Visitor, Mr. F. Baldwin, Mr. James Crossley. As this is our first visit to the West Gate Lyceum a full attendance of Delegates is desired.

T. ELLIS, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Presentation of the Silver Bell took place at Wellington Road, Dewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 7th, when the Dewsbury friends provided a Whist Drive and Social for the benefit of our Council Funds. A very large number of friends attended the Whist Drive and a good number enjoyed the Social that was held in another room. I am sure our Council will benefit greatly financially. The President, Mr. Tweedale, of Wakefield, presented the Bell to the winners, Dewsbury, and in a few well chosen words handed over the trophy to Miss M. Hurst (one of the Conductors), who said she was delighted to receive it on behalf of Dewsbury and hoped they would be successful next year so that it would become their own.

Mr. Barnes, the Adjudicator, presented the certificates: one to Dewsbury as holders of the Bell, and one each to Wakefield and Cleckheaton, as runners up. Mrs. Harding, Wakefield Conductor, received the Wakefield Certificate, and congratulated the winners on their splendid achievement. We hoped they would be successful again next year. Cleckheaton was not represented. The President presented Mr. Barnes with an "Autobiography of Mr. A. Kitson" for services rendered to our Council. Mr. Barnes said he was very pleased to receive it. It came as a great surprise and he would always prize the book, not just because the Council had presented it to him, but also for the memory of the author.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The Annual Conference will be held at Tower Street, Heckmondwike, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 3-0 p.m.

Business:—Open Exercises, Invocation, Welcome, President's Address, Minutes, Correspondence, Credential Officers' Report. District Visitor's Report, Leeds District Delegates,

Treasurer's Financial Statement, Secretary's Yearly Report, Field Day Secretary's Report, Competition Business, 1928, Nomination of Adjudicator, Associates, Election of Officers:—President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, District Visitor, L.D.C. and B.D.C. Fraternal Delegates. Nominations for Officers of B.S.L.U. Election of Delegates to B.S.L.U. and U.D.C. Conferences. Open Council. Date and Place of next meeting. Vote of Thanks to local friends.

The Affiliation to the B.S.L.U. and Leeds Lyceum District Council, and Associates Fees, are now due.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at Hawkshead Hall, Southport.

Mr. Watson presided over delegates from Wigan, Warrington, Southport, Rock Ferry, Daulby Hall, and Boaler St, Liverpool. There were also present a Fraternal Visitor from Manchester L.D.C. and three visitors. The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read and accepted. A notice of Motion from Daulby Hall Lyceum was withdrawn. The U.D.C. are to be informed that the Council are in favour of a Children's Section of the Lyceum Manual.

The invitation to the Management Committee was referred back to Lyceums for consideration; the Secretary to be advised of invitations. The Secretary gave a report of the Massed Session held at Warrington.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand of £2 9s. 4½d.

The D.V. gave reports of visits to Chester and St. Helens. She enquire to enquire about Widnes Lyceum when visiting Runcorn.

Mr. Watson gave a report of S.W. Lancashire Group Meeting held at Daulby Hall.

A Session Competition is to be held during 1928, with the same rules as the 1927 Competition.

Daulby Hall suggested that a number of awards be given, instead of the Shield, for a percentage of marks and upward.

It was also suggested that two awards be given in addition to the Shield. These two suggestions were referred back to Lyceums for consideration.

The election of Adjudicator was also referred back.

A United Picnic and a Massed Session are to be held during 1928.

Mrs. George was appointed to attend Manchester L.D.C. meeting on Nov. 19th as Fraternal Delegate.

A vote of thanks was passed to local friends for use of room and hospitality.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sat., Feb. 11th, 1928, at the National Spiritualist Church, Academy St., Warrington. Meeting to commence at 3-0 p.m.

Business.—Minutes, Correspondence, President's Address, Reports, Election of Officers, Elect Adjudicator, United Picnic, Massed Session. Invitation to Management Committee. Invitations wanted for May, September, and November.

E. CLITHEROE, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

The London Lyceum District Council will hold their Annual General Meeting on February 18th, 1928, at the South London Spiritualist Mission Hall, Lausanne Road, Peckham. Tea at 4-0 p.m.

The Business meeting will commence at 5-0 p.m. The Officers for the year will be elected.

Hoping all Delegates and Associates will make a special effort to attend.

ERNEST E. YOUNG.

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council will hold the A.G. M. on Sat., Feb. 18th, 1928, in the Church at Moor Lane, Preston, commence 3-30 p.m.

Business:—Minutes, Correspondence, Reports, Balance Sheet, President's Address, Election of Officers:—President, D.V. (North), D.V. (South), Treasurer, Secretary. Recommendation for Area Representative. Auditor. Delegates to U.D.C. and B.S.L.U. Conference.

Open Council. Notice of Motion from Blackburn, re Manual Fund. Date and Place of next meeting. Votes of thanks.

Tea will be provided at a nominal charge. A full attendance of Delegates and associates requested.

J.S., Sec.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above Council will be held in the Regent Hall, Regent St. Lyceum, Rochdale, on Sat., Feb. 11th at 4 p.m.

Our good friends at Regent Hall will supply tea at a moderate charge. A full attendance of Delegates is anticipated, and a welcome to all old and new Associates is assured. Council Fees are due at this meeting, and also Associates fees.

H. GREAVES, 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.—The Open Sessions on January 1st was very well carried out by our Conductor, Mr. Leonard Wilfred. The following took part, Miss E. Keene, Miss A. Hudson, Miss M. Ackroyd, Miss P. Wilman, Mrs. Abbot, Mrs. Richards.

We are pleased to report that two of our Lyceumists, now Mr. and Mrs. Lister, received a wedding present on the occasion of their marriage last month.—J. Babbs, Sec.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—Annual Meeting, Jan. 15th. Officers elected: Conductor, Mr. B. Hardwick; Asst. Mrs. Harrison; Secretary, Frank Wales; Assist. James Dunn; Treasurer, George Hardwick; Guardian, Miss Gray; Guards, Messrs. Schostrand, Dunn, Berry; Organist, Agnes Dunn; Callisthenics Leader, Tom Hannah; Auditors, Messrs. Gray and Dunn; Group Leaders, Mr. H. Hardwick; Misses Hutchinson, Evans, Dunn, Halbard, Berry, Evans, Bothwick, Hannah; Sick Visitor, Mr. Geo. Hardwick.—F. Wales, Sec.

LIVERPOOL, Boaler St.—Dec. 4th, Election of Officers: Conductor, Miss Kirkham; Assists., Mrs. George, Mr. Burns; Secretary, Mrs. George; Assist., T. Watson; Treasurer, Mr. Burns; Musical Conductor, J. Burns, Assists, Miss D. Pape, D. Holliday; Marching Conductor, Mr. Burns; Assists., Mrs. George, Mr. Roose; Leaders, Misses Milburn, L. Burns, E. Kirkham; Mrs. Holhouse, Mr. Roose; Guardian, E. Kirkham.—L. George, Sec.

LONDON, Croydon.—On Jan. 5th, we held our Xmas Party. We had the pleasure of Uncle Bert's presence, who, although having so many calls on his time, spent part of the evening with us and distributed the prizes for the year, and talked to us encouragingly for future efforts in the New Year. His happy spirit and humour added immensely to the success of the evening, and all were sorry when the time came for him to go. Our Conductor, Mr. J. M. Stewart, gave a resume of the year's work and thanked Uncle Bert and all friends who had helped to make the evening a success.—Muriel I. Walton, Report Sec.

LONDON, Hackney.—Election of officers, Jan. 15th, 1928. Conductor, Mrs. Hester; Assistants, Mr. H. Carman and Mr. Banfield; Secretary, Mr. Banfield; Assist. Sec., Miss White; Guardian, Miss Westwood; Treasurer, Mr. H. Carman; Marching Conductor, Mr. Hester; Musical Director, Mr. H. Carman; Assist., Irene Wenborn; Librarian, Miss Banfield; Committee members, Mrs. Huggett; Miss Wigg; Guards, A. Huggett, M. Wigg, M. Wheeler; Delegates, Mr. H. Carman, Mrs. Hester. A vote of thanks was given to all retiring officers.

Our annual Christmas Party was held on January 14th, and was an immense success. We all sat down to a merry tea. Paper hats were distributed, creating much fun and laughter.

After tea, games were arranged for the little ones who heartily enjoyed themselves. Then we had some community singing. Some of the little ones entertained us with songs and recitations.

Excitement ran high when it was announced that the tree was to be picked. The children received gifts according to their age, and the Fairy Doll was picked for amongst the little girls. Sweets, fruit and balloons were distributed to the guests as they departed.

Our distinguished visitor was Mr. Clegg. He was not able to stay very long and after a little speech he was given a pick from the tree while we sang "He's a jolly good fellow." Thanks were extended to all those who had contributed towards the party and we closed an enjoyable evening.—L. A. Banfield Sec.

NORTH LONDON.—On Saturday, Jan. 14th, we held our New Year's Party. Tea was served at 5-0 p.m., during which Bon-Bons were distributed. There were a great number present in the evening. Each child received a gift from a Snow House, which was a novelty, also a Spider's Web dip. With various games, dancing, songs, recitations, etc., a very happy evening was spent. Everyone received an apple and an orange. Thanks are due to all who helped to make the evening such a success.—Nellie C. Whorlow, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics Hall.—On Saturday, Dec. 31st, we held our Annual New Year Party, when over 100 sat down to tea. A very enjoyable evening followed with games, dancing, and other interesting items. The chief event of the evening was the entrance of Father Christmas, which was preceded by a Fairy Dance by six Lyceumists. Father Christmas was introduced by a tiny Fairy, and a tiny Gnome, and greeted by the Queen of the Fairies, who handed the presents from the Christmas Tree to Father Christmas to be distributed to the children.

