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PRICE TWOPENCE.

THE DREAM.

Sleep and forget; 'tis not the fate
Of all who seek their rest,
To enter in the morpheus state,
By tired nature blest.

For many a brooding mind is tossed
With troubles of the day;
There's no repose when life is crossed,
And sleep is far away.

'Tis not of these our thoughts shall write,
But of the minds asleep,
Who wander in the nocturne flight,
And fathom dream's vast deep.

What world is this the mind has found?
Science cannot explain:
It comes in nightly vision, round
From the sleep-state's domain.

Will o' the wisp, a phantom clue
Is all that we can find,
To give what absurd men imbue
Vagaries of the mind.

To sleep, and then purchase to dream,
The chance, that comes by night,
Of prophecy may bring a beam
Of intellect to light.

An intellect that waking days
Can never half reveal;
Perhaps it is subconscious ways
The dream-state will unseal.

And yet the dream may truth unfold,
In what the dreamer saw,
Prepare a message to the bold,
Of undiscovered law.

The mystery will still remain
Within the mind of man,
Till he can soar the psychic plane,
And mental visions scan.

Yet, some just cause we know exists
And we may have the gleam,
Or reach the source, if man persists,
To understand the dream.

G.F.K.

THE B.S.L.U. ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

We are very pleased to announce the Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council have invited the B.S.L.U. to hold the 1928 Annual Conference in Manchester on Whit-Sunday and the Saturday prior, May 26th and 27th.

Mr. J. E. Hart, M.I.P.S., 47, Fairlawn St., Moss Side, Manchester, has been appointed the Billet Secretary.

The Forms for the applications of delegates will be issued in March. Full particulars of the Conference, etc., will be circulated to the Secretaries of all affiliated Lyceums.

Nearly half the Lyceums in the Union have appointed new Secretaries. A Secretary's Guide has been sent to each new Secretary and all are requested to read the Guide and keep the dates for official returns in their minds to save any dis-appointment.

Any Lyceum Secretary can have a copy of the Guide on application to the General Secretary,

G. F. KNOTT,
20, Toad Lane, Rochdale.

LYCEUM ANNUAL FEES.

Lyceums who have not paid the Annual Fees are requested to do so as quickly as possible. The rights of membership ceases if the Annual Fees are not paid before March 1st. Non-payment will prevent Lyceums taking part in the Area Elections for seats on the Management Committee of the Union.

The Lyceums who have not paid the Fees will be send a second copy of the Statistical Form with a request for payment.

THE NOMINATION OF B.S.L.U. OFFICERS, AUDITOR, AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES.

Lyceum Secretaries are requested to note that all nominations for the Officers of the Union for 1928-9 (to be elected at the Annual Conferences) and nominations for Area Representatives in the various Areas, must be accompanied by the written consent of the person nominated.

The nominated person must declare he (or she) has fulfilled the necessary qualifications which are outlined on the Nomination Form.

G. F. KNOTT, General Secretary.

ROTA VISITS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The M.C. have received invitations from Attercliffe Lyceum (to fill a vancancy) for the M.C. meeting on April 14th and 15th. London D.C. have invited the M.C. for their meeting, on July 14th and 15th.

Manchester and Salford L.D.C. have sent an invitation for the meeting on October 13th and 14th.

The M.C. express their grateful pleasure to those Districts for the cordial invitations and the loyal assistance to the Union.

Very congenial and useful meetings have been a splendid feature of all the M.C. meetings since the institution of the Rota Scheme. The M.C. have recorded great appreciation of the success. We are now in a position to solicit the invitations for 1929 and that will give Lyceums a better chance of obtaining the consent of the Churches for the loan of the buildings before speakers are booked.

A DIARY OF EVENTS.

The Editor is prepared to insert a Diary of Events in the BANNER at a charge of 6d. for each nine or part of nine words. Secretaries sending the items for the Diary should state:—

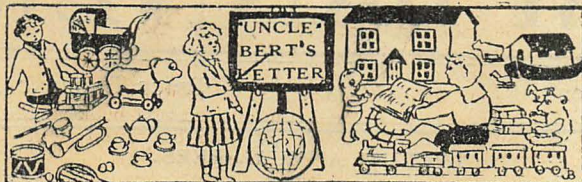
1. Name and address of Lyceum.
2. Nature of the event.
3. Date and time.
4. Price of admission (if a charge is made).
5. Any other particulars.

Many Lyceums in populous districts where other adjacent Lyceums are situated would gain more personal attendance and financial assistance if Lyceums advertised their special events which take place any time within six weeks after the monthly issue of the BANNER. This method would help the Lyceums and also assist the BANNER, which is published as the organ of the movement to assist the Lyceums, spread our news, and keep a definite link between all the Lyceums in the B.S.L.U. It is the largest Spiritualist journal in Great Britain and contains 27,000 words per issue.

Send your Diary Events and payments to G. F. Knott, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

THE FLEETWOOD DISTRESS FUND.

Since last month we have to record the donation of £2 5s. from the Walsall Spiritualist Church, and 10s. from Mr. J. Venables, J.P. Both donations were handed over by Mrs. L. Nurse. The total subscribed is £21 19s. 6d. The Fund is now closed.



My dear Boys and Girls

I do not find much time for what might be termed easy chair recreation; but a few nights ago I did get a little chance. I just decided I would spend a restful evening, so I put my slippers on, switched on the wireless, drew up an easy chair to the fireside and was as I thought well away for a rest. Alas I had not settled myself down very many minutes before my brainbox started playing its usual jokes on me and reminding me of the various little things I ought to be doing.

Amongst these was your letter, then I thought about what I could tell you this month. I looked into the fire and it just seemed to know all about what I wanted so the suggestion came, "Tell the Kiddies all about me and my companions."

The next hour was spent in listening to all sorts of fireside tales from which I learnt quite a lot of lessons, some of which I am going to pass on to you.

Suppose we all pretend we are sitting in front of an open fireplace in which paper, wood and coals have been laid in preparation for a fire. Here comes along a thin red faced little thing. What is he going to do, and who is he! Why he belongs to the match family, a family who are noted for striking the right note in the right place. His work is to light the fire, this done we soon see the flames spreading, the wood crackling, and the coals giving out a warm glow.

Is it not wonderful boys and girls when we come to consider that such a little thing as a match can be the means of starting a fire which keeps us warm, cooks our food, and heats our water, etc. It is more wonderful still when we realise that our lives are like a match, we too have the power to bring help and comfort to those around us.

Some other time I might tell you about the bad things a match can do but I shall not have time now, and as our Manual says we are to look for the best things in life, I will say no more. Now we are sitting in front of a nice warm fire with coals banked up, our legs almost beginning to sizzle, when all at once a large piece of coal falls out. We do not rush off to the nearest fire alarm to call out the fire engine, because there is another fireside friend standing by ready to be of service if needed. It is our friend "The Tongs," who just simply pick up the fallen piece of coal and restored it to its rightful place again.

You know boys and girls who sometimes fall out with each other or perhaps fall into some little temptation. What is our duty towards them? Don't you think we should be like the Tongs, ever-ready to pick the fallen ones up and put them on their feet again.

We have now watched the fire burn until it has become dull and lifeless, it has got lazy, and again I see a useful friend standing near "The Poker." His work is of a different kind to the others we have mentioned. He believes in progress, and when he sees a bit of coal which is not doing its duty he just gives it a poke in the ribs, saying come along, old man, let's have a bit of a blaze out of you it's not time to go to sleep yet.

How often do we need to rub shoulders with this friend as we go through life. We get tired at times and someone comes along and says, "Come on old man, get a move on." The result is we wake up and remember we have a part to play in life which no other boy or girl can play for us. Our duty is to keep ablaze to make brightness radiate for others.

I will not weary you too long because having sat over a fire so long already you must begin to feel sleepy. But just before you toddle off to bed there's just a word about another fireside companion—The Guard. This has quite a mission of its own. "A Protector against danger." While we are all tucked up in bed, it prevents pieces of coals from falling and setting fire to our houses.

During the past month many of you have taken the examination and during your preparations you learned quite a lot about Angel Care. Angels are Guards to our life, and I want you to learn to love them.

Thousands of us join in singing:—

Lord keep us safe this night
Secure from all our fears

May Angels guard us while we sleep
'Til morning light appears.

How many of us think to say thank you to them when we wake in the morning? I hope you do.

I want you boys and girls to learn to understand the meaning of the words or verses you use day by day, and not allow yourselves to just be like parrots, repeating something because someone else has said it.

For an illustration take the Pearls you give in your Lyceum Sunday by Sunday... Do you say them because they cause a smile, or because they sound nice, or do you say them because you think the words in them will help some other members or yourself to spend a happier week.

Here is one often heard, "If I rest I rust," says the key. If when you say this one you only see in your mind's eye a rusty old door key, it would not be of much value; but on the other hand if you liken the key to your own little life, and remember if you are lazy and careless you will become like a rusty key—useless. Then you have found the value of your pearl. So boys and girls when we sing about Angels: messengers of love watching over us, I want you to know they are not just idle fancies, but realities. Angels do love and care for us when we sleep or when we wake.

I hope during the remaining days of winter, while the fires still blaze within your homes, you will consider these lessons every time you see any of our fireside companions carrying out their various duties.

Next month we shall turn our attention to springtime and all that it means to us.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

- No. 86. Let us then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.
- No. 87. "Why wait until to-morrow, when to-day is a hand."
- No. 88. "Uncle Bert must have his little joke sometimes, but I will promise not to give you this kind of Puzzle when it is a test."

The answer is "THE ONE WITH THE HORNS."

Seeing several letters from those taking the B.S.L.U. Examination are delayed I will give the names of those sending answers next month.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 89 (Muddled Partners) A christian name of a boy and girl will be found in each of the following. Thus: No. 1., TOM and ROSE.

1. OOTMSER
2. AFLTBHEERLT
3. MMAI'LNNLIIEW
4. AACCEEGHLRRS
5. WSAILROTDER
6. RAFNNNKIAE.

- No. 90. "A Charade."
My first is the art of seeing,
My second a drinking vessel
My whole a reflector.
- No. 91. "What did Robinson Crusoe do with Friday on Saturday night."
S..E. S..E. .N.I. S..A. .O..N.

LIBERTY GROUP.

I do not wish this page to clash with any other sections of this magazine. To avoid this I have decided only to give a verse or quotation each month in future, those over 14 years of age who wish can write giving your comments on same.

"Consider before thou speakest,
First, what thou speakest,
Secondly, why thou speakest;
Thirdly, to whom thou speakest,
Fourthly, concerning whom thou speakest.
Fifthly, What will come of what thou speakest,
Sixthly, what will be the benefit of what thou speakest,
Seventhly, who may be listening to what thou speakest."

—"From Old Sayings."

With Love,
Your Loving Friend,
UNCLE BERT.

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middiesex.

The Education Department.

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

THE B.S.L.U. EXAMINATIONS.

The B.S.L.U. Education Examinations were held on 19th February at 119 different centres, from which had been sent in the names of just over 1,300 candidates.

The papers are now in the hands of the Examiners; and we ask all candidates and tutors to wait patiently for the results. May they bring pleasure and reward to all who have worked so hard.

Anyone desiring a set of the question-papers, or for any particular grade, may have them on application to the Education Secretary. Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.

THE S.N.U. EXAMINATIONS.

ENTRANCE, on Saturday OR Sunday, 24th or 25th March;
INTERMEDIATE, on Saturday AND Sunday, 24-25th, March.

NOTES ON ENTRANCE EXAM: TEXT-BOOK.

Entrance Examination Students are strongly advised to spend their last month in Revision work; and for this purpose they will find the series of Notes on the articles in No. 3 Handbook very useful. The Notes were drawn up by Mr. W. G. Gush for his class at Huddersfield, and the whole series will be found in the issues of THE LYCEUM BANNER from September, 1927, to February, 1928. Back numbers of the BANNER can be obtained from Mr. Knott, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs., at 2½d. per copy, post free.

ENTRIES FOR THE EXAMS.

As the closing date for the Graduate Section examinations is 29th February, it is impossible to give the entries for the Entrance and Intermediate Grade Exams. Up to the date of going to press, the entries have not been over encouraging, but it is hoped that the usual crop of eleventh-hour entrants will spring up, and the figures become more representative of the number of students who prepared for the examinations.

HOW THE EXAMINATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED.

There are some of our students who have had very little experience of written exams.; and for their benefit the following explanations are given. First, *re* the Entrance Examination—although it says that it will be held on Saturday OR Sunday, it does not mean that the members of any one Centre can sit *separately*: it only means that the Centre may decide whether the Entrance Exam. candidates will sit on the Saturday afternoon or the Sunday morning. But ALL the candidates at that particular Centre must sit at the same time.

The same applies to the Intermediate candidates. They have three sittings (one for each section of the syllabus) and may sit on the Saturday afternoon and evening AND the Sunday morning OR afternoon—unless other arrangements have been allowed by Mr. Oliver—as may best suit the convenience of the candidates or supervisors, or fit in with the times at which the Hall or Rooms are available. BUT, all the candidates at any given Centre must sit at the same time on the same day for the Reading, the Philosophy or the Evolution paper. Any one of the following time-tables may be used:

TIME.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Sat. afternoon	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Sat. evening	Philosophy	Philos.	—	—
Sunday Morning	Evolution	—	Philos.	Philos.
Sunday afternoon	—	Evoln.	Evoln.	Evoln.

