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PRICE TWOPENCE

"GOD'S MESSAGE."

So tired are you? So weary with the din
Of Life's great battle that seems hard to win!
Be of good cheer, for surely it is I
Who will your many needs and wants supply.
Let Love and Courage fill your inmost heart,
For loving service is the 'better part.'
Forget your Troubles; see what you can do
To turn another's sky from grey to blue!

E. L. ANNING.

The International Spiritualist Congress.

The Triennial Congress of the International Spiritualist Federation will be held in London on September 7th—13th, 1928.

The ordinary meetings of the Congress will be held in the Queen's Gate Hall. September 7th is reserved for a meeting of the Executive Committee.

On Saturday, September 8th, at 10 a.m., the registration of Delegates and Congress Members and the issue of Credential Cards and Congress Badges will take place.

At 11 a.m. there will be a meeting of the Grand Committee of the I.S.F., when the Election of Officers, acceptance of new Associations and ratification of Statutes will take place.

At 2 p.m. the Inauguration of the Psychic Exhibition will be conducted by Mrs. Barbara McKenzie, B.C.P.S., in the Rooms of the London Spiritualist Alliance, 16, Queensbury Place, South Kensington. At 7-30 p.m. there will be a Public Reception to Delegates and Congress Members. An Address of Welcome will be given by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the Honorary President of the I.S.F.

Sunday services have been arranged to acquaint Overseas Delegates with the religious aspect of Spiritualism as normally practised in Great Britain. At 2-45 p.m., in the Battersea Town Hall, there will be a Model Lyceum Session. Admission will be by ticket, obtainable from the Gen. Sec. of the B.S.L.U. (The number is limited to the capacity of the Hall.) At 7 p.m., in the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle will give a Lantern Lecture and show supernormal pictures. Tickets of admission will be issued to Delegates and Congress Members.

On the Monday and following days the Congress will settle down to Committee work. There are three sections dealing with science, philosophy and organisation.

Delegates and Congress Members may, if they desire, take part in one or several Commissions.

COMMISSIONS.

The Commissions will consist of:—

1. The Federation Delegates duly accredited and having voting and deliberative powers.
2. The authors of the Communications, who will be specially invited to lay before the Commissions all necessary explanations.
3. Congress Members (not being Delegates) and duly authorised by the Bureau in a consultative capacity.
4. The members of the Organisation Committee in a consultative capacity, Delegates and Congress Members, will be admitted to the full sessions on production of their Membership Cards duly autographed.

SEANCES.

A number of Mediums for Trance and Clairvoyance have reserved their services for the use of members of the Congress. Priority has been reserved for Overseas Delegates.

The price of a Congress ticket is 5s. There will be an inclusive charge of 10s. 6d. for the Congress ticket and Official Report of the Congress.

The General Secretary of the I.S.F. is Mons. Andre Ripert, 8, Rue Copernic, Paris XVI, France.

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

Reception and General Purposes Committee Secretary: Miss M. Phillimore, L.S.A. Rooms, 16, Queensbury Place, South Kensington, London.

The London Spiritualist Alliance has very kindly extended the membership of the Alliance for the period of the Congress to all Congress Delegates and Members.

A Fund has been opened for donations towards the cost of the Congress which is guaranteed by the British Spiritualists. Donations should be sent to Mr. Berry (address as above) or to Mr. E. W. Oaten, Two Worlds Publishing Co., 18 Corporation Street, Manchester.

Mr. G. F. Knott is the representative of the B.S.L.U. on the Grand Committee.

The B.S.L.U. Official Delegates are Miss E. Elliott, Mr. G. A. Mack and Mr. Alfred Kitson. A few prominent Lyceumists will also attend the Congress as ordinary Delegates.

British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

Office: 20, TOAD LANE, ROCHDALE, LANCs.

INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CONGRESS.

The B.S.L.U. Management Committee, with the assistance of the London Lyceum District Council, will hold a

MODEL LYCEUM SESSION

in London, on SUNDAY, SEPT. 9TH, 1928,
at 2-45 p.m.

IN THE BATTERSEA TOWN HALL.

ADMISSION BY TICKET.

Tickets will be circulated to the Districts (pro rata) on application to the General Secretary. An early application for Tickets is requested.

£2,000 Effort.

Fellow Lyceumists,

Once again I present to you my report and I am still glad to say that donations are coming in, slowly perhaps, but still we keep on moving forward. The postcards are still doing their little bit as is evidenced by the following list of receipts.

Longsight, 1s. 6d., Horwich 1s. 5d., Saltaire, 1s., West Melton (Sheffield D.C.) 1s. 2d., Liverpool (Boaler St.) 1s. 6d., Laisterdyke 3s. 6d., Droylesden 3s., Openshaw (Manchester D.C.) 1s. 0d., Miss Elliott 1s., Hyde 2s. 3d., Great Harwood (N.E.L.L.D.C.) 2s., Darlington (Westbrook Hall) 1s., Liverpool L.D.C., 4s., Barrowford 1s., Liverpool (Daulby Hall) 2s. 6d., Idle 1s., Ashton-u-Lyne 9d., Rochdale. Baillie St. 1s.

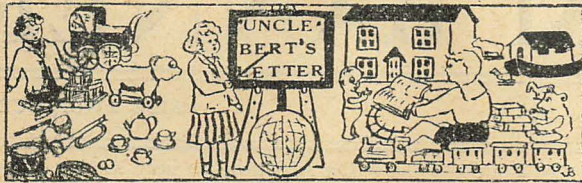
The postcard return for this month is £1 10s. 7d. Other receipts are: North London Lyceumists 10s. For Love's Sake, V.M. 2s. 6d., "In Loving memory of the late Chas. Pilkington, Bolton 2s. 6d. A total altogether of £2 5s. 7d. In connection with the North London Lyceumists donation hangs a tale, and I hope my unknown friend will not be offended with me if I tell it. I do not know the sex of the writer, but I suspect he (or she) is an Aberdonian settled in London. The reason for this is, accompanying the donation is a promise of another 10s. in the new year, provided the fund reaches £1,000 by that time. I wonder if this kind friend is trying to pull my leg a little. I don't mind at all, but I am hoping the ten shillings will come along, whether the fund reaches the figure stated or not. The other two donations I know are pure gifts of love and thankfulness for kindness and help received. To all of the subscribers I once again tender sincere and grateful thanks on behalf of the Union. I know that there are a great deal of calls on our Lyceumists and I feel very thankful at all times that the fund is as well remembered as it is. I want all Lyceumists to feel that the Effort is theirs, to help wherever possible.

The General Secretary has been instructed by the M.C. to once again state the objects and reasons for the £2,000 Effort so as to clear away any misunderstanding which may have arisen.

Yours faithfully,

W. BURROWS,
Hon. Sec., £2,000 Effort.

29, Kliffen Place,
Coronation Road,
Halifax.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

School holidays ended, you are returning to your various classes after a real jolly month's freedom.

Well if all you kiddies were the characters you have pretended to be during the holidays, wouldn't school be a wonderful place to-day.

Let us try and imagine a few of the people we should meet in our Classrooms.

Here are the boys and girls who during the past weeks have made large Sand Castles to stand on in order to defy the mighty waves of the Sea. "King Canute."

Robinson Crusoe might appear from one of those many lakes where Paddle Boats provide great fun for you youngsters. Those who have taken walking tours and have heard the Church bells chiming in the distance, would certainly consider they were Dick Whittington: to say nothing about bringing the cat to school.

Cowboys and Cocoa coloured Indians would do a proper dancing act round the playground, as they have on the country farms recently.

Pierrots, clowns, and other varieties of entertainers would make their presence known. While of course there would be all the modern heroes of the Sport world, those who have crossed the Channel, even if it was in reality only the width of a swimming bath. All the century makers at cricket. Great Tennis players and Olympic winners.

Last and not least, hundreds of mothers and fathers with their dolls prams. What a gathering it would be. Alas this is only an idea from the land of pretend. The fairies wand is waved over your beds and you wake up out of a beautiful sleep to hear mother calling "Are you getting up, its a quarter to eight and you'll be late for school."

When you get there a real live Headmaster or Mistress greets you. After the usual opening, you file off to your classrooms, many of you to higher classes, forms, or Standards. It is not long before I fancy I can hear an old familiar sentence by the teacher "Who is that talking."

Can you wonder such a remark is necessary after a month in which you have been able to let your little wiggle waggles go at top speed? Yap, yap, yap, chatter, chatter, chatter. Now you have got to put the brake on. What a pity you cannot put one of those four wheel brakes on that they have on motor cars.

All you would need to do then, when you saw your teachers looking at you, would be to put the switch on quickly and all would be silent.

Perhaps one day someone will invent something of this kind for you, but until then you will have to depend on your will power, and that is what I want to say a few words to you about this month.

To many of you I have to offer Auntie Ruth's and my own congratulations for the successful results in your last term's examination.

To others who have reached the end of school days and have entered Offices, Shops, or Factories, we wish you all success. There are some who were not so fortunate; the reports were not very good. You did not reach a very high position in your class or form.

In a few cases, of course you may be at fault, but I know in most cases there are a thousand and one little reasons why you were not so successful as some of your chums.

Here we are at the opening of a new term. I will try and tell you a little story which I hope will help you to do better, it deals with will power of a boy who was backward and who we will call Basil Wiselad. Basil had been sent to a very good school, because his parents were desirous of putting him in a very good position in a shipping firm when he left school.

He had not been at school long before he proved his worth on the Sports field. He was a good swimmer, a good bat and a fairly good fielder. He also carried off many prizes for racing events.

This made him very popular amongst his companions. All of a sudden a great change came about, he was seldom to be found on the Sports ground, and he seemed to want to be alone.

"How to Develop your Inner Self."

Price 2/6.

VINCENT, 24, Stanhope Street, BURNLEY, Lancs.

This annoyed his companions and one by one they turned against him; he was no longer looked upon as their hero. Examinations had been held, and one morning the Headmaster called the school together to read out the various results. The first result to be read was that of Basil. He had gained the highest honours in the whole school.

After the Headmaster had read the list of results of other scholars he called Basil to the front, then addressed the School as follows:—

A few months ago I had to caution our young friend on his carelessness and poor workmanship in various lessons. The result was he promised me he would use his will power and try and make good.

Since then, instead of being amongst you so much on the Sports field, he has made a great sacrifice by spending nearly all his time swotting up lessons.

It has come to my notice, that many of you have thought unkindly of him for this reason. As a mark of my personal appreciation of such real grit and will power, which have resulted in winning the highest honours any boy has ever won in this school, I present him with a gold watch and chain.

Never before had such three hearty cheers been heard in that school, as came from his fellow scholars. Once again Basil became the real living hero of the school.

I hope some of you who through various reasons are backward in school work will take a lesson from this story, not with an idea of winning a gold watch and chain, but for the honour of a good name.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:

- No. 104. Triumph of Love 215.
 No. 105. Valencia (Spain), Rheims (France).
 Logstor (Denmark), Rotterdam (Holland).
 Stockholm (Sweden), Berlin (Germany).
 Lucerne (Switzerland), Wisconsin (U.S.A.)
 No. 106. "I.S.F. Motto."
 "United we stand, Divided we fall."

As I am away from home at the time of sending my letter to printers, I am unable to give the names of those sending replies.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

- No. 107. "For Manual Searchers" Give the number of Lyceum Songs in which these lines appear.
 1. "Where wisdom rules in majesty"
 2. "And weave bright flowers in garlands gay"
 3. "Cheers with echoes gently falling"
 4. "To the smiling fields where flowers ne'er decay"
 5. "Make sweet music everywhere"
 6. "Our pathway will yield both its thorns and its flowers."
 No. 108. Muddled School lessons.
 1. IAITTODNC 2. MHTETIRIAC
 3. BEGAARL 4. MOTREYGE
 5. GRGEOYHP 6. TYIROSH.

No. 109. A well known Nursery Rhyme. Can you fill in the Missing words? (This is for the little ones, of course).

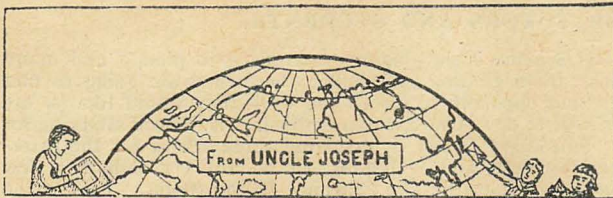
"— had — little —,
 With — as — as —,
 And — that — went
 The — was — to —."

To the Liberty Sections:—Autumn days arrive, foretelling us of the winter months to follow. Herein is work for all; your Lyceumists need indoor pleasure and recreation, but they need leaders.

It is from your section that help must come, suppose you form a band of four, and you each give one night a month. It is not asking very much is it? But think of the joy and happiness you give the youngsters. Hence subject for thought and Essays this month "How to interest Lyceumists during the winter."

2, Villiers Road,
 Osterley, Middlesex.

With Love,
 UNCLE BERT,



There has not been any response to my invitation from any overseas Lyceumist. I am not disappointed, as ideas have to sink in the soil of the mind before they can bear fruit. Turning over the files handed to me by the Editor, I have found the following interesting article, and I thank Mr. Ross for sending such an interesting account of the Maories.

During September we shall be having many visitors from Overseas attending the International Congress. I hope some of them will be interested in the LYCEUM BANNER.

YOURS FOR EVER,

UNCLE JOSEPH.

Life among the Maoris in New Zealand.

By ROBERT J. ROSS.

I have been amongst the Maoris quite a lot and have picked up quite a number of their legends and hakals, etc.

Really they are a wonderful race. Their singing is such that one can never forget it—so beautiful. They are practically all born singers and their voices blend well in harmony. But perhaps I had better start at the beginning.

