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## TO A LONELY MOTHER.

(To all Mothers who have lost their sons for a while.)

Soon are you coming, Mother dear,  
Each day is nearer to that happy time  
When I will meet you, and with vision clear  
You then will see yourself this radiant clime.

Then do not fret, nor think the time is long  
Because there always is God's work to do.  
So many sighs to change to sweetest song,  
Others who need a word of cheer from you.

A kindly thought is of a worth more rare  
Than any earthly jewel: An act of love  
Lives to become a flower richly fair,  
Growing and shining in your home above.

And all my love I give you Mother dear,  
I watch your efforts, smiling too with joy  
Whenever you respond, without a fear,  
And realise that you have still "your Boy."

"REX".  
(through E. L. Anning.)

## Armistice Day Open Session.

(NOTE:—The Management Committee have decided to institute an Armistice Day Open Session, to be held on the second Sunday of November, commencing on Nov. 11th, 1928. Also that a suitable programme be drawn up and printed in the Lyceum Banner; as is done for the Lyceum Founder's Day. Mr. Kitson was requested to draw up the first programme.)

Armistice (ärm-ist-is), a short suspension of hostilities; a truce.

Opening hymn, No. 88, Hold Fast (S.S. 180).

Invocation to God for inspiration and help in our efforts to establish His Kingdom on earth; and moral fortitude to withstand the trials and persecutions our labours may bring upon us.

Silver Chain Recitation, No. 9. The World would be the better for it.

The Lyceum Manual affirms the sacredness of human life. Its teachings enabled many Lyceumists, when called upon during the late war, to serve on the battlefield, to appear as "Conscientious Objectors."

The Public Prosecutor, when he was prosecuting some of these "Conscientious Objectors" said:—"War would become impossible if all men were to hold the view that war is wrong and refused to take part in it."

And so it would, and to that end people of all nations are banding together to teach the sacredness of human life. Their motto being NO MORE WAR.

"It must be obvious to every intelligent person that if the statesmen could not get people to fight, there would be an end to war. If the people who make the wars were put into a field, armed to the teeth with the very latest instruments of murder, and told to fight it out among themselves, they would settle the dispute by arbitration in the shortest possible time."

Musical Reading, No. 218 (S.S. 143).

## ARE WE NOT BROTHERS?

"Thou shalt not kill," is a divine command, and applies to all classes of men, from the King on his throne to the humblest peasant in his cottage. All war is murder, and as such must be atoned for both by those who cause it and those who practice it as a profession. "Be ye not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

"Surely no body can believe that war is right, that the wholesale murder of men, with whom there is no real quarrel can ever be justified on any moral or other grounds! Then why do men go to war? Because they are lied to by the powers that see in war some economic advantage to themselves. Mr. Ponsonby's telling exposure of the wicked lies that were told to the people during the Great War ought to make every man resolve never again to be led to the shambles by such lies."

Golden Chain Recitation, No. 119.

## PRIDE, ANGER AND IGNORANCE.

"The question as to whether or not there is to be another war is one that the people can decide for themselves when they will. And it is heartening to know that *all over the world* the people are beginning to realise this fact and are declaring that they will never again take part in war. In Great Britain, the work of the "No More War" Movement is doing more for real peace than all the lip-service of statesmen who utter a qualification (or reservation) with every sentence, and cannot be brought to the point of giving a straight answer to the question:—"Are you willing to sign a pact that will abolish war for ever?" . . . .

"When the statesmen know that the people will not respond to the call of the bugle, they will refrain from the policy of war. War will become impossible when the people say 'No More War' and mean it."

Suitable reference should be made by the Conductor to those Lyceumists who were forced into the Great War, and were deprived of their earthly lives; and have long been working in the spirit world for a saner policy of settling national differences by arbitration and conciliation, assisted by the constitution of the League of Nations.

Closing Hymn, No. 409, (S.S. 162).

Sweet Golden Age.

Benediction.

Collection in aid of the £2,000 Effort.

ALFRED KITSON.

## B.S.L.U. CONFERENCE, LONDON, 1928.

Mr. Albert E. Fruin, President of the London Lyceum District Council, has been elected Billet Secretary for the delegates.

It is suggested that about 150 Billets will be required. Several London Lyceumists have already promised to take delegates. Others who can assist in the provision of Billets would help on the preliminary arrangements by advising Mr. Fruin, 2, Villiers' Road, Osterley, Middlesex.



My dear Boys and Girls,

"Let's make a jolly old Guy." You can borrow Dad's old brown hat, Mother's silk wrap, your Brother's and your Sister's gloves. That will make quite a family affair of it. What a funny Guy it would be if this is all we had. A further supply of materials are required, including some old clothes, a sack and some straw for the feeding department; so you must get busy with your collecting these things.

I think it would be wise at this juncture for me to say, "If any members of the family should lose any garments this week, I cannot undertake to be responsible for the cost of same." I am only making suggestions to the kiddies of what they might do.

I would suggest to the older members that they follow the example of Auntie Ruth, and enter right into the spirit of the fun of the kiddies, supplying their needs. We always have our Guy, it's become an annual institution. When we have succeeded in dressing the dear old chap up we sing:

"Guy Fawkes, Guy! Stick him up on high!  
Hang him to a lamp-post, and there let him die!"

Or, as some say, "Put him on a bonfire and there let him die!"

Therefore, with the aid of a bonfire, a liberal supply of fireworks, we should now have a real topping day.

I wonder if you have ever thought how strange it is that November the 5th is the outcome of an event which took place over three hundred years ago.

To-day we call out "Guy Fawkes, Guy," etc., with a spirit of merriment, but the people who lived in Guy Fawkes' day said much the same words in all seriousness. I will not take up space by going into all the details; you will find these in your school history books. I think, however, we might find a lesson or two by looking at the character of Guy Fawkes.

When we consider how he managed to get barrels of Gunpowder into the vaults of the Houses of Parliament, in order to carry out his well-laid plot, we see in him a brave and clever man.

Our first ideas of blowing everyone up creates the idea that he must have been a very wicked old man.

Since I have been a Lyceumist I have always tried to put the valuable teachings of our *Manual* into practice. This event brings me to one of them, "Speak the best you can." When we hear of a man, woman, boy or girl, who has done something wrong, we should first search their characters to endeavour to find the better side of their nature. In Guy Fawkes we have a very striking illustration of this lesson.

The Roman Catholics were not satisfied with the treatment they were getting from the Protestant King, who was in power. Therefore this plot was planned to get better conditions. We must remember, too, that the customs of the early days were not so polite as they are to-day. For instance, if we desire to remove the ruling power to-day, we are content to wait until we have what is called a General Election,

then we go and place a kiss (x) against the man or woman who represents the party we wish to rule; whereas, in early days, such methods of wars, plots, etc., were often used.

Guy Fawkes, who was a Yorkshireman, volunteered to carry out a plot which he considered would make others happier. Let this be right or wrong, we cannot fail to see in him this good point.

Then there is a further point in his favour. Although tortured by the rack, etc., at the Tower of London, he refused to give the names of those who had assisted him. In this he suffered much pain, but he remained a true comrade to the end.

In these lessons I do not wish to suggest that we should approve of wrongdoing in any way, but:—

"Do not look for the flaws in life, and even if you find them,

It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind, and look for the virtues behing them."

This will often apply to you children in your school life. Your chums may see something unkind about you, or may do you a mean act. At first you are tempted to say all the bad things you can about them in return. I think, however, if you consider this lesson you will find it is a much happier method to look for good points and "Speak the best you can" in such cases.

Before closing this subject let us consider one more illustration: "The wearing of a Guy mask," to represent some other character than that of our own.

If an event which happened over three hundred years ago still lives and is reacted year after year, as this one is, let us consider our actions in comparison.

Suppose there are those who wish to put on our mask, or, in other words, follow our example in years to come for some deed or other we may have been responsible for. Is it not very important that we should be careful how we act each day. Each event of our life, good or bad, forms the general make-up of our whole character. In order that we may present a pleasing impression, I think it is wise that we should endeavour at all times to be ourselves. Boastfulness, or swank, as it is so often termed, together with deceit, bad tempers, dishonesty and cruelty only form ugly masks. Much as we revel in looking a guy for fun, I am quite sure we do not desire to cultivate ugly masks in our daily life for others to imitate. If we do, we must be prepared to hear others calling us Guy! Guy! Guy!

Now, let off your rockets, crackers and squibs round the blazing bonfire, while you watch the jolly old Guy depart from being, leaving behind him the lesson "Speak the best we can."

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 110. "International." The highest number of words received, 160. Those who got less than this should try again. It can be beaten.

No. 111. Numbers 106, 103, 133, 142, 238, 109.

No. 112. Veil, Ink, Calico, Tiger, Orange, Rose, NAME "VICTOR."

Answers received from:—

Muriel Sutcliffe, S. Price, Bessie Ogden, Edith Taylor, Mrs. and Nellie Dean, Florence and Ernest Morris, Edith White, Josephine, Ivy and Celia Whitehead, Rhoda Robinson, Dorothy Snook (Malta).

## THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

## No. 113. MUDDLED NAMES.

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| 1. LDWNEGONEI. | 4. IBSAL.   |
| 2. ACPLVRIE.   | 5. RARABAB. |
| 3. HPNAED.     | 6. CRKREID. |

No. 115. Write a short Essay containing the following words:—BETTY, BAT, BALL, BEAUTIFUL, BROOK, BIRD.

Next month's letter will be my Christmas message. As in past years, I hope to give you a real fun page.

LIBERTY SECTION. Thought for the month:—

WISDOM AND COURAGE. "He that would undertake great enterprises hath need of wisdom and courage; wisdom to contrive and courage to execute; wisdom to guide his courage and courage to second his wisdom; both of which, if they meet with a good cause, cannot but succeed."—BISHOP HALL.

With Love,

Your Loving Friend,

2, Villiers Road, Osterley, Middlesex. UNCLE BERT.

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### £2,000 Effort.

