

# THE LYCEUM BANNER

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PRICE TWOPENCE

## SO NEAR!

"Someone seems touching me," you say!  
Why surely!—There is scarce a day  
But I do come with joy to you,  
And often help in work you do.  
I stroke your hair, and kiss your face,  
Oft sit in my accustomed place.  
Or stand beside to clasp your hand  
Trying to make you understand  
That you are still as dear to me:  
Nay! dearer—if such thing could be  
As when we chatted on our way  
Amid the things of every day.  
Or when at eve a silence fell,  
Hearts' speech, too great for us to tell!  
Not one thing can forgotten be  
While I love you and you love me.  
So, Dearest, when I'm near, awhile,  
Please *do* look up and give a smile.

E. L. ANNING.

He who has the opportunity of a good action can never complain of the want of occupation.

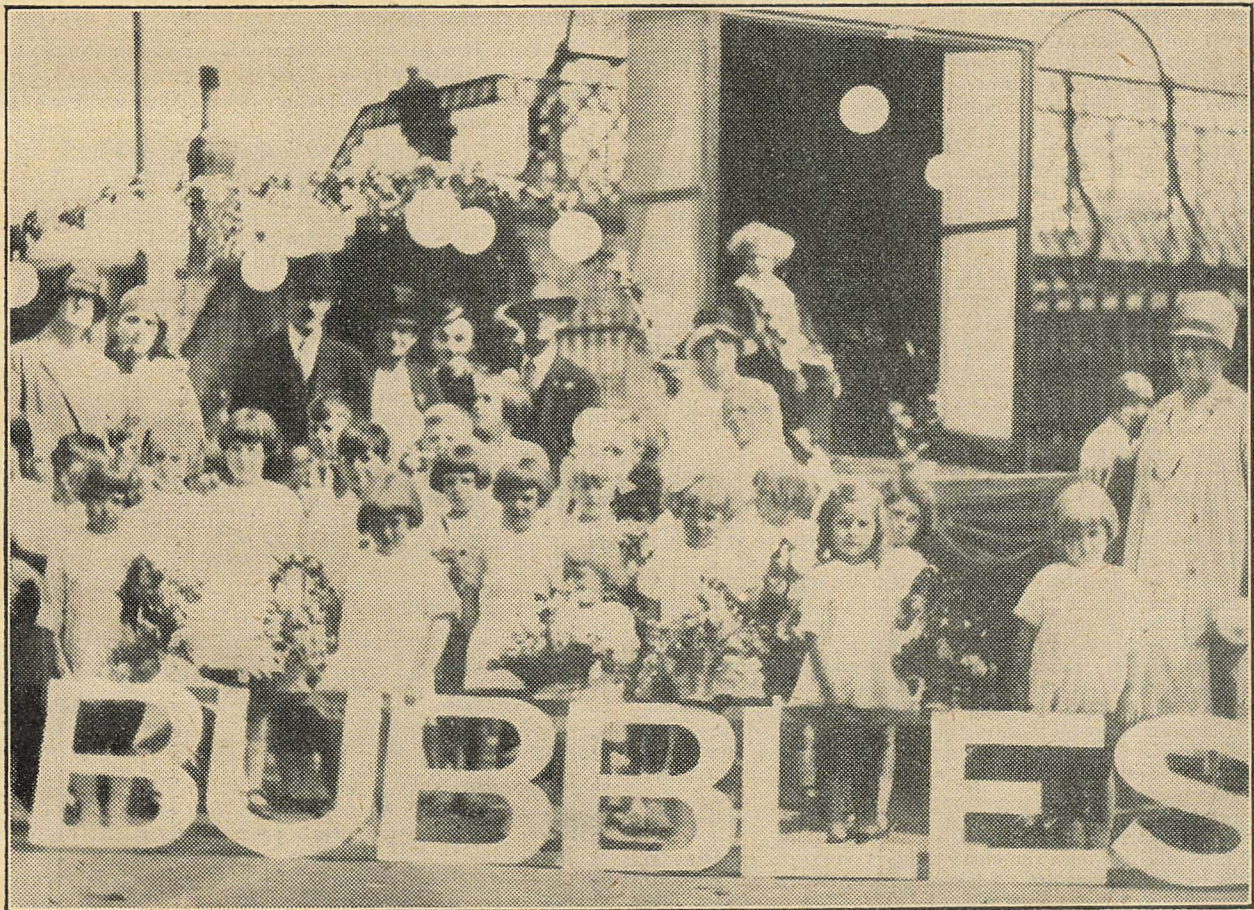
## CHARITY COMMISSION.

In the Matter of the Charity of John Ainsworth, founded by Will proved at Lancaster on the 1st January 1906, for a Lyceum Home or Home of Rest.

The Charity Commissioners for England and Wales hereby give notice that they propose, after the expiration of one calendar month, to establish a Scheme for the regulation of the Charity.

The Scheme can be seen between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Office of the Commissioners where also copies can be purchased at the price of 8d. each.

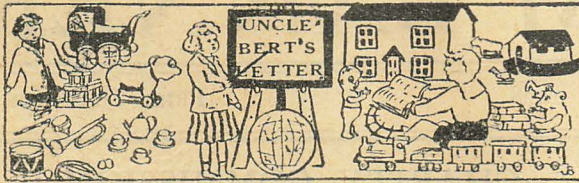
Objections or suggestions may, within 21 days, be sent to the Secretary, Charity Commission, Ryder Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1.



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## A FLEETWOOD TABLEAU.

The Fleetwood Lyceum took part in the recent Hospital Parade and gained the Second Prize for a Tableau of Millais' "Bubbles." 25 children in costume walked in front of the Tableau carrying long pipes and balloons for bubbles. One of the crowd echoed the thoughts of those who lined the route with "Eh! they did look bonny."



MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

Switch on the light, pull down the blind, draw up your chairs, give the jolly old fire a poke, then we can have a fireside chat.

What strange language this all sounds after the long period of light nights we have enjoyed during the past months, but autumn has arrived.

One of my friends has been extremely rude to me. What do you think he told me to do? Why, put the clock back. What sauce! I did not take it away; and I told him so, too.

Then he became very complimentary to me; called me a silly chump, and said he meant the hands of the clock.

Suppose the clock strikes I might get hit. But there, orders are orders, so I shall have to chance it and do as I am told.

What a wonderful thing that dear old dial on the mantelpiece is to us.

Sometimes it's our best pal and sometimes our enemy. Yes, we are delighted with it when it denotes the time of some pleasing event, but we look black when it denotes bedtime at eight o'clock.

Putting its hands back opens up quite a big problem for us to consider. I said it was an enemy at bedtime. Suppose we are pushed back for one hour, let us see what the result would be. Bedtime eight o'clock. We put the hands back to seven. Cheers! and again cheers; another hour's play. What fun!

If, on the other hand, it were eight o'clock in the morning; result! another hour's snores.

Then, if we were all excitement going to Tim-buc-too by train for the day, we had to wait an extra hour for the train. Oh, groans from within.

Let us look at this problem now in another way. Perhaps some of you know those lines which run "How does the little busy bee improve each shining hour." Although such a reference might be out of place in autumn, yet it leads me to the idea I want to convey to you.

We are now going to put the clock hands back at an hour when we are all full of life and energy. "Twelve to One," if you like. Here is a test for us all, one which would certainly be worth trying as an experiment. Consider very carefully everything you have done during this hour. How many times you have said "Oh, bother it," "I shan't," "I'll tell of you," and such like expressions which need no further explanation. At the same time think of the more pleasing events of this hour; the good deeds recorded.

One o'clock arrives, the clock hands are put back to twelve. We are really going to live that last hour over again. I wonder what the result upon our character would be! Gain or loss.

I am rather inclined to think an hour under such a test would record perfect time-keeping.

Some of you will be telling me it is not a good thing to put the hands back; such points lead to other problems which I do not intend to fog you with now.

As an illustration for those who want to put the hands forward eleven hours. Do not attempt to get eleven hours' service into the space of a few seconds, for much good work will be lost. To try this little test you need not wait for two special days in the year, or even upset the working of dad's clock, in case there are more strikes. Take any two hours during the day, Sunday or weekday. Test the second hour with the events of the first and see which is best.

From hours, extend the test to days; from days to years; and you will be surprised at the results.

While talking about the clock there is one other illustration from which we might draw a lesson. Your energy is the main-spring of your life; it must never be allowed to run down, any more than the main spring of the clock should. You all know the result if it does. "It stops." "Service" is the key by which the clock of life can be wound.

I want you all to work out the further details of this illustration for yourselves in exactly the same way as you do when you are called upon to explain one of the readings in your Lyceum Sessions.

Use these three points as your main guides:—

Take the clock as representing your life, the main spring as Energy, the key as Service. With a little care you will see how easy it becomes to keep the clock of life running to time. Just try it and let me see what you can do.

It is rather late to talk about holidays now, but I told you in a previous letter that Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I were visiting Lancashire and should look our for Lyceumists.

I am pleased to say we were given a warm welcome by the members of Morecambe and Lancaster Lyceums. We also had the pleasure of meeting a good worker from Stockport endeavouring to sun herself in the rainy weather of the North on the Promenade.

As a point of interest to the boys and girls of these districts, I want to say we were charmed with the scenery of the Lake district, Ingleton Falls, etc.

Now a word of praise for the boys and girls of London District. The display you gave to our overseas visitors at the Model Session was just grand. Mr. Kitson, Mr. Oaten, Miss Elliott and others were delighted with your efforts.

#### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

- No. 107. Lyceum Songs 301, 304, 407, 388, 374, 367.  
 No. 108. 1. Dictation. 2. Arithmetic.  
 3. Algebra. 4. Geometry.  
 5. Geography. 6. History.

No. 109. "Mary had a little lanb."

#### ANSWERS RECEIVED FROM

Annie Slater, Miss Manning, Ernest and Florence Morris, Mrs. and Nellie Dean, Eric and Mary Hayward, Eileen Perkis, Lucy Manuell, Celia Whitehead, Rhoda Robinson, Dorothy Melling.

#### PUZZLE FOR THIS MONTH.

No. 110. How many separate words can you find in the word "International."

No. 111. For *Manual* Searchers, where do we find the following quotations:—

"Progress to happiness and power."  
 "My Country is the Universe."  
 "A three-fold goal."  
 "It does good for goodness' sake."  
 "Pure friendship is like gold."  
 "Test, prove, and try."

- No. 112. 1. A covering for the face.  
 2. Used for marking linen.  
 3. Cotton fabric.  
 4. Beast of the Jungle.  
 5. A Fruit.  
 6. A Flower.

The first letter of each word will spell a boy's name.

#### THIS MONTH'S THOUGHT FOR LIBERTY SECTION: "Daily Life."

"Good days and bad days exist only in your own head. The weather has nothing to do with it. Each day is what you make it for yourself. You within yourself can make each day, every day, a good day."—*William Johnston.*

With love,

2, Villiers Road,  
 Osterley, Middlesex.

UNCLE BERT.

#### CHANGES OF SECRETARIES, etc.

- Liverpool, Boaler Street—Mr. G. Burns, 10, George's Road, West Derby Road, Liverpool.  
 Croydon—Miss G. M. Robertson, "Culcross," 53, Malvern Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.  
 Plaistow—Miss E. Pountney.  
 Leicester, Excelsior, Marston Street—3 p.m.  
 Brighton, Mighell Street, Hall 3 p.m.—Mr. R. A. Kelly, 49, Grosvenor Street, Brighton.  
 Grangetown—Mr. G. Dill, 93, Alexandra Road, Grangetown, Yorks.  
 Sydney, Australia, 2-15 p.m.—Mrs. E. Morrell, "Hollyrood," corner College and Stanley Street, City.  
 Hebden Bridge—Mr. P. Linney, "Glengarth," Stocks Avenue, Mytholmroyd, Yorks.  
 Birkenhead—Mr. J. Thompson, 4, Woodview Avenue, Seacombe, Wallasey.  
 Scarborough, Hildreth Buildings, North Street, 1-45 p.m.

**Newton Heath Progressive Lyceum.**

**UNVEILING OF NEW BANNER**

will take place on

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH,

At the NEWTON HEATH TOWN HALL.

MASSED LYCEUM SESSION AND UNVEILING CEREMONY, 2-30 p.m.

PROPAGANDA MEETING. Speaker: Mr. E. A. KEELING, A.N.S.C., 6-30 p.m.

Other prominent National Workers attending.

A Cordial Invitation is given to all Spiritualists, Lyceumists and Friends to join and support us.

Collections at both Services.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**THE S.N.U. SUMMER SCHOOL.**

**AN APPRECIATION.**

Dear Sir,

The 1928 Summer School held at Bron Castell Hostel, Bangor, North Wales, has past, leaving memories never to be forgotten in the minds of those students who availed themselves of the opportunity to spend their holidays there.

We were one large united family joining in and fully appreciating the high class lectures given by several of the Movement's most able lecturers. The eagerness to learn and to know more of the philosophy of Spiritualism, was well marked in the discussion and questions that followed every lecture.

Many may run away with the idea that the lectures are all the Summer School stands for. I wish here and now to impress on the minds of all who think this is so, that they are thinking along wrong lines. The social and holiday side are also an outstanding feature of the school.