From whence the Maoris came is the subject of a great deal of controversy. The theories are several, but it is generally accepted, and the legends bear this out, that they originally lived on some Island in the Pacific Ocean. It is a significant fact that the natives of Raratonga and Hawaii, both distant from New Zealand, greatly resemble the Maoris and speak an almost identical language. But this is beside the point. The fact remains that the first Maoris arrived in their canoes after a long sea journey and settled here, later to be joined by two other contingents. Prior to the arrival of the Maoris, however, there was supposed to have been another race here, called the Morioris, but of these I do not know much. As far as I can see the majority of these were killed or driven away, first into the South Island, and then out of there to Stewart Island and Chatham Islands.

The three contingents of Maoris gradually increased and spread over the North Island and divided into various tribes, some of which went to the South Island.

They were children of nature, and even in these days of civilisation are still so to a great extent. The men were great warriors, and tribal warfare was continually being waged. Each tribe gathered together in a pa, or fortress. The pa was formed usually by being enclosed with a high fence of manuka pales lashed closely together. At intervals around this fence were stakes placed high up for look-out spots, and over each gate was also a staging, from which the defenders could hurl various objects upon the attackers who tried to break in.

But war was not the only item in the life of the Maoris. They were wonderful at carving, and even in these days of modern machinery I doubt if the work which they did with stone chisels can be equalled. The door posts and interiors of their whares (houses) were just a mass of exquisite carving, inlaid with pieces of pawa shell. The prows and high sterns of their canoes were just one mass of carving which often took years to make.

They—particularly the men—tattooed their faces until they were hardly recognisable. This was done by the means of sharp shells and then filled with pigments. It was inclined to give them a rather fierce appearance.

While the warriors did their carving and hunting, etc., the wahines (wives) and kohines (maidens) worked in the fields, cultivating the kumara (sweet potato) and doing the other work necessary.

Perhaps the most interesting part of New Zealand connected with the Maoris, is the Thermal regions—around Rotorua, Taupo, etc. Here it is truly wonderful. The whole earth in places seems to be on a perpetual quiver. It is here that are found the boiling geysers, forming sulphur and soda springs, natural mineral and mud baths, etc. This region is at once wonderful, beautiful, weird, and terrifying. Imagine yourself standing near the brink of an enormous spouting pool which is continually sending masses of water high into the air, heated to

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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.

a temperature which the thermometer would not register. Then watch a geyser at play, which sends a column of water and steam thirty and more feet high the air, while all around steam is rising from various points; the earth is trembling beneath you, and everywhere there is the strong smell of sulphur. Yet, in spite of all this, Lake Rotorua and Hamurana Springs abound with trout.

The Maoris in this district make full use of this natural source of heat, and there is no necessity for them to light fires to cook their food. Here they put whatever food they want in flax baskets, tie a stone to each basket, and lower it into a boiling spring. They go away and leave it, coming back later with everything ready.

Of course, the Maori in other parts of New Zealand is not so fortunate and has to use other methods. Nowadays it is mostly done by modern ways, but the old way was to light a fire and put a lot of flat stones in it. When these were thoroughly heated they were spread out, sometimes over the hot ashes and sometimes in an oven dug in the earth. Over the top of the stones leaves were spread, then the food placed on top, then more leaves, more hot stones, and some more hot ashes, then earth over the top of the lot. They went back later to find the meal was ready. I forgot to mention, that even in the Thermal region, where the Maoris cook their food in the springs, they always wrap plenty of leaves around it before placing it in the baskets. This seems to prevent the flavour escaping. Food cooked in the Maori way is delicious.

I remember once I went for my holidays to the Bay of Plenty, and while there went inland to a place called Onepu, in the Thermal region. We camped there, and if it had not been for the heat and mosquitos, etc., I would have enjoyed myself immensely. There was nobody near us except a family of Maoris on whose land we camped. We pitched our camp on the bank of the Tarawera River, and each morning enjoyed a hot mineral bath. It is very peculiar, but in this region all silver has a tendency to turn black through contact with the sulphur-impregnated air. I know my mother washed some forks and spoons in water drawn from a boiling spring, and it was some considerable time before she could get the tarnish cleared away. We had a good idea there for mineral baths. We had a big hole which had been made by the Maoris, and in this was a shallow trench leading from a boiling pool, another from a cold stream further away, and a third to carry away the water. Each trench had a contrivance for shutting off the water at will, and so we could have the pool of any temperature we liked. We used to get into our bathing suits each morning and have a good plunge around in the baths, the minerals of which had a bracing effect. The only drawback about the scheme was that when the mosquitos saw us with bare arms and legs exposed, they apparently thought it was breakfast time and would start biting, so we had to keep under the water as much as possible.

One thing very striking in New Zealand is the rugged scenery. Here, where the country is most mountainous, there are some mountains of great height. Mt. Egmont is one, and Mount Cook is over 32,000 feet. Then there are the many volcanoes, mostly extinct, but some active. These are very striking in appearance, especially Mount Ngarahoe, which is frequently spouting lava and ashes.

In the South Island there is what is recognised as one of the most beautiful series of Fjords in the world. These are known as the Milford Sounds. Here in many places the mountains rise sheer out of the placid waters, while here and there beautiful cascades drop down to break the mirror-like surface of waters in foaming white.

The bushland of New Zealand is entrancing. It is so cool and fresh. Amidst the birches there shows the lighter green of tree ferns, fan ferns, etc., while on the ground is spread a surface of lichens, mosses and small ferns.

In the North, beyond Auckland, there are forests of giant trees called Kauri. The wood of these trees is very useful for many purposes. In the swamps in that vicinity, men dig for Kauri gum, which is a sap of the Kauri, and forms similar to Gum Arabic, and ages ago was deposited in the swamp, probably through these giants falling and decaying in the swamps;

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

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All Lyceumists are eligible for the Education Scheme Course, and the value of working through it is twofold, viz. (i) the Grades are all important parts of a complete whole—the B.S.L.U. Scheme—and working through them gives the earnest, progressive Lyceumist an all-round knowledge of essential facts and teachings, and a sound basis for deeper and wider reading and study (such as given by the S.N.U. Advanced Course); and (ii) when Grade V has been passed (with 70 or more marks per cent.) a Lyceumist is awarded the A.N.S.C. Degree (Associate of the National Spiritualist College). Only LYCEUMISTS can win this degree; but the S.N.U. confers the later one of G.N.S.C. (Graduate of the National Spiritualist College).

WHAT TO DO.

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

TO PREVIOUS CANDIDATES.

Those of you who have already passed Grade I, II, III or IV, I would urge to begin NOW preparing for next February's examination. If you got a First Class, Honours, or Distinction certificate, then study for your next Grade. If you got a Third or Second Class, you can either take the same Grade again, to win higher marks and a better class certificate, or (unless under the minimum age) take the next Grade.

Grade V students who did not score 70 marks are strongly urged to take the exam. again. The work will not seem as difficult this time.

PRICE REDUCTIONS.

On and after the 1st September, the prices of the Education Handbooks, issued by the B.S.L.U., will be 4s. 9d. per dozen for all sixpenny booklets, and 3s. per dozen for all fourpenny ones; instead of 5s. 6d. and 3s. 6d. respectively for some of them. Order early for the new Session's studies.

DONATIONS.

Several other Lyceums and Lyceumists have generously responded to our Appeal for Help, and the total now stands at nearly £14. Our very sincere thanks are given to each one of our donors; and we appreciate the loyal support and interest.

ADVANCED SCHEME EXAMINATIONS— ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS.

It is high time that preparation for the examinations should be in full swing. And in order that disappointment shall not be caused by students preparing for an examination and then finding that they are not eligible to sit, the following "Eligibility Table" is given once again:

(a) For the Entrance Examination—you must be a Church Member, or a Subscribing Member, of the National Union. (A Lyceumist is eligible if also a Church or Subscribing Member);

(b) For the Intermediate Examination—you must be a Church or Subscribing Member, and must have passed the Entrance Examination or the D.N.U. examination (*Honoris causa* awards are not recognised for Education Scheme purposes); or, if a Lyceumist, you must have passed Grade V with 70%. (And will holders of the S.N.U. Exponents' Committee's *Intermediate Certificate* please note that it refers to speaking ability only: it has no connection whatever with the Education Scheme, and does not confer exemption from the Entrance Examination);

(c) For the Subsidiary Examination—you must be a Church or Subscribing Member or a Lyceumist; and you must have passed the Intermediate Examination.

FOR TUTORS AND STUDENTS.

The Scheme is developing "according to plan," and many tutors are beginning to wonder where they are going to find time and opportunity for all the work they would like (or are expected) to do. One London enthusiast is himself studying for the Subsidiary Grade, is coaching three others for the Intermediate Grade, and is hoping to be able to induce a few others to prepare for the Entrance Examination. That is the zeal that conquers! The only advice to give to overworked tutors is that they should insist on their pupils doing all their *learning-work* at home, and only coming to the class for discussion of what they had been studying. A "well stored mind" means a "well arranged mind," and the weekly discussion of knotty points and expression of opinion will aid the students by arranging their facts and ideas under their own mental headings and groupings.

For Entrance students a special leaflet is being drawn up, and will be issued early next month (October); and for the Advanced Grades the GUIDE now in course of preparation will be issued as soon as possible. But the first thing students have to realise is that the Entrance Examination, or the Grade V Examination, is only preliminary to three years at least of hard study and preparation and to three examinations which they intend to pass, and that their progress in the Graduate Scheme Proper will depend entirely on the foundations of exact information and correct studying methods which they will lay in their Qualifying Courses. Philosophy will be an unsolvable puzzle to students who have not thoroughly grasped their lessons on Psychology—on which science depends the value of the reasoning in which philosophers delight; and the Science of the Mind cannot be understood without a sound knowledge of Logic: the laws of reasoning laid down by Aristotle to guide the thinkings of his pupils and followers. Each Course in each Grade Syllabus prepares for and leads to the next, so if the earlier Courses are studied thoroughly, the Courses will get easier as the student advances from Grade to Grade.

Study, if not already begun, should not be any longer delayed, and the Grade V and Entrance candidates should begin with a fortnight of *Essays on Reasoning*, and then tackle No. 3 Handbook with the aid of the Series of Notes prepared by Mr. W. G. Gush, F.N.S.C., and published in the LYCEUM BANNER from September, 1927, till February, 1928; studying the various articles in conjunction with the appropriate Essays as recommended in the Lesson Plan laid down in the *Entrance Examination Leaflet*, or in the B.L.S.U. booklet on *How to Prepare for the Examinations*.

To Intermediate Grade students I cannot do better than repeat the advice I gave in January last—that they should start with Berry's *Hints to Students of Spiritualism*, which will lay a sound foundation for future studies; and that they follow with No. 1 Handbook and *The Seven-pointed Star*, ending up with *Spiritualism: Its Ideas and Ideals*, which they should study as an example of balanced composition and a model for their own essays and attempts at answering questions. By this time the student will be capable of tackling *Psychic Philosophy*, using the summaries of chapters as a guide; and as all that is required in the Reading Course is "to show an intelligent general knowledge," there is no need to memorise the Reading texts, and careful reading and full and frank discussion in class should be adequate preparation. At the same time the Logic and Evolution text-books should be memorised and all important passages marked or underlined for revision purposes. Further hints will be found in the "College Guide."

For Subsidiary Grade students the best plan would seem to be to start with *Advent* (which they will find to be an amplification of part of No. 1 Handbook, with some problems for consideration) and *Practical Occultism*, and follow up with No. 2 Handbook (especially the "Rise and Progress of the British Lyceum Movement," with which every Spiritualist should be familiar) and Jevons' smaller book on *Comparative Religion*, which again will prepare the way for the second section of De Brath's book. The Psychology and Evolution text-books are written so entertainingly that it will not seem a task to have to memorise and master them, and the student can please himself whether he studies them in turn or together.

WHERE TO GET YOUR TEXT-BOOKS.

Last year many requests were made for information about getting the text-books not published or stocked by the two Unions. The following information should help. For purposes of saving space, the Intermediate and Subsidiary lists are mixed up, but each student can select his own:—

To be obtained from the Spiritualists' National Union Office, Broadway Chambers, 162, London Road, Manchester:

"Hints to Students," 7½d. post free; "Seven-Pointed Star," 4d. post free; "Psychic Philosophy" (to bona fide students), 4s. 6d. post free.

To be obtained (post free) from Miss Kitson, 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks.:

"No. 1 and No. 2 Handbooks," each 7d.; "Spiritualism: Its Ideas and Ideals," 1s. 2d.; "Essays on Reasoning," 5d.; "Advent," 7d.

To be ordered through your newsagent:

Jevons' "Primer of Logic" (Macmillan), 1s. 9d.; Jevons' "Comparative Religion" (Cambridge University Press), 2s. 6d.; "Know Your Own Mind" (same), 3s. 6d.; "Story of Creation" (Rationalist Press), 1s.; "Anthropology" (Home University Library), 2s.; "Practical Occultism" (Two Worlds), 1s.

Any student who has not got all the text-books, and finds a difficulty in getting them, could buy them in the order of study and thus lessen the strain. Unfortunately, the present economic conditions put it out of the power of the Unions, the Churches or the Lyceums to help such students, otherwise such coldly "practical" advice would not be offered.

HOW TO GET AN IDEA OF THE EXAMINATIONS.

It is always helpful, when taking up a course of study, to know what sort of questions will be asked at the examination, and students who would like this guidance can obtain it by looking up the pages of the LYCEUM BANNER for March of 1922—1927; wherein the Grade V Questions for each year are printed. The Intermediate Grade examination questions will be found in the BANNER for May or the *National Spiritualist* for May and June, 1928. Sets of Grade V questions can be obtained by sending a 1½d. stamped addressed envelope to Miss Kitson.

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.)

N.B.—PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESSES.

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.,
4, Palmerston Road,
Forest Gate,
London, E.7.

For information about the GRADUATE SECTION (i.e., the Advanced Courses) apply to the S.N.U. Education Secretary.

Mrs. E. PALING,
"Lucknow,"
Muriel Road,
Beeston,
Notts.