Miss Rayner expressed her thanks to all who had helped to make the party a success.—O. Peel, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Fowler Street.—Conductor, Mr. N. E. Ainley, Assist. Conductors, Mr. T. F. Robertson and Mr. Gillart; Secretary, Mr. R. Smith; Assist. Sec., Mr. A. Reaburn; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Ainley; Organist, Miss D. Gillart; Assist. Organists; Miss Stranger and Miss M. Atkinson; Medium, Mrs. Berry; Guardian, Miss M. Robertson; Capt. of Guards, Mr. H. Dennison; Marching and Callisthenics Conductor, Miss A. Marshall; Librarian, Mr. White; Auditors, Miss A. Robertson and Mr. J. Gillart; E.C., Miss N. Robertson, Mrs. Yorke, Mr. A. Reaburn, Mr. G. Reaburn; Sick Visitors, Mrs. Burnell, Miss A. Marshall, Mr. G. Reaburn, Mr. Smith; Savings Bank, Mrs. Primer; Benevolent Fund Secretary; Miss A. Robertson, Group Leaders, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Gillart, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Barry, Miss W. Johns, Mrs. Ross, Mr. White, Mrs. Yorke; Deputy Group Leaders, Miss Stranger, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Burnell, Miss F. Bell, Miss Isabel Williamson, Miss Nellie Black, Miss Isabel Scalls.—R. Smith, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—On Dec. 26th we held our Christmas Tea-party. A happy time was spent in games, songs, etc. A display of dancing by Norah Childs and Doreen Hedderley; also a dance by four of the elder "Gym girls" was enjoyed by all. Santa Claus presented each Lyceumist with a present from the tree. A happy day was brought to a close with a coffee supper.—Mrs. M. Hall, Sec.

Omitted from last issue through delays in the post.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On Nov. 18th our Church was re-opened after decoration. The Choir and Lyceum children gave a Song Service (Sunbeams).

On Nov. 27th we held our Open Session, and a good session was enjoyed by all present. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rogers was given the spirit name of Victor. Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson's infant son was given the spirit name of Steadfast. The ceremonies were performed by one of our Lyceumists, Mrs. Sutton. Recitations were given by A. Railton, E. Holding, C. Railton, E. Wood, W. Railton, J. Entwistle, I. Lightown, Miss Arkwright. Solo, Mrs. Hall. Mrs. J. Greenwood, J.P., was our speaker and was pleased with the way our session was carried out. Best wishes and Season's Greetings to all Lyceums and Lyceumists at home and abroad.—T. Wood Sec.

BOLTON Henry Street.—On Nov. 27th we held our Election of Officers. Conductor Miss E. Monk; Assistant, Mrs. Massey; Secretary, Mr. W. Monk; Treasurer, Mr. J. Shipperbottom; Delegates to B.L.D.C., Mr. Shipperbottom, Mr. Monk; Musical Conductor, Mr. P. Owen; Assistant, Mr. Hargreaves; Marching Conductor, Mr. W. Monk; Assistant, Mr. Allen; Callisthenic Leader, Miss E. Coucill; Marching Leaders, Miss P. Monk, R. Kirkman; Guardian, Miss Hodkinson; Captain of Guards, W. Owen; Guards, R. Kirkman, D. Monk, Miss A. Coucill, Miss E. Fletcher.—W. Monk, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—Open Session was held on Dec. 11th. Lilian Plumb, Alice Wilkinson, A. Wilkinson, Vera Solomon, Nellie Leng, Florence Leng, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Solomon rendered services.—E. Pickles, Sec.

CALGARY, Canada.—We have been closed down on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

On Sunday, October 16th, we held our usual Lyceum Session, with a large number in attendance. Mr. Adam, Mrs. Eshlby and William Garrad read the connective readings in the Musical Reading. Nearly all gave pearls and the following helped out a delightful session:—Reading by William Garrad; recitations by Lena Peters; solo by Raymond Parkyn; piano solo by Mervin Eshlby; violin solo by Jack Eshlby. All the classes enjoyed instructive lessons and all went home feeling that they had some new thought for the coming week. Good luck to all Lyceums and the BANNER.—W. A. Garrad, Sec.

DARWEN.—On Nov. 26th we held a very successful Jumble Sale and Social, realising £14 towards the Sale of Work.

Dec. 4th was our Open Session. Mrs. Shuttleworth performed the ceremony of naming a baby, Eileen Bateson, spirit name Star. A very beautiful and harmonious session. Compliments of the Season to all.—D. Coghlan, Ban. Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 4th, conducted by Miss L. V. Batty. Mr. Bates gave the invocation. Musical reading by Mr. W. Trout, Miss Johnson and Master E. Gomersall. Marching and callisthenics were very good. Duets by A. Crossland and L. Gomersall; E. Gomersall and P. Wilcox; recitations by Mrs. Ball; pearls by L. Gomersall, Mr. Trout; benediction by Miss D. Batty. An enjoyable session.—Mrs. S. C. Webb, Sec.

DUNEDIN, New Zealand.—Oct. 16th was Open Session. There was a good attendance. After singing "There's Music Everywhere," we held one minute silence to get into touch with Overseas Lyceums; also with Mr. Knott, who had sent a Pearl to be given, and suggested the above hymn. Nearly all present gave "pearls of great price" containing some beautiful thoughts. The word for quotations was "promises," and after reading and hearing some read, Mrs. Brooks gave the lesson on that word, and spoke of "God's Promises to His Children." It was a very nice lesson and the little ones were quick and bright in their answers. Our "youngest" (?) member, as we often call him, attained his 75th birthday on the 16th. We wish him many years of joy, prosperity and strength to carry on his work. Another one is running him very close for that honour. Recitations by Jean McConnell, Mavis Dobbin, Kitty Dobbin, Esmé Morgan, Frances Anthony, Edith Asher, Hilda Paul, Roland Paul, Kenneth Brooks and Raymond Englefield; song by Joan Hargreaves; Readings, Margaret Asher, Mrs. Asher, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Geeson, Mrs. Paul and Miss Burgess; musical solo, Mr. Hargreaves. There was a feeling of love and harmony among all present. Mr. Englefield gave the benediction. Several remarked "what a lovely session it had been." Greetings to all Lyceums and best wishes for success of the BANNER.—Miss R. Burgess, Con.-Sec.

EAST HAMILTON.—Election of Officers 1927-28. Conductor, Mr. Woodstock; Assistant, Mr. Batten; Secretary, A. H. Pickles; Treasurer, Mr. Smithson; Guardian, Mrs. Earith; Assistant Guards, Miss B. Smith, Mr. N. Luker; Librarian, Miss N. Fisher; Assistant Librarian, Miss D. Sherwood; Musical Conductor, Miss C. Bridge; Marching Conductor, Mr. Hilton; Assistant Marching Conductor, Mr. J. Parey; Callisthenic Conductor, Miss M. Burton; Assistant, Miss B. Etchells; Group Leaders (Senior Group), Mrs. Gretton, Mrs. Sandham, Miss Gladys Gale, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Ellis, Miss B. Woodstock and Mr. Bird.

LANCASTER.—We were visited by Miss Lawton, our D.V., on November 27th, and at the close of the session she gave us some most encouraging remarks. In the afternoon we held an Open Session, at which B. Kelly, A. Bond, J. Peel, I. Hodgson and Ethel Stephenson gave recitations followed by a Lyceum song from several of the older girls. A good number of adults attended.—Marion Swales, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—On December 4th we had our Open Session. The following Lyceumists took part:—Pianoforte solo, Mr. L. Kenny; recitations by Misses A. Hughes, E. Clements, E. Dehoue, Mrs. Dehoue, Masters S. Clements and H. Jayes; solos by Miss D. Needham, Mr. W. Beck, Mr. V. Chamberlain; duet by Miss M. Coysh and Master W. Coysh. Dr. T. Timson and Councillor E. Grimsby gave instructive addresses during the month.—J. Wicks, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham Street.—We held our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on November 29th. All members took a keen interest in the business. Open Session December 4th.

The Silver Chain was well discussed and several songs, recitations and pearls were rendered by the young members. Two very successful social events have been held during the month.

(Last month it was printed that Mr. Raspin had conducted two Armistice Services. The name should have been "Mrs." Raspin.—Ed.)—N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—On November 27th we held an Open Session, which was conducted by Miss Ridding. Pearls were given by every Lyceumist present. Items were plentiful. We had a lovely session, which was enjoyed by all. Wishing all Lyceumists both at home and abroad a very happy and prosperous New Year.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, Grange Road.—The Open Session on December 4th was well attended. Marching and callisthenics were good. Numerous pearls. Recitations by T. Harrison, Albert Danks, Joan Naylor and Sydney Cooper. Solos, duets and trios by Evelyn Cooper, Molly Wilson, S. Brown, D. Hudson, Miss M. Bessant, Emily Cooper and Ivy Cooper. A decided improvement.—G. Gills, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our half-yearly meeting on Wednesday, November 30th. We had a very successful half year and a very harmonious meeting. The officers elected are:—Conductor, Mr. W. T. Brown; Assist., Mr. W. Chadwick; Guardian, Miss Ella Crawley; Captain of Guards and Guards to be chosen every Sunday by the Conductor; Secretary, Mr. J. Knox; Treasurer, Miss Anderson, Musical Directors, Mrs. Parkinson, Miss Verna McLeod and Winnie Brown; teachers, Liberty Group, taken in turn by the class; Intermediate Group, Miss Anderson and Miss Ella Crawley; Primary Group, Miss Verna McLeod and Mrs. Chadwick; Marching Conductor, Mr. H. Forrest; Auditors, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Forrest.

We held our Open Session on December 4th, and started out another year with a good turn out of scholars. Our Conductor, Mr. W. T. Brown, made special reference to the election of the new officers for the next six months. He also commented on the pearls and recitations for the year, and said he would like some of the scholars to take a little more interest in these items during the next twelve months. The special prize for pearls was won by Daisy Knox, with 41 pearls. The special prize for recitations at Open Sessions was won by Harry Towns, with eleven recitations. Pearls, songs and recitations and pianoforte solos were given by Irene Turner, Edna Brown, Verna McLeod, Sylvia Parkinson, Mr. Chadwick, Kenney McLeod, Dolly Sutherland, Mr. Forrest, Mrs. Parkinson, Harry Towns and Harry Forrest. The Lyceum sang "Hold Fast."—J. Knox, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after January 25th.

