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B.S.L.U. Annual Conference, May 26th & 27th, 1928.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

Fellow Lyceumists,

GREETINGS.

It gives me feelings of pride and pleasure that Manchester is the venue for the Conference this year. I extend to one and all a very hearty and cordial welcome.

We regard Manchester as a city of commercialism, but it is also a centre of Education, Science, Philosophy, Religion, and Reform. It is not a "City of Drabness," but a "City of Art and Beauty."

I am proud too, to be associated with Manchester. It is my birthplace, and it was here too, that I received my insight of the deeper truths of Life; as a result of my introduction to Lyceumism.

We are reminded too, that Manchester has been the scene of many activities that have helped to make the History of the Movement. I cannot refrain from referring to the following noble souls whose association with Manchester is well known, and whose services to the Movement in its early days were of very great value. Emma H. Britten, who helped to complete our Manual; J. J. Morse, the founder of the "Lyceum Banner"; Mrs. A. E. Bentley, Wm. Crutchley, Pa. Knight, and E. W. Wallis.

I pray that our deliberations this week-end may be influenced by those above, so that the issue will be to the ultimate good of these children, with whose future we are entrusted.

OUR CONFERENCE.

The Agenda is not a very lengthy one, but it contains much that requires your careful consideration, and the business is of great importance. I trust that "wisdom" will guide your actions and speech throughout.

In taking a retrospect of the Union's activities during the year, we view with concern the seriousness of the Union's position. Owing to the continued economic conditions that are prevailing throughout the country, the finances of the Union are being depleted. Against this, the new office entails an average of £1 os. od. per week extra. There are the heavy Conference Committees' expenses. Our National and International obligations must be met if we are to continue our forward march as a progressive movement, but a note of Economy must be sounded if we are to steer our ship safely through the storm; therefore I beseech every Lyceumist, both at home and abroad, to strain every effort to maintain the Union's finances, by supporting your own Publications and Trading Department, and so help to stabilise the financial position.

ORGANISATION.

The Lyceum returns show a decrease of 376 members during the year, the total membership now standing at 15,679. If every Lyceumist made one new member each year think what it would do towards building up the Union's finances, and would prove too, that there is no APATHY prevailing in our Lyceums, but real "live wires" who are alert to the needs of the Movement.

The Rota Scheme continues to prove a huge success, and the M.C. have been well received by the D.C.s, and Lyceums, and great credit reflects upon those who have so loyally helped to facilitate the business of the Union.

THE LYCEUM HOME OF REST SCHEME.

It will be with delight and satisfaction to all to know that after 26 years of legal fighting the Trustees have obtained the consent of the Charity Commissioners to use the interest accruing from the Ainsworth Legacy Scrip, whereby the "Home of Rest Scheme" will become operative.

This again reminds us that the Lyceum Home Fund is sadly in need of Donations to help forward this very worthy project. May the time be not far distant when the Trustees will be able to claim the Legacy, so that it can be utilised for what it was intended.

£2,000 EFFORT.

One notes with very great regret how very slowly this Effort grows. If ever there was a time in the History of the Movement when an Ideal such as this should be realised, the time is NOW. Many schemes have been formulated, but none have brought about the desired effect. £1,500 is still needed toward the required amount to aid in the establishment of a Trading and Publishing Department. What lies behind this seeming apathy? Is it that our interest has waned, or do we think that we have contributed our share and there it must end, or is it that we fail to see that a spirit of co-operativeness should be solidly maintained until the desired amount has been obtained?

If you are in earnest to see the Union placed on a sound financial basis, seize this very moment. What you can do, or think you can, begin it! Make use of the Collecting Cards, sell Bookmarks, Postcards, etc. In some way help to make the Ideal a practical reality.

EDUCATION.

The Education Scheme continues to meet with the success it deserves, and great credit is due to the untiring efforts of Miss Kitson and Mr. A. T. Connor in this direction.

The N.S.C. Graduate Scheme supplies a long felt want and every eligible Lyceumist should take advantage and support it loyally, so that ere long the College will become a real solid structure in our midst.

OPPOSITION:

During the year the Rev. Chas. Rouse has again been on the war path, and levels his attack against the Lyceum through the pages of the "Patriot," in which he states the teachings of A. J. Davis are definitely communistic, and makes reference to Musical Reading, No. 202, "The Voice of Progress," upon which he builds his case. Such views could only be expressed by an individual whose mind is warped with bigotry, and cannot respond to "The Voice of Progress."

Our second attack comes from the pen of Owen F. Dudley, who states:

"The system of Lyceum schools, in which thousands of boys and girls are trained in Spiritualistic tenets and practices, ensure a ready-made supply of devotees and mediums. In addition, Spiritualism now enjoys the perpetual boost of the sensation-mongering press. Its exploits invariably providing good 'copy'."

I would refer both these opponents to a study of our Education Scheme and particularly the Graduate section, and the answer is well supplied.

OUR POLITICS.

On several occasions the questions has been put to me, "Why don't we as a Movement give a lead so far as our Political Standing is concerned?" My reply is,—"The time is not opportune to make any declaration, considering we have to deal with persons whose political views vary considerably. We are a democratic movement, and should not be fettered in any way by political influence. The very fact that we stand for "EQUALITY, FRATERNITY, JUSTICE and PEACE," should be a sufficient guide to those who desire a lead in things Politic. For the present we must have Patience and Tolerance."

INTER-RELATIONS.

The B.S.L.U. and S.N.U. Inter-relations are not working as harmoniously as they ought. Had the Inter-relations Agreement been used as the Joint Committee intended, the working of the machinery should have been perfectly smooth, and not produce the creaking sounds we are hearing. Churches are failing to honour the Agreement made by both Unions. Such methods tend to prevent the closest Harmony that should prevail between both bodies, and would ultimately bring about the natural growth of Fusion.

S.N.U. SUMMER SCHOOL.

The S.N.U. Summer School last year was a real success both from an Educational and Social standpoint. I strongly advocate a visit to the Summer School by every Lyceumist who is interested in Education, and at the same time combine it with the pleasure provided between the hours of study.

THE I.S.F. TRIENNIAL CONGRESS.

The I.S.F. Triennial Congress is being held in London this year. The Lyceum Union has been allotted the Sunday afternoon for the holding of a Lyceum Session. This will be under the control of the Management Committee, who have sought the co-operation of the London Lyceum District Council in this matter. The details of the Session are complete, and will be issued in Souvenir form, suitably illuminated. We feel optimistic in saying that every Lyceumist present on that day will rise to the occasion and do full credit to their training by showing our International Colleagues that the Lyceum is truly a system of Liberal and Harmonious Education.

Mr. J. E. Hart has been reluctantly compelled to relinquish work for the Movement, owing to a serious breakdown in health. I feel sure that all Lyceumists will join with me in wishing him a speedy return to health and strength.

CONCLUSION.

And now I must pay tribute to one and all for the kindness and consideration that has been extended to me throughout my term of office. To the Officers of and M.C. Members I am deeply grateful for their unstinted and loyal support. My thanks too, are due to our General Secretary for his ready willingness to assist me whenever he could, and to those loving and ever Faithful souls above; whose influence has ever guided us all aright.

"It is the secret sympathy,
The silver link, the silken tie,
Which heart to heart, and mind to mind
In body and in soul can bind."

The onward progress of the future will depend upon our mutual co-operation. The future is full of hope, and who can say to what heights we shall attain? EDITH ELLIOTT.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

RESULT OF THE AREA ELECTIONS.

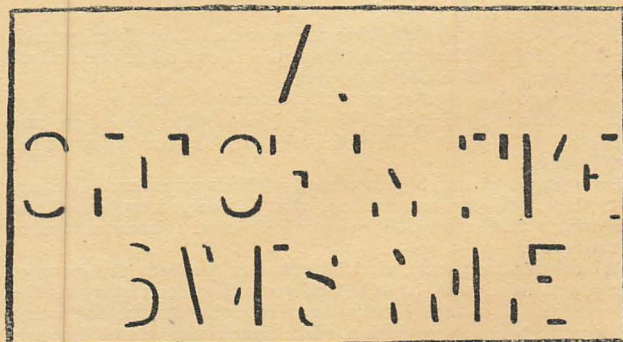
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Area.	Candidate.	Votes.
A.	MISS H. CLELAND	38
	MR. J. SHAW	21
B.	MR. J. SLIMIN	Unopp.
C.	MR. J. F. SMITH	Unopp.
D.	MR. W. BURROWS	203
	MR. E. AKED	74
E.	MRS. L. NURSE	344
	MR. J. R. CHARNLEY	162
F.	MR. J. E. HART	371
	MR. E. A. KEELING	179
G.	MISS V. G. RAYNER	Unopp.
H.	MR. E. G. COX	134
	MR. H. C. GUY	107

Mr. Hart notified the General Secretary that he withdrew from the contest on April 14th, before the results were declared.

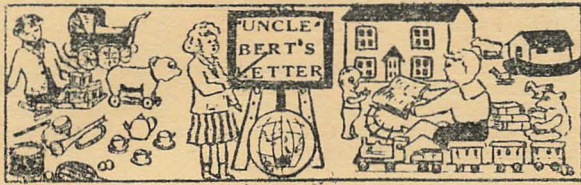
Signed,
EDITH ELLIOTT, President.
GEO. F. KNOTT, General Secretary.

The Children's Puzzle.



In the above puzzle you are requested to try and complete the letters and you will find a well-known proverb. Send your answers to Uncle Bert.

Hear is a story of a tear,
That falls not from the eyes;
It tells of clothing that is ripped,
And mended ere time flies.



My dear Boys and Girls,

I have just received a letter from The Editor, requesting me to send my letters for the printer's earlier than usual, as they want a holiday like everyone else. Then I have received another urgent call to go to Yorkshire, so we are all in a hurry. That means of course that I cannot put the names of correct answers to Puzzles in this month, as I am sending off my letter before I receive yours, so now you will understand.

Talking of Puzzles, I find the Picture Puzzle last month made some of the older ones put their thinking caps on, to continue the lines and I received all sorts of funny suggestions. These Puzzles are so simple when you only know what they are, you know. That's trying to be funny isn't it? I hope you have a copy of the May BANNER in your hand and a pencil. Although you have not a lot of space to draw on, I think you will be able to make a Table Leg of No. 1, a Uniform Cap of No. 2. No. 3 is a Kettle, 4, a Coat Hanger; 5, a Scrubbing Brush; 6, a Flat Iron; 7, a mug hanging from a dresser; 8, a Chopper; 9, Flower Pot; 10, Grocer's Scoop; 11, Heel of a lady's shoe; 12, a Jug. Now I am sure you will agree with me that they are very simple. Later on we will try some more.

We have now come to a very important time of the year. A season when sports of all kinds are in full swing. I find many of you boys and girls are already practicing for your School Sports, Racing, Swimming, Long and High Jumping, etc.

Some are busy playing cricket, tennis, etc. There are many lessons to be learned from the various sports, but I think the greatest of all lessons is to be a sporting player, for it is in this that we see character demonstrated.

Let me try and draw a few simple pictures to illustrate this point.

First we will take a Cricket Match, and here let me say I do not mind whether you are playing with the street lamp post as your wicket, or if you are playing on a professional ground, it is still cricket to you. Before the match you have great ambitions of scoring a century for your side, or taking a lot of wickets. The match has started. You are batting and facing a very good bowler. The first ball you just stop nicely, also the second and third. Of course you do this to get your eye in. The fourth is such a tempting ball, that you see it reach the boundary in your mind, before you've hit it. Alas! it did not come off, but to your surprise your bails have. What's the next action? To look at the bowler as if you could hit him, to sling your bat down in a paddy? or to walk out from the wicket gracefully on the signal of the umpire's little finger.

Now your side is fielding, and your captain puts you on bowling. You have a few overs without success. The captain thinks he will give you a rest. Do you think your captain is the worst man in the world, or do you accept his ruling cheerfully? These may sound silly points to some, but "To see ourselves as others see us" under such circumstances often reveals our good or bad character on the playing field.

If we allow our disappointment to lead to temper it is bad form. If we remember we have another opportunity to show our worth in the next match and accept our fate cheerfully, it denotes a sporty player.