Fellow Lyceumists,

Donations still keep coming along and so far the year promises to be much better than of late years, and I only hope and trust that things in the world of commerce will improve, for I know that Lyceumists generally will be glad to do as much as they can for the effort. Donations for the month are:—Scarborough Lyceum, 5s.; Sowerby Bridge Lyceum, 100 shillings; Sale of I.S.F. Photographs, 2s. 8d.; Mr. Smith, Sheffield, 1s.; Maskell Street Progressive Lyceum, 16s. 6d.; Farthings collected, 2s. 9d.

Received for Hydesville Cards:—Scarborough, 9d.; Manchester L.D.C., 1s.; Harpurhey, 1s.; Sutton-in-Ashfield, 1s. 9d.; Nottingham (Sherwood Street), 2s.; Newcastle (Blandford Street), 1s. 6d.; Gateshead (Rectory Hall), 10d.; Castleford, 1s.; Leicester (Silver Street), 6d. A total of £6 18s. 3d.

The Management Committee return grateful thanks for these donations, and I would like to point out that Sowerby Bridge have sent the first Lyceum donation towards the Shilling Fund, and I would like other Lyceums to follow their example where they can. If you turn to page 173 of this month's BANNER you will there find a programme drawn up by Mr. A. Kitson for the use of Lyceums on the 11th of November, and which the M.C. would like to commemorate as Peace Day. Surely all Lyceumists will be glad to band together to attempt to launch a thought for peace upon our war-stained world. If, as we say, thoughts are real things, surely our joint efforts in this direction should do some real good, and more especially if our thoughts can blend with all the thoughts for peace which will be sent up on that memorable day. As the Secretary of the £2,000 Effort, may I also appeal that you will forward your collection for that day to me. The Union greatly needs your help as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,

W. BURROWS,

Hon. Sec., £2,000 Effort.

20, Kliffen Place,

Coronation Road, Halifax.

## THOMAS PAINE: A TRIBUTE.

By REUBEN WEBB, Dipl. S.N.U.

It was quite a common experience a few years ago to hear offensive epithets applied to the name and memory of Tom Paine, but to-day there are ample evidences that even Christians in large numbers are learning to properly appreciate the values of his writings, lectures, social and political work. Tom Paine was never an Atheist, and his agnosticism was always refined and tempered by the fine sense of moral and spiritual value. If it is infidelity to espouse Naturalism, the unitarian concept, and the critical examinations of religious dogmas, then Paine was an infidel. But such a bigoted Christian concept would also apply the label of infidelity to Universalists, Unitarians, and to the majority of Spiritualists.

In our beloved and valued Lyceum Manual there are several illuminating paragraphs from the books and lectures of Thomas Paine. In Golden Chain recitation 103, Brotherhood, there is a statement of humanitarian and religious thought that stands out in magnificent contrast to the insipid public utterances of Bishops, and of other much-reported leaders of Christianity. We refer to the last paragraph of "Brotherhood," which reads,—"Ever hold in remembrance this talismanic sentiment, making it a part of your being,—My country is the universe; my home is the world; my religion to do good; my heaven wherever a human heart beats in harmony with mine."

A truly spiritual and altruistic aspiration and attitude of conduct. Could any true follower of Jesus think or do better? And, like real Spiritualism, it visions the international ideal of Humanity and Brotherhood. It is as far removed from sectarianism and from racial prejudices as the 'poles are asunder.'

I have stated that Thomas Paine was not an atheist, and in support of that view, I beg to refer you to Golden Chain recitation 115, "The Word of God." This is a rationalistic, and yet truly spiritualistic wording of thought in regard to God and Nature. Every Lyceumist would do well to make this recitation a part of his mentality, for it not only states a "Word of God" but it, inferentially, gives the Spiritualistic attitude in regard to the Bible.—"The creation speaketh a universal language, independent of human speech or human language, multiplied and varied as they may be. It is an ever-existing original, which every man can read. It cannot be forged or counterfeited. It cannot be lost, altered or suppressed. It does not depend upon the will of man; it publishes itself from one end of the earth to the other. This *word of God* preaches to all men, all nations, and all worlds."

Thomas Paine was born in 1737, and died in the United States of America in 1809. Of his numerous published books and lectures the two entitled respectively the "Rights of Man" and the "Age of Reason" are the best known.

May I commend them to the reading and study of those Lyceumists who wish to be well and widely informed of enlightened and critical agnosticism; and also of pioneer writings of ethical and social reform.

The Luton Spiritualists have started a Lyceum. About 8 persons attended the first Session on October 14th. We wish them success and progress.

## THE CHILDREN'S PUZZLE.



The policeman came; the urchins ran; Guy Fawkes would tell no tales. Yet round about the young imps are waiting to be found. Can you find the hidden boys? There is no reward, but pleasure. Tell Uncle Bert and he will be happy too.

## The Education Department.

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Whether you are a CONDUCTOR and need suggestions for Session Programmes, to include the *Manual* selections needed by your students for the exams; or you are a LEADER or TUTOR and would like advice on how best to prepare your class for the exams. and help them in their studies of *Handbook* and *Manual*; or are a STUDENT and desire to know what to do and how to do it in order to pass your Grade Examination with the certainty of success; THE BOOK YOU NEED is *How to prepare for the examination*. You can obtain a copy of the new edition by sending 1½d. to the Education Secretary.

### TO GRADE V. STUDENTS.

In addition to sending for the above booklet, also ask for a copy of the new *Grade V. Leaflet*. By working in accordance with its guidance, you will make sure of passing with not fewer than 70 per cent. of the marks, and of winning your A.N.S.C. Degree.

ALSO, note the following paragraph very carefully.

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The Examiners of the Intermediate Grade Papers found that the jump from having only *one* book for

Grade V. to *eight* books for Intermediate, was very difficult for most students, whose chief obstacle was the new study, Logic. Therefore, on their recommendation, the Education Committee has decided to prepare the way to Intermediate by *adding to Grade V Syllabus, ESSAYS ON REASONING, Chapters I. & II. and VIII to XI.*

### TEXT-BOOKS FOR GRADES I. TO V.

A full set of all books can be obtained at the *specialty reduced* price of 3s. 6d. (post free); or any particular book or books can be got separately. (For list and prices see back cover of this paper).

### OUR APPEAL FUND, AND DONATIONS.

Yet other Lyceums have responded to our appeal for financial help, to meet the heavy demands on the funds, and our total stands at nearly £19. In addition, Mr. T. F. Smedley, of Belper, has sent his ninth annual subscription of five pounds, to help on the work of Lyceum education. We wish others interested would become yearly subscribers, and thus ensure a steady income to counterbalance the big expenditure, that is unavoidable in the working of such a Scheme for all affiliated Lyceums. The Committee is deeply indebted to Mr. Smedley for his unfailing interest and practical support.

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### SOUTH SHIELDS UNITED LYCEUM WORKERS.

"Our aim is an educated congregation and some of its members with occasional higher glimpses, sharing a fresh aspect of common knowledge, and not an educated priesthood, dictating to its inferiors what is, or what shall be believed."

"We are the only Church inviting its rank and file to full education in all its teachings."

These are two of the many thought-seeds sown by Mr. A. T. Connor (Secretary, National Spiritualist College) during his visit to South Shields, Oct. 13th-15th. Record meetings were held and a decided spiritual and educational stimulus was given to the three Churches visited. On Saturday, in Cambridge Street Church, Mr. Connor dealt with questions and

helped to clear away some local difficulties as well as showing the value of the Lyceum in the educational work of the movement. Mrs. Petrie (Sunderland) gave valued clairvoyance, and Messrs. Baldwinson (Secretary, N.D.C.) and Robson (Secretary, T.L.D.C.) supported the Chairman, Mr. Ellis, and all gave a welcome to our visitor.

Sunday morning was a Liberty Group Meeting of Church and Lyceum workers of the district, with Mr. Connor as leader.

The afternoon Lyceum Session in Barnes Road Church was the children's service, and they have jolly recollections of the "Guild Imp." Greetings were given on behalf of nearly a dozen Lyceums represented. Mr. Robinson represented the N.D.C. Conference and gave the district greeting to Mr. Connor.

Mr. Connor addressed a packed congregation at the evening service, on the subject, "Spiritualism, religiously considered."

Monday evening, in the Fowler Street Church, Mr. Connor dealt fully with the higher aspects of the College and made a profound appeal to all Church and Lyceum members. Mrs. Robinson (Whitley Bay) gave appreciated clairvoyance, and Messrs. Robinson (N.D.C.) and J. Slimin (T.L.D.C.) expressed the District's appreciation of Mr. Connor and the effort of the S.S.U.L.W. in organising a memorable week-end.

N.E.A., Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, etc.**

Mexborough Lyceum has removed from Lees Arcade to West Street.

Jarrow.—Mrs. R. Overton, 81, Buddle Street, Jarrow-on-Tyne.  
Dalmuir, Broadway.—Mr. Hendry, 6, Swindon Street, Dalmuir.  
Glasgow, Southern.—Mr. J. Prior, 73, Grove Street, Glasgow, C.4.

Scottish D.V.—Mr. W. Gow, 24, Dixon Street, Crosshill, Glasgow, S.2.

**LLANDUDNO PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.**

The opening of the above Lyceum took place on Sunday, October 7th, 1928, when the Father of our English Lyceums (Mr. Kitson) honoured us with a visit.

The opening was preceded with tea and entertainment on the Saturday evening to welcome Mr. Kitson into our midst. As he entered the room he was given an enthusiastic reception and soon became one of a very happy family. Both our Chairlady and Mr. Kitson, in their remarks, spoke very feelingly of our Conductor, who was laid aside through sickness. The singing of the Doxology brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

On Sunday morning, at 10 a.m., Mr. Kitson again met with us, explained the Lyceum movement and conducted the session for us, and duly declared our Lyceum open, wishing us every success for the future. There were over 40 present, 35 of whom were members.