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

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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, Dalkeith St.—The Annual Meeting was held on January 15th. Mrs. Griffiths was re-elected Conductor with Mr. Goulding and Miss M. Griffiths as Assistants. Mr. A. Fullard is Treasurer. A successful year's work was reported.—James Fullard, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Jan. 8th. The following officers were elected for the year: Conductor, Mr. Thompson; Assist., Doris Dunn; Musical Conductor, Mr. Whiteley; Assist., Mrs. Taylor; Marching Conductor, Mr. Taylor; Callisthenic Leader, Dolly Williams; Guardian, Mrs. Thompson; Treasurer, Mr. Edwards; Secretary, Mr. Hirst; Assist., Norah Whiteley; Capt of Guards,

Len. Griffiths; Guards, L. Leighton, A. Thompson, S. Darlington, Misses Dixon, Crombleholme, Williams; Group Leaders, Misses D. Dunn, E. Dunn and N. Whiteley, Messrs. Mathieson, Edwards, Robb.—John Hirst, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley.—On Jan. 7th we held the Annual Christmas Party. Prizes were awarded and gifts distributed among the Lyceumists. Friends were welcomed from the Forward and Wolverhampton Lyceums.—H. Fletcher, Lit. Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—On Dec. 25th we held our Open Session. About 90 Lyceumists and friends took part in the marching and callisthenics. Recitations were given by E. Dood, I. Lightbown, M. Crabtree, E. Holding, and W. Raitlon. Solos, Mrs. Hall and Miss A. Lancaster.

Pianoforte duet, Miss A. E. Riding and Miss B. Slater. Mr. Wainwright, of Manchester, was our speaker for the day. A good session enjoyed by all present.—T. Wood, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 1st, when a pleasant time was spent. Recitations and solos by Alice Wilkinson, Albert Wilkinson, Lilian Plumb, Vera Solmon, Nelly Leng, and Florence Leng.—E. Picles, Sec.

BRIERFIELD.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 1st, conducted by Mr. Dilworth and Miss Graham. The following helped to make the Session a success: Mona Berry, Olive Bradshaw, Ethel Spencer, Phyllis Spencer, Alice Harper, May Earnshaw, Margaret James, Bessie Rapson, Edith Bird, Mrs Barker, and Miss N. Tunstill.—T. Wane, Sec.

BURY, King St.—Jan. 1st, Open Session. We had a very good time during the whole day. Visitors from Daisy Hill, Radcliffe, and Bury, Sidney St.

Jan. 2nd, we had our Lyceum Tea-party and Prize Distribution. Prizes were distributed by Miss A. Dean, our late Conductor. We had a jolly time, and all enjoyed the party.—Mrs. Lever, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Jan. 1st we held an Open Session, when the following Lyceumists obliged with recitations: Mr. E. Hobster, Mrs. Fowkes, Mr. Bown, Lilian Slater, Connie Slater, Ernest Heath, Eveline Clements, Ronald Marriot, Linda Heath, Marion Wagstaffe, Sidney Hobster, John Slater, Irene Hobster, Avis Bown. We sang "Fold us in your Arms."

On Jan. 8th we held our Annual Meeting and election of officers for 1928.—May Wheatley, Session Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 1st. Mrs. Hutton was our pianist and Miss Schofield our Conductor. We all sang together a Glad New Year. We also gave a welcome to all newcomers. Pearls by Miss Wilkinson, D. Garside, E. Toliday, and Mr. Wright, and the children gave the New Year a good start with recitations. D. Garside, G. Hutton, Doris Garside, Nellie Boswell, Catherine Wright, Eva Rowley, and a new scholar, Amy Ingleton. Mr. Robinson, one of our Lyceumists, has been very ill, but now he is recovering slowly. We are looking forward and hoping to see his face in our Lyceum before long.—Tom Brooks, Sec.

COLNE.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 1st. The following contributed items—Recitations by Misses Hurst and L. Williams. Duets, Misses Blackburn; Solo, Mr. W. Francis. Pianoforte solo, Mr. H. Broadley. The attendance was very good. The Session was ably led by Miss Edith Hey, Assist. Conductor.—T. Hargreaves, Sec.

DENTON.—On Jan. 8th we held our Open Sessions with good attendances at both Sessions. Solos, recitations, and pearls were splendidly rendered by the children. All joined as one to make the Sessions a success and we had a very bright time. Everyone enjoyed it. Sessions were conducted by Mr. A. Booth, assisted by Mrs. Lomas and Mr. Howard.—A. Booth, junr.

DONCASTER, Catherine St.—On Dec. 27th Miss Batty, our founder and conductor, and Mr. Maltby, Musical Conductor, and Church Organist, held an "At Home" at Catherine St. Church, on the occasion of their marriage. Lyceumists and Church Members were present. After tea we had games and singing. During the evening Mr. Bates and Mrs. Hayhurst presented them with a hanging clock with Westminster Chimes, from Church Members and friends. Miss Johnson, the Assist. Conductor, presented them with a tea service and a set of jugs to match from Lyceumists. Several Lyceumists and Church members expressed their sincere wishes for their future happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Maltby in reply said words failed to express their thanks to all concerned for the good wishes and presents.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 1st. The following Lyceumists rendered items: Duets by Misses M. Astley, A. Smith, Q. Dawson, E. Taylor, M. Ennis, Louis Atkinson. Recitations, F. Clarke, T. Hancock, W. Hancock, N. Hodgkinson, O. Wilkins, E. Butterworth, E. Clark. Hymns were sung by the boys and girls of the Beacon Group. The Liberty Group gave us Hymn 344. A good session well spent.—B. Smith, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Election of Officers: Conductor, Mr. Batley; Assists., Mrs. Florrie Church and Sam Sherlock; Treasurer, Mr. Shurmee; Secretary, Mrs. E. K. Firth; Assist., Elsie Johnson; Guardian, Mrs. Cooke; Marching Leaders, Girls, Phyllis Gordon, Kitty Thurston; Boys, Alec Laird, George Cooke; Captain of Guards, Tom Church; Guards, Frank Philips, Kitty Sherlock; Musical Conductor, Mrs. Rae, Nora Harris; Sick Visitors, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Benson; representing the Lyceum on the Church Committee, Mrs. E. K. Firth, and Mrs. Marron. A vote of thanks was given to all retiring officers.

Open Sessions are being held with the usual interest. Recitations, Robert Rae, Laura Moore, Harry Horne, Frank Philips and Tom Wright.—E. K. Firth, Sec.

GLASGOW, S. M. U.—On Dec. 25th we held our Open Session, which took the form of a Toy Service. The platform party consisted of members of the West of Scotland Lyceum Workers' Guild. Though small in numbers we spent an enjoyable evening. The toys were then taken to Eastpark Home for Crippled Children.—Mrs. E. Hastie, Sec.

GRANGETOWN.—On Jan. 15th the Annual Prize Distribution took place, Mrs. Raine making the presentations. The Annual Children's Treat was held and a most enjoyable evening was spent.—Ed. Nellist, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 1st, when the following Lyceumists helped to make the session a success. Florrie Pickvance, Mr. Nelson, Hubert Norris, Rosa Bagshaw, Maggie Nelson, Gladys Norris, and Mr. Baxter. We had a very enjoyable session.—Clara Waterhouse, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Jan. 1st. Pleasant Sunday. Recitations by B. Tartellin and M. Marshall. Songs by R. Howard and Mr. Rycroft. An enjoyable day.

Jan. 8th, Lyceum Sunday. Our scholars rendered "Netty," a service of song, which was excellently read by Miss Reckitt, with a solo by Miss Cole, and a recitation by E. Howard. Miss Hockley was the pianist. All Lyceumists gave splendid support which augurs well for the coming months.—P. Stanham.

HULL, Holborn Hall.—Officers for 1928: Conductor, Miss E. Barker; Secretary, Mr. J. Arthur Buckton; Guardian, Mrs. Ward; Treasurer, Miss E. Headley; Musical Director, Miss M. Fountain; Assist., Fred Smith; Marching and Callisthenics Conductor, Miss Headley; Capt. of Guards, Miss A. Mowforth; Guards, Mrs. Bursell and Mr. F. Smith; Delegate, Mrs. M. Brown.—J. A. Buckton, Sec.

HYDE, Clarendon St.—On Christmas Eve we held a Social when all the Lyceum children received a present from Father Christmas.

We held our Annual Tea-Party on Boxing Day, a good number taking part, after which our Dramatic and Entertainment Party gave the pantomime, "Dick Whittington" with great success, and enjoyed by all. I am pleased to say they have raised £45 with three plays during 1927.—Mr. N. Cartwright, Sec.

LEEDS, North.—We conducted Church Services on Jan. 1st, rendering service of song arranged from the last part of Tommy the Bootblack, with songs from the Manual. Mr. Shutes gave the opening prayer and the reading. Mrs. Tremblome gave the benediction.—Mrs. Land, Sec.

LEEDS, Psyche.—Election of Officers for 1928: Conductor, Mrs. Exley; Assists., Miss V. Towers, M. E. Exley, and A. Daisley; Treasurer, Mrs. Towers; Secretary, A. Daisley; Musical Directors, Mrs. Steele, Miss A. Thaxter, and Mrs. Burley; Guardian, Master G. Towers; Guards, M. Towers, and D. Burley; Marching Leaders, O. Gascoigne, R. Russell, M. and E. M. Daisley; Sick visitors, Mr. Russell, and Mrs. Burley. Good wishes to old associates of the above Lyceum wherever they may be.—Arthur Daisley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—On Dec. 31st we held our 6th Annual Christmas Party. There were about 200 at the tea. With the Church being a Lyceum Church we entertained the congregation as well as the Lyceum. The Concert and Dance was a great success. All items were given voluntarily by Lyceumists and friends.

On Jan. 1st we held our Open Session with a good attendance. Mrs. T. M. Thwaites presided. The following items were rendered. Duets by Mrs. and Sybil Nottingham, Rosie Newton and Kittie Townsend, Mr. T. Kenny and Miss Vann, Yvonne Dehoux and Miss L. Garrett. Recitations by Lilly Jayes, Elsie Clements, Yvonne Dehoux, Elsie Garrett, and Doris Jayes.—S. J. C. Wheatley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—Jan. 1st. We had our Open Session, when the following Lyceumists took part. Solos by Miss E. Wicks, D. Goldsmith, M. Coysh, and Mr. W. Beck. Recitations by Misses A. Hughes, Yvonne Dehoux, and Mrs. Dehoux, Master H. Jayes.

Jan. 8th. Mr. Ralph Stewart, of Sheffield, gave an address on Pioneers. Everyone enjoyed it. Miss E. Wicks conducted.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LINCOLN PROGRESSIVE, Coultham St.—We held our Christmas Party on December 28th, when the Lyceumists and Church Members, with all local friends who had helped the Church during the past year, had tea together; followed by a Social evening.

Open Session, January 1st. Mrs. Thackery took all Services, it being Lyceum week-end.