A SOUVENIR AND THE I.S.F. LYCEUM SESSION.

The M.C. of the B.S.L.U. are printing a Souvenir of the Lyceum Model Session which is being held in London on Sept. 9th, at 2-45 p.m. The London Lyceum District Council are providing the Lyceumists who will take part in the Model Session. It is the intention of the M.C. that the Overseas Delegates may witness the methods of education usually adopted in an ordinary Lyceum Session and numbers have had to be limited. Only the appointed Lyceumists will take part in the Model Session. Other Lyceumists will occupy ordinary seats in the Hall.

The space in the Hall will be limited, so it has been necessary to admit the assembly who will witness the Model Session by TICKETS. The tickets will be allocated, as space permits, to the Districts, Lyceums, and Lyceumists who make application to the General Secretary, B.S.L.U., 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

The Souvenirs are on sale at 6d. each (7d. post free), and will contain the full programme of the Session in English and French. Orders can be sent to the General Secretary, or Mr. E. G. Cox, 138, Kirkwood Road, Peckham, S.E.15.

The Model Session will be held in the Battersea Town Hall at 2-45 p.m.

LYCEUM MANUAL KNOWLEDGE TESTS.

Mr. McFarlane writes:—"I am pleased again with the response to my Manual Test, No. 3, and, as no competitor has succeeded in solving all the titles, I would like to remind would-be solutionists that it is advisable to submit to me their attempts no matter how few they may discover!"

The prizes this month are gained by: Mr. H. C. Dobby, Lincoln, and Dorothy Snook, aged 13, Strada Prigiona, Senglea, Malta.

Commendation is due to Mrs. Lillie George (Liverpool) for 15 correct results. Miss Firth (Fleetwood) for 15½, and Ellen Crane (Lincoln) for 15.

The correct answers are as follows:—

1. Life is Onward. No. 412.
2. Knocking! Knocking! No. 20.
3. The days when we were young. No. 416.
4. Backbone. No. 82.
5. No night there. No. 350.
6. Sometime. No. 85.
7. There must be something wrong. No. 61.
8. Our Rights. No. 143.
9. Thou art gone before. No. 333.
10. Hold Fast. No. 88.
11. Voices from the Spirit Land. No. 400.
12. Never give up the Right Way. Nos. 240 and 387.
13. Death and the After Life. No. 138.
14. Vesper. No. 411.
15. Love. No. 118.
16. Over and Over Again. No. 94.
17. Go Forward. No. 401.
18. Sunny Days. No. 402.
19. Do Good. No. 69.
20. Are we not Brothers? Nos. 37 and 218.
21. Keep your Balance. No. 71.
22. Parents and Children. No. 127.

No competitor succeeded in tracing the correct answers to Nos. 3, 11, 14 and 22.

THE FOURTH TEST.

Mr. McFarlane 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 September 21st to Mr. J. G. McFarlane, 6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth.

Give the authors mentioned in the *Lyceum Manual* whose names are hidden below:—

1. Try in a Christ way and find this author any day.
2. No matter where this author's been, he always turns and makes a scene.
3. This greedy author wanting more, right in the centre has a four.
4. The key to this (if you need one) is found to follow a Scotch son.
5. Enclose a little bird in lace and then this author you will trace.
6. Deny us do, another way, an easy author you will say.
7. A Channel Island with an S, gives you this author I confess.
8. A clerical or army cap will give the clue to this smart chap.
9. Nothing but this letter B is an author you'll agree.
10. If singular, this author merry, would surely be just like weak perry.
11. If you would find this author's ear, it's wrapped in esses very clear.
12. In Wales and Alabama too, please look and find this author's clue.
13. A fish going in finds this author out.
14. We all appeal to God to protect this author.
15. To introduce this author would be capital in South Australia.
16. This author rhymes with a sign.
17. Take her away from this author and a palindrome remains.
18. A self-raising author is noted here.
19. Sam running backwards reveals this author.
20. The name of this author contains a whole circle as well as part of a circle.

MANCHESTER, Pendleton.—We regret to announce the loss of another worker, through the passing into Higher Life of our sister, Mrs. Elsie Ward, aged 28 years. "Our loss is her gain."—W. H. Shaw, Conductor.

THE LYCEUM BANNER:

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EDITOR: G. F. KNOTT, D.N.U.

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SEPTEMBER, 1928.

The Growth from Within.

With the advent of September we are approaching the end of the holiday season, autumn comes apace and the darker evenings begin to dawn. This applies to British Lyceumists in the home-land, but there are Lyceumists overseas who are having other seasons, and so we must not be too clannish in thinking too much of ourselves in old England and Scotland. And yet our thoughts turn to the yearly period when we must spend our evenings indoors. This is the natural period for study and there is no more comprehensive subject under the sun than Spiritualism. Lyceums are now a definite part of the movement and the Education Scheme is open to everybody to improve the knowledge and wisdom of our movement.

The success in past years is an encouragement in advancing and perfecting the scheme which has now become a College.

In these days when we are having such bad trade and we are so short of ready money, there is an added incentive to spend our time as cheaply as possible. A few shillings provides the text books for a winter's study and the knowledge, once gained, is never wholly forgotten.

When we are asked "What is Spiritualism?" we shall be able to give an intelligent answer, and, more than that, we shall be able to use our knowledge to guide and control our lives. A whole pile of writings and drawings have just been returned to a correspondent which proves beyond doubt that some people gain very peculiar notions as a result of "control." We cannot be too sane in examining the influences which come to us from the spirit world. There are millions of people pass away with inadequate knowledge of their new surroundings and then return to find gullible people who think whatever comes through "influences" must be true.

The purpose of the Lyceum is to train people to understand natural and spiritual forces and harness them to our will, so that when we meet a spirit we can commune in an intelligent manner. Many times the spirits come for help, and if we understand their position we shall be able to help them.

There are many spirits brought to the public meetings in Spiritualist Churches, so that the "dead" who have gone to a new environment may come back to understand the changed conditions. It is no wonder our clairvoyants see so many of the people whom we hitherto knew and yet the messages are not clear to us. It is not wholly the fault of the clairvoyant.

The existence of an organised Spiritualist movement will do much to alter the foregoing condition. In all parts of the world we find the spirit people are breaking through. When we mix with people of other nations we learn they have had many experiences similar to ours. Thus we have a common basis.

There is a tendency to believe that most of our reforms are spiritually inspired. We can conceive that such organisations as the League of Nations is spiritually inspired; but we must keep to our own subject, though we cannot avoid such reflective ideas.

The international advance gives us hope that we shall break down the national barriers, even as we have broken the barrier of death, and humanity will unitedly face the mist of ignorance and disperse the gloom.

The task immediately before us is to enlighten children in

our midst, gain their love, and build a sensation of trust and confidence on the foundation of service. Progressive confidences breed friendship in our common search for knowledge and wisdom guides our destiny to a sense of true values.

Thus education changes the outlook, broadens the vision, changes egotism in meekness and brings man nearer to his kind in the search for truth.

With knowledge as the foundation of our College we shall find it to be more stable than bricks and mortar; an edifice not made with hands, but eternal in our lives. May these words, then, be an encouragement to every student, tutor and official in our educational ladder, which is no greasy pole, as national universities have been aptly described.

We proceed onward, grow upward and feel deeper into the divine mysteries. Revelation of greater joys and new experiences add strange joys to human experience. We feel the pleasure of associating with the immortals and, through our mediums, active and demonstrative events occur. We are no longer satisfied with the rapping. We want to know and get the explanation of the method of production. The dynamics of spiritual phenomena is an alluring charm to the mechanical student, and his study becomes exalted in the process.

We turn to the human minds of children, our children, and watch the dawn of the five senses, and then, wonder of wonders, the sixth sense of intuition makes playful and interesting study.

Telepathy may be a cold word, but when we experience its manifestation there is a great warmth in its association. What a different world we live in then. Why, is that not the method our spirit friends use to give us their ideas and messages? Are such impressions not crowded with symbols and colours? Do we not begin to see with the spiritual eye through an exalted mind?

We have not gone to the spirit world; it has come to us. The zones and belts and planes and spheres have all disappeared. Heaven has come to earth and we are in its midst.

And then there is a catastrophe. We find ourselves in our old environment surrounded by the old physical things and beings. Our friends say what imaginative dreams we have. And so we must struggle to break down the mental barriers which draw us back to the worship of material things and prevent the psychic experiences from becoming the common heritage.

We shall always be dependent on mediums until the common mind of mankind realises the verity and utility of psychic unfoldment.

The book of life is ours to open. The conversion of our own people is but half complete. The sequence of the College may someday be to open up the psychic fields for Spiritualists to wander in at will. There is a laboratory in each human mind far more entrancing than physical chemists ever knew. Phrenology will help us. Telepathy will give us encouragement; Inspiration will breed genius; Genius will give us spiritual insight; Spiritual Insight will give us the power of prophesy; Prophesy will convince mankind and the victory will be won.

Are you not convinced? Is not the sequence logical? Does not the Lyceum prove its worth? Have we not an education which educates; unfolds instead of crams? And so we progress and prove the utility of our existence.

G. F. KNOTT.

THE LYCEUM HOME OF REST FUND.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of 10s. od. from the Great Harwood, Rishton, and Accrington Joint Lyceums for the Home of Rest Fund.

The Home of Rest Fund started many years ago under the name of the Daisy Dimple Home Fund. Many small sums were subscribed and Mrs. Alfred Smedley gave £50 to encourage others to support the Fund. The idea was to supplement the Ainsworth Legacy of £500, with a view to sending convalescent Lyceumists to the seaside to recuperate. No donations have been contributed for some years.

We are delighted to acknowledge the above memorable donation and hope it will be an example to others to supplement the Home of Rest Fund. The interest on the accumulated cash will allow over £50 per annum being spent on indigent Lyceumists who are assisted by the Fund.

The Home of Rest Scheme was printed in the *Lyceum Banner* (May issue).

As soon as the first payment of interest is received from the Charity Commissioners the Scheme can be put in operation.

Donations may be sent to the General Secretary or the Secretary of the Home of Rest Committee, Mr. C. J. Williams, 108, London Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

THE £2,000 EFFORT. AN EXPLANATION.

(Reprinted from the *Lyceum Banner*, August, 1921.)

Some doubt having arisen about the £2,000 and the Joint Trading Resolutions, the Management Committee have instructed the General Secretary to explain the position through the pages of the "*Banner*."

The resolution which was passed is as follows:—"That for the purpose of carrying out paragraph four of the M.C. Report (1920 Conference), this Conference instructs the M.C. to take steps to raise a capital fund of £2,000, or such larger sum as may be necessary to enable the Union to adequately remunerate its paid officials and maintain the dignity which the worthiness of the cause demands."

Paragraph four of the 1920 M.C. Report reads:—"Several decisions by various Committees will incur a large extension of our business for the supply of books, pamphlets, cards, regalia, etc., continually demanded by the Lyceums. That work will necessitate assistance in the office and its re-organisation on up-to-date business lines."

The M.C. have opened a separate fund, called the £2,000 Effort, and it is the intention of the M.C. to reserve this fund for the specific purpose of the above resolution. Mr. W. Burrows, 29, Kliffen Place, Coronation Rd., Halifax, has been appointed Secretary for the £2,000 Effort and pencils, book-marks, etc., can be obtained from him, to assist Lyceums in raising their quota. It has been suggested that each Lyceum should try to raise at least £10. Some Lyceums have already done so and some have promised to do what they can in the matter. Mr. Burrows will send monthly notes to the *Banner* on the progress of the fund and other particulars.

The Trading resolution was moved at a later part of the 1920 Conference in the following words:—"That this Conference instructs the M.C. to take immediate steps for the establishment of a Trading Department at the Headquarters of the Union (or other suitable premises), for the display and sale of Lyceum goods and publications and all literature necessary to the education of Lyceumists and the public on the truths of Spiritualism; and also instructs the Trustees to take whatever steps may be necessary to give legal effect to the decision of the Management Committee." The Conference also added "That this Conference further instructs the M.C. to open negotiations with the S.N.U., with a view to promoting a Spiritualist Publishing and Trading Co., Ltd., to take over both Union's Publishing Departments and so become the publishers and traders for the Movement, the agreement to be reported at next Conference."

A Joint Committee of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. discussed the resolution passed by both 1920 Conferences and reported the necessity of raising the capital before definite steps could be taken. The Reports were accepted at the 1921 B.S.L.U. Conference and the S.N.U. Annual Meeting and it now depends on the B.S.L.U. raising their share of the necessary capital to float the scheme, and keeping in touch with the S.N.U. activities.

GEO FREDK. KNOTT,
General Secretary.

HOW TO MAKE THE GROUP BADGES.

The group badges are made of ribbon, about three-quarters of an inch in width, and three-eighths of a yard in length, doubled near the middle so as to form two streamers, and fastened just below the fold by a small tinselled ornament or bright button. The badge is worn during the session, and on all public occasions, pinned on the left breast. Leaders of Groups wear a gilt star, from which depend all the colours that have preceded their group, on the principle that the larger contains the smaller. For instance, the leader of Sea group wears five colours depending upon his or her badge ornament, and the leader of Liberty group wears twelve colours, while the leader of Fountain group wears but one. The distinctive colour of each group predominates in making the leaders badges, while the preceding colours are lapped (single lengths of ribbon are used for these) underneath, from the principal colour, becoming shorter as the distance increases, thus forming rays of colour, which in the higher groups, somewhat resemble in shape a bird's wing.

OFFICERS' BADGES.

The officers also wear appropriate badges. The Conductor's badge is a gilt disc, variegated with royal purple, from which depend two velvet ribbons of the same colour. The Assistant-Conductor wears a similar badge, except that it has a silver disc

South Manchester Lyceum, Princess Hall.

The ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION will be held on
SATURDAY, SEPT. 8TH.