**GREAT HARWOOD OPENS ITS OWN CHURCH.**

Saturday, September 22nd, was a Red Letter Day for Great Harwood Spiritualists. We opened our New Church in Clayton Street, which has been renovated by Church members, Lyceumists and friends. Much credit is due to the workers.

The Opening Ceremony was performed by the Church President, Mrs. Baron, who was presented with the key by Mr. Johnson. After the President's address, she was presented with a bouquet by a young Lyceumist, Greta Johnson. Expressions of goodwill were given by representatives from Rishton, Clayton and Accrington.

A Social was held in the evening, when Lyceumists from Blackburn gave their services by rendering songs and recitations.

The Sunday services were conducted by the co-operation of the Church and Lyceum. It was a very memorable week-end.

C. WATERHOUSE, Sec.

**Our Lyceum Guild.**

(Worked in conjunction with the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme.)

GUILD MOTTO:—"We live to learn, and learn to live."

**OUR BENEFACTOR.**

We have once again to thank our friend, Mr. T. F. Smedley, of Belper, for his annual subscription of one pound to the Guild Fund; and for the encouraging letter that brought it. We are very grateful; and much appreciate Mr. Smedley's help and interest and good wishes.

**YOUR PLEDGES.**

Will all Guildites, please, hunt up their copy of *Our Aims and Rules*, and read them through. Then ask yourselves, "Am I keeping my promises to the Guild?" The rest is obvious:—and next month we hope to find your names amongst the Lists of Candidates for the Examinations, sent in from your Lyceums.

**OUR ESSAY COMPETITION.**

The standard required, to win 85 per cent. of the marks and a merit badge, was a high one; and we heartily congratulate the eight essayists who have been successful in attaining the standard. Many other essays sent in were quite good, but just missed being good enough in some section or other which earned marks. (For marking scheme, see *Guild Page* in the April BANNER.)

The Guild gives its sincere and grateful thanks to Mrs. Paling (S.N.U. Education Secretary) and Mr. Connor (College Secretary) for acting as Judges of this year's essays.

**MERIT BADGES.**

Merit badges have been awarded to:—

No.	Name.	Town.	%	Success.
53	Mr. Walter Burrows	Halifax	96%	Second
1484	Mr. C. W. Dixon	Liverpool	90%	*Fourth
1933	Mrs. L. George	Liverpool	90%	Second
1942	Mr. R. Marsh	Stretford	88%	Second
		Manchester.		
1304	Mr. W. Taylor	Gt. Harwood	87%	Second.
1702	Miss M. A. Williams	Bowes Park	86%	*Fourth
2088	Mr. W. T. White	Bradford	85%	First
1798	Mrs. M. M. Briggs	Salford	85%	First

**CERTIFIED ESSAYISTS.**

The Guild offers its hearty congratulations to Mr. Dixon (Liverpool) and Miss Williams (London) on obtaining their fourth success and thus qualifying for the certificate of the Guild of CERTIFIED ESSAYIST. Badges and certificates have been sent to the winning essayists.

**OUR ESPERANTO GROUP.**

Mr. Taylor much regrets his inability to send his usual article this month, but promises us that it shall come along for December without fail. Will Esperantists please note.

**GUILD LEADER.**

Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A., F.N.S.C., 37, South Street, Savile Town, Dewsbury, Yorks.; to whom apply for information about the aims and work of the *Guild*, and for Form of Application.

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## Direction.

The Lyceum is the nursery of Spiritualism. All those who are young in spirit and have the incentive of children to pull things to pieces, with the view to the knowledge of what is inside and how a thing works, will find a deep fascination in probing life and examining forces in nature.

In any Lyceum we must use the material to hand, and make the best use of it, too, if we desire the best results.

The composition of a Lyceum is made with the combination of Conductor, officers, leaders and children of various ages. Temperament is present in all the members, but each mind varies in potential qualities. A strong body seeks physical display; a strong mental energy delves in thought, with its influence and inference. Impulsiveness is present in all; the express of desire may differ in manifestation, yet the motive force is ever present to attack some new venture. Some minds desire change and others seek progress.

The Conductor should examine the nature of all the Lyceumists and adapt the leaders to the various groups. A committee may select leaders for groups, but the choice should be guided by the qualities of the leaders and their attraction to suitable groups. A Liberty Group can often take care of itself. It is the younger classes where specialisation of temperament should be adapted when choosing leaders. The most interesting group will be found where the youngest children are.

The first simple lessons can be given in nature study. There are comparatively few people know the elementary stages of the botanical world. The knowledge of the trees, flowers and fruits is a sure foundation and closely related to the higher study of anatomy and physiology. These subjects should certainly be simply understood before reaching out to mental science and occult culture, or we shall not be able to understand many of the emotional thrills which occur in the growth and expansion of young life.

A young child lives chiefly in an objective world and must see things before a true understanding can manifest itself. The eye must see and the hand must touch things. Therefore the use of the blackboard must be practised to satisfy the first steps to knowledge.

I watched a successful leader and he spoke, wrote and drew the thing he was speaking about. Then the children drew what they saw. The result was that the children had brought their little active bodies into play,

besides hearing and seeing the thing they were copying.

Children learn everything by imitation when being taught, and consciously or unconsciously we provide the example for them to follow. "When I'm a man I'll be a . . .," says the child, and it is always something the child has seen which prompts the thought. Initiative belongs to a later stage of life.

There is always the lure of a child's imagination extending beyond the basis of fact to enable a leader to discern the inclination of a child's mind, in the days before he knows the meaning of a lie, by carefully watching its habits when left to its own devices.

There are so many people—more than 90 per cent.—working at undesirable occupations; not the trade or profession they would choose if they could restart their entry into industry. It is small wonder that people are discontented.

We have a chance, in the Lyceum, to help to remedy this discontent and direct, by co-operation between leader and parent, the future of our children into channels which will give them the greatest possible pleasure and enthusiasm in daily toil—it is impossible for us to contemplate Lyceumists who desire to be idle, no matter how much wealth they may inherit. Love is the greatest employer in the whole world, always looking round to find what service can be rendered.

It is impossible, as children grow older and become adolescent to find, in the Lyceum, an outlet for all the energies waiting and anxious to be displayed, but we can direct the minds to places and conditions where opportunity awaits them with open arms for the display of human energy. We are in their company for a few hours each week. Those hours can be made attractive and sacred. The groups may become the scenes of general talks that breed the quiet confidences when only the leader and Lyceumists are together. It is a happy consummation of parental joy when a child can say "Father" or "Mother," and then on equal ground open its mind in confidence and expose the swelling thoughts that fill the young mind with an unfulfilled but desirable dream.

Some children, for reasons of their own, would rather seek this confidence from a teacher or leader. We must be prepared, whilst not drawing the child away from its parent, to listen to the confidence and, when necessary, reveal the result of the premeditated dream which has arisen in the mind of the child.

It is only a step from a group lesson to the heart of a child and a true leader can open the confidential door if he has thought of the necessity for such a transition. Such a way is not opened by preaching or an eternal "don't."

A young man wished for expansion and left his home. The shock of his removal made his foster-mother ill. When she found his new address she wrote him a letter and "come home, there will be no preaching. If there is something in your life I do not understand, come and tell me and I will try to help you." The youth returned. Her pain ceased and his joy increased. An intense affection came into their natures. There was a deep impulse of the soul united them—greater than any heart-throb; passing beyond time and stretching into eternity.

Such friendships can be borne into the Lyceum between leader and Lyceumist. Many have left the Lyceums that could have been called back? They awaited the call of the leader, but no call came. Both

have missed the lasting joy of eternal memories that have not even become still-born.

In themes like these are found the inspiration of the true organiser. And the Lyceum must depend on the sympathy of those who are willing to enlist in such service.

The direction of all of us is towards the spheres. We are in the process of time, but time is only man's way of measuring eternity. There are eternal forces waiting to bind us together. The future of mankind is in the womb of futurity and the children await our service. Their loving association is the greatest asset for human progress. They are simple and innocent. Let us embrace truth together and as we feel the sensations of our growing bodies may we not also feel the infusion of spiritual love inspiring us to hold together as we walk through life. Walking our separate ways we shall remain one in heart and mind sharing the joy of a holy communion with ourselves and the angels.

The radiance of our thoughts, passing from mind to mind, will catch up in its folds those who feel the sentiment of our ideals and they will be unconsciously drawn to us by the sweetness of our companionship.

In these ways will be found divine direction by a new form of clairvoyance drawing us, through harmony and peace to the deep religious joy that cannot be withdrawn by pain or death.

Can you think of any other system where the virgin thought awaits transfusion so readily as in the Lyceum. This may be a new form of propaganda and routine. Its ways are pleasant and the joys are sweet. Age may come but the heart keeps young. Bodies may die but truth and love can never pass away. "All chance—direction which we cannot see" is found to be divine. The Lyceum awaits you, greets you, and invites you to the full fruition of its joys. That way direction lies.

G. F. KNOTT.

### The Management Committee at Manchester.

The M.C. held their Quarterly Meetings at Manchester on October 13th and 14th, by invitation from the Manchester and Salford Lyceum D.C. The whole of the meetings took place in the rooms of the Manchester National Spiritualist Church, Maskell St., Ardwick.

Mr. Cox could not attend through sickness, and sympathy was accorded to him for his speedy recovery.

A number of letters were read and referred to the various Committees concerned.

A recommendation from the Arbitration Court was accepted by the M.C., and will be moved as a motion at the next Conference.

It was decided to print the circular compiled by Mr. Newton in the LYCEUM BANNER.

It was ruled that all D.C.s pay affiliation fees to the Union on the basis of Lyceums in good financial standing with the District Councils.

It was agreed to introduce a Peace Sunday annually, on the second Sunday in November. Mr. Kitson was requested to compile the programme for the 1928 Session. Lyceums are also requested to donate the collection to the £2,000 Effort.

The final compilation of the Conference Minutes was deferred till the January M.C. Meeting.

The Treasurer's report showed Receipts £847 6s. 7d., Payments £597 4s. 9d. Balance £401 16s. 8d.