One comes into contact with people associated with the movement from all parts of the British Isles, and friendships are made and cemented for all time, and one receives a real taste of what the Brotherhood of Man really stands for.

Mrs. Turtle who has held the position of House-Mother for the first two Summer Schools, is a lady that everyone admires and learns to love for her untiring energy in seeing that every one is made happy and comfortable during their visit.

The outings and excursions that are arranged each day are thoroughly enjoyed by all who take part in them, and I may say there are not many who do not avail themselves of the opportunity.

The Sunday Services have been of a high, spiritual and intellectual order, and our lectures have been appreciatively absorbed in the hearts and minds of the Bangor friends. I may safely prophesy that seeds have been sown in Bangor that will bear good fruit in due course for Spiritualism.

The evenings, after supper, have been most enjoyable; all have joined in Social intercourse and music; one evening, a Circle, another, question and discussion; not one idle or dull moment all the time.

My chief idea in penning this letter, besides showing my appreciation, is to try to bring home to senior Lyceumists what they are missing by not attending the Summer School for their Annual holidays. There you will receive the spiritual, mental, and physical exercises, interchanged with mental and physical rest and change, in surroundings that are congenial, and in the company of friends who blend in harmony with each other. (Lyceum Teachings.)

The catering and attention given by the staff of the school was excellent, and all thanks are due for their untiring efforts.

I hope I have said enough to whet your appetites for next year's school, and I sincerely hope we shall have the pleasure of meeting many more Lyceumists next year, wherever the School is held. If you feel you are growing old come to the Summer School; you will leave at the end of your holidays feeling younger in body, brighter in spirit, and a set determination in your mind to come again.

I have been at both Summer Schools in Rhyl and Bangor, and I am like that well-known character in Dickens by the name of Oliver Twist—my inmost self is crying out for more, still more.

I am, yours, &c.,

CHAS. W. DIXON, A.N.S.C.,

Daulby Hall Lyceum.

**TRANSITION OF MR. W. G. WHEELER, M.L.P.I.**

We regret to record the passing of Mr. W. G. Wheeler, on Thursday, Sept. 13th, 1928.

Mr. Wheeler was a strong supporter and contributor to the LYCEUM BANNER.

His last poem sent to the BANNER, and in print when his spirit was released, seems prophetic of his passing to the higher life.

**POETICAL PRAYERS.**

BY W. GEO. WHEELER.

**THOU GOD OF JOY.**

Thou God of Joy and Light supremely to ad'r,  
Whose loving Spirit watcheth o'er the earth,  
To thee my burning soul I now surrend'r  
And claim from Thee a higher holier birth.

The life which Thou hast giv'n I must treasure,  
The love which Thou hast shower'd I must prize,  
The way Thou lead'st I may know in measure,  
The higher life I may not but surmise.

We always found Mr. Wheeler a very even-tempered man; kind, helpful friend, and saintly in his ministrations.

Mr. J. Millott Severn has very kindly, at our request, written a short obituary notice for BANNER readers, and Mr. Wheeler's many friends.

**OBITUARY.**

Readers of the LYCEUM BANNER will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. William George Wheeler, whose delightful poems have frequently adorned the pages of the LYCEUM BANNER.

For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Wheeler was associated with Harvey Nichols & Co., Ltd., of Knightsbridge, London. He was the organiser and secretary of the Annual Treats for Poor Children, for which that business house became noted.

He was also widely known as a public speaker for the United Kingdom Band of Hope in London, and was sometimes introduced as 'London's Greatest Story Teller.' Mr. Wheeler was intensely fond of children, and greatly interested himself in their welfare; children would sit spell-bound listening to his stories. He was much sought after as a lecturer by London literary societies, and during his residence at Brighton whilst practising as a phrenologist. He received hundreds of letters from people in all stations of life, who wrote thanking him for his valuable advice and services. He spent his whole life in the service of others, having no thought for himself; was generous to a fault, and helped many a needy soul.

He became an earnest student of Phrenology in his youth, and during over forty years he lectured on the science to numerous societies, and gave phrenological delineations at bazaars and at-homes for the benefit of many worthy causes. I first made his acquaintance over forty years ago when he was a student at the O'Dell's Phrenological Institution, and attending Mr. O'Dell's lectures. Mr. Wheeler gained that Institution's diploma of proficiency, and was, besides, for some years a member of the British Phrenological Society. After leaving London he became my Assistant Delineator, and for over seven years had charge of our West Pier Branch. He was a very careful and conscientious delineator, and gained much appreciation and respect from his numerous clientele, and locally as a phrenological lecturer and literary writer. During the last year he was with us, he gave over 190 lectures locally and in London; also occasionally occupying local pulpits; and was, besides, on the staff of several journals in England and abroad, to which he contributed numerous phrenological and other articles. He had a literary style distinctly his own, which was educative and appealing.

A little over a year ago he commenced practice at Bourne-mouth, and was very happy in his work there, but his proneness to overdo caused a breakdown in his health, and after a short illness he passed away quite peacefully on the 13th of September, at the age of 61, in a nursing home, and was buried in Branksome Cemetery.

I had hoped that he would have lived to give many more years of useful service for the cause of Phrenology, and for humanity, both of which he dearly loved.

Mr. Henry Wheeler, of 7, Park Lane, Southwick, Sussex, would be glad to hear from any of his brother's friends, who have copies of his poems, etc.

J. MILLOTT, SEVERN.

## The Education Department.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

(Under the auspices of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U.)

ASSOCIATE (B.S.L.U.) SECTION

of the

NATIONAL JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

### THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

The National Spiritualist College was founded in July, 1926, and is being conducted in close co-operation with the National Education Scheme, which is the joint concern of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. Each Union has undertaken to finance and administer a given Section.

The B.S.L.U. administers the ASSOCIATE section, i.e., Oral Grade to Grade V; and these Grades are open to Lyceumists only. The COLLEGE awards its Degree of *Associate of the National Spiritualist College* (A.N.S.C.) to all Lyceumists who have passed Grades I to V and obtained not less than 70 per cent. marks in Grade V.

The S.N.U. administers the GRADUATE Section, i.e., Entrance Examination to Final Examination. A Lyceumist who has won the A.N.S.C. Degree is eligible to take the Intermediate Examination of the S.N.U. All other candidates (if otherwise eligible) must pass the Entrance Examination before they can take the Intermediate. The COLLEGE awards its Degree of *Graduate of the National Spiritualist College* (G.N.S.C.) to candidates who obtain not less than 75 per cent. marks in Final Grade. Such candidates may then, if they so desire, apply for the S.N.U. *Diploma of Certified Exponent*. This, if granted, makes them eligible for the College Degree of *Diplomist* (D.N.S.C.)

### WINTER SESSION OF STUDIES—1928—1929.

Classes all over the country are now holding their meetings to prepare for the 1929 examinations. Some Lyceums arrange their Groups so as to consist of the candidates for the various Grades; and the Conductor works on the Session Plan arranged to bring in the Manual Selections for all the Grades. Other Lyceums arrange mid-week classes for their students. In all cases, the winter session of studies has begun, and a big percentage of our Lyceums will enter candidates for next February's examinations, and prove their zeal for real progress and education.

### "HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAMINATIONS."

The valuable booklet bearing this title has been revised, enlarged, and brought thoroughly up to date; and any Tutor, Conductor, Leader or candidate may obtain a copy for three-halfpence (1½d.) post free. It gives every help to individual students and to classes, with Lesson Plans for each Grade, and Session Programmes for Conductors (see previous paragraph). It tells you how to set yourself practice-questions, and how to answer questions in the best way; and is full of excellent hints, suggestions and advice by trained teachers and experienced examiners. GET YOUR COPY NOW.

### VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL STUDENTS.

Resisting all temptation to attend the International Congress in London, the Joint Education Committee met at Huddersfield on Saturday, 8th September, and some very interesting and important business was transacted. There had been quite a lot of work done by correspondence during the interval from the last meeting on 25th February, and it was all reconsidered and formally approved.

One of these items was the new Syllabus for the Graduate Section of the National Education Scheme. Several important and significant changes were made—with a view to making the Scheme better balanced in its various Courses, and the cost of getting the books for the earlier Grades much lower than in the current Scheme. In the course of the alterations it was decided to omit some books and substitute others, and it is pretty generally agreed by those who take an interest in our educational efforts that the new Syllabus, from the point of view of possible and probable results, is a great improvement on the previous one. I shall be pleased to send a Syllabus to any inquirer who sends me an addressed envelope with a ½d. stamp on it.

Another item was the compilation and issue of the *Entrance Examination Leaflet*—the new issue being made necessary by the change in the Grade V and Entrance Examination Joint-Syllabus. The Leaflet is a very comprehensive guide to Tutors

and students, and any student who follows its directions and acts on its hints should pass the examination with not less than 80 per cent. Copies can be obtained from Mrs. Paling (see address under), the new S.N.U. Education Secretary, at 1½d. per copy, post free.

But the most important item for candidates was the revision of the Examination Fees. These have stood at 2s. 6d. for the Entrance Examination, 5s. each for the Intermediate and Subsidiary Examinations, and 10s. for the Final Grade Examination. The Committee considered that some allowance for present-day economic conditions should be made, and decided that, while the present conditions last, the fees shall be reduced to 2s. for the Entrance and 2s. 6d. each for the other three examinations. It must be borne in mind that these examinations cost money, and that the Schemes must be made as nearly as possible self-supporting—though the Committee does everything in its power to meet the circumstances of everyone concerned. It is hoped that the lower fees will make it possible for many eligible students, who could not afford the higher cost, to study for and sit at the Intermediate and Subsidiary Exams. next March, and so make our Scheme truly national in its application.

### THE 1929 EXAMINATIONS.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION,—will be held at the same time as the B.S.L.U. Grade V. examination. Of the two papers to be set, one will have to be taken while the local Lyceum (with whom the Entrance candidate will sit) is holding its examinations in the other Grades; the second paper can be taken either on the Saturday previous, the Sunday itself, or the Monday following. The B.S.L.U. Examinations this year will be held on Sunday, 17th February—so the second paper can be taken on the 17th, the 16th or the 18th, as may suit the students, the Supervisor AND the Church or Lyceum which is lending its premises for the Exams.

Students should send for an Entrance Exam. Leaflet at once, as the last date of entry has been fixed at 31st December, 1928.

INTERMEDIATE and SUBSIDIARY EXAMINATIONS will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th March, and all entries must be sent in not later than 31st January, 1929. Application (or Entry) Forms can be obtained from Mrs. Paling, and I advise all intending candidates to get these Forms at once—and Leaders of Study or Preparatory Classes would be well advised to write off for a supply.

Students who sat at last Intermediate Examination will be pleased to learn that their criticism of the conditions of sitting for the various Course papers has borne good fruit. It was pointed out by several candidates that having two papers on the Saturday afternoon and evening, or on the Sunday morning or afternoon, was too tiring for students who had had no previous experience of sitting in written examinations, and that they were thus unlikely to do themselves justice in the second paper. The Committee accepted this as a genuine grievance, and in order to enable the student to avoid this handicap they have ordered that where application is made to Mrs. Paling (giving details of the procedure that is proposed in place of the official routine), the three Sessions of the examination can be held at any time from Friday, 22nd to Monday the 25th of March. It is understood, of course, that all the candidates at the Centre concerned will sit at the same time for the paper in the same Course in the same Grade; and Mrs. Paling's consent will be conditional on being assured that the proposed arrangements have been accepted and approved by the Supervisor and the Church, Lyceum or other Body whose premises are being used for the examinations.

### A PLEA FOR "THE GAME."

Just a little word, Mr. Editor, to those who have earned it. It is not very clever, and it is not at all sportsmanlike, to send a post-card asking for a booklet that is announced as being obtainable at 1½d. post free, or on receipt of a 1½d. stamped envelope. Happily, there is not very much of this, but there is enough to make this appeal necessary, and I hope the matter will never need to be mentioned again. Information that is not thought worth 1½d. postage is not worth writing for. It may be that the incidents are due to want of thought, and if so this notification will have done no harm.

### DREAMS AND AMBITIONS.

The reports of the B.L.S.U., S.N.U. and Joint-Committee Secretaries showed a great amount of work done, both in organisation and in spadework; and the secret ambitions of two members of the Summer School are worth noting—if only for

future reference. Mr. Berry would like to see the provision of Courses of Lectures by competent lecturers, introducing the subjects on the Graduate Syllabus and thus giving students a good set-off for their winter sessional work; while Mr. Connor would like to see at least one week celebrated as *College Week*, during which students and their friends would be 'in residence' and Diplomas and Certificates would be presented to successful students, and the Scheme reviewed and explained.

Mr. Berry has a scheme for raising the necessary funds, but I am going to leave it to him to explain this scheme to you himself. The only thing I am going to say is that I hope it will materialise.

**THE SEVERAL SECRETARIES AND THEIR WORK.**

From one of our correspondents comes rather a curious complaint—that the S.N.U. Education Committee having its own Secretary, and the B.S.L.U. Education Committee having its own Secretary, the fact that Mr. Connor is Secretary of a sub-Committee of these two 'main' bodies and of the College leads to confusion. But to our mind there can be no confusion if the following facts are kept in mind:

If you want any information about the B.S.L.U. Scheme you write to Miss Kitson; if you want any information about the S.N.U. Scheme you write to Mrs. Paling; if you want to sit at the examinations, you send your entry, or get it sent, to either Miss Kitson or Mrs. Paling.