Meet at School, at 2-45 p.m. prompt, and walk in procession to ALEXANDRA PARK, headed by the OPENSHAW ORIGINAL PRIZE BAND.

A cordial invitation is given to all Lyceumists and friends to join us in the Demonstration.

A Tea and Social will be held in the evening.

Tickets for Tea and Social, 1s. 3d. each.

instead of a gilt one. The Guardian of Groups wears a silver disc with azure velvet ribbon. The badge of the Librarian is a gilt and white disc, with green velvet ribbon. That of the Assistant-Librarian is a gilt disc variegated with red, the ribbon red silk. The Musical Director's badge is a crimson silk ribbon, falling from a disc of silver and green. The Secretary's badge is white with purple disc and white streamers.

Mr. Davis kindly adds, in a personal note, "We found the Lyceum session was too long if we appended badges every Sunday, so all officers wore their badges every session, but leaders and members only on special occasions." Lyceums may find it necessary to wear them only on open sessions.

THE SPIRITUALISTS NATIONAL UNION AND THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION. COURT OF ARBITRATION.

For the information and guidance of the members of the movement, the Court has set up the following method of procedure for the settlement of disputes.

1. When a dispute arises between a Church member and his (her) Church the question at issue shall first be dealt with by the Church Committee. If a settlement is not reached the question shall be referred to a general meeting of the Church members at which the committee shall make a report on the matter and of which the member concerned shall be given at least fourteen days' written notice. If it is still impossible to arrive at a settlement the matter shall then proceed as provided for in the rules of the Spiritualists' National Union.
2. When a dispute arises between a Lyceum member and his (her) Lyceum the question at issue shall first be dealt with by the Lyceum committee. If a settlement is not reached the question shall be referred to a general meeting of Lyceum members of voting age. Failing settlement the dispute shall next be considered by a joint meeting of the Church and Lyceum committees. If there is still no settlement the dispute shall be referred to a joint meeting of ADULT Church and Lyceum members, at which the joint committee shall make a report and of which the appellant shall be given at least fourteen days' written notice. (See also No. 4.)
3. When a dispute arises between a Church and Lyceum the question shall first be considered by a joint committee of both bodies. If a settlement is not reached the dispute shall be referred to a general meeting of the ADULT members of both bodies to which the joint committee shall submit a report. (See also No. 4.)
4. If a settlement is not reached by 2, or 3, either party may appeal in writing to the appropriate District Council, setting out the nature of the complaint and the reasons for appealing from the previous decision. On receipt of such an appeal the District Council Secretary shall request the last body to deal with the matter to furnish a concise report of the evidence submitted to them and their findings thereon. The District Council Secretary shall report the matter to his (her) Council which shall then take whatever measures it may deem suitable to dispose of the dispute. They shall make a record of the evidence presented to them and of their findings which, failing a settlement, shall be forwarded through their National Council or Management Committee to the Court of Arbitration whose decision shall be final and binding.

E. A. KEELING, Chairman.
M. E. PICKLES, Secretary.

The S.N.U. Summer School.

A GLORIOUS SUCCESS.

Saturday, Aug. 4th, saw the opening of the second Summer School of the S.N.U., which was held in Bangor, North Wales. The students were welcomed as they arrived by the House Mother, Mrs. Turtle.

During the evening an informal social was held at which Mr. Berry extended an official welcome to students. Community singing, games, etc., were indulged in and all barriers of reserve were broken down. We retired in anticipation of the feast of good things that awaited us in the coming week.

On Sunday morning an informal Lyceum Session was held, conducted by the President of the B.S.L.U., Mr. Berry leading the Liberty Group in "What is the Spirit Body?" which drew forth some interesting comments.

During the afternoon a visit to Menai Bridge and Church Island where the students were enchanted with the glorious view of the Menai Straits, surrounded by the towering mountains and hills. One felt somewhat reluctant to leave such beauty.

The evening service was conducted by Mr. Keeling, President, S.N.U., and Mr. Berry, Secretary, S.N.U. Many of the Bangor friends were present. Mr. A. Clayton, the blind medium, gave some very convincing clairvoyance.

On Monday, Mr. Berry (Sec., S.N.U.) was again the speaker, his subject, "In Search of a World," was listened to with rapt attention, followed by questions and a general discussion.

The afternoon was spent in a visit to Abba Falls, which is situated between Bangor and Llanfairfechan. We entered the Abba Valley, and as we gradually rose up towards the Fall we felt awed by the glories of Nature around us. Between the two mountains we could see the blue ocean, calm and peaceful, making a beautiful setting to the various tints of green around us. Arriving at the Falls we rested awhile and enjoyed the rugged beauty of the mountains. After refreshing our appetites we returned to the hostel where the evening was again spent in singing. Many of our Bangor friends entertained us in Welsh.

On Tuesday morning, Miss M. E. Kitson B.A. (B.S.L.U. Education Secretary) lectured on "The Aims and Objects of the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme," which was well received. Some very interesting questions were well answered.

In the evening an Open Circle was held in which many of the students took part.

On Wednesday we left Bangor at 9-45 a.m. by charabanc, and passing through Bethesda, halted to view the memorable and majestic Ogmen Falls. The glory of the scene will long remain with us. From there we passed through the Nant Ffranncon Pass. On the right of us lay the Devil's Kitchen, formed in the great massive rocks. Then on through Capel Curic to Swallow Falls, where one cannot fail to express great admiration at this gigantic and powerful, yet beautiful, waterfall. We then visited Fairy Glen and the Conway Falls, which were well worth the time spent there. We returned through Capel Curic, where we could see the great Snowdonian range entering the Llanberis Pass, 2,000 feet above the sea, and gradually descending 1,200 feet to Llanberis, where we halted for tea. We proceeded to Carnarvon, where the Castle was visited, and returned to Bangor by the coast road, via Menai Bridge.

On Thursday, Mr. Berry lectured to us on "Soul and Mind" which held us spellbound with the profundity of thought expressed. Much discussion was created.

In the afternoon we paid a visit to the University, which proved to be of very great interest to the students. We all expressed the thought "Wait until we have our own College." In the Council Chamber the following inscriptions in Welsh were interpreted for us:

"He who would be a leader, must first be a bridge."

"Patience illuminated is best."

"The best gift is that of understanding."

We were conducted to the tower, where we had a bird's-eye view of the surrounding country.

In the evening an Open Circle was held for the Bangor friends, Mr. Whyman, Mr. Clayton, and others taking part.

Friday, Miss M. E. Kitson B.A., (Education Secretary), outlined the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. Joint Education and College Scheme, illustrating her points by quoting from the text books. Keen interest was aroused and we hope to see good results accrue therefrom.

The afternoon was spent at Beaumaris. A visit to the old Castle was paid by some students, whilst others enjoyed a quiet rest on the pier.

On Friday evening the students were introduced to the "Vice-Chancellor of the College" (Mrs. Turtle) and the "Registrar"

(Miss A. Hesp), each coming forward to receive the Honours and Degrees earned during the week. Each student was presented with a "College Hat." It was one long scream of laughter and those who had to leave us expressed their pleasure and delight at being present at the Summer School, with the wish they could put in the whole of the three weeks.

After dinner Mr. Berry concluded his lecture with "The Ascent of Man," which proved a very fitting finale for the week.

Saturday, Aug. 11th saw the departure of some of the students and the incoming of new ones. In the evening an informal gathering was held at which every student was introduced by Mr. Whyman to Mr. Keeling, President of the S.N.U., who offered official greetings to one and all for their happiness and comfort.

On Sunday morning a Lyceum Session was held, conducted by Mr. Keeling, Miss Anwyl Cole recited. A solo was rendered by Mr. Edwards. A demonstration of callisthenics was given by Misses Hesp, Elliott, Cole, and Mr. Keeling. Written questions formed the theme of discussion in the Liberty Group. The Session was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

In the afternoon we again visited Menai Bridge. Some of the students going to Church Island, others to Anglesea. We returned to Bangor through the beautiful Menai Woods overlooking the Menai Straits.

The service in the evening was conducted by the Rev. Geo. Cole, the room being crowded to overflowing. Mr. A. Whyman gave the clairvoyance.

After dinner a spiritual communion circle was held, where one felt they had been blessed by the presence of angels.

Monday morning, Mr. Keeling, President S.N.U., took for his subject "Some problems of the After Life," which was thoroughly digested by all, and followed by many questions and much discussion.

The afternoon was free. Some took the opportunity of going to the beach, others to Garth and elsewhere.

In the evening Community singing was indulged in, when everyone entered into the spirit of the thing. Miss Dean, Miss Hesp, Messrs. Keeling and Edwards added to the evening's pleasure with solos.

On Tuesday, Rev. Geo. Cole dealt with "The development of Mediumship." This met with some adverse criticism, but nevertheless was much enjoyed by all.

The afternoon again was free to wander where we cared.

In the evening Rev. G. Cole demonstrated his hypnotic powers, which was carefully noted by the students. A few tests were applied but not very successfully.

Wednesday morning found us all ready for the long trip. Starting from Bangor at 9-15 a.m. we passed through Port Dinorwie and Caer-yu-ar-yon Wall, or fort, or Castle, in the land adjacent to Mon., the Island called Anglesey. From Carnarvon we took the road through Pen-Y-Groes (Head of the Corss,) and Llanllyfn (Church of the Plain). We saw a high hill called Carnedd-goch (Red Stones) and on our right the Biolch Mawr (the defile, 1,870 feet) arriving at Criccieth and the Tremadoc Bay. The Criccieth Castle stands conspicuous on a hill projecting towards the sea. Across the bay stretched the coast of Mirioneth, where towered three peaks called the Rivals, Rhinog Fanor, 2021 feet, Mochfre and Llanur Llech (the floor of slate) forming a background to Harlech (Tower of slate). We then passed through Tremadoc (Town of Madoc), and turning sharply to the left we entered into Wales' most glorious and wonderfully beautiful pass of Albaglaslyn, through which flows the river Glaslyn (the Green flow), where precipitous rocks rose to a great height on both sides, covered marvellously with vegetation and trees. The beauty of it all took our breath away in wonder and admiration of the great creative force. At length we reached the old bridge (Pont Aberglaslyn) and we drove on to Beddgelert (Gelerti Grove), past Llyn Dinai (Lake of the City) and into the lovely Gwynant Pass (Valley of the Waters) in the middle of which is Gwynant Lake, which is fed by the river Afon Glaslyn.

We then went on to the junction of the Gwynant and Llanberis Pass, through Capel Curic, leaving the Snowdon heights behind us, and on to Bettys-y-Coed.

On the return journey we stopped at Swallow Falls where the Llugwy River tumbles, with its roaring waters, over the terraces of slippery rocks and boulders; a sight of wonderful beauty. We went as far as Pan-uy-Gwryd and turned sharply into Llanberis Pass, with Snowdon (3,560 feet) towering on our left and the Elider Fanor and Glyder Fawr, each of them over 3,000 feet, on our right. We passed Llyn Peris and arrived at Llanberis (The Church of Peris). From there we returned and left Padarn Lake on our right and we were soon again in Carnarvon where the ancient and well-preserved Castle was visited

by the students. We proceeded to Bangor via Menai Bridge and the coast, having covered 100 miles. This truly was "A day well spent."

After dinner the evening was spent in giving "Testimony to the proof of the continuity of life." Some very striking illustrations were giving.

On Thursday morning Mr. Keeling was again the lecturer. His subject "Steps to Spiritual Unfoldment" was well treated by him and drew forth good and interesting discussion.

In the afternoon we went by bus to Penmaenmaur, passing through Abba, Llanfairfechan. We then climbed the Jubilee Mountain. (Mr. Edward, of Bangor, acting as guide). Then on to Fairy Glen, where we were treated to a wonderful feast of beauty. We passed on to the village of Dwygyfylche, at the foot of the Sygant Pass, and back to Penmaenmaur. We then returned to Bangor.

In the evening the usual valedictory convocation was held, when all the students were called upon to receive the honours and degrees earned during the week. Great credit reflects upon Misses Hesp, Dean and Elliott for the splendid entertainment that was given.

On Friday, Mr. Cole lectured to us on "What is it that survives Death?" The lecture contained much controversial matter.

In the afternoon we paid a visit to Benllech, on the Isle of Anglesey. This visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The visibility was clear and we had a wonderful view of Snowdon, towering in all his beauty and strength. Benllech is a small village, lying behind Red Wharf Bay, where rocks jut out into the sea. A long stretch of red sand lay before us, with a clear blue sky above. We saw here a picture which is almost indescribable because of its beauty; if there is a little bit of heaven it has been placed here. On our return journey Snowdon faced us all the way until we reached the Menai Bridge and back again to Bangor. During the week nearly 200 miles had been covered by motor.

The evening was concluded with a discussion on "How do clairvoyants see the spirit people." The discussion certainly proved to be very edifying.

Saturday saw us all very reluctant to leave. I cannot stress too much how well the social side of the Summer School is catered for in just the same manner as the Educational side. The full idea of the educational side can only be fully appreciated by the participants.

Here we got a wonderful example of how educational study can be easily combined with pleasure. One of the most striking features of it all is the wonderful spirit of harmony reigning throughout. This is but the second year of the Summer School but I venture to say it has been born never to die, and the sweet hallowed memories of the School will live with us for aye.

Miss Hichmann, Miss Keeling, and Mr. Rodgers helped and added lustre with their sweet music.

Misses Dean and Hesp, Messrs. Berry, Keeling, and Edwards, added also to the harmony of the school with their solos.

The third week was being carried on under the able conductorship of Mr. Berry, Secretary, S.N.U.

EDITH ELLIOTT, A.N.S.C.,
F.O.Q.O., S.S.S.

HELPS TO THE STUDY OF THE LYCEUM MANUAL.

Mr. Alfred Kitson has published an extended "Helps to the Study of the Lyceum Manual."

The booklet is alphabetically arranged in readable type and stiff paper cover.