Swimming: here we get lessons of a different kind and one in which the old saying becomes very true, "If at first you don't succeed, Try Try, Again". In this sport you have to show power of determination, grit, and courage, and only by these means can you ever hope to reach success. We will now consider our School's Sports.

In these modern days I find that most schools are divided into sections usually called Houses, and names after some great poet, writer, or leader. This is a very fine idea and one worth extending. It might even be adopted by the various groups in our Lyceums as a means of adding interest. It takes away such a lot of individual selfishness, for I find boys and girls are more keen on winning points for their houses, than self-glorification.

In your School Sports you have a number of events, racing,

skipping, long and high jumping, etc. You enter one or more of these, and of course you hope to be successful, and I hope you are too. But suppose your opponent is a better boy or girl than you and beats you. Are you ready to show them the real sporting spirit by shaking hands with them and congratulating them? It may not always be easy at a time when we are inwardly smarting over our own failure, but these are the little things which belong to the building of character in the world of sport, and are extended in other walks of life. What a grand thing it is to hear it said of a Boy or Girl "What a jolly fine sport he or she is," such titles are only to be won by real sincere actions of goodwill towards others.

Ever remember in all games there must be losers as well as winners. There would be no game without the ambition on the part of both sides to be on top. Therefore if you are fortunate to be on the winning side learn to appreciate the fact that the other side have done just as much as you to make the game complete and enjoyable.

Always play to win and always endeavour to put your very self in the game. There is one other lesson worth considering. "Accept the advice of those who have been through the test and have won their victories." If you have a trainer at your school or a teacher who can give you hints on how to run, or play the game, be attentive to his or her instructions. This is also a rule which will be useful for you to give heed to, in other branches of your life.

A word of advice from one who knows often saves you boys and girls from many a slip as you go through life. Be wise to accept it.

In all your pastimes and games, then, make up your mind, whether you win or lose, that you will win the respect of your chums by being "a real jolly sport."

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES.

No. 95. Spiders, Caterpillars, Dandelions, Wallflowers, Sparrows, Honeysuckle.

No. 96. "There is nothing like the oil of appreciation for greasing the wheels of endeavour."

No. 97. "Natural Worship," 229.

THIS MONTHS PUZZLES.

Puzzle No. 98. "For Manual Searchers." Find me a Lyceum Song which refers to Lake, Sea, Streamlets, Trees, Flowers, Hill and Valley.

No. 99. Middle Title of a G. C. Recitation (several words).
"NIFOHHEETMYRUOGCE"

No. 100. "Charade."

My First is in Boat, but not in Ship,
My Second in Sand, but not in Mud,
My Third in Ant, but not in Spider,
My Fourth in Tin, but not in Steel,
My Fifth in Bell, but not in Gong,
My Sixth in Rat, but not in Cat,
My whole I read and sometimes carry.

A few borrowed Pearls.

"A practical idealist: a man who dreams, and then sets to work to make the dream come true."

"The essential to success is not capital, but character, grit, and determination."

"Life is a good thing, but life means work—it means doing things and not watching other people."

LIBERTY SECTION.

Attending Conferences always gives us a practical demonstration of Fraternal Brotherhood.

Handshaking with friends, exchanging greetings and smiles, and a wave of the hand across the Conference Floor, are pointed actions to this end.

Therefore the subject for your consideration this month is "Fraternal Brotherhood."

With love,

UNCLE BERT.

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

MUSICAL HONOURS FOR A BELPER LYCEUMIST.

Musical honours have come quickly to Mr. Alfred W. Hawkins, A.L.C.M., who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawkins, of New Brighton, Brookside, Belper. He obtained the diploma of Licentiate (L.L.C.M.) of the London College of Music, at the recent examination held at Nottingham. Mr. Alfred is aged 19 and a son of one of the newly appointed councillors for Belper, also assistant organist at the Jubilee Hall, and has often given his services for local efforts.

SALFORD CENTRAL LYCEUM.

St. Philips Place, Chapel St., Salford.

From this date our morning session is closed until further notice. Our afternoon Session is held from 2 p.m. till 3-15 p.m.
M. GOLDSTRAW.

The Education Department.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.
(Under the auspices of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U.)
ASSOCIATE (B.S.L.U.) SECTION

of the

NATIONAL JOINT EDUCATION SCHEME.

CONCERNING CONFERENCE.

When this issue of our paper appears, Conference Week-end will have just passed, during which will have been considered the Education Report, which appeared in last month's issue. Next month we hope to give the decisions of Conference, and if and how they effect the *personnel* and work of the Education Committee.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS.

The candidates in the B.S.L.U. six Grades and S.N.U. Examinations have learned their results during the past month. *The B.S.L.U. successes* are given in detail, with interesting summaries of results and other supplementary information, in the printed book of EXAMINATION RESULTS. A copy can be obtained (price one shilling) at Conference, or from the General Secretary or Education Secretary.

TO B.S.L.U. CANDIDATES.

The Committee congratulates the 927 successful candidates of the various Grades, and hopes each one will make an early start on the work for the 1929 examinations, either to take the next Grade or to take the same Grade again, to obtain a higher class (especially if not old enough for the next Grade).

The Education Committee appeals to all students to do their utmost to help on the work of the COLLEGE, in one or all of the following ways:—(1) If their Lyceum is eligible, inducing it to enrol as a Local Branch and take part in all College activities; (2) persuading other Lyceumists to study and sit at the Examinations, so that their Lyceum will become eligible for enrolment; and (3) in either case, seeking that, once enrolled, their Lyceum will remain eligible by keeping up a constant flow of new students.

COLLEGE LOCAL BRANCHES.

The following Lyceums are eligible for membership of the College as Local Branches, (*see* the Local Branches Constitution in 'The College Booklet'), the names in capitals being those of Lyceum Council Districts and the numbers in brackets showing the number of students entered. It should be remembered that the qualification for membership as a Local Branch is that at least TEN members of the Church or Lyceum were entered for the Examinations, and that as many as possible sat—and the qualification lasts until Whitsun, 1929. A Form of Application has been sent to every eligible Lyceum, and it is hoped that they will all add to the prestige of the Educational Movement by joining up.

BIRMINGHAM: Handsworth (15), Wolverhampton (11); BOLTON: Henry Street (17), Radcliffe (12); COVENTRY: Broadgate (14); HALIFAX & HUDDERSFIELD: Brighouse, Commercial Street (18), Quarmby (12); LEEDS: Castleford (37), Dewsbury (11), York (18); LIVERPOOL: Daulby Hall (24), Southport (10); LONDON: Battersea (11), Chatham (12), Croydon (22), Eltham (29), Fulham (20), Hackney (17), Hampton Hill (15), Lewisham (12), Kingston (15), Peckham (14), Tottenham (29), Walthamstow (16), Southend (24); MANCHESTER: Longsight (17), Newton Heath (31), Stretford (12), South Manchester (27); NORTH EAST LANCs: Barrow (19), Blackpool (12), Darwen (13), Burnley, Hammerton Street (10), Fleetwood (18); NOTTINGHAM: Belper (14), Hucknall (11), Lincoln, Coultham St. (11), Lincoln Midland (16), Nottingham Mechanics Hall (11); SHEFFIELD: Barnsley (20), Doncaster (10), Darnall (21), Rotherham (17), Attercliffe (11); SOUTHERN COUNTIES: Portsmouth (32) Southampton (24); TEESIDE: Grangetown (15), Middlesbrough (25), Shildon (10), New Shildon (10); SOUTH WALES: Caerau (25);

TYNESIDE: Blyth (15), Gateshead, Beaconsfield (20), Rectory Hall (12), Hirst (12), Heaton and Byker (22), South Shields, Fowler Street (17), Wallsend (18), Whitley Bay (15).

Of these 59 Lyceums, Southport, Middlesbrough, Blackpool and Chatham have already joined up: who are going to follow them? Outsiders will judge the College by the support it gets from the Lyceums and Churches, and we don't want to let the Lyceum case go by default.

OUR COLLEGE ASSOCIATES.

At the February Examination, 27 Grade Five candidates earned the Associate Degree, and it has already been applied for and awarded to Joseph Taylor and Raleigh W. Marks (Newton Heath), John A. B. Abbott (Middlesbrough), Edward Nellist (Grangetown), Samuel Carter (Bacup), Mrs. Alice Parkinson (Nelson) and Mrs. D. G. Hart (Southampton). The College Board gratefully acknowledges the donations forwarded by some of these when applying for their Diplomas. They are now eligible to use the letters A.N.S.C. in their Church and Lyceum work.

These, and the Grade Fivers who have passed in previous years with not less than 70 marks, are eligible for the Intermediate Grade of the Advanced Scheme, which was drawn up in collaboration with the S.N.U. to provide further study for both Lyceumists and Church members, and as an aid to the speaking ability of our Platform Workers. The Syllabus of the Intermediate Grade is appended, and our Associates are advised to start off at once with the Reading Course text-books, beginning with Mr. Berry's 'Hints to Students of Spiritualism,' which, if thoroughly grasped will be an invaluable guide to all our students. It can be obtained from Mr. Berry for 7d. post free. Mr. Berry is President of the International Spiritualist Federation and a Fellow of the College. He is also Secretary of the Spiritualists' National Union, which has published his 'Hints,' at 162, London Road, Manchester.

INTERMEDIATE GRADE.**READING COURSE.**

Introduction to Spiritualism and Lyceumism (B.S.L.U.)
Hints to Students of Spiritualism (Berry).
The Seven Pointed Star (Berry).
Spiritualism: Its Ideas and Ideals (Gow).
Psychic Philosophy (De Brath)—Introduction and Part I.

To show an intelligent 'general knowledge'; to be able to discuss and appraise the value of any given incident or teaching; to write a short essay on any subject dealt with in this course.

PHILOSOPHY COURSE.

Primer of Logic (Jevons).
Essays on Reasoning (Connor).

To be able to 'work' exercises or answer questions; to be able to apply Logic to the study of Spiritualism.

EVOLUTION COURSE.

The Story of Creation (Clodd).

To have a 'general idea' of the Theory of Evolution and how it is supported by present-day forms of Life.

INTERMEDIATE GRADE EXAMINATION RESULT.

The Intermediate Grade papers have been marked and returned by the Examiners, and 16 of the 18 sitters have qualified to enter for next year's Subsidiary Grade examination. Of the two who failed, one did so well in two of the three Courses that a further examination in the 'weak' subject has been offered and accepted. Of the 16 successful students, some have done exceedingly well, as will be seen from the appended results list. The possible total of marks was 300, and the minimum for a pass was 180; less than that total, or than 50 per cent. in any one Course, bringing failure. The Marking Scheme allows Distinction for 270 to 300 marks; Honours for 225 to 269, and First Class for 180 to 224. We congratulate our successful Grade Fivers, nine of whom are in the following list.

No.	Name.	'Town'	Rdg.	Phil.	Evol.	Total.
1	Lilian George	Liverpool	95	92	97	284
2	M. E. Lawton	Barrow	99	83	95	277
3	Arthur Bruce	Rotherham	85	96	95	276
4	Laura Radcliffe	Huddersfield.	88	76	91	255
5	Edward Jones	Caerau	82	81	89	252
6	Walter Burrows	Halifax	96	71	83	250
7	Lucy Smith	Huddersfield.	81	76	91	248
8	E. F. Lawton	Barrow	96	52	94	242

9	Winifred Fielding Jarrow	67	81	73	221
	William G. Giles Plaistow	63	80	78	221
11	E. Thompson Lancaster	61	58	83	202
12	George Thornton Manchester	80	51	70	201
13	Edith Elliott Manchester.	74	51	75	200
14	Mary Griffiths Barrow	74	50	74	198
	Daniel Griffiths Barrow	80	50	68	198
16	Benjamin Partington Manchester	52	56	78	186

The successful students are recommended to begin at once with the Reading Course text-books for the Subsidiary Grade, of which the following is the Syllabus:

SUBSIDIARY GRADE.

READING COURSE.