But if you want to apply for a Degree (which you can only win by sitting at these examinations) or to get information about the working of Local Branches or the establishment of mid-week classes, or if you want to arrange for a Course of Educational Lectures—or any other activities, apart from entering for or sitting at examinations,—you apply to Mr. Connor.

In either case you do not need to deal with more than two Secretaries—the Secretary of the proper Education Committee if you want to sit at the Exams; the College Secretary if you want to know about Classwork. (See the explanation in the new 'How to Prepare,' pages 3-4.) Mr. Connor works in co-operation with, and is really the connecting-link between, the two Secretaries and their Committees—doing the work which is common to and concerns both Committees or where they would overlap.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXAMINATIONS.**

About the *Associate Section* (i.e. Oral Grade to Grade V.) apply to:—

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

About the *Graduate Section* (i.e. the Advanced Courses, following Grade V) apply to:—

Mrs. E. PALING, S.N.U. Education Secretary,  
'Lucknow,' Muriel Road, Beeston, (Notts.)

About the *National Spiritualist College* apply to:—

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

About the *Exponents Committee* apply to:—

Mr. G. F. BERRY, D.N.U., F.N.S.C.,  
S.N.U. General Secretary,  
Broadway Chambers, 162, London Road, Manchester.

**THE SPIRITUALISTS' UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICTS COUNCIL.**

The United Lyceums Districts Council will conduct  
A PROPAGANDA MEETING  
at 2-30 p.m., and  
AN OPEN SESSION  
at 6-30 p.m.,  
In the LARGE PIONEERS' HALL,

TOAD LANE, ROCHDALE, ON SUNDAY, OCT. 21ST.

Hymn Sheets provided. Collection.

Hot water and Teas will be provided at Penn Street Spiritual Church.

Friends requiring Hot Water or Teas are requested to write Mr. Greaves, 78, Newchurch Road, Bacup, Lancs., not later than October 14th and state their desires.

**TRANSITION OF MRS. MARSTON, OF STOCKPORT.**

We regret to learn of the passing of Mrs. Marston who has been a medium and friend to so many old Spiritualists and Lyceumists in the Stockport District. She has been an active worker on the platform of our Churches for over 30 years. Mr. Marston is one of the pioneers of the Lyceum Movement, we assure him of our sympathy in his bereavement.

**LYCEUM MANUAL TESTS.**

The interest in the 'Lyceum Manual Knowledge Tests' seems to be growing, as during this month I have had a greater number of attempts submitted than in all the previous tests combined.

The prize winners are Miss Mina Robertson, of South Shields, with 16 correct results, and Eric George Hayward, of Southsea, aged 13, with 9 correct.

It will be noted by those juniors who solved more than nine of the authors' names and who failed to send in their attempts that it is advisable to send, no matter how few discoveries they make. "'Tis better to have tried and failed, than never to have tried at all."

The correct answers are as under:—

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. W. A. Christy. | 11. Sears.               |
| 2. Seneca.        | 12. Montgomery.          |
| 3. Oliver.        | 13. Carpenter.           |
| 4. Mackey.        | 14. King.                |
| 5. Lawrence.      | 15. Adelaide A. Procter. |
| 6. S. Doudney.    | 16. Kimball.             |
| 7. Sherman.       | 17. Gallagher.           |
| 8. Barrett.       | 18. Macdougall.          |
| 9. Ball.          | 19. M.A.S.               |
| 10. Perkins.      | 20. Larcom.              |

The following are commended for 15 results:—H. C. Dobby (Lincoln), A. J. Clements (Battersea), Miss Firth (Fleetwood), Miss Arberry (Southsea) and D. Snook (Malta).

**THE FIFTH TEST.**

Two prizes will be given for the best solutions, one for juniors under 14 years of age, and one for Lyceumists over 14 years. Solutions must be sent not later than October 20th to Mr. J. G. MacFarlane, 6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth.

Give the Manual titles (with numbers) from the clues mentioned below:—

1. Me is to me.
2. Beautiful spirit dwellings.
3. Community Singing.
4. England.
5. There's no place like.
6. On the benches in the park.
7. Venus.
8. 11.
9. 17.
10. God.
11. Known.
12. FRI.  
US.
13. Many happy returns of the day.
14. II I O The Here.
15. Vertebrae.
16. St (1 x 2 = 3) ERL &.
17. No Housing Problem.
18. Always daytime.
19. *Birth.* On Oct. 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Hay, twin boys.  
*Death.* On Oct. 1st, Mrs. Bee, the dear wife of A. Bee, aged 95 years.
20. Living flowers.

CARDIFF, First.—An interesting event took place on Sept. 2nd when the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Webber was named 'Margaret Agatha Ellen, in the presence of a large attendance of members and friends. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. L. M. Hare, the Assistant Conductress, and the spirit name of "Joy," was given.

The baby's parents, having been Lyceumists prior to their removal from Plymouth to Penarth, naturally desired their little daughter to follow in their footsteps. The baby was brought through an avenue of flowers and was afterwards presented with a Lyceum Badge by Mrs. Hare.

We wish this little one a life of happiness through service.

# THE LYCEUM BANNER:

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

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## Progress.

The relation of matter to spirit astonishes the boldest seeker for truth in the principles of life which animate creation.

The most advanced theory to-day goes into the realm of, and even beyond, ether to find the cause of potential energy.

The possibility of psychic function through the ether and the spiritual zones of expression takes us beyond normal physics until we find such distant subjects as economics must be explained in terms of relativity. The abstract influences the concrete and operates through spiritual laws to cause effects in mundane life.

The advance of Spiritualism has been held in chains because we have sought to attach it to known facts and explain its operation by coincidence with past events: once thought to be miraculous but now commonplace occurrences.

Spiritualism requires no apologetics, but it does need adequate explanation. Illiterate mediums have produced marvellous phenomena and science is still baffled in its attempted explanations. Yet there is hope that we shall have courage to face the facts and probe the mysteries until newly discovered substances, spiritual and etheric, may find us the materials to analyse and explain how events occur and life persists.

A hand will materialise, but why? We may experience the force of an invisible power, but how? There is intelligence, force and direction in the act, yet nothing visible to the normal eye is seen.

The cause will not be formed in the personal contact of the founders of various historical religious systems, but in the operations which are performed by an impulse arising through an invisible intelligence that asserts and uses a power common to beings who move in a higher vibration; and such beings using their intelligence to control the mysterious forces which produce the phenomena.

At the moment we must admit, with Sir Alfred Russell Wallace, "the facts beat us," but we can at least search the evidences, probe for the cause, and examine the method of operation.

At this point we can throw off the chain of preconceived opinions and a suggestion is here offered for what it is worth. The questioning intuition of a child may give us the key, as the children of Hydesville gave us communication with the spirit of a pedlar.

The tendency to make our Spiritual revelations conform to Christianity, Buddhism, Shintoism, etc., is a step backward and not forwards. What we need is the persistence of these founders and the spirit of revealed progress in producing extended phenomena beyond the limits reached by such pioneers of human and spiritual progress. If an opportunity is given, our children will still confound the elders with their wisdom. A blind youth sees colours. A child photographs fairies and gnomes. Another child prompts remedies for its own disease.

Whatever study we undertake in our research we must keep free from dogma, both in science and philosophy. There is, then, hope for real religion to influence life and conduct.

A. J. Davis, in his youth, and in trance, gave us the basic formula of love, wisdom and harmony. That was the starting point; not the finish. Possibly we may trace that the Divine Mind was the cause of matter and the intuitional prophesy of

sensitive humans can inspire us with real truth, wherein we can feel events before the possibility of catastrophe and thus avoid human sorrow by controlling our environment without interfering with natural law: which is apparently beyond the will of man.

The sufferers of Mount Pelee were warned by rumblings of the disaster which overtook them, but they failed to obey the voice of reason. Is it possible that in mental matters we can also feel the internal rumblings of the soul prompting us to a revelation of an increased inductive intuition which will guide us to a better understanding of the inner laws of our being, and of which mediumship is the stepping stone? Experience and interpretation await us like a new Violet Ray to give us fuller life and larger understanding.

"A century ago," says Sir Oliver Lodge, "it was not known that radiation had any definite speed, and the transmission of light was thought to be instantaneous." Now we know we can annul, bend and harness vibration to our will and use them for health and industry.

The door has been opened to a large and undeveloped energy. If these discoveries have been made in material science, does it not point towards similar development in mental and spiritual science?

Our children to-day need leaders, not revelators or mediators. Think what a great step forward we shall make mentally when we can guide our children to the understanding and common use of telepathy. Its facts are known but the dynamics have yet to be explained. The basic principle of sympathy exists as a common asset, and as telepathy's first law. Who will discover the sequence and reveal it? We read of native untutored people where telepathy is a common factor. And so our civilisation is really a lethargic dream wherein we live an automatic life; spent in customary ways without any individual thought beyond the scheme of present existence.

The rationalist has described life as a picture show in which some have better seats than others, but we don't know where we come from or where we go when we are not in the show.

We must approach a larger vision than that. The immortal door has opened and our spirit helpers pass back to us to point the way to progress; something more than mere change. Can we not merge towards a larger consciousness? The astronomers discover new worlds in the skies. Can we not develop our internal intelligence until we feel the consistency of God's revealing laws giving us the knowledge to explain the mystery behind the inception of an idea?

Our liberty groups are not as active in research as they were thirty years ago. Can we not revive our studies in natural science and learn some of the operating forces in hypnotism, telepathy, clairvoyance, trance, substantiation, and materialisation. Healing, inspiration, mediumship, genius and spirituality all await us in the "circle." A. J. Davis claimed the power to enter the spiritual state at will; surely he was not alone in possession of this faculty.

Spiritualism need be no longer in chains if we choose to free ourselves from the burden of attempting to please national religious prejudices. We must ever be free to go as the spirit of progress dictates. Unfolding, expanding, increasing and developing the faculties, Spiritualism must go forward and solve the unexplained mysteries of life or drop into oblivion like the rise and fall of nations, to become nothing but a memory. The Lyceum, with Spiritualism as its central theme, is the sequential outcome of the proof of spirit life and, together, there has been allotted a task to spirits and mortals, not only of proving the continuity of life, but of introducing an education which shall emancipate mankind by the teaching of truth and the practice of its arising attributes. May we realise our possibilities and thus serve the race.

GEO. F. KNOTT.

## THE I.S.F. CONGRESS.

The Joint Report of the I.S.F. Congress will be given in a later issue of the BANNER by the B.S.L.U. Official Delegates, Miss E. Elliott, Mr. G. A. Mack and Mr. Alfred Kitson. The Congress was a success in every way. Countries which have not been represented before sent Delegates. Iceland to Australia, and Japan to America, were the outposts from which the story of Spiritualism was revealed. Many of the countries within this circle related interesting progress and proposed future policy. The detailed progress will be noted in the B.S.L.U. Delegates' Report. Mr. E. W. Oaten was unanimously elected the I.S.F. President. All the other Officers retain their positions. The Office of the I.S.F. is at 8, Rue Copernic, Paris (XVI), France.

£2,000 Effort.

Dear Comrades,

There are a number of Lyceums continuing to send money for the Post Cards and also a few other donations to the Fund, for which I am really grateful

I have received donations as follows.—Mrs. Pilkington, Bolton, 2s ; Padiham Lyceum £2 0s 0d ; Belper £1 0s 0d.

Hydesville Post Cards: Lancaster (Alliance, 1s .4d., Bacup 10s. 6d., Blackpool (per Mrs. Leadbeater) 2s., Blackburn 3s. 0d., Rochdale (Regent Hall), 2s. 6d., Portsmouth 1s. 6d., Bradford (Harker St.) 1s. 5d., Derby 1s., Sowerby Bridge 1s., Burnley (North St.) 2s., Coventry (Bull St.) 1s. 6d., Newcastle (Blandford St.) 4s. 0d., Manchester (Collyhurst) 6s., Todmorden (Roomfield Buildings) 1s., Lincoln (Midland) 1s., Belper 1s., Coventry (per Mrs. Coe) 1s. Total £5 3s. 9d.

For these donations I return grateful thanks on behalf of the Union, but seeing that I am the reincarnation of Oliver Twist, I am still asking for more, and what is more, unlike poor Oliver, I hope to get it. Please Mr. Printer the Chas. Pilkington in last month's BANNER should have been Jas.

What are we going to do for the effort this winter, for you know we have to raise £500 before Christmas to obtain North London Lyceumists' 10s. Don't let's be backward in doing our little bit to help. I still have cards for anyone who would like to put a little by each week. Every little helps so don't be afraid that your donation is too small to count. My address is still 29, Kliffen Place, Halifax.

Yours gratefully,

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

A MODEL LYCEUM SESSION.

Report of the Model Session held at Battersea Town Hall on Sunday, Sept. 9th, 1928, during the Triennial Congress of the International Spiritualists Federation.