But whichever Time-table is selected must be observed by all candidates sitting at that Centre for the Intermediate Grade.

Let us suppose that the first Time-table is adopted, and that the times fixed are 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. on Saturday for the Reading Course paper; 6.30 to 9.30 for the Philosophy paper; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday for the Evolution Course paper.

You will be at the Examination room and seated at your table by 2.20 on Saturday—ready for the Supervisor to give you a sheet of official paper and your paper of questions. The only thing you will bring with you will be your pen, ink and blotting paper and the paper of *Instructions to Candidates* sent you along with the order about the place of examination. You must not bring any books or notes. As soon as you get your double sheet of official foolscap, THE FIRST THING you do is to fill up the slip attached to it, and then the lines at the top of

the sheet itself. The ONLY place you must put your NAME is on the attached slip. Having done this, you read your question paper carefully, to find out how many questions are set; how many you may answer; and if there are any that MUST be answered. You will find the Reading Course paper divided into five sections—one for each text-book on the syllabus—and that, although more than one question is SET, ONLY ONE is to be answered in each section, or five in all. Read the whole question paper through, and make up your mind which question in each section you will tackle. Then go again through your selected five, and do the easiest (or shortest, or most familiar) one first. Follow this system with them all, and you will find yourself with plenty of time to tackle the hard ones, or those you don't 'like' so well. You are given three hours for five questions, which gives you five minutes to find out *what the examiner is really asking for* and half an hour to write your answer. You can carry on with your answers until the Supervisor says "time's up." And don't waste time copying your questions. The sections are lettered A to E—and all you do is give in the margin the letter of the section and the number of the question, as A, 3; D, 1; etc. At the end of the three hours you hand in your answer paper and keep your question paper, and go to tea—bearing in mind that you must be back and in your place in time to start off again at 6.30, and that if you are late the time will be taken off your three hours!

With the Philosophy Course paper you will do exactly the same thing as with the Reading paper; and before you go away you will make sure that you know all about the arrangements for Sunday morning (for you might have to go to a different hall or rooms for Sunday), and will later read yourself to sleep with your notes on "The Story of Creation."

Now I've done everything but answer your questions for you, and like a true sport I'm going to leave that to you. I wish everyone of you the best of luck in your efforts towards a G.N.S.C. Degree and an ordered knowledge of Spiritualism.

B.S.L.U. 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,
19, Oakhurst Foad,
Forest Gate,
London, E.7.

DREAMS.

AN ESSAY READ TO THE BATTERSEA GUILD CLASS.

While endeavouring to decide upon a subject with which to open my discussion, one of the first questions which arose in my mind was, "What is a Dream?" It seems very strange to think that while our bodies are resting and we are quite unconscious of all that is taking place around us we are, or may think we are, wide awake and living an active life. It is possible that there may be many varied opinions as to the cause of our dreams, and I feel sure that much time might be spent on discussing them. Even if we are not in the habit of dreaming regularly (to some people a dream is a very unusual occurrence), we can all recall at least a few occasions when we have awakened, only to find that the happy time we were having was only a dream; or perhaps it has been the reverse, and we have not been enjoying ourselves, and have felt very relieved on awaking to find that we have only been sleeping after all.

As far as I can make out there appears to be a common idea amongst Spiritualists that when we dream our spirits leave our bodies and actually do travel from place to place and go about with various people. We are told that there is a link which connects our earth-bodies with our spirit bodies, and that this link can extend between an unlimited distance, thus enabling our spirits to go wherever they wish while the body remains in one place and appears to be lifeless. This theory is all right up to a certain point, but I fail to see how my spirit, for instance, can travel and communicate with one of my friends without that certain person being conscious of my presence if he or she is sleeping at the same time, which, of course, is often the case.

I have heard people say that dreams are merely thoughts which, having been in our minds during the day, still linger with us at night, and we therefore imagine that they are actually taking place. This, however, does not seem to me to be a very satisfactory solution, for in many cases our dreams concern people about whom we have not been thinking at all. A very

strange case in this connection was put before me only a few days ago. A friend of mine was telling me about a certain dream she had had one night. She only knew one of the persons whom it concerned and had thought very little about her during the previous day. On awaking she recalled everything which she had seen in her vision and commented on its peculiarity. With the passing of the next few days, however, her dream was almost forgotten, until, quite unexpectedly, she received a letter from the one she had so clearly seen, telling her about a terrible trouble which she had shared with somebody a few nights before. Strangely enough, the story told in the letter coincided with my friend's dream. It is not known now whether the dream took place on the previous night or whether it was at the time of the actual occurrence. If it was on the same night, surely there can be only one solution, that is, the spirit must have left its earth-body and travelled to the place which it had seen. On the other hand, if the dream was experienced on the previous night this was a wonderful proof that premonitions can be and are sometimes given.

I have often wondered whether it is good for us to dream; I have heard from some people that after a dream they have seemed to lose all their vitality, and feel that they have had no rest.

I am often puzzled when I hear of the many different meanings which are attached to dreams. Are these meanings true and, if so, which I am rather inclined to doubt, how were they discovered?

There are many other questions which I might ask in connection with dreams, but I have not sufficient time to write them here. However, I should very much like to hear other people's views on this interesting subject, and to know if there is any definite idea as to what it is that really makes us dream.

K. P.

Our Lyceum Guild.

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

DEAR GUILDDITES,

We hope that all of you who were candidates in the Education Examinations liked your papers, answered the questions ably, and will score high marks.

Whilst waiting for the results, you can occupy yourselves by trying to win new members for the Guild, and persuading each Kiddie in your Lyceum who is under twelve to write to Verontas, the Guild Imp.

Will each local GUILD LEADER, or SECRETARY (if there is no Leader) please supervise the efforts of the Kiddies; ask them to hand in their efforts to you; and please send them along in one envelope to reach the Guild Office by the 15th of each month.

OUR ESSAY COMPETITIONS will be announced in full in next month's issue; and you'll have two months in which to write your essays. During March the Leader would be glad to receive your suggestions for subjects for essays.

Yours very sincerely,

THE GUILD LEADER.

OUR ESPERANTO GROUP.

Once again O—well! I am getting mixed up again with my Grade IV homework. But never mind it will soon be over now. I have a letter here from a student and member (in fact, THE first member) of "Our Esperanto Group."

KARA SINJORO,

Mi tre multe dankas vin por vian leteron kaj Leciono pri Esperanto. Estas la plej simplan lingvon, ke mi ajn lernis, ĉar tie nur estas dek ses gramatikaj reguloj lerni. Mi deziras por vi multe sukcesoj por vian Grupon kaj ĝhiajn anojn.

Vian en ĉinuj Sincero,
V. T.

Well done V. T. ! Vi lernas tre rapide. I also have a question in one of my letters:—

"'Estas' means 'is' 'am' or 'are.' When I see the word in a letter etc., how can I tell which word it means?" To give an example, "La ovoflavo de ovon estas blankan." You now wish to know if the 'estas,' here, stands for 'is' or 'are.' In this case they are both wrong, because the yolk of an egg is yellow and not white; but to be serious about it.

"Li estas" (singular) is—"He is"
"Ili estas" (plural) is—"They are."
"Mi estas" is—"I am."

Do you understand now? To all Lyceumists who read this article the above letter is a specimen of Esperanto in actual

practice and is written, as stated, by a group student. The group has only been in existence a few months so that we cannot be students of long experience. Thus an excellent example of the clearness of Esperanto is ably demonstrated. Why not join the group yourself?

All letters must be sent to:—Mr. W. Taylor, 1, Willow St., Failsforth, Manchester.

Our Lyceum Guild Serial. High Jinks in Nursery-land.

BY VERONTAS, THE GUILD IMP.

I. GERALD GOES A-FLYING.

It *ought* to have seemed very strange to be flying off into the sky through the bedroom window; but instead it seemed quite natural, and Gerald felt as if he had known his companion for years and years—although he *knew* that, less than ten minutes ago, they had met for the first time. At any other time, and under any other circumstances, he would have thought this companion rather strange. But when a healthy boy of eleven suddenly wakes from a sound sleep and finds a little man—not nearly as big as himself, but very dignified—sitting on his pillow; when this dignified little man gravely introduces himself as "Amteck, the Chief Herald of His Imp-Ariel Majesty the Elf King," and presents an invitation to pay a visit to Nursery-Land and attend a meeting of a newly-formed association—well, the boy is not likely to take very much notice of anything but the invitation. And it was like this with Gerald, who, as I have said, noticed nothing out of the ordinary.

He enjoyed the sensation of flying through space—seeing the forest looking like a tiny garden, and his native town no bigger than the toy village that Santa Claus had brought at Christmas—and was almost sorry when at last they flew down to Earth once more. They alighted in as pretty a forest glade as Gerald had ever seen. The trees were in full leaf, and flowers in full bloom, although it was early spring as yet, and patches of violets and primroses made sweet-smelling carpets for all the folks there to sit upon.

But who were all these people in the glade? Gerald opened his eyes wide and gasped in amazement, for HE KNEW EVERYONE THERE. They were all his old friends from the Nursery Tales and Rhymes. There lay Little Boy Blue, fast asleep under a wild-rose bush; and near to him sat Humpty Dumpty, with a big bandage round the top of his head, and looking a bit cracked. On the left sat Little Red Riding Hood, listening to Mary the Contrary, who was telling her about some new flowers she had found in her garden. Gerald felt quite excited.

A shrill scream, and the noise of angry voices raised as if in argument, drew their attention to a small group that had suddenly formed some little distance up the glade. Amteck, with Gerald in close attendance, hurried to the scene, anxious to know the cause of the quarrel. They found Simple Simon, looking even sillier than usual, and helpless in the grip of Jack the Giant Killer, who was looking very fierce; and near him stood Little Miss Muffet, holding the hand of Jack of the Bean Stalk and looking very frightened. On the ground before them lay a mixture of curds and whey and broken crockery. The noise was being caused by Beanstalk and Giant Killer, who were both talking at the top of their voices—trying to scold Simple Simon, and to comfort Miss Muffet, at one and the same time.

"What ever is the matter here?" demanded Amteck.

At the sound of his voice the shouting ceased and they all turned to face the King's Herald, bowing almost to the ground in deep respect.

"Well, most worthy Amteck," said the Giant Killer, "Simple Simon has been up to one of his usual clever tricks. He thought that Little Miss Muffet's Bowl might have some fish in it, and started fishing over her shoulder among her curds and whey. She, poor kiddie, didn't know he was behind her, and when she saw his line and hook dropping into her bowl she thought it was her big spider come back again, and she was so scared that she dropped her bowl and broke it."

Gerald felt quite sorry for Little Miss Muffet, and led her to a seat on a moss-grown log. Meanwhile Amteck soothed the two Jacks and scolded Simple Simon. Simon, however, was not at all ashamed of himself, and seemed inclined to be cheeky. But he very soon changed his tune; for Old Mother Hubbard came up just then and, hearing the story from Gerald, let her dog off his lead.

"Turn him out, Rover," she ordered, and Rover seemed only

too glad to obey. He leaped for Simple Simon, who no sooner saw him coming than he dashed away as fast as his legs could carry him, with Rover after him in full cry; and for about five minutes it would have been hard to tell who made the most noise—the dog with his barking, Simple Simon with his yells of terror, or the others with their shouts of laughter. But at length Simon disappeared, with the dog in hot chase, and quietness reigned once more in the woodland dell.

"Now," said Amteck, "I think it is time we held our meeting if Boy Blue will be so kind as to sound the assembly call."

Little Boy Blue, aided back to wakefulness by a shake from Beanstalk, sprang to his feet, and the notes of his horn went winding down the valley and echoing through the trees. A chorus of answering halloos was quickly followed by the appearance of a number of Nursery-landers, all hurrying towards the bugler. Led by Amteck, Gerald and his companions moved forward, and the two parties met about midway down the glade. Gerald was delighted to see so many more of his Nursery Land heroes and heroines, and bowed low (as he had seen the two Jacks do) when Amteck introduced him—as "Our guest, Gerald." They all greeted him with smiles and words of welcome, and Friar Tuck was just stopped in time from giving him a hearty slap on the shoulder with his great heavy hand.

"Easy there, Friar," laughed Robin Hood, as he caught the jolly monk's arm—"we want him to be able to walk home." Everyone joined in the laugh, Gerald and the Friar heartiest of all.

"Now we want seats," said Amteck. "Can you help us, Queen Mab?"

The Fairy Queen stepped forward, smiling very sweetly. "Certainly," she replied, "especially as the Witch of the Wood and I happen to be good friends to-day."

"We always are good friends, except in our games," called out the Witch, who, to Gerald's surprise, was smiling as merrily as anyone, and seemed to be on the best of good terms with everybody.

"That's true," answered the Queen. "Well, I think the best thing I can do is to invite you to the Fairy Glen for your meeting; and if the Air-Sprites will only lend us their magic carpet we can travel in state as well as in comfort. Now all stand in a ring holding hands."