- Students' Handbook No. 2 (B.S.L.U.)
- Advent: The Beginnings of Modern Spiritualism (Connor)
- Practical Occultism (Morse).
- Comparative Religion (Jevons)—(*the smaller book*).
- Psychic Philosophy (De Brath)—Part II.

To show an intelligent "general knowledge"; to be able to discuss and appraise the value of any given incident or teaching; to write a short essay on any subject dealt with in this Course.

PHILOSOPHY COURSE.

- Know Your Own Mind (Glover).
- To be able to apply Psychology to the consideration of Spiritualism and its Phenomena (all phases).

EVOLUTION COURSE.

- Anthropology (Marett).
- To have a "general idea" of the growth and development of Man's Social, Religious and other Institutions.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEMES:—

For information about the ASSOCIATE SECTION (i.e., Oral Grade to Grade V.) apply to the Hon. Education Secretary (B.S.L.U.):—

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Savile Town,
Dewsbury (Yorks.)

For information about the NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE apply to the College Secretary and Secretary of the Joint Education Committee:—

Mr. A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C.,
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London, E.7.

For information about the GRADUATE SECTION (i.e., the Advanced Courses) apply to:—

Mr. T. OLIVER,
S.N.U. Education Secretary,
272, Edmund Road,
Sheffield.

A MESSAGE FOR THOSE WHO GRUMBLE.

Commonplace world did you say?
Same old tasks day after day?
Fed up? "Yes, and tired, too,
Want a change; I'm feeling blue.
Life for me is just a rut,
Sort of staying where I'm put;
Want to spread my wings and fly."
"Well, then, rouse yourself and try.
Just look round at cheery folk,
Treating work as one great joke,
Finding common tasks worth while;
Life to them is one large smile.
Still there is your narrow groove?
Stir yourself; do make a move.
Then you'll find 'tis common things
Often most adventure brings.

12th May, 1928. MINNIE FARRAR, West Melton Lyceum.

PECKHAM.—The report of last month should have read "we celebrated our 19th Anniversary," and not the 21st as reported.

SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION, LIMITED.

The Twenty-Fifth

Annual General Meeting

will be held in the

**National Spiritualist Church,
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JUNE.

THE MONTH OF ETERNAL YOUTH,

The month of June is often considered by many people to be the happiest month of the year. We speak of the merry month of May, but June thoughts have greater depth and fuller meaning. A young lady once said, "If ever I marry, It will be in June. That is the month to find real love and have the foundation of the best thoughts nature can give."

Was the idea just a whim? Or was it because Juno was the Goddess of Love and her charm has vibrated through the ages and made the mythical name become a vibrating force in real life?

It was certainly a pretty figment of the mind to think of Juno traversing the sky in her chariot, drawn by two inseparable swans. But all those ideas have gone now and we are left to commune with ourselves. We all feel the desire for isolation at times. We also feel that life would not be bearable if it was not arranged that youth can look around the fields of emotion and draw on the fountain of desire for dainty flickerings of love's young dream.

With the personification of the year we have passed through the innocence of childhood and are now beginning to respond to the heart-throbs of nature as she bursts through the soil and begins to bud and flower.

We rejoice in new-found liberty and strength. We nod in the breeze to other flowers that jazz in the glitter of illuminating rays arising from the growing consciousness of an interesting world.

Oh, the magic of the body, and the charm of the mind. What is this thrilling allurements that draws us to think of others, to build castles, see visions and dream dreams.

We walk, talk, run, skip, dance and frolic in an unspeakable fairy-land of delightful pleasure.

Of course there is the grown-up world about us, filled with "might-have-beens," but that world does not seem as though it has ever been young and does not understand our impulses are imperative. I wish, I want, I will, calls nature to the feet of youth. Life is a conquest without measure or duration. It is only when we become human that we find our limitations.

And so:—the dance ends in our exhaustion; the lesson leaves us fagged; the evening finds us tired; the night produces sleep. But we do not live for sleep. The waking moments are what we live for:—to grow—to expand—to soar—to live—live in the growing fullness of our power and seek our friendships.

Friendship is the joy of life sought by youth for the fuller expansion of its power. Sport has a social foundation, but we must all "play the game" to be acceptable to our friends.

We neither want the kill-joy nor the drone. We want, yes, we want many things; but we cannot tell you all because we haven't made our minds up yet as to what we really do want—we want the confidence of people who understand us without having to be told what we are thinking. In fact, we want those who control us to think for us sometimes. But there is one thing we do like to do, and that is to choose our own friends.

It always hurts young people when parents can't keep friends with their children. And, after all, we must have friends outside the home. No reasons should be required. It is natural and we just have to do such things. Remember it is June that is talking. December may be a sage but he, too, was once June: the youth of the world. A long-faced prude told a young man he was dancing himself to H——. The young man replied "He could reverse." The young court danger. To become strong through trial and temptation is the test of character.

So June will always be light minded—the rainbow-tinted rays of human thought bridge the span of life. Some quick, some some slow, we all vibrate to the eternal pulse and find the orbit of our own desire within the environment that pleases us.

June has not led us yet to special choice in finding one who can alone fill our lives with full satisfaction. We are living in a field of gay flowers looking for companionship. The mind is full of zephyrs, scents and longings.

We feel the spirit of Pan playing, upon his pipes, the story of the wind, and, as the wind, we wish to wander where it listeth. We have ceased to cry for the moon, but we do want the earth and all its fulness, but, more than all, we want the companionship of youth to feel the spirit of June is passing through our veins and we shall quickly merge to greater comprehension to touch the mysteries of deeper love as the months proceed.

But we only glance ahead. We want to be as happy as we can whilst June is with us.

E. KNOTT.

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Miss E. Elliott presided over 150 Delegates at the Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U.

The Officers for 1928—9 are:—President, Miss E. Elliott; Vice-President, Mr. G. A. Mack; Treasurer, Mr. C. J. Williams; General Secretary, Mr. G. F. Knott; Auditors, Mr. G. A. Dixon and Mr. G. T. Batley.

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We take the earliest opportunity to thank all Lyceumists and friends, the Princess Hall Church, and M. & S.L.D.C., for the local arrangements. Miss L. Eastwood (Caterer) and Mr. and Mrs. Hart (Billets) were accorded the hearty appreciation of the delegates.

The full report of the Conference will be inserted in the July BANNER.

A CONFERENCE QUESTION.

In reply to a query at the Annual Conference we are now able to state that 11 Lyceums situated overseas in South Africa, New Zealand, and Canada purchase each month 239 copies of the LYCEUM BANNER.

In addition to the foregoing, single copies are supplied from the Union's Office and direct from the Lyceums, but we cannot give the figures for these supplies.

The Tees-Side Lyceum District Council report increasing enthusiasm and the economic position is the only retarding influence against even greater success.

A FOUNTAIN PEN FOR LYCEUMISTS.

There is a pen being stocked by the B.S.L.U. called the "Platignum Pen." The price is 1s. 4½d. post free.

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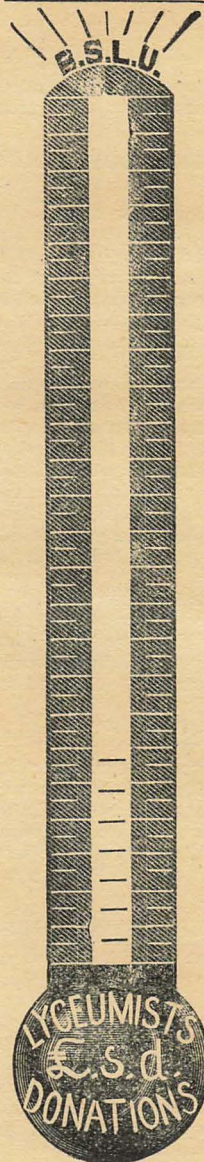
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INCOME.	
"Two Worlds" Fund	67 2 6
"Lyceum Banner" Fund	19 4 6
Amounts acknowledged separately received from Blackpool Church and Lyceum, per Mrs. Nurse; Salford, per Mrs. Rutter; Nottingham, per Mrs. Pickles; Preston, Moor Lane, per Miss Cooke; Lancaster, per Mr. Stephenson; Poulton, per Mr. Swann	
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Total received	46 1 0
	<u>£132 8 0</u>

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To Members' Coal and Coke	24 3 9
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„ Hymn books, Lyceum Manuals, books, printing	13 12 4
„ Carpet, lino and electric globes	24 15 0
„ Cheques and Postage	0 3 6
„ Cash at Bank	2 2 3
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On behalf of Members of Fleetwood National Spiritualist Church and Lyceum, we the undersigned, express the gratitude and thanks of all to those who helped us both by financial aid and kind thoughts during the very trying time of the disaster

and submit the above Statement as the record of our Stewardship
 CYRIL T. BATLEY, President.
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£2,000 EFFORT REPORT.

Fellow Lyceumists,

This month I have a rather better report to give you. This report is being written on the eve of Conference and so cannot say how the discussion on this report has gone, nor can I say what may be in the future. I only hope that some workable scheme may be evolved so that the effort can be brought to full fruition quickly. The donations from the month are as follows: Middlesbrough, 10s.; Mrs. M. Claughton, Sydney, Australia, 10s.; Mr. Kitson, sale of pamphlets, 2s. 6d.; Miss Elliot by collecting cards, 6s. 6d.; Harry Symons, by collecting cards, 6s.; Miss B. Fawthrop, 1s.; Mrs. Dean, by collecting cards, 6s.; Wellington, New Zealand, Incorporated Church and Lyceum, by collecting cards, £1 12s. 6d. Mr. G. F. Knott, by sale of Hydesville postcards: Miss E. Elliott, 10s.; Armley 5s. 1d.; Long Eaton 1s. 6d.; Freetown, Bury, 1s.; Wombwell 11d.; Darwin 9d.; Salford 1s.; Leicester (Rupert St.) 1s.; Beeston, 3s.; Hackney 2s. 6d.; Heaton and Byker 1s.; Ripley 3s.; Glasgow (Northern) 9d.; Bolton (Deane Rd.) 3s.; Marsden, 1s. 6d.; a total of £5 10s. 0d., for which I am very grateful indeed.

May I offer the thanks of the Union to all these donors for their kindly remembrance and may I be allowed to hope that these donations are but the forerunners of other and greater donations. I have still a good stock of the collecting cards if any helpful Lyceumists would care to apply for them and shall be so glad to be able to spread them round. It is an easy way of helping along the good work. Please don't be backward in sending for them. I shall be only too pleased to forward them.

Yours fraternally,

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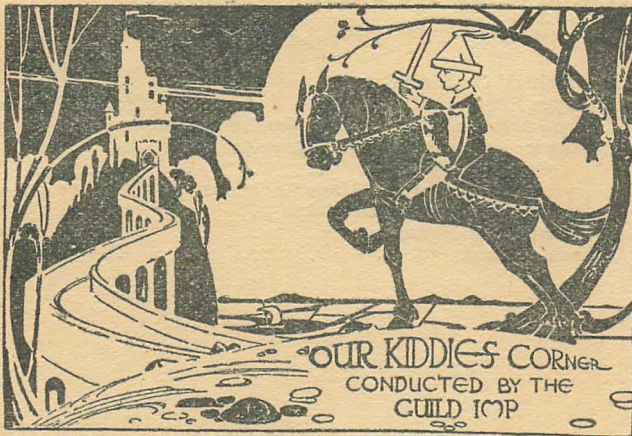
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BABYLAND.

By W. GEO. WHEELER.

Sleep, sweet lamb, on thy mother's breast,
 Sleep and rest,
 God is thy guardian angel best,
 Sleep and rest;
 Sleep thro' the silence of the night,
 Sleep and dream of sunshine and light,
 Sleep as the shadows take their flight,
 Sleep and rest.

Smile, sweet child, in thy mother's arms
 Free from care,
 Love shall shelter from all alarms,
 Free from care;
 Smile thro' the sunshine of the day,
 Smile 'mid the showers in thy play,
 Smile, sweet eyes, that are ever gay,
 Free from care.