*The welcome.* The L.L.D.C. gave a Floral Welcome to our visitors. About fourteen Lyceumists took part in this. Nine Lyceumists carried letters filled with buttonholes, spelling "Love to All." These were followed by two Lyceumists who read the Address of Welcome in English and in French. One of these also carried a basket of buttonholes for the notable people named in the Welcome. Behind this came the Banner with the word "Welcome" upon it, under which a little Lyceumist walked carrying a bunch of flowers from which hung red, white, and blue ribbons, on which the name of every country attending the International Spiritualist Congress was written, the object being that London welcomed the "Unseen" of all countries as well as the "Seen." The Welcome was read in English by Miss Violet Tims (Southend). The French translation was read by Miss May Kent (Eltham), and the Welcome to the "Unseen Visitors" was recited by a little Jewish girl aged six years and of Southend Lyceum.

The Model Lyceum consisted of 96 chosen Lyceumists from the London Lyceums. These Lyceumists gave an excellent display of Marching and Callisthenics under the able conductorship of Mr. S. Dix, of Fulham Lyceum.

Only a limited number of pearls were given owing to the shortness of time.

The Silver Chain Reading was conducted by the following Lyceumists,—Miss Doreen King (Tottenham) Master Paul M. Stewart, (Croydon), Miss Elsie Kebby (Bowes Park), Mr. Pete (Brixton) and Miss Field (Fulham).

The Musical Reading was read and explained by Mr. Oaten, Mrs. Nurse, Mrs. Cadwallader and Mr. Mack.

The Golden Chain was conducted by Mr. Kitson.

Individual efforts were given by Master Fred Rawley (Battersea) who rendered a solo. Miss Margaret Ella (Fulham) a recitation. Miss H. Tiffin and Mr. H. Tiffin (Clapham) a duet, and Miss Doris Fruin (Battersea) a recitation.

The Invocation was given by Mr. E. A. Keeling (President S.N.U.), and the Benediction by Miss E. Elliott (President B.S.L.U.).

The music for the Session was provided by Mr. Pearson and his Orchestra from Fulham Lyceum.

MOSTON PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.

Church Lane, Moston, Manchester.

Oct. 21st, at 3-0 p.m. Liberty Group.

Speaker: MR. J. TINKER, President, B.M.U.

Subject: "Is Public Phenomena necessary?"

THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS.

By EVA C. DEAN.

The dictionary gives the meaning of the word "Happiness" as "the state of being happy," and to be happy is to be fortunate, successful—to find pleasure in the possession or fruition of good; but if you ask a number of people their idea of happiness, you will no doubt get very different views, especially as the idea of what happiness consists in, varies according to different periods of life.

If you start with the child, you will probably find that the child's idea of happiness is the possession of some desired toy or something to eat—hence the expression, "He won't be happy till he gets it."

The youth may realize his idea of happiness in motoring beyond the speed limit or in playing the part of a hero as he has seen it depicted on the films; while the maid may visualize her idea of happiness in playing the part of a film heroine, or in having a lover to dance attendance upon her.

When people reach maturity, they usually have an ambition to do something great or to become a notable person; and then their idea of happiness lies in the realization of their ambition. In many cases they do realize their ambition, but it does not prove to be all that they expected: they admittedly derive a certain amount of satisfaction from it, but they do not always feel that they have attained real happiness.

True happiness, indeed, is not the result of obtaining one's own desires, nor is the road to happiness the open road that leads only to the gratifying of one's own pleasure; for both these things are only transitory, and do not bring contentment. It is the road with the by-ways and turnings leading us to the needs of others, that is the true road of happiness—a road to which we can only be directed by our desire to make others happy. Then, following it, we shall find that it is also the road to happiness for ourselves, for we shall reap the friendship of those whom we have made happy.

THE BRITISH FEDERATION OF YOUTH.

The World Youth Peace Congress disclosed diverse opinions and methods concerning peace work in different countries.

Arising from the discussions it was found that the immediate establishment of a World Federation of Youth for Peace is not possible, but it was generally agreed that work to this end should continue.

The Dutch Federation of Youth has agreed to take over the Secretariat, providing financial support is given by other countries. Each country supporting the Federation of Youth is being asked to be responsible for the propagation of the Peace ideal in its own land. Under these details, the British Federation of Youth propose the following suggestions as worth consideration:—

1. That, in view of the fact that we now have to deal with a generation of youth which does not remember the World War, we need to revise our methods of peace work;
2. That our work should be more educational and less propagandistic in character than hitherto;
3. That more attention should be paid to bringing about contact between the various affiliated organisations, so that they may learn more of one another's work and ideas and co-operate in various practical ways wherever the possibility arises.

The Federation are holding a Special Conference in London on Oct. 21st, to consider future policy. Mr. E. G. Cox will attend as the Representative of the B.S.L.U.

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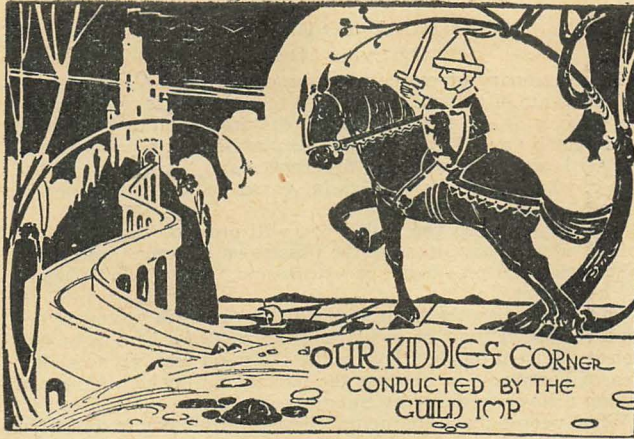
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DEAR FELLOW IMPS,

The lovely weather we are having in Earthland is having its effect on all of us, and we are still thinking of our time away from school and school work. As a result, nearly all the letters sent to me by Kiddies during the last month have been on how they spent their holidays. And what a splendid time some of you seem to have been having! I only wish my Imps were like other children and could have holidays. But we have no luck, for, as we never have to go to school or do any work, there is nothing to get a holiday from. There is not much good in old Amteck saying to us that we can stop what we are doing and have a lovely holiday—for if you stop doing nothing you have to do something, and you kiddies will agree that working is not much of a holiday. Of course we are not idle. We sometimes are very busy, but when we are busiest seems to be the time when we get into most trouble, and people seem to grumble most about us. Only last week the Witch of the Wood complained to Amteck about us, that Nursery-land would be heaven if we were not there to keep her from forgetting about the other place. And all we did was to try to find out if Simple Simon was telling the truth!

Simon had told us that he had heard Jack of the Beanstalk shouting up to Fee Fi Fo Fum (who is great pals with him when they are not fighting) that he had heard Maid Marion say to Robin Hood that she had heard Little John telling Friar Tuck that he had been told by Little Red Riding Hood that she had heard the Fairy Queen say that if anyone was to tread on the shadow of the Witch of the Wood it would trip her up.

Now you all know what a thistle-eater Simon is, and how everyone amuses himself by saying things for Simon to hear, so that he will go and prove that what everybody says of him is true by repeating what he has heard and trying to act up to it. But, in spite of that, it seemed worth our while to find out if it was true, because if it was—well, *some* kind fairy had provided a little spell of innocent amusement for a number of well-behaved children who wouldn't dream of doing anything that their kind teachers would not approve of, but at the same time thought it their duty to search after knowledge wherever it could be found. Besides, we could not very well tell from Simple Simon's story whether he meant the Fairy Queen or the Witch would be tripped if we trod on the Witch's shadow—and we thought it our duty to find out. So a few of us waited about until we saw her coming along. She walked past us, her shadow stretching behind her, and O' Esbe put out his foot and trod on it. And, although we were expecting it, it made us jump to see her stumble just as if she had tripped over something. We were afraid that perhaps she had, so to make sure we followed her and I trod on the shadow again; and again she tripped. And this time she turned and saw us and shook her fist at us, and switched her shadow in front of her. We were glad we had found out that it was she, and not the Queen, who tripped—but Bo Peep wondered if she would trip if we trod on the shadow while it was in front of her. This had to be settled, so we stole away among the trees and got in front of her. Simon claimed the right to tread this time, as he had found out about the game; so as soon as her shadow reached where we were hiding Simon trod on it—and sure enough down she went. But Simon always overdoes things, and he tried to tread on it again; and so he got caught, and you should have heard him howl as she boxed his ears. And as he sat and wept, she marched off with her shadow draped over her arm.

So you see how children can be misunderstood, even in Nursery-land. We try to find out the truth about things and they call us pests!

#### OUR CONUNDRUMS.

The answers to Malcolm's puzzles are:—(a) When there is a lamp less; (b) The scales; (c) B natural. The puzzles are in last month's BANNER.

#### MABEL'S HOLIDAY.

One day when Mabel was on her holiday, and as she was taking the seaweed out of the sea, she saw a funny little man in between two pieces of seaweed. "How do you do?" he said. "Very well, thank you," said Mabel, "but who are you?" "Me," said the little man, proudly, "I'm the King of the Elves." "Oh, are you?" said Mabel, "how jolly!" "Would you like me to show you over my palace?" asked the elf. "Oh, yes," said the little girl, "I would love you to." "Well, come along," said the elf. So Mabel followed him. He took her through a secret way, and when she reached the bottom of the sea she saw all the little fishes; and when she reached the palace she was dazzled. It was made of pretty stones and pretty shells and pretty bits of sea-weed. Then he took her inside; there were lovely mermaids combing their lovely hair. And then she went into another room and there were all the little elves dancing. So she joined them, because the elf had made her small. Just as she was going to have another dance she heard a voice say: "Mabel dear, wake up; we are going to have tea." So Mabel woke up, and got up, and said, "Still, if it was a dream, I hope it will come true some day."

DOREEN CONNOR (Stratford, London).

#### FROM GRANGETOWN.

Mr. E. Nellist, A.N.S.C., has sent me a number of efforts from Grangetown Lyceum, where he reports satisfactory progress. He doesn't say whether the poem sent by Olga Copeland is her own work, but it is a nice one and I think you will all like to read it. It is called

#### AUTUMN.

The leaves from the trees,  
All yellow, brown and barbaric red,  
Flutter about, making soft crackling noises,  
Then fall to earth once again to form a carpet.

The nuts on the trees, all clustered and brown,  
Bow their heads as the sun stares at them;  
But the leaves think nothing of it,  
As they fly down to rest once again.

#### FROM CHESTERFIELD.

Thanks to Frances Hobster for her cards and her kisses; it is not often that anyone wants to kiss an Imp like Verontas, so when anyone does you may be sure I lay great value on it.

We are sorry to learn of Mr. J. J. Hobster's nasty accident, and hope he has fully recovered from it by now. And he can rest assured that he is fully forgiven (and sympathised with) for "losing his seat."

#### NEW HONOURABLE MEMBERS.

The list of new members is held over till the November 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."

Dear Fellow Guildites,

Space has been given to a long and very necessary *Education Article* this month, so we must not take up much with this letter.

The competitors in our Essay competition will know their results personally, and winners will have received their merit badges by the time you read this, but the list of results cannot be published till next month. You see, we have to let Our Editor have *Our Page* a fortnight before readers get their BANNERS, and—at the time of writing—the results are not yet complete.

And now, Guildites, we hope you have all made a determined start on your studies for the Education Examinations; and will pass your respective Grades with flying colours.

With fraternal greetings and all good wishes,

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.)

*Personal Pronouns.* The personal pronouns are: M., I. Vi, you. Li, he. Si, she. Ni, we. Ili, they. Oni, they, we, people. This is the French "on." Si, self, reflexive pronoun, of all genders and numbers. This is naturally of the third person.

Personal pronouns form the objective case in the same way as nouns:—Min, me. Lin, him. "Oni diras," per mono oni povas aceti cion.—"They say (it is said) by means of money one can buy everything." "Mi trovis lin en la gardeno kun mia patro."—"I found him in the garden with my father." Gi, (it), is used, as in English, to denote things, and also persons and animals, the name of which does not reveal the sex. "La infano ploras, car gi estas malsata."—"The infant cries, because it is hungry." Before impersonal verbs, Gi is understood as "pluvas"—"It rains." "Estas necese mangi." It is necessary to eat."

*Possessive Pronouns.* These are formed from the corresponding personal pronouns by adding "A" as Mia, my, via, your. "Mia frato estas en la domo," "My brother is in the house." In sentences like the following, the possessives may, or may not, be preceded by the definite article "La":—"Mia fratino estas pli bela ol (la) via":—"My sister is more beautiful than yours."

They form the objective case, as before, by adding "N." "Ili vidis vian fraton kaj mian fratinojn kune."—"They saw your brother and my sister together." Also, like nouns, they are made plural by adding "J." "Mi trovis miajn librojn en la skatolo."—"I found my books in the box."

SIA, LIA, ETC. The correct use of these possessives demands attention. They must not be used indiscriminately; each has its separate rôle. In such (English) sentences as: "John saw my father and his friend," there is a doubt whose "friend" is meant. Is it "John's" friend or the "Father's" that is meant? In Esperanto there can be no such ambiguity. (a) "Johano vidis mian patron kaj lian Amikon." (b) "Johano vidis mian patron kaj sian amikon." Now, the rule is, "sia" can only refer to the subject of the sentence in which it occurs. Therefore in (a) Johano being the subject, Lian cannot refer to him, but to the father. In (b) Johano is the subject therefore it is his friend.