Fancy Dress Social, Jan. 3rd, all efforts were very successful.—N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Brixton.—On Jan. 14th we held our Annual Christmas Party. There were a large number of friends present. We had Mr. Clegg with us in the afternoon and evening. Uncle Bert, Auntie Ruth, and Cousin Doris, came along too. The presents for the children were distributed by Mr. Payn, the President of the Church. We had dancing for the elder members. We all had a most enjoyable time.—F. B. Cross, Sec.

LONDON, Eltham.—We had a very enjoyable party on Jan. 7th. Lyceumists acted a play produced by one of our Lyceumists. Everyone voted it was first rate. Our Dramatic Section hope to raise large sums for the Building Fund and other objects.—J. P. C.

LONDON, Peckham.—On Dec. 31st we held our Christmas Party, which proved to be a great success. During the games which followed tea, to the delight of all present, Uncle Bert, Auntie Ruth, and Doris joined us. The Christmas Tree was stripped of its treasures, Uncle Bert receiving a most useful article, a baby's dummy.

LONDON, Tottenham.—On Tuesday, Jan. 10th, we held our Annual New Year's Party, with Uncle Bert, Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris, amongst us. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Uncle Bert and Auntie Ruth presented the presents to Lyceumists. Games and dancing added to a very harmonious and enjoyable time.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Droylsden.—Jan. 8th at our Lyceum Session, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Molyneux was named Dennis Cresswell. Spirit name "Light." A delightful ceremony.—Mrs. Ellis, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Progressive, Maskell St.—Officers for 1928: Conductor, Miss Scott; Assist., Mr. Bell, and Mr. Swindells; Treasurer, Miss Copeland; Secretary, Miss E. Jackson; Marching Conductor, Mr. A. Henshaw; Assist., Mr. G. Dixon; Musical Director, Marjorie Bell, Assist., Harry Vernon; Marching Leaders, Eva Bell and Alan Carson; Callisthenic Leader, Mrs. Vernon; Guard, Raymond Bracewell; Guardian, Margaret Hart; Group Leader, Miss Scott; Librarians, Miss Dean and Miss Downs; Auditors, Mr. Bell and Mr. Bacus; Council Delegates, Mr. G. Dixon and Mr. Swindells; Conference Delegates, Mrs. Vernon and Mr. Bacus.—E. Jackson, Sec.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, Grange Rd., West.—On Jan. 1st we held our Annual Speech Day at which old and new officers expressed their New Year resolutions. Pearls were numerous. An enjoyable session with the holiday spirit in evidence.

On Jan. 2nd our Annual Children's Treat and Prize-giving at which Mr. Roeder presided. Christmas Tree, Santa Claus, and a grand ballet entitled "Queen of Spears," ably directed by Miss Edna Bonsor, contributed to the general enjoyment.—J. Abbott, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—Election of Officers for 1928: Conductor, Mr. Lunn, Assists., Mr. J. W. Ronaldson, Mrs. McEwen; Marching and Callisthenics Leader, Miss Shadforth; Treasurer, Mr. Shadforth; Guardian, Miss E. Gregson; Organists, Mr. Shadforth; Assist., Mr. R. Fenwick, Miss Kidd; Captain of Guards, Mr. L. G. Gregson; Guards, Alfred Craggs, A. Potts, T. Potts, L. Poyner; Leaders, Mr. Hunter, Messrs.

Ronaldson, Walmsley, Mrs. Wardle, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Ronaldson, Misses Wardle, and Steele; Delegates to Church, Mrs. McEwen, Miss Wardle; Delegates to T.L.D.C., Mr. Walmsley, Mrs. Hunter; Auditors, Messrs. Ronaldson, and Fenwick; Sick Visitors, Mrs. Wardle and Messrs. Shadforth, J. W. Ronaldson, and Hunter.—Mrs. R. Hunter, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Beaconsfield St.—On Dec. 31st we had our Lyceum Party when 70 children and adults sat down for tea, after which every one enjoyed themselves thoroughly by joining in the games, etc.

On Jan. 1st we held our Open Session. There was quite a good number of pearls, recitations, and solos, which were very nicely rendered. The responses on the G.C.R. were very good. The marching and callisthenics were also very smart. It was a very enjoyable session.—Marie Sanderson, Con.

OLDHAM, Central.—On Jan. 7th we held our Lyceum Tea-Party and prize giving day. About 80 partook of tea, and the children in the evening gave a nice little play entitled "A Dream of Nursery Rhymes." On Jan. 8th Open Sessions all day. Good attendance. Recitations, solos, pearls, Marching very good.—Mrs. G. Clegg, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott St. We held our Annual Party and concert at Christmas. The combined efforts of the Church members and Lyceumists helped to make it a splendid thing. A good number of prizes are to be awarded to regular attenders of the Lyceum.—M. Harper, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—Dec. 28th, Annual Christmas Treat enjoyed by large numbers of Lyceumists and friends, about 80 sitting down to tea. Afterwards an enjoyable conjuring and ventriloquial entertainment amused and mystified everybody. The Christmas Tree distribution followed. All received suitable presents. Joyce Lebbey and Laurie Mitchell were awarded the prizes for a special competition set for Lyceumists only. High revelry prevailed during the evening.—L. Paget, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session on Jan. 1st. We had a very good session. Recitations by Miss E. Dodson, Miss C. Martin, and Connie Tallon. Duet by Miss Norris and Miss Bradley. Quartette by Miss Cooke, Eva Cavanagh, Edith and Betty Tallon. Song by Connie Tallon.—R. E. Tallon, Sec.

RIPLEY, Codnor and District.—The Lyceum held their Annual Concert on Dec. 26th which was a success, conducted solely by the Lyceum Concert Party. The junior Lyceumists gave a sketch and the senior members gave a sketch. Both the junior and senior members rendered their parts successfully. After the Concert there was a Social, with Bran Tub, Electric Battery, and Guessing competitions.

The Ladies Sewing Party also did their part. We all had a happy time together.—J. E. Eyre, Sec.

ROCHDALE, Regent Hall.—On Jan. 1st we held our Open Session, which was enjoyed by all present. Marching and callisthenics were good. Recitals and pearls were given by many Lyceumists. Solos were rendered by Joan Richards, Nancy Jenkinson, Gertrude Dawson, Elsie Harrison, Alice Richards, and Mrs. Dawson.—D. Richards, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On Dec. 1st we held our Open Session. The old Officers of 1927, and the new Officers for 1928, were on the platform. Mr. Armitage introduced the new Officers to the Lyceum. The new and retiring officers all spoke a few words to the Lyceum. Mr. F. Smith, our new Conductor, then conducted the rest of the Session. We had an interesting time.

On Monday, Jan. 2nd, we had our New Year's Treat. All Lyceum Officers, Elders, and children came and had tea. During the night Father Christmas gave the children an orange and apple and some sweets. The children who had made the requisite attendances received a handkerchief. We had a few visitors to tea. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening.—Mr. E. Johnson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Rd.—On Jan. 1st we held Open Session. Recitations by Misses Barbara Taylor, Edith Maw, Muriel Cleve, Muriel Overment, Lucy Wagstaffe, Nora, Hilda, and Olive Nutt, Masters Kenneth Rollinson, G. J., and Jas. Bailey. Duet, Misses E. Wagstaffe and E. Saunders. Pianoforte solos, L. & G. Moss. Solo, Mr. Cleve. The afternoon was enjoyed by all.—A. Truelove, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—We held our Xmas Party in two sections as in the past year. The Juniors (under ten) had an Xmas Tree on 4th Jan, and the Seniors a Social and Dance on the 11th. Both Sections had a very enjoyable time.—E. W. Long, Sec.

The British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. C. Heaton, 6, Parkfield Rd., Alum Rock, Birmingham.
- G Birmingham, Handsworth, 3 p.m. Miss H. Brown, 109, Victoria Rd., Aston, Birmingham.
- G Birmingham, Stirchley, 11-0 a.m. Mr. S. C. Kind, 233, Fordhouse Lane, Stirchley.
- G. Smethwick, 108, High St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. J. Cotton, 36, St. Paul's Rd., Smethwick, Staffs.
- G Walsall, Temperance Hall, Freer-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. N. Hughes, 13, Renwick Terrace, Frederick Street, Walsall.
- G Wolverhampton, Molineux Alley, Drummond St. 2-30 p.m. Mr. L. Frost, 40, Prestwood Road, Heath Town, Wolverhampton.

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- Secretary, Miss D. Ward, 12, Mount Pleasant St., Horwich, nr. Bolton.
- District Visitor, Mr. G. F. Walsh, 4, Joseph-st., Bolton
- E Bolton, Bradford-street, 10 a.m. Miss E. Holt, 8, Glenlithorne Street, Bolton.
- E Bolton, Deane-road, 10-15. Mr. J. Darlington, 113, Albert Rd., Farnworth, nr. Bolton.
- E Bolton, Henry-street, 10-15. Mr. W. Monk, 38, Bull Lane, off Lever Street, Bolton.
- E Bury, 66, King-street, Rochdale-road, 11 a.m. Mrs. T. M. Lever, 4, Eden St., Bury.
- E Bury, Sydney-st., 10-30 and 1-45. Miss Myers, 6, Wood St., Elton, Bury.
- E Horwich, Chorley New-road, 10 a.m. Miss L. Wilkes, 1, Wright-street, Horwich.
- E Leigh, Evans St. 10 a.m. Mr. S. Leadbetter, 7, Smiths Lane, Hindley Green, nr. Wigan.
- E Leigh, Market Buildings, 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Moulding, 56, Cowper Street, Leigh, Lancs.
- E Radcliffe, Railway St., 10-30. Mr. W. Haworth, 20, Firwood Cres., off Outwood Rd.
- E Walkden, Barlow St. 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Hampson, 16, Newearth Rd., Walkden.

