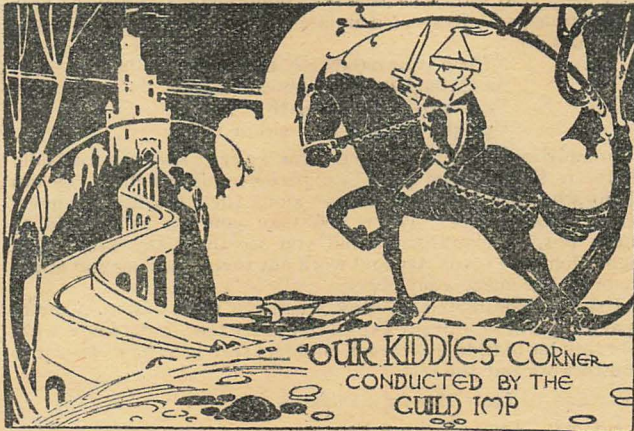


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DEAR FELLOW IMPS,

During the month I have received quite a number of very nice letters, and wish I had space to publish them all. As it is, all I can do is thank the senders for their kind interest and appreciation.

There has been the usual number of new members, and many of them have sent poems. Now, I don't want to publish poetry unless it is by the sender, and to make sure of this I want all who send a poem to say whether it has been copied from a book or written by themselves. Please remember, as poetry takes up such a lot of room that I cannot spare for any but our very own work. And I would like Group Leaders to examine these efforts and give any needed help or advice, keeping in mind that making rhymes at the ends of lines is not the only thing that goes to make poetry. The IDEA is the thing that counts.

OUR CONUNDRUMS.

To give readers an idea of how the thing is done, I am going to print the complete verse of Herbert Mason's Verse-puzzle, of which a part was set last month, the added words being shown in *italics*. Next month only the words will be given.

"A gander walked across the green,
No danger saw he there;
He ranged around as though he'd been
In his own garden fair."

The word "played on" this month is ASTER, and the dots show the number of letters in the missing word:

The *aster* bloomed, but not alone,
For grew all around;
The gardener old him down,
His tears fell to the ground.
And just because the are high,
He can do naught but and sigh.

Joan's jumble of letters, sorted out, spell Daily Chronicle.

DON'T BE TOO QUICK AT MAKING BARGAINS.

Frank George sends a story which shows how silly it is to make offers without first finding out exactly what you are offering.

One day a man took his horse to the blacksmith, and asked him what he would charge to shoe his horse. The blacksmith said "five shillings and sixpence." "Oh, that's too much; I will give you one halfpenny for the first nail, one penny for the second nail, twopence for the third nail, and so on," said the man. He doubled the amount until he had finished the 28 nails. He had thought it would be cheap, but was surprised to find that it amounted to thousands of pounds.

Try the sum for yourselves. Frank says the answer is £159,620 5s. 4d. (A lot dearer than five and sixpence.)

FROM A SIX-YEAR-OLD.

I am a little girl. I am six years old; I go to school. I don't get smacked much. The teacher generally says I have the nicest book. I like it. I have won a prize and we have some nice children in our school. Love from CONNIE PILKINGTON (Armley).

"WHY I FIRST BECAME A LYCEUMIST."

Before I came to Armley Lyceum I went to the Church of England. After I had attended there some time I was persuaded to go to the Lyceum, where I have attended ever since. I have gone for three years and have got two prizes for good attendance. I have been Musical Director for three half-years in succession and I have also been Guardian for half a year. The reason why I still attend the Lyceum is because I like its teachings, for they teach you to ask questions, say pearls and recitations and also sing solos. The best thing about the Lyceum is marching and calisthenics.

With love from FREDA LEE (Armley), aged 11 years.

BEWARE OF THE CAT.

We have got a pussy-cat and it is black and white and is called Tom, and my mother fell over it. Love. EDITH BROCKLEBANK (Darwen), aged 7 years.

We have a Pussy called Tommie; he is black and white. You would love to see him play with a ball. It is my birthday next week; I'm having a lovely cake with six candles on, as that is my age, 6 years old. Don't you wish you were me? (*I do and all.*) I shall have a birthday party, and I hope to be good to my little friends, as I shall feel such a big girl that day. Well, I don't know any more, but will tell you all about my party next time. JEAN HUTCHINSON (Darwen).

"FLOWERS."

Evelyn Ainsworth (Fleetwood), aged 11 years, sends the following verse, which I accept as her own:

Flowers, sweet flowers, blooming so fair;
The sun shines on them with all his care.
At night when they close up tired and worn,
They droop their heads and slumber till morn;
They smile very fine in the sunshine so gay,
And are happy and merry all the long day.

OTHER HONORABLE MEMBERS.

Joan North (Kingston-on-Thames) sends a poem on Spring and a fine ink drawing of a "Spring Bridesmaid's Basket"; Annie McCall (Hyde) sends a poem on Holiday Plans for which I would like to be able to spare the space. But is it your own original work, Annie? Ethel Warren and Eric Pilkington (Armley) send in essays on "Why I like Sunday" and "Christmas"; while a number of old members send in various items. Newton Heath Lyceum seem to have had a rare old time at Hebden Bridge.

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT ORDER OF KIDDIES
(R.A.O.K.).

As the instalment of "High Jinks" takes up much more than its allotted space, we are trying to play fair with the Editor by leaving out for this month the rules of Our Order. You will find them in the June issue of the BANNER.

Your loving Brother Imp,

VERONTAS.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Our Council officers and members have had an active month attending special Lyceum services at Bowes Park, North London, Forest Hill and Kingston. In addition to these meetings a special feature was the part taken in the grand march past at the Festival of Youth Demonstration at the Crystal Palace on June 2nd.

Members from Forest Hill, Eltham, Peckham and Hackney carried large banners, while a number of smaller group banners from various Lyceums presented an attractive appearance and proved to the many thousands of onlookers our desire for a world-wide peace.

July presents several special events, the main one being our welcome to the M.C. at our Annual Demonstration at Battersea Town Hall, on July 15th, at 3 and 7.

All visitors spending their holidays in London will receive a welcome to unite with us.—P.M.



MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Since I wrote my last letter to you, Auntie Ruth, Doris, and I, have been having quite a happy time amongst the Lyceumists. First, we attended Conference; here of course we met all the "Heads" and heard quite a lot of tales as well. A Conference reminds you of China, for there is always a lot of Talkie, Talkie, Talkie, about it. It was here where we saw a lot of the boys and girls of Manchester present a welcome.

After Conference was over we went along to Newton Heath and had a grand service, at which the boys and girls of the local Lyceum were present, I must say they all looked merry and bright. Then back to London where we have had some happy Anniversary Services and then to Portsmouth: a place where there are so many sailors and naval men, that you get such a breezy spirit that you feel you could dance the Sailors' Horn pipe quite well. However, I did not try to give a demonstration; in case anyone might come along with a supply of over ripe eggs.

Oh, then I have been a modern Dick Turpin, let me see, I think that was the chap who is said to have ridden from London to York on horseback. Well I did not ride a gee-gee, or even a clothes horse. I was up-to-date, posh of course, I went by motor car, and it was a very nice ride, and I am sure they must have known I was coming along, because here and there they had erected signs and put a great big kiss on them. My friend who was with me went and spoilt all my nice thoughts about my getting such a lot of big kisses by saying that they were "Safety First" signs, and they meant we were to be on the look-out, because we would soon come to Cross Roads.

I always try and make the best of things, even if it is a disappointment, so my next idea was to make a few lessons for you boys and girls from some of the things I saw. I soon found there were many signs and notices including white lines painted on the roads at corners, all of which were to assist drivers, so that they should ride with care, and safety.

Amongst these signs, there were seven main ones including the one I call a great big kiss, these were Right and Left angles, showing us that we should cross a road running right or left, another was a flaming torch denoting a school, where boys and girls might come rushing out into the roadway without thinking about the traffic. There was also one with a gate on it, this told us we were nearing a level crossing, and reminded us that a railway engine was stronger than a motor car, so it was wise not to attempt to interfere with its progress. One was like a letter Z laid on its side, which told us, there were double corners to go round. I do not expect many of you boys and girls are owners of Posh Motor Cars yet, but now there are so many baby cars on the roads, they may even one day make yet smaller ones, and we shall see you all motoring off to school, in the same way as you go on your scooters now.

When that day comes everybody will have to mind their P's and Q's, and their bodies too I expect, don't you? As this time has not yet arrived, I do not see why just because some people have a car, they should have all these signs to themselves. So everytime you see a Safety First Sign, firstly, let it be a warning to you for what it is intended; and secondly, try and learn a lesson from it. I have not time to give you a lesson myself on every sign I saw on my journey, but you can tell me what you think about them in your next batch of letters.

Let us just take the big X which denotes Cross Roads. It reminds me of a story I once read of a little boy who started off for a long walk by himself, all went well until he came to four cross roads. He was then bewildered and could not make up his mind which was the best one to take. He appealed to an old lady for assistance. She said "Keep straight on my lad." What a wonderful lesson there is in that reply for all of us. We are all upon life's journey travelling along the highway of life. Guarded by the loving counsel of kind parents or guardians all goes well with us until we get old enough to decide for ourselves that which is right and also which is wrong.

We meet our first big temptation. It may be to join with bad companions; to drink; to gamble; or a thousand and one things. This is the first Cross Road of our life. We master

all tempting suggestions and go along our way and we come to realise the letter "Z" sign: that there are double corners to face; that the way is not all smooth. We have to be prepared for unseen dangers ahead, or there is a tempting side road which leads to a blank ending, and no real good is served by taking it. How are we to be prepared for these temptations? Why, when I said to my friend "What a lot of warning you have to keep a look-out for," he said "Yes, but it is quite easy if you only keep your head." Now that reminded me of Silver Chain Recitation 71, "Keep your Balance." This is what Lyceumists must do.

"Keep your balance," firm and steadfast,
As through life you onward go;
Prayerful tread the path of duty,
Upright through it, weal or woe

In addition to these warning signs we see along the roadside, there are the warning signs of experience offered to us, by our elders who have fought their way along life's journey: so never ignore good advice. When you take your walks or ride on tram, bus, or charabancs, and you see the many safety first signs along the roads, try and work out their meaning and apply them as lessons to yourselves.

I shall be delighted to know what you work out from them. Space will not permit my explaining more now, but I know what a brainy lot of kiddies you are, and feel sure I can now leave it to you to work out the rest.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

- No. 98. Lyceum Song No. 359.
No. 99. (Muddled Title) Golden Chain 148.
No. 100. BANNER.

PICTURE PUZZLE.

"A Stitch in time saves nine."

I was pleased to see so many of you worked this out. Replies came from Cora Meggett, Eva Foster, Elsie Constantine, Barbara Taylor, Dorothy Perkis, Doris Mayes, Mary and Eric Hayward, Winnie and L. Ventham, Tilly, Iris A.R., R. Grice, G. Snook (Malta), Vera and F. Rose, Mrs. Lea, Clara and Olive Stuart Jones, Norah Dwyer, Nancy Jenkinson, Mrs. and Nellie Dean, Ernest, Leslie and Florence; Morris, Edith White, Edith Taylor, Willie Owen, Rosalyn Berry, Josephine Howarth, James Pyle.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES AND JOKES.

No. 101. "There was an Englishman, Irishman, and Scotchman, they only had one umbrella; as it only covered two, which do you think got wet." (Heard on the wireless).

No. 102. Can you write a long sentence or short story, starting every word with the same letter, using any letter you wish. Example: "Elsie Edwards Explained Examination Essays Easily, Especially Expressing Each Exceptional Event Essayed.

No. 103. (Manual Searchers). Give me the title of a Lyceum Song which has the same line repeated nine times.

THIS MONTH'S THOUGHT FOR THE LIBERTY SECTION.

Whatever you are be that,
Whatever you say be true
Straight forwardly act,
Be honest in fact,
Be nobody else but you.

This verse leads itself quite well for Essays on Individual Character and general conduct of life.

With Love,

2, Villier's Road, Your loving Friend,
Osterley, Middlesex. UNCLE BERT.

A number of Lyceumists from Hirst have migrated to the Kent coalfields. We are interested to learn they have started a Lyceum at Adisham. Any information can be obtained from Mr. W. Wear, 19, Clarendon Road, Aylesham, nr. Adisham, Canterbury, Kent. We wish our comrades success in their new surroundings. There is plenty of scope in the South of England for new Lyceums.

The 22nd National Congress on Anglo-American Relations will be held in London on July 6th and 7th. The U.S.A. Kellogg proposals will be the subject of a meeting on July 5th. The subjects discussed by the Congress will include "The Freedom of the Seas," "The Denunciation of War," "Economic and Cultural Relations with U.S.A.," etc. A number of prominent people sympathetic to Peace will address the Congress. The B.S.L.U. will be represented.

The Passing of Coun. Wm. Pimblott, J.P.

We regret to lose the physical presence of Mr. William Pimblott, of Macclesfield and Manchester. Mr. Pimblott was the solicitor for the B.S.L.U. and has done much to facilitate the transfer of the Ainsworth Legacy so that the Union can use the interest on the Legacy for the Home of Rest Scheme.

Mr. Pimblott has been ill for a long time and passed through a dangerous operation in the early months of last year. He recovered somewhat and the demands on his time and service caused his willing nature to resume business probably too soon after his operation. He was again very ill in May and passed away on June 8th. His body was cremated in Manchester and buried at a public funeral in his native town, when the Mayor and the Town Council, along with the members of Macclesfield Spiritualist Church, and representatives of many organisations attended the ceremony and took part in the procession to the cemetery.

Mr. Pimblott was one of the founders of the local Labour Party and sat as a member of the Council for about 12 years. He was connected with a large number of public and local bodies. The town's respect was displayed in the 125 wreaths sent to his memory.

The local Spiritualists have reason to be proud of Mr. Pimblott. With a number of others he bought a Church and was the Secretary of the company which bought the building. All have been paid out except Mr. Pimblott and his family. It was his intention to clear the building from debt and then place it under the S.N.U. Joint Trust.

Mr. Pimblott was modest and unassuming and it would be a surprise to many Lyceumists if they knew all the love and labour he had performed for Macclesfield Lyceum.

Mr. G. F. Berry and the Rev. I. Ireland conducted the services at the Crematorium, the Church and the graveside. Among the mourners Mr. E. W. Oaten represented the Britten Memorial and Mr. G. F. Knott was present on behalf of the B.S.L.U.

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 COMMITTEE.

CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION.

THE COMMITTEE.—Conference again re-elected the Education Committee, with one change. Mr. Latham had asked to be allowed to resign, owing to ill-health and business pressure, and Mr. Shuttleworth was elected to take his place on the Committee and as College Trustee. Mr. Latham has served us well and faithfully over eight years, and we regret losing his services as a Committee member, but know his interest and unofficial help will continue.

At a meeting of the Committee held immediately after Conference, the Officers and Sub-Committee were also re-elected, and so entered on their ninth year of honorary service. The Chairman, Miss Hesp, welcomed Mr. Shuttleworth to the Committee and as Trustee of the College.

FINANCES.—During Conference the question of the cost of the Education Department to the Union was discussed, but it was encouraging to see that Conference considered the expense very reasonable as against the value of the work and aims of the Education Scheme.

It might interest our supporters to consider the following figures (taken from the yearly Balance Sheets in the LYCEUM BANNER):—

EDUCATION FINANCES, 1921—1927.			
Total Expenditure	...	..	£1174 12 1
Total Income	..	£693 8 9	
Saleable Stock in hand	..	£189 9 3	
			£882 18 0
Net Cost in 7 years..	..	..	£291 14 1
Average Net Cost per year..	..	..	£41 13 5

“THE CUPBOARD WAS BARE.”