*The Verb (Active voice).* There is no such thing as an irregular verb in Esperanto. Therefore when the student has learned the conjugation of one verb, he knows the conjugation of every verb in the language. "I," final, denotes the infinitive mood as "Ami, to love," "Doni, to give." "AS, final, denotes the present tense of verbs. "Mi amas," I love. "IS," final, denotes the past tense. "La ridis." He laughed. "OS," final, denotes the future tense, "Mi Legos la Libron.—I will read the book. "US," final, denotes the conditional mood of verbs. "Mi amus." I would love, etc. "U," final, denotes

the imperative mood "Iru"—go. "Li amu." Let him love. The form ending in "U" is also used to translate the English subjunctive:—"Mi skribas al li, por ke li venu"—I write to him, in order that he MAY come. The pronoun, when employed as subject, precedes its verb, and, except with impersonal verbs, must always be expressed.

Next month: Participles, prepositions and adverbs; after which, monthly, the Esperanto Lessons will be printed.

N.B.—all letters about ESPERANTO should be addressed to:—MR. WALTER TAYLOR, I, Willow Street, Oldham Road, Failsworth, Manchester.

### FAIRIES.

Fairies in the garden, busy, and so gay  
Touching all the flowers in their gentle way.  
Helping them to open—some they sing to sleep;  
Seeing who can jump as high as o'er the bracken heap.  
Dancing in the meadows, riding on the bees—  
Hiding in the bracken, or underneath the trees—  
Always do I see them, having lots of fun,  
Don't forget to look yourself as through the fields you run

E. L. ANNING.

### SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF LYCEUM.

The above Lyceum completed the fourth year of existence on Sept 2nd, and were delighted to welcome into their midst Miss Edith Elliott (President, B.S.L.U.), who travelled from Manchester specially to help in celebrating this event.

Master Jack Brooks, our 12 year old Chairman, again occupied the Chair at both Church Services. Miss Constance Kent was the soloist, Miss Anthony the violinist, and Mr. Sidney Jones the organist for the day.

The morning service Address and Clairvoyance was given by Miss Elliott, who delighted the audience with her quiet dignity, and uplifting utterances. The afternoon Session was as near as possible confined to Lyceumists. Twenty-six visitors came from Chatham, to combine with Southend in giving a real "Farewell" to Mr Sidney Jones, who started his Lyceum life in Southend. He has been for some months in Chatham and has now been transferred to Aldershot R.A.P.C.

Miss Elliott, on behalf of the Southend and Westcliff Lyceum, presented to Mr. Jones an Officers' Manual, and her cheery, helpful words to him were all that we would have said ourselves if we had known how.

Many London Lyceumists were present, including members of the L.L.D.C., with dear old Mr. Myers Clegg and Mr. Miles.

The Welcome to Miss Elliott and others was given by four tiny tots and four older Lyceumists. The bouquet "To the Angels" was presented by our six-year-old little Jewess, Joan Danvers. A buttonhole to Mr. Miles by Doris Bowers, to Mr. Clegg by Cybel Shackell, and to Mr. Jones by Doris Brooks, who is a foundation member of the Lyceum, and was chosen by the Lyceum to express to Mr. Jones their message of love and goodwill.

Miss Elliott was welcomed "To our Town" by Maurice Danvers, "To our Church" by Peggy Shackell, and each presented a framed view. Violet Tims, who years ago sent the first ros. of farthings to the £2,000 Effort, presented her with a farthing mounted on blue and gold ribbons, and our pretty little Dutch girl, Jean Pline, presented a gilt horse-shoe, decorated with carnations and blue and gold ribbons, the Lyceum colours.

At the evening service Miss Elliott again delivered an Address and gave excellent clairvoyance. Miss Kent sang a solo. Miss Anthony gave a violin solo, and each lady received a bouquet. Mrs. Tims, our Conductor, also had a bouquet of lilies and heather from the Lyceumists. Violet Tims recited Longfellow's "Vision Beautiful." Maurice Danvers gave the opening Salute, and Jean Cline the closing Salute.

Altogether we had a very successful day, and Miss Elliott made many new friends who are all looking forward to seeing her again next year.

The catering arrangements for the day were very ably carried out by our energetic Secretary, Mr. F. B. S. Kemp. The decoration of the Hall and Platform was done by the elder Lyceumists and the Floral emblems, bouquets, etc., were arranged and supplied by "Pilgrims" the Southend florists.

We send our greetings to Lyceumists everywhere.

T. TIMS, Conductor.

He who is the slowest to promise is generally the quickest to perform.

## S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence.

The Yearly Appeal for the S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence is made during the month of October in the Churches and Lyceums. This year there is urgent necessity for better support. The great poverty which exists prevents many people from assisting aged relatives and friends.

To sit in the homes of some of the pensioners and see their faces light up with pleasure when the F.O.B. envelopes are opened is a gratifying sight.

The old mediums gave all the service they had and cheered many heartsick people with their messages. It is now our turn to cheer the old folks in their declining days. Below we print the official appeal and hope there will be a good response to ensure the continuation of the grant to people in poverty who will never be able to work any more.

### THE ANNUAL APPEAL.

October, 1928.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Once again the time has come for our Annual Appeal on behalf of the sick and aged workers of the Spiritualist Movement. The Committee are deeply grateful for the sympathy and support so consistently given during past years, and pray that it may be still continued, especially during the continued time of National depression.

Much good work has been done during the past twelve months, and many letters of thanks have been received from the beneficiaries, which are truly pathetic in their thankfulness to those friends who have made it possible to render the *so-much-needed* aid.

Each year the scope of the Fund becomes wider and the drain on our resources greater. We gave 613 grants during 1927 to the value of £562 os. od. and the income was £408 8s. od.; we have drawn from the Reserve £100, which is now down to £200. In one more year the Reserve Fund will be completely exhausted and severe restrictions will have to be put on grants, which are already being reduced to all new applicants, though some of them really need *more* rather than *less*. This year we have already given in the first six months £275 and the income is £86 8s. 4d. So, friends, you will realise how urgently funds are needed if we are to continue the good work for these old people whose ages range from 70 to 85 years of age.

Therefore we urgently desire that our 21st Annual Appeal to Spiritualists for a National Benevolent Collection will result in sufficient money being raised to enable us to continue as before.

All the money received for the Fund is expended in the interest of the sick and needy, excepting postage and stationery, £14 2s. od. All the work is voluntary.

Will you help, and interest your friends in this appeal?

Any contribution, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged on behalf of the Committee by

Yours fraternally,  
(Miss) M. L. STAIR,  
Hon. Sec., F.O.B.

32B, North Street,  
Keighley, Yorks.

Cheques should be made payable to M. L. Stair.

### DONATIONS.

I have pleasure in reporting the following income for July and August, viz.,

July. B.S.L.U. Conference, retiring collection £1 13s. 4d., S.N.U. Conference, Sunday morning retiring collection, £6 16s. 4d. Retiring collection, Theatre meeting, £2 6s. 6d. Mrs. Charnley, Leeds, 10s., Mrs. George 10s. London District Council £5 5s. od. Mrs. Marshall Hancock's class 4s. 9d. Mr. Marklew's Fee, Sowerby Bridge £1 1s. od. Mr. Newman 2s. 6d. Mr. T. Simkin 10s. Mrs. Young £1 0s. od. A Friend, Batley 5s. Mrs. Skaw Sykes 10s. Mrs. Cox's Home Circle 10s. A. E. Ramsden, Ontario 2s. Northern District Council, Collections at Quarterly Conference, Good Friday Propaganda Meeting, £3 14s. od. Total £25 os. 5d.

August. A Topping 5s. A. B. 2s. Mrs. M. E. Pickles 10s. Mr. Scott 5s. Poulton-le-Fylde Society, Special Effort £2 os. od. Total £3 2s. od.

The Committee are truly grateful for the response to the income of the Fund, but would draw your attention to the fact that the month of October is the time set apart for the Annual Appeal. Please see to it that the Circular is read both in the Lyceum and Church so that the real facts will be brought to the notice of all people attending our Lyceums and Churches, and

thus help to bring about a larger response than last year. The Secretary is always ready to acknowledge large or small sums, so please do your best to help.

Yours gratefully and fraternally,  
MARY L. STAIR.

### SMILING FACE.

Such a very stuffy room!—  
All the windows shut up tight,  
Curtain shrouding them with gloom,  
Hardly let in any light.  
Musty, fusty, dreary, gray,  
One can hardly breathe at all.  
Turn about whichever way  
One is up against a wall.

Often too, our minds seem naught  
Only gloomy darkened things,  
Shrouded, narrow, not a thought  
Any joy or comfort brings—  
Fling the windows open wide,  
Tear the curtains from their place,  
Throw the rubbish all outside,  
Then will enter "Smiling Face."

E. L. ANNING.

## The Children's Puzzle.



The days of picnics have come to a close for this year. In the Puzzle you will see that tea is finished and the hamper empty. The children are all playing hide and seek with the leaders. See how many hidden Lyceumists there are in the picture and send your answers to Uncle Bert. He will be very glad to know how many you have found.

### BLACKPOOL NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, ALBERT ROAD, BLACKPOOL.

REVISED ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICES.

10-30 a.m. Public Circle. 2-0 p.m. Lyceum.  
3-0 p.m. Liberty Group. 6-30 p.m. Church Service.

Visitors will be cordially welcomed.

## Science and the Future Life.

BY MADAM J. MAY.

I was talking to a young man whose father was a Master of Science, and he asked me to keep to Science, and not to the Ideal.

His first question to me was: How do you make out that a spirit-form can build up in a room when the doors and windows are shut?

I told him that the atmosphere was composed of electric atoms, but that these were of a different electricity from that with which we are acquainted; and as electricity can go through iron, it was obvious that it could come into the room in parts and build together again.

The seed is covered by a husk, the plant by the green stem; and we shall have a suitable body for our ethereal home. We shall be a kind of electricity, and be able to be here and everywhere in a few minutes. There are, I believe, four million spiritualists in England at the present time, which means that thousands of mediums are at work at once, and all their spirit-guides are carrying on the work at the right time and place, each doing his or her own work.

As most of us know, the Ego is the 'Spark Divine,' the animating force of man. At death the body dissolves into the mineral world, and our Ego into the ether world. There are the Seven Spheres of Matter, as well as the Seven Spheres of Thought for Man. The former are: *Mineral, Vegetable, Animal, Human, Astral, Etherspherical, and Terrestrial.*

The Church describes a great resurrection day. This is repugnant to science. It is not possible that bodies from which all life is extinct, can rise again, for they decompose. All religions certainly lead to God. A poet and a ploughman in love reach the same end, but there is a difference in the way they get there. Some go about a thing one way and some another. It is up to us to help a man in his religion in the way he understands best.

If we do not keep up to our ideals and study, we are going back and losing ground. God is in us, but he leaves us free to act. Sportsmen hunting a stag and driving it into the sea, are cruel and callous. What is progress for one is not progress for another. We are not all satisfied with the same standards. We should make use of our powers.

God gave a different gift to each,

To charm, to strengthen, and to teach.

Coué says in his book (as long ago as 1882):—"The finer and more subtle the matter, the more force it has. When a thing is diluted it becomes stronger as the steam or water is extracted. There is the solid form, the liquid, the gas, ether, atomic, cosmic, astral, etc."

We know that Life manifests itself through vibrations. Love attracts love; and as a sound makes an echo, a thought or feeling finds its other medium and becomes strengthened.

Our conditions, we are told by great professors, control future experiences. By love, aided by divine grace, we can develop our waking consciousness. "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." The super-consciousness takes effect when we let our physical bodies rest. When we throw off the burden, as it were, we open our hearts to the influx of divine grace. We must not have fear, if we would progress. We must not be afraid we shall lose our money. On the other hand, we are told that we should spare a little, willingly, to further any good cause, and that if we do, our incomes shall increase tenfold. We are like a stream: if we give of ourselves, we do not become dried up, as the water flows in from the channel.

We are told that innumerable small sins are worse than a great crime on the other side of life. The "Progression of Marmaduke" (a good book!) proves this. "Unity" is also a good book to read. "Unity" says that we must have self-command. It says that a thought becomes an act, an act becomes a habit, and habits make a character.

Another interesting point is that nothing affects us unless we accept it. For instance, if someone advised us to do certain things, and we do not agree to do as advised, it makes no difference to our conduct; but if we agree to do the things, i.e., accept them, then we are affected by them, for they alter our mode of life.

Some kind of thought control is necessary for progress. It is the fear of work that makes it drag heavily with us. It is not the things that happen; it is the way we let them affect us which matters. The professors tell us that it is not the misfortunes in themselves that are misfortunes; they are only the goad to urge us on. That reminds me of my favourite saying. It is, "When within there burns the fiery sense of injustice, it at least keeps alive the flame of noble impulse."

Our freedom comes if we love and turn to the light. We must use our freedom in the divine regard of principles. We must also use our environment as stepping-stones to our success. We should devote ten minutes each morning, when our minds are clear, to thinking on what we should like to be, for they say that our thoughts *now*, determine our acts of the *future*. As we desire, so shall we attain. Some say that is a fool's paradise; but I say that *that* is better than none in this world of sordid routine.