DEAR FELLOW IMPS, 

What do you think of our new Title Design? It looks fine, doesn't it? I think so, anyway. And how do you think we got it? Well, the last time our Guild Leader visited us in Nursery-Land, we spoke to her about a new heading to Our Corner, as it doesn't do to have the same old thing too long where children and other imps are concerned. She said she would see about it, and spoke to Mr. R. W. H. Hartley, the Art Master at Batley Grammar School, who promised to help her. Then we decided to help him; so at Sleep-time one night we brought him to Nursery-Land, and while there he saw a grand procession of our chiefs, led by an Earthland boy, wind across a long bridge and enter a great castle. He did not remember the visit, but the memory of the castle and the boy leader remained with his Mind Self and worked out as the design. Those of you who read the description of the procession in the July instalment of "High Jinks" will be able to judge how correctly our Artist has recorded his memory of Gerald. We are delighted with him and his generous interest in our work; and as he has helped towards the success of Our Corner, and as he MUST be a child at heart to be able to enter into our needs, we have enrolled him as an Honorable Member of the Royal and Ancient Order of Kiddies. I'm sure that all you other R.A.O.K.'s will agree. Don't you? Of course you do? Cheers!!!

OUR CONUNDRUMS.

The answer to Doreen's puzzle is—"One baits his hooks, and the other hates his books"; and to Doris's—(i) "Because a black hen can lay a white egg, and a white hen cannot lay a black egg," and (ii) "A river."

Herbert Mason, of Hanley Lyceum, has sent us three Verse-puzzles, of which I am going to print one each month. In each verse, all the missing words are spelled with the same letters (for example, *dense, needs, denes*) and the puzzle is to fill in the proper words where the blanks are shown. I'd like my R.A.O.K.'s to try this month's verse, of which one of the missing words is "Danger":—

"A.....walked across the green, No.....saw he there;
He.....around as though he'd been in his own.....fair."

The solution, and a further Puzzle-verse, will be given next month.

Joan Long (Southampton) sends a jumble of letters, which really spell two words, and when sorted out will give the name of a well-known Daily Newspaper. The letters are O D C I E H C N R I Y L L A.

TWO INTERESTING LETTERS.

From Betty Kenyon.—"I like my Certificate very much. It is very nice. Mother says I may have it framed. Mrs. Challenger (our Conductor) is very pleased that I have attempted to write something for the usefulness of Our Kiddies' Corner, and we all send hearty greetings."

From Nancy Grant (Chatham).—"I have the LYCEUM BANNER every month and I should very much like to be a member, so I have sent an effort for the Kiddies' Corner. Here is a riddle: "What letters would frighten a burglar?—O.I.C.U." (Good for you Nancy). "If a farmer can raise a lot of corn in summer, what can he raise in winter?—"An umbrella."

A HINT TO ORAL GRADE LEADERS.

Miss Dorothy Coghlan (Darwen), Mr. E. W. Long (Southampton), and Mr. Joe Taylor, A.N.S.C. (Newton Heath), have adopted a practice which is very helpful—they collect all the

contributions from the children and send them along in one envelope. Will Group Leaders please copy?

AN ESSAY ON "WAGTAILS."

There are no prettier little birds than the water-wagtails. They are just about as big as a canary, and have long tails; and all the time they are walking or flying they keep wagging their tails. That is why they are named Water-wagtails, and they are very fond of water, and are generally to be seen in wet places. The pied wagtail likes to live on damp grassy spots, where he can run about and pick up insects. You know most little birds hop, but some big birds, like a hen or a turkey, walk—and this is what the wagtails do. They do not hop, they walk; and very often, if they see something to eat, they run with a quick twinkling step very pretty to watch. WINNIE SCOTT (Heaton and Byker).

AN ORIGINAL POEM ON "THE STARS."

The stars overhead are shining,
Shining and twinkling above me.
There is one, just there, near Orion's belt,
That is laughing at me.

I love the shining, twinkling star;
And when I go to bed at night,
The friendly stars peep in and say:
"Little girl, I want to love you."
And I reply, "I love you, too"—
The twinkling stars above me.

SARAH BROCKLEBANK (Darwen).

Sarah is only twelve years old; and I hope she will send us along copies of all her poems. The verses above show great promise.

THE CHINA SHEPHERDESS AND THE BOY MOUNTAINEER.

She was a shepherdess, among sheep, with her crook. He was a boy mountaineer, with his staff. One day a china shepherdess was put on the mantelpiece in a drawing-room. Not long after a boy mountaineer was put at the opposite end of the mantelpiece. As soon as the boy saw the shepherdess he fell in love with her. But a dreadful thing happened one day. A very large ornament was placed between the two, and while straining to see his sweetheart he fell off the mantelpiece. Luckily he fell on something soft, and he only chipped a piece out of his arm. But one night when all was still and the boy had been put back in his proper place, burglars broke into the house, and thinking that the big ornament was valuable they took it. They then got hold of the shepherdess, but finding it was not valuable, they put it down again, right close up to the boy. The people in the house later on thought it would be nice to leave this pair at one end of the shelf and get another pair for the other end. So the boy and the shepherdess stayed together for the rest of their lives.....

MADGE SPENCE (Newton Heath)

This is a very pretty little love-story, and I am very glad that these two came together at the end. O'Esbe, an Irish Imp who is over on a visit, wants to know if the mountaineer would not want to have the spelling of "courtship" changed to "Court-chip." But there—!

OTHER NEW HONOURABLE MEMBERS.

Joyce Morton and Doris Horn (Southampton), Jean Hutchinson and Edith Brocklebank (Darwen), Edith M. Mason and Malcolm Mason (Hanley) have all sent in very creditable efforts; but there is no room for any more this month, so we'll have to hope for the best next month. Several old members have sent in further efforts, which must all be held over. Perhaps we shall hear good news during Whitsuntide.

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 sent 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 any 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.
8. Give the name of your Lyceum, so that it can be filled in on your Certificate.
9. DO NOT copy pieces out of books; send me along something YOU have written yourself.

Your loving Brother Imp,
VERONTAS.

Our Lyceum Guild Serial.

High Jinks in Nursery-land.

By VERONTAS, The Guild Imp.

II. THE FAIRY GLEN.

Gerald had been so busy thinking that for some time he had not been taking any notice of where they were going. Looking now, he was surprised to find that the nature of the country had changed. At first they had been flying over woods and plains—it had been over a plain that Jack had dropped his bean—but in place of these he now saw range upon range of verdure-clad hills, some sloping gently to a height of a few hundred feet, some rising steeply or in a series of rugged cliffs and grassy terraces; and it was into a valley in the midst of these that the Magic Carpet was now making a rapid descent. The passengers held their breaths as their novel airship swiftly approached the ground; but there was no need for nervousness, for the Air Sprites brought their charge to rest without the slightest jar.

Queen Mab was the first to alight. Leaping from Fee Fi Fo Fum's hand to the back of the Dragon, she urged him off the carpet; then, turning to her visitors and gaily waving her hand, she cried:

"Welcome to the Fairy Glen."

With an answering shout the voyagers crowded after her—and several sighed in secret content at feeling their feet once more safely on the firm ground. One of these was Gerald, who was not used to flying; but as soon as he looked around him he forgot everything else—even the departure of the Air Sprites to redeem their promise to Little Bo Peep.

The Fairy Glen stretched between two ranges of hills for as far as Gerald could see—"miles and miles," he muttered to himself—and he saw something nice wherever he looked. There was a big lake, with all kinds of boats and skiffs sailing about all over it, and with fairies of all sorts and sizes crowded on them and every appearance of having a good time, while others flew about playing 'touch' and other games. He was delighted when the Queen led the party down to the water's edge, for he wanted to get as close as possible to the merry sport.

When they reached the shore, he found that many of the "boats" were large plant leaves, and that the fairies who were steering them were guiding them quite as cleverly as most mortals would have guided an Earthland boat. And he found, too, that some very tiny elves were riding on the backs of butterflies and moths, as these darted about over the water. And as one lusty fellow about an inch in height began to sing in a loud voice, Gerald listened carefully, expecting to hear one of the ancient songs of Fairydom; but to his surprise the song was:

"Where the bee sucks, there suck I:
In a cowslip's bell I lie;
There I couch when owls do cry.
On the bat's back I do fly
After summer, merrily.
Merrily, merrily shall I live now
Under the blossom that hangs from the bough."

Gerald listened in surprise, and his surprise was mixed with disappointment, for he knew the words, had learned them at school from one of his lesson-books, and he had expected something different to school work. All his pleasure spoiled, he was turning away with a deep sigh, when a heavy hand was clapped on his shoulder and a hearty voice asked:

"What's the matter, laddie? You don't seem to be enjoying yourself. Has anything gone wrong?"

Gerald looked up into the kindly face of Friar Tuck, and decided that he ought to confess his disappointment.

"Yes, sir," he said, "I think there must be something wrong."

"What is it?" asked the Friar. "We cannot have our guest going about with a long face. So let's know what has gone wrong and we'll soon get it put straight—won't we, Georgie?"

"Yes," answered Saint George, "of course we will. What is it?"

"Well," answered Gerald, "the song that little fairy is singing was taken out of one of my lesson books, and was written by a man named Shakespeare; and I didn't think you'd be copying things out of books."

"Copying things out of books?" For a moment the Friar looked at him as if not understanding; then he burst into a mighty laugh. "Copying things out of books! Why, lad, Will Shakespeare was a great friend of ours and learned ever so many of his songs from hearing us and the elves and fairies singing them. So don't worry on that score. If you recognise any of our songs, it only proves that the author was a friend of the Fairies and a visitor to Nursery Land!"

Gerald had not thought of this, and he was very glad to hear it, for it gave him back his respect for the Nursery-Landers and his pleasure in being with them. So he smiled up at the Friar in gratitude, and once more began to look around him at the beauty and wonder of the Glen. So interested was he, and so lost to everything else, that he did not notice how the Nursery-Land chiefs had gathered around him; nor did he know that Queen Mab was perching on his shoulder until he heard her sweet tinkling voice speaking beside his ear.

"How do you like our meeting-place?" she asked.

"It is lovely," he answered, his eyes and voice full of excitement. "Where is the meeting going to be held? On this lawn or on the lake?"

"Neither," she answered. "Look across the lake."

His gaze travelled across the lake, to where a grassy hill sloped up gently from the water's edge. But although the hill was nice and soft to all appearances, yet he hardly thought that it would be the meeting-place. For a few moments he looked at the rounded summit of the little mount, crowned with trees apparently scattered carelessly here and there just to look pretty, and then his gaze wandered higher and he saw the hill that towered behind. No wonder he cried out aloud in amazement, for on the second hill, perched apparently on a shelf that jutted out from the hillside, was a most wonderful castle. It was all towers or turrets or battlements, and its windows reflected the light of the sun in flashes of gold or silver. And it looked big enough to hold all the armies of the world and strong enough to protect them. But it was so lovely with its white turrets and its long crimson bannerette that it seemed a shame to connect it even in thought with mortal passions. All that Gerald could think of was the castle's utter loveliness.

"Oh," he gasped, "isn't it just lovely. What is it?"

"What is it?" repeated The Maiden all Forlorn; "why that's the house that Jack built."

Gerald looked at Giant Killer and Beanstalk, and wondered which of them had done it. But they both shook their heads, and Beanstalk explained:

"We didn't do it. It was Aladdin's chief Slave of the Lamp."

"But," objected Gerald, "His name wouldn't be Jack, would it?"

"No, not exactly," chuckled Beanstalk, "but his own name is so long it would take about five minutes to say it—that is if you could say it—and Jack is ever so much shorter and handier. And as he doesn't care what you call him, so long as you give him a job, there's no harm done and everybody's satisfied, which is saying a lot. As soon as we decided to come here, Jack was sent ahead, and this is what he has got ready for us. Now how would you like to go to it, by sunlight or under a harvest moon? It's always either one or the other here."

"I think it would be nice by moonlight," said Gerald; and was almost deafened by the shout that went up—"We want moonlight." But the shout had hardly died away when it was *moonlight*. And now to the natural beauty of the scene was added the glory and mystery of the Moon. But Gerald was not allowed to look too long, for the Nursery-Landers began to crowd into boats and other means of travel, while some even trusted themselves again to the Magic Carpet, which had

returned with Bo Peep's lost flocks. But as Gerald was going to step on the Carpet, the Witch of the Wood stopped him.