Old Mother Hubbard, in the guise of the Education Secretary, went to the cupboard (of the Education Fund) after Conference, to get her poor dog—the current work for the Scheme—a bone

(made of £. s. d.). BUT, when she got there, the cupboard was bare—and so the poor dog had temporarily to be fed on promises. But Mother Hubbard loves her dog, and could not endure the idea of the poor thing starving. What could she do? She *daren't* ask the Master of the House—the B.S.L.U. Treasurer—for money to buy much-needed bones for her dog, for that much-harassed man was very cross, and had said that she had already spent far too much money!

What could she do? Ah! a bright idea! (Was it her ‘little black guide’ who whispered it?) She and her doggie had lots of kind-hearted friends, who only needed to be told about the poverty stricken cupboard to cause them to send along replenishments. So she sent out

AN APPEAL FOR HELP to the 168 Lyceums who had entered candidates for the Education Examinations during the years 1921—1928. Some of these Lyceums have, themselves, very little in their own cupboards, but—true to the time-honoured saying that “*The poor help the poor*”—they are sending along a little out of their own scanty store.

By next month's issue Mother Hubbard will have heard from most of these helpers, and will give a list of results.

Help from the other Lyceums, not yet in the Scheme, and from any individual well-wishers will be very welcome too.

WHAT BONES DOES HER DOG WANT?

All the Education doggie's bones are very dear (yes, in both senses), and the ones it needs now, for the good of its health, are:—a new edition of *How to prepare for the Examinations*; a new supply of *Oral Grade Certificates*; and of *examination foolscap paper* and big envelopes. All these things cost an awful lot, and bring in no income at all in return.

Candidates' exam. fees only cover the cost of their certificates and the printing of the questions, instructions, and other examination literature; and—by the way—a new supply of all classes of certificates will have to be got before next exams., at a cost of about £40.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL COLLEGE.

COLLEGE MEMBERSHIPS.

Registration is proceeding slowly but surely, and since last month Grangetown, Newton Heath, Daulby Hall (Liverpool), Alma Street (Halifax), Coultham Street (Lincoln) and Fowler Street (South Shields) have been enrolled as Local Branches; while the A.N.S.C. Diploma has been applied for and awarded to Mrs. Hannah Dixon (Castleford), Mrs. Annie Brown (Stockport), Ernest Whitelock (Batley Carr), Chas. W. Dixon (Liverpool), Henry C. Guy and Arthur Grice (Portsmouth) and Tom Ellis (Huddersfield). The College Board gratefully acknowledges the sundry donations forwarded by applicants for Diplomas.

RESULTS LISTS BOOKLET.

The Advanced Scheme examinations are over at last and the results published in the Official Press. But they have also been included in the Lyceum Union Education Committee's Results Lists Booklet; and Churches, Lyceums and individual Spiritualists, who may wish to preserve a permanent record of the results in a handy and convenient form, should order the booklet (1s 2d. post free) from Miss M. E. Kitson, 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AND GRADE V. SYLLABUS:

One of the Intermediate Grade examiners, as a result of his experience in marking answers, suggested that the study of Logic should be added to the (B.S.L.U.) Grade V. and the (S.N.U.) Entrance Examination Syllabuses. The matter was brought before the Whitsun Conference of the Lyceum Union, and the B.S.L.U. Education Committee instructed to consider the suggestion. At a subsequent meeting the Committee considered the matter, and decided to add *Essays on Reasoning*, chaps. I, -II, and VIII, -XI, to the Grade V. Syllabus. As the two examinations must be of equal difficulty, it remains to be seen what the Joint Education Committee will do to ensure the elementary study of Logic by Entrance Examination candidates.

At present the two examinations are held about four or five weeks apart, with two different sets of Examination Papers; and it has now been suggested that the two exams. should be held on the same date, with the same set of questions and marked by the same Examiners. This suggestion has not yet been considered by either Committee, but as one who has a lot of work in connection with these examinations I can assure my readers that the suggestion has much in its favour.

THE OBJECT OF THE NATIONAL JOINT SCHEME.

During the discussion of the Education Report at the B.S.L.U. Conference, one of the delegates 'hoped that to provide trained speakers was not the only object of the Scheme.' He was assured that it was not; that the only object of the Scheme was to provide for every Spiritualist who wishes to study Spiritualism a comprehensive basic course on which each could build as high and as widely as was desired. It was hoped, of course, that speakers would avail themselves of the opportunities provided for a study of their subject, and by increasing their educational qualifications raise the standard of our platform work. But each Spiritualist took the course as a student and not merely as a prospective speaker. It was pointed out, however, that the Exponents' Committee set as a standard of educational efficiency in all candidates for their Diploma of Certified Exponent, the Graduate Degree of the National Spiritualist College—or not less than 75 per cent. of the total marks in the Final Grade of the Advanced Scheme.

ESTABLISHING A PRIESTHOOD.

Some very earnest Spiritualists are expressing the fear that the College and the Advanced Education Scheme will surely lead to the establishment of a Spiritualist Priesthood. But, in my opinion, our Movement has already established a priesthood, and the College is going to be the means of saving Spiritualism from priestly domination. In the first place, we are trying to persuade our speakers and mediums to take up a course of study that will turn them into, at the very worst, an educated priesthood instead of being mere blind leaders of the blind. In the second place, we are trying to induce the rank and file to take up the very same course of study as our priests, so that our speakers will be kept in their proper place as leaders of thought only, who will speak as equals to equals and supply material, for consideration at leisure, on matters of mental and psychic and spiritual interest or importance. And every Spiritualist who opposes our Scheme is a supporter of priestly domination. Think of the following: Every Spiritualist who has declared a preference for this or that speaker or medium; every Church and District Council that has drawn up a list of 'approved workers'; every Union that has conducted examinations or provided courses of study for speakers only—all these have contributed towards the establishment of a priesthood and given it a position of superiority. The College Scheme is an antidote to these wrong methods of treatment in the past. The strength of a priesthood depends on the ignorance of the laity, and from them an educated laity will have nothing to fear.

So, if you do not want a dominating priesthood, take up the College Scheme; study and induce others to study; identify yourself with our vital educational Movement; and work in every way possible for a well educated Spiritualism in which the rank and file will be the educational equals of the priests, and the priesthood only a higher form of service rendered by zealous enthusiasts.

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.):—

Miss M. E. KITSON, B.A., F.N.S.C.,
37, South Street,
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.,
19, Oakhurst Road,
Forest Gate,
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.

Great Harwood Church and Lyceum are appealing for funds to alter and repair a building which they own but are unable to use. They are forced to use a hired hall for meetings and in a poor financial position. The appeal is for £100. Any donations should be sent to Walter Taylor, 14, Princess Street, Great Harwood, nr. Blackburn, Lancs.

DEPARTED;

Yet in my dreams I see thy face
And know I love thee still.
Oh! come to me in all thy grace
And let me know thy will.

I could not here yet longer stay
Had I not proved thy love.
I hear thy call from o'er the way,
From heaven just above.

Oh! come to me when night shall bring
Her sweetest charms around;
And fill my soul with joy and sing
Of beauties thou hast found.

I long for freedom to begin,
When I can soar to thee.
Oh! direct me how I may win
The path that leads to thee.

And when on earth I sing no more
This song of love for thee;
Thou then canst take me to thy arms
And calmly comfort me.

Think of me at twilight hour,
When I most think of thee;
And join me in this happy song
Of sweet eternity.

Thou wouldst not think that I could bring
Such happy thoughts with me?
Thou wouldst not think that I could sing
Of great immensity.

And to bring my loving vow
Just as when we started;
To feel thy loving kisses now
From my dear departed.

LOVE DIVINE.

By HENRY J. BAYLIS.

Love is of God—none will dispute;
To all He gave this great Tribute.
Love is the Ideal, the path to seek;
It takes no advantage of the weak.

Love is the power that makes life smooth,
Love is of God; it should all things rule.
Love is the seed this day to sow,
And—each to-morrow—to come and go.

Love is a verity, each will find,
White supernal in the heavenly clime,
Love can dispel greed, strife and hate,
Each act's recorded, small and great.

So let Love rule whilst we are here,
Days, weeks, months, years, soon disappear;
All is ever *the very present*,
The past merges into evanescent.

Time brings us to Eternity's Gate,
We knock, with life's scroll, and await;
Receive reward, or restitution make,
Our Soul, in accord, seeks its fitting place.

So let Love lead and show the path,
Let Love rule unto the last;
Looking back, no regrets recall,
But memories, sweet and dear—*that's all*.

CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, ETC.

Birmingham and District: Mr. D. Straw, 13, Hawthorn Grove, Whitmore Rd., Small Heath.
Stirchley: Miss A. E. Jervis, 56, Holly Rd., Cotteridge, Birmingham.
Bradford, Milton: 14, Landsdowne Place, Morley Street.
Manchester Progressive: 38, Maskell St.: Miss E. Jackson, 11 Rawcliffe St., Moss Side, Manchester.

LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION

and visit of the

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Sunday, July 15th, 3 and 7 p.m.

BATTERSEA TOWN HALL

near Clapham Junction.

MISS E. ELLIOTT

President: B.S.L.U.

MR. KITSON

MR. WILLIAMS

Mr. KNOTT

and others will take part.

WELCOME EXTENDED TO ALL.

For Tea Tickets, 9d. each, and full particulars write to Mrs. CALWAY, 13, Elmbrook St., Well Hall, S.E.9.

MRS. MARY T. LONGLEY, U.S.A.

We regret to record the passing of Mrs. Mary T. Longley. Mrs. Longley was associated with Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, on the "Progressive Thinker" for many years.

She was secretary of the U.S.A. National Association for ten years and retired from that position in 1907.

Her husband wrote many hymns before he was stricken with blindness and deafness. Mrs. Longley patiently and lovingly tendered to his wants with unselfish devotion until his spirit was released. She has left thousands of friends to mourn her passing. She was an inspired speaker and "message bearer." Impromptu poems often came from her lips.

We sympathise with American Spiritualists in their physical loss of a worthy and esteemed pioneer.

PROMISE OF A DIRECTORY OF PSYCHIC SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALISM.

(To be issued annually by the Occult Press.)

Sir,

It may interest and please your readers to learn that we are planning to bring out a "Directory of Psychic Science and Spiritualism" to the exclusion of all other subjects.

This will prove to be the biggest thing that has ever been done in the interest of these movements as far as the visualisation of their extent from a world-wide standpoint.

The realisation of this work will be brought about through the efforts of William C. Hartman, the editor and compiler of "Who's Who in Occultism, New Thought, Psychism and Spiritualism," which has been accepted as a standard work of reference in every civilised country and with which your readers are no doubt familiar.

We believe that you will agree with us that all organisations, authors, writers, churches, mediums, pastors, psychical researchers, and periodicals should welcome the forthcoming Directory and give it the support such a publication deserves. All those interested in or identified with the respective movements should file their name and address with us for a copy of the descriptive circular (a postcard will do) and to be sure that their names will be included in the Directory.

This is a book that should be handled through every Spiritualistic and Psychical Society in all parts of the World.

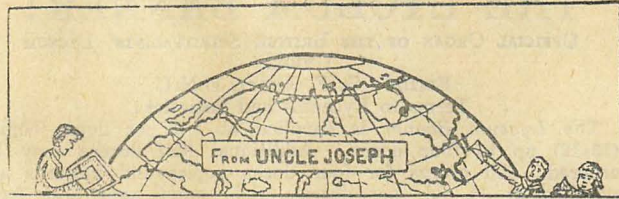
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OVERSEAS.

Three letters have reached me from BANNER readers. Mr. Connor writes:—

DEAR UNCLE JOSEPH,

Just a line or two of welcome as a contributor to the LYCEUM BANNER and a worker for Hands Across the Sea. I am very glad to note that you are going to use the letters from Overseas to let us know what is going on there; and I wish you God speed in your work. We in the Spiritualist Movement, and particularly in the Lyceumist Branch of it, cannot get to know too much of each other; and I am looking forward with keen anticipation to reading the first Overseas Page contributed by Overseas Lyceumists.

Wishing you every success,

A. T. CONNOR.

Mrs. E. Coe, of Coventry, sends the following message:—

Go forward my friends, and fight for the Truth

And you in your youth will carry it wide.

The message ends with the promise that, "in your upward and onward path, angels will ever be by your side."

A young lady (D.O.) wishes to have correspondence with a friend of 16 to 18 years who lives overseas. Who will respond. D.O.'s letter has gone to the secretary of a South African Lyceum and I hope there will be a happy response.

This section of the BANNER will not be devoted to writings by Uncle Joseph. The only thing he will do will be to connect the correspondents like a telephone operator. Of course all operators comment on the correspondence when they listen in, and that is what Uncle Joseph proposes to do when arranging the thought exchange (as such ideas are called in America).

Mrs. Coe sends two nice Kodak photos of children engaged in the noble art of enjoying themselves, and I notice dogs are allowed to take part in the picnics around Coventry. There is another pretty photo of the floral decorations during the Lyceum Anniversary. Miss V. G. Rayner was the speaker, and gave a nice address. Many of us have seen Miss Rayner and know how she can, and does, write little plays and arrange services for the children.

Now there is some sad news from California. The State Association of Spiritualists in California gives one-tenth of its Church affiliation fees to the maintenance of Lyceums. The Lyceum Superintendent, Mr. Virgil Vlasek, has been ill for a long time and has passed to the higher life. His mother, the Rev. Mary C. Vlasek, is a remarkable medium and a splendid organiser in the Church at Los Angeles. Virgil went about the State encouraging Churches to start Lyceums. Many British Manuals and Education booklets have been distributed by Mr. Vlasek, and now his earthly work is cut short by his early passing. Two years ago a nice descriptive article of life around Los Angeles was printed in the BANNER from his pen. I am sure all Lyceumists interested in our Overseas Lyceums will sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Vlasek in the physical loss of their only son. And so we must all send our most loving thoughts to them in their great trouble.

I am hoping next month we shall be able to print some greetings from Overseas and spread the thoughts around so that we shall all feel nearer to each other.

UNCLE JOSEPH.

Fleetwood are continuing their practice of supplying all families represented in the Lyceum with a copy of the monthly issue of the BANNER. (Thank you.—Ed.)

The novelty of a new experience is fascinating to a progressive mind.

The General Secretary heartily thanks the Lyceums who have disposed of the Hydesville Post Cards and thereby raised donations to the £2,000 Effort. The donations are acknowledged in M. Burrows' report. The supply of Cards is almost exhausted.

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JULY, 1928.

A Few Tests.

Spiritualism is built upon the tests. No matter how strange the phenomena appears, if the facts prove the continuity of life beyond physical decay we have a case for further investigation.

The increasing and universal evidences in all nations are building a superstructure which—at least in its basis is fundamental—is common to all investigators.

Any person can prove the truth of spiritual consciousness. Mediums are at present necessary for the spirit people to work through. To seek new experiences is the surest method of progress. A fact cannot reasonably be refuted. It is our duty to find the utility in the growing knowledge of spiritual communications. Some people have claimed to be their own mediums for experiences of post mortem evidences.

We have learned many things since the advent of Modern Spiritualism. The movement dawned during an age of agnosticism and materialism. Science was disproving many old ideas and religion was temporarily divorced from science. Old customs and beliefs linger for a long time before being obliterated, even though their falsity has been explained many times.