### AN ESSAY.

One of the accepted principles of alternating current generating machinery is that two machines will not run in parallel together connected to the same cables, unless they are "in phase," i.e., the conditions operating in one machine being in absolute harmony with the conditions operating on the other.

So it is with all nature. It is no use harnessing the race-horse side by side with the cart-horse. The conditions are not in harmony with the usual conditions of the race-horse and so it cannot work in harness. Therefore do we come to our natural conclusion. Life gravitates to, and functions best, when it is most in harmony with its own conditions. Everywhere we see this law evinced. The Eskimo would not make an ideal inhabitant of the tropics, but the North American negro is quite at home in his environment because it corresponds very nearly with the climate of his former African home.

Gravitation to natural and harmonious conditions is, then, one of the essential principles of Life. The earth left the sun when it was a mass of incandescent gas, it flew into space at an enormous rate until the repelling force of velocity exactly equalled the retarding force, as exercised by the sun's gravitational pull. When this state of equality was reached motion ceased except in an axial and a rotary direction. In other words, it flew until it reached a condition where no force was exerted, except in axial and rotary, i.e., harmonious motion.

The planets illustrate the harmonious laws of nature in an unexcelled way. The moon moves around the earth, the earth rotates about the sun, the sun moves around some larger body, and so on infinitely. In the Macrocosm and in the Microcosm we see the same law operating. It is the Divine Law operating through Nature. "Music," says Shakespeare, "is the food of Love," but we amend his words, claiming, with an advanced knowledge of Nature, that "Harmony is the *Sustenance of Eternal Life!*"

C. J. DAVIES,  
Rotherham Lyceum.

### EVERYDAY RHYMES.

Just try for peace, and you will find,  
That it does spread to those outside,  
And closer friendships will it bind  
And calmer thoughts what'er betide.  
The trivial things of every day,  
Do often fret the housewife's hours,  
And make a burden on her way,  
That should be just a wealth of flowers.  
Don't worry, friend, but take each day,  
Smooth out the parts that seem to crease;  
Let love, her golden sceptre sway,  
Then in your Home there will be Peace!

E. L. ANNING.

### TEES-SIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Conference of the Council will be held at Musgrave Street, West Hartlepool, at 10-30 a.m., on Sunday, 11th November. A good attendance is desired.

The business includes Minutes 45 (*re* presentation of Education Certificates) and No. 48 (*re* conducting of Church Services) previously referred to Lyceums for consideration (Circular No. 5). The Manchester and Salford Motion (Circular No. 6) will also be dealt with.

The subject for discussion this quarter is "Logic," by Mr. Bland.

ED. NELLIST, A.N.S.C. Sec.

The Vancouver Lyceum re-opened after the Summer vacation on Sept. 2nd. The Lyceum is not very strong in numbers, but those who attend show deep interest in the work. The Church is progressing rapidly and doing good work. *Lyceum Banners* are supplied monthly.

## MARCHING.

There are interested Lyceumists who are asking what is the real purpose of the Marches in the Lyceum.

At the commencement let us recall that the Lyceum method of education is an inception from the spirit of life's experience. We are copying what has been seen and heard from the superior realms of Spirit. Spirit people use a super-substance, which is becoming known as "plasma," for the building of the various evidences which portray to man the immorality, or survival beyond a mundane life.

Sometimes this plasma is made visible to the spiritual or psychic eye of man, but it largely depends on the requisite power of discernment being possessed before man can recognize the plasmic substance. This definition is what we have meant when, in the past, we have spoken of providing "conditions." It has happened, on special occasions, that the plasmic substance could be made discernable to the normal eye of man. It is then known as ectoplasm.

In the above explanation we are beginning to learn definitely how A. J. Davis and others have been able to soar to a higher condition of life and witness the actual happenings in the spirit world.

### Substance: its use for expressing thought.

The education of children, in earthly or a spiritual condition of life, must necessarily encompass a study of the substance with which the child will display the activities of the mind: as the spiritual existence is a growth from the earthly life, it is necessary for all children to learn the composition of the rough substance of earth, before they can properly understand the manipulation of the higher plasmic substance of the spirit world. The leading scientists of to-day are evolving their explanations of substance, plasma, ectoplasm, and spirit-force along these lines.

The first lesson of the Marching is correct posture of the body—an easy poise in which the joints are free and the clothing loose.

The Cross March is a good illustration of parallax an astronomical term. We must remember that spirit children are learned astronomy in lessons which are illustrated by marches. The earth is part of the solar system; hence the Lyceum marching round the Conductor is as the earth going round the Sun.

The Maze March forms a solid mass and then, as it unfolds, there breaks away a nebula, each Lyceumist forming a planet.

The Diamond March brings us down to earth and we call to our aid the physicist and geologist, and we have defined the crystalline formation of the various rocks and minerals of which the earth is composed.

There are many more lessons in other marches, but these are left for the separate Conductors to originate and illustrate whatever idea is before the Lyceum at the time.

### Thought: as Expressed by Marching.

The Double File March shows the separateness of the individual in person, but not in mind; though they part at the end of the room and come up each side of the room, their thoughts are held together by the music and the marching of which they form a part.

In the march of life, where one person leaves another for a distant land, there is displayed an intangible link as in the above march, and so the law of Telepathy is displayed.

The Chain March awakens the power of Magnetism and Healing. Remember the Lyceum salute: "with love to all and malice to none."

The Fours March: how solid it looks, as impregnable as a rock, united we stand and give strength to all. When we break off after forming this march, we can form the Corner March, even as we form our Groups: part of all though separate.

The Faith, Hope and Charity Marches are well known and need no explanation.

Working from the above as a nucleus of Lyceum expression to educate and illustrate physical, mental and spiritual laws, no Conductor need be fast for a ready illustration, as they have ever with them the power to think and the human plasticine to build in marches, aye, even as the spirit people have their plasma.

Within the harmonies of God there is a tune which appeals to every soul; when the sound reaches our ears we shall "fall in" to the tune of the Infinite and march to the vibrations of Love and Law.

G. F. KNOTT.

Justice is the parental principle of civilization.

There are a few alterations in the Education Scheme.

A new "How to Prepare" has been compiled.

For the S.N.U. Section a new Syllabus and an Entrance Examination Leaflet has been printed.

The Fees for the Graduate Section have been reduced.

Full particulars are given in the Educational Articles in this issue.

## WEDDING.

On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, 1928, at the South Manchester Spiritualist Church, Princess Road, the marriage of Catherine Goodwin and Thomas Robinson took place, conducted by Mr. Oaten, the Editor of the *Two Worlds*. The ceremony, which was most impressive, was witnessed by a fair gathering of relatives and friends.

The bride wore a beautiful dress of ivory georgette with veil and orange blossom wreath. She carried a magnificent bouquet of arum lilies.

The bridesmaids were Miss Polly Goodwin, sister of the bride, who looked lovely in an apricot shade of crepe-de-chine, and Elsie Oldfield, in green georgette. Both had beautiful bouquets of tea roses.

The best man was Mr. Brook Furnell and the groomsmen Mr. Thomas Todd, cousin of the bride. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. John Goodwin. It was a very pretty event and they were favoured with a glorious day. The reception was held at the bride's home and everyone present had an enjoyable time. The happy couple left about 6-30 for Morecambe for a brief honeymoon.

The bride was a Pendleton Lyceumist and the bridegroom lives at Stalybridge, where their future home will be. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents. May their lives be one long happiness.

The "Anti-Vivisectionist and Humanitarian Review" in the current issue has a trenchant series of articles and reports which protest against the institution of Dr. Voronoff's methods of "grafting," in Great Britain or elsewhere. The bestial experiments deserve condemnation by all shades of humanitarian and progressive bodies.

## 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.

DONCASTER, Catherine St.—In loving memory of our loving daughter, Mary Nutter, who passed to the higher life, Oct. 2nd, 1926, aged 18 years.

Once our home was bright and happy,  
But now is sad to-day,  
For the one we loved so dearly,  
As we loved her so we miss her  
"In our memory she is dear,  
Bringing many a silent tear."

From her loving Mother and Father.

DONCASTER, Catherine St.—In loving memory of Mary Nutter, who passed to the higher life Oct. 2nd, 1926.

Missed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Webb, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham.—On Sept. 17th, Zena Estelle Godfrey, aged 16 years, passed to the Higher Life. A member of the Tottenham Progressive Lyceum.

STOCKPORT, Central.—Passed to the higher life on August 29th, 1928, Mrs. Marston. Mr. Chamberlain conducted the interment ceremony on Sept. 1st.

"Our Lyceum has lost an earnest supporter of 30 years' duration."

## District Visitors' Reports.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.

During the second quarter I have visited the following Lyceums:—

Higher Openshaw, June 17th. 2-30 p.m. prompt. The singing here is very harmonious. All are keenly interested in the session. Good response to recitations, pearls, and solos. Many golden thoughts were expressed upon the readings. Marching and callisthenics very well done. A most harmonious and enjoyable Session throughout.

**Droylesden, Durham St., June 24th.** Present 32. This Lyceum Session was somewhat curtailed. Good response to recitations and pearls, and very good explanations on the readings. There are some very enthusiastic young members here. A good session.

**Longsight, Shepley St., July 8th.** 2-30 p.m. prompt. 39 present. This Lyceum is still to the fore. Nearly all the session comprised the marching and callisthenics, which were enjoyed by all present. This Lyceum has a band of very earnest and sincere workers to whom every praise is due. Session very good.

**Milton Hall, Eccles, August 12th.** 32 present. In the absence of their Conductor it was my pleasure to conduct the Sessions. Good response to the readings and many comments on same. Plenty of recitations, pearls, and solos. Considering the majority of the members of this Lyceum are children, very great praise is due to their worthy conductor. Good session.

**Pendleton, August 19th.** 2-30 p.m. prompt. 38 present. Good response to the readings, and comments were very good. Individual items good. Marching and callisthenics very good.

**Salford, Central, Sept. 2nd.** 2-30 p.m. prompt start. 34 present. Response to readings good. A few questions were asked by the children and were favourably answered. The noticeable feature in this Lyceum is the way they do the three series of callisthenics. Marching was very good. No recitations, solos, or pearls, owing to the limited time. Children very attentive to the Conductor. A good Session.

G. ASHTON.

**Manchester, Progressive.** 10-30 a.m. 22 present at Roll Call. Attention good. Remarks on S.R.C. good. Musical Reading and Golden Chain good. Lyceumists helped and explained in the questions by adults. Marching and callisthenics good. The conduct on the whole session was very good.

**Hollinwood, Byrom St.** 10-30 a.m. 37 present. Silver Chain remarks fair. Musical Reading fair. Golden Chain good. Pearls good. Marching and callisthenics good. This Lyceum has a good number of adults and should progress rapidly. The conduct of the Session was splendid.

**Collyhurst.** 10-30 a.m. Present 43. Remarks were given on all readings. Marching and callisthenics good. Attention to session good. A whole-hearted session was enjoyed.

**Cheetham Hill.** 10-30 a.m. 15 present. Remarks on all readings very good. Harmony good. Marching and callisthenics, and individual efforts good. Fraternal support of Lyceumists will be helpful.

**Moston.** 10-30 a.m. 31 present. Remarks from readings good. Individual efforts fair. Harmony in singing good. Marching and callisthenics were enjoyable.

J. GREEN.

## District Council Reports.

### THE SPIRITUALISTS' UNITED LYCEUMS DISTRICTS COUNCIL.

The Council will hold the Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers at 6-30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20th, and Sunday Oct. 21st, in the South East Lancashire District.

Delegates to this meeting are requested to write to Mr. H. Greaves, 78, Newchurch Road, Bacup, Lancs., stating their requirements.

**AGENDA.**—Minutes, Correspondence, Reports, —Secretary's, Treasurer's, B.S.L.U. Conference. President's address, Open Council.—Organisation. Notices to amend Bye-Laws. Notices of General Motion. Motions arising out of D.C.M.

Tea will be provided for delegates from 4-30 p.m. on Saturday, in the Penn St. Church, Yorkshire Street, Rochdale.

The meeting will commence at 6-30 p.m. in Regent Hall, Regent Street, Rochdale.

Nominations required for the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer.—J. S., Sec.

#### BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.

The next meeting of the above Council will be held in the Forward Church, Handsworth, on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. sharp. A prompt start is essential as there is some important business on the agenda and an early close will be necessary.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The quarterly Conference was held at Normanton, Queen St., on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Mr. Tweedale presided. Invocation was given by the President.

The local welcome was given by Mr. Calcutt, Normanton.

The President said,—We have with us to-day our Area Representative, Mr. Smith and his good wife. I want to give them, on behalf of the Council, a most hearty welcome, and I hope they go away feeling they have had a pleasant and happy time. I was hoping Mr. Barnes, of Bradford, our worthy Adjudicator, would have been with us. If we look at nature during the summer months we can learn things from her which will make a very interesting lesson for our Lyceum children. During the winter we ought to study literature. The orthodox Churches have not kept up with scientific times. It is up to us to find the proper kind of lessons for our children so that their minds may be broadened.

Minutes of last meeting were accepted and confirmed. Correspondence *re* Croft St., Leeds, agreed to place before the L.D.C.