They all stood in a ring as directed, with Mab in the middle. She waved her wand in the air and said a magic verse:—

"A merry meeting we would hold to-day,
And merry games and pranks arrange to play;
Then help us, friendly spirits of the air,
By lending us your magic carpet rare."

She finished, and Gerald held his breath as he waited to see what would happen. He didn't have to wait very long, for suddenly Maid Marion exclaimed:

"There they come, over the great oak tree."

And sure enough, what at first seemed a flock of birds was flying towards them from the top of the giant oak. But as they came closer Gerald saw that they were little elves, and that they seemed to be flying behind, but in close attendance upon, one who was carrying a roll of some sort tucked under his arm. They approached very quickly, and soon alighted in front of the Fairy Queen, to whom was presented the roll. She unrolled it, and revealed a small piece of very ordinary-looking carpet, about a yard square.

"There is not too much room for such a large company," she said smilingly to the little bird-men.

"You will find that it is not too small, madam," replied their leader, "no matter how large your company may be. Place it on the ground and let your people step on to it one by one."

The carpet was spread out on the grass, and one by one the Nursery-Landers took up positions on it—and somehow the carpet never seemed to grow, but yet was always just big enough to allow room for one more to get on. When all had found places and sat down, the Air-Sprite placed themselves round the edge of the carpet, and at a signal from Queen Mab up it mounted into the air—up and up until it was higher than the tops of the highest trees. There was much laughing and joking amongst the passengers of this strange air-ship—some of the laughter a little bit nervous; but gradually everybody got used to the novel means of travelling, and they were all beginning to enjoy the journey when a sudden wail from Little Bo-Peep startled them.

"Oh," she wailed, "my sheep! my sheep! I've left them behind me! They'll go and lose themselves, and I'll never be able to find them again. Oh, please let me go back for them."

They soothed her at last by promising that the Sprites would go and get them for her as soon as they reached the Fairy Glen; and once again they were getting cheerful when, with a tremendous bump, their ship came to a sudden stop, and they were thrown into each other's arms and laps.

(To be continued).



"THE FAIRY CHAIN" AT ATTERCLIFFE.

The Attercliffe Lyceum produced "The Fairy Chain" last month, under the direction of Mr. J. F. Smith (by permission of J. Curwen & Son, Ltd.).

The scene was Fairy Island, and the pretty costumes and decorations made a delightfully pretty series of scenes and tableaux.

The Prince, Princess, Ogre, Sprite, Fairies, and Chorus sang their songs and choruses under the musical direction of Mr. R. Hales.

The characters were taken by:—Miss M. Salmon, Prince; Princess, Mrs. A. Johnson; Ogre, Mr. E. Johnson; Sprite, Master S. Thwaites; Fairy Queen (Rose), Miss M. White; Fairy Holly, Miss E. Bottom; Fairy Mistletoe, Miss E. Burnham; Fairy Lily, Miss I. Moakes; Fairy Violet, Miss G. Gale; Fairy Daisy, Miss M. Ellson; Fairy Snowdrop, Miss M. Bunn; Fairy Bluebell, 1. Miss C. Johnson, 2. Miss I. Smith, 3. Miss N. Gale, 4. Miss Lily Ellson; Fairies and Chorus, Misses L. Howel, V. Fukes, O. Fukes, K. Fukes, M. Mason, F. Bunn, D. Cartwright, W. Cowley, R. Woods.

Miss E. Hicks was pianist and Master A. Thwaites accompanied the songs.

S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

INCOME FOR JANUARY.

Bristol United, proceeds of Social, 15s. 6d.; Rochdale, Regent Hall, special effort, per Mrs. Clegg and Mr. Hudson, £2 2s.; Sheffield, Heeley, Bramall Lane, 12s.; Mrs. H. Cox, proceeds Home Circle, 10s.; Crewe Church, £1; Reading, £1 1s.; Bourne-mouth, £5 5s.; Monkwearmouth, Sunderland, £1; Sheffield Centre Alliance, 10s.; A Wellwisher, Battersea, £2; Quarmby, 10s.; Mr. J. Jackson, 5s.; Mr. and Mrs. Scott, 10s.; Bristol 1st Church, Collections at After Circle (1927), £2 6s. Total, £18 6s. 6d.

It gives me great pleasure to report the above income for January and the Committee are very grateful to all who have remembered the Fund. I still want you to bear in mind that grants are sent monthly to the old folks, so just try and organise a special effort of some kind, or practice a little self-denial between now and Easter. Let your Church officers collect the result and forward on to me, for the benefit of those pioneers who helped to lay the foundation of the knowledge of the Continuity of Life which is of so much value in our lives to-day.

Still hoping to receive your contributions,

I remain,

MARY L. STAIR,
32b, North Street, Keighley, Yorks.

A PROPAGANDA HYMN SHEET.

The M.C. are compiling a new Hymn Sheet for Propaganda Meetings. The Sheet will outline the Lyceum system of education and contain 16 hymns from the Lyceum Manual. The sheets will be ready for sale shortly.

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The Dreamer.

"He who laughs at dreams may stop the flow of genius."

The subject of dreams is an ever-recurring topic which interests many minds. Strong-minded people are apt to make light of the subject, but no amount of ridicule can prevent the study of the peculiar dream-states which are natural to some people. In the search for an explanation of the cause of dreams we do not get much help from science.

We can understand the day-dreamer who concentrates his mind to an abstract idea and forgets his surroundings, but when we go to sleep and the real dream-state occurs we are faced with a perplexing problem that the average person is unable to attempt to explain.

It should be within the study of the Spiritualist to embrace an investigation into all phases of consciousness which occur within and around his mental world. Otherwise he will not be able to determine the difference between his own thoughts and the inspiration of ideas which come to him from some sympathetic mind. Our identity as individualities demands a knowledge of the "me" and the "not me," and also the "us." The true relation of the individual thought to the telepathic induction of an extraneous idea is the fundamental principle of social law.

We live within the limits of our experiences and the orbit of our environment, but we do not know the limits of our intuitions in relating ourselves to all the emotions that surround us. We are spiritual beings in a physical world. Though physically bound to a material location the soaring of the mind reacts to the higher vibrations of the spirit. Desire operates very strongly in directing the mind to channels of expression which are not always within the scope of our objective possibilities.

There are many things and forces we can feel are true, but we cannot prove them by demonstrated evidences. Whilst these forces may belong to the abstract parts of our being, their influence is felt in the shaping of conduct in relation to life.

With the foregoing mental preparation we face the subject of dreams. Science does not help us because it has chiefly pursued its studies in physics. The study of dreams looks to metaphysics and metaphysical definitions for the source of these phases of mentality which occur during sleep.

Certain methods have produced similar results and so we are correct in defining some kind of dream.

There are two kinds of dreams; the cause is the result of an internal or external source. These two kinds may be again subdivided in their separate sections.

The internal causes of dreams depend upon and are produced by the condition of the body and the mind. Too much or too little food affects the condition of the blood which has a reflex action on the brain. Dreams are often caused by too large a flow of blood, or a late, heavy meal which has been eaten prior to falling asleep. The digestive processes are not as active during sleep and the sympathetic system tells the mind, by an abnormal dream, that the body has need of a change to perform its normal functions.

Shortage of food will also cause dreams, but these dreams will differ from the nightmares caused by indigestion.

Dreams frequently occur during an illness.

The second kind of internal dream is caused by mental excitement and worry, or sudden change in environment and occupation.

All these dreams are natural warnings against forcing too great a shock on the bodily system, or, what is more serious, a danger of nervous breakdown.

Now we come to the dream which is caused by an external source. This kind of dream is rarely dangerous to the health of the dreamer. In most cases it is productive of good results, and produces a happier state in the mind of the dreamer when the awakening period occurs and normal consciousness prevails.

Many dreams are premonitory and prophetic. The dream state is natural to many people and the dreams have a symbolism peculiar to the individual dreamer. These people have a kind of mediumistic faculty which operates during sleep and conditions are gathered which concentrate in the dream and foretell events—in some cases very accurately.

In other cases we get a definite operation of the telepathic law—between mortals and between spirits and mortals. As an illustration two cases are here outlined.

Between two mortals,—

About two years ago, a trawler left Grimsby to go for a fortnight's cruise around the north of Scotland. A terrible storm arose and the engine of the trawler broke down. No news came of the missing trawler. Many weeks went by and the trawler was given up as lost. No previous ship which had been so long away from port had ever returned. After all hope was abandoned the wives of the fishermen drew the insurance money and services were held in the town in memory of the lost crew.

There was one fisherman's wife who refused to draw the insurance money or go into mourning. She told the fishing authorities that she had had a dream and in her dream her husband came to her and said they had been driven into the Atlantic Ocean and drawn into port in Iceland by a German ship. Her husband had shown her a map of Iceland and the name of the port where he was, and he told her when he would be home.

Nobody believed the woman, but eventually a message came by wireless from a ship at sea that the trawler and the men were on their way home. I was in Grimsby when the ship arrived and the whole town was in an uproar of rejoicing. The details of the dream were true.

A spirit visits a mortal,—

A lady friend of mine—not a Spiritualist—asked me to explain a dream she had just before I met her for the first time. Here is her tale:

"I and Sarah were life-long friends. We worked together for many years in my home and finally she came to live with me. Through a third person we had a disagreement, so my friend left me and removed from the town. After a while I decided that it was absurd that we should not be friends, so I made up my mind to approach my friend to come back to my home and be as we were before our quarrel. I failed to find any trace of Sarah's whereabouts.

One night I dreamed that Sarah's dead father stood by my bedside and said 'If you want to find Sarah, write to Bolton.' The full address in Bolton was given. When I awoke I pondered over the dream for some days and finally wrote to the address. My letter was returned "Gone away," so that my friend had been at that address.

I again had a dream and the dead father again came and gave me an address in Blackpool. My friend came the following day and Sarah and I made a vow we would never allow any difference to affect our friendship. How do you account for my dream?"

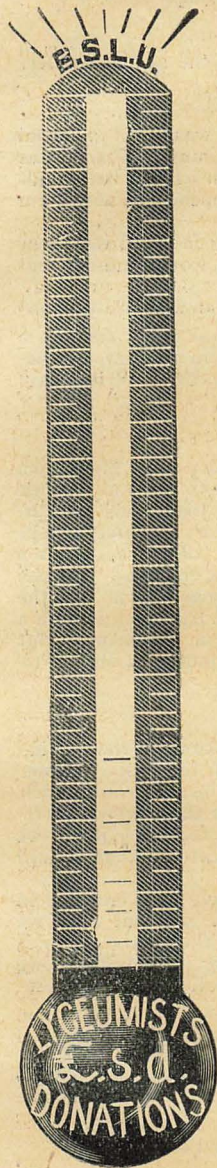
As a Spiritualist I could understand that it was almost impossible to give a message in the wakened-state to a non-Spiritualist, and Sarah's father used the dream-state to bring his daughter and her friend together again.

I could continue many interesting dreams, to myself and others, including ministers,—who claimed their dreams were visitations of God,—but space forbids. It is sufficient to conclude that each person should examine the probable cause of his own dreams. If they come as a warning of some unstable condition of the body, or mind, it is our duty to readjust our lives to correct our methods. If the dreams are of extraneous source, we must examine their utility and use the purposes for which they have been given.

The subtlety of dream-plasm is shrouded in mystery that only the superconsciousness of psychic tendencies and attainments can explain. The dream-plane is beyond normal physics

—though an apparent sequence of physical abnormalities— from which it may soar to illimitable phases of spiritual impression. In the high dream state we stand on the verge of infinity, touch the fringe of immortal emotions, and experience the oscillation between earthly and spiritual existences.

G. F. KNOTT.



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Dear Bannerites,

Another month gone; how time rolls away, and we hardly see it pass. Well, here we have another report, and whilst it is not a bad one, yet one can hardly say that it is quite as good as one could wish, but perhaps there are a few more Founder's Day collections to come in. I hope so, and if there should be any, please let me have them as quickly as possible, for you know, whilst your sums may seem only small and not much use, yet they go to swell the total which is earning interest.

The first donation was from a good friend, in our worthy President, Miss Elliott, who by the selling of the new badge realised 6s. The next one gave me a real shock of pleasure when I received, through the President, a cheque for £10 from another good helper, Mr. T. F. Smedley, of Belper. May it be a real incentive to others who can afford it to do the same. I would be glad to receive such a shock once a week or even oftener

for the cause I love. After this pleasant news some of the Lyceums began to send in their contributions. The first was from my own Lyceum, St. Paul's, Alma St. Halifax, 9s. 6d. I received a donation of 5s. from Mr. Singleton and a few friends at Skegness. Reading Lyceum sent 10s. Moss Side, Manchester 3s. Whitley Bay 10s. 6d. Daulby Hall, Liverpool, 10s. 6d. Moston, 12s. Hyde, £1 10s. 0d. Anon. 7d. Mrs. Wilby, Halifax, 1s., and my friends who are hunting farthings sent 4 more, a total for this month of £14 18s. 2d.

By jove, I had nearly omitted Leicester, Rupert St., with a donation of 5s., making the month's contributions £15 3s. 2d. I should have got my ears pulled by Leicester if that had happened.