J. O. Barrett states: "All the organs of the body and the brain are ministers of good to the inward spirit that actuates and directs all motions." There are few material scientists to-day. We often get dissertations from scientists which are really psychological and deal with abstract forces rather than the machinery of their operation.

It is in this way that we shall find the true relation of any and every subject which concerns the question of the material and spiritual life, here and hereafter. It must remain purely a question until each individual seeks an explanation of the material construction of our bodies and the peculiarities of mental states that operate through the human will.

A composite study is essential to a balanced mind which seeks to understand the laws of nature and spirit. Religion is particularly a personal sensation, but morality is a social operation. Whilst the two subjects are complementary, and support each other, the religious phase is generally governed by the moral code in operation. We test a religion by the moral code in existence in each country.

The inexorable laws of spirit and nature are unchanging, but these laws are not always understood. Religion has been unfolding all the time and, if pace must be kept with human understanding, religion must change with the added knowledge we obtain, slowly but surely, through the ages. We must test religion and discard those traits which do not agree with modern science. Rhetoric may be a misnomer and reason a term capable of change with increased knowledge of newly discovered laws.

It is the function of parliaments to make man-made laws conform to natural laws and harmonise society by that method. The prime test in the life of a nation is governed by its confirmation to natural laws. A nation decays when it fails to appreciate that fact; generally through the impoverishment of its people. The result is migration or death.

The same process is applied to religion and science, orthodox or otherwise. Thus we see old religions ideas are dying out and science is changing. Orthodoxy is doomed and a new concept of religion must be born. A notable change in the scientific world is displayed by noted scientists. Sir Oliver Lodge, the

physicist, has become an electrician. Discussing this subject a few months ago he made the following observations:—

"Only a century ago it was not known that radiation had any definite speed, and the transmission of light was thought to be instantaneous.

"I urge that we are not directly but only indirectly associated with matter, that the ether is our real habitat, and that our action upon matter is indirect, just as its action is on us. All potential energy belongs to the ether. I am disposed to think that mental energy arrives from the ether, and goes back to it, and that the ether is the universal vehicle of life and mind."

From the foregoing quotation we see the inference that etheric radiation is the vehicle of life and its suggested expression through matter. The ether is definitely subject to electric force. Matter becomes demonstrated as the lowest form of evidence for life's expression and we only touch this phase through the ether which is in turn subject to electricity for demonstrated activity, electricity is controlled by voltage and operates by radiation and vibration.

The test of life is proved to be subject to the higher forms of radiation and vibration and the lower forms of pulsation through the gross substance of which the human body is formed.

In the human being we find life is made conscious to us. Is there not a superior condition in the dynamics of mind-force which exalts us above the lower forms of existence?

The radiation of human thought can be tested by anybody. The law of telepathy is demonstrable. Telepathy may be, at present, an abstract science, but it has its material field in which to operate. It is in the substance producing such evidences that we shall some day enter the study of mental dynamics and be able to demonstrate the objective machinery of its operation, at least to the mind's eye; and it is the mind's eye which is paramount in our present material sight.

In the light of these thoughts we can see a progressive religion and evolving science introducing an improved application of ethics. Spiritualism thus assists humanity to understand some newly discovered laws for the progress of mankind.

Our Churches may receive addresses on these subjects, but it is in the Lyceum where the student will be able to discuss them and apply the advantage of research for the education of the young. Logic will have an increased value, and it is pleasing to note that this subject is being included in the Education Scheme for Lyceumists.

We have great times ahead.

Petty persecutions through obsolete man-made laws only display the ignorance of our predecessors.

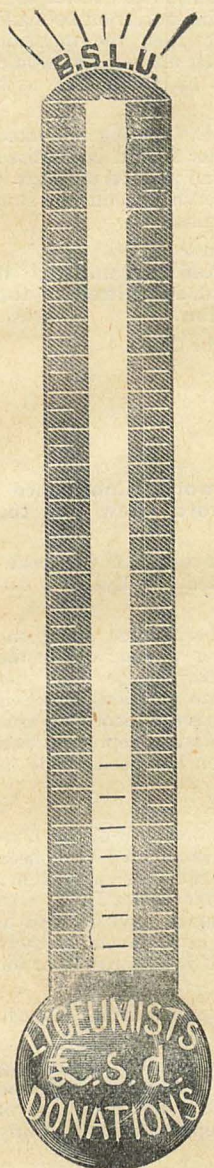
There is another test facing Lyceumists at the moment. It is a very material one. We can only have a composite existence to pursue our study through the Union of Lyceums in our common pursuits. We deplore the necessity to appeal for financial support so that our economic position may be secured to carry on. One way is to purchase the goods we publish. Some Lyceums have an idea there is going to be a new *Manual* compiled. May we reassure Lyceums that the basis of the *Manual* has not been changed and no alteration in the book can take place till 1932 and also it may be many years later before any revised book is prepared for sale. We make this statement because we know that a number of Lyceums need a new supply of *Manuals*, and some have been holding back. Our publishing department has been a great help in the past and we want it to continue.

There is another test, too. We are passing through an industrial depression. We do not want the B.S.L.U. to have a numerical depression. If your Lyceum continues to obtain copies of the BANNER you will learn of all the activities of the Union. We have often paid tribute to our pioneers who founded the Lyceum Union that our Constitution is practically the same as when the movement was founded. The machinery provides the link, through the many spheres of labour and operations in the districts, for all Lyceumists from the child right up to the President.

Our teachings are universal and founded on the spiritual basis which operates in the spirit world. We are passing through a test just now and we must not fail to keep our principles before humanity. With trust, faith, hope, work and financial support we shall win through these difficult days. Loyal support and perseverance is the need of the moment. The Lyceum motto is "The Workers Win."

GEO. F. KNOTT.

Prior to the B.S.L.U. Annual Conference a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph, in Manchester, to the memory of our arisen Lyceumists who had fallen in the war (1914-1918). The President; M.C., and a number of friends were present.



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£2,000 EFFORT REPORT.

Dear Lyceumists,

This month I have to thank our General Secretary and the various Lyceums and Lyceumists concerned for the sale of the Hydesville postcards. Altogether it has brought this month £5 1s. 3d. for which I am very grateful.

The following have donated so far:

HYDESVILLE POST CARDS.

Cash received by General Secretary from May 24th to June 15th, 1928.

Bolton, (Bradford St.) 1/-, Mexborough 9d., Grimsby 4/6, Gateshead (Beaconsfield Hall) 9d., Chesterfield 2/3, Mr. Slimin 1/-, Mr. Cox, 1/-, Leicester Progressive 2/3, Attercliffe 1/6, Mr. R. A. Owen 1/-, Mrs. Nurse 1/-, Accrington (Pearl St.) 2/-, Lincoln (Goultham St.) 7/-, Mr. J. E. Hart 1/-, Southern Counties D.C. 4/-, Miss H. Cleland 2/-, Liverpool (Daulby Hall) 1/6, Nottingham (Mechanics Hall) 1/-, Manchester (Stanley Grove) 1/6, Tottenham 2/6, Mr. J. F. Smith 1/-, Edinburgh 4/2, Birkenhead 2/3, Lewisham 1/6, Darnall (Sheffield) 2/3, Whitley Bay 2/-, Warrington 9d, Stirchley (Birmingham) 2/3, Peckham 1/-, Normanton (Assembly St.) 1/6, Leeds (Psycho) 4/6, Wigan 1/6, Heckmondwike 2/3, Smethwick 2/3, Macclesfield 2/3, Hebden Bridge 2/-, Mansfield 1/6, Middlesbrough (Wilson St.) 1/6, Barrow, (Dalkeith St.) 2/7, Nottingham Hawarden Terrace) 2/6, Marsden 3/-, Collyhurst 1/-, Eltham 1/6, Walkden 1/8, Miss E. Elliott 2/-, Halifax, (Queens Road) 1/-, York 1/1, South Shields (Cambridge St.) 1/-, Reading 1/-,

Barrow (Dalton Rd.) 6/-, Cheetham Hill 1/6, Walthamstow 9d., Plaistow 2/6, Rock Ferry 4/-, Brighthouse (Commercial St.) 1/6, Bradford (Milton) 2/3, Bury (King St.) 9d., Heaton Norris 1/-, Shipley 1/-, Battersea 9d., Nuneaton 2/6, Cleckheaton 9d., Hull (Holborn Hall) 9d., West Vale 1/-, Total £6 1s. 3d.

Evidently the post cards have caught on. We must also thank our Gen. Sec. for paying for the cost of the postcards. I hope that at any rate for a time the postcards will be a source of revenue. In the meantime I shall be more than grateful if there are any further donations.

I have still got the collecting cards by me but I would like the Lyceumists to take them out and try to use them. With all good wishes,

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

29, Kliffen Place,
Halifax.

W. BURROWS,
Hon. Sec, £2,000 Effort.

B.S.L.U. Conference.

PROPAGANDA MEETING.

Miss E. Elliott presided over the Evening Propaganda Meeting. Mrs. Nurse gave the invocation.

In her introductory remarks Miss Elliott said that the B.S.L.U. had been meeting during the week-end in Princess Hall. It was this side of the movement which took care of the children's education. and the Management Committee and other Representatives were to convey their messages to the congregation.

Miss Elliott introduced the various Members of the Committee and the S.N.U. Representatives to the congregation.

She said that in her first year as President of the B.S.L.U. spirit friends had given her the message to "Let truth and honour be your guide." Throughout her years of office she had endeavoured to follow the message.

She appealed for greater co-operation in the work for the children.

Mr. Woodcock sang "Ye people lend your hearts."

Mr. Kitson said that some years previously he thought he had given his last address in Princess Hall, but to-night he was recalling old memories and old association.

He likened clairvoyance and clairaudience to the tuning-in of a wireless receiving set.

In conclusion he stated that during the whole of his life he had just tried to be of service to the spirit world.

Mr. Owen first offered his congratulations to Miss Elliott upon her re-election for the third year to the Presidency of the B.S.L.U. He thought she had proved that woman was capable of taking the lead in such matters.

He mentioned his long association with Mr. Keeling in the Lyceum, Church, District Council, and both National Unions.

He remarked on the personal slackness of people in his own city to receive new truths.

He spoke about the educational side of the movement and appealed for a good support.

He conveyed the good wishes both of himself and the S.N.U. to the President of the B.S.L.U.

Mr. Woodcock again entertained the congregation with the solo, "Then shall the righteous shine."

Mr. Mack spoke, not to the Spiritualist, but to the Materialist. He illustrated his argument with a description of a simple chemical experiment which proved that matter could not be destroyed. The form only changed.

Mr. Keeling addressed the congregation on the Theory of Values, and asked them to value their religion more than they did. He requested greater support monetarily.

Mr. Williams expressed the grateful thanks of the B.S.L.U. to the South Manchester Church and to all who had helped in any way during the week-end.

Miss Elliott mentioned the collection for the F.O.B. and Mr. Berry appealed strongly for large support. He illustrated, through Mr. Keeling's address, how the old faithful spiritualists who had not bothered about money values but had given their all and were now in want and the little bit contributed by each would go to lighten the load of those who had paved the way for our success.

Mr. Cox gave the benediction.

Hull, Holborn Hall, Lyceum, has closed down for the Summer and will re-open with the advent of Autumn.

B.S.L.U. Annual Conference, 1928.

The 39th Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U. was held at the Princess Hall, Princess Road, Moss Side, Manchester, on Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and 27th, 1928.

President, Miss E. Elliott, Manchester.

Before opening the Conference the President invited Mr. Berry and Mr. Owen (S.N.U. Representatives), also Mr. Clegg, London, on to the platform.

The Conference was opened by the singing of the hymn "The Hall of Progress," after which the invocation was given by Mr. Mack (Vice-President).

Mr. Hart, as President of the Manchester Lyceum D.C., welcomed the Conference to Manchester, and presented Miss Elliott with a copy of Shelley's Works, on behalf of the Executive.

Miss Elliott accepted the welcome and gift with appreciation.

1. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Messenger: Mrs. R. Hope.

Tellers: Mr. Batley and Mr. Harding.

Scrutineers: Mr. Wright, Mr. Fruin, Miss Halliday and Mrs. Edwards.

Members for Standing Orders Committee: Messrs. Mack, Burrows and Hart, elected from the M.C., and Mr. E. A. Keeling, elected from the floor of the Conference.

Conference Reporters: Miss E. Evans and Mr. W. Harris.

Credential Officers: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Shuttleworth.

2. MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE.

Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,

That the Minutes and all printed Reports of the last Conference be taken as read. *Carried.*

3. Mr. Dickinson stated that with regard to item 10 of the last Minutes (1927) the Seconder's name should read "Pollard," not "Proctor." This was confirmed by the President.

4. Mr. Shaw moved, Mr. Batley seconded,

The adoption of the Minutes of last Conference.

Carried.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

The General Secretary read the correspondence, which consisted of letters conveying messages of good wishes for a successful Conference, from Mr. W. Mason (Past President), Mr. R. Hunter and Mr. J. Jackson (former M.C. members), Miss Stair (Hon. Secretary, S.N.U. F.O.B.)

Mrs. Nurse unfortunately had to leave the M.C. Meeting, owing to her grandchild and son being both seriously ill.

6. Mr. Thornton moved, Mr. Walmsley seconded,

That the Correspondence be accepted.

Carried.

7. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Hart seconded,

That this Conference place on record its sympathy with Mrs. Nurse and the cause of her absence.

Carried.

8. Mr. Slimin moved, Mr. Marks seconded,

That a Retiring Collection be taken on behalf of the F.O.B. at the Propaganda Meeting on Sunday evening.

Agreed.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

9. Miss Elliott read her President's Address. Mr. Mack, Vice-President, occupied the Chair during the discussion.

(The Address was printed in the June issue of the LYCEUM BANNER).

10. Mr. Thornton moved, Mr. J. Shuttleworth seconded,

That the President's Address be taken as read.

Carried.

Miss Hesp congratulated the President on her address, particularly in regard to her remarks concerning politics and the S.N.U. Summer School.

Mr. Connor also commented upon the political question and stated that, in his opinion, the question of politics should not arise in the business of Conference, and that it was not a subject to put before children.

Mr. Keeling spoke on the political question and stated that he was of the opinion that if a differentiation be made between politics and party politics then the question of politics might be discussed. He also said he would like to endorse everything that had been said with regard to the Summer School.

With regard to the £2,000 Effort, Mr. Keeling remarked that the seriousness of this matter should be realised by the Officers of the Lyceums, and pointed out that if ¼d. per week was received from each Lyceum the sum of £100 would very quickly be raised.

11. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Marston seconded,

The adoption of the President's Address, and that it be printed in the BANNER and submitted to the Spiritualist Press for publication.

Carried.

Miss Elliott resumed her position in the Chair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

12. (a) To amend the Bye-Laws.

(1) From Tyneside D.C.

Bye-Law 10, Section 5.

Delete all the words between the word "Conference" on the third line, and the word "new" on the seventh line.

Mr. Robson, as representative of the Tyneside D.C., speaking in support of the Amendment to Bye-Law 10, stated:—

"If there are two people who have been voted upon, one may have 100 votes and the other one 60, and in the event of one being elected and retiring, the other one, as the Bye-Law stands, steps into position, which is rather unfair to the Area, as it does not record the true vote of what that Area thinks as far as representation of the Area in which the election has been made is concerned."

Mr. Walmsley seconded the motion.

13. Mr. Keeling:—"In case there should be any misapprehension with regard to the position in which I have been unfortunately placed, may I make this suggestion?"