"We've ordered a special carriage for you," she said. "Let us wait until the others have started."

Greatly wondering Gerald stepped aside; and while he waited he had a look round but could see no carriage or anything that looked like one.

But at last the others had gone, and the witch took from her breast a little sprig of heather that had been fastened there, and waving it about she began to talk to it, and Gerald caught the rhyme:

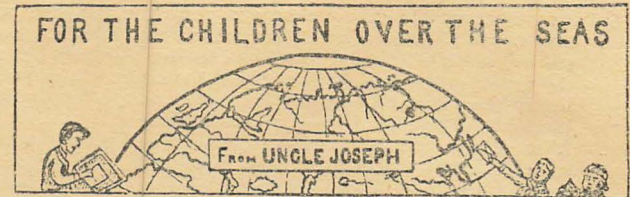
"Dear, faithful friend, I need your aid;
Now be your magic powers displayed:
Once more your former shape resume,
And be indeed the Witch's Broom."

And as she crooned and waved, gradually the bunch of heather grew bigger and its stalk grew into a wooden handle, until at length Gerald saw that she was holding an ordinary-looking heather broom. She laid it on the ground and asked Gerald to sit on the broom-head, then she hooted and two great owls flew down and were harnessed to where the head and handle join. The witch stood on the end of the handle and, with two strings which she used as reins held in one hand, with the other she waved towards the castle and gave the order "Away." For a moment Gerald feared he would fall off, as the broom rose up over the lake, but soon he felt safer than he had felt on the Carpet, and he thoroughly enjoyed the gliding motion, which ended all too soon as the broom soared up, circled around the central tower of the castle, and finally came to rest alongside the Carpet on the summit of the little mount. And here Gerald saw that there was a wide and deep gorge between the mount and the castle cliff, a gorge that must be crossed before the castle could be entered.

(To be continued).

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Those who have been writing to the Overseas Page will learn that Uncle Joseph has packed up his troubles and gone into the world to seek his fortune.

The Uncle Joseph of the BANNER must keep the link with overseas, and so, though the person changes, Uncle Joseph must continue his duties. His chief hobby is to draw thoughts from overseas. That method is different from the wireless method, as we are a collecting station before we can broadcast anything.

If you have had an earthquake, a bush fire, a flood, a drought, a jubilee, an epidemic, or anything else, you who live overseas must write and tell us about it, and then we can broadcast your letters and essays.

We know all the above events have happened where Lyceums are situated overseas. Perhaps it would be nice to read some descriptions of the life you are living in your far away countries. Letters come to us from India, Japan, Egypt, South Africa, the Gold Coast, New Zealand, Australia, U.S.A., Canada, Brazil, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, Holland, and other places. The BANNER goes to most of these countries, so we shall welcome greetings from children in any part of the world. Our food and many other things come to us from over the seas and we send out machinery and people in ships. These ships can carry your letters to us as they return to our ports. Now then, who will be the first to send a greeting so that it may go around the world?

As there will not be time to get replies from overseas for our next issue I am giving an invitation to British Lyceumists to write greetings for next month's BANNER. Somebody whispers to us "You won't get any response." Well, we shall see what happens. And now we await your greetings.

Yours hopefully,

UNCLE JOSEPH.

MORN EVER NEW. WHY SAD?

In this work-a-day world one is apt to view life through many kinds of coloured spectacles, which have a tendency to obstruct our true perspective, with the result that the outlook on life is either one of disappointment or one filled with self-importance and selfishness, or, on the other hand, a life of joy, happiness and pleasure is the one aim in view.

The material age through which many generations have passed has so eaten its ways and methods into the bones of man that nothing seems strong enough to remove the canker.

Be it new thought or new ideas, all one hears from the people at the present time is:—"Well, all these new teachings and high ideals are all very well, but you know you cannot alter human nature, it is bred in the bone. It is the same with the old teachings, they dare not let them go, for fear Mrs. Grundy might have something to say about it. It makes one feel sad when so many have not the courage of their own convictions. We find the same thing occurring in our Lyceums and in our Churches, with all they are taught and with all the experiences they receive from those higher teachers who sacrifice their time and happiness to revisit man from the higher planes of life, so that man may be raised to a better understanding of himself, seems not to be of much avail, the old tendency of clinging to earthly things seems to be ever present with them. We all know that we have to live on the earth while here we stay. The waterlily has to have its roots in the mud and slime, but it does not have its beautiful blossom of pure white there. It reaches out above the mire and water to the light. Oh, man—raise your head and eyes to the light which is shown to you, life here is not meant to be sad, but to profit by experience and learn the lessons which are in store for each one, so that the finer nature within may be developed. It is man's inhumanity to man which creates sadness. Grow more back bone, send out those strong thoughts to one another that life may grow better, that our actions may be purer, then more noble will we grow when the power of good thought is better understood. Sadness

will then disperse like the mist of early morning clears before the sun's rays as it breaks through and smiles on the earth. Learn the lessons that nature teaches, how through the darkness the atmosphere is purified, how all growth is refreshed and comes forth again in all its beauty and colour, and the birds after their rest send forth their songs of praise for the freshness and beauty of another day. Each day should be as a new life to us if we have learned our lessons well on the previous day. Remember that money and the possessing of earthly things are only for our use whilst here we stay. Life on earth is to gain individualisation, unfoldment of the spirit, and the giving of love, charity and sympathy to each one of our brothers and sisters, and the realisation that God is within.

Then when we pray for help and strength, the aspiration sent forth uplifts us. As the soul reaches out and draws into itself that which it needs, because the effort has been made by us. As man strives to grow spiritually, so does help come to him from the great Source and Giver of all life. All sadness begins to disappear as our consciousness slowly unfolds in the morning of light and understanding, which is filled with the freshness and sweetness of a new day. I will conclude this short essay with a few verses by Adelaide A. Proctor, which I think gives further meaning to the thoughts I have tried to give expression.

Nothing resting in its own completeness
Can have worth or beauty: but alone
Because it leads and tends to further sweetness,
Fuller, higher, deeper than its own.

Spring's real glory dwells not in the meaning,
Gracious though it be, of her blue hours;
But is hidden in her tender leaning
To the summer's richer wealth of flowers.

Dawn is fair because the mists fade slowly
Into day, which flood the world with light,
Twilight's mystery is so sweet and holy
Just because it ends in starry night.

Learn the mystery of Progression duly:
Do not call each glorious change decay;
But know we only hold our treasures truly,
When it seems as if they passed away.

Nor dare to blame God's gifts for incompleteness,
In that want their beauty lies: they roll
Towards some infinite depth of love and sweetness,
Bearing onward man's reluctant soul.—A.A.P.

CHAS. DIXON,
Daulby Hall Lyceum.

TRUE STRENGTH OF EMPIRE.

AN ACROSTIC.

Sublime are the paths of moral rectitude!
They lead by fragrant avenues of thought
Right up to heights of heavenly altitude:
Each virtue, if faithfully lived and sought,
Nearer brings us to winning grace and power;
Great is the need for language chaste and pure;
Temperance in speech, that each human flower
Hearing the wise precept may bloom more sure.

Of all the wisdom ways of manhood building,
From youth to adult, most strongly teaching.
Each member of a truly moral movement
May help to lift the general manhood:
Proud though we are, and in bolder deeds content,
It is the fight in our own neighbourhood
Requires a moral courage; and the chaste word
Each may speak is more needed than the sword.

Men of the mothers true! Come forth with your thought
Of civilian worth and youthful pride:
Vice stalks in your midst and dark evil is wrought,
Engulfing both maiden and trusting bride;
Minds sotted and warped by the demon of drink
Ensnare your fair daughters and athlete sons;
No longer, then, in a moral movement shrink
To aid us with your earnest devotions.

RUEBEN A. WEBB,
Wellington, N.Z.

LYCEUM MANUAL KNOWLEDGE TEST, No. 2.

An enthusiastic Spiritualist, Mr. J. McFarlane, has compiled a series of Knowledge Tests based on the *Lyceum Manual*. The No. 1 Test was printed in the May BANNER.

Mr. McFarlane now offers two prizes for the best solutions, one prize for juniors under 14 years, and one prize for Lyceumists over 14 years. Solutions must be sent not later than June 16th to Mr. J. G. McFarlane, 6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth.

Authors quoted from the Manual.

1. What author should remind you of Law?
2. This author, if transposed, reminds you of the Isle of Wight.
3. This author should be a doorkeeper?
4. What author reminds you of coarse woollen cloth?
5. This author is a mixture of bran and meal.
6. Think of "Sands" and you'll discover this author.
7. This valiant author without his "T" would be soft.
8. This author should be the head of a Church.
9. A young man is sometimes called this name.
10. This author always gives us the heavy ends.
11. This writer is quite regal, though sometimes a chess piece.
12. If last was first and first last this author would be noted.
13. Associated with nose you'll find this author.
14. The highest possible happiness describes this author.
15. What author reminds you of breast cloth?
16. This author is a wheelwright.
17. In any cemetery you find evidence of this author's craft.
18. This author should be in a continuous line.
19. A small foot hammer describes this author.
20. This author has been called an arrow maker.
21. With a brick this author is used for cleaning cutlery.
22. S Scotch town reminds you of this author.
23. This is not an old author.
24. This one is free from care.
25. This author hoards corn.
26. When awe is inspired this author is discovered.
27. This author is always looking round.
28. Many an enquiry has been started by the author.
29. With an apple this author got it in the neck.
30. What a strong author this one should be.
31. Just a vitch describes this author.
32. Remove the circle from this author and you have a norman spotted.
33. Add "Y" to this one to make him stout.
34. What the cuckoo does describes this author.
35. Two blocks form this author.
36. This author comes after a "J."

HANLEY LYCEUM.

THE FIRST MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

A very interesting event took place in connection with our Lyceum on Monday, April 9th, when the first Spiritualist Wedding was solemnised in the Hanley new Church. The contracting parties were two of our Leaders, Miss V. Baddeley, late of Bradeley House, Bradeley, youngest daughter of the late Mr. H. Baddeley and Mrs. Baddeley, of Abbey Hulton, and Mr. P. Pemberton, only son of Mrs. A. Pemberton and the late Mr. A. Pemberton, of Hanley. The ceremony was performed by Mr. W. Turner. Mr. T. Luke presided at the organ, assisted by Miss M. Sherratt. The hymn, "Now Lord this wedded pair inspire," was sung at the close of the service (from the *Manual*).

The bride looked charming in a dress of white satin beaute, with a coronet of orange blossom and veil to match. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies and pink carnations. Mr. B. Baddeley gave her away. The bridesmaids, Miss G. and Miss E. Pemberton, sisters of the bridegroom, were tastefully attired in almond green crepe-de-chine dresses, with ribbon caps trimmed with pink rosebuds, and carried bouquets of pink tulips. The small attendants, Miss Margaret Howe and Master Claude Baddeley, were prettily attired in pink crepe-de-chine. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, and a reception was afterwards held in the Lyceum room, about 120 being present. The happy couple were recipients of numerous presents. Mr. Hand, President of the Hanley Church, expressed the good wishes of the Church, and Mr. P. Rowley, Lyceum Conductor, the hearty congratulations of the Lyceum.

MRS. J. A. MASON, Sec.

Our Lyceum Guild.

(Worked in conjunction with the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme).
GUILD MOTTO:—"We live to learn, and learn to live."

OUR AIMS.

- (1) To be progressive.
- (2) To develop ourselves (A) physically; (B) mentally (C) psychically; (D) spiritually.

GUILD BADGES.

The Guild badges (made of ribbon) are of seven different colours, each one representing a definite status of the member in the Education Scheme.

A member who has passed Grade V	wears a	WHITE	badge....
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PROMOTION BADGES.

Therefore as a member passes a higher Grade in the Scheme (s)he becomes entitled to promotion in the Guild, and is entitled to a new badge.

Many Guild members are now entitled to promotion-badges, and have received forms on which to apply for them. This a number have already done; and we hope the rest will send for their new badges at an early date.