"Helps" was originally printed in the LYCEUM BANNER and afterwards issued as a pamphlet.

The original text has been supplemented by the addition of 186 difficult words and phrases.

The booklet has been compiled for the use of Lyceumists, Mr. Kitson states, "until the Lyceum Union may deem it wise to publish an official handbook in or after 1932."

There are many references to difficult words which will be helpful to students, and it should be noted that the definition of "soul," and, in fact, the whole handbook is published on Mr. Kitson's own responsibility.

The references to the "Calendar of Saints" have been omitted. These are to be printed in another handbook.

The revised and enlarged "Helps to the Study of the Lyceum Manual" can be obtained from Mr. Kitson, 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks. The price is 7d. per copy and 4s. 6d. per dozen, post free.

G.F.K.

PHRENOLOGY.

THE STUDENT'S ENCHYRIDION.

We have received a copy of "PHRENOLOGY, the Science of the Mind," by J. P. Blackford, Second Edition, price 7s. 6d. J. M. Severn, 68, West Street, Brighton.

The book is a manual for the student of Phrenology. It is notable that August 22nd is the date of the Centenary of the death of Dr. Gall, who was the discoverer "that every act and thought, mental and physical, had its origin in the brain! hence all the phenomena of individual life can only be adequately studied by and through this organ."

The first edition of the book having been sold out, it was the author's intention to produce a larger and more comprehensive work, but, unfortunately, his death in 1919 prevented its publication.

The present issue has been edited by Dr. A. G. Millott Severn, who was an intimate friend of Dr. Blackford and both were disciples of Dr. Gall.

The growing need of psychologists to classify the mental qualities, states and capabilities warrants a study of Phrenology. With this science of the mind as their basis, a better grasp of mental study can be commenced.

The book starts with the ancient views of man and leads up to character delineation. The discovery, principles and proofs of Phrenology are dealt with and later pages describe the brain locations and the perceptive intellectual faculties. Moral sentiments and social instincts and the nature of these attributes are clearly defined.

The reader of the book will find he has touched a real science and increased his understanding. Dr. Severn is a phrenologist and the son of a phrenologist, Prof. J. Millott Severn, whose repute and success should commend "Phrenology" to all who are interested in the subject.

There is a special index to the subject matter in the text.

Lyceumists will find it to be a useful text book for the Liberty Groups.

G.F.K.

Births, Marriages, and In Memoriam.

Ordinary Intimations will be inserted as follows:—Not exceeding twenty-four words, free. 6d. will be charged for every additional nine words. Poetry 6d. per line. Payment must accompany all intimations of more than 24 words, or they cannot be inserted. In Memoriam for any previous year will be charged 1/- for 24 words, and 6d. for additional 9 words. Poetry 6d. per line.

MARRIAGE.

SMALLEY—BRADLEY. At Preston Central Spiritualist Church on Aug. 11th, 1928, Mr. R. Smalley to Miss Emily Bradley. Both are members of the Church and Lyceum.

IN MEMORIAM.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—We regret to record the passing of Mrs. F. Whiteley, who was the wife of one of our Lyceumists before migrating to Canada. Mrs. Whiteley passed away after an operation and leaves a husband and three sons to mourn her loss. Her mother (Mrs. Wilks) was a pioneer of our Church and Mr. Whiteley was a Church Trustee.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton & Byker.—In loving memory of Susie Lunn (Mrs.) who passed to the higher life, Aug. 21st, 1927. From all at home.

"Loved ones who have gone before me
Whisper words of peace and joy."

OLDHAM, Central.—This month comes round again and with it a memory of a little son, Harry Porritt Clegg, passed over Sept. 23rd, aged three weeks. Never forgotten by his Mother, Father and Auntie Hetty.

D.V. Report.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

I visited Brighthouse Alliance on June 10th, punctual start with 40 present. Singing and readings were good. The marching and callisthenics were well rendered. The conduct was good. The Liberty Group was also good.

I visited Sowerby Bridge on July 29th. 42 present. Readings were well read and the singing was good. The comment on readings were very good. Marching and callisthenics were well rendered. The Session was ably conducted.—F. Baldwin, D.V.



DEAR FELLOW IMPS,

Holiday time is over for you, and I suppose you are all sighing at having to go back to school. But you should do what we always do in Nursery Land, when we have to do something that we don't like; you should shut your eyes tight and say "I don't see anything I don't like, and I like everything I can see." And as you cannot see anything at all—well, there you are. You must then pretend that what you don't want to do is really very good for you, and that you really ought to do it, and that you will do it just to oblige. And as you have to do it anyway, whether you like it or not—well, there you are again! You please yourself and you do nobody else any harm. So just say that you *ought* to like to go to school, because it is all for your own good, and that you *will* go just to please your kind parents and teachers—they *may* believe you, and you have to go in any case.

WHAT A LOT OF LETTERS.

How did I guess that you were on holiday? Why, I didn't have to guess; I *know*. All the last month parties of you have been coming to spend your Sleetime with us, and we've had some jolly fine times in one way and another. We have had trips on the Magic Carpet and the enchanted broom of the Witch of the Wood; we've been to the Fairy Glen and had a look at Gerald's castle and the bridge built by the Slaves of the Lamp; and we've taken turns at hiding under Aladdin's Magic Cloak. And you all went away declaring that you would tell everybody that Fairy-Land and Nursery-Land were not at all like what you had been told, but were really very nice places, with very nice people—especially the Imps, and ONE Imp in particular. I thank you.

This was how you spent your nights—and I knew it must be holiday time, as you are not allowed to visit us at other times. How you've spent your days you have told me in your letters—and such a lot of them—and I know you have been having great fun and happiness wherever you've been staying. Several new members of our Order have sent an account of their holidays as their Entry Effort. Letters have come from all parts of England and Wales, but not one yet from Scotland. I met MacSikkar, our Scottish Imp, and he feels upset that I havna had ain wee bit letter frae the land of the thistle. So will one generous Scot write and set him at ease. Mac thinks I have upset the Scots by setting the riddle, "Why does a donkey eat thistles"; and not so much by that as by giving the answer. What! you don't know the answer? I thought everybody knew it, "Because he's an ass." You did know, didn't you? Well, that's the answer; and I don't think MacSikkar is right, though he says there's no joke about a thistle and he's right there. I ask for at least one letter from Scotland. Now then.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS.

We give hearty congratulations to Madge Spence, of Newton Heath, who has been doing very well at school and has won a Scholarship. Madge is only eleven, and every member of Our Royal Order is proud of her and wishes her the best of luck in her new school.

OUR CONUNDRUMS.

I haven't had a solution yet to Frank's horse-shoeing problem, and I would rather that one of our Kiddies did it. Remember that there were 28 nails, and that it is not enough to give the cost of the 28th nail—the cost of the whole 28 is needed. So have one more try.

The answers to Irene's puzzles are: (a) a potato; (b) a chair; and (c) a football. The puzzles are in last month's BANNER.

Malcolm Mason (Hanley) has sent the following:—(a) When is a lamp-post a lamplighter? (b) What part of a fish weighs most? (c) What is the keynote of good manners?

GEE UP.

Harold Connor, of Wigan, is a horse-lover. "I love horses, and like to go with a gentleman who has a coal business. He sometimes lets me drive the horse. I never whip it, for that would be cruel. Sometimes I ride on its back. The horse's name is Dolly, and it will not bite me if I hold out my hand with a crust on it. I am deeply attached to this horse and both love one another."

Harold is only eight years old; we may hear of him yet as the animals' friend, for horses are not the only animals worth loving.

MISTRESS GOOSE'S MISTAKE.

I hope Minnie Hunter, another Wigan Lyceumist, has written this story herself, as it is good enough to be written by a Lyceumist, and Minnie is 10:

Mrs. Goose was a most terrible gossip. She always knew more about other birds' business than they did themselves, and if you were in a hurry you had to avoid Mrs. Goose's nest, for she'd always come out and talk and talk. The worst of it all was that, like most gossips, she nearly always got her facts wrong. One day Mrs. Goose met Mr. Stork as she was on her way to market, carrying a basket of eggs; and he'd got his best hat on, so she guessed he was going that way as well. "Quack, quack," she said, "have you heard the news? There's going to be a bus running to town to-day, and I hear that they carry birds free. Of course, I'm going by bus, aren't you?" "If it's free," said Mr. Stork; "but are you sure it is?" "Oh, quite sure," said Mrs. Goose; "there's young Robin; I'll just tell him the news and he can come along too." So Mrs. Goose and Mr. Stork and Robin all jumped into the bus, and felt very pleased with themselves until the Conductor came along saying "Fares, please." "Birds ride free on this bus," quacked Mrs. Goose. "Nobody rides free on this bus, except infants in arms," said the Conductor, very angrily; "out you go, all of you," and he hustled them out. "Wrong as usual," grumbled Mr. Stork. But Mrs. Goose insisted that she was right. "I'll tell you how I heard it," she said. "Mrs. Farmer Jones was going along the road with her baby the other day, and I heard her say, 'Tired, my bird? Well, we'll take a bus then; mother won't have to pay anything for you, ducky.' Now doesn't that mean birds can ride free in the bus?"

HAS IT COME TO NURSERY-LAND?

"Dear Brother Imp,—I am only a little mouse, but I have a lot of miseries. I went in a cupboard and I had a good meal; then when I got home I was very ill indeed, and the others sent for a doctor, and he said he could not heal me and I would have to die. He left me, and I did die, after all." Your loving friend, Irene Tyrer (Newton Heath).

Does Mousie really mean that she died *in spite of* the doctor having left her?

NEW HONOURABLE MEMBERS.

The list of new members will be given in the October BANNER.

THE ROYAL AND ANCIENT ORDER OF KIDDIES.

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

1. You don't need to fill up or send in any Form.
2. You don't have to pay any fee.
3. You just send in an effort for Our Kiddies' Corner.
4. It may be a fairy tale or any other sort of story; a letter about yourself, your holidays, your pets, your hobbies; you may send in a puzzle or the answer to a puzzle; you can send in *anything*, so long as it is useful to somebody.
5. Send your effort to VERONTAS, c/o Miss Kitson, 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks.
6. As we cannot have more than a page in the BANNER, we may not be able to get all efforts printed each month. But *whoever sends in any effort* will be enrolled as a member of the Order, and get a Certificate, just the same. It is sending in the effort that counts for membership—for really, the prize for doing a thing is in having done it.
7. A list of members will be kept, and they will get one mark for each effort sent in (but not more than one for each month); and in the December issue each year will be printed

a list of the nine members who have earned most marks during the year.

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

Your loving Brother Imp,
VERONTAS.

Our Lyceum Guild.

(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,

I hope that many of you have been fortunate, and have had holiday at the seaside or in the country, and have returned home feeling better in every way for the change and rest.

And now I hope you are busy with your preparations for the Winter Session of your Guild Classes and Study Groups, and are ready to make a definite start on the work for next examinations. Guildites, remember your pledges; and *go in and win*.

I should be glad of reports from our various Guild Classes. They give helpful ideas and also encouragement to other centres, by learning of what is done, and what plans are followed elsewhere.

I hope to be able to announce next month the results of the recent Essay Competition.

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*).

ADJECTIVE. All adjectives and participles when used as adjectives, end in "a", as "Forta"—"strong," "Amanta"—"Loving." When an adjective qualifies a plural noun, such an adjective also takes the sign of the plural "j" as:—"La Belaj Floroj," "the beautiful flowers." If an adjective refers to a noun in the objective case, such an adjective must also take the sign of that case, "N," as:—"Mi trovis Junan Birdon en la gardeno," "I found a young bird in the garden." The adjective may follow or precede the noun it qualifies, as:—"Mi havas novan surtuton," or "Mi havas surtuton novan," "I have a new overcoat." As already stated, participial adjectives, that is, participles used as adjectives, follow the above rules. "Amanta Amiko," "A Loving Friend." "Du belajn Hundojn," "Two beautiful dogs."

NUMERALS. The Cardinal Numbers are:—1—Unu, 2—Du, 3—Tri, 4—Kvar, 5—Kvin, 6—Ses, 7—Sep, 8—Ok, 9—Nau, 10—Dek, 100—cent, 1,000—Mil.

Tens or hundreds are formed by the aid of the numbers preceding, as in:—"du-dek"—"20," "Tri-cent-sep"—"307." The use of the hyphen is not obligatory. Ordinals are formed from the cardinals by adding "a" of the adjective "Unu-a"—"first," "Sepa"—"seventh." Fractions are formed by adding "On" to the cardinals, and then "O" or "A," according to whether they are nouns or adjectives, as:—"La centona parto de la mono," "The hundredth part of the money." Multiples are formed by adding "Obl" and either "O" or "A" according to the part of speech, "Okobla"—"eightfold." Collectives are formed by adding "Op" and either "A" or "E" for the adjective or adverb. "Duope"—"by twos." Once, twice, etc., uses the suffix "foje" to complete the word, as in "Unufoje," "once."

(To be continued).

NEW SECRETARIES, ETC.

Walthamstow.—Mr. H. Heighton, 19, Waterloo Road, Leyton, London, E.10.

Brierfield.—Mr. A. Sewell, 9, Hudson Street, Brierfield, Lancs.

Colne.—Mr. T. Hargreaves, 44, New Market Street, Colne.

Rishton.—Mr. C. Cooke, 29, Clarke Street, Rishton.

Rochdale, Baillie Street.—Mr. C. Reeves, 1, White Willow Place, Rochdale, Lancs.

High Jinks in Nursery-land.

By VERONTAS, The Guild Imp.