It is only because the Manchester D.C., who have met since the result was known, have decided to nominate me as their candidate in the event of there being a new election, I consent to the ruling of the President."

14. Mr. Robson, accepting Mr. Keeling's explanation, moved, Mr. Walmsley seconded,

That Bye-Law 10, Section 5, be amended by omitting all words up to and including "opposition" in line 7, and substituting the words "in the event of there being a vacancy in the representation of any Area."

Mr. Connor opposed the amendment on the grounds that when the Constitution was first drawn up, Bye-Law 10 was drawn up to fit in with different conditions to what at present exist.

Mr. Bland, supporting the opposition, stated that if the amendment came into operation their small section would not have a chance of representation.

Mr. Shipperbottom opposed the amendment on the same grounds as Mr. Bland.

Voting. For	..	..	..	..	77
Against	..	..	..	..	47

The motion was not carried as the necessary two-thirds majority was not obtained.

15. (2) To amend the Bye-Laws.
From Southern District Council.
Bye-Law 10, Section 1.

(H) Delete the words "Southern England" and insert a new clause (1) to read "Southern England."

Mr. Guy, speaking on the amendment, pointed out that they wished to divide the Area. He added:—"We maintain that as far as representation of the Southern Counties is concerned we have none on the B.S.L.U. We realise that as far as London is concerned the Area Representative there has ample work for his own district without going to the Southern Counties to represent them also, and having been on the Manage-

ment Committee for one year and knowing of the terms under which week-end visits are made I can speak and say that it is impossible for one elected from the Southern Counties to represent London and the Southern Counties. From the experience through which we have passed during the last two years of the two District Councils, and because we in a sense wish to have a further link with the B.S.L.U., we are desirous of the forming of an Area that is comprised solely of the Southern Counties."

Mr. Thompson stated that he wished to second the motion and endorsed everything that Mr. Guy had said.

Mrs. Raymond, opposing the motion, said:—"As much as we sympathise greatly with the Southern District Council we are placed in exactly the same position. We are looked upon as being one of the leading Lyceums, but while we are in the same Area as Manchester we have no chance whatever of getting representation on the Management Committee. I am sorry Liverpool cannot support it."

Mr. Fruin supported the amendment, on the grounds that the Area covered by the representative of the Southern Counties is exceedingly large, and expense involved in travelling from one point to another is very great.

Mr. Connor spoke in support of Mr. Fruin's statement.

Mr. Keeling stated that it was absolutely impossible for every District Council to have representation on the Management Committee, and that all the arguments used in connection with the Southern Counties could, with equal justice, be used for other District Councils. Mr. Keeling added:—"With regard to expenditure, it is equally true that the Tees-side and Liverpool District Councils are in a position peculiar to that of the Southern Counties. I think the principle is bad, and that this Conference should resist the resolution."

Mr. Walmsley, supporting the motion, pointed out that in his opinion it was most essential, because the London District should be confined to a Metropolitan Area.

Mr. Dixon, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Marks opposed the motion.

Voting. For	55
Against	65

The motion was defeated.

CREDENTIAL REPORT.

16. Officers 4, Adviser 1, Area Representatives 8, Trustee 1, Auditor 1, Education Committee 2, Revision Committee 2, U.D.C. 1, District Councils 20, Lyceum Delegates 104, total 144. There were also present S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2, Assistant Officer 1, Conference Reporters 2, Accepted Visitor 1. Making a grand total of 150.

The Credential Report was accepted.

Mr. Keeling enquired as to the exact position, under the Constitution, occupied by the Adviser.

The President replied that the Adviser took exactly the same position as any other member that sat upon the Committee.

Mr. Slimin enquired as to how many delegates attended on behalf of the 20 District Councils, and Mrs. Raymond asked how many Lyceums were represented by the delegates, as this had been stated in previous years.

Mr. Edwards replied that this could be given later.

17. Mr. Keeling moved, Mrs. Raymond seconded,

The adoption of the Report.

Carried.

18. (3) From the Management Committee. Bye-Law 13 (K).

After the word "Conference" insert the words "or the unanimous vote of the Management Committee present at any of its quarterly meetings."

Mr. Connor stated that the motion was against the provisions of the Trust Deed and referred Standing Orders Committee to paragraph 10, page 38, of the Constitution.

19. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Dolman seconded,

That the motion, coming from the Management Committee, relating to Bye-Law 13, Section 'K,'

shall be referred to the Standing Orders Committee. *Carried.*

20. The Standing Orders Committee then retired, and, on their return, Mr. Keeling stated:—

The Standing Orders Committee have considered, and are of the unanimous opinion, that the point raised is not sustained. The motion was, therefore, in order.

21. Mr. Slimin, moved the motion, and stated,—

It simply means that if anybody, particularly in minor bodies, such as the Federation of Youth, comes along with any proposals of amalgamation or association, you cannot entertain them until you hold your Annual Conference. Your Annual Conference may be too late. No matter how your Management Committee or Trustees decide it could not be done until the Annual Conference. If the clause proposed is inserted in this Bye-law, and we think we ought to emphasise this fact, that it must be the unanimous vote when the Management Committee have their Quarterly Meeting; it would stand in the place of the vote of the Conference. There are many things which may be advisable in the interest of ourselves and in the interest of kindred associations that could be brought forward and be clinched and made absolute before it is too late.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Mr. Marks opposed the motion and stated "Any affiliation of real substantial value should be made by the whole Union assembled in Conference."

*Voting. For 14. Against 115.
The motion was defeated.*

6B. GENERAL.

22. (1) From the Southern District Council.

"That Parliamentary Procedure shall be adhered to regarding the introduction of Motions by proxy at the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union Conference, in the event of the delegate(s) from the body in whose name such motions stand being prevented from attending."

Mr. Guy moved the motion and gave an explanation of proxy.

Mr. Thompson seconded.

*For 104. Against 6.
The motion was carried.*

(a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.

23. Mr. Dickinson referring to paragraph No. 3 of the Management Committee Report enquired how many of the 20 newly affiliated Lyceums were members of the Councils in which they are situated.

Mr. Knott replied—

"Any District Council Secretary who cares to see me can have a full report of the number affiliated to the District Councils and the number that are not affiliated. Names of Lyceums that have paid D.C. Fees are not sent to the Unions' Office."

Mr. Connor suggested putting a star opposite the names of the Lyceums affiliated to the District Councils, in the "Banner."

Mr. Knott replied this could be done.

24. Mr. Connor moved, Miss Entwistle seconded,

The adoption of the Management Committee Report.

Carried.

£2,000 EFFORT REPORT.

25. Mr. Burrows supplemented the report, and gave the total amount collected this year as £22 5s. 0d; the whole total collected being £532 18s. 6d.

Mrs. Griffiths enquired if there was any check against Mr. Burrows and this particular fund.

Mr. Burrows replied,—"Yes, all I receive is down in my books, each individual item; the Auditors see my receipts for every amount and Mr. Williams signs the receipts and returns them."

Mr. Thornton enquired how much should be subscribed by each Lyceum to this fund, also how much his own Lyceum had subscribed.

Mr. Burrows replied,—“Each Lyceum was asked to raise £10 against £2,000, your Lyceum has raised £5 19s. you have £4 1s. od. to raise yet.”

26. Mr. Burrows moved, Mr. Le Noury seconded,

The Adoption of the Report.

Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

27. Mr. Williams supplementing the report gave the following interim figures:—

	£	s.	d.
Income during the 4 months ending			
April 30th	400	15	11
Expenditure	183	16	7
Leaving a balance of	216	19	4
Which added to the balance at the end of the year, is	368	14	2
Against which there are outstanding liabilities	289	19	7

Referring to the Testimonial to Mr. T. H. Wright, Mr. Williams said.

“The S.N.U. are proud to give some recognition to Mr. T. H. Wright for his long services for the Movement. It is for you to decide now whether we associate ourselves with this Testimonial.”

Mr. Keeling,—“Does the liabilities include the prospective salaries?”

Mr. Williams replied that the outstanding liabilities are accounts which have already been submitted and have nothing to do with prospective salaries.

28. Mr. Parker enquired as to the exact amount the Education Committee had spent.

Mr. Williams replied that the figures given by him for Expenditure and Receipts were prepared by the Education Committee and approved by the Auditors and passed direct into his Balance Sheet.

Mr. Connor asked if the Treasurer held the Education Committee responsible for the items in the General Account. There are items of £40 Management Committee Meetings; £49 Conference. 53 pay days instead of 52.

Mr. Williams,—“The Education Committee Accounts have a large share of the year's deficit. The year's deficit is £388. The Education Committee deficit is £238. I think it is rather a large share of it.”

29. Mr. Walmsley asked how it was the Manual Revision Expenses were so high seeing that they only met twice a year.

Mr. Keeling,—“It was because the meetings extended for a whole week-end.” He added “It was the Committee's opinion that this saved a considerable amount of time.”

30. Mr. Williams stated that there would be an appeal for the Wright Testimonial in the BANNER for individuals who care to subscribe to this Testimonial.

31. Mr. Walmsley moved, and Mr. Dickenson seconded,
That the B.S.L.U. Donates £2 10s. Od. towards the Wright Testimonial.

Carried.

32. Referring to the financial position of the Union Mr. Keeling stated,—“We look to the Management Committee for a lead and to give some practical statement as to what their recommendations are. We have a balance of £50 in hand after our expenses are met.”

The President remarked upon the seriousness of the situation and stated that until the members of the Union realised the seriousness of the financial position, progress could not be made as it ought to be. “I want you to realise we require a turnover of £20 to £30 a week.”

Mr. Edwards stated that he thought there was nothing in the Balance Sheet to become despondent about and speaking on the sales of the Manual and the Songsters remarked that the sales were down £27 compared with the year previous, and that there had been a falling off for a few years. “I think the Management and Finance Committee ought to put their heads together

and try and evolve a scheme whereby the sales could be increased and thereby create a surplus instead of a deficit.”

Mr. Fruin remarked that the “BANNER” was an excellent medium for the raising of funds, and drew attention to the fact that money could be raised by accepting advertisements for publication in this paper.

Mr. Cook supported Mr. Fruin in his remarks and suggested that Agents be appointed, on commission, to obtain advertisements.

The President stated that the trouble was obtaining the right kind of advertisements.

Mr. Knott, speaking on the £2,000 Effort, stated,—“You have decided you would raise a fund and raise the total of that before you will do anything with it, also, you have started minor trading. You have drawn from the General Fund but you are still considering the £2,000 Effort. We should not have taken the new office;—or taken it from the £2,000 Effort. We have extended Conference expenses, we have increased our spending power, but our income has decreased. The remedy lies in the immediate commencement of the trading funds.”

Mr. Keeling,—“Were the statements just made by Mr. Knott, that we have taken a new office, and that we have started minor trading” true as far as the Union is concerned, or as far as the Management Committee is concerned?”

President,—“The office was taken by the Trustees.”

On this point Mr. Dolman stated that he would like to move that the Treasurer's Report be taken, as, if the question of the office were carried forward there would be a discussion which would extend the position.

Mr. Connor, “Would it be possible for the office to be moved back to Regent Street, and so save £50 a year?”

Mr. Knott, “The lease was taken for three years and does not expire until July next year (1929).”

Mr. Connor, “When the lease is out, would it be possible to move the office back to Regent Street?”

Mr. Knott, “The conditions are such that we could not do that.”

Mr. Slimin enquired if the Trustees had received instructions from the Conference to take the new office.

President, “They have never received any as far as I know.”

Mr. Keeling, “On what grounds was this office taken?”

Mr. Edwards, “I believe when this matter was raised, it was raised owing to much discontent. The Trustees decided that it would be in the interests of the Lyceums if the office was taken from his home. The question did not arise from the Management Committee.”

Mr. Connor, “Was it decided during the special meeting of the Trustees during the Conference?”

Mr. Edwards, “That I cannot state.”

Mr. Connor, “Might I ask the President on what date did the Trustees decide to look for a new office?”

Mr. Knott, “I cannot give you the exact date, roughly it was June 1926, just after Dewsbury Conference.”

Mr. Keeling suggested that the matter be cleared, and asked if Mr. Edwards was in a position to tell the Conference under what clause in the Trust Deed the Trustees were empowered, and was it section 3 of the Trust Deed.

Mr. Edwards, “I have no answer to make to that statement, we deemed it was in the interests of the B.S.L.U.”

Mr. Connor, “On what agreement did the General Secretary take instructions from the Trustees?”

Mr. Knott, “Any instructions I receive from the Trustees I endeavour to obey.”

33. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Connor seconded,

That the Accounts be not accepted until such time as the matter raised in connection with the action of Trustees in leasing an Office, has been satisfactorily adjusted.

For 89. Against 17. Carried.

34. Mr. Springate made an enquiry concerning the Bank Interest in the Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Williams informed him that this was governed by the Bank Rate which varies.

CREDENTIAL REPORT.

35. Officers 4, Adviser 1, Area Representatives 8, Trustee 1, Auditor 1, Education Committee 2, Revision Committee 2, U.D.C. 1, District Councils 21 (representing 15 District Councils), Delegates 101 (representing 68 Lyceums). Total 142. There were also present, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2, Assistant Officer 1, Conference Reporters 2, Accepted Visitor 1. Making a grand total of 148.

The Conference adjourned till Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING WELCOME.

The Conference was opened on Sunday morning by the singing of a hymn entitled "Hold Fast," after which Mr. Owen, President of the S.N.U., gave the invocation.

The children then gave their welcome, which was done in a very charming and effective manner.

Seventeen children of the Manchester & Salford Lyceum D.C. marched in, carrying flowers, sang a song of welcome, and recited greetings, which had been composed by Margaret M. Briggs, of Salford Central Lyceum.

The Children recited a welcome to the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Adviser, Education Committee, Area Representatives, Trustees and Delegates, and each official, in turn, was presented with a flower. The President and Mr. Kitson also received bouquets.

The ceremony was a very pretty one and was made doubly impressive by the way the children acted their part and so clearly and intelligently recited their welcomes, which, judging from the happy smiles of the recipients were very much appreciated.

The President extended her thanks and appreciation for the very cordial welcome which had been given to the Conference during the week-end by the wonderful band of workers.

The children withdrew from the Conference during the hearty applause from the Delegates.

36. Mr. Edwards stated Mr. Tinker, a Past Secretary, was in the Conference room. The President invited Mr. Tinker to the Platform.

CREDENTIAL REPORT.

37. Officers 4, Adviser 1, Area Representatives 8, Trustee 1, Education Committee 2, Revision Committee 2, U.D.C. 1, District Councils 21, (representing 15 District Councils.) Delegates 103 (representing 71 Lyceums.) Total 143. There were also present,—S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2, Assistant Officer 1, Conference Reporters 2, Visitors 2. Grand total of 150.

38. Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Shipperbottom seconded,

That the Report be adopted. *Carried.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

39. Mr. Slimin asked the Conference's permission to withdraw his nomination from the election for President. Permission was refused.

PRESIDENT.

40. Miss E. Elliott—112.
Mr. J. Slimin—23.
Miss Elliott was declared elected.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

41. *First Vote*—Mr. W. Burrows 18, Mr. E. G. Cox 11, Mr. G. A. Mack 50, Mrs. L. Nurse 33, Mr. J. Slimin 26

Second Vote—Mr. W. Burrows 16, Mr. G. A. Mack 62, Mrs. L. Nurse 33, Mr. J. Slimin 23.

Third Vote—Mr. G. A. Mack 73, Mrs. L. Nurse 35, Mr. J. Slimin 28.
Mr. G. A. Mack was declared elected.