Certificate Deposits £15 18s. 6d. £2,000 Effort

Fund £563 3s. 11d. Lyceum Home Fund £174 12s. 4d. Outstanding Liabilities £556 10s.

£5 was donated to the S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence and an annual appeal is being inserted in the LYCEUM BANNER.

Mr. Burrows reported £14 8s. 4d. had been received during the past month for the £2,000 Effort.

Mr. Keeling offered to supply any Lyceumists with photos of the I.S.F. Model Session. The net price is 4d. each. There are two photos, which, side by side, give a picture of the breadth of the Hall. The proceeds will be given to the £2,000 Effort.

A revised price list for advertisements was adopted. The new list of charges will be found on Page I. of the BANNER cover.

A larger type for the printing of the BANNER was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to note the Souvenirs can still be obtained at a charge of 6s. a dozen, post free.

The Education Report showed enthusiasm and progress in preparations for the 1928-9 examinations.

A brief report of the I.S.F. Congress was given. The report will be found elsewhere in the LYCEUM BANNER.

Lyceums at Llandudno, Skegness, and Winnington were endorsed as B.S.L.U. members and allocated to their respective areas.

Mrs. Nurse was appointed to attend the U.D.C. Meeting along with Miss Rayner.

A report from the Home of Rest Committee was accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council and Maskell Street friends concluded the meeting.

### OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Marks (President of Manchester and Salford L.D.C.) and Miss Scott (Manchester, Maskell St.) welcomed the M.C. to Manchester.

Miss Elliott suitably responded and said Manchester friends always catered well in providing facilities for the M.C. and various Committees. She accepted the roses presented to all the M.C. as a token of love.

Miss Elliott (President) conducted the Session.

Miss Rayner gave the prayer.

Mr. Burrows conducted the S.C.R. and was presented with 16s. 10d. by a young Lyceumist (Maskell St.) for the £2,000 Effort.

Mr. Mack, Miss Rayner and Mr. Smith read the connective readings of the M.R.

Miss Elliott, Mr. Kitson, and Mr. Mack have compiled a composite report of the I.S.F. Congress recently held in London. They are unanimous in their appreciation of the propaganda value and progress made during the five years of the existence of the International Spiritualist Federation.

The attention of our readers is drawn to the Scale of Charges for advertisements. We are now open to print adverts. from suitable firms and solicit any assistance from Lyceumists in providing advertisements.

Mr. E. G. Cox attended a Special Conference of the Federation of Youth, on October 21st. Mr. H. Bing, Organiser of the Federation of Youth, has contributed an article which will appear in the December issue.

### THE I.S.F. SOUVENIR.

The Souvenir which was provided for the Lyceum Model Session that took place during the International Spiritualist Congress has been universally praised as a production of the printer's art. It is printed in English and French on coloured matt paper, and contains the Objects of the B. S. L. U.

There are some remaining copies on hand and Lyceums can have copies (till the stock is exhausted) at 6s. per dozen, post free.

The Souvenir celebrated an epoch in our history and will increase in intrinsic value as the years go by.

Copies can be obtained from the General Secretary, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

### Delegates Report of the I.S.F. Triennial Congress (1928).

In presenting our report, we have first given a statement of the business transacted, leaving our impressions of the Congress till later in the report.

The Congress was held in the Queen's Gate Hall, London, from Sept. 7th, to 13th, 1928.

The full Congress of over 300 members, representing 27 countries opened on Saturday morning at 11 a.m., under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. F. Berry, the President. He extended a cordial welcome to Spiritualists from all lands and hoped that their visit to Great Britain would be happy and that harmony would be the keynote of their deliberations.

The Minutes of the Paris (1925) meeting were accepted without question, after which M. Ripert (France) General Secretary of the I.S.F., presented his report, showing the progress made in the various countries during the last three years. He especially noted that scientists and psychologists in almost all countries are turning to the study of Spiritualism.

M. A. Pauchard (Switzerland), the Treasurer, in his report, showed an increase since the last Congress, the balance in hand standing at 5,000 francs (gold).

Mr. E. W. Oaten was elected President for the ensuing six years, and will be supported by the following Executive Committee:—

*Vice-President*—M. J. Meyer (France).

*Secretary*—M. A. Ripert (France).

*Treasurer*—M. A. Pauchard (Switzerland).

*Councillors*—M. Beversluis (Holland),  
Herr. Bruns (Germany).

An invitation to hold the next Congress at The Hague, in August 1931, was extended by Holland, and this was accepted with acclamation.

Arising out of the discussion *re* a Psychic Dictionary, it was agreed to accept F. W. H. Myer's Glossary of Terms, as a basis, and that every country send in suggestions within one year. The General Secretary will then circulate a rough draft to all affiliated countries.

A reception was held on Saturday evening and the delegates were received by Sir A. Conan Doyle, the Hon. President of the Congress. He welcomed the delegates and Congress Members in the name of British Spiritualism and noted with pleasure that all sections in Great Britain had co-operated in a common bond of unity. M. J. Meyer, replying to the welcome, said that he not only desired to thank the S.N.U. and the B.S.L.U. but every Society in Great Britain that had made it possible for the congress to be assured of success. He made reference to the splendid example

that the B.S.L.U. had given in the work for the children, and hoped that it would be possible to take up this work in France.

What was recognised as one of the outstanding features of the Congress, was the Model Lyceum Session. This was held in the Battersea Town Hall on the Sunday afternoon, when a good attendance of Overseas Delegates were present. They were pleased that the Session Programme was printed in both French and English. M. Ripert also assisted greatly by translating the comments of the various speakers. The opinions of some of the Overseas Delegates will be printed in the LYCEUM BANNER.

The delegates, Congress members, and members of the London Spiritualists Associations were the personal guests of Sir A. C. Doyle at the Queen's Hall, on Sunday night, where he gave a lecture on psychic photography, illustrated by lantern slides. There were a number of fairy photographs and psychic extras thrown on the screen.

On Monday evening, under the chairmanship of Sir A. C. Doyle, the meeting was convened to hear the reports from the delegates of each country, which were listened to with very great interest.

The sectional work of the Congress began on Monday morning. Mr. Berry outlined the procedure for the work of the Congress, stating that the three sections would sit simultaneously. Your delegates, therefore, arranged for Miss Elliott to attend the Science Section, Mr. Kitson the Philosophy Section, and Mr. Mack the Organisation and Propaganda Section.

#### SCIENCE SECTION.

Paper by M. MARTY (Paris).

#### PSYCHIC PHENOMENA OF SPIRITUALISM AND ELECTRO-MAGNETISM.

Much discussion took place on this paper, M. Marty dealt with the influence of sunlight and atmospheric on the intensity and frequency of rappings. He contended that the phenomena had a scientific foundation and suggested that the electron was the element used by the spirit people. Science and Spiritualism, he suggested, should carry on joint investigations.

Paper by MR. MCINDOE (Glasgow).

#### STUDIES IN INDEPENDENT OBJECTIVE VOICE PHENOMENA.

Detailed experiments were described, with telephone transmitters in a cabinet, trumpets and deaf appliances, and the unconscious whispers that emanated from the mediums with scarcely any movement of their lips.

Mr. McIndoe contended that telepathic impulses of some kind were received by the mediums and that the structure of the throat was ectoplasmic. He stated that Sir Richard Paget "had recently produced many varieties of human speech by artificial voice-boxes and that he required one box for each sound." "It is just a step," Mr. McIndoe added, "to visualise the possibility of combining these in one instrument composed of living matter actuated and controlled by intelligence."

Paper by TH. PONERIDES (Greece).

- (a) A SCIENTIFIC TESTIMONY ON A CASE OF SPIRIT IDENTITY AT THE MOMENT OF DEATH, THEREBY PROVING SURVIVAL.
- (b) NAVIGATION AND MEDIUMSHIP.

He drew attention to his daughter who only lived 26 months, yet at nine months could see spirit people and received veridical messages purporting to come from the grandfather and others who had passed away before the child was born. When the child was dying it said to its mother, "Don't be sorry, Mamma, for our separation. They call me to go with them. They say after my departure they will let me go and communicate with papa."

The second part of the paper dealt with instances where psychic influence was the means of steering his ship to its destination without light.

In another case he was guided to a ship in distress in the dark and thereby saved many lives.

Paper by MR. W. E. OATEN (England).

"ECTOPLASM."

Mr. Oaten's opinions of this subject were founded on personal experience and he stated that the business man was a long way ahead of the scientist.

Describing some of his experiences, which covered a period of 30 years, he had seen a walnut table (weighing 80lbs.) suspended in the air for several minutes without contact and some 16 or 17 names spelt out. He had seen and handled crystalline bodies, human hands, arms, heads and feet, at times gripping them tightly, declaring his intention to retain them, but found his fingers meet through them as they dematerialised. He had seen 16 pairs of materialised hands simultaneously, comprising every type from a chubby child to that of the poetical blacksmith. "Each sitter," said Mr. Oaten, "contributed his quota towards the results obtained, but that of the medium was similar to a mixing machine and his supply was the most important. Another very essential factor was the constancy of the sitters."

Paper by M. G. FABRIONI (Italy).

"MEDIUMISTIC FACTS."

Details were described of how, in his dreams, he was able to travel in spirit and how he received symbolistically things that were about to happen, etc.

Paper by R. MONTANDON (Bayon).

"DOES CREMATION CAUSE SUFFERING FOR THE PERSON WHOSE BODY IS CREMATED."

He stated that cremation caused suffering only where western methods are applied. Age, kind of death, ideas, etc., should be taken into consideration, and cremation should be avoided until three days after death.

Paper by DR. MAXWELL.

METAPSYCHICAL SCIENCE AND MEDICINE.

Present day research presents two questions:—

1. That of cures which were exclusively suggestive.
2. That of cures by so-called Magnetic cures.

The first of these problems is that of the action of suggestion. This is the action of persuasion, and the sole active agent is that we call auto-suggestion.