III. (*continued*). THE HIGH JINKS ASSOCIATION.

It was only a simple little song, and all but Gerald had heard it over and over again; but, as Tommy's sweet boyish treble rang through the vaulted hall, everyone listened in rapt attention. His song finished, Tommy stepped down from the table, amidst loud applause, and then the feasting began. Gerald was placed opposite Friar Tuck and Fee Fi Fo Fum, and he sat gazing in amazement as they emptied plate after plate that had been brought forward loaded with food. They kept on eating long after all the others had finished, but at last even they were satisfied—and the feast was over. Nothing now remained but to remove the empty dishes and the tables and to clear the hall for whatever was to take place next. And as Gerald was wondering how long it would take to get everything ready, Maid Marion stood up in her place and, bowing to Queen Mab and Amteck, said:

"May it please your Fairy Majesty, and you, most excellent Amteck, it seems a pity that our trusty henchmen who have worked so nobly at providing our banquet should also have the task of getting ready for our revels; so may I appeal to the Prince Aladdin to call on his magic helpers to come to their assistance, if not to their relief. His Lamp may not lighten their comings and goings, but methinks, it could be used to lighten their labours."

"I'd be only too glad to oblige," said Aladdin, "but how can I do it?"

"You could Ring them up, and ask them to help," suggested Friar Tuck.

"Yes, I could do that," agreed Aladdin, "but, as I told you before, the Slaves of the Lamp don't like to work in the light; and we cannot very well ask our friends, the fire-flies, to go away for awhile; they might forget to come back."

"Couldn't you ask them to turn themselves outside in?" broke in Simple Simon. "That would make it dark."

"I don't see why not," said Aladdin, when the shout of laughter had died down. "Our young friend has made a mistake and said something useful, at last. So if Your Majesty can persuade the fire-flies to turn themselves outside in for a few minutes, I'll Ring up the Slaves of the Lamp and we'll soon have everything just as we want it."

"Very good," said Queen Mab, "I'll see what I can do."

"And if she's successful, she won't be able to see what she can do," giggled Little Jack Horner. But Mab took no notice of him. She stood up, not any too sure that she was not going to wreck her party—for they couldn't have done anything but go home if the fire-flies got annoyed and went away in a huff. So she started off very carefully, and, as fairies always do when they are anxious or nervous, or just the least little bit afraid, she broke into rhyme:

"Bright bearers of the living light,
We beg your aid this gladsome night—"

She paused, and we all felt sorry for her (I always pity poor folks who feel so bad that they use poetry) as we watched The Flies to see how they were taking it. But they didn't seem to mind, so far, and we waited to see what she would do next. Evidently she felt encouraged, for she went on with her appeal:

"A moment's darkness sure will bring
The faithful Slaves of Lamp and Ring,
To do the will of Aladdin—
So will you PLEASE turn outside in."

I don't know what she intended saying after that, but, whatever it may have been, it wasn't needed; for just as she was saying the last line the Fire-flies seemed to swallow each other; and, before we knew quite what was happening, we were in pitch darkness. We were all too much surprised to scream or shout; we just sat there with our mouths open, as if we were trying to swallow flies, while such an awful hullabaloo as you never heard in your life broke out all around us. There was scraping and scratching and banging, and the dragging of heavy articles across the floor. And all the time there was again (as at the building of the bridge) the hurry and flurry of wings, and a sort of low whining or sighing (O'Esbe said it sounded like the last despairing shriek of a drowning haddock), and at last the shout of accomplishment—the Fire-flies seemed to unswallow each other, and once more we were in the brightly lighted room.

But what a change—and wasn't Gerald surprised! Like all the rest of us, he had heard things going on all around him, but

nothing or nobody had seemed to touch him; yet all the tables were gone, and the centre of the great hall was vacant; while round the walls, just like galleries, were rows upon rows of chairs, in which were seated all the jovial company that so recently had been dining (or was it supping?)—and he found himself on a raised dais (I mustn't call it a platform, as a queen was seated on it) from which he could command a view of all in the hall. The dais was covered with a carpet of crimson velvet and his chair looked like a golden throne, little, if any, inferior to that of Queen Mab. We were all seated near him, on the left hand side of the dais.

For a little we all sat looking at each other, but at last the Queen nodded to Amteck, who stood up at once and explained the meeting.

"Most of us here," he began, "know of the reason for this gathering, and for the presence of our Earthland guest. But this is the first time that we have allowed the presence of our children and our very good friends the younger Imps. But we have decided that as they are a much-to-be-reckoned-with part of life in Nursery-Land, they should and will be allowed to attend at the meetings of our Association and take a part in our revels. Our friend, Friar Tuck, has undertaken to explain to Gerald who we are, what we are and why we are; so, for the present, I shall simply ask you to welcome him to our homes and hearts, and to leave over for later discussion what part he shall play amongst us. I am instructed by His Majesty, King Ariel of Imp-Land, whose vizier I am, to state how sorry he is that we have not the great honour of his presence with us to-night. We would all be glad of the presence of our President, but we know that he cannot always attend. But that is no reason why we should not make the most of being gathered together. So let us proceed with our revels—or, as I understand they have been explained to our guest, our High Jinks. And I would like to suggest that in future our Association shall be known as The High Jinks Association."

He finished and sat down, and we cheered him for it; and when Gerald was made to stand on his chair we cheered him too—in fact, for quite a while we cheered everybody that got up and everybody that sat down, and everybody that moved and everybody that tried to speak (we cheered too loud to allow anything more than *trying*, for Amteck had given us as much talking as we wanted or intended to have). So we cheered and we cheered till at last they gave it up as a bad job and allowed those who were to entertain us to take the floor.

(To be continued).

London District Visitor's Report.

From February 19th to June 17th I have had the pleasure of visiting the following 16 Lyceums:—February 18th, Kingston. February 26th, Peckham (21st Anniversary), 41 present; 15 efforts. March 3rd, Croydon (4th Anniversary), 53 present. March 11th, Fulham; 53 present. March 18th, Surbiton (4th Anniversary), 43 present. March 25th, Clapham (Anniversary), 54 present and 45 pearls. April 1st, Southend; about 200 present. Mr. Keeling, of Liverpool, attended. April 8th, Kingston. April 15th, Hounslow. April 22nd, North London. April 29th, Tottenham. May 6th, Fulham (21st Anniversary); 156 present; 84 pearls. May 13th, Hampton (8th Anniversary); 74 present; 63 pearls. May 20th, Chatham (Anniversary); about 140 present. Mr. Knott attended. 36 pearls on the word "Joy." May 27th, Forest Hill. June 3rd, North London (17th Anniversary); present 74; pearls 41. June 10th, Kingston (18th Anniversary), 90 present; pearls 59; 10 efforts. Mr. Drury gave the prizes and Mr. Cox the Diplomas. June 17th, Brixton, 60 present; 47 pearls. Mrs. Statan, an old Conductor, was warmly welcomed.

This quarter has been a record for attendances and efforts, thus cementing Lyceumists together for the good of the cause we represent, "Brotherhood."—F. J. Miles, D.V.

District Council Reports.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

Our Annual Field Day and Demonstration took place at Cleckheaton on Saturday, July 7th. The procession was marshalled by Mr. L. Tweedale (Wakefield), President of the Council and Field Marshal, and was very ably assisted by Mr. Spencer (Birstal), Mr. Ingle (Easy Road), Mr. Sutcliffe (Morley, Queen St.), and Mr. Firth (Armley), the Assistant Marshals. Council Messenger, Mr. Daisley (Leeds Psycho), and Local Messengers, Mr. Burke and Mr. Wilkinson (Cleckheaton). Musical Director Mr. L. Bland (Dewsbury).

The procession left the Feast Ground headed by the Spensborough and Wakefield City Prize Bands, and paraded through the principal streets to the field. After singing the hymn "The World is full of Music" we dispersed to places allotted for each Lyceum for tea, which was splendidly catered for by the Wakefield Co-operative Society, through Mr. Mogg, the Manager of Catering Department. 1,112 persons were served with tea within 10 minutes. The Bandmen, representatives and officials, numbering about 84, were served with tea at the Old Robin Rooms (Cleckheaton Society) and were under the supervision of Mr. Peel (Dewsbury) who was Steward for Bands and Representatives. After tea the Lyceums assembled for Marching and callisthenics which were splendidly done. The Assistant Marshals controlled their squares in a remarkable manner and the exercises were an eye-opener to strangers. The marches were well thought out by Mr. Tweedale and were very simple and very impressive indeed. The callisthenics were very well executed and very ably led. The music by the Wakefield City Band could not have been better played or a nicer piece rendered. All were called together and the hymn "God Speed the Right" was sung. The remainder of the evening was given up to dancing, etc.

Heading the procession were Mr. Tweedale (President and Marshal), Mr. C. Wright (Field Day Secretary), Mr. Harding (Council Secretary), Mrs. Hurley (Vice-President), Mr. Wilson (Treasurer), Mr. Spencer (D.V.), Mr. J. F. Smith, of Sheffield (Area Representative), our old friend, B.S.L.U. Adviser and Honorary Member of the Council, Dad Kitson. Mr. Barnes, of Bradford (Adjudicator for 1928), Mr. E. Aked and Miss Craig (Bradford L.D.C.) Mr. Philips and Mrs. Bruce (Sheffield L.D.C.) Miss Halliday and Mr. Baldwin (Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C.), Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Croll (Leeds District Committee), Mr. Williamson and Mr. Plump (Bradford District Committee), Mr. Johnson (Sheffield District Committee), Mrs. Sharp (Yorkshire District Committee), Mrs. Adamson (Leeds District Committee, Fraternal Delegate).

The St. John's Ambulance Association very kindly helped us and they did some very useful work in the Field in attending to minor cases through the weather. They also erected a small marquee and provided a bed. Unfortunately this was needed. A young man who came from Wakefield paraded the streets with us and had a few cases.

The Cleckheaton friends worked very hard and the arrangements made by them were splendid. Great credit and the Council's best thanks are due to them for efficiency. Mr. C. Wright, who acted as Field Day Secretary, had a tremendous amount of work to do and he did it well for the credit of our Council. We cannot praise him too much. Mr. Horton (Birstal) and Mr. Howard (Easy Road) acted as Collectors at the gate. The L.M.S. Railway Co. ran a special train to pick up Lyceumists en route.

The Collections en route were £7 os. 2½d. at the gate £2 18s. After all is paid there will be a nice balance of £6 to £8 for our Field Day Fund. Our worthy Treasurer gave valuable assistance to the Secretary and received the monies. Old King Sol, who had been hiding his face for a while, let himself be seen and we felt his tremendous heat.

The Quarterly Conference will be held on Saturday, September 8th, 1928, at Queen Street, Normanton, at 3-30 p.m.

Business. Opening Exercise, Invocation, Welcome, President's Address, Minutes, Correspondence. Reports—Credentia Officers, D.V., Treasurer, L.D.C., Field Day, Auditor, Competition business and result. Associates, Area Representative. U.D.C. Next Conference. Invitations for March, 1929. Field Day, 1929. Invitations for next meeting. Vote of Thanks to local friends.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the L.L.D.C. took place on June 23rd, at Forest Hill Church.

Tea was provided by the Lyceumists of the Forest Hill Church. The meeting opened at 5-30 p.m. by Mr. Clegg giving the invocation. 35 Officers, Delegates, and Associates were present.

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

The resignation of our late Secretary, Mr. Young, was accepted with much regret. Several members spoke with appreciation of the services Mr. Young and his family had rendered to the Council.

The President, Mr. Fruin, thanked Lyceums for their co-operation in the various activities of the Council, especially thanking those who took part in the League of Nations Union Festival of Youth, held at the Crystal Palace on June 2nd. It was gratifying to know that a young Lyceumist of 11 years,

Margaret Ella, of Fulham, won 2nd place in the junior Elocution Competition held in connection with the Festival.

Particular stress was laid on the importance of educational work. Lyceums were urged to give greater support to the College Scheme.

Mrs. Calway was elected Secretary, and resulting vacancies on the E.C. were filled.

The Treasurer's report showed a very satisfactory position and was adopted.

Social, D.V., and A.D.V., Conference and L.D.C. reports were all accepted.

Various arrangements re the M.C. visit and Annual Demonstration were made; also for I.S.F. Model Session.

Various projects were discussed with a view to forming Sports and Winter Games sections.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Forest Hill Church and Lyceum for their hospitality.—A. Galway, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The Anniversary Meeting of the above Council was held at Smethwick on July 14th.

The President read the names and welcomed all who attended and said on looking on our first year's work he could see by the faces of all present that we were well banded together and he was well pleased.

An enthusiastic meeting was held and all business was earnestly discussed. All reports showed that great progress is being made.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the Smethwick Lyceum, which was enjoyed by all. After tea the meeting was continued and arrangements made for the combined outing.

Much of the business on the Agenda was left undiscussed owing to another meeting being held later.

The meeting proved the growing unity of the Birmingham District.

AN OUTING.

A combined outing of Lyceums of the Birmingham District was held in Sutton Park on Saturday, July 21st. A bright, sunny day favoured the occasion and the children had an enjoyable time on the banks of the Blackroot Pool.

Nearly 150 Lyceumists sat down to tea, after which sports and games were indulged in. All Lyceums contributed towards the prizes. It is hoped that this will be an annual event. Everyone enjoyed themselves and all went home tired but happy.—D. Straw, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Our quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, Aug. 4th, at St. Peter Street Church, Nine Delegates, 4 Officers, and 2 visitors, were in attendance. Minutes of previous meeting, D.V. Report, and B.S.L.U. A.G.M. report, were after discussion, accepted. The written report of the L.L.D.C. Demonstration very strongly inferred the truth of the adage "Where there's a will there's a way." Lyceumists, recognise that you have the power to do.

We definitely decided to procure a Shield and Bell to take the place of the Prize Banner, to be held by the most efficient Lyceum.

An invitation to hold our next meeting at Slaitwaite on Sunday, Oct. 28th, was accepted.

Thanks for the use of the rooms for our meeting were recorded.—T. Ellis, Sec.

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The above Council will hold the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 15th, 1928, in the Church at Albert Road, Blackpool. A full representation is desired as business is specially important. The meeting will commence at 3-30 p.m.