TREASURER.

42. Mr. C. J. Williams was declared elected unopposed.

AUDITOR (One Wanted).

43. *First Vote*—Mr. E. Aked 10, Mr. C. T. Batley 55, Mr. R. Slater 15, Mr. J. Walmsley 14, Mr. E. Wilson 43;

Second Vote—Mr. C. T. Batley 76, Mr. E. Wilson 63.
Mr. C. T. Batley was declared elected.

DECLARATION OF THE RESULT OF THE AREA REPRESENTATIVES.

44. (A) Miss H. Cleland. (E) Mrs. L. Nurse.
(B) Mr. J. Slimin. (F) Mr. E. A. Keeling.
(C) Mr. J. F. Smith. (G) Miss V. G. Rayner.
(D) Mr. W. Burrows. (H) Mr. E. G. Cox.

COMMENTS ON AREA REPRESENTATION.

45. Mr. Connor pointed out that Bye-Law 10 covered Mr. Keeling owing to the fact that Mr. Hart had resigned Mr. Keeling is declared the Area Representative.

Mr. Marston, "Mr. Hart has resigned prior to the declaration that he was elected, and it seems it rendered the election null and void.

The President declared Mr. Keeling elected and her decision stood.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

46. Mr. Dixon, "I have examined the Books and all factors in connection with the Union and I am satisfied with the Balance Sheet as shown, and that is it a true and correct statement as far as the Finances are concerned. The Treasurer, in the "BANNER," pointing to the huge deficit of £340 attributes a great part of it to the Education Department. I, as Auditor, do not agree with that statement. If you will refer to the Balance Sheet you will find that the Education Department this year shows a loss of approximately £140, but on the Expenditure side we have an invoice for printing and stationery for two years just £137, so that actually taking last year's figures (the figures for 1926) in conjunction with the figures for 1927, in 1926 there was a profit on the Education Department of £10, in 1926 a loss of £140, showing between two years a loss of £130, just £65 per year. I maintain that you cannot run an Education Department on much less than that. Education is a very excellent commodity, if you can call it such, and when we look at our Expenditure we find that it works out at £65 per year for 1,000 students it is only 1s. 3d. each. As far as the low condition of the Finances of the Union are concerned, I would like to say that I consider it is due to lack of income on the Publishing Fund Account. I have looked through past Balance Sheets, and find, that to a great extent, the Union has been dependent on the Publishing Fund Account to carry it along. What your economic conditions are I cannot say, but as far as the figures go, I find it needs a turnover of approximately £26 per week to keep this Union running, and unfortunately the income does not come up to that. Perhaps I might say that when stock-taking last year, we came across some old stock. We do not seem to be progressing in the matter of stock. Perhaps if we give more encouragement to the Lyceumists to buy books we might be able to keep our turnover up to £26 per week. When you weigh up the deficit it certainly wants some explaining. The "BANNER" Account shows a loss, and some expenditure always arises. The only way to make the "BANNER" a success is the acceptance of advertisements for insertion in the "BANNER." I suggest we try to get advertisement from firms like Hovis, Ltd. etc."

Mr. Connor, "Is our Auditor certain that such firms are prepared to give us advertisement."

Mr. Mack, "At any rate Mr. Knott has repeatedly tried but cannot get these advertisements while our Auditor says we can. I suggest the Auditor gives names of Advertisers and then we shall certainly do our best to approach and secure the advertisements."

Mr. Knott stated that if he was given names of firms he would approach them with a view to obtaining advertisements and would spend as much time as he could on them.

47. Mr. Shaw moved, Mr. Parker seconded,
That the Auditor's Account be accepted as it has nothing to do with the postponement of the acceptance of the Accounts.

Mr. Keeling, "In view of the procedure taken with the

Treasurer's Report, it is hardly possible to adopt the Auditor's Report."

48. Mr. Keeling moved an amendment, Mr. Connor seconded.
That the adoption of the Auditor's Report be deferred until such time as the Accounts have been adopted.

Mr. Dixon, "The Accounts are the only points that concern me. Am I responsible for what the Trustees have done? I have simply seen the accounts and checked them."

President, "Whatever happens there is an amendment and motion before the Conference and whatever their decision, that will remain."

Mr. Edwards, "As the Auditor he has access to all figures and accounts, and has the right of looking at all pass books, and if he has seen the reports kept in an efficient and able manner and found all correct and in accordance with the law of Auditorship he then signs 'That I have audited and found correct these accounts and have seen and examined them.' It is the right of his position within the law, and I claim that you have no right to question his efficiency whatever."

Mr. Keeling, "This statement cannot go unchallenged, such a position is perfectly clear. I move the postponement of the accounts. I have the fullest confidence in the Auditor and am perfectly satisfied that he has seen the entries and that the work has been done ably and efficiently, but in view of the fact that we do not know that the Auditor has seen the necessary Minutes we cannot adopt the report."

The amendment was carried and became the substantive motion.

For 95. Against 18. Carried.

TRUSTEES REPORT.

49. Mr. Edwards, speaking on the report, stated, "I want to delete a word in the next to the last line of the report—the word 'administration' and substitute 'executive portion' and then possibly it will be correct. The Trustees are only held legally responsible for that which they own."

Mr. Marston, referring to the Home of Rest Scheme, stated, "I should like to ask how soon it will be before this scheme can be put into operation, and how much interest is likely to accrue per year from the Ainsworth Legacy."

Mr. Connor, "The Trustees should delegate their executive powers to the Management Committee for the time being, though still retaining responsibility for the administration of the executive work."

Mr. Edwards gave the following figures:—
 £170 3s. 4d. in 3½% Conversion Stock.
 £736 19s. 3d. in 5% War Stock.
 £76 6s. 8d. Cash at Bank.
 £100 os. od. of the Lyceum Home of Rest Fund invested in the Sowerby U.D.C. at 4½%, and
 £72 os. od. in the Bank at about 2½%.
 The amount that can be utilised for the benefit of convalescent treatment is an annual sum of about £64 6s. 2d. That is as clear as it is possible to give you in a lump sum."

Mr. Shuttleworth, speaking on the Home of Rest Scheme, stated that there will be in twelve months' time from the acceptance of the scheme a sum of £50 odd to start the scheme with.

Mr. Keeling stated that he was very pleased to know that the scheme was on the point of being put into operation and congratulated the Trustees in having reached such a successful end.

50. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Parker seconded,
That we place on record our grateful appreciation of the work of the Trustees in obtaining the Ainsworth Trust for the establishment of the Home of Rest.
Carried unanimously.

51. Mr. Edwards moved, Mrs. Nurse seconded,
That a vote of thanks be given to Mr. J. Venables for the Services he has rendered to the Lyceum Union with regard to the Ainsworth Legacy.
Carried unanimously.

52. Mr. Edwards moved, Mr. Marks seconded,

That the Standing Orders be suspended so that the Matter referring to the Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports can be opened.

For 95. Against 7. Carried.

53. Miss Hesp moved, Mr. Edward seconded,

The Adoption of the Trustees and Home of Rest Report.
Carried.

54. At this point reference was made to the Fox Cards, when Mr. Knott stated, "That the cards had been circulated to all Lyceums in the Union, with the exception of a few of the very poorest Lyceums."

55. Referring to the question of the new office, Mr. Edwards stated, "About the misplacing of a certain resolution which was made on May 22nd, 1926, during the meeting of the Trustees held at Dewsbury. The motion was moved that the Management Committee be asked to meet the Trustees at an early date with a view to providing a suitable office, with a view to carrying on the business of this Union."

Mr. Keeling, "I take it then that the Trustees acknowledge that they had no authority to take the action they did without first taking the sanction of a majority vote of this Conference."

Mr. Shuttleworth, "Yes, We did not intend to overstep anyone's authority."

56. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Robson seconded,

That in view of the expression of regret by the Trustees for having decided on the removal of the Union's Office without having obtained the previous authority of Conference, we endorse the Trustees' action and adopt the Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports.
Carried.

(Mr. Keeling wished his protest to be registered at not being allowed to speak.)

57. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Dolman seconded,

That the Standing Orders be resumed.

Carried with 5 dissentients.

BANNER REPORT.

58. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Marks seconded,

The adoption of the Report.

Carried.

EDUCATION REPORT.

59. Miss Kitson, supplementing the Education Report, submitted four questions for the consideration of the Conference.

(1) Alteration in syllabus. Suggestion that an elementary knowledge of logic be included in the Grade 5 examination, and S.N.U. Entrance Grade Examination.

(2) *Re* a letter received from Dunedin, New Zealand. The Education Committee suggest that owing to the different conditions existing in New Zealand it would be well to allow them to choose the time for their examinations, and arrangements be made to meet their desires.

(3) In the April meeting of the Education Committee Mr. Latham who has been a member since 1920, stated that conditions were making it impossible for him to keep up with the Meetings, and asked to be allowed to resign.

(4) Could arrangements be made where by the College Secretary could be present at the S.N.U. Conference in order to answer questions?

60. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Burrows seconded,

That the Alteration in Syllabus for Grade 5 examination be left to the incoming Education Committee.

Carried.

61. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Smith seconded,

That arrangements for the Overseas students should be left to the discretion of the Education Committee.

Carried.

62. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Keeling seconded,

That it is with deepest regret that we accept the resignation of Mr. Latham.

Carried.

63. Miss Hesp moved, and it was agreed

That we place on record our appreciation of the work done by Mr. Latham. *Carried.*

64. Mr. Shipperbottom asked Miss Kitson questions regarding the procedure taken by examiners in inspecting and marking papers, Miss Kitson gave Mr. Shipperbottom the required information.

Mr. Owen (S.N.U.) spoke in appreciation of the work that is being done by the Educational side of the movement, and suggested that a paper dealing with the educational side be submitted to the International Spiritualist Congress to be held in September, in London.

65. Mr. Abbott stated that as much as he appreciated the work which had been done by the Education Secretary, in his opinion the decrease in the number of entrants for the examinations is due to the Secretary's time being taken up with too much routine work.

Mr. Abbot then submitted the following suggestions:—

(1) That two examinations be held in the year 1929 as a trial in the months of September and February and that the matter of two Examinations per year be then brought on to the 1930 Conference Agenda with the report and recommendations of the Education Committee on the matter.

(2) That Divisional Secretaries be appointed for the following provinces, North East, North West, Midlands, South, and Wales to assist the National Secretaries in all educational matters and to perform the greater part of the routine work of examinations and that the qualifications for this office be the A.N.S.C. degree, or any higher degree which the Conference may deem necessary from time to time to specify.

66. Miss Halliday moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,

That the five existing members of the Education committee be nominated for re-election. *Agreed.*

NOMINATIONS FOR VACANCY.

67. Miss Halliday, Mr. Slimin, and Mr. Shuttleworth.

First Vote.—Miss Halliday 41, Mr. Slimin 30, Mr. Shuttleworth 58.

Second Vote.—Miss Halliday 56, Mr. Shuttleworth 75.

Mr. Shuttleworth was declared elected.

68. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Betts seconded,

The adoption of the Education Report. *Carried.*

COLLEGE REPORT.

69. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Keeling seconded,

The Adoption of the Report. *Carried.*

Mr. Connor referred delegates to the results book for the result of examinations, and mentioned several outstanding successes.

Mr. Shuttleworth was elected as College Trustee in place of Mr. Latham (resigned.)

MANUAL REVISION REPORT.

70. Mrs. Watson moved, Mrs. Raymond seconded,

That the Report be adopted with the exception of the last paragraph but one of the Report dealing with Golden Chain No. 136.

Mr. Keeling made an amendment, Mr. Connor seconded,

That the Report be accepted.

Voting for Amendment. For 104. Against 7. The substantive motion was carried with 3 dissentients.

S.N.U. CONFERENCE AND E.C. REPORT.

71. Mr. Knott stated that there is an attempt in a certain section of the S.N.U. to bring the Lyceum's aspects to the front with a view to placing the Lyceums in a position of jeopardy.

Mr. Keeling enquired how many delegates in the Conference had received reports from the National Union?

Mr. Keeling also stated that in his opinion the Lyceum Movement is in some way challenged, and read out the following motions appearing on the Agenda for

the Annual General Meeting of the Spiritualists' National Union, Ltd.—

(6) **Rights of Affiliated Churches.** This Conference affirms that every Church in the Union has a legal and inalienable right to maintain in its own hands the supreme control of all its activities and integral parts,—platform, study groups, Lyceums, etc.; and that nothing in the Memorandum or Articles of Association confers upon the Union any rights of interference with that supreme control.—(*Glasgow Association.*)

(7) **Conduct and Affiliations of Lyceums.** This Conference, while recognising the value of the teachings and educational methods advocated by A. J. Davis, does not regard them as a final and complete revelation of truth, and therefore affirms the right of every Church to establish Sunday Schools or Lyceums and to affiliate or not to affiliate them or to withdraw them from affiliation with the B.S.L.U. at its (the Church's) own unfettered discretion. Further, we affirm that this resolution in no way affects the rights of the B.S.L.U. to refuse or cancel affiliation.—(*Glasgow Association.*)

(8) **Inter-relations Agreement.** That in the opinion of this Conference the Inter-relations Agreement, B.S.L.U. and S.N.U. has not helped to produce more harmonious relations between Churches and Lyceums, and we hereby resolve to rescind our acceptance of the Agreement, and to make no further elections to the Arbitration Board.—(*Glasgow Association.*)

72. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Burrows seconded,

This Conference, representing the Lyceums affiliated to the B.S.L.U. notes with very grave concern the motions numbered 6, 7, and 8, appearing on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Spiritualists' National Union Limited, and respectfully registers its strong protest against the implied animosity to this Union. Further, this Conference pledges itself to continue to work for the establishment of a harmonious unity between Churches and Lyceums and their respective National movements. *Carried.*

73. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Johnson seconded,

The adoption of the Report. *Carried.*

U.D.C. REPORT.

74. Mr. Lloyd speaking on the report stated that the Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council was not satisfied with the details given by the U.D.C.

Mr. Shuttleworth defended the U.D.C., stating that this was due to the meagre details that were given at the last Conference.

The Manchester and Salford L.D.C. motion on pages 76 and 77 of the May "BANNER" then came up for consideration and after discussion

75. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Parker seconded,

That the Manchester and Salford L.D.C. motion, as printed in the May "Banner" pages 67 and 77 (1928) be circulated to all District Councils by the General Secretary for their discussion and report. *Carried unanimously*

76. Miss Hesp moved, Mr. Lloyd seconded,

The adoption of the U.D.C. Report. *Carried.*

FEDERATION OF YOUTH REPORT.

77. Mr. Mack moved, Mr. Hart seconded,

The adoption of the Report. *Carried.*

PEACE REPORT.

78. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Marks seconded,

The adoption of the Report. *Carried.*

OVERSEAS REPORT.

79. Mr. Keeling moved, Mr. Walmsley seconded,

The adoption of the Report. *Carried.*

INTERNATIONAL REPORT.

80. Mr. Keeling moved, Mrs. Raymond seconded,

The adoption of the Report. *Carried.*

M.C. INTERIM REPORT.

81. Mr. Knott, speaking on the report stated, "The figures in

May BANNER are those which have been submitted this year and last year to the General Secretary. A number of Lyceums have not yet paid their fees, consequently there is a big drop. 225 Lyceums take the BANNER and 64 do not."

82. Mr. Lloyd moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,

The adoption of the Report.

Carried.

CREDENTIAL REPORT.