*Re* Manchester and Salford L.D.C. motion.—This caused much discussion. All Lyceums will be notified by letter and discuss final instructions at next Conference.

**Reports.**—D.V.—York, July 8th, South Elmsall, July 15; South Kirby (closed); Horsforth, July 23rd; Cleckheaton, July 29th; Armley, Aug. 12th; Leeds, Psycho, Aug. 19th. All showed progress, but several showed diminished members. Fraternal Delegate to L.D.C. Audit Report, Field Day. Adjudicator's Report. Treasurer's Balance £5 4s. 9d. No Field Day Report owing to illness of Secretary. All reports were accepted.

The Area Representative thanked all for his re-election to the M.C., and would always endeavour to do his best and try to be at all the M.C. Meetings. He thought we ought to keep our U.D.C., and strive to help it in every way possible for it saved the B.S.L.U. Conference a lot of work and time. It was a grand thing the two National bodies working so harmoniously together. He hoped we would give our best thoughts to those delegates assembled in London. Finally he hoped all Lyceumists would give an order for that splendid Souvenir to commemorate the occasion.

There was no invitation for 1929 Field Day and Demonstration. Associates, none. No invitations for U.D.C. Conference. Delegates were asked to take back to their respective Lyceums and to let the Secretary know not later than Saturday, October 6th.

Next year's Field Day is the 2nd Saturday in July. The next Conference is at Scarborough if it can be arranged.

Open Council.—Teas, Committee, Assistant Marshals, etc. Vote of thanks to local friends. The Council's best thanks were accorded and accepted.

The Financial Statement for the Field Day was referred to the E.C.

Competition results.—Wakefield 86½, (2) Dewsbury and Easy Road 85½, (3) Leeds, Psycho, 83½.

Credential Report.—Officers, 5. Delegates, 14, representing 11 Lyceums. Associates 1. Fraternal Delegate 1. L.D.C. and Area Representative.

Lyceums present.—Armley, Batley Carr, Birstall, Castleford, Leeds (Easy Road), Hemsworth, Liversedge, Normanton (Queen St.), Normanton (Assembly St.), Wakefield, Leeds (Psycho).—A. W. HARDING, Sec.

#### LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Liverpool L.D.C. was held on Sept. 8th, at Wigan Spiritualist National Church.

Mr. Watson presided over delegates from Runcorn, Daulby Hall, Wigan, Chester, and Warrington; representatives from the S. West Lancashire Group, and a visitor from St. Helens.

Minutes and correspondence dispensed with.

It was resolved that this Council do not support the Manchester and Salford D.C. motion, inserted in the U.D.C. Report of May BANNER. It was agreed that a list of Lyceums affiliated to the District Council be forwarded to the General Secretary.

The Secretary reported the Council Picnic; Session Competition; Massed Session held at Dauby Hall, when over 200 were present, representing six Lyceums; and necessity of Lyceums keeping membership fee paid up-to-date.

The District Visitor reported her visits to St. Helens and Southport Lyceums.

The representative to the S.W. Lancashire Group gave his report of the June and September meetings. The items were the consideration of uniform Constitution for Churches; rota Scheme, 3rd party risk. Good Friday Celebrations and S.N.U. Appeal for £400.

The reports of the delegates to the B.S.L.U. Conference were submitted.

The College Committee have made arrangements for a speaker to visit any inviting Lyceum in the District and give a short

address on the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme, to be followed by questions and discussion.

The result of the Session Competition is as follows.—Daulby Hall, 1st. (winner of the Shield), Wigan 2nd, and Runcorn 3rd position. Each was presented with a certificate of merit.

It was decided to hold a Session Competition in 1929 and suggested that one judge be appointed for the musical portion and another for the general portion of the Session.

It was passed unanimously that a Competition for Elocution, Singing, Instrumental playing, etc., be held. Candidates from all affiliated Lyceums of the Council are eligible whose ages are from 5 to 18 years.

Treasurer's report shows a balance in hand of £1 7s. 2½d. It was decided to hold a United Picnic in 1929. Places suggested were Frodsham, Upholland, Carr Mill, and Halewood.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the local friends for their hospitality.

The next quarterly meeting will be held Nov. 10th, at Academy St., Warrington, commencing at 3 p.m.

Will all delegates please make an effort to attend.—L. George, Sec.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the L.L.D.C. was held at Brixton Church on Saturday, Sept. 15th, 1928. Tea was provided by the Brixton Lyceumists. Thirty-three Officers, Delegates, and Associates were present, also a number of visitors. We were favoured by a visit from Mr. G. F. Knott and Mr. A. T. Connor. The meeting was opened about 5-30 p.m., Mr. Knott giving the invocation.

The President, Mr. Fruin, welcomed Mr. Knott and Mr. Connor, and all delegates, associates, and friends.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and the correspondence accepted.

All the reports were accepted and showed that progress was being steadily made in the London Area.

The President thanked all Lyceums for their co-operation with the Council in making the Annual Demonstration and especially the I. S. F. Model Session, such an outstanding success.

Mr. A. T. Connor gave an outline of the College Scheme, and a number of questions were asked and answered satisfactorily.

It was decided that we hold an Inter-Lyceum Athletic meeting next year.

Reports on the Interchange of Conductors Scheme were satisfactory and it was decided to continue with this Scheme.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to revise the Silver Bell and Silver Medal Competition Rules.

Mrs. Fruin and Mr. Drury were appointed Adjudicators for this year's Silver Bell Competition.

The evening closed with a few words of advice and encouragement from Mr. Knott.

A hearty vote of thanks was recorded to our Brixton friends for their hospitality.—(Mrs.)—A. Calway, Sec.

#### NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting held at Blackpool on Saturday, Sept 15th, commenced at 3-40 p.m.

Invocation by the President. Miss Lawton and Mr. T. Wood were appointed Credential Officers.

Resolved that Minutes be taken as typed, and adopted.

Letters were read from Blackburn, Nelson, B.S.L.U. (3), Burnley, North St., A. Dickenson.

All Lyceums in the District interested in Manual Revision please note that all S.C.R.s. and the G.C.R.s, up to No. 140, are dealt with, and you are requested to work from No. 140 onwards.

The President stated that Mrs. Butterworth, of Blackpool, was in hospital as the result of an accident, and it was agreed we send a letter expressing the good wishes of the Council.

The Secretary's report was accepted and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and adopted.

D.V. Reports.—North.—Miss Lawton reported visits to Barrow (Dalton Rd.), Lancaster (Alliance), and Morecambe.

D.V., South.—Mr. Latham had visited Rishton, Preston (Moor Lane), Fleetwood, Brierfield, Colne, Earby, Barrow (Dalkeith St.), Burnley (Hammerton St.), Burnley (North St.). The reports were accepted and adopted.

Mr. Latham intimated that a change of adjudicator was needed.

Miss Lawton said that Mrs. Ball had asked her to express her appreciation of the Council's action, at the time of Mr. Ball's passing, and said he was keeping in active touch with Council's affairs.

Mr. Batley gave the Conference report and it was accepted as printed in the LYCEUM BANNER. A question was asked relative

of the Rotary System and what are the duties of Area Representatives to the Lyceums or District Councils. A suggestion was made that the Rotary system be dropped and some centre appointed for the meetings to save expense.

It was decided that we draw the attention of the officials of the Movement to the huge loss sustained by the continuation of the Rotary scheme, and suggest that the whole idea be dropped.

Re voting for Area Representative. We decided to press for the revision on the lines suggested by the Tyneside motion at 1928 Conference, and that we forward this motion to the next Annual B.S.L.U. Conference.

The President spoke on the end of holidays and work to be done during the coming winter, mentioning educational matters, Home study groups, the college idea and principles, and relevant matters concerning us as a district.

Credential report.—Officers 5. Area Rep., 1. Delegates 16. Visitor 1. Total 23. Lyceums represented 9, not represented 18. Pool 13s. 3d. The report was accepted and adopted.

A discussion on the composition and duties of the M.C. was deferred.

An appeal made for a retiring collection for a Lyceumist in urgent need realised 7s. 6d.

Re calendars. Mr. Latham suggested that samples and the suggested scheme be sent to the Lyceums, and that promises be asked for to guarantee the success of the scheme. Unless someone in each Lyceum made themselves responsible for the sale of these things the whole scheme would prove to be a fiasco. Mr. Dickenson suggested that those present should accept the scheme, as the printer would require at least three weeks to get the goods out. If we could put the scheme into operation to-day we could make up the deficit with which we may be faced. These could be based on a 75-25 line, thus giving the Lyceum a profit also.

It was further suggested that the whole profit ought to be for the benefit of the Council, and if the Lyceums were in earnest about raising funds for the Council, they would readily give the whole profit.

An order for Calendars was agreed to, and Mr. Dickenson placed in charge of the scheme. 12 Lyceumists became guarantors up to 5s. each.

Photos for calendars. It was moved and seconded that Mr. and Mrs. Batley be on one side and Mr. A. Kitson on the other. It was also moved and seconded that the President and Area Representative be the photos for the Calendars.

The date and place of next meeting is Dec. 15th, 1928, at Fleetwood.

We placed on record our appreciation of the service rendered by Blackpool Church and Lyceum, and especially Mrs. Nurse, and Mrs. Calvert.—J. Shuttleworth, Sec.

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

##### REPORT OF FIELD DAY RE-UNION.

On Saturday, August 18th, the Sheffield District Council held its first Field Day, meeting in the sports field of the Attercliffe Unitarian Church, which was kindly loaned to us for the occasion. Although all the Lyceums in the Council did not take the opportunity to enjoy the outing, a fairly good number of Lyceumists and friends assembled and spent an enjoyable time. The weather was nice and warm, and the Field Day Committee had got a nice programme of events made up of various items calculated to provide amusement, including a Concert Party, Ventriloquist, Dancers, Baby Show, Fishing Pond, Fishing Bucket, Hitting Plate, Pegging Line, Throwing at Hat, Houp-La, Guessing Cake, Bran Tub, etc.

The sale of refreshments, chocolates and mineral waters was fairly good, and the pavilion made an excellent refreshment room, with accommodation for Borderland readings. Dancing finished the day's programme.

It is hoped that this successful effort will arouse interest in our district and that next year *all* Lyceums will endeavour to make the event a real Re-Union. Our thanks are due to the Field Day Committee and all who helped to make the first effort so successful.

#### SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The quarterly Meeting of the above Council was held in Penn St. Lyceum, Rochdale, on Sat., Sept. 8th, our President in the chair. The credential Officer appointed was Mr. E. Hudson, of Penn St. Mrs. S. Cater and Mr. H. Greaves were nominated Associates of the Council.

Minutes of last Meeting passed as read. Also correspondence.

It was unanimously agreed that we entertain the U.D.C. in Rochdale for their next meeting on Oct. 20th and 21st. A Committee was formed to arrange smooth working for the Delegates' reception.

The Auditor's Report, Conference Report and D.V.'s Reports were accepted.

Mr. H. Shaw, of Bacup Lyceum, was elected as District Visitor for the ensuing term.

Copies of the newly printed Council Bye-Laws will be circulated to Lyceums within the Council in due course. It is proposed to issue two copies to each Lyceum and one to each Associate, any extra copies may be obtained at the price of 3d. each.

Mr. E. Shaw, was elected delegate to the forthcoming U.D.C. Meeting. It is hoped that Lyceums will endeavour to do their best to assist the Secretary in furnishing any particulars for billiting of delegates.

The date and place of next meeting is awaiting confirmation and particulars will be announced in the November BANNER.

The President in his address said, the outlook with our Council was not as bright as one would like it to be. Help could be obtained from the officers of the Council. It was pleasing to record that our good friends at Burton St. Lyceum, Middleton, were looking forward to re-opening their Lyceum, and we offer our congratulations to them with the hope their efforts may be successful and that we shall again have the pleasure of welcoming them amongst us and helping in our Council work."

9 delegates, 4 associates, and one visitor were present.

H. GREAVES, Sec.

#### TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of this Council was held on Sunday, Aug. 12th, 1928, all but two Lyceums being represented.

The following Committee was formed to compile a Primary Children's Manual:—President, Secretary, Mrs. Williams, Messrs. Bland and Bridge.

Scented cards were distributed to representatives of each Lyceum in the D.C. for sale in aid of Council funds.

The following minutes are referred to Lyceums for their consideration.

No. 45. That the co-operation of Lyceums in the vicinity of the Conference be sought with a view to the presentation of certificates won in the Education Scheme Examinations, taking place at Conference.

No. 48. That Members of the Council be delegated by the Executive Committee to conduct Church services on the occasion of Council and Executive meetings; the Churches to be asked to contribute 50% of the collections to the Council Funds.

An excellent Open Session was held in the afternoon which was well sustained by the younger children of the Lyceum (Middlesbrough, Wilson St.). The Council Secretary, Mr. E. Nellist, submitted for discussion, a paper entitled 'Sex as a leading factor in the individual's outlook on Life' which elicited a good deal of discussion. The services at night were conducted by various members of the Council, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Riley (President).—Ed. Nellist, A.N.S.C., Sec.