Now what of all the rest of the Lyceums, for you will realise that only nine Lyceums out of 286 have so far sent their donations this time, and of those nine, two of the Lyceums have long since sent their quota, and are still helping. Surely all the Founder's Day collections have not yet been sent; I can hardly think that all have come in after the stirring appeal that our good President made in January BANNER.

Now Lyceumists, it is your job. Don't be the ones to let your end down. Make your mind up that *your* Lyceum *shall* send its quota, and the work is done. Just a real good pull all together and we CAN do it.

Yours fraternally,

29, Kliffen Place,
Coronation Road,
Halifax.

W. BURROWS,
Hon. Secretary,
£2,000 Effort.

The S.N.U. E.C. have issued a report on the proposed Eighth Principle which was discussed at the 1927 S.N.U. Annual General Meeting.

The report recommends no alteration to the existing Principles.

The S.N.U. have instituted a "Speakers' Sunday," as a yearly event, when speakers and mediums are requested to donate to the S.N.U. any Fees received for Services rendered to Churches on the Sunday nearest March 28th. This year the date is March 25th.

The S.N.U. have booked Bron Castell Hostel, Bangor, as the venue of the 1928 Summer School. The Fees are £3 3s. 0d. per week and the School is dated from August 4th to 25th.

THE PASSING OF MR. TOM TYRRELL.

We regret to record the passing of Mr. Tom Tyrrell, of Blackburn, on Feb. 17th, 1928.

Mr. Tyrrell was well known all over Britain as a remarkable clairvoyant. He has never really enjoyed good health and it was due to spirit guidance that he continued his physical life so long.

Mr. Tyrrell's faith in spirit guidance was great. He was formerly a cotton weaver and he heard a voice speak to him in the weaving shed. "Give up your work and we'll see you are alright." Up to this time Tom had never charged any fee for his services. So he said to the Spirit, "How must I live?" The voice replied "You get paid for your weaving and you must charge a fee for your services to Spiritualism. We'll guarantee you get as much as you get for weaving."

Tom immediately terminated his work as a weaver and gave his whole life and time to the movement. He never regretted the change, but he many times broke with the agreement with the spirit people, as he many times gave his services, particularly in the diagnosing of spiritual gifts among Lyceumists.

His integrity was unshakable. His phenomena was always reliable and the leaders in the movement always turned to him as one of the pillars on which the phenomena of Spiritualism has been built in Great Britain.

We shall miss his genial personality and sterling worth. Our sympathies go out to the mourning friends, with whom we feel a common sorrow.



DEAR FELLOW IMPS,

I am delighted with the letters and stories I have received this month; and more than anything else I am glad that the thirteen letters I have received since I took over the CORNER have come from nine Lyceums in different districts of the country. New members have been enrolled from places as far apart as Whitley Bay and Southampton, and as Cardiff and Grimsby. So far I have not heard from Scotland or Ireland, but I feel sure that I shall not have long to wait until Kiddies from all parts of the Union Area will be helping to find, or make, things to fill up Their Own Special Page.

WE REALLY NEED FOUR PAGES.

As pointed out in the rules of our Honourable Order, there is not more than one page which can be spared for Our Corner—and it is only because our Editor truly loves Kiddies (or CHUMS, as he calls us) that he is giving us even a page. So at present we will not be able to print all the letters and stories, and I have to choose what can be printed by more or less closing my eyes, turning round three times, and picking up the handiest and most convenient.

SOME CONUNDRUMS.

Doreen Hedderly (Whitley Bay Lyceum), is 8 years old, and sends in three very clever puzzles. One I am going to save over to catch some people in Nurseryland who think themselves clever; one I am going to print with its answer, and the other I am going to set as a test for Kiddies who want to join Our Order. Here they are:—

Q: "What drawing instrument is like a king?"

A: "A ruler."

Q: "What is the difference between a Jeweller and a Jailor?"

The answer will be given next month. If you know it, send it in.)

I told these to a Scottish Imp named MacSikkar, and he asked me one which I am going to ask you to answer for me. He asked:—

"Why does a donkey eat thistles?"—Tell me, if you know.

WHO IS TO BLAME FOR THIS?

Ernest A. Goodwin (Hyde) reads my letters every month, and now is going to help to write them. In his letter he tells me that he and other Hyde Lyceumists are disappointed that, although they have some very good Open Sessions, they never see them reported in the BANNER. I advise Ernest to ask his Session Secretary to send reports in, as I am sure they will be put in the BANNER if sent to the Editor.

A HAPPY LYCEUMIST.

Dear Guild Imp,—I am a Lyceumist of Cardiff First Spiritualist Church. Our Conductor is Mrs. Marsh and she is very nice. We have calisthenics, and I like them very much. My Group Leader is my sister May. I always look forward to Sunday to go to the Lyceum. Our Conductor is going to give a prize for the one who says the most pearls, and another one for the one who brings the most new Lyceumists. On August Bank Holiday we are going to have a Field Day, and our Lyceum may lead the marching and calisthenics.

With Love,
LILY DUNN.

Thanks for your beautiful letter, Lily, and especially for the six kisses you send. I'm going to keep three of them for myself, and the other three I'm going to give to some nice sister Imp. And I hope that on August Bank Holiday your Lyceum will lead in the Drill.

"THE STORY OF MY LIFE"—(BY A LOAF).

"At the beginning of my life I was a seed, and I was sown with

many other seeds. Soon I became some ears of corn, and a farmer came and cut me down with a scythe. I was then sent to the miller, where I was made into flour. Then I was bought for a bakery, where I was made into a loaf. The baker put me into a baker's cart, and soon I was bought by a lady and was ready to be eaten."

Sent in by Arthur Hasler (Walthamstow Lyceum.)

What a harrowing story! Who would willingly be a loaf?

A VERY FRANK LETTER.

The following story and letter are from the same member, aged seven:

THE STORY OF A CROCUS.

Once I was a little bulb called a corm. I was taken to school and planted in a flower pot and had some water. Then I was put in the sunshine and I grew tall, and soon I had a little bud. Then God sent the sun and made the bud open, and now I am a lovely flower.

"Dear Brother Imp,—I am only sending in this little story because I wish to become a member of the Royal and Ancient Order of Kiddies."

Sent in by Annie Sherran (South Manchester Lyceum.)

Well, Annie, now that you have got your wish and are a member of Our Order, I hope you will send in other stories because you want to be a real help to the CORNER. Write again soon.

OTHER CORRESPONDENTS.

Doreen Burkill (Grimsby) sends in a story of "The China Dog's Day," which will appear in our next CORNER; Annie Hasler has sent "The Fairy Ring" and Joan Long (Southampton) "The Story of a Crocodile," for both of which I hope to find room soon; and Willie Hodgkinson, of Hyde, sends a letter about his pet dog and a drawing of a chicken. He has made the chicken so life-like that I nearly looked again into the envelope to see if it had laid an egg; and he has given it such a saucy eye that I'm expecting it to wink at any moment. But there, I am near the end of my space, and must put an end to my cackle.

VERY IMPORTANT.

I hear from Our Guild Leader that at least one of the Certificates got cracked and spoiled going through the post. Now, it's no good sending you a Certificate, if it reaches you in such a state that it is not worth having. So, if those whose certificates don't look nice will drop a postcard to Miss Kitson, we shall find some way of sending the certificate so that it will arrive in good condition.

All who have sent in letters or stories have been enrolled in the Order, but no more Certificates will be sent out until we know that they will be worth having when they arrive.

Please always give your Lyceum's name, as it has to be shown on the Certificate. Also, please read the following rules carefully.

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

JEALOUSY.

We are finding some people outside and inside of the Spiritualist movement who are jealous of the success of Lyceum methods.

The British Fascists, through their journal, "The Patriot" have made a scurrilous attack on Lyceums. Possibly the "Patriot" does not know the writer of the article was discredited by his Bishop and joined another religious body where he is not known quite so well.

Now there comes another empty tirade in a 6d. pamphlet by a sectarian bigot.

There is, too, an attempt to bring discredit on Lyceums within the movement by a throttling policy towards the B.S.L.U. We have no fear of these pinpricks. They will advertise our objects. Any unbiassed enquirer will see the virtue and utility of our methods and we have everything to gain by investigation.

The national curriculum adopted in Council Schools under the Board of Education has adopted most of our methods. This may have been done unconsciously, but the fact remains that Lyceums had the methods in their system before they were generally in vogue.

We must face the future fearlessly and realise that the future of organised Spiritualism depends largely on the merge of Lyceumists into the Churches. It is better for the movement that its future should depend upon born Spiritualists, rather than those who have drifted from other 'isms and 'ologies and brought the taint of priestly and dogmatic ideas with them. The dead creeds hamper truth and hinder the real revelation.

True Lyceumists become Church members and it is natural and sequential that the movement will be mainly composed of Spiritualist trained in the Lyceums.

A person enters the Lyceum to discuss the evidences of Spiritualism and becomes an educated and understanding Spiritualist. He only desires phenomena for the greater knowledge it provides. Woe betide his logic and reason if he wishes to harness mediumship to suit an individual whim.

We must clear the growing barnacles from our hulk or our progress will be stayed.

Some people say the Churches in our movement have no study-groups. I say wherever a Lyceum exists there is a study-group. The attempt to divorce the two sections is an evil to be fought. Churches and Lyceums are component parts of one movement. Machinery may have separated their functions for the moment, but it is not possible that one section can eliminate the other or the suicide of the movement would result.

That jealous people do exist in either section is positive proof that the time is not yet ripe for immediate fusion.

There is, too, the danger of becoming a sect. In avoiding our adherence to one sect, we must avoid becoming another sect in opposition. The spirit world knows no distinction of sex, race or sect, and if we are true to our inspiration arising from spirit communion and the truth it unfolds we will avoid the jealous tendencies that narrow and confine in conformable ways the national expansion and progress which arises from our larger knowledge of spiritual forces.

We must eliminate jealousy in our movement or find oblivion, and even then the message of the spirit world will find a better way.

Psychic Literature.

A LECTURE BY SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE.

"Spirits are not supernatural any more than we are. They are simply one step ahead of ourselves." This statement was made by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle when he delivered the second of the Spring Series of Foyle's Literary Lectures last month, his subject being "Psychic Literature," which subject he made both interesting and informing to a crowded audience.

The first writer mentioned was Swedenborg who was undoubtedly a spiritualist, though there was a strong element of very ancient theology mixed with the new knowledge.

The next was Andrew Jackson Davis, an American who, whilst under hypnotic influence, poured out a stream of remarkable revelations. Amongst other prophecies he foretold the coming of the motor, the typewriter and the aeroplane, each of which he described. Afterwards Davis produced a large number of books, one of the best known being "Penetralia." The contents of these books have since been compressed into one volume, "The Harmonial Philosophy." Andrew Jackson Davis was a man of unusual gifts and he will become an increasing force in Spiritualism.

John D. Fox was notable because mediumship began with his daughters Kate and Margaret. Lake Harris was another remarkable personality and a poet of distinction, who exerted a constraining influence over Laurence Oliphant in his earlier days. Mrs. Hardinge Britten, who wrote "Modern American Spiritualism," introduced a strong unitarian bias into Spiritualism: the effects of which are still apparent, though Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and others are endeavouring to develop a sense of the leadership of Christ. Sir William Crookes, the great physicist, who obtained results in his own laboratory and wrote "Researches into the Phenomena of Spiritualism," and Alfred Russell Wallace, almost the greatest zoologist of his day, had both advanced the knowledge of the occult. The Rev. William Stainton Moses wrote "Spirit Teachings" and left behind on his death a number of note books filled with automatic writings, some of which had been signed by the spirits who controlled the writings. The lecturer drew attention to the signature of Benjamin Franklin, which was an exact facsimile of the signature on the Declaration of Independence. Automatic writings were exhibited to the audience, also some paintings by automatic artists, none of whom had the least artistic ability except when under the control of a spirit.

Reference was also made to Sir Oliver Lodge who risked his whole reputation as an outstanding scientist in order to espouse Spiritualism! Dennis Bradley's "Towards the Stars" and "Wisdom of the Gods," Hannen Swaffer's writings: also the Rev. Vale Owen's "Life Beyond the Veil" were mentioned.

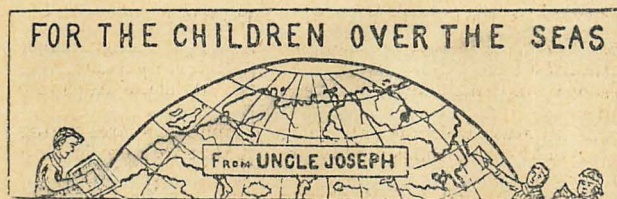
In conclusion Sir Arthur dealt with the supposed literary work of Charles Dickens, Oscar Wilde and Jack London, which had recently come through mediums.

THE CHILDREN'S PUZZLE.



There's a pair of this; a pair of that.
 You'll find a boy's and a lady's hat.
 But carry-on, and if you are alert,
 Send all your answers to Uncle Bert.
 His house is 2, in Villiers Road,
 Osterley, Middlesex. Send a load
 Of letters and names; the longest list
 May come from you, if you persist;

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Dear Children,

"Let the lower lights be burning
Send a gleam across the wave."