There are two psychicisms in our individual organism, the Conscious and the Sub-conscious. It is probable that the conscious is that of personality and the sub-conscious the sum-total of our organic individuality. These differ both qualitatively and quantitatively.

Action by suggestion is based upon the intimate links which unite mind and body. Action of the physical

and moral may be compared with a dynamo and electrical meter, one generating electricity and the other receiving the electric current and transferring it into motion again.

Paper by R. J. STRONG.

"SPIRITUAL ENGINEERING."

The paper described experiments with materialisation, the author declared the process to be similar to that of electro-plating.

PHILOSOPHY.

Paper by MADAME DUCEL (France).

"THE DOCTRINE, PHILOSOPHY, AND ETHICS OF SPIRITUALISM."

This paper was much too long for the time allotted. There being no English version, the majority had to depend on a summary given by a translator, and the Chairman. The latter, M. Beversluis, referred to the Lyceum Open Session, and quoted from the Musical Reading, "One electric love-chord, thrilling all with fire, soar we through vast ages, higher every higher," showing that "The Doctrine, Philosophy, and Ethics of Spiritualism," as taught in the Lyceum, had appealed to him.

Paper by MRS. JOSEPHINE RANSOME (London).

"PROOFS OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE SOUL."

This well-thought-out paper and line of argument was not as beneficial to the foreign delegates owing to there being no French translation.

There were several papers which brought in the subject of re-incarnation, and these were enthusiastically discussed. The various views expressed showed that the "Banner of International Spiritualism" must be large enough to enfold all shades of opinion on this very hypothetical subject, from the Continental re-incarnationists to the English-speaking anti-reincarnationists.

ORGANISATION AND PROPAGANDA.

Paper by MR. E. A. KEELING.

"THE ORGANISATION OF SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATIONS."

Mr. Keeling suggested a way to form better and more stable Churches. Instead of the usual method of rushing the formation of a Church, home-circles should be formed, in order that good mediums might be developed, and true Spiritualists produced. From these, other home-circles could be organised ultimately producing a band of reliable Spiritualists and Workers fit to open a Church and carry on its work in an efficient manner. Mr. Keeling maintained that such a Church could be founded in five years. This class of Church would produce a cleaner movement. There were many more helpful suggestions contained in the paper, which with all the other papers presented at the Congress, will be published in full in the Official Report of the Congress.

Papers by M. HENRI REGNAULT (France).

"HOW TO PROPAGATE SPIRITUALISM"; "A NECESSARY MODIFICATION IN SCHOLASTIC TEACHING"; "THE SOCIAL CONSIDERATION OF MEDIUMISTIC FACULTIES."

These papers were of a controversial nature, and suggested methods of individual propaganda, the introduction of Spiritualism into day schools, and the payment or non-payment of mediums. The motions

introduced to the United Session of the Congress on Thursday afternoon (shown later in this report) will convey the nature of the discussion on these papers.

PAPER ADDRESSED TO THE WORLD.

Mrs. Cadwallader read a paper that had been delivered at the Plymouth Spiritualist Church, Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A., December 5th, 1927, by Spirit Father Pierpoint through Mrs. Mary T. Longley, at the unveiling of the International Hydesville Memorial. It will be remembered that this memorial is to commemorate the Fox Sisters, and the Origin of Modern Spiritualism. The most controversial point raised by this paper dealt with the question as to whether man were capable of creating energy for healing purposes. This question was again further discussed at the United Session.

There were several papers read, but not discussed, simply being filed for publication in the Official Report.

Mr. Keeling made an ideal secretary of this Section.

(To be continued).

Lyceum Manual Tests.

Mr. McFarlane writes:—

The correct titles and numbers for No. 5 Test are as under:—

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Sometime (85).           | 11. Knowledge (219).                |
| 2. Heavenly Mansions (216)  | 12. Friends above us (18.)          |
| 3. Sing all together (302). | 13. Anniversary Greeting (329.)     |
| 4. The Homeland (316).      | 14. The Hereafter (210)             |
| 5. Home (19).               | 15. Backbone (82).                  |
| 6. Rest for the Weary (207) | 16. Sweet Summerland (304).         |
| 7. Vesper (411).            | 17. There's room in the World (27). |
| 8. One by One (39).         | 18. No night there (350).           |
| 9. Sweet Golden Age (409).  | 19. The Old and the New (367).      |
| 10. Love (118).             | 20. Roses of Life (386).            |

There was an error in the No. 16 example. A multiplication symbol was printed instead of the plus sign. Allowance has been made for this in the markings.

The prizes are awarded to Mrs. Barbara Proud (Blandford St., Newcastle Lyceum) and Lilian Yorke (Fowler St. Lyceum, South Shields).

The following had 15 or over, correct results and deserve honourable mention,—D. Snook (Malta), Mrs. N. White (South Shields), Miss Guy, R. Grice, Clara Jones (Southsea), Mrs. O' Keef (Liverpool) and Mr. Guy (Southampton).

MANUAL TEST No. 6.

Concealed in this Cross-Word Competition are several titles from the Manual, in addition to other words which are parts of titles.

I propose to make this a special test and will award 4 prizes for the best solutions as under—

- 1 prize for the best attempt from any girl under 14.
- 1 prize for the best attempt from any boy under 14.
- 1 prize for the best attempt from any Lyceumist between 14 and 21.
- 1 prize for the best attempt from any other adult.

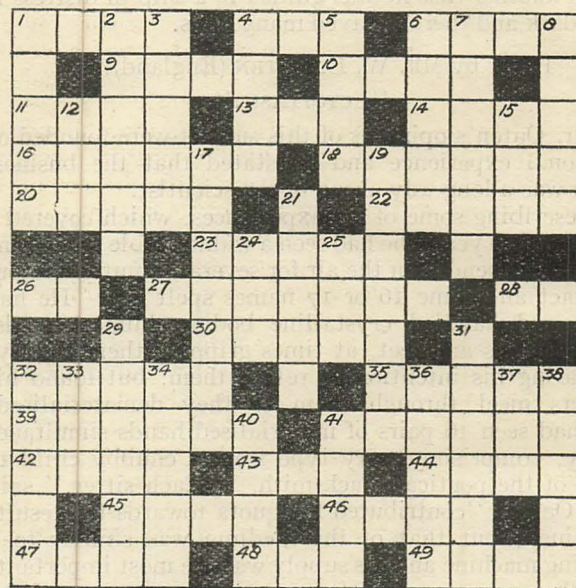
The attempts should be in Block letters with the title and part titles clearly stated separately. In the case

of uncompleted attempts preference will be given to those discovering and indicating the titles and part titles. Solutions should be sent to Mr. J. G. MacFarlane, 6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, not later than the 18th November, 1928.

Write your name and address in block capitals.

Name ..... Age (if under 21)....

Address.....



CLUES TO THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Across.</i>              | <i>Down.</i>              |
| 1. Relieve.                 | 1. Contains.              |
| 4. Distress Sign.           | 2. Sweethearts.           |
| 6. Neat.                    | 3. Urge.                  |
| 9. Spoken.                  | 4. Kill.                  |
| 10. Girl's name             | 5. A two masted vessel.   |
| 11. Affection.              | 6. Confidence.            |
| 13. Commotion.              | 7. Chance.                |
| 14. To.                     | 8. Imaginary being.       |
| 16. Showy.                  | 12. Mineral (crude.)      |
| 18. Knowledge.              | 15. Not around.           |
| 20. Hair curl out of place. | 17. A scatterer.          |
| 22. Make amends.            | 19. Manual title.         |
| 23. Domain.                 | 21. Spruce.               |
| 26. Upon.                   | 24. Period.               |
| 27. Assure.                 | 25. Untruth.              |
| 28. An afterthought.        | 29. Endowed.              |
| 30. Transparent fluid.      | 31. That which couples.   |
| 32. Double.                 | 32. Reverse 25.           |
| 35. Poetic verse.           | 33. Wart or pimple.       |
| 39. Amend.                  | 34. Roasts.               |
| 41. Evening star.           | 36. Hymn.                 |
| 42. Preposition.            | 37. Lair.                 |
| 43. Girl's name.            | 38. Certain without ends. |
| 44. Relation.               | 40. Created.              |
| 45. Extended.               | 41. To lower.             |
| 46. Compose.                |                           |
| 47. Shoulder carriers.      |                           |
| 48. Mother of all.          |                           |
| 49. Wise men.               |                           |

## High Jinks in Nursery-land.

By VERONTAS, The Guild Imp.

### IV.—AND GREAT WAS THE FALL THEREOF.

Gerald opened his eyes to their widest, and stared in a way that would have made his mother order him to leave the room. And really he was not to be blamed. You would have stared, too, if you had been there. Just try to imagine it—and then say if you think Gerald was to be blamed for staring. As soon as the would-be speakers had given up trying to make speeches to us, there was a loud trampling at the entrance to the banqueting hall, and in marched a large black man, carrying a long pole which he kept twirling over his head; behind him came such a band as you have never seen on Earth. They were all sorts and sizes, and of all colours and shapes, and they marched in threes; and no sooner had our guest noticed this than he saw that each three carried the same kind of musical instrument—there were three fiddlers, and three drummers, and three pipers—or the same kind of tool or instrument—there were the three tailors with their needles, and all the remainder of his historic retinue: as Friar Tuck said to Maid Marion, he had three of everything! And it was hardly necessary for Amteck to whisper to Gerald:

“Here come Old King Cole and his merry musicians.”

Up the hall they marched, swept round in a circle of the floor space, and then the concert commenced, and so used had Gerald become to finding that very little on Earth seemed to be original, that he listened without surprise to the fiddlers playing the Londonderry Air. It was a rattling good entertainment while it lasted, but when the pipers started to play Scots Wha Hae, even Mac Sikkar thought it was time for a change. He said this was a special occasion and that everybody should have a chance of being happy. So King Cole grouped his band into a corner, and we had a lovely time dancing. I don't know the names of the dances, but they looked very nice—and when Queen Mab changed the floor into a level village green we did some folk dancing, and even we children were able to take a lively part. We danced until we were all out of breath, and while we rested Robin Hood and his merry men of Sherwood set up the archery butts, and gave us an exhibition. It was wonderful to see how the foresters were able to handle their long bows, and how near to the centre they sent every arrow; but we stood up and made the hall ring with our cheers as Robin Hood fired seven arrows in quick time and split in two seven of the arrows already in the target.