83. Officers 4, Adviser 1, Area Representatives 8, Trustee 1, Auditor 1, Education Committee 2, Revision Committee 2, U.D.C. 1, District Councils 21 (representing 15 District Councils), Delegates 98 (representing 66 Lyceums). Total 139.

There were also present S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2, Assistant Officer 1, Conference Reporters 2, Accepted Visitors 2. Making a grand total of 146.

84. Mr. Betts moved, Mr. Molineux seconded,

The adoption of the Report.

Carried.

ELECT FOUR B.S.L.U. MEMBERS OF THE JOINT B.S.L.U. AND S.N.U. ARBITRATION BOARD.

85. Mr. Slimin raised the point that the four persons appointed should be the President of the B.S.L.U., President of the U.D.C., Chairman of the Trustees, and one other elected by the M.C.

Mr. Connor raised the question of Mrs. Pickles being elected by Conference.

86. Mr. Slimin moved, Mr. Shipperbottom seconded,

That Members of the Conference be invited to send their suggestions of names for the General Worker Representative to serve on the Joint Arbitration Board to the M.C. before their July Meeting.

*Voting. For 83. Apsinat 17.
The motion was carried.*

REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER CONFERENCES.

S.N.U. A.G.M. AND CONFERENCE.

87. Miss Hesp moved

The nomination of Miss Elliott and Mr. Connor.

Mr. Parker moved

That the nomination be closed.

Agreed.

Miss Elliott and Mr. Connor were declared elected.

I.S.F. CONGRESS.

88. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. W. H. Shaw seconded,

That the M.C. be represented at the I.S.F. Congress by three official delegates. The selection of delegates to be left to the M.C. and that further we invite applications from persons who are desirous of attending to apply for credentials—such applicants to pay their own expenses.

S.N.U. SUMMER SCHOOL.

89. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Shaw seconded,

That we be represented at the Summer School by the President as last year.

Carried.

PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

90. Mr. Knott read a letter received from London Lyceum D.C. inviting the Conference to London for the year 1929.

It was agreed

That the London Lyceum D.C. invitation to hold the 1929 Annual Conference in London be accepted, and the dates of the Conference be May 18th and 19th, 1929.

ARISEN WORKERS.

91. The General Secretary read out a list of arisen Workers, whilst Delegates paid their respects by standing.

Mr. Keeling spoke on the Arisen Workers and stated,

"I move that we record our congratulations to those that have entered into a fuller life and place on record our sympathy with those left behind."

Mr. G. A. Mack seconded the motion.

Agreed

VOTE OF THANKS.

92. Mr. Slimin moved, Mr. Knott seconded,

A vote of thanks, in which he would like to include

the South Manchester Spiritualist Church, and made a special mention of Mr. H. E. Hart and Miss L. Eastwood, and the way the Manchester and Salford D.C. came to the rescue in the matter of accommodation. Mr. Slimin added, "we are giving our vote of thanks to all who have helped to make this week-end a success."

93. Mr. Mack moved, Mr. Thornton seconded.

That the Conference close at 5.0 p.m.

Mr. Keeling protested, and moved, Mr. Walsmley seconded,

That the time of Conference be extended to the discretion of the Chair.

Carried.

94. Mr. Berry and Mr. Owen conveyed their Fraternal Greetings on behalf of the S.N.U.

Mr. Hart made a few appropriate remarks and stated, "I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those workers who have assisted me this week-end," and expressed a hope that in the course of a year or two he would have the pleasure of meeting them all again.

GEO. F. KNOTT,

General Secretary.

NOTE: Lyceumists who attended the Conference are requested to read the foregoing Report and send any suggestions of additions or corrections at an early date, so that, if considered necessary, the items can be incorporated in the Official Minutes of the Annual Conference.

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.

DEAR FELLOW GUILDITES,

The closing date for receiving your essays was 30th June (see *April* issue), but if some of you have, through an oversight or stress of circumstances, not yet posted, you can do so now, as we are extending the period of the Essay Competition to July 9th. Then the Essays will be sent to the Judges.

Will those of you who earned a promotion badge by passing your next Grade in the Exams. last February, but have not yet sent for your new badge, please do so now. (Give all particulars, please.)

Yours fraternally,

THE GUILD LEADER.

(Address all letters to 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury Yorks.).

OUR ESPERANTO GROUP.

(Conducted by Mr. W. TAYLOR).

THE GRAMMAR (*continued*).

ELISION. Elision in Esperanto is not common. The only letters which may be elided are the "A" in the article and the "O" in the noun. When an elision does take place an apostrophe is used to denote the dropped letter. "La domo de l'mastro"—"The house of the master."

INTERROGATION. Ĉu. This particle denotes an interrogation when no other interrogative, such as Kiu, Kie, etc., is used. "Do," "does," "did," etc., are not used in Esperanto to ask questions, nor are inversions such as "Am I," "Is he," employed. In all such cases "Ĉu," is used. This particle is equivalent to the *mental* idea, "I wish to know if," etc. The following examples illustrate this:—"Li Kantas,—he sings. Ĉu li Kantas?"—"Does he sing?" that is—"I wish to know whether he sings."

PARTS OF SPEECH.

THE ARTICLE. There is no indefinite article (a, an) in Esperanto. It is contained in the noun, according as the sense does or does not require it. "Roza estas Floro"—"A rose is a flower." "Patro kaj filo"—"Father and son." The definite article is "La"—"the"—"la patro"—"the father." The definite article is never used before proper names, as "Francojo estas pli varma ol Anglojo"—"France is warmer than England." The definite article is used before nouns denoting the totality of persons or things represented, as:—"La homo estas mortema,"—"Man is mortal."

THE NOUN. The nominative singular of nouns ends in "O" as "Patro"—"Father." The nominative plural is formed by adding "J" to the singular, "Arboj"—"Trees." The objective or accusative case is formed by adding "N" to the singular or plural, as:—"Mi havas floron"—"I have a flower." "Mi havas pomojn"—"I have apples." "N," the accusative termination, is not only used to mark the direct object of a verb, as shown. It is also used as follows: (a) To denote motion towards, whenever the preposition does not clearly do so. "La hundo kuris en la domo"—"The dog ran *into* the house." "La hundo saltis sur la litojn"—"The dog jumped on (to) the bed." (He was not on the bed when he jumped, he was on the floor, or elsewhere, and from there he jumped on to the bed.) But, "La hundo saltis sur la lito" means that the dog was on the bed and was jumping about on it. (b) To denote the duration of an event:—"Li restis tri tagojn en Romo"—"He rested or stayed *three days* in Rome." (c) To denote dates, etc., "Li alvenos London"—"He will arrive on Monday." (d) To denote price, weight, etc., "Mia domo estas alta 53 futojn"—"My house is 53 feet in height."

POSSESSION. This is denoted in the following manner:—"La domo de la patro"—"The father's house." "La mano de la patro"—"Father's hand."

(To be continued.)

(Address letters about Esperanto Studies to:—Mr. Walter Taylor, 1, Willow Street, Oldham Road, Failsworth, Manchester).

High Jinks in Nursery-land.

BY VERONTAS, The Guild Imp.

II. (Continued.)

THE FAIRY GLEN.

Soon all the Nursery-Landers had arrived, but none of them seemed to mind in the least that there was no way of getting across the wide and yawning gulf that stretched between them and their destination. It seemed to Gerald that it was foolish to get off the Broom or the Carpet while the gorge still remained to be crossed; but there they stood, in groups, laughing and joking and evidently awaiting the arrival of somebody or something. Unwilling to leave the Broom, Gerald sat and watched the merry crowd for awhile; but at last he arose and walked over to where Red Riding Hood, Bo Peep, Jack Horner, Boy Blue, Miss Muffet and a lot of other boys and girls were standing. They received him in the friendly manner common to all decent boys and girls, whether in Nursery-Land or out of it, and soon he felt that he had been admitted to the footing of being one of them. So evidently did they, as he discovered during his attempt to find out why they had stopped on the mount instead of flying straight on and alighting beside or inside the castle.

"We are going to have a procession," they informed him.

"But you can't have a procession across that awful hole," he said.

"Who said we could?" asked Miss Muffet.

"Well, you'll have to cross it," he insisted, "or you won't be able to get into the castle. And you can't get across unless you fly—and that wouldn't be a procession," he added triumphantly.

"Who said it would, silly,?" again asked Miss Muffet, who seemed to be in a bad temper and to be making herself thoroughly at home. "We are waiting for Aladdin to come and order Jack to build us a bridge from this mount to the cliff; then we'll have a procession across the bridge and into the banqueting hall of the castle."

Gerald was greatly excited about the procession, and wanted to be told all about it and who was to be in it. "I'd like to see it," he ended—"I'm sure it will look lovely in the moon-light."

"You won't be able to see it," said Little Jack Horner, solemnly.

"Oh!" said Gerald, bitterly disappointed; "why not?"

"Because you'll be in it," continued Jackie, with a giggle.

"Me be in a big procession!" exclaimed Gerald, in wonder.

"Your luck is better than your grammar," said Bo Peep with a grin: "you are going to be in the procession along with the rest of us."

"Yes," added Red Riding Hood, with a ready smile, "you have been brought here to take part in our procession; and we believe that you are going to be allowed to lead it."

"Me lead it?" asked Gerald. "But why should I be allowed to lead?"

"Blest if I know," growled Simple Simon; "but they only laughed at me when I told them that I should be in the lead,

and Beanstalk said the only lead I was fit to be in was a dog-lead; Isn't it properly disgusting how nasty and jealous some people can get?"

They all laughed heartily at Simon's conceit; but Gerald's remarks had roused their curiosity, and they began to question him in the hope of learning why he, of all Earthland boys, should have been brought specially to Nursery-Land to lead in the great procession. They all thought there must be some special reason for it; but Gerald himself was just as puzzled as they were, and as much at a loss for a reason.

"Do you run all the way to school every day?" asked Boy Blue.

"No," said Gerald promptly, "I do not."

"That can't be the reason, then," said Mary the Contrary; "but"—very hopefully—"perhaps you *like* going to school?"

"I don't," was the reply, "and I wouldn't go at all only dad would be cross—and I don't make him cross if I can help it."

The next question—"Do you ever cry if your mother won't let you sit up late to learn extra lessons?"—only made Gerald laugh. But he got quite annoyed over the question asked by Simple Simon:

"Do you ever kick the cat, or pull his tail?"

"Of course I don't," he replied crossly, "I'm neither a beast nor a baby."

"Oh, have you a baby?" they all cried, and Gerald nodded in assent.

"Do you ever tease him?" was the next question, and he shook his head.

"Not while your mum's looking, anyway, eh?" giggled Bo Peep.

"I don't see anything funny," suddenly cried Little Miss Muffet. "He is only an ordinary boy—and we thought he would be somebody special. I don't see why he should be allowed to lead our procession."

Gerald was beginning to feel uncomfortable, and almost as if he had been caught trying to steal something; but Riding Hood came to his rescue. Shoulder to shoulder with him, she stood facing us all.

"Of course he's only an ordinary boy," she cried: "he wouldn't be fit company for us if he wasn't. We don't want a smirking little mamma's boy who is too good for his own world, and so not nearly good enough for ours; and we don't want a spiteful little sneak who teases babies and is cruel to animals. What we want is the ordinary, natural, healthy boy, who is not a bookworm but does his lessons honestly as he does everything else, and without complaint, and would never think of doing the mean little tricks that Simon seems to think worth bragging about—and that is the sort of boy who will always be given the lead—"

We were just beginning to wonder if her breath would *never* give out, when a shout from the elders mercifully interrupted her.

"Come along, Aladdin," they were crying, "it's time we were getting across to the castle."

"Sorry," said Aladdin, who had just then taken off his Magic Cloak—which makes its wearer invisible to others. "I didn't intend to keep you waiting, but that Wicked Uncle of mine stole my Lamp again, and the Slaves of the Ring and I have had a hard tussle getting it back. We won't be very long now. Hullo, sonny," to Gerald, who had raced up along with the other children, "what kind of a bridge would you like?"

"Oh, please, Gerald," called out Bo Peep, "ask him to make it a nice twisty one; I love bridges to be windy."

"What do you say, Gerald?" asked Aladdin, when the laughter had died down; "shall we make it windy or twisty or upsy-downsy?"

"Make it winding, please," said Gerald, and was rewarded with a grateful smile from Bo Peep.

Aladdin began to rub his Magic Lamp, and Gerald nearly jumped out of his skin when the gigantic slave of the Lamp appeared. He seemed to fill the whole sky, and it sounded like thunder when he pledged himself and the other Slaves of the Lamp. But at last the djinn disappeared to get on with his task, and our hero breathed freely again.

"May it please your Majesty," said Aladdin, "the Slaves of the Lamp can work better in the dark, and would like the moonlight switched off."

"Certainly," answered Queen Mab. She waved her wand, and the moonlight was replaced by thick darkness—through which they could all hear the beating of wings; the creaking of blocks and tackle; the hum of workmen busy at their tasks. From the bottom of the gorge these sounds of industry gradually approached and at length reached the top; then a great weird

shout as of victory, and the mad whirring of wings—and the cool voice of Aladdin was heard addressing Queen Mab:

"The work is finished, and the workmen gone, Majesty; let there be light"—and immediately the Glen was flooded once more with moonlight.

A cry of surprise and delight burst from all the onlookers when they saw the bridge that the Slaves of the Lamp had built. Almost from their feet it stretched across the gorge to the great entrance gate of the castle, and its marble blocks gleamed white in the moonlight. Great arches had been built over the torrent that rushed past the foot of the cliff and discharged into the lake; and even Bo Peep could not but be pleased with the twistiness of the bridge. (If you turn to the title of *Our Kiddies' Corner* you will see a picture of the bridge.)

"Now then, let's get on with our procession," cried Robin Hood. "Where is our Leader?"—and they all looked at Gerald. "But, I say," exclaimed Saint George, "we must let him lead us in state. We cannot have him walking. What do you say if I let him ride on my charger?"

"Hurrah," they shouted. "Yes, let him ride Saint George's horse."

"But I cannot ride," protested poor Gerald.

"That's all right," said Friar Tuck, "neither can Georgie."

Saint George joined in the laugh, and then proceeded:

"I'd lend him my shield and my sword, only he couldn't carry them."

"That can easily be remedied," broke in the Witch of the Wood. "Queen Mab can make them a proper size for him, for the time being."

"Well, I'm willing," replied the Saint; "but what is he to do for a hat? My helmet will be no use, because it would hide his face; and I can't think of anything else we can use."

"Cannot I help here?" asked Fee Fi Fo Fum. "While you're at these reductions, you might make my hat small enough to fit our little friend."

"It sounds almost like a bargain sale," murmured Maid Marion.

"Or a bottle of patent medicine," chuckled Friar Tuck, whose ears were very keen. "But good for you, Fee Fi. We'll use your hat, and the next time we come to a nice long ladder I'll climb up and pat you affectionately on your baby shoulder."

So that was what they did. Gerald was set on Saint George's noble coal-black charger; the champion's shield with the British Lion rampant, and the mighty two-handed sword, were touched and altered by the Fairy Queen's wand and handed up to him; and the same magic touch made the giant's cap a perfect fit. The Nursery-Landers, with Queen Mab and Amteck in the lead, formed up two deep; the charger braced himself and began to step out proudly, and the great procession wound slowly and merrily across the bridge and up to the castle gate.

(To be continued).

LYCEUM MANUAL KNOWLEDGE TESTS.

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.