BRADFORD COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. Aked, 27, Arctic St., Beechcliffe, Keighley.
- District Visitor, Miss S. Hudson, 29, Fell Lane, Keighley.
- D Bradford, Harker-street. 1-45 p.m. Mrs. Clayton, 730, Wakefield Road, Bradford.
- D Bradford, 432 Manchester-road, 10-30 and 1-45. Mrs. T. A. Pickles, 15 Pennington Terrace, Little Horton, Bradford.
- D Bradford, Otley-road, 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. H. Brunskill, 33, Stanacre Place, Otley Rd., Bradford.
- D Bradford, Laisterdyke, No. 5, Laisterdyke, 10-30 & 1-45. Mr. J. Babbs, 3, Dundas St. Laisterdyke.
- D Bradford, Whetley Lane. 10-30. Mr. W. Simpson, 29, Young Street, Gillington, Bradford.
- D Idle, C-op Hall, 1-45. Miss A. W. Jacques, 29, Palin Avenue, Silverhills, Bradford.
- D Saitaire, The Institute, Victoria Road. 1-45 p.m. Mr. W. Simpson, 16, William Henry Street.
- D Shipley, Teal-court, 10-45 and 1-45. Mr. E. H. Coles, 46, Scarboro' Road.
- D Skipton,

COVENTRY DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Coe, 82, Coronation Rd., Coventry.
- District Visitor, Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-st., Queensland-avenue, Coventry.
- G Coventry, Bull-street, Off Hertford-street. 3-0 to 4-30 p.m. Mr. H. Burrows, Ryburn House, Craven-street, Queensland-avenue.
- G Coventry, Broadgate, King's Hall, Vicar Lane (off Smithford St.), 3-0 p.m. Mrs. G. Hutchinson, "Benwell Villa," Bray's Lane, Coventry.
- G Coventry, Lockhurst-lane. 11 a.m. Mr. Parker, 75, Oliver Street, Coventry.
- G Nuneaton, Norman Avenue, 11 a.m. Miss E. Taylor, 40, Deacon St., Nuneaton, Warwick.
- G Rugby, Co-op Chambers, Sheep St., 11 a.m. Miss K. Farrar, 277, Clifton Rd., Rugby, Warwicks.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. T. Ellis, 74, Firth St., Huddersfield.
- District Visitor, Mr. F. Baldwin, 14, Clay St., Hanson Lane, Halifax.
- D Brighouse, Commercial St., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. F. Brook, 30, School View, Church Lane, Lower Edge, Elland.
- D Elland, Westgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45. Mrs. J. C. Riley, 95, Huddersfield Rd., Elland.
- D Halifax, Alma St., 10 and 1-45. Mr. P. Chapman, 47, Grove Ter., Upper Washer lane, King Cross, Halifax.
- D Halifax, Quen's Rd., 10 and 1-30. Mr. G. Anderson, 16, Clay St., Hanson Lane, Halifax.

- D Hebden Bridge, Hope Street, 10-30 and 1-45. R. Mason, 10, Commercial Street.
- D Huddersfield, Ramsden St., 10 a.m. Mrs. E. Seal, 31, Midland St., Hillhouse, Huddersfield.
- D Huddersfield, St. Peter St. 10-30 a.m. Miss D. Bottomley, 9, Rise St., Turnbridge, Huddersfield.
- D Marsden, Oliver Lane. 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. E. Thompson, Beaconsfield Place, Marsden, nr. Huddersfield.
- D Quarmby, Harp Rd., Longwood, 10-30. Mr. H. Baxter, 10, Sunside Terr., Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.
- D Slaithwaite, Hollins Glen, 10-15 a.m. and 1-45. Mr. J. S. Farrington, 1432, Manchester Rd., Slaithwaite, Huddersfield.
- D Sowerby Bridge, Hollins-lane, 9-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. C. E. Sutcliffe, 9, Albert Rd., Sowerby Bridge.
- D West Vale, Green-lane, 2 p.m. Mrs. E. Rawnsley, 29, Green Lane, West Vale, nr. Halifax.

LEEDS COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding, 19, New Row, Thornes, Wakefield.
- District Visitor, Mr. H. Spencer, 21, Pickersgill St., Dewsbury Road, Ossett, Yorks.
- C Batley Carr, Carr Street, 10 and 1-30. Mrs. A. Firth, 28, Cedar Grove, Bradford Road, Batley.
- C Birstall, Batley, Railway Terrace, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. H. M. Gooder, 29, Wensleydale Parade, Batley.
- C Castleford, Lower Oxford St., 10-15 a.m. Mrs. K. Wright, 23, Wood Street, Castleford.
- C Cleckheaton, The Old Robin, 1-45. Mr. T. Brooks, 308, Highfield Buildings, Bradford Road, Littletown.
- C Dewsbury, Wellington Rd., 10 and 1-45. Mr. H. Gregory, 188, Town Green, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury.
- C Heckmondwike, Mrs. S. Roberts, 102, Carlton Road, Stubble Estate, Heckmondwike.
- C Hull, Dairycoates, 9, Eastbourne St., 1-45 p.m. Miss M. James, 64, Beecroft St., St. George's Rd., Hull.
- C Hull, Gipsyville, Co-op. Rooms, Coltham St., 2-30. Mrs. Tozer, 161, Edinburgh St., Hessel Rd., Hull.
- C Hull, Holborn Hall, Holborn St., Witham, 10-30 a.m. Mr. J. A. Buckton, 43, Tadman St., Hull.
- C Leeds, S. Alpha-street. 2-30. Mr. F. Fawcett, 5 Land End Place, Beeston Road, Leeds.
- C Leeds, Armley, Theaker-lane, 2 p.m. Mr. G. Lee, 27, Genoa Rd., Thornhill Rd., Wortley, Leeds.
- C Leeds, Turton's Buildings, Psycho, New York Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. A. Daisley, 21, Weldon Pl., Dewsbury Rd., Leeds.
- C Leeds, 79, Easy Rd., 2-30 p.m. Miss McDonald, 42, Charlton St., East Park Rd., Leeds.
- C Leeds, Horsforth, Scout Hut, Broadgate Lane. 3-15. Mr. D. Long, 44, Broadgate Crescent, Horsforth, Leeds.
- C Leeds, North, Priory Schools, Gathorne-st., 2-30. Mrs. Land, 25, Lower Brunswick Street, off North Street, Leeds.
- C Littleton, Wall St., 2 p.m. Mr. G. Duffield, 11, Westfield Ter., Little Green Lane, Heckmondwike
- C Moorhorpe, Barnsley Rd., 10-30 a.m. and 1-45 p.m. Mr. L. Hall, 2, Walnut St., Westfield Lane, South Emsall, nr. Pontefract.
- C Morley, Cross Church St., 1-45. Mr. G. Clarke, 5, Dryfield Terrace, Churwell, nr. Leeds.
- C Morley, Queen St., 10-30 and 1-45. Mrs. J. Harrison, 10, King St., Morley, Leeds.
- C Normanton, Queen St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. E. Calcutt, 83, Queen Street.
- C Scarborough, Sherwood St., 2 p.m. Mrs. Riley, 15, Harecourt Avenue, Seamer Rd., Scarborough.
- C Wakefield, Kirkgate, over Public Benefit Boot Shop (side entrance), 1-45. Mr. W. Smith, 67, Warren Ave., Porto Bello Estate, Sandal, Wakefield.
- C York, Spen Lane, 10-30 and 1-45. Mr. S. Whitman, 5, Foss Bank, Monkgate, York.

LIVERPOOL COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mrs. E. Clitheroe, 69, Lime St., Wigan.
- District Visitor, Mrs. L. George, 85, Queen's Rd., Everton, Liverpool.
- F Birkenhead, 46, Bridge St., 11 a.m. Mr. Hirst, 3, Cedar St., Birkenhead.
- F Chester, Common Hall St., Mr. C. Hesketh, 6, Goss Street, Chester.
- F Liverpool, Daulby St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. Raymond, 20, Morningside Rd., Bootle, Liverpool.
- F Liverpool, Boaler St., 3 p.m. Mrs. L. George, 85, Queen's Road, Everton, Liverpool.
- F Rock Ferry, Spencer Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Chisholm, 108, Canterbury Rd., Rock Ferry.
- F Runcorn, Ashridge St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. C. L. Cohen, 103, Greenway Road, Runcorn, Cheshire.
- F Southport, 10-30. Mr. F. Newsham, 6, Victoria St., Southport.

- F St. Helens, Charles St., 10-30. Mr. W. Chesworth, 2, Doulton St., St. Helens.
- F Warrington, Academy St., 1-45 p.m. Mr. A. Boyd, 71, West St., Warrington.
- F Wigan, Millgate Hall, Millgate, 10 a.m. and 1-45 Miss E. D. Bachus, 51, Thicknesse Avenue, Beech Hill, Wigan.
- F Crewe, Mill St., 10-30. Mrs. J. P. Brown, 90, Mill Street, Crewe.

THE LONDON COUNCIL DISTRICT:

- Secretary, Mr. E. E. Young, 25, Mallet Rd., Hither Green, Lewisham, S.E.13.
- District Visitor, Mr. F. J. Miles, 7, Cambridge Road, Teddington, Mdx.
- H Brixton, 143a, Stockwell Park Rd., S.W.9. 3 p.m. Mr. F. B. Cross, 10, Somerleyton Road, Brixton, S.W.9.
- H London, Battersea, 3-0. Mr. S. Williams, 91, Fernside Rd., Balham, London, S.W.12.
- H London, Bowes Park, Princes Hall, Green Lanes, Palmers Green, N.13. 3 p.m. Mrs. K. M. Stroude, 28, New River Crescent, Palmers Green, N.13.
- H London, Chatham, Queen's Hall, Military Road, 3 p.m. Miss E. Taylor, 34, Kingswood Rd., Gillingham, Kent.
- H London, Clapham, St. Luke's Rd., S.W.4. 3 p.m. Miss P. Lewis, 124, Coldharbour Lane, London, S.E.5.
- H London, Croydon, "The New Gallery," Katharine Street, Croydon, 3 p.m. Mr. F. Newton, 36, Dundee Rd., South Norwood, Surrey.
- H London, Eltham, Mr. J. P. T. Calway, 13, Elm-brook St., Eltham, S.E.9.
- H London, Fulham, S.W.12, Lettice St., Munster Rd., 3 p.m. Mr. F. R. Abbott, 22, Edenvale St., Fulham, S.W.6.
- H London, Forest Hill, Beadnall-road, 3p.m. Miss A. Payne, 29, Beadnall-road, Forest Hill, S.E.
- H London, Hackney, Amhurst Rd., 3-0. Mrs. M. Hester, 128, Church Rd., Canonbury, London, N.1.
- H Hampton Hill, Middlesex, High Street, 3 p.m. Mr. A. Simmons, 42, Connaught Rd., Teddington, Middlesex.
- H London, Lewisham, Lime Hall, Lime Grove, 3-0 p.m. Mr. E. R. Last, 91, Brookbank Rd., Lewisham, S.E.
- H London, N. London, Grovedale Rd., 3 p.m. Miss N. C. Whorley, "Westcliff," Bramber Road, North Finchley, N.12.
- H London, Kingston-on-Thames, Bishop's Hall, Thames St., 3 p.m. Miss E. F. Ashley, 21, Chesham Rd., Norbiton, Surrey.
- H London, Peckham, Lausanne Rd., 3 p.m. Mrs. F. Franklin, 8, Edith Rd., Peckham, S.E.15.
- H London, Plaistow, Braemar Rd., E.13., 3 p.m. Miss J. E. Paintrey, 39, Desford Rd., Canning Town, E.16.
- H Little Iford, Third Avenue Church St., Manor Park, 3 p.m. Miss I. Page, 21, Shelley Avenue, Manor Park, London, E.12.s
- H London, E., Manor Park, Shrewbury Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mrs. E. M. Marmoy, 30, Ashley Rd., Forest Gate, E.7.
- H London, Romford, Homeville, Brookland Rd., 3 p.m. Mr. A. J. Langhorn, 98, Pretoria Rd., Romford, Essex.
- H London, Stratford, Idminton Road, Miss E. Connor, 19, Oakhurst Rd., Forest Gate, E.7.
- H London Surbiton, South Bank 11-15 a.m. Miss E. Coward, 55, Tolworth Park Rd., Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.
- H London, Tottenham, 684, High Rd., 3-0 p.m. Mr. W. H. Markham, 226, Victoria-rd., nr. Edmon-ton, N.9.
- H London, Walthamstow, 3 p.m. Mr. H. Heighton, 19, Waterloo Rd., Leyton, Essex.
- N London, Woolwich and Plumstead, Perseverance Hall, Villas Road, Plumstead, 3-0 Mr. H. Watthey, 4, Richmond Pl., Plumstead, S.E.18.
- H Southend and Westcliff, Westboro' Rd., West-cliff-on-sea; 3 p.m. Mr. F. B. S. Kemp, 383A, London Rd., Westcliff-on-Sea.