When this exhibition was over, everybody wanted Saint George to fight his dragon, but he wouldn't do it; he said it was too hot work, and besides, there wasn't room for the dragon to get properly hot, as his breath might singe the curtains. So we let them off, and things were beginning to get a bit slow, when Aladdin showed us some conjuring tricks that made everybody feel happy again. He turned Simple Simon into a mouse, and we were all enjoying it when Puss in Boots leaped for him—and it took all the power of all the Slaves of the Lamp to get Simon back to his proper shape just in time. And even then he grumbled that he had the marks of Puss's bite in the back of his neck—some people are never grateful, no matter what you do for them! But we got Old King Cole's band to play for us while we danced the Maypole dance, and that

put everybody back into a good humour—even Dick Whittington, who said that it was not right to disappoint dumb animals, who cannot speak for themselves, and was annoyed that Aladdin had disappointed his cat by turning Simple Simon back to his own shape just as the poor animal was going to eat him. Even he got back to a good temper, and then we went on with Aladdin's conjuring for quite a long time. I must not take up space trying to tell you all he did, but we kiddies enjoyed it, and we got quite a lot of ideas for new games. I might be allowed to tell you about them some other time.

Suddenly there was what O'Esbe calls a loud hush—by this he means a hush that follows so close on noise that it seems to strike you—and Gerald looked around wondering. He saw that everybody had pulled himself up to attention, and all the ladies (except Queen Mab) were curtsying. And then he stood speechless at the figure which he saw marching up the centre of the hall. It *looked* like a man, and it was tall and slender; but it had pointed ears and a long curled tail, and it was dressed in vivid scarlet. He was trying to make up his mind which way it would be safest to run when to his surprise Amteck stood up on the dais and announced in his best voice:

“Your Fairy Majesty, ladies and gentlemen—His Imp-ariel Majesty the King of the Elves, our royal patron and president, has honoured us with his presence during our revels.”

The grown-up seemed to take the matter quite coolly: but we kiddies had never seen King Ariel before, and we had never pictured him as we now saw him. And O'Esbe spoke for us all when he exclaimed:

“Gracious and true, I thought it was the Devil.”

Gerald was flabbergasted as well as the rest of us; but he was luckier—for he sat beside Amteck, and the Imperial Chancellor condescended to explain the matter to him.

“I hope you haven't been frightened,” he whispered; and Gerald managed to keep his teeth quiet while he whispered back that he hadn't.

“It is quite all right,” Amteck continued; “it is only a little whim of his majesty's—and besides, he looks so well in it. He once saw the Christmas Number of one of your coloured Earth magazines, and one of the pictures was just like he is dressed now. He took a great fancy to the picture, and ever since then he always dresses like this for special occasions. And personally I greatly admire his taste. Kings should always wear something that separates them from their subjects, and I think his majesty has managed it rather well.”

Gerald agreed that his majesty had certainly managed to make himself look peculiar, and unlike anybody else!

As soon as we had got over this fright, we settled down to our games again, and Fee Fi Fo Fum gave us turns at being lifted into the air on his hand; thrown up and caught as we came down; and then lowered till we thought we were near enough to be able to jump from his hand to the floor. Whoever jumped the farthest would get Maid Marion's bouquet. Gerald and Jack Horner tied, and had to jump all over again; and Jackie, at his second attempt, jumped from such a height (and landed without stumbling) that we all hoped Gerald would not be foolish enough to try to beat him. But Gerald mounted Fee Fi's hand with such a determined face that we all knew he was going to beat Jackie, if it could be done. But just as he was thrown into the air,

Simple Simon stuck a pin into Fee Fi's leg; he let out a howl and clasped the wound; and with a yell poor Gerald came tumbling to the floor.

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His mother heard the yell, and, rushing into his bedroom, found him lying on the floor beside his bed. Not knowing enough to believe in fairies, she thinks he only fell out of bed. But WE know that he had had a nasty tumble, right down from Nursery-Land.

### Lyceum Manual Revision Committee.

MINUTES of the meeting held at Alma Street, Halifax, on Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th, June, 1928.

Present:—Mr. E. A. Keeling (Chairman), Misses E. Elliott, G. Halliday, A. Hesp, M. E. Kitson, and M. E. Lawton; Messrs. G. F. Knott, G. A. Mack, J. Shuttleworth, and A. T. Connor (Secretary).

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, and accepted—a special acceptance being voted for the sections in print (from "THE LYCEUM BANNER.")

Arising—

(a) The Secretary reported that the letter to Mr. Wells had been returned by his Secretary; (b) the decision to restore the "pre-1920" readings to the G.C.R. 125 was unanimously suspended until the end of the revision work; (c) The Secretary reported that Conference had agreed to the Principles being considered by the Committee; also that he had received no correspondence on the matter.

Correspondence was read from Mr. R. Webb (New Zealand), Mr. Hales (Sheffield) and Miss Kirkham (Liverpool) making suggestions and/or offering contributions for the revision work. The Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the Committee to these correspondents.

Arising,—

The Secretary was authorised to lodge all matter submitted for a revised Songster with the B.S.L.U. General Secretary.

The Conference Report was given by the Chairman and Secretary and accepted.

At this point the Committee considered and agreed to a suggestion from the Education Committee, that all the meetings of the two Committees up to Conference, should be held during the same week-end—as all members of the Education Committee were also on the Revision Committee.

A section of the U.D.C. minutes was read, showing that a Children's Section of the Lyceum Manual was favoured by the Halifax and Huddersfield, N.E. Lancs., N.E. Cheshire, Sheffield, Liverpool, Tyneside and Tees-side Councils.

G.C.R. 136.

The Revision work was resumed with a general discussion of the Principles as set forth in G.C.R. 136. It was finally agreed that all obtainable versions of the Principles should be collected and typed, and copies sent to members, who were to send in their written opinions not later than October 1st.

G.C.R. 137.

It was agreed to recommend that the title of G.C.R. 137 should be altered to read: "The Basis of Spiritualism"; Other recommendations are as hereunder:—

Lyceum 1. (line 2) should read: "a religion, a philoso-

phy, and a science"—and readings 3 and 5 to be exchanged.

Condr. 4 and 5 (new 3). For "it" put "Spiritualism".

Lyceum 4. to start—"Because it . . . ."

Condr. 4. to start—"Why" instead of "How."

Lyceum 5. (new 3).—for "better" put "clearer" and delete the last clause, from "thus . . . .to "it proves."

Lyceum 3 (new 5).—for "can and have been" substitute "have been and may be." (This recommendation was carried by 5—4, Mr. Keeling intimating his dissent but not voting).

Lyceum 6. To begin: "In a general sense they . . ." and add after "with man": the following paragraph—"but in its highest sense they are those who, realising the truth of a continuous life, unbroken by death, attempt to cultivate their highest spiritual faculties, live righteous lives, and ceaselessly strive to improve in goodness and wisdom."

It was agreed to delete Condr. and Lyceum 7 and to consider the remainder of the G.C.R. when re-considering G.C.R. 105.

G.C.R. 138.

Many alterations were agreed to, the Readings concerned now reading as follows:—

Condr. 1. What is that which is called Death?

Lyceum 1. Death is the final release of the Spirit from its physical body. (Mr. Mack dissented re "Spirit" being used instead of "Soul").

Condr. 2. What is the result of death?

Lyceum 2. The body . . . form, and returns to the elements from which it originated. but . . . bonds.

Condr. & Lyceum 3. Delete.

Condr. 4. How have we obtained this knowledge?

Lyceum 4. By . . . Spirits, who have returned and have communicated with us, and from the nature of the manifestations produced to prove their presence.

Condr. & Lyceum 5. Delete.

Condr. 6. Delete "else."

Lyceum 6. For "earthly" read "physical."

Lyceum 7. "No; all is . . . event, as law is supreme both in the spiritual and in the physical realm."

Condr. & Lyceum 8. Delete.

Condr. 9. Delete "the change called."

Lyceum 9. For "another birth into" read "a change to," and after "state"; read "the same individual, with precisely the same faculties, is welcomed by spirit friends and introduced to the new state of life."

Condr. 10. Is it better to die young, or to live to old age?

Lyceum 10. With his limited knowledge, Man cannot judge of this: but spirit people tell us that the earth life is a very valuable experience, of which the fullest possible advantage should be taken.

Condr. & Lyceum 11 and 12. Delete.

,, ,, 13. Agreed.

,, ,, 14. Delete.

Lyceum 15. "The knowledge . . . the spirit life; hence arises a most powerful incentive to do good and control our passions, lest they stain and deface our spirit." Delete from "— body" to the end.

Lyceum 16. "The condition of the spirit life stimulates repentance from wrong-doing. Aspiration and service open up a pathway of progression to every soul that wills to walk therein."

*Lyceum* 17. (Last line)—Read “or of human tongue to utter.”

G.C.R. 139.

Adopted with the following alterations.

*Condr.* 1.—Omit “young.”

*Lyceum* 1.—For “touch” substitute “affect.”

*Condr.* 3.—Delete “helpless.”

*Lyceum* 3.—Delete all after “to its needs.”

*Lyceum* 8.—Begin “it is easier . . .” and end with “these are . . ., or bright.”

*Lyceum* 10.—Begin—“Yes. The method . . . and the pure.”

*Lyceum* 15.—Begin—“As they are trained to help others, they are ever ready to offer”—and delete “in a word.” Remainder to stand as in present (1924) edition.