## Special Reports.

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

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—We had our Open Sessions on Sept. 2nd, conducted by Mr. L. Wilfred. The following took part with songs, recitations, duets, trios, solos, and pearls:—Miss E. Hirst, Mr. Wilman, Miss E. Hammond, Miss M. Ackroyd, Miss A. Hudson, Jack Hammond, Miss M. Luty, James Hill, Jonas Pearson, Mrs. Babbs, Miss M. Ashworth, Miss E. Keene, Harold Hill.—James Babbs, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Under the auspices of the Accrington and District Joint Lyceums Committee two Massed Sessions were held at the above Lyceum on Sept. 2nd., conducted by Mr. Fazackerley, ably supported by Mr. H. Doswell, Mr. H. Cooke, Mr. English, and Miss Swift.

The following contributed songs and recitations:—Annie Gregory, Walter Taylor, Miss R. Swift, Annie Smith, Miss H. Swift, Thomas Barker, Clara Godden, Harry Rimmer, Amelia Dodd, Mr. Baxter, Miss Pilkington, Miss Kenniford, Mrs. Doswell. The interest of spectators during the Marching and Callisthenics was well maintained.—Miss Davis, Joint Lyceum Sec.

WEST PELTON.—Open Session Sept. 2nd. Lyceumists taking part were:—J. Douglas, L. Abbott, P. Armstrong, O. Short, B. Gramsbury, R. Clarkson, Miss Grey, R. Dryden, Mrs. Casper, G. Morton, W. Hardy, J. Cockfield, L. Dryden, S. Whitman, Mr. Greenall, E. Day and M. Wishart. Conductor, E. Dryden.—A. Dryden, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley.—We held our usual Open Session on Sept. 2nd, conducted by Miss Jefferson. Several Lyceumists took part. A very enjoyable session.—A. Truelove, Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after Sept. 26th.

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than Oct. 24th, to ensure insertion in the November issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd. Recitations were well rendered by the young Lyceumists. Solos and duets were well sung by most of the Lyceumists. We had a very enjoyable Session.—Miss H. Swift, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On August 26th at our Open Session about 160 were present. J. Parkinson and A. Railston gave recitations. Mrs. E. Holden conducted the naming of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Berry and gave him the name of Hubert, and the spirit name of "Truth." One of the past Conductors and an old Lyceumist, Mr. N. Edwards, was present. Mr. Harrison, of Bradford, was our speaker. A very good session was enjoyed by all.—Thos. Wood, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley Street.—Open Session held on Sept. 8th, when services were rendered by Joan McKay, Mildred Brook, Florence Lens, Hilda Turner, Mrs. McKay, Mr. Pickles and Mr. Hill.—E. Pickles, Sec.

BURY, King Street.—Sept. 2nd was our Harvest Festival. A party of Blackburn Lyceumists visited us. We had a joint Session in the morning, but the Blackburn Lyceumists took entire control of the afternoon session, when they gave a display of Rod Drill. Lyceumists from the Bolton District visited us. Mr. F. Hepworth was the evening speaker.—A.D., Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sept. 2nd we held our Open Session. The following Lyceumists obliged with items:—Ernest Heath, John Slater, Eveline Clements, Marion Leverton, Leslie Driver, Marion Wagstaffe, Betsy Slater, Connie Slater, Francis Hobster, Ronald Percival, Linda Heath, Avis Bown. It was a very enjoyable Session.—May Wheatley, Session Min. Sec.

DARWEN.—August 26th was our Harvest Festival. The Church was beautifully decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables. The speaker for the day was Mrs. Crowther, of Liversedge. On Monday evening, August 27th, we held the Sale of Fruit, followed by a Social. It was a very successful weekend in many ways.—Dorothy Coghlan, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—We held our Open Session on August 26th, conducted by Mr. C. Phillips. Pearls were given by a good number of Lyceumists. Solos by Clarissa Phillips, Josephine Nixon, and Louie Gregory. Recitations by Cyril Heys, Margaret Greenwood and Dorothy Dunn were very well appreciated. We had a most enjoyable and a well-attended Session.—A. Oakes, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on Sept. 9th, when the following Lyceumists took part:—Recitations by N. Taylor, O. Wilkins, F. Clarke, V. Harrison, W. Hancock, N. Hopkinson, D. Seddon, T. Hancock, M. Ennis, O. Seddon. Hymns, etc., by E. Taylor, A. Taylor, Edna Taylor, Q. Dawson, and the Liberty Group.—Miss B. Smith, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—The Open Session on Sept. 2nd was not quite up to the usual numbers through the glorious weather and many away on holidays. The usual interest was taken up by those present. The recitations were by Doris Parkinson, Ruth and Dorothy Harris, Tom Wright and Edith Richardson. Solos by Irene Watkins and Mrs. Parkinson. The Lyceum was successful in gaining the second prize in the Hospital Parade, with the tableau "Bubbles," which brought praise from the spectators en route.—(Mrs.) E. K. Firth, Sec.

**GREAT HARWOOD.**—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd, when the following Lyceumists took part:—S.C. was led by Florrie Pickvance, M.R. by Mr. Doswell, Mr. Baxter and Hubert Norris, G.C. by Gladys Norris. We had a very keen discussion on the M.R. No. 218.—Miss C. Waterhouse, Sec.

**GRIMSBY.**—Pleasant Sunday, Sept. 2nd. Morning: Recitations by R. Barron. Trio by S. and M. Willey and C. Eddington. Solo by Mr. Rycroft. Also marching and callisthenics and pearls.

Afternoon: Solos by P. Stanham and E. Cole. Recitations by R. Chapman, C. Eddington, H. Wilson and E. Couling. Trio by M. Greenhalgh, M. Marshall and E. Cromer. Quartette by S. and M. Willey, C. Eddington and R. Howard. Song in unison by R. Barron, R. Chapman, N. Eddington, H. Wilson, F. Hunter, A. Shaw. Recitation by Mrs. Howard.—W. Piercey, Sec.

**JARROW.**—Sept. 9th we held Special Services for Lyceum Sunday, in the form of Propaganda of a twofold nature—Lyceumism and educational. Many Lyceumists distinguished themselves.—F. S. Wales, Sec.

**LEICESTER, Liberty.**—On Sept. 2nd we held our Open Session. Pearls were good. Recitations by Elsie Garrett, Yvonne Dehoux, and Doris Jayes. Solo by Ethel Gamble. Duets by Doris Jayes and Elsie Clements, Lavinia Garrett and Kitty Townsend, Mr. F. Gamble and Mr. A. Gamble, Mrs. F. M. Thwaites and Mr. H. Jayes. Organ solo by Mr. L. Kenney.—S. Wheatley, Sec.

**LEICESTER, Rupert Street.**—On Sept. 2nd we held our Open Session. Recitations by Misses Yvonne Dehoux, Lily and Doris Jayes and Alice Bingley. Solos by Miss Mary Coysh and Master Willie Coysh. A bright and enjoyable Session.

On Sept. 9th Mr. London gave an address on "The True Ideal Life." It was enjoyed by all.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

**LONDON, Brixton.**—On August 24th we held our Annual Outing to Thorpe Bay by charabanc. The weather was beautiful and everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The grandchild of one of our late Conductors, Mr. Staton, was named at our Lyceum Session. The spirit name of "Invicta" was given.

Another important event was the wedding of one of our Lyceumists, Miss Gwen Heritage, to Mr. L. A. Pavy. The Lyceum was invited.

The attendance at our Lyceum has been exceptionally good considering the holiday time.—Frank B. Cross, Sec.

**LONDON, North.**—Sept. 9th we attended the Model Session at Battersea Town Hall, ten taking part in the marching. Sept. 23rd we had a full attendance; also five visitors. Open Sessions are held fortnightly. We are now looking forward to a busy season.—Nellie C. Whorlow, Sec.

**LONDON, Stratford, Idmiston Road.**—Sept. 2nd recitations by Eddie Capper, Evelyn Plant and John Eke. Solos by June Bates and Betty Houghton. Our Church President, Mr. Mason, gave a short address on "Respect," which was greatly appreciated by us all.

Lyceum Sunday, August 26th. The Lyceum took the services for the day. At the evening service Barbara Bates and her baby brother were named by our Conductor and initiated into the Lyceum. Mr. A. T. Connor traced the origin of the Lyceum system.—Eva Connor, Sec.

**LONDON, Tottenham.**—We still carry our Lyceum Banner high, with "Progression" for our watchword. Our Lyceumists lack no enthusiasm in this work, the standard of work being high. We thoroughly enjoyed our massed Session at Battersea Town Hall, where we were happy to meet the overseas Delegates.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

**MACCLESFIELD.**—Our Lyceumists took their share in making a very happy Harvest Festival on Sept. 16th and 17th. On Sunday afternoon they gave the Musical Reading, "O, Scatter Seeds of Loving Deeds." The connective readings were nicely given by Hilda Cotterill, Edmund Carter and Miss Dean. Phylis Swindells gave a splendid explanation of the reading. The song, "Sunny Days of Childhood," was sweetly sung by all the Lyceumists present.

On Monday night six of the younger Lyceumists danced the Hornpipe and four of the elder ones did the scarf dance. Mabel Cotterill was very fine in her solo dance. All were encored. Miss Hulley was the accompanist on each occasion.—H. Rush-ton, Sec.

**MANCHESTER, Collyhurst.**—The first marriage ceremony to be performed at the Collyhurst Spiritualist Church, Colly-

hurst Street, Manchester, took place on Saturday, Sept. 8th, between two of our Lyceumists, John Ernest Ryder, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ryder, of Church Street, Harpurhey, and Doris Croft, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Croft, of Bath Street, Newton Heath. Mr. Leonard Gee officiated. We wish them every happiness in their new sphere.—H. Redden, Sec.

**MANCHESTER, Progressive, Maskell Street.**—We held our Open Session on August 26th. Recitations, pianoforte solos, pearls, solos, and a violin solo were rendered by Lyceumists. Greetings were conveyed from 12 Lyceums and the M. and S.L.D.C. We were highly complimented by visitors on the musical talent in our Lyceum. Both Sessions were enjoyed by all present.—E. Jackson, Sec.

**NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.**—On Sept. 2nd we held our Lyceum Sunday. Afternoon, Open Session. Pearls: Mr. Ronaldson, Doris Ronaldson, Olga Pybus, Bella Milner. Solos: Mr. Hunter, Miss Wardle. Evening service: The Officers of the District Council attended and gave us their services on behalf of the Lyceum Movement. The President, Mr. Slimin, gave us a splendid address on "Music." Mr. G. P. Robson played the violin, Mr. Ainley the 'cello, and Mrs. Ainley ably presided at the piano. We certainly had a musical treat. We thank the Officers and hope other Lyceums will take the opportunity of inviting the E.C. We had a splendid audience and everyone was delighted with the service.—S. J. Hunter.

**NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics' Hall.**—On Saturday, Sept. 1st, the Lyceumists and friends travelled to Radcliffe for their Annual Summer Party at Miss Roulston's Tea Gardens. 103 sat down to a very enjoyable tea. The weather being nice and fine we had a very enjoyable day.—O. Peel, Sec.

**OLDHAM, Central.**—On Sept. 8th we opened our socials for the winter, which we hold once a fortnight. A hearty welcome is extended to old and young who wish to come and have a good time with us.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—We held our Open Session and Harvest Festival on Sept. 23rd. The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. Pearls were rendered by all. Songs, recitations and pianoforte solos were given by Lyceumists. Mr. Woodland, of Cardiff, spoke a few words to the children. An enjoyable afternoon was spent.—C. Stuart-Jones, Sec.

**PRESTON, Moor Lane.**—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd. The following contributed:—Recitations: Jean Blackburn, Nellie Martin, and Miss Wren. Songs: Connie Tallon, Nellie Martin, Betty Tallon, Eva Cavanagh and Edith Tallon.—R. E. Tallon, Sec.

**PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.**—Open Session, 2nd Sept. The following contributed items:—Messrs. C. Curtis, M. Hoderness, D. Rae, W. Huckin, E. Culling, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Rae, Misses Kershaw, A. Curtis and R. Daniel.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

**QUARMBY.**—Open Session held Sept. 9th. Recitations given by Misses G. Bailey, B. Greaves, E. Calver, and Mr. Calver. A very good Session enjoyed by all.—H. Baxter, Sec.

**RADCLIFFE.**—Sept. 9th was Open Sessions. Miss Charnley conducted. Visitors came from Bolton, Bury and Darwen. They helped in the rendering of recitations and solos.—Wm. Haworth, Sec.

**SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.**—On August 26th we held our Open Session. The Conductor for the day was Mr. A. Thwaites. Mr. Stewart, the evening speaker, spoke a few inspiring words to the children. The marching and callisthenics were good. Individual efforts were fair. We had a nice time together.—E. Johnson, Sec.

**STOCKPORT, Central.**—We regret to record the passing of Mrs. J. Marston, one of the old pioneers of our Church and Lyceum, on August 29th. The burial took place at Cheadle Cemetery on Sept. 1st, Mr. Chamberlain officiating. A good number of Lyceumists and members gathered round the grave to show their love and sympathy to such a loyal worker. "God be with you till we meet again."—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

**WEST MELTON.**—We held our Open Session on Sept. 2nd. Recitations by Vera Warren, Tilly Lister, Madge Peniluna, Gwennie Monks, Joan Kenning and Miss Farrer. Solo by Madge Peniluna. We had a grand time.—Thomas Paskell, Sec.