The answers are:—

1. S.C.R. No. 40, last verse.
2. Clause 16 of Programme under "Dismiss Lyceum."
3. G.C.R. 148, conclusion.
4. Seven times: S.C.R. 77 and 79 ; G.C.R. 142, 145, 146, 147.
5. A clear conscience and sound sleep.
6. G.C.R. 137 conclusion.
7. S.C.R. 53, last verse.
8. M.R. 211.
9. G.C.R. 136.
10. M.R. 213 and List of Works at end of Manual.
11. Fraternal love (G.C.R. 148.)
12. S.C.R. 85.
13. Intemperance, idleness and worldliness (G.C.R. 133).
14. Children, honour your parents, love and serve them (G.C.R. 127).
15. A United Search for Truth (Programme).

THE SECOND TEST.

Some errors unfortunately crept into the Second Test in last month's issue so the Test is repeated and Lyceumists are given to the middle of July to send in their answers.

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 July 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. A 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 aspirated 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 vetch describes this author.
32. Remove the circle from this author and you have a norman spotted.
33. Add "Y" to this ope 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."

Mr. McFarlane writes:—"I should also like to make quite clear to those who will attempt solution, that no matter how few authors are traced, it is advisable to send them, as I feel sure that the numbers actually found by the winners will be a surprise, judging by those I have already received."

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.

The prospective wedding is announced of Mr. R. W. Marks, A.N.S.C., President of the Manchester and Salford L.D.C., and Miss E. Henshaw, the Marching Conductor of the Newton Heath Lyceum, on Saturday, July 28th, at the South Manchester Spiritualist Church, at 2 o'clock.

The ceremony will be conducted by Mr. E. W. Oaten, Editor of the *Two Worlds*.

IN MEMORIAM.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics' Hall.—On June 8th Mrs. Billington was promoted to the higher life. A faithful member of our Lyceum for seven years.

YATES.—Sweetest thoughts of Baby Enid (2 years), who passed to the Summerland 17th June, 1928.

To gentle offices of love
The little Angels pass.

D. Coghlan.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—It is with regret we announce the passing on of one of our promising Lyceumists, Florence Lowde, on Sunday, June 17th, after much suffering, in her 12th year.

WAKEFIELD.—In loving remembrance of Kathleen Mary, the dearly loved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harding, New Row, Thornes, who passed to the higher life July 9th, 1918. "We shall meet some fair morning."

BLACKPOOL NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, ALBERT ROAD, BLACKPOOL.

REVISED ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICES.

10-30 a.m. Public Circle. 2-0 p.m. Lyceum.
3-0 p.m. Liberty Group. 6-30 p.m. Church Service.
Visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Congleton Lyceum, opened a few months ago, started with 13 members. The number has now increased to 66. The Lyceum has taken up the Sessions with earnestness. Praiseworthy interest is displayed by the Church. Elsewhere is a report of a recent Lyceum day.

Grangetown and Chatham Lyceums have not been in existence very long, yet both have seen the values of the Education Scheme and qualified to become members of the National Spiritualist College. Their enthusiasm is very commendable and reflects great credit to the leaders.

The Council of the British Federation of Youth (representing 26 organisations with approximately 50,000 members) regrets the decision, as indicated in the Press of the 19th of April, to organise a mock air battle over London in the month of August. The Council is of opinion that such a display is calculated to foster belief in the inevitability of war and the necessity of maintaining air armaments.

The Greater World, a new Christian Spiritualist paper, price 2d., has come into existence and emanates from the Zodiac Circle. The paper will publish some of the Zodiac Scrips which have been produced in the Zodiac Circle during the past seven years of its existence. Its teachings are too narrow for acceptance by Lyceumists.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. T. H. WRIGHT.

The S.N.U. are providing a Testimonial to Mr. T. H. Wright, in recognition of his services to the Spiritualist Movement.

For a very long number of years Mr. Wright has served the Movement without fee or reward. His services to the Sowerby Bridge Church and Lyceum and the two National Movements are inestimable. Only Mr. Wright could enumerate the many positions he has occupied in our service. He has been Auditor and Treasurer for the B.S.L.U. and the S.N.U., and failing health has forced him to retire from active service as Treasurer of the S.N.U.

We are sure many Lyceumists will be glad of the opportunity to subscribe to the Testimonial. All donations should be sent to Mr. G. F. Berry, Broadway Chambers, 162, London Road, Manchester.

CAERAU NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.

The Caerau Spiritualist Church are in grave financial difficulties. It is situated in a mining district in which all pits have closed under the Cartel System of production. That means that practically the whole of the district is without employment. Their building has been declared unsafe and money is urgently desired to complete some repairs, or the Church will be lost to the Movement, and years of earnest labour by Caerau Spiritualists will be sacrificed. Donations should be sent to Mr. Wm. Griffiths, 7, Carmen Street, Caerau, Bridgend, S. Wales.

The Edlington Lyceum have re-opened at Edlington N.S.A. Church, Bungalow Road, Edlington, nr. Doncaster, in their own building. A hearty welcome will be given to all friends. Mr. E. Steel is the Conductor.

Mr. Frederick Ball, the esteemed Treasurer of Belper Spiritualist Church has passed away. The interment of his physical body took place on June 17th. Mr. Ben Carter officiated.

District Council Reports.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The next meeting of the Birmingham and District Lyceum District Council will be held in the Smethwick Church on July 14th. As this is the Anniversary meeting it is hoped there will be a good attendance and that we shall have an enjoyable time together.

The Council is holding a combined Outing to Sutton Park on

Saturday, July 21st. Tea will be taken at Blackroot Pool at 4-30 p.m. Children's teas will be provided free. It is hoped that Lyceumists will rally round and take advantage of another opportunity to mingle with other Lyceumists of our District and further the bonds of friendship one with another. It is another opportunity whereby all may take part and strengthen the cause of Lyceumism in the Birmingham District.

COVENTRY DISTRICT.

The Meeting of the C.L.D.C. was held at Broadgate Lyceum, Vicar Lane, on May 12th. Five Lyceums were represented. The United Effort was discussed, but owing to unforeseen circumstances we shall not be able to have one this year.

We invited a member of the Birmingham District Council to be judge for the Silver Bell Competition. The offer has been accepted. As it was Broadgate Lyceum Anniversary we invited the Council to stay to a Tea and Social. Items were given by Lyceumists and were very good. Miss Rayner, of Nottingham, joined us at tea time, as she was taking the Services on the Sunday.

The next meeting will be held at Norman Avenue Church, Nuneaton, on September 1st. —(Mrs.) E.C., Coe. Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Liverpool L.D.C. was held on Saturday, May 12th, at Chester Spiritualist Church.

Mr. Watson presided over Delegates from Boaler Street and Daulby Hall, Liverpool; Runcorn, Wigan and Chester. Also two visitors were present.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Correspondence was accepted. The Auditors' report, which had been delayed, was given and, with the exception of one or two minor details, the accounts were found to be correct.

The Secretary reported on the effort made by the Council to help Runcorn on their Lyceum Day, March 25th.

The District Visitor reported her visits to Birkenhead and Rock Ferry Lyceums.

Mr. Watson gave a resumé of the Good Friday Demonstration, held at Warrington, under the auspices of South-West Lancashire and Cheshire Group.

Mr. Keeling was elected Conductor for the Massed Lyceum Session, to be held at Daulby Hall on September 2nd, and Mim Keeling as Musical Conductor.

The Council decided to appoint a Sports Committee to arrange races for the June Picnic, and also to purchase prizes.

B.S.L.U. Agenda. The Council decided not to support the amendments to Bye-Law 10, Sec. 5 and Sec. 1, nor Bye-Law 13 (K), but to support the motion from the Southern District Council *re* Parliamentary Procedure. The delegates were given discretion on the proposed amendment to Bye-Law 1, Sec. 6, but on present information were not to support the principle of card voting. Agreed to support the following officers:—President, Miss Elliott; Vice-President, Mr. Mack; Treasurer, Mr. Williams; Auditor, Mr. Batley. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand of £1 3s. 0½d.

It was decided that a College Committee be formed (President, Secretary and District Visitor), with the object of finding ways and means whereby Lyceums could be encouraged to take up the Education Scheme.

A suggestion of a Shield Competition for Elocution, Singing, Reading, etc., was brought forward and referred back to Lyceums for consideration.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the local friends for their hospitality.—L. George, Sec.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT;

Fellow Lyceumists,

No doubt you will be surprised to see this feature in the BANNER. The number of personal visits to each Lyceum is necessarily limited to Sundays, and I want to keep continually in touch with each Lyceum in the District.

We can do no better than strive to follow the lead given to us by our Past President, Mr. Hart. Each Lyceum should, if possible, appoint a representative to visit Open Sessions. Let each Lyceumist think for a moment; do you like visitors from other Lyceums? Yes; then you must realise that if you expect them it is your duty as Lyceumists to do unto others as you would like them to do unto you, and therefore visit other Lyceums' Open Sessions.

Other D.Cs. say we have an exceptional advantage over them all our Lyceums being comparatively close together. Let us show them that we know how to use our advantage.—R. W. Marks, A.N.S.C., President, Manchester and Salford, L.D.C.



Some impressions of the B.S.L.U. Conference, 1928, and the visit to Manchester Fire Station.

The earnestness of the Conferences is always a marked feature.

The welcome, the need for a large income, and the intrinsic value of education were the main features of a good Conference.

The fraternal relations with the S.N.U. was also evident and it was a pleasure to have the presence of the S.N.U. President and General Secretary.

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.

HANDSWORTH, Forward Lyceum.—An interesting event took place at our Session on April 15th, viz., the naming of the infant son of our President, Mr. A. Newton, who received the spirit name of "Light," and Samuel David. The ceremony was performed by an elder Lyceumist, Mr. J. Butler. It was a very beautiful and impressive service. Six of the youngest Lyceumists formed an unbroken ring round the child, parents and Godmother, each touching the child with a narcissus.

LINCOLN PROGRESSIVE, Coultham Street.—June 10th, Special Egg and Flower Services at the Open Session. Mrs. Raspin, our Treasurer, named a baby. There was a large attendance.

On Monday a Tea was held. Mrs. Raspin took all services. The eggs and flowers were sold. All proceeds for Church expenses.

June 19th. The Mayoress of Lincoln presented the Certificates to the nine successful candidates in the recent examination; also a *Songster* to the Church Organist. Our smallest member presented a spray of flowers to the Mayoress. His Worship the Mayor was in the Chair. Our members gave a very good programme; also a marching and callisthenics display. The collection was in aid of the Annual Outing. N. Willey, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—On Whit Friday, June 1st, we held our Annual Trip to Hardcastle Craggs, Hebden Bridge, where the party, 84 in all, spent a very enjoyable time in the most favourable weather. Rambles, climbing, games and sports were all participated in. Our Church President pre-

sented prizes to the winners of races. We all returned home tired but happy after a very successful day.

On June 3rd Open Sessions. Our lessons were the "Purpose of Life" and "Our Duty as Spiritual Beings." Many good opinions and comments were expressed. 13 individual efforts. We displayed ribbons of all the grades in the Associate Section of the N.S.C., 29 Candidates having passed the examination this year. Success to all.—J. Taylor, A.N.S.C., Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—On Sunday, June 3rd, we held our Anniversary Services. Mr. and Mrs. Slimin (President and Vice-President of T.L.D.C.) presided at the afternoon and evening services. Recitations, special hymns and solos were well rendered by the Lyceumists.

At the evening service Mrs. Slimin presented 16 Certificates to the successful candidates who had passed the February examinations. She spoke a few words regarding our Educational Scheme.

A *Spiritual Songster* was presented to Mr. Robt. Fenwick by Mr. Ronaldson, for services rendered to the Lyceum and Choir.

The Church was decorated with lovely flowers which were afterwards taken to the Children's Hospital. A letter of thanks to the children from the Matron has been received.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace.—During the month of April our Sessions have been fairly well attended, and have obviously been very much appreciated by our members, in spite of the fact that we found it necessary to curtail part of them to practice for a Service of Song.

On April 29th we gave our Service of Song, during which solos were rendered by Mr. Webb, Misses M. Ruddell, L. Gaddis, G. Webb, D. Nixon, and L. Webb. Mr. R. J. Ross also sang. A violin and pianoforte duet was played by Miss E. and Mr. S. Harris. The connective readings were read by our Conductor, Mr. R. A. Webb, who also conducted the service.

Mrs. Webb addressed the congregation, pointing out that the Service of Song was an example of the Lyceum teachings, and urging a greater attendance of Church members.—S. Harris.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—Election of Officers took place on May 30th. We had a very successful half year. Officers elected:—Conductors, each adult in turn; Secretary, Mr. J. Knox; Treasurer, Miss M. Anderson; Guardian, Miss Ella Crawley; Guards and Captain of Guards will be chosen each Sunday by the Conductor; Teachers, Liberty Group, each member in turn; Intermediate Group, Miss Anderson and Miss Crawley; Primary Group, Miss McLeod and Mrs. Chadwick; Marching Leader, Mr. H. Forrest; Auditors, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Forrest; Sick Committee, Mr. H. Forrest.

We held our Open Session on June 3rd. The Lyceum was conducted by Miss Anderson, one of the newly-elected Conductors. We had a very good Session. All the children did very well, although they were a little backward with pearls. Pearls, songs and recitations were given by Daisy Knox, Raymond and Sylvia Parkinson, Mr. Chadwick, Irene Turner, Miss Anderson, Hazel Towns, Mr. Brown; song rendered by Mr. Forrest, and chorus by Sylvia Parkinson, Olive Forrest, Daisy Knox, Irene Turner, Hazel Dale, Harry Towns, Willie Towns, Lennie Towns, Kenneth McLeod and Harry Forrest.—J. Knox, Sec.

CONGLETON.—The B.S.L.U. President, Miss Elliott, visited the Lyceum and Church on June 3rd. The Lyceum started on April 22nd with 13 scholars. Our present strength is 66. We are having a supply of BANNERS. The Church kindly devoted the day's services to Lyceum progress. The various meetings were very successful, particularly the Open Session. The President and Members of the Church cordially supported the day's proceedings and Miss Elliott was delighted with everything.

Joan Moss, Annie Moores, James Broad, Arnold Pemberton, ably rendered recitations. They were each presented with a badge. A few words of encouragement were said by Miss Elliott.

In the afternoon and evening solos were rendered by Dorothy Barr, who joined with Margaret Broad in a duet "Goodnight." Recitations were rendered by Hilda Harding, George Moss, Bernard Sandall. Miss Peggy Knight was the accompanist. The success is an encouragement to go forward.

DEVONPORT, Ferry Hall.—We held our monthly Open Session on June 10th. Pearls and solos were given by Lily Bates, Alma Bates, Ruby Tallick, Eileen Bettinson, Alma Bettinson, Robert Roy, Fred Tallick, and Billy Major.—H. Holroyds, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine St.—We held our Open Session in June, conducted by Miss Johnson, Assistant Conductor. Invocation was given by A. Crossland. The following Lyceumists took part.—L. Gomersal, M. Holloway, V. Heaton, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Crossland, D. Mumford, Mrs. Holloway, H. Mumford. We spent a very enjoyable time together.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

HANDSWORTH, Forward.—We had a beautiful and uplifting time on June 17th when Brother John, of Brighton, and Mrs. Goodwin, presented to our Lyceum ten hand-painted Banners, each bearing with the name of the group, the symbol and the flower, which he thoroughly explained and dedicated to its respective group. The youngest group members took the Banners. It was a very instructive and enjoyable day. Songs and recitations were rendered by various members of the Lyceum. We issued invitations to five other Lyceums in the district who were well represented, and also to our Church Members. We had the room full. Mr. Frost, the President of the B.D. L.D.C., spoke a few words, and was followed by our worthy President, and the representatives of the other Lyceums. The day was a complete success.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—Our Anniversary Services on May 27th and June 3rd were spiritually, intellectually, and financially successful. The whole Lyceum received praise for the splendid efforts. Speakers,—Mrs. Winters (Gateshead), and Mrs. Woods (South Shields). Outstanding efforts were rendered by Misses C. Dunn, Elsie Berry, Agnes Dunn, Inez Hardwick, Mrs. Harrison, and Mrs. B. Hardwick. Musical Director, Mr. Bert. Hardwick. Conductor, Mr. George Hardwick.—F. Wales, Sec.