That's in our Lyceum Manual isn't it? Of course it is, but it is in nearly every Hymn Book I have come across.

And how we like to sing the hymn! I listened one night whilst 600 people sang it, and it sounded lovely. And do you know children, I'm sure I heard the fairies joining in, because they like lights you know. Yes, they like the soft, bluey-white moonlight, and they flit about telling us little tales, only very often we forget them when we wake up.

Now what about these lower lights we have just spoken about?

Well you know, not so very long ago, when sailors had only the stars to steer by they used very often to run on to rocks on dark nights, because they could not see the shore. And wicked people used to put up false lights on the tops of cliffs and bring the ships on to the cruel rocks so that they would be wrecked and the cargo washed ashore. But what about the poor sailors? Oh well, they took their chance. The wreckers didn't care if the sailors were drowned. Not a bit, all they thought about was the plunder and they did not care one little thing about the sailors losing their lives.

Then some good men came along and they built beacons, which lighted up the coast for miles, and men took it in turns to watch these beacons, so that in wild, dark nights, the fires were never allowed to die out, and so of course, many people were saved from drowning. Of course, that meant trouble with the wreckers, and many and many a fight took place, and sometimes the wreckers won.

However, gradually, people began to see reason, and very soon we had great big towers called Light-houses put up on dangerous rocks and men kept up a light in a big, big, lantern at the tops of these towers all night long, until old Father Sun popped his smiling face round the corner again, and another day had dawned.

Everybody has to be thankful to the Light-house keepers, for theirs is a very, very lonely life out there, with only one companion to talk to perhaps for months at a time. No coming home, no Lyceum (of course they have silly, if they had their manuals with them). "No Nothing" as the schoolboy said on a wet half-holiday. But the men are proud of their job, because they hold the lives of millions of people in their trust. Once let that light go out and many a gallant steamer may be driven out of its course, and cast upon the rocks. Then maybe, the sailors would be drowned, the cargo spoiled, and some people in the land would be harmed by the loss of goods.

Now then, here we are at sea. Oh, dear, it is so dark! But see, just ahead of you, Flash, flash, flicker, then black again! Whatever was that? Oh, nothing to be frightened about. It is only the Light-house telling us that all's well, and a dark, night, and hurry on."

There, look! a great white light for nearly half a minute. That is another Light-house saying "Hullo, How is the weather out there?" And the whistle says "Toot, toot." Just to tell them that there is a capful of wind and a tidy sea running.

Here's another. "In, out, in, out," telling us "Hurry, hurry, England is calling you."

Here we are, running inshore now, and just look, little lights bobbing up and down. Very small these, with a tiny light, sometimes shining all the time, sometimes going out then popping in again. What ever are these? Why they are what we call "Buoys" and we pronounce it "Boys." And are these little lights useful? Oh, yes, they are so important, because they can be put where the big lights could not, because the big Light-house would be in the way. So the lower lights are useful and have each their place in the scheme of things.

Then of course we have great big searchlights, which light up the land and sea whenever they are used. These throw their beams into every nook and corner, and nothing is hidden when their beams go searching about.

And we have some houses where by just pressing down a little button we get the lights put on. Isn't it wonderful? But most

wonderful of all is the way old Father Sun keeps popping up his smiling face and bidding us start another day.

Then there are lamps and candles and ever so many other kinds of lights, all useful in their own way.

Did you ever see a picture called "The Light of the World"?

There you see a man (whatever has been done with the lessons he tried to teach, the man still interests us all) stood with a lamp in his hand. He is knocking at a door overgrown with leaves and creeping plants. And we want you to look at this door, for it is most peculiar. It has no handle and no keyhole. No, dear children, it only opens from the inside.

Ah, there is the root of the question. The light is there, but the house cannot have the light unless those inside open the door.

I have in mind a beautiful Silver Chain in our Manuals. "Knocking, Knocking."

We don't seem to have it often yet it is full of hope if we read it aright. It deals with light all the time. And I am thinking of a wonderful hymn I know, but this, too, is never sung at our Lyceums.

"There's a call comes sounding o'er the restless wave,
Send the Light."

Now then, we have a clear call for all Lyceumists. Send the Light into the dark places for there are so many which seem so bright, and yet they can do with a little of the sunshine of love.

Sometimes a smiling face hides a sad heart. Let the lower lights (and that means you and me) shine out and do what they can for our Lyceum work the world over.

Now then, you know what I mean children, old and young. Let your letters be cheery and many, and please remember the long distance friend you are writing to, far away over the sea, and keep up your friendship as long as you can.

Now for a little chat about our doings.

Of course, you have been studying hard for your examinations and we want our band to be successful because the more knowledge we get the more of those lights we shall be able to send out. I hope you have all been able to answer those questions and show people that your Lyceum teaching has been put to good use.

I went to an Open Session this month and the Conductor said I might conduct it if I liked. I did, and we had a splendid time. Oh, how they did ask questions, and they had to have an answer. We had marching and callisthenics and recitations, and in the evening a Service of Song. The question in my mind as I came away was:

"What hast thou gleaned to-day?"

You know chicks, we should ask ourselves that question each night, when we talk to God, and our loving friends, because each action is either a ray of light or a shadow. Of course we don't want shadows, do we? Oh, no! Don't keep the light off anybody. If you don't want to shine yourself don't stand in the way. But then you do want to shine, don't you, and the best way is to do it in each thought, each word, and each action.

Oh dear me, I haven't said much about Overseas matters, have I?

Well, perhaps I have, for after all we are sending the gleam over the wave, and trying to make someone happy.

I have a letter from Los Angeles. One of our great friends there, Mr. Virgil Vlasek, has been ill. Please send him a thought, for he is one of our great helpers, and he is flashing the Lyceum Light over the Western World for us. He is so interested in our work and he wants to see it doing more and yet more.

Dunedin sends their love, and from Wellington comes a cheery message of hope and encouragement. They are spreading the Gospel Light of truth and love over there.

Australia is fighting hard too, and we must keep on thinking of them, and wishing them all the best love we can.

There, you see now what it means when the Hymn says,

"Jesus bids us shine
With a clear pure light."

But not only Jesus, all of us, bid each other shine, but we must also shine ourselves.

Let the thought for the month be:

"Let your Light shine, that your heavenly home may be glorified."

Father Janus says he opened the door for us, but we must supply some of the Light ourselves.

Yours lovingly,

UNCLE JOSEPH,
Room 4, 20, Road Lane,
Rochdale, Lancs.

INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CONGRESS.

The Triennial Congress of the International Spiritualist Federation is arranged to be held in London on Sept. 7th—13th, 1928.

The principal British Spiritualist organisations are combining to ensure a successful Congress.

There will be five sections, dealing with different aspects of Spiritualism.

Essays to be read at the Congress must be forwarded to the I. S. F. General Secretary, Mons. A. Ripert, Maison des Spirités, 8, rue Copernic, Paris (XVIe), France.

Subscriptions and Congress donations are being appealed for and should be sent to Mr. G. F. Berry, Broadway Chambers, 162, London Road, Manchester, or Mr. E. W. Oaten, 18, Corporation Street, Manchester.

The Rooms of the London Spiritualist Alliance have been generously placed at the disposal of the Congress.

Miss M. Phillimore has cordially accepted the Hon. Secretaryship of the Reception Committee, and will also receive any exhibits which may be loaned for the Spiritualist Exposition which is being held during the Congress. Miss M. Phillimore's address is 16, Queensberry Place, South Kensington, London.

British Spiritualist Churches and Lyceums are requested to send as many Delegates as possible to ensure the success of the Congress.

A Lyceum Session will be held on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9th, in the Battersea Town Hall.

The London Lyceum District Council is co-operating with the Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. to ensure a successful Session being displayed in the presence of the Foreign Delegates.

Full particulars of the Congress are given in the "Two Worlds" (Feb. 10th and Feb. 17th), and the "National Spiritualist" (March issue).

District Visitors' Report.

LONDON DISTRICT.

During the year commencing Feb. 20th, 1927, and ending Feb. 12th, 1928, I have visited the following Lyceums: Kingston (five times), Peckham, Surbiton, Hounslow, Southend, Hackney, Brixton, Holloway, Walthamstow, Progressive, Bowes Park, Lewisham, Woolwich and Plumstead, (twice), and a new Lyceum at Acton (three times). Manor Park, Eltham, Ilford Research, Battersea, Chatham, Walthamstow (old), Plaistow, Croydon, Tottenham and Little Ilford (once), and of course, Battersea Demonstration and Albert Hall, Armistice Sunday. This makes 50 attendances.

The Lyceum attendances have been on the whole good. Some Lyceums have lost in numbers, others have increased, so it makes a balance. Questions and answers have been excellent and show we are making a move in the right direction.

Marching and callisthenics have improved. Individual efforts and pearls have produced an increased harmonious effect. Some Lyceums have formed choirs which will have the effect of binding Church and Lyceum more closely together, which in some cases is needed.

Wishing Lyceums all the very best of luck in all their efforts, and trusting each and everyone will indeed walk Hand in Hand with those Higher Angelic forces to the betterment of our glorious cause.

FRED J. MILES, D.V.

District Council Reports.

UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICTS' COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The United Lyceum Districts' Council will hold the half-yearly meeting on Saturday and Sunday, March 10th and 11th, in the Church and Lyceum at Fleetwood.

Delegates to this meeting are requested to write Mrs. E. K. Firth, 31, Burns Road, Fleetwood, stating their requirements *re* billeting.

Will all Council Secretaries please write or inform your Delegates of your Council's decision *re* the Children's Manual and College, as per the letter of November last.

The meeting will commence at 6-30 p.m. on Mar. 10th. Tea will be provided from 4-30 p.m. for Delegates.

On the Sunday the Open Session and Evening Service will be conducted by the Delegates.

Fees are now due for 1928.

J.S., Sec:

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The B. & D.L.D.C. held their first A.G.M. in High Street Spiritualist Church, Smethwick. All affiliated Lyceums were represented and there was a very good attendance of Associate members.

Mr. Frost again welcomed all Delegates and Associates saying that he could see by the company present that we were in for a good meeting.

As this was the first A.G.M. there were no minutes to read.

After the correspondence the Treasurer's Report was given, which was very good considering the time the Council has been in existence.

The D.V. report was also very good. He had been unable to attend Lyceums in an official capacity. He had worked very hard and had laid down a very good foundation for his work for the coming year when he would be able to carry out his duties officially.

The Associate Representative's report showed that she had also been strenuously at work, obtaining over 40 names; 31 had paid Fees.

Mr. Lewry was elected chairman for the Election of Officers. President, Mr. Frost; Secretary, Mr. Straw; D.V., Mr. Smith; Associate Representative, Mrs. Shakespeare; Auditors, Mr. J. H. Dunn and Mr. Warilow.

The new Executive then took charge of the meeting and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Lewry for the able way he had conducted the Election of Officers.

At the end of Open Council community singing was indulged in from a song sheet provided by the Smethwick members. We had a very enjoyable and most successful meeting.

D. STRAW, Sec.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

The A.G.M. of the B.L.D.C. was held on Saturday, Feb. 18th in the Bradford St. Church, Bolton. Mr. Charnley presided.

After a few questions the Minutes and correspondence were adopted. A letter of sympathy was sent to the Radcliffe Delegate who was in hospital.

The President gave a brief, beneficial address, and appealed for support of the Council. He requested a larger interest in the Education Scheme.

The Auditors' and Treasurer's Reports showed an adverse balance. The Auditors were quite satisfied with the state of the books.

The President (who had been elected D.V. in November in place of Mr. Walsh who had to retire owing to ill-health) had only been able to visit one Lyceum. He gave a pleasing report.

The Adjudicator's Report showed that Bolton, Henry St. had won the Shield for competency. This competition was close; there was a difference of 15 marks between the winners and the Lyceum with the lowest marks.

Mr. Charnley was re-elected President. Miss Dean was appointed Secretary, and Mr. Hibbert re-elected Treasurer. Miss Ward was elected D.V. and Mr. Jones re-elected Adjudicator.

Quite a number of salient points were discussed regarding organisation and other matters.

The question of a Demonstration was referred to the Lyceums; the Executive will discuss the subject later.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Bradford Street Church for the use of the room, and to the caterers.

An appreciative vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Officers.

A.D., Sec.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting was held at Idle Lyceum on Sunday, Feb. 12th. Mr. Hudson, our Vice-President, was in the chair. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was accepted. The Vice-President gave an address, owing to our President not having been to our meetings. The address was adopted. The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were accepted. The District Visitor gave a good report which was adopted. The Balance Sheet and Auditors' Reports were accepted. The Balance Sheet was confirmed, and showed a balance in hand of £3 12s. 8d.

Election of Officers:—President, Miss S. Hudson; Vice-President, Mrs. Craig; Treasurer, Miss Craig; Secretary, Mr. E. Aked; District Visitor, Miss Teal; Auditors, Mr. E. H. Coles and Mr. A. Illingworth. Election of Standing Orders Committee:—Mr. Hirst, Mr. J. Babbs, Mr. F. Babbs, Mr. Hudson, and Miss Jacques.