If you have mislaid your form, or have not received one, then on a piece of paper write:—(i) name (in full) (ii) Guild number, (iii) Lyceum, (iv) Grade just passed, (v) Marks, (vi) Class, (vii) Address. (If you have won an Essay Badge, also give (viii) how many times and year(s).

Enclose 3d. in stamps for the new badge, and a stamped, addressed envelope, and post to the Guild Leaders.

MERIT BADGES.

Besides these badges, there are MERIT BADGES too, on which are shown any successes you obtain in our Annual ESSAY COMPETITION.

EACH Essayist who obtains 85% or more marks wins a merit badge, which is worked on the ribbon one.

The subjects, and rules, for this year's competition were given in the APRIL issue of this paper (on page 52); and the last date for posting your effort is 30th JUNE. Start now on your essay, and go in and win.

THE GUILD LEADER—Miss M. E. KITSON, B.A.,

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OUR ESPERANTO GROUP.

(Conducted by Mr. W. TAYLOR).

In the *Esperanto Corner* for a month or two will appear a series of articles, giving the complete Grammar of Esperanto. Most probably students will find the first lesson very hard on account of not thoroughly understanding the termination of the words, etc. Therefore, as a help and guide to students and as an example of its extreme simplicity, I now present to all "The Grammar of Esperanto."

PRONUNCIATION:—The sound of the consonants is always the same whether initial, medial, or final, and there are NO silent letters. The language being phonetic, each word is pronounced as it is written, and the written word as pronounced, thus:—"Dume" is "doo-may" not "Doom." "Traire" is "Trah-ee-ray" not "tra-ire," "Fingringo" is "feen-green-go" not "fingringo." (Treat "ing" always after this model). In a non-accented syllable, when "E" or "O" occurs between the two consonants, it is sounded like "e" in "Met," and "o" in "for" as:—"Metalo" as in the English word "Met" and "Forgesas" as in "For." The sound of the double letters "AJ", "OJ," etc., when final or when immediately followed by a consonant is as shown in the Grammatical Terminations, but when followed by a vowel the "J" has then the sound of the initial J (Y), thus:—"Patroj" is "Par-troy," but "Majo" is "Mah-yoh."

ACCENT.—Every word in Esperanto is accented on the last syllable but one. This is called TONIC-ACCENT, and should be well marked in reading and speaking. To neglect this would tend to deprive the language of an essential part of its beauty and euphony.

COMPOUND WORDS:—These are formed by the junction of words, much the same as in English. In Esperanto the principal

word is always placed last, this word taking the termination determining the part of speech, e.g.:

"Griza" = Grey, "Haro" = Hair,

"Grizharo" = Grey-hair,

"Antau" = before, "vidi" = to see,

"Antauidi" = to foresee.

NEGATION.—As in English, double negatives must not be used.

"Mi nenion trovis" = 'I found nothing.'

"Si nenium vidis en la palaco" = 'She saw no-one in the palace.'

(To be continued).

Births, Marriages, and In Memoriam.

Ordinary Intimations will be inserted as follows;—Not exceeding twenty-four words, free. 6d. will be charged for every additional nine words. Poetry 6d. per line.

Payment must accompany all intimations of more than 24 words, or they cannot be inserted. In Memoriam for any previous year will be charged 1/- for 24 words, and 6d. for additional 9 words.

BARROWFORD.—Passed into Higher Life on March 19th, Annie Hopkinson, after a brief illness, aged 16 years.—Mrs. A. Parkinson.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—In loving memory of little Lily Ball, who passed to the Higher Life May 20th, 1927. Missed by all.

DONCASTER.—Treasured memories of our only darling daughter, Lily, who passed to the Summerland May 20th, 1927, aged 5 years, 10 months.

While we dwell on earth together
Precious moments we have seen;
Friendship's tears like dews of morning
Keep their memory fresh and green.

From her sorrowing Mamma, Dadda,
and her little Albert.

THE S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure to report the following income for March and April, viz.—

March.—Mrs. Cox's Home Circle 10s. Leicester, Silver St. Retiring Collections, £2 10s. od. Great Yarmouth Society, £1 1s. od. Southport Lyceum, gift of remembrance for Mrs. Peel, 5s. From two Friends, 6s. 6d. Belfast Society, R. A. Owen's Fee 10s. Collyhurst Lyceum, Sportsman's Service, per E. W. Oaten, 13s. 6d. Mr. and Mrs. Scott, 10s. A Friend, Keighley, 2s. 6d. Tea-table Collection, 2s. Mr. J. W. Hanson, 5s. Richard Horsley, £5. Peterborough Church, Balance from Old Folks Treat held March 1st from Thorpe Road House, Peterborough, per Mr. F. W. Rickett, £1 0s od.—Total, £13 5s. 6d.

April.—Mr. and Mrs. Scott, 10s. Mr. and Mrs. Cree £1. Saltley, Birmingham £1 1s. od. Mr. Marklew's Fee, Keighley Heber St. Church, £1 1s. od. Mr. Marklew's Fee, Manchester Propaganda Committee, Ardwick Theatre, £2. Southern D.C. A.G.M. Collection, £2 1s. 9d. Manchester and District Group, Good Friday Collection, £1 15s. od. Walter Appleyard's Birthday Gift, £5.—Total £24 8s. 9d.

The Committee are truly grateful for the income received during these two months, but still appeal for more financial help during the summer months, so that they will not have to withdraw from the Reserve Funds more than is necessary, for the work of the Fund. Its usefulness increases but the Committee are afraid that they cannot continue spending the money that is really necessary unless the income is increased.

A number of the early workers are really in need of assistance, but the Committee feel their hands are being tied, owing to lack of Funds. Times are difficult and we all feel the effects of bad trade, but to those who can help us we again appeal for assistance.

With grateful thanks to all who have subscribed. Hoping to be kept busy in the cause of the Old Folks.

Yours very gratefully,

MARY L. STAIR, Secretary.

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WEST OF SCOTLAND LYCEUM WORKERS' GUILD.

On Sunday, 6th May, the Annual Meeting of the above Guild was held in the Masonic Hall, 100, West Regent Street, Glasgow, where accommodation was kindly provided by the Scottish Medium's Union. Those present were Miss Cleland, President, Mr. Wm. Gow, District Visitor for West of Scotland, Mr. J. Shaw, Secretary and Treasurer, and representatives from Dalmeir, No. 1., Northern and Southern Lyceums. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The Finance report was given, shewing a balance in hand of £3 6s. 11½d.

A scheme of exchange of Officers between the different Glasgow Lyceums was then put to the various representatives who reported that their Lyceums were in favour of the idea. It was then moved that the scheme be put in hand. It is intended meantime that Conductors (or other Officers) in the Lyceum's option, exchange places once every two months from October onwards. This will it is hoped, give both Lyceums and Officers experience and assistance.

A report was given of the Guild's first ramble for this year, which took place on 21st April to Knightswood. About 30 attending, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Another will take place on 16th June to Bowling (field near to Henry Bell's Monument) and those coming are asked to take train to Bowling (nearest to 3 p.m.) by either L.M.S. or L.N.E.Rly. It is hoped the Weather Clerk will be in a good mood.

On 11th August another ramble is proposed to Waterfoot. Meet at Clarkston car terminus at 3 p.m.

On 25th August (Glasgow Trades' Holiday) a train and steamer excursion is proposed to Strone. Details of train and boat times later.

Mr. Robertson (Northern) then proposed that two members be elected by each Lyceum as Guild representatives, instead of one as at present. After discussion the motion was agreed to unanimously.

The President's address was then given by Miss Cleland, and this reviewed the first year's work of the Guild from a social and educational standpoint. The results seemed to point out that, while disappointing, the time had not been altogether spent uselessly.

The question of propaganda work next Winter was referred to the Lyceum, a report to be forthcoming at next meeting.

The election of officers was next taken, and resulted in the re-election of Miss Cleland as President, and Mr. J. Shaw as Secretary and Treasurer.

The meeting then concluded with a vote of thanks to the S.M.U. Association for their kindness in providing accommodation.

JAMES SHAW, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

District Visitor's Report.**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**

Shipley, March 4th. Only a few scholars present, but we had a very good session.

Saltaire, Afternoon, March 4th. A good attendance. Singing and readings were good. Pearls very good, each one trying to answer their own queries. Marching and callisthenics were fair.

Idle, April 15th. 24 present. Singing was fair. Readings were good. The Conductor and others explained different parts. Pearls were good. An enjoyable time was spent.

Laisterdyke, May 6th. Not many scholars for this Lyceum. Singing good. Readings very clearly read, and quite a nice discussion followed. Marching and callisthenics were smartly done. We enjoyed numerous songs and recitations.

Ripley Street. Afternoon, May 6th. A small Lyceum. We had a few songs and recitations from the Lyceumists.

O. TEAL, D.V.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

Since my last report I have visited the following:—
Allen Street, Newton Heath, April 1st. Present 46. Good response to the readings, which were very nicely explained. A number of recitations were given by the children. Marching and callisthenics were very good. This Lyceum has some "real live members," to whom great praise is due.

Milton Hall, Eccles, April 15th. Present 44. The silver chain, golden chain and musical readings were taken and explained in a most able manner by the children. Good response to pearls and recitations. The children here are very enthusi-

astic with their work in the session. Marching and callisthenics were good.

Princess Road, Moss Side, April 22nd. Present 46. Being "Group Sunday," the marching, callisthenics and individual items were omitted. The subject chosen for the Liberty Group was "Psychic Phenomena." Discussion followed. A good session.

Halliwell Lane, Cheetham Hill, April 29th. Present 14. Good response to the readings and good explanations given. Plenty of recitations, pearls and solos. Marching and callisthenics were very good. Although only few in numbers, they are a band of workers here. There seems to be a lack of adults in this Lyceum. Adult members! rally round and keep the banner of truth flying. A good session.

Ashton-on-Mersey Lyceum, April 29th. This is only a new Lyceum, with some very ardent and sincere workers. The children came forward readily with their recitations. Many questions were asked on the readings, and very good answers were given. Marching and callisthenics were very good. With a little encouragement to the members I think this Lyceum will in time prove to be the "Beacon Light" in this district. An excellent session.

Brunswick Street, New Manchester, May 6th. Present 15. The session was very "cheery and bright." Everybody was attentive. Discussion followed the readings. Good response to the recitations, pearls and solos. Marching and callisthenics were very good. A most enjoyable session throughout.

G. ASHTON, D.V.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

I visited West Vale Lyceum on Feb. 26th. 13 present. Readings and comments were good. The Marching and callisthenics were well rendered.

On March 25th I visited Halifax, Alma St. Lyceum. 30 present. This Lyceum still keeps up its good standard, under able Conductorship. Readings were well read and the comments and thoughts were good, especially from the younger Lyceumists. The marching and callisthenics well rendered.

District Council Reports.**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the B.L.D.C. was held at Otley Road Lyceum on Sunday, May 13th. Miss Hudson, our President, was in the Chair. Five Lyceums were represented. The President, Treasurer, Secretary, and D.V. and two associate members attended.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and confirmed. Correspondence was accepted.

Re the Keighley Lyceum Dispute. We decided that the Council had now done all they could in the matter and we now await for correspondence from Keighley.

Re the Leeds L.D.C. Field Day Demonstration, it was decided that the Secretary and Treasurer be our representatives.

Re the Council Whist Drive held at Shipley, the balance sheet was given and accepted. A vote of thanks was given to our Shipley friends, Mrs. Ashton, and all who had given prizes, etc.

The E.C. and D.V. Reports were accepted.
The B.S.L.U. Agenda for Annual Meeting, as given in the BANNER, was discussed. No Minutes, etc., were to hand. Our Delegate was given instructions how to vote.

Lyceum Open Session was held in the afternoon. Our President was the Conductor. A few items were given by the Otley Road scholars. We enjoyed a good session.

At the evening service Miss Hudson was in the Chair. The meeting was addressed by our Secretary, Mr. E. Aked. Miss Teale gave a vote of thanks to our Otley Road friends. It was an enjoyable day.—R. Aked, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference will be held on Saturday, June 16th, at Well Street, Littleton, Liversedge, 3-30 p.m.