LANCASTER, Gt. John St.—On June 3rd we held our Open Sessions. The following Lyceumists took part: Dorina and Muriel Bleasdale, Betty Kelly, Doris Kirk, Norman Baines, Marjory Kendal, Mr. Kirk, and Miss M. Bowskill. We also had a dew encouraging words from Mr. Eastam, of Preston, our Speaker for the day. It was a very interesting session. Fraternal greetings were exchanged with Lawson St. Lyceum, Preston.—H. Stephenson, Sec. (pro. tem.)

LONDON, Tottenham.—On June 3rd we held our Open Session when a very pleasant afternoon was spent. We held a naming ceremony, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rayment was duly named, "Rose Vera Rayment," spirit name, "Marguerite." The ceremony was ably performed by our Conductor, Miss B. Ridding.—W. H. Markham, Hon. Sec.

RADCLIFFE.—Flower Services were held on June 17th. Speaker, Mrs. Entwistle. Lyceumists rendered suitable hymns. The spiritual name "Truth," and the material name Reginald, was given to a baby of one of our first Lyceumists.—Wm. Haworth, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—With regret we announce the passing on of our Church Treasurer, Mr. C. Wrigley, who was also a Lyceumist, on June 2nd, after a very serious illness. He passed away peacefully with the words "It is not goodbye, but only au revoir." The interment took place on June 6th, a service being held in our Church, and also at Tinsley Park Cemetery, conducted by Messrs. Webster, Oates, and Bacon. We know that our loss is his gain, and that the useful work that he has done will live with us.—J. F. Smith.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Cifford St.—On June 3rd we held an Open Session conducted by Mr. Hopkins. Recitations, singing, and pianoforte solos by the Lyceumists were enjoyed by all. A progressive afternoon was well spent.—A. Truelove, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On June 3rd a Service of Song "Spring Flowers" was beautifully rendered in the Church. Great credit is due to Miss Reeves and Miss Crocker, our Musical Conductor, for the time and patience shown in coaching the children. Many visitors thoroughly enjoyed the Service.—E. W. Long, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after June 20th.

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

Additional words to be paid for at the rate of 6d. for every nine words. This Rule does not apply to Lyceums numbering fewer than 30 members.

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than July 25th, to ensure insertion in the August issue.

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

BARNSELEY, North Pavement.—We took our Lyceum to Silkstone Common for their Annual Whitsuntide Treat. We had a pleasant day. Tea was provided for the Lyceumists. Everybody enjoyed the outing.—H. Lucas, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—On June 3rd we had our usual Open Session. The following contributed social items:—Recitations: G. Darlington, Mrs. Harper, Annie Watson, Elsie Makin, Mildred Hirst, Leslie Hamilton, Gladys Crombleholme, Edna Jones, Peggy Simpson, Dorothy Aitken, Dolly Williams. A solo was given by Albert Thompson. We were favoured with a visit from two Preston Lyceumists. An invitation is extended to all Lyceumists who may be on holiday in our district.—John Hirst, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On May 20th we held our Open Session. About 90 took part in the marching and callisthenics. Recitations by W. Railton, F. Railton, E. Holding and Jean Entwistle; solos by Miss E. Hopper, Mr. Rothwell and Mr. Radcliffe (Bury.) Miss Owen, of Bolton, was our speaker. The Session was enjoyed by all.—T. Wood, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—Election of Officers, June 3rd. Conductor, Mr. Cliff; Assistant, Mr. A. Booth; Secretary, Miss E. Holt; Assistant, Miss M. Combes; Marching Conductor, Miss L. Speight; Assistant, Miss H. Bromley; Treasurer, Mr. Ridings; Guardian, Miss E. Walker; Captain of Guards, Miss B. Hayes; Guards, Miss L. Speight, Miss E. Holt, Mr. J. Thwaites, Mr. Lintott, Mr. Birchall; Auditors, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lintott; Representatives to Society, Miss E. Holt, Mr. R. Johnson; Representatives to B.L.D.C., Mr. R. Johnson, Mr. Cliff; Children's Leaders, Miss M. Lee, Miss B. Hayes; Boys' Leader, Mr. J. Holt; Girls' Leader, Miss E. Holt; Librarian, Mr. James Thwaites; Assistant, Miss C. Rowcroft.—Edna Holt, Sec.

BOLTON, Deane Road.—We held our Election of Officers on June 10th. Conductor, Mrs. Slater; Treasurer, Miss G. Hall; Secretary, Mr. M. Mackay; Musical Director, W. Slater; Guardian, Miss L. Hall.; Marching Conductor, Mr. Cook; Callisthenics Leader, C. Smith; Council Delegates, Mrs. Slater and Mr. G. Walsh; Auditors, Mrs. Slater and Mr. Towler.—E. Bleackley.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—We held our Open Session on June 3rd, when we were favoured by recitations and solos from Misses N. Leng, H. Turner, V. Solomon, A. A. Wilkinson, Joan McKay and Mrs. McKay.—E. Pickles, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On June 3rd we held our Open Session. Items by Eveline Clements, Sidney Hobster, John Slater, Francis Hobster, Ernest Heath, Leslie Driver, Jessie Orwin, Kenneth Bown, Marion Wagstaffe, Miss Wholey, Avis Bown, Connie Slater, Betsy Slater, Marion Leverton, Willie Campbell; pearls by Joyce Godley and Mr. Bown. We closed an enjoyable Session with "Angel lead my footsteps."—May Wheatley, Session Minute Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—We held our Open Session on June 3rd. Conductor, Mrs. E. Holmes. Recitations by Master F. Rowe, Misses M. Boswell, Nellie Boswell, S. Wright, E. Rowley and a friend; pearls by Mr. T. Brook and Miss Amy Howarth; solos by Miss M. Robinson. Hymns 368 and 360 were sung by request. The Session was very well attended and conducted. We had a good time together.—T. Brooks, Sec.

DARWEN.—On June 3rd we held our Open Session. Mr. J. Shuttleworth, our tutor for the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme, presented Certificates to the 12 successful candidates. Mr. Shuttleworth also conducted the evening services, where he replied to written questions which had been handed to him from the congregation.—D. Coghlan, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on June 3rd, when the following Lyceumists took part:—Recitations, T. Hancock, D. Seddon, V. Harrison, W. Hancock, F. Clarke, O. Wilkins, N. Hodgkinson, P. Seddon; songs by H. Foxcroft, C. Smith, W. Wintergill, H. Foxcroft, M. Ennis, E. Taylor. Boys and girls of the Beacon Group sang No. 388, Lyceum Marching Song. The Liberty Group also took part.—Miss B. Smith, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Open Session, June 3rd, not up to the standard of numbers present, but, nevertheless, the children all look for this day to give their various items. Recitations by Doris Parkinson, Laura Moore, Ruth, Dorothy and Kenneth Harris; duet by Laura Moore and Irene Watkins. Altogether it was a happy Session.—(Mrs.) E. K. Firth, Sec.

GLASGOW, S.M.U.—We held a special Service on May 27th, as it was our closing day. Duets by Mrs. Livingstone and Ermine Livingstone, Ena Hastie and Harriet Livingstone; solos by Miss Tainsh, Miss Massie and Mrs. Hastie; Miss McGregor gave a pianoforte solo; recitations by Millie Hattrich. Marching and callisthenics were very well done. The S.M.U. Church services will be carried on in June and July (11-30 a.m. and 6-30 p.m.) in the Keir Hardie Rooms, 230, Renfrew Street, where everyone will be welcome.—(Mrs.) E. Hastie, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We held our Open Session on June 3rd. The following Lyceumists conducted the readings:—H. Norris, Mr. H. Doswell, Florrie Pickvance, Gladys Norris and Mr. Nelson; recitations by Walter Haworth, Maggie Nelson, Rosa Bagshaw and Florrie Bagshaw; solo by Mr. W. Haworth.—C. Waterhouse, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Pleasant Sunday, June 3rd. Morning: Recitations by R. Barron, M. Willey, Ben Tartellin and D. Burkill; Duets by E. Eddington and V. Chapman, R. Howard and M. Willey; a solo by Mr. Rycroft; also pearls, marching and callisthenics.

The afternoon was spent in practising for our Anniversary.—W. Piercy, Sec.

HANLEY.—We held our Anniversary Services on June 17th. The afternoon meeting was held in the Church. The evening meeting was in the Victoria Hall. Councillor Walker, of Leicester, was the speaker. Mr. Rowley was chairman. Special hymns were sung by the children, ably trained by Mr. Street. We had a happy and successful day.—Mrs. J. A. Mason, Sec.

HEATON NORRIS.—On June 3rd we held a Massed Session under the auspices of the North-East Cheshire District Council, conducted by the President, Mrs. Ennion. The Council were given a hearty welcome by our young Lyceumists. Pearls and recitations were numerous. Many thanks are due to all present for helping to make it a success.

The Evening Service was also conducted by the Council.

On Whit Monday about 21 Lyceumists took part in a ramble from Edale to Castleton, where we spent a pleasant time together. We finished up at Hope and returned home from there.—D. Pickering, Sec.

HYDE.—Our Annual Walk took place on Whit Friday, June 1st. About 180 Lyceumists, friends and visitors from other Lyceums joined us and we sang at several places en route. We also joined in the United Sing on the Market Square. Sports were held in a field at Woodley, kindly lent us by Mr. and Mrs. East. Several flat races were run by the children and adults. A good day well spent.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty.—On June 3rd we held our Open Session. Pearls were good. Recitations by Elsie Clements, Annie Hughes, Yvonne Dehoux, Lily Coleman, Alice and Lucy Gamble, and Doris and Horace Jayes; duet by Lavinia Garrett and Kitty Townsend; solo by Mr. W. Beck; trio by Mr. T. Kenny and Messrs. F. and A. Gamble.

On Tuesday, May 29th, we held our 7th Annual Treat at Toxton Lock. About 110 were entertained to tea and sports. A happy day in God's sunshine was well spent.—S. Wheatley, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford.—Open Session, June 3rd. Recitations by Harry Soones, Eddie Capper, May Brand, Betty Haughton, Gertie Webb, Gwennie Crow, John Flynn, Doreen Walters and Doris Walters; solo by Florence Christopher. A successful innovation in M.R. No. 202 was that the Conductor and Secretary sang the Lyceum part and the Lyceum read the Conductor's parts. Mr. McFie's symbolical address was greatly appreciated. The speaker presented special prizes given by Mrs. Dunmore, Mrs. Soones (Con.) and the Lyceum for Pearls and explanations, and S.C.R. explanations.

Our concert was repeated at Manor Park Lyceum and our Manual Fund benefited.—Eva Connor, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Princess Hall.—On Whit Friday we had our trip to Southport. All Lyceumists under 16 were taken free. We had a saloon carriage on the train. Dinner and tea were arranged at the Albion Café, Neville Street, Southport. The weather was beautiful and we spent a very enjoyable day.

On June 3rd we held our Open Sessions which were well attended considering it was holiday time. Many Lyceums were represented. Recitations and solos were rendered by Lyceumists. The marching and callisthenics were smartly done. A solo was given by Miss Bonsor, of Middlesbrough, and was greatly appreciated. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Sessions very much.—J. Woodcock, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On May 23rd, at Mossley, our Conductor, Mr. Woods, laid in mother earth the body of Mary Cochrane. She was an old worker for Spiritualism and will be missed by many. Our sympathy goes out to her husband and family.

On June 2nd, at Elliott Street Spiritual Church, Mr. Woods conducted the marriage of Eva Cochrane (daughter of the above) to Robert Slater.

On June 17th Mr. Standish named the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Hough. Earthly name, William; spiritual name, "Goodheart."—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott Street.—On Saturday, June 2nd, at our Church, the marriage of Mr. Robert Slater and Miss Eva Cochrane took place. Both are Lyceumists at our Church. A very good number of people attended.

We had a ramble to Uppermill on June 1st. It was very enjoyable.—M. Harper, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—We held our Open Session on June 17th, conducted by Uncle Bert. Pearls were rendered by all present. Pianoforte solo by Joyce Tibby. Recitations by Lyceumists. Mr. MacFarlane presented a prize to Lilian Paget for highest marks in B.S.L.U. examination. It was a pleasing Session to all.—Clara Stuart-Jones, Sec.

PRESTON, Lancaster Road.—We held our Open Session on June 3rd. Mr. Culling, Mrs. Rae and Mrs. Sherbourne contributed to the Session, which was enjoyed by all.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session on June 3rd. Recitations by Mr. Simmonds, Mrs. Rydel and Arthur Cavanagh; songs by Connie Tallon and Connie Martin; duet by Eva Cavanagh and Betsy Tallon; trios by Nellie Martin, Olive Stevens and Edith Tallon, Mr. Simmonds, F. Dodson and S. Waring.—R. E. Tallon, Sec.

QUARMBY.—Open Session, June 10th. Recitations by Misses G. Bailey, E. Calver and Mr. Calver. Four scholars joined in singing "Go Forward." We spent a very enjoyable afternoon.—H. Baxter, Sec.

SCARBOROUGH.—Election of Officers:—Conductor, Mr. J. A. Laycock; Treasurer, Miss Fox; Secretary, Mrs. Middleton; Musical Conductor, Miss Jude; Guardian, Mrs. Clark; Captain of Guards, Mrs. Hewitt. The Lyceum Session starts at 1-45 p.m. and will be open all summer. Visitors from other Lyceums will be made welcome. Mrs. Middleton, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On Whit Monday we had our Annual Lyceum Trip. We took the children to Brinsworth Common. We gave them a tea and had races for both children and adults. Everyone who went had a very enjoyable time.—E. Johnson, Sec.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On June 3rd we held our Anniversary Services. There was an excellent attendance of parents and friends at the Lyceum Morning Session, which was conducted by Mr. J. E. Ball. Recitations were given by Gladys Smith, Donald Rushton, Kathleen Rushworth, Doreen Burrows, Arthur Smith, Bernard Rushworth and Mrs. Hardy. A duet by Kathleen Shaw and Amy Holt. A short address was given by our speaker for the day, Mr. E. Marklew, and altogether we had a session to be remembered.—W. A. Rowson, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—On June 3rd we held our Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Hedderley. Solos were rendered by Mrs. C. Stratford, Mrs. Mitchell, Doreen Hedderley and Dorothy McNeil; recitations by Elsie Storey and Alan McNeil. A pearl was given by each Lyceumist. Marching and callisthenics were well performed. Tom Hedderley presided at the piano. A very enjoyable session.—Mrs. M. Hall, Sec.

WINDHILL.—We held our Open Session on June 3rd. A few songs and recitations by the scholars were appreciated, but volunteers were not so keen as usual. Room for progression next session.—Mrs. E. Feather, Sec.

YORK.—On June 10th we held our Open Session. Attendance good. Pearls, marching and callisthenics very good. Recitations and solos were given by various scholars.—S. Whitam, Sec.