MANCHESTER COUNCIL DISTRICT.

- Secretary, Mr G A Dixon, 31, Royd St., C. on M., Manchester
- District Visitor, Miss G. Ashton 71, Hulme Hall Lane, Miles Platting, Manchester.
- F Hollinwood, Byrom St., 10-30. Miss L. Ball, 38, Vicarage St., Hollinwood, nr. Oldham.
- F Manchester, Progressive, 38, Maskell St., 10-30 a.m. Miss E. Jackson, 62, Bount St., Rusholme, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Halliwell St., Cheetham Hill, 10-30. Mrs. Gershon, 36, Anne St., Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

- F Manchester, Collyhurst, Oldham Rd., 10-30 a.m. A. W. Mellor, 54, Leaf St., Hulme, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Eccles (Milton), Booth St., 11 a.m. Mr. J. Haynes, 34, Green Lane, Patricroft, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Durham St., Market St., Droylesden. 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Ellis, 12, Neville St., Openshaw, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Harpurhey, 24, Sharston St., 10-30 and 2-30. Mrs. M. E. Gibson, 10, Mora St., Moston, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Hr. Openshaw, 141, Old Lane, 2-30 p.m. Mr. S. Molineux, 14, Amy St., Openshaw.
- F Manchester, Lower Broughton, Clarence St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. C. Day, 1, Waterloo Place, off King Street, Salford, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Longsight, Shepley St., 2-30. Miss P. Owen, 7, Birchfields Rd., Longsight, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Moston, Church Lane, 10-30. Mr. A. T. Smith, 18, Conran St., Harpurhey, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Newton Heath, Allen St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Taylor, 1, Willow St., Oldham Rd., Fallsworth.
- F Manchester, Openshaw, 915, Ashton Old Rd., 2-30. Mr. H. Bradley, 43, Lees St., Hr. Openshaw, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Pendleton, Palatine Club, Police St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. H. Greenwood, 29, Dorothy St., Frederick Rd., Broughton, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Salford (Central), West High St., off Cross Lane, 10-30 & 2-15. Miss Goldstraw, 56, Carlton St., Eccles New Rd., Weaste M'chr.
- F Manchester, South: Princess Rd., 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. C. Robinson, 17, Heywood Street, Moss Side, Manchester.
- F Manchester, Stretford, Watson St., 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. Arnold, 65, King St., Stretford, Manchester.
- F New Manchester, Brunswick Chambers, 65, Brunswick St., C-on-M., 10-30. Mr. J. W. Arstall, 20, Siddington Ave., Withington, Manchester.
- F Northwich, Co-op. Hall, Station Rd. 1-45 p.m. Mr. S. H. Southern, 159, Middlewich Rd., Northwich.

NORTH-EAST GESHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Miss E. Joules, 66, Wellington Rd., South, Stockport.

District Visitor, Mr. A. Bowden, 202, Dukinfield Rd., Hyde.

- F Ashton-under-Lyne, Burlington St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. A. Booth, 6, West St., Dukinfield.
- F Denton, Central, Market St., 10-30. Mr. A. Booth, jr., 9, Bye St., Audenshaw.
- F Heaton Norris, Baker St., 10-30 & 2-15 p.m. Miss D. Pickering, 117, Short St., Heaton Norris.
- F Hyde, Clarendon St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. N. Cartwright, 5, Arthur St., Hyde, Cheshire.
- F Leek, 10-30. Mr. W. Greenwood, 40, Inkerman Terrace, Abbey Green Road, Leek, Staffs.
- F Macclesfield, Cumberland St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. H. Rushton, Rose Cottage, Upton, Macclesfield.
- F Stockport, Central, 15b, Lord St., 10-15 and 2 Mrs. Springate, 52, Petersburg Rd., Edgeley, Stockport.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT
Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, 8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Darwen.

District Visitor:—
Northern Section: Miss M. E. Lawton, 14, Park Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness.
Southern Section: Mr. R. Latham, 173, Colne Road, Burnley.

- E Accrington, Argyle St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. F. Taylor, 38, Plantation St., Accrington.
- E Accrington, Pearl St., 10-30 a.m. Miss H. Swift, 9, Worsley St., Oswaldtwistle, nr. Accrington.
- E Barnoldswick, Albert Hall, 10-30. Mrs. Whittaker, 100, York Street, Barnoldswick.
- E Barrowford, Lee St., 10 a.m. Miss A. Broughton, 16, Gisburn Rd., Barrowford.
- E Blackburn, St. Peter St., Session 9-30, Liberty Group, 2 p.m. Mr. Wood, 23, Helen Street, Blackburn.
- E Blackpool, Albert Rd., 9-15 a.m. & 1-45. Mrs. L. Nurse, 33 London Rd., Newton Drive, Blackpool.
- E Brierfield, John St., 2-0 p.m. Mr. T. Wane, 70, Berkeley St., Nelson.
- E Burnley, Hammerton St., 10 a.m. Mr. R. Boys, 20, Cedar Street, Burnley.
- E Burnley, North St., 10 a.m. Mrs. B. Laycock, Renshaw St., Burnley.
- E Clitheroe, Rechabites Hall, Greenacre St., 10 a.m. Mr. C. Hargreaves, 3, Bright St., Clitheroe, Lancs.
- E Colne, Spring Lane, 10 a.m. Mr. T. Hargreaves, 56, Church Meadows, Colne.
- E Darwen, Victoria St., 9-30 and 1-45. Miss Holliday, 25, Victoria St., Darwen.
- E Earby, Greenwood Avenue, 10-15 and 1-45. Miss B. Smith, 3, John St., Earby, nr. Colne.

- E Fleetwood, Oak St., 10-30 a.m. and 12-30. Mrs. E. K. Firth, 31, Burns Road, Fleetwood.
- E Great Harwood, Mercer St., 10-30 a.m. Miss C. Waterhouse, 74, Park Rd., Gt. Harwood.
- E Morecambe, Market St., 1-30 p.m. Mrs. Wadson, Netherleigh, 19, Euston Grove, Morecambe.
- E Nelson, Vernon St., 10 a.m. Mr. G. Haythornthwaite, 9, Hartley St., Nelson.
- E Padiham, Ightenhill St., 1-30 p.m. Mr. W. T. Uttley, 154, Railway Terrace, Padiham.
- E Preston, Central, Moor Lane, 10-30 a.m. Mr. R. Tallon, 39, Victoria St., Preston.
- E Rawtenstall, Bg. Ormerod St., 10-30 Mrs. Sann, 6, St. Mary's Pl., Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancs.
- E Rishton, Eachill Rd., 10-30 a.m. Mr. F. Matthews, 27, Spring St., Rishton.
- E Barrow-in-Furness, 165, Dalton Rd., entrance, 2nd door, Preston St., 2-0 p.m. Mrs. L. Brown, 49, Harrison St.
- E Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith St., 10-30 and 2 p.m. Mr. J. Fullard, 38, Monk St.
- E Lancaster, Gt. J. Street, 10-30. Mr. E. Thompson, 6, Davidson St., Lancaster.
- E Lancaster, Alliance, Collegian Rooms, Gage St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. R. Askew, 155, Maine St., Skerton, Lancaster.

NOTTINGHAM COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Miss Victoria G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.

District Visitor, Miss Carr, 53, Nesbitt St., Sutton in Ashfield.