Agenda:—Minutes. Correspondence. Reports,—B.S.L.U. matters. Open Council. Will Lyceum Secretaries notify their Associates of this meeting. Tea provided by Blackpool friends at a nominal charge.—J.S.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th, the quarterly meeting will be held in the Penn St. Lyceum, Rochdale, to commence at 4-0 p.m.

Teas will be provided at a moderate charge.

It would be gratifying to the Officers if every Lyceum would send along their Delegate to this meeting. If deeper interest were taken in Council work the Movement in general would benefit thereby. There will be plenty of scope for discussion at our next meeting on matters which are essential to every Lyceumists.

The presence and help of your Delegates will be greatly appreciated by our President, Mr. Dixon,

Lyceums will receive their Agendas and Credential forms by the time this appears in print, so please send or nominate your respective representatives. Old and new associates are kindly invited.—H. Greaves, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace.—Our Lyceum Sessions during the past month of June have been very well attended and we are pleased to note that our numbers are increasing.

A Lyceum Social and Entertainment Committee has been appointed whose duty it will be to arrange our Social gatherings, concerts, etc., throughout the season.

A very enjoyable social was held on June 20th which was a success in every way and a credit to our Committee.

Arrangements are being made to hold two socials per month, in addition to which we are hoping to have some Lyceum Concerts.—S. Harris, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 5th. There were not quite so many of our Lyceumists as some of them are not back from their holidays. We had a visitor from Middlesbrough, Mrs. Lily Osborne, and we all enjoyed her company. She has come to stay in Winnipeg so we are looking forward to many visits from her. Pearls and recitations by Miss E. Brown, Miss E. Lindsay, M. Muir, Mr. Slater, Mr. Pearson, Louis Rimmer, Mrs. Armitt. Solo by Miss E. Broen, Miss E. Lindsay. Song by Mr. Pearson.

We held our Annual Picnic to Winnipeg Beach for two weeks. The children had good times in the water. We had lovely weather, and I can safely say every one, young and old, enjoyed themselves.—Mrs. Armitt, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—We held a happy Open Session on August 5th. The S.C. and G.C. recitations were well read and questions were asked. Marching and callisthenics were smartly done. Good response to songs, solos and pearls.—J. Babbs, Sec.

EDLINGTON.—We spent a very enjoyable afternoon on Saturday, August 18th. Tea given by Mrs. Steel, our Lyceum Conductor. Prizes were won by sports. About 36 Lyceumists, mostly young children, attended. The field at Averly Hall was lent for the day.—Miss B. Hayward, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

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

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—We held our Open Session on July 1st. Recitations by Nelly Laycock, Phyllis Glover, Walter Swift and Tom Barker. Solos and duets by Mr. Fazackerley, Miss Barker, Hilda Swift, Phoda Swift, Miss Keniford, Amilia Dodd, Nellie Laycock, Mr. Laycock, Mrs. Glover and Master Musgrave. Very good discussion on the Golden Chain, conducted by Mr. Walter Taylor, of Great Harwood.—Miss Hilda Swift, Sec.

BARNESLEY, North Pavement.—The Lyceum Anniversary, on July 15th, was a success. We had recitations given by Miss Margaret Hampton and Alice Morfleet, Donald and Fred Gelder.

We held a tea on Monday, July 16th, and gave a successful Service of Song.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, Dalton Road.—On June 24th we held our Lyceum Anniversary. In the afternoon our Conductor, Mr. Roy Brown, conducted a Lyceum Open Session before a large audience of members and friends. Mrs. H. Butterworth, D.N.U., presented the prizes to Lyceumists who had obtained them.

In the evening Mr. Howbrook, Assistant Conductor, was Chairman, when a Service of Song, "The Warning Voice," was rendered. Mr. R. Brown gave the reading, which was well received by our congregation. A grand day was spent and will be remembered by all.—L. Brown, Sec.

BEESTON.—We held our Anniversary on June 24th and 25th. The services were spiritually, intellectually and financially successful. The whole Lyceum received praise for the splendid efforts. Speaker, Mrs. Simpson, of Nottingham. Recitations and special hymns and solos were well rendered by the Lyceumists.—George Paling, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Our usual Open Session was held on July 1st. Recitations by Annie Watson, Florrie Watson, Edna Jones, Elsie Makin, Peggy Simpson, Iris Durnham, Beatie Callaghan, Nellie Connor, Gladys Crombleholme, Clifford Jones, Leslie Hamilton, Doris Dunn and Reg Robb. Solo by Albert Thompson, accompanied by Miss E. Thompson at the piano.—John Hirst, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—June 24th was our Lyceum Flower Service. In the afternoon we held our Open Session. About 140 took part in the marching and callisthenics. Recitations by J. Parkinson, F. Holding, W. Railton, E. Wood, E. Walley, R. Parkinson and Mrs. H. Francis. Solo by Miss E. Hopper. Mrs. Sutton conducted the naming of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hopper and gave her the earthly name Brenda; spirit name Lily. There were about 230 present to enjoy a good session.

In the evening the Lyceum children and choir gave a song service, "The Rival Seasons," which was well rendered before a good congregation.—T. Wood, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—On July 1st we held our Open Session, when the following Lyceumists took part:—Joan McKay, Winnie Hill, Vera Solmon, A. A. and Albert Wilkinson, Hilda Turner, Laura Wright, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Solmon and Mr. Hill.—E. Pickles, Sec.

BURY, King Street.—July 1st, Open Sessions. Mr. Charnley, President of the Bolton L.D.C., attended the evening Session and spoke a few words of encouragement. The Lyceumists responded well with social items.

During the last month our children have had two picnics, one to Heaton Park and one to Hollingworth Lake. Both were enjoyed immensely.—A.D., Sec.

CHESTER.—On July 1st the Anniversary was held, taking the form of two Open Sessions, in the morning and afternoon, and a service in the evening. The Conductor presided at all meetings. In the evening the address was given by Miss N. Cain, who spoke on "Seeds of Promise," Mrs. Harris presided at the organ. The reading was chosen from the *Lyceum Manual* (No. 78). Solos were rendered by Geo. Owens and May Bailey. A duet by Marjorie Burghall and Muriel Brown. Recitations were given by Geo. and Gladys Owens, Hilda and Millie Morris, Jessie Cross, Dorothy Sutton, Joyce Brown and Ivy Bailey. Everyone enjoyed the meetings, which were a great success.—Chas. Hesketh, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On July 8th we held our Open Session, when the following Lyceumists rendered items:—Eveline Clements, Jessie Orwin, Sidney Hobster, John Slater, Ernest Heath, Francis Hobster, Marion Leverton, Connie Slater, Avis Bown, Marion Wagstaffe, Leslie Driver, May Wheatley. The conduct of the Lyceum was good. We closed by singing "Sweet Summerland."—May Wheatley, Session Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, July 1st. Good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Duet by Miss A. Rayner and Miss A. Wilson. Solo by Miss M. B. Robinson. Quartette by Misses Eva Rowley, Annie Irvine, Dorothy and Doris Garside. Pearls by Mrs. Holmes, Mr. S. Bryan and Mr. G. V. Wilson. Recitations by Misses Nellie Boswell, Sylvia Wright, N. Broadbent and Master Frank Rowe. Conductor, T. Brooke.

In the evening we held a double naming ceremony. The first baby was that of Mr. and Mrs. Rose, of Scholes. Its spirit name was "Love," earthly name Alma. The next child was that of Mr. and Mrs. O. Summerscales. Spirit name was "Faith," earthly name Nora. Mrs. Newton, of Birkenshaw, was the speaker. We had a real good day. The Annual Field Day Demonstration this year was at Cleckheaton. It was an eye-opener to all the people who live here. I am glad to say we got our little Lyceumist out of the Infirmary for this big day.—Mrs. E. Holmes, Sec.

DENTON.—Open Session, July 8th. Marching and callisthenics were good and enjoyed by everyone. Greetings by Lyceumists.

At the evening service, Elsie and Arnold Southgate were

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On Saturday, July 19th, our Annual Outing, via Pots and Pans. We thank Saddleworth Church for their kindness and a most enjoyable time.—Edith Bradbury, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—Open Session, July 1st. Conducted by Miss Johnson. Invocation by Lewis Gomersall. Pearls and recitations by A. Crossland, Mr. Trout, E. Gomersall, I. Ackroyd, E. Ackroyd, O. Ackroyd, D. Mumford and Mrs. Gomersall. A. Crossland gave the benediction, bringing an enjoyable session to a close.

On July 15th and 16th we held our Anniversary Services. Open Session during the afternoon. Lyceumists rendered a Song Service in the evening. The second meeting was taken by the elders. On Monday a Public Tea was well patronised. Lyceumists gave recitations and solos in the evening. On Tuesday we gave a Free Tea and Social to all Lyceumists. All our services were well attended. We made new members for the Lyceum which is still increasing.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Election of Officers:—Conductor, Mr. W. Parkinson; Assistant, Mrs. F. Church, Nora Harris and George Cooke; Guardian, Mrs. Cooper; Treasurer, Mr. Shurmen; Captain of Guards, George Williams; Guards, Tom Church, George Philips, Jack Wilson, and Annie Williams; Marching Leaders, Frank Philips and Mr. Parkinson, Annie Bugg and Phyllis Jordan; Musical Director, Mr. Batley; Sick Visitors, Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Smith; Auditor, Mrs. Marron; Delegates, Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Firth; Secretary, Mrs. Firth. The Open Session items were:—Recitations by Doris Parkinson, Irene Watkins, Laura Moore, Irene Christopherson, Mary Mayhew, Harry Horne, Frank Phillips, Dorothy and Ruth Harris. Solo by Irene Watkins. It was another very good session.—Mrs. E. K. Firth, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—On July 8th we held our Anniversary Services. A Service of Song, entitled "The Rival Seasons," was beautifully rendered by the Lyceumists, who worked hard to make it a success. The afternoon speaker, Mrs. Nicol, gave an encouraging address to the Lyceumists. In the evening a large congregation of parents and friends assembled. Altogether a highly successful day was spent. Thanks are due to Mrs. Howard and Miss Cole for tutoring the children.—W. Piercy, Sec.

HANLEY.—We were pleased to welcome Miss Elliott on July 1st, when she paid a visit to us and spoke helpful words of hope and encouragement to a good number of Lyceumists. Mr. Rowley presided and the children sang the Anniversary hymns in honour of Miss Elliott's visit. A most delightful session.—A. Mason, Sec.

HYDE, George Street.—We held our Annual Outing to Heaton Park, under the auspices of the North-East Cheshire District Council, on Saturday, July 14th. The Park is a beautiful place, covering a good many acres of land. There are steamers, boating, miniature railway, putting green, bowling and several other places of interest. We arrived home safely after spending a very good day. The children were very good and gave no trouble.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty, Progressive.—On July 1st we held our Open Session. Pearls and recitations were good. Recitations by Yvonne Dehoux, Alice Gamble, Elsie Clements and Mrs. Hurst. Duet by Elsie Clements and Doris Jayes. Solos by Mr. H. Jayes and Mr. W. Beck. Quintette by Misses

Wheatley, Jayes, Taylor, F. and A. Gamble.—S. J. C. Wheatley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert Street.—July 1st we held our Open Session, when the following Lyceumists took part:—Misses Yvonne Dehoue, Doris and Lily Jayes, Mary Coysh, Mrs. Dehoue and Horace Jayes. Solos by Misses Lily Jordan and Doris Goldsmith. Duets by Willie and Mary Coysh, Albert Remington and Mr. W. Beck.

On July 8th Dr. T. Timson gave a grand address to the Lyceum.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham Street.—Open Session July 1st. The Lyceum was responsible for the week-end speaker. Mrs. Larder, of Birmingham, paid her first visit to us and gave splendid addresses and clairvoyance at all services.

On Monday evening, July 2nd, the Lyceumists rendered the Service of Song, "Summerland." Clairvoyance by Mrs. Rospin.—N. Willey, Sec.

LINCOLN, Midland Hall.—On Wednesday, July 18th, we spent a happy night with the children, who gave a Concert which comprised songs, duets, toe dancing, Morris and garland dances. Grand Tableaux were formed by the children, representing "Caterpillars turning into Butterflies" and "Bees getting honey from the Flowers," while the Fairy Queen and her attendants were asleep. It was a grand sight to see all the different colours flitting about the stage during this act. Our thanks are due to Miss Lamming and Mesdames Steel, Crootes, Dobby and Crane.—Cecil Crane, Sec.

LONDON, Brixton.—On Sunday, July 8th, we had a visit from the L.L.D.C. During the afternoon service we had a large number of pearls and efforts from the children. The marching and callisthenics were taken as usual, and we all spent a very pleasant afternoon.—Frank B. Cross, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford, Idmiston Road.—Open Session July 1st. Recitations by Charlie Plant, Lily Copelin, Evelyn Plant, Doreen Walters, May Brand, Doris Walters, Lily Flynn and Eddie Capper. Solos by Florence Christopher and Betty Haughton. Mrs. R. Christopher's address on "The Value of Lyceum Teaching" was greatly appreciated.

The Lyceum Social and Dance, held on Saturday, July 14th, in aid of the children's outing, was very successful, both socially and financially. There was a good attendance of Church members and friends.—Eva C. Connor, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—Our Sessions at Tottenham are still happy and bright. At the Annual Demonstration at Battersea Town Hall we were again awarded the Silver Bell for the second year in succession. We have won it three times in all. The first time we were successful was in 1924.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

MARSDEN.—On June 17th we held our Anniversary. Songs and recitations were given by several of our young Lyceumists.

In the evening a special hymn was sung by the Lyceum. Miss Smith, of Milnsbridge, officiated as speaker and gave an interesting address. Each meeting was appreciated.—I. Wilson, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On July 7th the children had their yearly Outing to Belle Vue, and it was enjoyed by all.

July 8th. Open Session and Flower Service. A nice address was given in the evening by our President, Mr. Standish. Good attendance all day and a week-end well spent by Lyceumists and friends.