There were no motions from any Lyceum to amend Constitution.

Re Motions arising out of District Council Business, it was moved that for 1929 Lyceums discuss holding our meetings on the Saturday afternoon, with a Concert or Social in the evening; half proceeds to go to the Council Funds and half to the Lyceum. If the Lyceum desires, the Council E.C. will take the platform on the following Sunday.

The Notice of Motion from Laisterdyke Lyceum *re* "The Judge visiting a Lyceum without informing the Lyceum that he or she is coming to judge" was defeated, and it was decided to have the same rule as last year. We shall again have a neutral judge; the Secretary to try to get some lady of gentleman from the Movement to act as judge. *Re* the Shield and Bell Rules.—It was decided to have the same rules.

Delegate to B.S.L.U. Annual Conference. Owing to our Council Funds being low it was decided that we send only one Delegate this year, and our Secretary, Mr. E. Aked, be the Delegate.

New associates enrolled were: Mrs. and Miss Craig, of Otley Road Lyceum. Mr. A. Illingworth and Miss Jacques of Idle Lyceum.

It was decided to ask Lyceum to support another Whist Drive etc., for the Council Funds.

A Vote of Thanks to all Officers was carried.

The Afternoon Lyceum Open Session was largely attended, and much enjoyed. A good number of old friends were present.

The Prizes were presented to the scholars of Idle Lyceum by the newly elected President, Miss Hudson.

The evening service was also largely attended. Our President, Miss Hudson, was in the chair. Mr. E. Aked gave the address, and Mrs. Craig gave clairvoyance. Miss Teal moved and Mr. Aked seconded a Vote of Thanks to our kind friends at Idle Church and Lyceum. We all spent an enjoyable day.

E. AKED, Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the Liverpool L.D.C. was held on Saturday, Feb. 11th at Warrington Spiritualist Church.

Mr. Watson presided over Delegates from Boaler St. and Daulby Hall, Liverpool, Chester, Runcorn, Southport, Warrington, and Wigan. There were also present two Associates. Mr. Pearson represented the S.W. Lancashire Group.

Mr. Watkins delivered the invocation.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Correspondence was accepted.

The President in his address referred to the loyalty of the Lyceums comprising the Council. The attendance at quarterly meetings, the support to Open Air Demonstration, Massed Session, and Session Competition, and the replies to monetary calls have been good. He regretted that several Lyceums were labouring under difficulties from two main standpoints. (1) lack of sympathetic consideration from the Church to which they are attached, and (2) The lack of adequate funds. Lyceumists and Lyceum leaders must work to remove the barriers by being true to the Principles for which they stand, on all occasions, and so win the respect and admiration of those in the Churches who would fain stay the march onward. He was sorry that the Council could not at present become a District Committee of the S.N.U. College and pointed the way how to become a College Committee with a College Advocate, and recommended the proposal for consideration.

The Secretary reported good attendances at quarterly meetings. The Open Air Demonstration, Massed Session, and Session Competition had been well supported. Chester Lyceum have applied for membership to the Council.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand of 9s. 2½d.

The District Visitor gave a report of visits to Wigan, Runcorn, and Boaler Street.

Mr. Watson gave a report of the S.W. Lancashire Group meeting held at Warrington the week previously.

Election of Officers: President, Mr. Watson, Secretary, Mrs. George; Treasurer, Mr. Watkins; D.V., Mrs. Clitheroe; B.S.L.U. Conference Delegates Mrs. Clitheroe and Mrs. George; Auditors, Mr. Keeling and Miss Holiday; S.W.L. Group Representative, Mr. Watson; Miss Elliott is being asked to act as Adjudicator for the Session Competition. Two awards are to be given in addition to the Shield.

It was decided that we hold a United picnic on June 16th at Frodsham. The arrangements were left in the hands of the E.C.

A Massed Session will be held at Daulby Hall on Sunday, Sept. 2nd. Mr. Keeling was suggested as Conductor.

The Secretary had omitted B.S.L.U. Nominations from the Agenda, so Delegates were asked to take the matter back to Lyceums and send nominations to the General Secretary at the earliest date prior to March 23rd.

A Vote of Thanks was passed to retiring Officers, to Warrington Lyceum, and to the Ladies for the tea arrangements.

E.C.

LONDON DISTRICT.

The London Lyceum District Council held their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, February 18th, 1928, at Lausanne Hall, Peckham, kindly lent for the occasion by "The South London Spiritualist Mission."

Tea was provided by the Peckham friends, also refreshments during the interval.

A good number were present, 15 Lyceums were represented by 27 Delegates, also the Fraternal Delegate from the L.D.C. of the S.N.U. Our Area Representative, Mr. E. G. Cox, was also present, and our old friend and worker, Mr. Clegg, was with us, and gave us some very helpful advice.

The business of the evening was well carried out, the principal items being "Adoption of Bye-Laws," "Federation of Youth" (League of Nations), "Inter-relation between Churches and Lyceums," and the Election of Officers and Council for the ensuing year.

There are not many changes in the Council, nearly all the retiring Officers being re-elected.

The Lyceum movement in London is still going strong, and hope by the end of the year to have made greater strides than ever before. Greetings from London to all Lyceums and Councils.—Ernest E. Young, Sec.

President's Address.

In presenting my Presidential Address, my first thoughts go out to our arisen workers, to whom I would say, by my personal experience of their communion and guidance

Saints above hold sweet communion
With the loved ones yet below
Blended in unfettered union
Thoughts that none but angels know

Then I would not be unmindful of the many past workers who have at various periods during the past 19 years taken part in the work of this Council. God's speed to them wherever they may be to-night.

To the Officers and Members of this Council who have so loyally supported me during the past year I express my appreciations not forgetting under this heading the valuable companionship in service of my wife.

To Officers and members of Churches and Lyceums, to Associate members, to delegates and all who have shown interest in our work I thank you on behalf of the Council and myself.

A special word of appreciation is due to Mr. and Mrs. Tiffin who have so kindly allowed us to make their home our Headquarters.

To be continued in next issue (Ed.).

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

The above Council held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 4th February at Denton. The President, Mrs. Ennion, was unable to attend owing to sickness. The Vice-President, Mrs. Edwards, presided at the meeting.

34 Delegates and associate-members were present from:—Macclesfield, Ashton, Hyde, Denton, Heaton-Norris and Stockport (Central).

Miss E. Pavey, Miss M. Downs, Mr. A. Downs, Mr. W. Lane and Mr. J. Cookson (all of Heaton Norris) were accepted as new members.

The correspondence was accepted. The Secretary gave the Financial Statement which was very satisfactory. The Auditor's and D.V.'s reports were accepted with thanks.

The result of the Silver Bell Competition was announced, Stockport Central Lyceum being the winners. They were congratulated on their success.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Dixon, of Manchester who had acted as Adjudicator during 1927.

It was resolved to hold the next Annual Outing at Heaton Park.

The Election of Officers took place and a vote of thanks was given to retiring officers.

The next meeting will be held at Macclesfield. The best thanks were given to Denton friends for their hospitality.—E. Joules, Sec.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The above Council held their A.G.M. on Saturday, Feb. 11th in the Regent Hall Lyceum, Rochdale, under the Presidency of Mr. T. Dixon.

After singing "Shoulder to Shoulder," the President gave the invocation. Mr. A. Hudson was credential Officer. Nine Lyceumists were nominated as Associates.

Minutes of the last Meeting were passed as read. Also correspondence and Auditor's Report.

Sympathy is extended to our D.V., Mr. Buckley, who, through sickness could not visit Lyceums.

Officers were elected for 1928. President, Mr. T. Dixon; Vice-President, Mr. A. Hudson; Secretary, Mr. H. Greaves; Treasurer, Mr. Dewhurst; Auditors, Mrs. Carter and Mr. Ernest Hudson. Election of D. V. was left over till next meeting. A Committee was elected to draft Rules for Council procedure.

Lyceums are asked to devote a little time to Manual Revision and submit alterations to the Revision Committee.

The President in his address thanked all the retiring Officers for their reports and urged for a greater efficiency amongst teachers and leaders in the Lyceums.

Mrs. Dawson, President of Regent Hall Church, extended hearty greetings from the Church and Lyceum.

The President moved the best thanks of the Council for the manner in which our Regent Hall Friends has entertained us.

There were present eight Delegates, four Associates, one Auditor, and the D.V.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 12th, in the William Street Lyceum, Heywood, when a good muster of Delegates is eagerly anticipated. Much work is needed to be done, and it is hoped that all Lyceums in the Council will send along their Delegates to share the burden. The Council is for you to make use of. Lyceums, rally! —H. Greaves, Sec.

Parkgate.—Mr. J. Gothard, 23, South St., Greasborough, nr. Rotherham.

Portsmouth.—Miss C. Jones, 68, Hudson Rd., Southsea, Portsmouth.

Reading.—Forester's Hall, London St. 2-45 p.m.

Heywood, B.M.U.—Mrs. E. Chilton, 178, Bamford Rd., Heywood, Lancs.

Darlington, Northgate.—Mrs. Christopher, 1, Hercules St., Springfield, Darlington.

West Hartlepool, Charles St.—Mrs. Craik, 29, York St., West Hartlepool.

Jarrow.—Mr. F. S. Wales, 50, Clyde St., Jarrow-on-Tyne.

Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.—Mr. F. Lord, 42, Meldon Terrace, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, Northumberland.

Hanley.—Mrs. A. Mason, 28, Cromwell St., Hanley, Staffs.

Birmingham, Stirchley.—Miss A. E. Jervis, 56, Holly Road, Cotteridge, Birmingham.

Little Ilford.—Mr. W. P. George, 53, Little Ilford Lane, Manor Park, E.12.

Manchester, Cornbrook St.—removed to Stanley Grove.

Beeston, Barton St., off Station Rd.—10-30 a.m., 2-0 p.m. Mr. G. Paling, 67, High Road, Beeston, Notts.

Nuneaton.—Mr. Waters, 47, Alexandra Street, Nuneaton, Warwicks.

Horsforth.—Mrs. B. A. Eccles, 67, Victoria Gardens, Horsforth, Leeds.

Birmingham D.V.—Mr. R. H. Smith, 672, Pershore Rd., Selly Park, Birmingham.

Rochdale, Regent Hall.—Miss D. Richards, 18, Jutland Avenue, Spotland Estate, Rochdale.

Tees-Side D.C. Secretary.—Mr. E. Nellist, 2, Lobster Rd., Coatham, Redcar, Yorks.

N. E. Cheshire, D.V.—Mr. Downs, 47, Belmont St., Heaton Norris, Stockport.

Change of Secretaries, etc.

Birmingham District Council—Secretary, Mr. D. Straw, 13, Hawthorn Grove, Whitmore Rd., Small Heath, Birm'ham.

Bolton District Secretary.—Miss A. Dean, 77, King St., Bury, Lancs.

Bolton District, D.V.—Miss D. Ward, 12, Mount Pleasant St., Horwich, nr. Bolton, Lancs.

Bolton, Deane Rd.—Miss E. Bleackley, 4, Tudor St., Daubhill, Bolton, Lancs.

Coventry, Bull St.—Miss D. E. Matthews, "Oakdene," 43, Blythe Rd., Hillfields, Coventry.

Hull, Gipsyville.—Mr. C. A. Halstead, 120, North Road, Gipsyville, Hull.

Normanton, Assembly St.—Mr. J. Bird, 1, Stanley St., Normanton, Yorks.

London, Croydon.—Miss G. M. Robertson, 9, Foulsham Rd., Thornton Heath, Surrey.

London, Hackney.—Mr. J. A. Banfield, 30, Stoneham Rd., Upper Clapton, E.5.

London, Lewisham.—Mr. Hansen, 57, Loampit Vale, Lewisham, S.E.13.

London, Walthamstow.—Mrs. H. Harding, 18, Wellington Rd., Walthamstow, E.17.

Southend and Westcliff.—Mr. F. B. S. Kemp, 10, Nelson Road, Leigh-on-Sea.

Manchester, Progressive.—Miss E. Jackson, 62, Brunt Street, Rusholme, Mchr.

Manchester, Harpurhey.—Mrs. A. Hall, 10, Dunstan St., Moston Lane, Blackley, Mchr.

Manchester, Pendleton, Highfield Chambers.—94, Broad St. Miss D. Woolfenden, 3, Mount Vernon, Strawberry Hill, Pendleton, Mchr.

Manchester, Princess Hall.—Mr. J. Woodcock, 156, Cornbrook St., Old Trafford, Mchr.

Accrington, Argyle St.—Miss C. Tabiner, 43, Elmfield St. Church, Accrington.

Colne.—Mr. T. Hargreaves, 38, Church Meadows, Colne.

Mansfield.—Mrs. Price, 16, Herbert St., Mansfield, Notts.

Sutton-in-Ashfield.—Mr. Reynolds, 114, Low Moor Road, East Kirkby, Notts.

Glasgow, Northern.—106, Napiershall Street.

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.—Open Session, Feb. 5th. Good attendance. The S.C., M.R., and G.C. recitations well said. The marching and callisthenics were very good.