- G Belper, Jubilee Hall, 10 and 2. Mr. J. H. Hawkins, Brookside.
- G Beeston, Notts., Fletcher Yd., Fletcher Rd. 10 & 2, Mr. Shaw, 24, Windsor Road.
- G Derby, Charnwood St., 10-45 & 2. Miss F. Heapy, 44, Grove St., Derby.
- G Eastwood, Co-op Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-30. Mr. T. Walker, 86, Walker St., Eastwood.
- G Hucknall, Wesleyan Chapel Yard, Watnall Rd., 10-30; 1-45. Miss B. Leverton, 34, Florence St., Hazel Grove, Hucknall.
- G Leicester, Liberty Progressive, Southampton Street, 3 p.m. Mr. S. J. C. Wheatley, 162, Belper St., Leicester.
- G Leicester, Marston St., 3. Mr. A. Greenhalgh, 96, Green Lane Rd.
- G Leicester, Rupert St., Lecture Hall, 11-0 a.m. Mr. John Wicks, 16, Curzon Street.
- G Leicester, Silver St., Queen's Hall, 2-45 p.m. Mr. L. Underwood, 77, Noble St., Leicester.
- G Lincoln, Midland Hall, Mr. C. Crane, 1, Lytton St., Cannon St., Lincoln.
- G Lincoln, Progressive Hall, Coutham St., 10-30 a.m. Mrs. N. Willey, 10, Waterside South, Lincoln.
- G Long Eaton, Chapel St., 10-30 & 1-45 Mr. J. Waterfall, 11, High St., Long Eaton, Notts.
- G Mansfield, Dallas St., 10-45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. L. Harrison, 21, Hospital Terrace, Mansfield, Notts.
- G Nottingham, Hawarden Terrace, Gregory Bvd., 11 & 2-0 p.m. Miss J. H. Marvin, 385, Berridge Road, C., Nottingham.
- G Nottingham (Mechanics' Minor Hall), North Church St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. O. Peel, 8, Briar St., Meadows.
- G Nottingham, Sherwood St. North, 2-30. Mr. A. W. Shipley, 4, Greenfield St., Dunkirk, Nottingham.
- G Nottingham, Hyson Green, Beaconsfield St., 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. Harrison, 50, Eland St., New Basford, Nottingham.
- G Nottingham, Pearson's Buildings, 10-45. Mr. J. Rose, 13, Henry Rd., off Millicent Rd., West Bridgford, Nottingham.
- G Sutton-in-Ashfield, Twitchell, 10-30 & 2. Mr. Reynolds, 11A, Low Moor Rd., East Kirby, Notts.
- G Ripley, Co-op. Hall, Crossley St., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Mr. E. Hutchinson, Grosvenor Rd., Ripley, Derbyshire.
- G Ripley, Codnor & Dist., Victory Hall, Nottingham Rd., 2-0 p.m. Mr. J. E. Eyre, Derby Road, Marchay, Derbyshire.

THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. J. M. Scott, 32, Elm St., Logie, Dundee.

District Visitor, Mr. C. Rankine, 775, Dumbarton Rd., Dalmuir West, Glasgow.

- A Dalmuir, Broadway Halls, 368, Dumbarton Rd., 1-30 p.m. Mr. J. Hendry, 6, Swindon St., Dalmuir, Glasgow.
- A Dundee, Rattray St., 12-45. Miss N. W. Clarke, 1, Canning St.
- A Edinburgh, E.A.S. Church, 9, Gayfield Square, Edinburgh, 1 p.m. Miss P. Lawrence, c/o E. A. S. Church, 9, Gayfield Sq., Edinburgh.
- A Edinburgh, Miss M. Hunter, 62, Duke Street, Leith.

- A Glasgow, 365, Govan Rd., 12-30 p.m. Mr. J. Shaw, 115, Smith St., Govanhill, Glasgow, S.2.
- A Glasgow, 4, Henrietta St., 12-30 p.m. Miss E. McMeeking, 766, Shettleston Rd., Shettleston, Glasgow.
- A Glasgow, 100, West Regent-st., 1-30 p.m. Mrs. E. Hastie, 46, Queenshill St., Springburn, Glasgow.
- A Glasgow, Northern, 918, Maryhill Rd., 1-0. Miss R. Arnott, 8, Caithness St., C.A., Glasgow.
- A Glasgow, Southern, 14, Weir St., off Paisley Rd., 11-30. Mrs. A. McAlister, 109, MacLean St., Plantation, Glasgow.
- A Rosyth, Mrs. Egan, 136, Middlebank St., Rosyth, Dunfermline, Fife.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Secretary, Mr. H. Heath, 17, Station Rd., Brimington, nr. Chesterfield.

District Visitor, Miss M. Jones, 29, Bradford St., Attercliffe, Sheffield.

- C Barnsley, North Pavement, Mr. H. Lucas, 71, Honeywell St., Barnsley, Yorks.
- C Barnsley, Grace St., 2 p.m. Mr. J. Woodcock, Staincross Hill Top, Staincross, Barnsley.
- C Chesterfield, Old Falcon Assembly Rooms, 10-30 Mr. J. J. Hobster, 32, Holme-rd., Stonegravel.
- C Doncaster, King's Arcade, 1-30 p.m. Mr. F. Cross, 155, Balby Rd.
- C Doncaster, Catharine St., 10-30 & 2. Mrs. S. C. Webb, 65, Elmfield Rd., Doncaster.
- C Mexborough, Lee's Arcade, 10-45 & 2 Miss E. Gamble, 34, Schofield St., Mexboro'.
- C Rotherham, Percy-street, 2 p.m. Mrs. C. J. Davies, 7, Doncaster Rd., Dalton, Rotherham.
- C Scunthorpe I. L. P. Halls, Home-st., 2-0 p.m. Miss E. Bainborough, 28, Gervase-st.
- C Sheffield, Bold-st., Bradford-st., Attercliffe Common 10 a.m. and 2-30. Mr. E. Johnson, 65, Sides Well Rd., Firth Park, Sheffield.
- C Sheffield, Darnall, Shirland Ln., 10-30 and 2-0. Mr. R. Jackson, 8, Stovin Terrace, Darnall, Sheffield.
- C Sheffield, Heeley, 44, Gifford-road, 2-30. Mr. A. Truelove, 48, St. Barnabas Rd., Highfields, Sheffield.
- C Stainforth, Finkle St., 10-15; 1-45. Mrs. Ormesher, Church St., Fish Lake, nr. Doncaster.
- C West Melton, nr Rotherham, Adult School, Town End, Wash, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Darby, 34, York St., West Melton, nr. Rotherham.
- C Wombwell, Melville St., 10-30 & 2-0. Mrs. T. W. Birkett, Hydesville, Sumner Lane, Wombwell.
- C Parkgate, Ashwood-road, 2 p.m. Mr. J. Morris, jr., 28, Middle Avenue, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. H. C. Guy, Fern Villa, Avenue Rd., Brockenhurst, Hants.

District Visitor, Miss A. L. Scoggins, 3, Upper Hollingdean Rd., Brighton, Sussex.

- H Brighton, Mighell-st., Hall, 3-0 p.m. Mr. H. J. Everett, 84, King's Rd., Brighton.
- H Devonport, Ferry Hall, Mr. H. Holroyd, 2, St. Levan Rd., Devonport, Plymouth.
- H Exeter, Market Hall, 10-45 a.m. Mr. H. A. Grainger, Manoad, 23, Clifton Hill.
- H Portsmouth, 73, Victoria-rd., Southsea, 3 p.m. Miss L. Paget, 31, Teddington Rd., Milton, Southsea, Portsmouth.
- H Reading, Bell St. Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. J. Jackson, 237, Wykeham Rd., Reading.
- H Southampton, Cavendish-grove, The Avenue, 3 p.m. Mr. E. W. Long, 111, Firgrove Rd., Southampton.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE COUNCIL DISTRICT

Secretary, Mr. H. Greaves, 78, Newchurch Road, Bacup, Lancs.

District Visitor, Mr. H. Buckley, 211, Oldham Road, Longsight, Royton, nr. Oldham.

- F Bacup, Christ Church-st., Todmorden-rd., 10-15a.m. Mr. B. Lord, 18, Greenend St., Bacup, Lancs.
- F Dearnley, Rochdale-rd., 15 a.m. Mrs. E. Hoyle, 4, Fielden St., Smithy Bridge, nr. Rochdale.
- F Heywood, William-st., 10 a.m. Mr. Marcroft, 6, Back High-street.
- F Heywood, B.M.U., Manchester St. Mr. E. Shipley, 63, Aspinall St., Heywood, Lancs.
- F Middleton, Gilmour-st., 10-30 a.m. Mr. John Liddle, 108, Higher Townley-st., nr. Manchester.
- F Oldham, Elliott-st., 10-30 a.m. & 2-15 p.m. Mr. M. Harper, 109, Glodwick Rd., Oldham.
- F Oldham, Waterhead, Equitable St., 10-30. Miss M. Aspinall, Littlemoor Lane, Oldham.

- F **Rochdale**, Baillie St., 10-30 a.m. Mr. W. Dewhurst, 7, Chestnut Place, Entwistle Rd., Rochdale.
- F **Rochdale**, Penn-st., 10 & 2. Mr. T. Dixon 183, Whitehall Street, Rochdale.
- F **Rochdale**, Regent St., 10 a.m. & 2. Miss D. Richards, 29, Lichfield Terrace, Turf Hill Estate, Rochdale.
- F **Royton**, Whittaker St., 10-30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Mr. G. A. Manning, 80, Spring Garden St., Royton, nr. Oldham.
- F **Todmorden**, Roomfield Buildings, Halifax-road, 10 and 1-30. Miss M. A. Sutcliffe, 1, Back Lum-butts Road, Todmorden.
- Todmorden**, Eagle St. Mr. R. Boothman, 2, Broad St., Harley Bank, Todmorden.

SOUTH WALES LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- G **Barry**, Buttrills Rd., 2-30. Mr. S. G. Havard, 46, Dyfan Rd., Barry Dock, S. Wales.
- G **Caerau**, 2-30. Mr. E. Jones, 28, Treharne Rd., Caerau, nr. Bridgend, S. Wales.
- G **Cardiff**, Central. Mr. S. Buttle, 13, Cumrae St., Splott, Cardiff.
- G **Cardiff**, First, 18, Park Grove, 2-45. Mr. J. H. Lemmer, 217, Mackintosh Place, Roath Park, Cardiff.
- G **Newport**, Albany Hall, 3 p.m. Mr. A. C. Lewis, 47, Coldra Rd., Newport, Mon., S. Wales.
- G **Newport**, Charles St., 3 p.m. Mrs. H. Gamlin, 86, Raglan St., Newport, Mon., S. Wales.
- G **Tredegarr**, Workmen's Hall, 3 p.m. Mrs. E. Richards, 11, George St., Tredegarr, Mon.
- G **Ystrad**, 2-30. Mr. E. S. Carpenter, 17, Wyndham St., Gelli, Ton Pentri, Glam.