The Sunday morning session began with a discussion of the method of dealing with new matter for the Revised Manual. It was finally decided to form three sub-committees to examine the submitted MSS., each sub-committee to take a section, as follows:—

M.R.s. Misses Halliday, Hesp, Kitson, and Lawton.  
S.C.R.s. Mrs. Pickles, Messrs. Keeling, Mack and Nurse.

G.C.R.s. Miss Elliott, Messrs. Connor, Knott and Shuttleworth.

Each committee member would classify each manuscript according to the following classification:

A.—Suitable, and could be used without adaptation.

B.—Idea good, but would need to be adapted.

C.—Not suitable.

In addition, the M.R. Committee was requested to consider ways and means of converting some of our S.C.R.s with a musical setting into M.R.s (or to suggest other Chains which could be used with the same tunes).

The Secretary was instructed to divide the MSS. and send each section to a member of the appropriate sub-committee; S.C.R.s to Mr. Keeling, M.R.s to Miss Hesp, and G.C.R.s to Miss Elliott.

(N.B.—This business took place while the consideration of G.C.R. 138 was suspended).

Expenses of the meeting, £6 4s. 8d. Education Committee share agreed at £1 10s. od.

Next meetings arranged as follows:—

November, 1928. Liverpool.

April, 1929. Darwin.

November, 1929. Halifax (invitation to).

A vote of thanks to Miss Halliday and the Halifax friends brought the proceeds to a close.

#### THE S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

There is a growing need for increased support of the Fund of Benevolence controlled by the S.N.U.

The Management Committee have felt that some Lyceums would like to send their donations direct from the B.S.L.U. Some twenty Lyceums have already contributed to the Fund and we thank all of them for their support of such a worthy cause.

We remember that many of the old workers used their influence in allowing Lyceumists to use their Churches rent free and thus helped the B.S.L.U. to found a movement for the education of Spiritualist and other children. A donation, however small, will help those

who helped our founders. It will cheer the declining years of our old people if they see we have not forgotten them.

Any donations will be happily received by the General Secretary, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs., and sent to the Secretary of the Benevolent Fund. This solicitation is the first appeal we have made to Lyceumists for a B.S.L.U. donation and in future years we shall make an Annual Appeal in the October issue of the LYCEUM BANNER.

We anticipate your support.

#### THE S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure to report the following income for September:—Mrs. Ruth Hey 5s., Mrs. Willey 1s., Mrs. Cox's Home Circle 10s., Miss Lucy Turner £2 2s., In Memory of a Dear Friend, P.Q.R. Acton £1, Lady Doyle £10, Mr. and Mrs. O. Gabell 10s., Mrs. and Mrs. Waterhouse 10s., F. D., Birkenhead £1 1s., J. Arthur Hill and Miss Hill £1, Rev. G. Vale Owen 10s. 6d., Miss E. F. A. Leresche 2s. 6d., W. S. Doyle 7s. 6d., W. Appleyard £1 1s., Jas. F. Bowerman £2 2s., Mrs. M. J. Parker £1, Miss E. Smith 5s., J. Osman 10s., Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Smedley £2, Mr. and Mrs. Scott 5s., Mr. Dawson Rogers £1 1s., Mrs. M. Walker 3s. 6d., From Estelle 10s., Poulton le-Fylde Church, special effort, speaker Miss Sunderland £1 10s., Balance, sale of effects caused by the closing of the N.S.C. at Colwyn Road, Northampton £12. Total £40 7s.

The Committee are truly grateful and wish to express their sincere thanks, especially to the annual subscribers who generously help the needy and respond to the Annual Appeal, which the Editor of the BANNER so kindly printed in the October issue.

I trust you have all read the Appeal and will find ways and means of helping these old workers who paved the way that the road was made easier for our young feet to walk. Please do your best to help. A little self-sacrifice from each Lyceumist would swell the Funds greatly. Every little helps so please send along your collections, etc. and I will be pleased to acknowledge all monies received. Last year 20 Lyceums responded.

Yours fraternally,

MARY L. STAIR,

Hon. Secretary.

#### PASSING OF MR. PETER ANFORTH.

It is with deep regret that Burnley, North St. Lyceum report the passing to the higher life of Mr. Peter Anforth on September 23rd, 1928. We have lost one of our best workers. He was one who helped to organise Spiritualism in Burnley 50 years ago. We are enjoying the harvest now, in the freedom of worship, of their pioneer labours at that time. He was our Choirmaster and Musical Director at the Lyceum. On every occasion, where the children were concerned, he was always willing to give his best in training them for Musical Services, etc. On the eve of his transition he was studying four services of song, and making his selection of one, which was to be given next year by the children and the choir. He lived for his music. He will ever be held in the highest esteem by all who know him. To know him was to respect him.

He was interred at the Burnley Cemetery, on Sept. 26th, by Mrs. M. Rawlinson, our President.

## TRANSITION OF MRS. MARMOY.

LONDON, Manor Park.—It is with deep regret that we have to report the passing to the higher life of our sister and Secretary, Mrs. Marmoy, on Oct. 20th, 1928.

The Angels' gain, but our loss, in a loyal worker for the children.

Wellington (Kent Terrace) Lyceum recently gave a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Wedgewood. Any Britisher going to New Zealand is assured of a warm greeting at any Lyceum.

The Education Committee and the Lyceum Manual Revision Committee are meeting in Daulby Hall, Liverpool, on November 3rd and 4th. The meetings have been arranged to save the additional expense which will be incurred if the meetings are held during separate week-ends. The object in protecting the funds of the Union is appreciated.

## District Council Reports.

### THE UNITED LYCEUMS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting and election of officers of the U.D.C. was held in the South-East Lancashire District at Regent Hall, Rochdale, on Saturday and Sunday, October 20th and 21st. Meals were served in Penn Street Church.

Delegates were present from:—B.S.L.U. M.C., Miss Rayner and Mrs. Nurse; Leeds, Mr. A. W. Harding; Halifax and Huddersfield, Mr. Ellis; North-East Cheshire, Miss Joules; Tees-side, Mr. Bland; North-East Lancashire, Mr. T. Wood; South-East Lancashire, Mr. Shaw. Mr. Batley (President) and Mr. Shuttleworth (Secretary) were also present.

Mr. C. T. Batley was in the Chair and gave an invocation.

Mr. Dixon, the President of the S.E.L.L.D.C., extended a cordial welcome to the delegates, hoped that good would accrue from the meeting and extended a further invitation at any time when the U.D.C. required a meeting place.

Mr. Batley suitably responded to the welcome.

Mrs. Nurse and Mr. Bland raised questions on the Minutes, which were adopted.

Letters were read and accepted from various sources.

The yearly income was £16 13s. 9½d.; expenditure £7 3s. 10d.; balance £8 19s. 11½d.

The Conference Report produced items on the political aspect; Conference expenses; holding up accounts; Ainsworth Charity; annual report of the U.D.C.; reference to the M. and S.L.D.C. motion *re* the circulation to District Councils. After various comments the report was adopted.

The President spoke, in his address, of the lack of co-ordination and the necessity for centralisation of the activities of the Spiritualist movement. He also dealt with the election of Area Representatives and the political fight for religious freedom.

There were many comments, particularly on the duties of the Area Representatives.

Proposals were suggested for business meetings and propaganda work being separated and the members of the M.C. coming into closer touch with the districts.

Mr. Batley was re-elected President and Mr. Shuttleworth re-elected Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Mr. Ellis suggested that Article V. be amended to read, after Council, on line three, "consisting of National Councillors from electoral areas," etc.

It was decided to circulate the Tyneside motion relative to "all Lyceums becoming members of the D.C. upon being accepted as B.S.L.U. Lyceums," to the D.C.'s.

Questions on Church and Lyceum discipline, voting age, definition of officers and leaders, duties and powers of the District Visitors, public phenomena, education, improved platform, were all discussed.

An amendment of Article IV., sub-section "C," is being drafted to place officers and leaders in their proper place and definition.

The auditors reported the books and vouchers were all in order and correct.

Comments were given on the Education Scheme and examiners were criticised for not putting notes so as not to give offence. £1 was donated to the Education Scheme.

The proposal for a Children's Manual was favourably accepted. Districts are being asked to submit the text for the provision of suitable material for such a book.

A vote of appreciation was accorded to the local friends, Churches and Lyceums for the local entertainment, etc.

### A MASS MEETING.

A Mass Meeting was held in the Pioneers' Hall, Rochdale, on Sunday afternoon, October 21st.

Mr. Dixon, the President of the S.E. Lancashire L.D.C., extended a welcome to the United Lyceum Districts Council. He briefly outlined the work of the U.D.C.—that we are prepared to give service to facilitate the work of the movement, and to give a fillip to some of its practical aspects. Mr. Batley, the U.D.C. President, said that the Council appreciated the welcome extended and the hospitality given to us. "We are not here really for propaganda, but to create that enthusiasm which will forward the work of the Lyceum system."

The Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth, gave the invocation and an address, "The Reason Why." He gave some practical suggestions how adult Spiritualists can assist our Lyceums. The Chairman, Mr. Batley, in his remarks, gave an idea of the organisation of the movement from the Lyceums up to the M.C. Mrs. Nurse gave the benediction.

Tes was served in the Penn Street Lyceum.

### A MASSES SESSION.

At the evening Massed Lyceum Session, Mr. Dixon briefly outlined the reason of the visit of the U.D.C. and introduced Mr. Batley as Conductor of the Session. Mr. Batley expressed his pleasure in the honour conferred upon him and expressed appreciation towards the S.E. Lancashire D.C. for entertaining the U.D.C. for this Annual Meeting. An attendance of 400 sang "We are trying to follow the Angels." The invocation was given by the President, followed by the singing of the "Lord's Prayer."

Mr. Ellis led the S.C.R. "The Divine Order" and briefly explained the reading. The Musical Reading, "Scatter the Gems of the Beautiful," was sung, the connective readers being Mr. Bland (Tees-side), Mr. H. Shaw (S.E. Lancashire), and Mrs. Nurse (B.S.L.U. M.C.). The Secretary conducted the G.C.R. "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity." Questions were asked and answered.