On Saturday, Feb. 11th, a grand Concert was well rendered by the children. Many thanks are due to those who worked to make it a success. Something attempted, something done. A hearty welcome to all. J. Babbs, Sec.

HANDWORTH, Forward Lyceum.—We held our Xmas Party on Dec. 28th, 1927, and it was a great success, tea being provided free for all Lyceumists, who numbered about 60, and included the parents of the children, who were well represented.

We commenced at 3-0 p.m., tea being at 4-0 p.m., so that we should have plenty of time for games, and the programme arranged included a miscellaneous concert given purely by Lyceumists. Afterwards we had games, which I think the seniors enjoyed more than the children.

Then followed an interesting event, the distribution of prizes, which should have been done for us by the President of the Forward Church, Mr. Maybury. He was unfortunately, owing to illness, unable to attend. Mr. Butler, one of our senior Lyceumists, deputised very ably. After refreshments: apples, oranges, sweets, etc., everyone went home tired but happy. We spent some very enjoyable, happy hours. A. Brown, Sec.

LONDON, Lewisham. On Jan. 24th, our Annual Christmas Party. Lyceumists extended their invitations to children of Church Members. A good number sat down to tea; then came fun and frolics, followed by games, etc. We had a play "The Seasons," acted very well by Lyceumists. Mr. Beeston performed his conjuring tricks. Miss Wain presented prizes and each child received a prize according to their merits. Finally the toys on the Christmas Tree were distributed to those who did not receive prizes. We give our very best thanks to those who helped to make everything successful.—E. Last, Sec.

QUARMBY.—The Open Session on Feb. 12th was of a most instructive and interesting nature. The Conductor and Drill

Instructor was Mr. G. S. Senior. Miss N. Howe was Callisthenic leader. Responses and discussions were rife, cordially met, and tactfully dealt with. Many visitors were welcomed.—Lyceumist.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, Dalkeith St.—On Founder's Day we held the usual Session. Songs by Mr. Morris, Mrs. Hall and Elsie Vernon. Recitations by Edna Instance, Lelsie Chapman, and Nora Jarman. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris was named by Mr. Dobson, "Thomas Gordon," spirit name, "Conqueror." Mrs. Pickles was our speaker and she was greatly appreciated.—J. Fullard, Sec.

BEESTON.—On Feb. 12th the Annual Prize Distribution took place. Mr. Ball, of Belper, made the presentations. A vote of thanks was given to all last year's officers.—G. Paling, Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—We held our Open Session on Feb. 5th. We had a very good attendance. Pearls were given by Mr. C. Wright, T. Brooke, Misses E. Schofield, Gladys Hatton, Mrs. Cooper and J. Burke. Duet by E. Rowley and D. Garside. Solo by A. Wilson. Recitations by Misses Cooper, E. Rowley, S. Wright, D. Garside, and Mr. T. Brooke. Everyone enjoyed the Session. Mr. Robinson, our sick Lyceumist, is still improving in health.—T. Brooke, Sec.

DARWEN.—On Jan. 29th, we celebrated Founder's Day. In the afternoon we held an Open Session and a Naming Ceremony, performed by Mrs. Shuttleworth. The baby was Franville Seddon, spirit name "Forward."

In the evening the services were conducted by Miss Jenkinson and Mrs. Shuttleworth. A very successful day.—Dorothy Coghlan, Ban. Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham St.—Open Session, Feb. 5th. Conductor Mr. Raspin. We had a good number of members and friends. The S.C.R. and G.R.C. were well discussed. Our young members gave a very good programme. We have also held two good socials during the month which have been very successful.—N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Brixton.—During the month of February, we have been holding our Lyceum Sessions as usual. We are pleased to say that the membership of the "Younger-end" of the Lyceum has increased.

On Sunday, Feb. 5th, we had with us Mr. Atkins, of Fulham Lyceum, who conducted the Lyceum. The service was a great success, and everybody enjoyed it.—E. B. Cross, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Rd.—On Feb. 5th we held our Open Session. Pearls were numerous, and musical and solo items by various Lyceumists were well appreciated. The Session was a distinct improvement.—J. Abbott, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Rd.—On Feb. 5th we held an Open Session. Recitations were rendered by Misses Clive, Maw, Overment, Alice and Barbara Taylor, Hilda and Olive Nutt, Miriam Moss, Gwennie Gill, Lucy Wagstaffe, and Connie Higginbottom. Masters G. J. and Jas. Bailey, K. Rollinson, and Vincent Potter. A solo by B. Higginbottom. Pianoforte solos by M. Truelove and L. & G. Moss. An enjoyable afternoon.—A. Truelove, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick, St.—On Feb. 5th, Mrs. Harrison on behalf of the Lyceum, presented to an old Lyceumist, Mrs. Cummings (nee Miss Cannon) a fruit set as a Wedding Gift. Mrs. Cummings thanked the Lyceum profusely for their thoughtfulness.—S. Williams, Sec.

WINDHILL.—We held our Open Session on Feb. 5th, conducted by Mr. Wright. Recitations, readings, duets by Lyceumists. An afternoon well spent.—Mrs. Feather, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—We held our Open Session on Feb. 5th, the following contributed pearls and recitations:—Mr. West, Mr. Pearson, Louis Rimmer, Lorne Rothwell, Mrs. Haller, Dolly Sutherland, M. Welsh, Pearl Welsh, Grace Welsh, Margaret Muir, Evelyn Brown, Evelyn Lindsay, May Lindsay, Mary White, and Mary Lynch. Duet by Evelyn Brown and Evelyn Lindsay. Trio by May Lindsay, Pearl Welsh, Margaret Muir. Songs by Mrs. Wilson, Grace Welsh, Mr. West and Mr. Pearson. Mr. Hargreaves spoke a few words to the Lyceum. The marching and callisthenics were led by Mr. Pearson. The conductor was Mrs. Burley. Very good music was played by Mrs. Haller. We had a very good attendance.—Mrs. M. Armitt, Sec.

Births, Marriages, and In Memoriam.

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GREAT HARWOOD.—In loving memory of Richard Barrington, who passed away March 4th, 1927.

"And with the morn those Angel faces smile,
Which we have loved and lost just for awhile."

From Alice.

KEIGHLEY.—We regret to announce the transition of Mr. Tom Robinson, on February 19th, 1928. A fellow Lyceumist and co-worker.

"Our friend has only changed his tread
To realms of spirit just above."

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

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

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—We held our Open Session on February 5th. Recitations by three young Lyceumists; solos and duet by a number of Lyceumists. We all had a very enjoyable session.—Miss H. Swift, Sec.

BARNESLEY, North Pavement.—We held our Open Session on January 29th. Marching and callisthenics were well done. Prizes were distributed by Mr. Lucas and Mrs. Gelder. A number of the children gave recitations. Mr. Carter, of Halifax, recited for us.—H. Lucas, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St Peter Street.—January 29th was our Lyceum Day. We held our Open Session in the afternoon. Mrs. Nurse, of Blackpool, was our speaker and was delighted with the general standard of our session. The following contributed to a bright session:—Recitations by E. Holding, J. and F. Parkinson, A. Wilkinson, C. and A. Raiton, L. Slater, C. Robinson, E. Wood, M. Turner, I. Lightbown and Miss E. Rothwell; solos by Mrs. Hall; duets by Miss E. Hopper and J. Newell, E. and L. Robinson; violin and pianoforte duet by Miss A. E. Riding and J. Sharples. About 150 present. A good day well spent by all.—T. Wood, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—On February 5th we held our Open Session. There were quite a good number of pearls and recitations, a duet and a trio, which were all very nicely rendered. Our speaker for the day was Mr. Shuttleworth, of Darwen. Though we had not quite so many visitors as usual, everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable time.—Edna Holt, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry Street.—On January 1st we held our first Open Session with a good attendance. Our speaker was Mr. Ridgeway, of Southport. Pearls, recitations and solos were rendered by Lyceumists. We had visitors from other Lyceums, and all spent a very happy time.

On January 2nd we held our Annual Tea Party and Prize Distribution. About 58 sat down to tea. The Lyceumists gave an Operetta, "The Enchanted Glen." The prizes were given by Mr. Joe Shipperbottom. Father Christmas paid us a visit and gave the children prizes from the Christmas Tree. Afterwards there were games for the children.—W. Monk, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—We held our Open Session on February 5th, when a glorious time was spent. Services were rendered by Florence Leng, Vera Solmon, Alice Wilkinson, Albert Wilkinson, Miss Turner, Mrs. McKaye, Mr. Stevens, and our organist, Miss Bairstow.—E. Pickles, Sec.

BRIERFIELD.—We held our 3rd Sacred At Home on Sunday, February 19th, conducted by Mr. Dilworth. We had with us our speaker, Mrs. Parkinson, of Barnoldswick, who explained the S.C.R. in a most uplifting manner. Items by Mona Berry, Ethel Spencer, May Earnshaw, Olive Bradshaw, Phyllis Spencer, Margaret James, Bessie Rapson, Alice Harper, and Miss N. Tunstill helped to make it a most successful session. Thanks are due to all who took part in making our Sacred At Home a real red letter day.—T. Wane.

BRIGHOUSE, Commercial Street.—On January 28th and 29th we held our Anniversary Services. On the Saturday we had the Annual Tea, Concert and Prize Distribution. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. F. Oade, one of our Lyceumists. The concert, entitled "The Enchanted Glen," was ably rendered by members of the Lyceum.

On Sunday afternoon we held an Open Session. Miss Smith, of Huddersfield, was speaker. Recitations were given by Mina Firth, Barbara Lee, Mollie Battye, Lucy Davis, Jack Battye, Douglas Robertshaw; solos were given by Mollie Crossley and Mr. James Crossley. In the evening Miss Smith gave many good thoughts and there was special singing by the Lyceumists.—Fred Brook, Sec.

CALGARY, Canada.—After a short Session on January 8th, we held the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 1928. After reports of progress from all officers, and a report of a bank balance of 40 dollars, we elected the officers. Conductor, Miss Ada M. Garrad; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Eshlby; Guardian, Miss Dorothy Browning; Assistant Guardian, Mr. Adam; Musical Director, Mrs. Parkyn; Assistant, William Garrad; Physical Director, Miss Stella Wintle; Assistant Physical Director, Mrs. Garrad; Librarian, Mrs. Garrad; Assistant, Mrs. Yoxall; Treasurer, Miss Dorothy Browning; Secretary, William A. Garrad; Group Leaders, Mrs. Parkyn, Miss Wintle and Mr. Adam.

We are satisfied with the progress through the year. The members of the Lyceum were pleased with all reports. All members had put in very good attendance and the four socials had helped to keep the interest of the young folks in the Lyceum.

On January 29th we held our Open Session and celebrated Andrew Jackson Davis Day by having the full programme out of the LYCEUM BANNER. On account of the miserable weather there were not many out, but all who attended had an enjoyable time. All said pearls. The following gave readings:—Dorothy Browning, Stella Wintle, Lorna Yoxall, Roy Ferguson, Mervin Eshelby and Ross Beatty. The life of A. J. Davis was read by the Conductor, Miss A. M. Garrad. Margaret Dams and Tom Wintle gave recitations; Raymond Parkyn and Mrs. G. H. Garrad sang. A duet by Elsie and Lena Peters. The marching was done exceptionally well and the younger children are getting on fine with it. We hope to keep up a fine Lyceum all the year. Wishing the BANNER and all Lyceums the best of success in 1928.—W. A. Garrad, Sec.

DARLINGTON, Northgate.—We held our quarterly Open Sessions on January 22nd, when Mrs. Sutton took the services. Pearls, recitations and solos were given by Lyceumists. It was a pleasant week-end.—M. Christopher, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—We held our Open Session and Prize Distribution on January 29th, conducted by Mr. J. H. Collier, with a very good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. The S.C.R. and M.R. were very much enjoyed. Marching and callisthenics were smartly gone through. Recitations by the following:—Misses Chrissie and Margaret Greenwood, Mona and Violet Heys, Hilda Bennett and Master Cyril Heys. The prizes were presented, and Miss Robinson, of Staffordshire, addressed the Lyceum. The whole session was very good.—H. Gregory, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session on February 5th, conducted by Mrs. Maltby. Invocation by Mr. G. Gomersall. Pearls by Mrs. Crossland, Mr. Maltby, Mr. E. Gomersall, Phyllis Wilcox and Master L. Gomersall. Recitations by Master A. Crossland and Mrs. Ball. Solo by Phyllis Wilcox. Marching and callisthenics were very good. Mr. Bates gave the benediction. An enjoyable session.

We had our Prize Distribution on February 12th.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EARBY.—On February 5th we held our Open Session, when the following Lyceumists contributed items:—Recitations by T. Hancock, D. Seddon, F. Clarke, O. Wilkins, E. Butterworth, W. Waddington, A. Bannister and A. Taylor; songs by E. Taylor, A. Taylor, M. Wild, V. Lancaster; duets by W. Wintersgill and A. Bannister, H. Foxcroft and D. Wright, H. Foxcroft and S. Warrington.—B. Smith, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—We held an Open Session on February 5th. The children took much interest in the proceedings, and they had smiling faces as they stepped out to the front to say their recitations and sing their songs. Ten boys sang "Roses of Life." Four little girls sang "Open the Door for the Children." Recitations by Dorothy and Ruth Harris, Laura Moore, Eric Horan, Harry Horne, Tom Wright and Frank Philips. Several pearls and marching and callisthenics were very good. The usual singing was enjoyed by all.—E. K. Firth, Sec.