THE TEES-SIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT:

- Secretary**, Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell-st., Stockton-on-Tees.
- District Visitor**, Mr. Foster, Gurney Valley.
- B **Bishop Auckland**, William St., 2-45 p.m. Mr. A. G. Summers, 18, Paddy's Row, Eldon Lane, Bp. Auckland, Co. Durham.
- B **Darlington**, Talbotts Yard, 2 p.m. Mrs. A. Joplin, 23, Green St., Darlington.
- B **Darlington**, Elmfield Estate, Northgate, 2-30. Mrs. Arrowsmith, 47, Salisbury Terr., Darlington, Co. Durham.
- B **Darlington**, Witton Park, 2-30. Mrs. E. Meek, 10, High Albion Street, Witton Park.
- B **Grangetown**, Pochin Rd., 2. Mr. E. Nellist, 2, Lobster Rd., Coatham, Redcar, Yorks.
- B **Gurney Valley**, 2 p.m. Mrs. James, 85, Gurney Valley, nr. Bishop Auckland.
- B **Horden**, Miner's Hall, 2-30. Mrs. Foster, 11, Black-hills Terrace, Horden, Co. Durham.
- B **Middlesbrough**, 57, Grange Rd., West, 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. Gills, 11, Spring St., Middlesbrough.
- B **Middlesbrough**, United, Wilson St., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Massey, 423, Newport Rd. (Back), Middlesbrough.
- B **Shildon**, Fryers St., Temperance Hall, 2-15. Mr. J. C. Johnson, 4, Pickering's Place, Shildon Co. Durham.
- B **New Shildon**, Newlands av., 2 p.m., Mr. J. Sunter, 14, West Road, Shildon, Co. Durham.

- B **Stockton-on-Tees**, Cecil-st., 2-30 p.m. Mr. G. A. Atkinson, 1, Haswell St.
- B **Stockton-on-Tees**, New Brunswick-st., 2-30. Mr. S. Williams, 70, Hume St., Stockton-on-Tees.
- B **West Hartlepool**, 3, Charles-st., 1-45 p.m. Mr. J. Robbie, 8, Raby Square, West Hartlepool.
- B **West Hartlepool**, Musgrave St., Mr. E. Platts, 1, Princess St., Hartlepool.

THE TYNESIDE LYCEUM DISTRICT.

- Secretary**, Mr. G. P. Robson, 51, Bamborough Terr., North Shields, Northumberland.
- District Visitor**, Mr. W. Hall, 10, Curzon-st., Gateshead.
- B **Blyth**, 5, Regent St., 2-30. Miss M. Thompson, 31, Delaval Terrace, Blyth.
- B **Craghead**, Council School, 2-30. Mr. J. Taylor, 11, Sinkers Huts, Craghead, S.O.
- B **Dawdon**, Louisville Hut. Mrs. I. Smith, 62, Marlborough St., Seaham Harbour, Co. Durham.
- B **Gateshead**, Liberal Club Hall, 108, High West St. 2-30 p.m. Miss I. Graham, 85, Inskip Terrace, Gateshead-on-Tyne.
- B **Gateshead**, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Pl., 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Mather, 47, Claremont North Ave.
- B **Hetton and District**, 2-30 p.m. Mr. E. Reay, 43, Caroline-st., Hetton-le Hole.
- B **Hirst**, Spiritual Church, Milburn St., Ashington, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Stafford, 53, Myrtle-st., Ashington, Northumberland.
- B **Houghton-le Spring**, Miner's Hall, Robinson St., 2-30. Mrs. E. Campbell, 37, Quarry Row, Houghton-le-Spring.
- B **Jarrow**, Market-sq., 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Dunn, 46, Raglin St., Jarrow-on-Tyne.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Benwell Co-op. Hall, 2-30. Mr. T. McCallum, 18, Dene View, So. Benwell Rd, Newcastle.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Heaton and Byker, Tossion Terrace, Heaton, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. R. Hunter, 34, Tossion Terrace, Heaton.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, Wallsend. Miss M. Davidson, 17, Briarwood Crescent, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- B **Newcastle-on-Tyne**, 4, Blandford Street, 2-30. Mr. G. Wilkins, 13, Brougham Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- B **New Delaval and Newsham**, Infants' School-room, 2-30. Miss M. Brewis, 68, New Row, New Delaval, Newsham, Northumberland.
- B **North Shields**, Rippon Hall, 42, Stanley-st., W. 2-30. Mrs. G. J. Robson, 51, Bamboro' Terr.
- B **South Shields**, Cambridge St., 2-30. Miss C. Stoker, 5, Morton St., South Shields.
- B **South Shields**, Fowler-st., 2-30. Mr. R. Smith, 63, Hedley St.
- B **South Shields**, High Shields, 2-30 p.m. Mr. T. Slessor, 16, Laburnum Grove, Cleddon, S. Shields.
- B **Southwick-on-Wear**, Clockwell St. 2-30 p.m. Mrs. Leith, 28, Bond St., Southwick Rd., Sunderland.

- B **Sunderland**, 21, Derwent St., 2-40 p.m. Mr. A. Moore, 46, Scruton Avenue, Humbleton Estate, Sunderland.
- B **Sunderland**, Victory, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. M. Graham, 62, Peacock St., West, Sunderland.
- B **West Pelton**, Iron Schools, 2-30 p.m. Mrs. G. Dryden, 131, J. R. Mole, St., Perkinsville, Co. Durham.
- B **West Stanley**, 3 p.m. Mrs. F. E. Henderson, 14, Palmer-st., West Stanley.
- B **Whitley Bay**, 212, Whitley Rd., 2-30. Mrs. M. Hall, 17, Cambridge Avenue, Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

Area Lyceums.

- G **Grimsby**, Kent-rd., 10-30 & 2 p.m. Mr. P. Stan-ham, 40, Clyde St., Grimsby.
- G **Hanley**, Percy St., 2-0 p.m. Mr. H. Marland, "California," Brookhouse Lane, Bucknall. Stoke-on-Trent.
- G **Northampton**, Ga. Newland, 10-45. Mr. Earl, 19, Salisbury St., Northampton.
- G **Tunstall**, Piccadilly St., 10-0 and 2-0 p.m. Mrs. L. Smith, 19, Trubshawe St., Longport, Stoke-on-Trent

Oversea Lyceums.

- Adelaide**, Tower Court, Victoria Sq., 3-0 p.m. Mr. A. J. Polson, 15, Little Gilbert St., Adelaide, S. Australia
- Calgary**, 1st Spiritualist Church, 7th Avenue and 3rd St., E. 2-30 p.m. Mr. W. A. Garrad, 2508, First St., E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- Dunedin**, N.Z., Smith's Hall, Hanover St., 2-30 p.m. Miss R. Burgess, c/o Mrs. Green, Cumberland St., Dunedin North, New Zealand
- East Hamilton**, Ont., Canada, Balmoral Avenue, 2-30. Mr. A. H. Pickles, 297, Ottawa St., N. Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
- Johannesburg**, 11 a.m. Jeppe St., Mr. A. E. Hart, 27, High Ave., Bezuidenhuit Valley, North Johannesburg.
- Melbourne**, Oddfellows Hall, Corner Russell & Victoria Streets. Mr. C. Chatfield, 155, Peel St., Windsor, Victoria, Australia.
- Sydney**, Leigh House, 232, Castlereagh St., 2-15. Mrs. E. Morrell, Leigh House, 233, Castlereagh St., Sydney, Australia.
- Toronto** Progressive Lyceum Spiritualist Society, 1087, Queen St., W. Toronto, 2-0 p.m. Mr. E. Richardson, 13, Fermanagh Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada.
- Vancouver**. Corner Hamilton & Purder St. Mr. R. E. Gunn, 7680, Heather St., Vancouver, BC
- Wellington**, N.Z. Kent Terrace, 2-30. Mr. S. Harris.
- Wellington**, Cambridge Avenue. Mr. H. Bowles, 13, Myrtle Crescent, Wellington, New Zealand. x.
- Winnipeg**, Polson Avenue, 2-30 p.m. Mr. J. Kno 275, St. Cross St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On Jan. 1st we held our Open Session. I am sorry to say our Conductor, Mrs. Ennion, was unable to be with us, owing to sickness. Mrs. Edwards conducted the Session. Marching and callisthenics were well done. We had a good number of pearls and recitations. At the 6-30 meeting Mr. J. H. Marston presided. Mr. Pilkington, Mrs. Edwards, and Miss Joules conducted the service. We also had a good soloist, Miss Lily Bailey, who sang "Into Thy Hands" and "Abide with Me." Mrs. Sanderson conducted the 8 p.m. service. Our best thanks are due to all for their labour.—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Heaton Norris.—On Jan. 8th we held our Open Session conducted by Mr. Downs, our new Conductor. The attendance was good. Pearls and recitations were also good. A very nice Session.

The Evening Service was conducted by Mrs. Moul, supported by the Lyceumists. Duet by Mrs. Moul and Miss L. Craig, also a trio by three of our younger Lyceumists.—Miss Doris Pickering, Sec.

TUNSTALL.—Our Annual Tea was held on Saturday, Dec. 31st, when 126 sat down to a knife and fork tea, provided by the Church Choir out of the funds raised by Christmas Singing. After an enjoyable repast all were then prepared to enjoy songs, and recitations. Artists: The Misses Slyn, Jones, Hollinshead, Mr. Gordon, Smith, Lovatt, Adams, Slyn. But a great surprise awaited the children. We received a telegram from Santa Claus, saying he would be with us at 8 o'clock. The excitement was great. Presents were given to all Lyceumists up to 14 years, and Santa Claus in his kindness had not forgotten the little ones of our visitors. We were then favoured with a song from Santa, and we began to think it was all a dream;

but when Mr. Gordon, our Conductor, presented him with Felix the Cat, we knew he had really been to Tunstall. The church was beautifully decorated with streamers, etc., which added both beauty and colour to our gathering. After enjoying a few games our gathering came to a happy close, when all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."—Mrs. L. Smith, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Musgrave St.—On Dec. 20th our Lyceum held their Christmas Treat. The hall was nicely decorated. There was a large tree which was beautifully decorated and laden with presents. Every member, young and old, received a present from Father Christmas. After a very busy evening everyone went away tired but very happy.—E. Platts, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—we held our Open Session on Jan. 1st. We had a fairly good turnout. We had with us Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown and family, from Grand Forks, U.S.A., and Mrs. Sharpe from Moose Jaw. Mr. Brown and Mrs. Sharpe are both old Lyceumists, and I am sure we were very glad to have them with us during the festive season.

Pearls, songs, recitations, and pianoforte solos were rendered by the following—Daisy Knox, Arthur Redmond, Sylvia Parkinson, Edna Brown, Verna McLeod, Ella Crawley, Mrs. Knox, Irene Turner, Mrs. Parkinson, Hazel Dale, Harry Towns, and Harry Forrest. Quartette.—Messrs. Forrest and Chadwick, Misses Brown and McLeod. Solo by Mrs. Parkinson.

The Lyceum held their Annual Christmas Tree on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. All the children had gifts given from the tree. We all spent a most enjoyable evening playing games with the children, and a little dancing for the adults. We wish all the overseas Lyceums a happy New Year.—J. Knox, Sec.