Agenda:—Opening Exercise, Invocation, Welcome, Minutes, Correspondence, Reports: D.V.'s., L.D.C., Treasurer's, Field Day Secretary's Final Report, B.S.L.U., Field Day, Associates, Open Council, Vote of Thanks to local friends.

We are looking forward to a full Conference, when all Lyceums will be represented, as business is important.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

The Annual Field Day and Demonstration will be held this year at Cleckheaton. The Council cordially invite all Lyceum-

ists from other districts to join us to make this a greater success than ever. The procession will form up in the Fair Ground near the L.M.S. Railway Station, at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained: Adults 1s., children up to and including 14 years 7d. each.

Kindly let the Field Day Secretary know not later than July 3rd, 1928. Address: M. C. Wright, 6, Ashfield Terrace, Marsh, Cleckheaton.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The President, Mr. T. Dixon, was in the Chair. Nine delegates, four associates and five visitors attended the Quarterly Meeting of the above Council, held on Saturday, May 12th, in the William Street (Heywood) Lyceum. Our thanks are extended to William Street friends for the able manner in which they entertained the Council. The usual routine of business was gone through. The President, in the course of his address, remarked that as some of our Lyceums were lacking in membership we could, as a Council, go along and speak to them, and perhaps bring them into the Council. It was not only a duty which was confined to the Council, but each individual could give a helping hand. During the last quarter the Council have been asked to go to various Lyceums, to conduct Open Sessions and Propaganda Meetings, and he felt that we had made an impression. We were doing our duty if we were endeavouring to put forth all our strength and helpfulness to the tasks which were before us.

Five Lyceumists were nominated as Associates. The Council also accepted the invitation of the Bacup Lyceum to conduct their Open Session and Propaganda Meeting on Sunday, June 3rd, at 2-45 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Owing to no District Visitor being yet elected, Lyceums will be receiving from various Delegates and Associates appointed by the President. The Council's new Bye-Laws were discussed and after confirmation at the next meeting will go forward for printing.

The best thanks of the Council were given to Mr. H. Buckley, our late D.V., for his services so honourably rendered. Instructions were given to our Delegate to Conference.

Greater interest could be given to Council work. Only five Lyceums were represented at this meeting. "We all might do good in a thousand small ways."

The next meeting will be held in Penn Street Lyceum, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 8th. Credentials in due course.—H. Graves, Sec.

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Grangetown Lyceum on Sunday, May 13th.

The Secretary was instructed to circularise all Lyceums *re* Education Scheme, and to urge the two Shildon and Grangetown Lyceums to become Local Branches of the College.

The D.Vs. are directed to devote the whole session to Lyceums and report the numbers present and also the financial standing.

The Council Secretary is obtaining the LYCEUM BANNER for the poorer Lyceums.

An excellent Session was held in the afternoon, when the President presented Certificates to Grangetown students. Mr. J. Riley (President) rendered a much appreciated paper, "Biology and Personality."

The evening services were conducted by the Council, several members taking part. A most successful day.—Ed. Nellist, A.N.S.C. Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Once again we had the pleasure of visiting Hebden Bridge Lyceum where we met on Sunday, May 13th, to hold our quarterly meeting. There were ten Delegates representing seven Lyceums in attendance along with the Officers, with the exception of Miss N. Hirst (Sowerby Bridge) our Treasurer, who through illness has had for a time to relinquish her duties.

The Statistical returns show that the Lyceums' some losing a little, others gaining, were holding their own.

The D.V.'s, and U.D.C. reports were received with thanks.

An invitation being to hand, we decided to be represented at the Leeds L.D.C. Demonstration at Cleckheaton on July 7th.

The A.G.M. Agenda was duly considered and our Representatives received instructions.

Various designs for a competition Shield and Bell were placed before the Delegates who mainly approved of a suggestion that the decision of the Lyceums be given at our next Meeting.

During the afternoon an exceedingly interesting Session was held. Time was too short.

The Evening Service, under the presidency of Mr. W. Burrows was good. Miss Halliday suitably returned thanks to the local friends for services rendered.—Tom Ellis, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

DUNEDIN.—March 18th was Open Session, and being an ideal day a large number of friends and strangers were present, and nearly all members: 34 adults and 30 children. This was our third Sunday in our new premises and the attendances have been most gratifying. Pearls by nearly all members, and several quotations on "Forgiveness." Recitations by Jean McConnell, Joyce Ferguson, Hazel and Dulcie Pratley, Margaret and Edith Asher, Charley Bayliss, Roland Paul, Frances Anthony, and a pianoforte duet by Mr. Hargreaves and his wee daughter, Joan.

Mr. McLeod Craig, the present Church Speaker, gave a short talk on the "Three Wise Monkeys," which he brought with him, and who "hear no evil, see no evil, and speak no evil." He congratulated the teachers on the children's behaviour and attention, and the children on their nice appearance in their sashes and badges, and said "if they all made up their minds to do as the monkeys did, they would grow up fine, courageous men and beautiful women, who carried in their faces the light from the bright spirit within.

There was a beautiful feeling prevailing right throughout the session, and at the close of the last hymn, which was heartily sung, Mr. Craig gave the benediction. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceums and their workers.—Miss R. Burgess, Con. Sec.

EAST HAMILTON.—On May 6th we held a Lyceum Sunday. In the morning Mr. Ellis was Chairman and three of our Lyceumists gave papers: Miss Hetty Gretton, Mr. Bird and Mr. A. Comber. They were very interesting and well appreciated for their efforts. Mrs. Gretton gave a few messages.

In the afternoon we held our Open Session. Our Conductor, Mrs. Pickles, taking charge of the Session. Pearls were numerous. Marching and callisthenics were well done and we spent a very pleasant afternoon.

At the evening service the Lyceumists rendered a Service of Song, entitled "The Warning Voice." Mrs. Earith was the reader and did it in a very good and able manner. The Lyceumists sang their best. Mrs. Humphries was the soloist. Mr. Burton presided, and Mrs. Bridge was the message bearer. We had a very good day.—H. Graves, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford St.—On May 13th we had a very enjoyable Open Session. There was a good attendance and visitors from various surrounding Lyceums. Mrs. Johnson, of Bolton, named the child of one of our Lyceumists, Mrs. Whiteman. The baby was given the material name of Clarice, and the spiritual name of Ivy.

The successful candidates who had entered for the Education Scheme were presented with their Certificates, while those Lyceumists who had had a birthday during the week received a flower. A feeling of harmony pervaded the whole Session and everyone seemed to have a good time.—Edna Holt, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—Open Session, May 6th. Song, duets, solos, recitations and many interesting pearls were given with explanations. A grand display of marching and callisthenics was also presented. The success of this session encourages us to go forward, remembering the Workers Win.—J. Babbs, Sec.

EDINBURGH, Gayfield Square.—On May 20th, we held a very delightful Open Session when the following took part.—Songs, by Miss Paterson, Miss Lotty Woolford, and Mrs. Cobb. Duet by Letty Cobb and Molly Brown. Recitations by Janet Knowles, Ronald Forbes, and Jack Forbes.—P. Lawrence, Sec.

HAMILTON, East, Canada.—We held our Open Session and Pioneers Day on April 1st, 1928, with a good attendance under the conductorship of Mr. Batten. Pearls were plentiful and our Lyceumists gave good explanations on Silver Chain and Golden Chain readings. Miss C. Bird gave a piano solo. Marching and callisthenics were very good. Mrs. Potter acted Musical Conductor. The following mediums gave messages.—Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Gretton, Mrs. Earith and Mr. Davis. In the evening there was an unveiling of a portrait of Mrs. E. H. Britten, which was kindly given by one of the members, and the Church was well filled. The choir rendered an anthem and Mrs. Humphries was the soloist. Speakers were Mr. Batten, Mr. Skelton of Belfast, Mr. Dixon and Dr. Cyril. The choir was under the leadership of Mr. Tilley and Miss Connery was accompanist.—H. Greaves, Sec.

HORWICH.—We held a happy Open Session on April 22nd. Numerous pearls, recitations, and solos were rendered. We are pleased to report increased interest and support by Church Members.

In the evening a Service of Song, entitled 'Little Minnie' was ably rendered by the choir and was much appreciated by a good congregation. The reader was Mr. A. Greason.—Lydia Wilkes, Sec.

JOHANNESBURG.—Our May Open Session provided a lot of surprises for the members. A large attendance, plenty of recitations and a generous response to the Silver and Golden Chain recitations. A song was ably rendered by Olga Hart, and pianoforte solos were well executed by Emily Talbot and Ruby Hill.

A Concert is being organised in aid of the Building Fund, which is making steady progress.—E. A. Hart, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham St.—Open Session, May 6th. Conductor, Mr. Raspin. A good programme of pearls, recitations, and songs by our young members. Mrs. Bacon, of Grimsby, was the speaker. Nine of our members passed in the recent examination.—N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Fulham.—On May 6th we held our 21st Anniversary. Mr. Fruin took the morning service at Lettice Street.

In the afternoon we held our Open Session in the Fulham Town Hall. 200 people attended. We had the following notables on our platform,—Uncle Bert, Mr. Miles, Mr. Clegg, Mr. H. Boddington, and Mr. Drury. Our Session was ably conducted by our new Conductor, Miss N. Field. Mr. Sidney Dix supervised the massed drill very capably. Mr. Clegg distributed prizes to the following,—Margaret Ella, Walter Perks, Kathleen Tyler, Olive Smith, Amy Mulford, Derek Gown, and Reggie Short.

After the Session 98 of us went to tea at Lettice Street.

Very appropriately Mr. H. Boddington was our speaker for the evening and thus closed a most enjoyable birthday. We thank all our visitors for their support.

MIDDLESBROUGH, United.—May 13th, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith was named by Mrs. Baxtrem. The names given were Iris May, spiritual name, Mercia.

On May 20th, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Castleton was named by our Conductor, Mr. Massey. The names given were Raymond, spiritual name Star.—R. Massey, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Rd.—During the month we held our Open Session. Conductor, Mr. E. Truelove. Recitations by Nora and Olive Nutt, Muriel Overment, Muriel Clive, Connie Higginbottom, Peggy Proctor, Lucy Wagstaffe, Miriam Moss, Alice, Barbara, and Kathleen Taylor, Jack and Gordon Bailey, and Albert Colley. Trio by Esther Wagstaffe, Edith Maw, Hilda Nutt. Pianoforte solos by Grace and Lucy Moss. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.—A. Truelove, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick St.—On May 5th we held an Open Session. The S.C. and G.C. Recitations were fairly well read, though few questions were asked. Marching and callisthenics were fair. Pearls were given by all groups. Recitations were rendered, the Shore Group being foremost. Duets and quartettes completed a most enjoyable session.—S. L. Williams, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—We held our Open Session on May 6th, the following Lyceumists taking part,—H. Abbott, L. Dryden, D. Douglas, J. Cockfield, J. Douglas, P. Armstrong, and E. Hardy. Miss Dryden conducted and Miss Robsinson was the organist.—A. Dryden, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—On Sunday, May 6th, we held our Open Session. We were sorry that our Conductor, Mr. Brown, was sick and unable to be with us. Pearls, songs, recitations, and pianoforte solos were given by,—Daisy Knox, Sylvia Parkinson, Irene Turner, Harry Forrest, Ella Crawley, Verna McLeod, Raymond Parkinson, Harry Towns, and Millie Crawley. Quartette by Misses McLeod and Benson, and Mr. Chadwick. Duet by Mrs. Forrest and Mrs. Parkinson.—J. Knox, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—We held our Open Session on May 6th. Pearls were said by Miss Hopkins, Mable Boon, Evelyn Lindsay, May Lindsay, Mrs. Lenard, Evelyn Brown, Mary White, Charlie Bailey, Mr. Slater, Mr. Pearson. Reading by May Lindsay, interesting talk by Mr. Slater. Songs by Mr. Pearson, May Lindsay, Mary White.—Mrs. M. Armitt, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

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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 St.—We held our Open Session on May 6th. Recitations were given by Walter Ed. Swift and Jean Farnworth. Solos and duets by Hilda Swift, Rhoda Swift, Nellie Laycock, Alice Wilson, Jean Chew, Mrs. Chamber, Miss Keniford, Mr. G. Tarnworth, Mr. Fazackerly and Mrs. Swift. Quartette by Mr. Cook, Miss Kenford, Harry Rimmer, and Rhoda Swift.—Miss Hilda Swift, Sec.