Mr. Standish interred the body of Ann Chappel, the mother of one of our members, on August 14th. We held a memorial service on August 19th, conducted by Mrs. Garlick, of Rochdale, and Mr. Standish.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott Street.—We held our Lyceum Open Sessions on June 17th. One notable incident was the visit of an old Lyceumist, Mrs. Wood, formerly Miss L. Booth. A solo and recitations were rendered. The Lyceumists have banded together and formed a choir for the general advancement of the Church.—M. Harper, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—On July 22nd we held our Anniversary Sunday, conducted by Mr. Stewart, who received a warm and floral welcome. Seven Lyceumists recited verses, each representing a flower. Recitations and pianoforte solos were rendered by Lyceumists. Mr. Stewart spoke to the children. There was a large attendance and it was a very enjoyable afternoon.—Clara Stuart-Jones, Sec.

QUARMBY.—Open Session July 8th. Recitations by Misses G. Bailey and D. Barlow. Mrs. Baxter named the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Wood. Material name, Edgar; spiritual name, "Victory." A very enjoyable session.—H. Baxter, Sec.

RISHTON.—Under the auspices of the Accrington, Great Harwood, and Rishton Joint Lyceums Committee two Massed Sessions were held at Rishton on June 24th, conducted by Mr. Fazackerley, of Accrington, ably supported by Mr. H. Cooke, Mr. J. E. English, Miss E. Swift, Miss C. Waterhouse, and Miss H. Swift. Recitations, solos, trios, and pianoforte solos by Clifford Cooke, Nellie Laycock, Walter Plumber, Lizzie Holden, John R. Holden, Nellie Digby, Gladys Carley, Eva Hollis, Lily Ellis, Bertha Sutcliffe, Miss R. Swift, Leslie Cartwright, Master Normand, William Crawford, Mr. J. E. English, W. Taylor, Miss Barker, Mr. Baxter, Miss Ranford. The Sessions created great interest. Miss Davis, Joint Lye. Sec.

RUGBY, Sheep St.—On July 8th we held our Children's Day. The individual efforts of the children were excellent. Many pearls, recitations, and songs. Speaker, Miss Hutchinson, of Broadgate Lyceum, Coventry.—C. Brierley, Sec., pro. tem.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe. We held our Open Session on June 24th. The Conductor for the day was Mr. Thwaites. We had a good Session. The Marching and callisthenics and individual efforts were good. We had a nice time together.—E. Johnson, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At this month's Open Session we had the pleasure of a visit from our old friend, Mrs. Harris, who was on holiday from Forest Gate. Individual items were specially rendered from this year's Service of Song, and all items were thoroughly enjoyed by our visitors and friends — E. W. Long, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On July 8th, we held our Open Session conducted by Mrs. Ennion. There was a good attendance. Recitations and pearls were well responded to. Marching and callisthenics were well done.

At the 6-30 service Mrs. Ennion presided. Lyceumists from 10 to 14 years conducted the service. Miss Anise Springate gave the invocation. Silver Chain, Golden Chain, and Musical Readings were taken and fully explained by Marion Joules, Elsie Brown, Mary Adams, Doris Peete, Leonard Didliot, James Pugh, Ben Adams, and Lewis Smith. Cyril Booth gave the benediction. Mrs. Sanderson conducted the after-service. Our best thanks are due to all for the financial upliftment of the Church received from their efforts. Well done, children!—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

TUNSTALL. We held our Anniversary Services on June 10th, in the Town Hall, when Mrs. Jeffries, of Stockport, addressed an audience of 800 people, who listened to a wonderful and cultured address. The children excelled themselves in the rendering of the hymns. Ethel Smith, Gertie Brough, Lydia Wiggins, Gladys Sambrooks, A. Brammeld, and H. Paton were the soloists. We owe a great deal to Mr. Hassel who trained the children. The choir rendered the anthem, "Seek ye the Lord," Mr. R. Adams, junr., taking the solo. The procession from the Church to the Town Hall was followed by 200 people which made the hearts of all glad. All worked hard to make our Anniversary a success.—Mrs. L. Smith, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Star of Progress.—We held our Lyceum Sunday on June 17th. A Service of Song entitled "Into the Light" was beautifully rendered. The Service was read by the Conductor, Mr. Cook. Recitations by Florrie Walker and Norman Jefferson. Solo by Miss Ryder. The whole of the Lyceum sang the rest of the hymns. An enjoyable day was spent.—E. Platts, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—We held our Open Session on July 1st. Recitations and pearls were said by the Lyceumists. All the readings were explained and we had a very enjoyable time. T. Paskell, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—July 1st was the second Sunday of our Anniversary conducted by Mrs. Cooper. We had a good time. All Lyceumists who took part did well. Mr. W. Gransbury was Musical Conductor. Mr. A. Greenwell was organist.—A. Dryden, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Our usual Open Session was held on Aug. 5th, when recitations and solos were given by young Lyceumists. We held our Annual Picnic at Thurstaston, which was enjoyed by both old and young, on July 28th. Races were run and almost every young Lyceumist received a prize. All returned home by train.—John Hirst, Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley.—We held our Lyceum Sunday on July 15th. The whole of the services were carried out by the Lyceumists. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers.—B. Kind, Lit. Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—July 29th was our Open Session. About 90 took part in the Marching and callisthenics. The following gave recitations. C. Railton, R. Parkinson, D. Parker, E. Wood, J. Parkinson. Solo by A. Railton, Duet by E. and L. Robinson. Pianoforte solo was ably rendered by Master Worden. Mr. B. Carter, of Halifax, was the speaker. About 150 were present.—T. Wood, Sec.

BLACKPOOL, Albert Rd.—Open Session Aug. 5th, 2 p.m. 125 present. Conductor, Mr. F. Carter. Invocation by Mr. Rothwell. Questions on the readings were good. Marching and callisthenics were good. Pearls, recitations and solos were ably rendered by Blackpool and visiting Lyceumists. Greetings were exchanged between Sheffield, Manchester, Pendleton, Derby, Staffordshire, and Heckmondwike. The Conductor of Blackpool responded.—L. Nurse, Sec.

BOLTON, Deane Road.—On Aug. 12th we held our Open Session. Pearls and recitations were given by Lyceumists. Callisthenics were well done. Greetings were given from various Lyceums in the District. The speaker for the day was Mr. Winder. The Session was enjoyed by all.—M. Mackay, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley St.—Our Open Session was held on Aug. 5th when these Lyceumists helped to make it a success.—Misses H. Turner, Joan McKay, A. A. and Albert Wilkinson, Mrs. McKay, Mr. T. A. Pickles, and Mr. Hill.—E. Pickles, Sec.

BRIERFIELD.—On Aug. 12th we held our 6th Anniversary of the Lyceum. Miss Graham and Mr. T. Dilworth conducted the Session. The following helped to make the Session a success:—Solos by Miss Simpson and Master Cullen. Recitations by Miss N. Tunstall, E. Bird, M. James, P. Spencer, and D. Kettlewell. Songs by Alice Harper, Mona Berry, Ethel Spencer, Phylis Spencer, and Mr. W. Latham.—A. Sewell, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Aug. 5th we held an enjoyable Open Session. The following Lyceumists rendered items:—Eveline Clements, John Slater, Avis Bown, Francis Hobster, Joan, Burnis, and Marion Leverton, Marion Wagstaffe, Betsy Slater, Leslie Driver, and Sidney Hobster.—May Wheatley, Session Min. Sec.

DARWEN.—On Aug. 5th we held our Open Session. The speaker for the day was Mrs. Johnson, of Bolton, who delighted the Lyceumists by rendering two recitations. Just at present everyone connected with our Lyceum and Church is busy preparing for the parties and entertainments to be held during the winter.—Dorothy Coghlan, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Open Session on Aug. 12th. The S.C.R. was led by Florrie Pickvance. The M.R. by Mr. Doswell, H. Norris, and Mr. Nelson, and the G.C.R. by Mr. Taylor. Recitations were given by Maggie Nelson, Florrie Pickvance, and Mr. Taylor. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Doswell, Clara Waterhouse, and Mr. Baxter. We had visitors from New Bedford Lyceum, America, and we had a very enjoyable session together.—C. Waterhouse, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 5th when the following Lyceumists took part.—Recitations by H. Hodgkinson, D. Seddon, O. Wilkins, J. Puddington, F. Clarke, M. Chadwick, E. Hancock, D. Seddon, V. Harrison, and W. Hancock. Songs by W. Wintersgill, J. Puddington, C. Smith, E. Taylor, and V. Lancaster. The Liberty Group also took part.—Miss B. Smith, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Pleasant Sunday, August 5th. Morning, solos by Mr. Rycroft and E. Cole. Recitations by M. Marshall and R. Barron. Duets by S. and V. Willey, and C. Eddington and V. Chapman. Marching and callisthenics and pearls were given. Afternoon. Recitations by Harry Shaw and A. Letch. Duets by C. Eddington and V. Chapman, S. and V. Willey, M. Greenhalgh and M. Marshall. Song in unison by R. and S. Mathieson, J. Fields, J. Shaw, H. Tartellin. Solos by Mr. Spekker, of Armley, Leeds, and Mr. Brooks, of Cleckheaton.—W. Piercy, Sec.

HEMSWORTH.—The first Anniversary and Flower Services were held on Sunday and Monday, August 12th and 13th. Recitations, solos and quartettes were ably rendered by Lyceum Leaders and scholars to a very appreciative congregation. Mrs. Dennison, of Bradford, addressed the children during the afternoon and evening, and was listened to very attentively by all.

On Monday the flowers were taken to the Infirmary and Poor Law Institution.—Mrs. Armsby, Sec.

HORWICH.—We held a happy Open Session on Aug. 5th. S.C.R. was led by James Wilkes, M.R. by Mr. A. Heath and G.C.R. by Mr. Charnley (President Bolton District Council. During the Session the portrait of our arisen worker, Mr. J.

Ward, was unveiled by our Conductor, Mr. J. Sherrington. He paid tribute to the sterling work Mr. Ward had rendered for the Church and Lyceum.

At the evening service addresses were given by our Lyceumists, Mr. F. Jones, and Mr. A. Heath. Clairvoyance by Mrs. Gregson.—Lydia Wilkes, Sec.

IDLE, Highfield Road.—Open Session, August 12th, conducted by Mr. O'Neil and Master J. Marshall. The Officers of the B.L.D.C. took part. There were helpful discussions.

In the evening our platform was occupied by the President, Vice-President and Officers of the B.L.D.C., Mrs. Walton and Miss Jacques. Mr. T. O'Neil, of Keighley, presided. A very profitable day was spent together.—A. W. Jacques.

LANCASTER, Gt. John St.—We held our Flower Service and Anniversary on July 29th. It was very successful. We had an Open Session in the afternoon at which a short lecture on the human body was given by Mr. Bleasdale.

In the evening the Lyceum took the platform. The children gave a tableau of the words "Flower and Fruit." The verses were composed by Miss Swale and Mr. Kirk. Short addresses were given by the Leaders. Mrs. Fowker described some of the local pioneers of the movement, who were present in spirit.—E. Thompson, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—On Aug. 12th we held our Open Session. Solos, pearls, and recitations were very good. Recitations by Yvonne Dehoux, Horace Jayes, Elsie Garrett, and Doris Garrett; Mr. Beech and Mr. I. Gamble.

In the evening the service was taken by Mr. W. Beck and Mr. S. Wheatley.—S. Wheatley, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham St.—The Annual Outing of the above was held on Sat., Aug. 18th, and all journeyed to Skegness and enjoyed a glorious day in the sunshine. Mr. F. Trewitt, at the Pavilion Gardens, provided a splendid tea. Lyceumists gave a hearty vote of thanks to all waitresses, etc., for the splendid spread of riches.—N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford.—Open Session, August 5th. Recitations by May Brand, Doreen Walters, Betty Haughton, Doris Walters, Lilian Plant, Eddie Capper, Evelyn Plant and Lila Simms.

Mr. Day's address took the form of a story, explaining the meaning and use of our Lyceum Pearls; he was welcomed as a new speaker by a number of the Lyceum Leaders.

The Lyceum Outing was a great success, nearly 100 taking part in it.—Eva Connor, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—On July 29th we held our Open Session when we were honoured by a visit from our old friend, Mr. Clegg. Recitations and solos were well rendered by Lyceumists. Marching and callisthenics were very good, and helped to make a very harmonious and enjoyable session. Mr. Clegg gave the benediction.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 5th. The following contributed recitations:—Mrs. Rudd, Miss Cooke, and Mr. Dodson. Songs by Miss Harker, Miss Wren, Connie Tallon, and Agnes Tallon. Duets by Miss Cooke and Miss Kilner. Mr. Simmonds and Mr. S. Waring.—R. E. Tallon, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Rd.—On Aug. 5th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. Hopkins. The attendance was fairly good. A number of recitations, etc., were ably rendered by the young Lyceumists. A concerted item was given by the elders. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.—A. Truelove, Sec.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Brunswick St.—On June 26th, we again held a Service for Song by special request, entitled "Silver Lilies." The reading was ably taken by Miss Pennock. The several soloists and the Lyceum contributed to make the service a great success. Mrs. Dodsworth ably conducted the music. Miss E. Hickman was the pianist.

WEST MELTON.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 5th. Recitations by M. Peniluna, A. Uttley, T. Lister, E. Little, and G. Monks. Pearls by Mr. Lee and M. Guest. Solo by M. Peniluna. We had a good time.—Thomas Paskell, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—We held our Annual Outing on July 30th. at Morpeth with fine weather, and after a good tea, we held Sports which were enjoyed by all. After presentation of prizes we returned home having spent a happy day.—Mrs. M. Hall, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—Open Session, August 5th. The Anniversary prizes were presented by Mr. A. Greenwell. Conductor, Miss Grey. A pleasant afternoon.—Mrs. A. Dryden, Sec.