GLASGOW, S.M.U.—Election of Officers:—Conductor, Miss H. Cleland; Assistant Conductor, Miss J. Tainsh; Secretary, Mrs. E. Hastie; Treasurer, Mrs. Livingstone; Musical Conductor, Miss B. McGregor; Marching and Callisthenics Conductor, Miss Buchan; Group Leaders, Miss Cleland, Miss McGregor; Captain of Guards, Miss Ena Hastie; Assistant Guards, Harriet Livingstone, Ermine Livingstone; Delegates to S.L.D.C., Miss Cleland, Mrs. Hastie; Delegate to Church, Miss J. Tainsh.—Mrs. E. Hastie, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on February 5th, when various Lyceumists took part. An interesting ceremony was performed by Mrs. Hall in the naming of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who was given the earthly name of Stanley, spirit name, "Sunbeam."—Clara Waterhouse, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Pleasant Sunday, February 5th. In the morning solos by Mr. Rycroft; duet by R. Mathieson and H. Tartellin; recitations by J. Bacon and H. Tartellin; also marching, callisthenics and pearls. In the afternoon, recitations by Rosie Barron, A. Latch, Bobbie Eddington, R. Mathieson, V. Chapman, Marcia Wallace and N. Eddington; solo by Rosie Howard; duet by L. Roberts and V. Willey; trio by M. Willey, R. Howard and S. Willey; quartette by J. Fields, S. Moore, J. Shaw and H. Tartellin.—P. Stanham, Sec.

HYDE, Clarendon Street.—Our Open Sessions were held on Founder's Day, January 29th, and were very well attended. In the evening session 30 prizes were distributed by our brother Lyceumist, Mr. Wright. Two were given by himself for the most questions asked during the last 12 months. Both sessions were very well conducted by Mr. Hyde. Our best wishes are given to our young Lyceumist, Lewis Smith, who has removed to Stockport.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

IDLE.—Open Session February 12th. In the afternoon a very enjoyable programme was contributed. The Distribution of Prizes took place. Miss Hudson, President of the B.L.D.C., presented the awards.

In the evening our service was given by the B.L.D.C. Officers; Miss Hudson presided. Mr. Aked gave a splendid address, followed by clairvoyance by Mrs. Craig, Vice-President. It was a very happy day.—Miss Jacques, Sec.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—The following are alterations to our list of Officers:—Assistant Conductor, Mr. W. Harrison; Organist, Mr. James Dunn; Auditors, Miss Gray and Mrs. Carr; Group Leaders, Mr. G. Hardwick, Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Hannah; Sick Visitor, Mrs. Geo. Hardwick.—F. Wales, Sec.

LANCASTER, Great John Street.—We held our Annual Prize Day on February 12th. It was a great success. In the afternoon we had an Open Session. M. Kendal, D. Bleasdale, E. Stephenson, J. Peel and G. Kellet took part. Mrs. Hodgson, an old worker, presented the prizes. In the evening Mr. Bleasdale gave an inspiring address to a large congregation.—E. Thompson, Sec.

LEEDS, Armley.—On February 4th, 5th and 6th we held our Anniversary. After a substantial tea on the Saturday, a splendid concert was given by the scholars. Prizes were presented on Sunday afternoon by Mr. B. Carter, who also was the speaker in the evening, supported by Mr. Feather, who is a gifted medium.

Mrs. Hendry conducted the services on Monday, afternoon and evening, and brought to a close one of the most enjoyable anniversaries ever held at Armley.—G. Lee, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—On Jan. 27th we held our Open Session with a good attendance. Pearls were good. Recitations by Lavinia and Elsie Garrett, Yvonne Dehoux, Annie Hughes, Horace Jayes and Elsie Clements. Duets by Kittie Townsend and Eva Newton, Messrs. A. & F. Gamble. Solo by Mr. W. Beck.

Feb. 5th, Election of Officers: Conductor, Mrs. F. M. Thwaites; Assist. Con., Mr. W. Beck; Treasurer, Mr. T. Kenny; Secretary, Mr. S. Wheatley; Musical Conductor, Mr. L. Kenney;

Guardian, Mrs. Noon; Guards, Jack Philips (Captain), Eva Newton and Harry Spencer. Committee, Mr. A. E. Gamble, Mr. F. Gamble, Mr. N. Jayes, Mr. A. Sutton, Mr. E. Taylor, Miss Vann, Miss Langley, Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Tiplady.—S. Wheatley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—On Feb. 5th we had our Open Session, when the following Lyceumists took part.—Solos by Misses E. Wicks, E. Needham, and Master W. Coysh. Recitations by Misses A. Hughes, D. and L. Jayes, E. Dehoue, Mr. Moody, and Master H. Jayes. Everyone did their best. A bright and enjoyable session.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LINCOLN, Midland.—We had a bright and lively session on Feb. 5th, conducted by Mrs. Crane. On Feb. 15th we had a social evening with Parlour Games and Community Singing led by our comedian, Mr. C. Crane. It was a delightful evening.—A. Dobby, Treas.

LONDON, Clapham.—On Jan. 29th we held our A.G.M. and our Conductor, Mr. Searle, in presenting his report, emphasised the fact that though we are very small in numbers there is still the rock on which we hope to build. Officers elected were: Conductor, Mr. Geo. Searle; Secretary, Miss P. Lewis; Treasurer, Miss Pennington; Guardian, Miss Luxton; Delegates, Miss E. Lewis and Miss Clements. Organist, Mrs. Young; Asst. Organist, Miss Clements; Drill Instructor, Mr. H. Tiffin, Capt. of Guards, Kenneth Green; Wardens, Kenneth Salter, Frank Goodwin.—P. Lewis, Sec.

LONDON, Manor Park.—On Jan. 21st we held our Annual Tea and Prizegiving, which proved a great success. 65 Lyceumists and friends enjoyed a merry tea. The tables were gaily decorated with flowers and bon-bons. All received a coloured paper hat which created much fun and laughter. Parents and friends came along and joined in a social evening of recitations, dialogues, by Lyceumists. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Blanche Petz, and Miss Agnes Giles, after which prizes and gifts were distributed to all Lyceumists by Mrs. B. Petz. We were delighted to welcome her and she was in her usual bright and happy spirit. Bouquets of flowers were presented to Mrs. Petz and Mrs. Goater, with loving thoughts from the Lyceum. Refreshments were handed round and each child received sweets, fruit and balloons. Thanks were extended to all workers who had helped to make a successful evening.—Mrs. E. M. Marmoy, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford Idmiston Road.—Saturday, Jan. 21st was our New Year Tea party, and a pleasing number of parents and Church members attended. A large number attended the Anniversary Session on Feb. 22nd, when medals and book prizes were presented by Mr. A. T. Connor.

On both occasions, members of the Lyceum gave individual efforts. The Lyceum was addressed by Messrs. Connor and Clegg.—Eva Connor, Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—Election of Officers: Mrs. Challinor was in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were passed. The Officers of 1928 are,—Conductor, Mrs. Challinor; Secretary, Mrs. Rushton; Guardian, Miss Dean; Guards, Winnie Carter, Sylvia Bamford, Sam Royle, and R. Cadman; Librarians, Mr. Carter and Mr. B. Garner; Leaders, Mrs. Challinor, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Rushton, Mrs. Smith, Misses M. Findlow; and E. Rushton, Mr. Carter. Mrs. Challinor asked all to do their best to make this year a very happy and successful one.—Hannah Rushton, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Princess Hall.—Annual General Meeting, Jan. 22nd. Election of Officers: Conductor, Mr. G. Thornton, Assist. Conductor, Mrs. R. Hope; Treasurer, Mr. H. Pitt; Secretary, Mr. J. Woodcock; Guardian, Miss L. Thornton; Trustees Miss L. Eastwood and Mr. G. Thornton; Marching Conductor, Mr. F. Taylor; Musical Conductor, Miss M. Booth; Guild Leader, Mr. H. Pitt; Auditors, Mr. Robinson and Mr. A. Hope; Delegates, Mr. G. Thornton and Mr. Robinson; Librarian, Mrs. Thornoton; Captain of Guards, Mr. G. Taylor; Guards, Mr. F. Pitt and Miss Muriel Lamb; Group Leaders, Mr. Robinson, Mr. A. Hope, Mrs. R. Hope, Miss Whalley. The various reports given by the Officers testified to the good progress made during the year and that the Lyceum was in a good financial position.—J. Woodcock, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Beaconsfield St.—On Jan. 22nd we had a very enjoyable afternoon Session. Mr. L. Johnson was present to distribute prizes. Pearls were very good. Recitations were very ably rendered by Pattie Brown, Ida Allan, Kathleen Ostich, Sheala Partridge, Donald and Tommy Shipley, Harry Allen and Bonnie Ostich. Solos by Miss M. Garton, Lily

Garton, Irene Ferrill, Violet Stanyon, Edward and Alfred Brookhouse. Pianoforte solo by Marjorie Ostich. Mr. Johnson spoke very encouraging words to each scholar who received a prize. Mr. C. Pinder ably conducted the S.C.R. The Church was packed with scholars and visitors.—Marie Sander-son, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On Saturday, Jan. 29th, we held our yearly Tea Party, which we named "The Carry-On Party." About 70 sat down to tea. In the evening the Central Concert Party rendered songs and other items. We finished up with a Social. It was a great success.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott St.—On Jan. 22nd we held our Lyceum Open Sessions. We had numerous visitors from other Lyceums, and we had a very pleasant time together.

On Feb. 5th the christening ceremony of Harold Bridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bridge, took place at our Church. The spiritual name ("Onward") was given by Mrs. Lomas, of Southport, and the earthly name by Mr. Platt.—M. Harper, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session on Feb. 5th. The following contributed: Recitations by Mr. Simmonds, Arthur Cavanagh, Connie Martin, and Connie Tallon. Song by Jean Blackburn. Duets by Miss Bradley and Miss Norris; Miss Kilner and Miss Cooke. Miss Clarke and the children's Group sang "Open the Door for the Children."—R. E. Tallon, Sec.

RAWTENSTALL.—We held our Open Session on Feb. 5th, conducted by Mr. Tann. Marching and callisthenics were conducted by Miss L. Richardson. Pearls, recitations, solos, were given by L. Tann, P. Greenwood, N. Maunder, L. Richardson, A. Marshall, M. Smith, H. Haworth, A. Haworth. A morning well spent.—Mrs. Tann, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On Jan. 29th we held an Open Session because it was Founder's Day. Our Conductor, Mr. F. Smith, took the Founder's Day Programme. We had recitations and pearls by various Lyceumists and a good Session all through.

On Feb. 5th, the Lyceum Officers took the Evening Service for the Church. The President for the evening was our Conductor. All the Officers spoke a few words. Mrs. Thwaites, our Asst. Secretary, took the after meeting and also the Monday Evening Service. We had a good week-end together.—Mr. E. Johnson, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 5th the naming of one of our oldest Lyceumist's (Mrs. Snell) baby took place. Our Conductor Mrs. Hart, ably conducted the service. The baby "Brian Leonard" received the spirit name "Victor." Many visitors enjoyed the Session. An unbroken chain of pearls and individual efforts made it most harmonious.—E. W. Long, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On Sat. Feb. 11th, we held our Annual Tea Party and Prize Distribution. The young children gave an operetta entitled "The Dissatisfied Fairy," which was greeted with applause. Mr. Pyatt, President of the Church, presented prizes and said he was surprised to find so many 100% prize winners which spoke well for the school. Mr. Joe Smith (late of Hyde) presented the Silver Bell on behalf of the North East Cheshire Council. We have again won the Bell for the next 12 months. In his remarks he said Stockport Central was an example which all others might follow. Our Conductor, Mrs. Ennion, presented four consolation prizes and pleaded with them to attend the Lyceum. It was a day well spent and an upliftment to the Church.—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Musgrave St.—We had our Prize Distribution on Jan. 1st when a good number of scholars received prizes.

We had our Open Session on Feb. 5th. There was a good attendance. 20 pearls. Recitations by Nora and Norman Jefferson, Mr. J. Walker, and Tommy Baimbridge. Solos by Maggie Rider, and Mary Petty. Duets by Mrs. Jefferson and John Macklam, Mrs. Davey and Mr. Cook. Pianoforte solo by Miss V. Davey. It was a very good session.—E. Platts Sec.

WEST PELTON.—An Open Session was held on Feb. 5th. The following Lyceumists took part—M. Wishart, L. Dryden, L. Wishart, J. Douglas, J. Cockburn, D. Douglas, J. Robinson, R. Dryden, Mrs. Abbott and E. Hardy. The Session was conducted by E. Dryden. A pleasant afternoon.—A. Dryden, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—Feb. 5th, Anniversary. Mrs. Brittain gave an interesting address and presented prizes to 19 successful Lyceumists. Songs and recitations were rendered. An enjoyable afternoon was spent.—Mrs. M. HALL, Sec.