BEESTON.—We held our Open Session on May 6th conducted by Mr. Coulson. Miss E. Wiston gave a short address. Pearls by Edward Baggeley, Percy Weston, Ida Gore, Miss Gore, and Miss E. Chambers, Winnie Baggeley, Miss Chambers, and Miss K. Gore, Miss Sawyer.—G. Paling, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—April 29th, we held our usual Open Session. About 80 took part in the marching and callisthenics, which were well done. Recitations by Master E. Holding, M. Turner, and Mr. H. Hargreaves. Duet by Miss E. Hopper and Miss B. Wilkinson. Mr. Hargreaves, of Nelson, was our speaker for the day. There were about 120 present and all enjoyed the Session.—Thos Wood, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley St.—Our Open Session was held on May 6th, when a glorious time was spent. Misses N. Leng, Hilda Turner, A. A. Wilkinson, Joan McKaye rendered services.—E. Pickles, Sec.

CHESTER.—The Open Session was held on May 6th. Pearls were given by W. Cross, Jessie Cross, H. Morris, and S. Morris, Recitations by H. Morris, Neville Evans, Elsie Evans, Florence Philips, Geo. Owens, Gladys Owens, Joyce Brown, and Sydney Morris. Mr. L. Evans addressed the Lyceum on 'What people believe.' At the close of a pleasant sessions, Mr. Harris, Conductor, presented birthday cards to Irene Charmley and Geo. Lloyd.—Chas. Hesketh, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On May 6th, we held our Anniversary. We opened our afternoon session with the singing of the hymn entitled 'Be Happy,' after marching the following Lyceumists obliged with items. John Slater, Jessie Orwin, Elsie Smith, Betsie Slater, Burnis Leverton, Eveline Clemments, Leslie Driver, Irene Hobster, Lily Driver Connie Slater, Linda Heath, Lily Slater, Joan Wheatley, Miss Wooley, Duet by Joyce Godley, and Louie Gore.

On Monday, May 7th, the prizes were distributed and after an enjoyable evening we closed with 'Lord Dismiss Us.'—May Wheatley Session Minute Sec.

COVENTRY, Broadgate.—On May 13th we held our Anniversary Services, Miss V. G. Rayner, A.N.S.C. of Nottingham, very ably conducting. Both in the afternoon and evening there were namings. Nine Lyceumists each received a Spirit Name. A very pleasing incident in the afternoon was the distribution of Certificates to 10 successful Candidates in the recent B.S.L.U. examinations, and also a large number of attendance prizes.

A large congregation of parents and friends assembled at both services and altogether a highly successful day was spent.

On the preceding Saturday a Tea and Social was held in aid of the Lyceum Funds in which we were joined by members of the Coventry and District Council.—Mrs. E. Hutchinson, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine St.—We held our Open Session on May 6th. Mrs. Maltby was Conductor. Invocation by Mr. Bates. Musical reading taken by Mrs. Gomersall, A. Crossland, and Mrs. L. Gomersall, Muriel Hrloway, Mrs. Crossland, Mavis Holdridge, Winnie Holdridge, Francies Gomersall, Miss D. Batty, E. Gomersall, Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Nutter. Benediction by Miss D. Batty. An enjoyable session.—Mrs. S. C. Webb, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on May 6th. The following Lyceumists rendered items.—Recitations by O. Wilkins, E. Butterworth, T. Hancock, D. Seddon, F. Clarke, N. Hodkinson, W. Hancock, K. Hodkinson, E. Clark, and D. Seddon. Solo by A. Nuttall. Hymn by H. Greenwood, S. Warrington, and W. Wintersgill. The Beacon Group girls and Liberty Group also sang items.—Miss B. Smith.

FLEETWOOD.—Open Session held May 6th. The singing and readings were good. A good programme was gone through. Recitations by Irene Watkins, Laura Moore, Kenneth, Ruth and Dorothy Harris. Duet by Lily and Irene Watkins. Solo by Mrs. Parkinson, several pearls. A very happy session.—Mrs. E. K. Frith, Sec.

GRANGETOWN.—Our Anniversary Services were held Sunday, April 29th. Mr. Humphries (Middlesbrough), presiding. Mrs. McArthur (Middlesbrough) was the clairvoyante.

The afternoon Services included Opening Exercises to the end of G.C.R. All items were beautifully rendered.

The Monday evening programme was well sustained and greatly enjoyed. Primary arrangements were made by Miss Palmer.—Ed. Nellist, A.N.S.C., Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on May 5th. The readings and recitations were given by H. Crooks, Mr. Nelson, W. Taylor, F. Pickvance, M. Nelson, R. Bagshaw, Gręta Johnson, H. Doswell, and J. Fletcher. A violin solo was rendered by H. Brown, accompanied by F. Cross. Very interesting session.—C. Waterhouse, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Pleasant Sunday, May 6th. Morning, recitations by R. Chapman, B. and H. Tartellin. Solos by Mr. Rycroft and R. Howard. Duet by C. Eddington and V. Chapman, also Pearls and a good display of marching and callisthenics.

Afternoon, recitations by B. Tartellion, R. Chapman, R. a Howard, Trios by M. Greenhalgh, E. Cole, N. Hockley; R. Barron, V. Chapman, C. Eddington; and V. Chapman, C. & N. Eddington. Quartettes: R. Howard, M. & S. Willey and M. Eddington and S. Moore, J. Shaw, J. Fields, R. Mathieson. Solo by Mr. Rycroft.—W. Piercy, Sec.

HYDE, George St.—Under the auspices of the North East Cheshire District Council Massed Session were held on Sunday, May 13th, conducted by Mrs. Ennion (President), ably supported by other members of the Council. Recitations and pearls were well responded to by our young Lyceumists. Marching and callisthenics were very well done and were enjoyed by all.

The Council also conducted the Evening Service with great success.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

IDLE, Highfield Rod.—We held our first Lyceum Anniversary Services on May 12th and 13th. During the Saturday evening a splendid concert was given by the Lyceumists.

On Sunday afternoon we held an Open Session. Mr. O'Neill of Keighley and Master J. Marshall conducted. Mr. O'Neill presented the Certificates to our successful candidates under the Education Scheme.

Our evening Services was taben by Miss Jacques of Bradford. Good congregation assembled. We spent a very happy week-end.—A. W. Jacques, ec.

LANCASTER, Central Hall.—An Open Session was held on May 6th. Recitations by M. Kendal, D. Bleasdale, E. Stephenson, R. Thompson, solos by Alma Coupland, Alice Wilson, Doris Kirk, Doris Baines, and Mr. Kirk. A trio by M. Dawson, A. Coupland, and Alice Wilson. Pearls were given by a number of Lyceumists. It was a pleasant Session. We are now looking forward to our Summer Treat and hoping for a fine day.—H. Stephenson, Sec., pro tem.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—On April 29th we held a naming ceremony. The son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gamble was duly named, "Donald Vincent Gamble," spirit name "David."

On May 6th we held our Open Session. Mrs. Thwaites conducted. Pearls and responses were good. Recitations by Ethel Gamble and Elsie Garnett. Duet by Lavinia Garrett and Kittie Townsend. Solo by Mr. W. Beck. Quartette by Mr. T. Kenny, W. Taylor, and Messrs. F. & A. Gamble.

On Saturday, May 12th, we held our Annual Dance which was a great success.—S. Wheatley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—On May 6th we held our Anniversary Services. Our speakers was Mr. J. H. Wicks, who gave two grand addresses. In the afternoon we had a musical service. Councillor J. Minto was our Chairman, and he gave a good introductory address.

Everyone in the Lyceum worked hard to make the anniversary a big success.—Mr. J. Wicks,

LEEDS, Armley.—On May 13th we held an Open Session. Numerous pearls were given, and recitations and solos were rendered. At the end of the session, the certificates were given to those who had entered and passed in their Grade for the Examination Scheme. The results were:—Grade I: Miss Beasley, 89 Honours; Mr. Pearson, 74, 1st Class; Miss Massey, 55, 2nd Class; Grade II: Mr. Firth, 100, Dist.; Mr. Wainwright, 97, Dist.; Mr. Lee, 84, Honours; Mrs. Wainwright, 80, Honours; Mr. Speck, 67, 2nd class.—G. Lee, Sec.

LINCOLN, Midland.—Our 2nd Anniversary was held on May 12th. Mrs. Hartley, of Mansfield, was the speaker. She also presented the certificates to the nine winners in the examination. On Monday we held a Tea and Concert. An Operetta "The Capture of Spring" was given by the children. Thanks due to Miss Mammaing, Mrs. Crane and Mrs. Dobby, for training the children, and also for the dresses and scenery which helped to make it such a success.—A. Dobby.

LONDON, Stratford, Idmiston Road.—Open Session on May 6th. Recitations by Edna Fozzard, May Brand, Betty Houghton, Doris Walters, Harry Soones, Gwennie Crow, Hilda Flynn, and Doreen Walters. Mr. J. Tall's address on Lyceum Work was greatly appreciated. He also presented Oral Grade Distinction Certificates to Edna Filmer, Florence Christopher and Gertie Webb.

On Wednesday, May 16th, the Lyceumists gave a Concert in aid of the Manual Fund; the programme included a Fairy Play by the children and a sketch by four adult Lyceumists. There was a good attendance by the elders, and many of the items were encored. The Concert will be repeated at Manor Park Lyceum on June 6th.—Eva Connor, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—Open Session, May 6th. Marching and Callisthenics were well performed. Pearls and other items, too numerous to mention, contributed to a very pleasant afternoon. Middlesbrough did well in the Education Scheme Exams and was without a failure. The College is going strong. Have you joined up as a branch. If not, why not?—J. Abbott, A.N.S.C., Sec.

NELSON.—We held our Open Session on May 5th when the following Lyceumists helped to make it a succed: Winnie Lloyd, recitation; Alan Haythornthwaite, Fed Bannister and Harry Craig, gave Piano Solos. All Lyceumist gave splendid support which augurs well for the coming months.—Geo. Haythornthwaite, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—On May 6th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Hayward. Recitations were given by Iris Grice, Vernon Wilmer and Peter Russell. Pearls were recited by all. Mr. MacFarlane presented prizes to Eric Hayward and Mrs. Rose for Manual Knowledge test.—Clara Stuart-Jones, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session on May 6th. Recitations by Olive Stevens, Edith Tallon, and Nellie Martin, Songs by Connie Tallon, and Arthur Cavanagh. Quartette by Evan Cavanagh, Nellie Martin, Edith and Betty Tallon. Numerous pearls.—R. E. Tallon, Sec.

SALFORD, Central.—An Open Session was held at the above Lyceum on April 29th at 6.30 p.m., and was enjoyed by all who were present.—M. Golstraw, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On May 13th, 14th, we had our Anniversary Services. We had some special music and words, which was well rendered by the Lyceumists. The speakers for the week-end were Mr. F. Smith, chairman; W. LeNoury, Mr. A. Thwaithe, Mr. E. Johnson, Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Thwaites. On the Monday night we gave the Examination Certificates out. We all had a good week-end together.—Mr. E. Johnson, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Easter Sunday, our Church president, Mr. Carwithen, visited us and presented the Annual Prizes. We thoroughly enjoyed his visit which strengthened the harmonious relationship between our Lyceum and Church.

On May 6th Mrs. Hart conducted the naming of "Arthur Ernest," the son of Mrs. Hayble, spirit name, "Faithful." A very enjoyable session.—E. W. Long, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—May 6th. Open Session. Elsie Storey and Tom Hedderley rendered pianoforte solos. Pearls recitations, etc., were give by all Lyceumists. Our D.V. Mr. J. Walmsley visited us and was satisfied with our work and encouraged us to go forward.

May 20th. Mr. J. Storey presented successful candidates with certificates and gave a very encouraging talk which was enjoyed by all.—Mrs. M. Hall, Sec.