The Marching and Callisthenics were conducted by Mr. Dewhirst (S.E. Lancashire D.C.). About 100 went through the marches and the first series of callisthenics, which were very well done and reflected credit on the leaders. The President commented upon the performance as being very creditable. Individual efforts were given by various children. Pearls were asked for and evoked a fair response. Greetings were exchanged from Heywood (William Street), Heywood (B.M.U.), Dearnley, Royton, Rochdale (Penn Street), Rochdale (Baillie Street), Rochdale (Regent Hall), Bacup.

Mrs. Nurse moved, and Mr. Wood seconded, "We place on record our appreciation of the services rendered to the Council by the South-East Lancashire Lyceum D.C., and to the local Lyceums for their labours on our behalf." The Secretary supported the vote of thanks. Mr. Dixon replied on behalf of the S.E. Lancashire L.D.C. and expressed his appreciation of the service rendered by the Council in the propaganda of Lyceum work. Mr. Knott briefly commended Lyceum methods. Miss Joules (N.E. Cheshire) gave the benediction.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec.

### BOLTON DISTRICT.

The next meeting of the Bolton D.C. will be held in Daisy Hill Spiritualist Church on Saturday, November 17th, to commence at 3-15 p.m. prompt. Agenda:—Opening Exercises, Roll Call, Minutes, Correspondence, President's Address, Reports, 1929 Demonstration, Invitations for 1929 Council Meetings, Any other business. A.D., Sec.

### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 15th and 16th, at Scarborough.

Lyceums please note the wish of the Scarborough Lyceumists: That all Lyceums in our Council will try to send at least one delegate to this Conference.

Kindly let me know not later than December 11th (first post) so that arrangements may be made for billets.—A. W. Harding, Sec.

## SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the South-East Lancashire District Council will be held on Saturday, November 24th, in the Eagle Street Lyceum, Todmorden.

Lyceums are requested to send their representatives to this meeting.

## District Visitor's Report.

## LEEDS DISTRICT.

Mr. H. Spencer reports visits to Leeds (Psycho), Armley, Cleckheaton, Horsforth, South Elmsall, York, Castleford, Batley Carr, Normanton (Assembly Street), and Hemsworth.

The behaviour in all the Lyceums was good. The explanations have been given very creditably by the Conductors and Lyceumists. Many pearls, recitations and solos have been rendered.

At Hemsworth there was a Naming Service. The child received the name of Constance Barbara, spirit name Violet.

The physical exercises have all been well performed.

Castleford Lyceumists explained the lessons which had been given in groups.

## 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.**

**BARNESLEY, North Pavement.**—In loving memory of one of our Lyceum scholars, Thomas Sykes, who passed away on September 20th, 1928, aged 4 years.

**HYDE, George Street.**—We regret to record the passing on of Mrs. Bertha Kirk, after a long illness. She was a member of our Church.

**MIDDLESBROUGH.**—In loving memory of Jack Bessant, who passed to the higher life October 30th, 1927. "Ever remembered by his loved ones."

## 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 again held a happy Open Session on October 7th. We had a good attendance. Lyceumists responded with recitations, songs, solos and duets. Greetings were received from various Lyceums. The announcement of the results of the Silver Shield Competition showed Laisterdyke Lyceum are the winners. We are to be presented with the Shield and a Certificate at a Concert on Saturday, November 10th, at 7 p.m.—J. Babbs, Sec.

**NEWCASTLE, Blandford Street.**—On Sept. 30th, Anniversary Services. Mrs. Price, our Conductor, presided. A Service of Song, "Netty," was rendered by the Lyceumists. Solos by Miss J. Price, Mrs. Finley, Miss Brown, Miss Nicol; duet by Mrs. Proud and Mrs. Whitfield. A very successful evening and appreciative congregation.—A. Richardson, Sec.

**WAKEFIELD.**—We held an Open Session and Prize Giving on Oct. 14th. Mrs. Adamson, Castleford, conducted the Session and also distributed prizes. Pearls, recitations and a solo were rendered. A pleasant afternoon.—D. Harding, Sec.

**WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace.**—We are very pleased to report our very favourable progress during the month of July. Our numbers have slightly increased and all the Lyceum Sessions have been well attended. The work in the Lyceum is very good, and we expect shortly to commence classes in order to prepare for the B.S.L.U. examinations.—S. Harris, Sec.

**CARDIFF, Park Grove.**—On Oct. 7th we held our Open Session before a crowded congregation. We were supported by recitations and musical items from the Lyceumists. Mrs. Marsh, our Conductor, named two babies,—Arnold, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, and Keturah Beatrice Jane, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. White. Both parents are old Lyceumists. The children were received into the Lyceum under an archway of flowers, after which Mrs. Marsh presented them both with Lyceum Badges.—Betty Davies, 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 Oct. 24th.

**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 Nov. 21st, to ensure insertion in the December 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.

**BIRKENHEAD.**—On Oct. 7th the Lyceum conducted the Church services. The day was wet, which kept a good many of the younger ones away. Nevertheless there was a good congregation at both services. The afternoon Open Session was conducted by Mr. Reg. Robb. Many pearls, recitations and solos were given.

Evening, Mr. Thompson was Chairman. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Robb and Mr. Edwards gave short addresses. Miss Whiteley and Albert Thompson rendered solos. Mrs. Winters gave clairvoyance.—E. Edwards, Acting Sec.

**BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.**—On Sept. 30th, Open Session. 160 Lyceumists and friends were present. Recitations by J. Parkinson, C. Railton and E. Holding. A piano-forte and violin duet was ably rendered by Miss A. Riding and Mr. T. Wilkinson. Mrs. Jessy Greenwood was our speaker.

Oct. 7th, Harvest Services. In the afternoon we held an Open Session. About 200 were present. Recitations by F. Railton, H. and J. Parkinson, E. Wood, A. and C. Railton, J. Entwistle. Mr. Will Edwards was our speaker.—T. Wood, Sec.

**BOLTON, Bradford Street.**—On Saturday, Oct. 13th, we held a Potato Pie Social, in aid of the B.L.D.C. funds. Visitors were present from most of the Lyceums who are members of the Council. Feelings of harmony and jollity pervaded. We all seemed to have a real good time and we had the comforting knowledge that we were helping to swell the Council Funds.—Edna Holt, Sec.

**BRADFORD, Ripley Street.**—On Oct. 7th we held our Open Session, when Misses N. and Florence Leng, H. Turner, Joan McKay, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mr. Hill rendered services.—E. Pickles, Sec.

**BRIERFIELD.**—On Oct. 7th we held our Harvest Festival and Open Session. Mr. Kettlewell conducted a very successful Session. Recitations by Phyllis Spencer, Nelly Tunstill and Mary James; solos by Harry Ashworth, Ivy Greenwood, Kenneth Exley and Ethel Spencer; a duet by Annie Bradshaw and Ivy Greenwood. A song in unison by Raymond Kay, Olive Bradshaw, Edith Bird and Mona Berry.—A. Sewell, Sec.

**BURY, King Street.**—Oct. 7th, Open Sessions, when visitors from Bolton, Bradford Street, Daisy Hill, and Heywood, helped to make the Sessions bright and happy. Individual items were well rendered by the Lyceumists, the younger ones especially doing very well. The discussions on the readings were keen and helpful.—A.D., Sec.

**CHESTERFIELD.**—Sept. 29th, Harvest Festival. We had an enjoyable session.

Monday, Sept 30th. Sale of fruit.

Oct. 7th, Open Session. Items by Ernest Heath, Sidney Hobster, Ronald Percival, Marion Wagstaffe, Frances Hobster, Marion Leverton, Betsie Slater, Eveline Clements, Jessie Orwin, Miss Wholey, Avis Bown and Willie Campbell.—May Wheatley, Session Minute Sec.

**DARWEN.**—On Saturday, Oct. 6th, we held our Annual President's Party, which was the opening party of the season. A meat tea was served by the ladies, followed by an excellent programme of songs and recitations, given by members and friends. The rest of the evening was happily spent in dancing.—Dorothy Coghlan, Ban. Sec.

**DONCASTER, Catherine Street.**—Open Session, Oct. 7th. Miss Johnson conducted. About 30 friends from Goole paid us a visit and were very interested in the Session. Marching and callisthenics were good. We regret to record the passing on of Mrs. Riley, an old member of our Church and a big friend of our Lyceum.—Mrs. S. C. Webb, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Open Session, Oct. 7th. It was well given and received. Recitations by Mary N. Watkins, Irene Watkins, Ruth Harris and Frank Phillips; solo by Lily Frith and Irene Watkins; duets by Lily Frith and Irene Watkins. There were several pearls. Marching and callisthenics were very good, under the leadership of Mr. Batley and Kitty Thurston. A very good session. It was the Harvest Festival Sunday. The Lyceumists were very pleased and surprised to see the Tableau photo in the BANNER.—Mrs. E. K. Firth, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Pleasant Sunday, Oct. 7th. Morning, recitations by Mr. Ryecroft and V. Chapman; trio by M. Greenhalgh, E. Cromer and R. Barrett; solo by Mr. Ryecroft; marching and callisthenics. Afternoon: Duets by C. Eddington and R. Chapman, N. Hockley and M. Marshall; quartette by M. Greenhalgh, E. Cromer, R. Barrett and D. Ayscough; recitations by Mrs. Howard and R. Howard and A. Letch; solo by Mr. Ryecroft.—W. Piercy, Sec.

HANLEY.—On July 21st we had our Annual Outing, when Lyceumists and friends journeyed to Sandon by bus and spent a very happy day. After tea races were indulged in, the adults entering with real pleasure. The winners received prizes, and then home again to dream of happy days to come.—A. Mason, Sec.

HEATON NORRIS.—On Oct. 14th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Moulton, as our Conductor, Mr. Downs, had another mission to perform. Pearls and recitations were very good, also the marching and callisthenics. Musical trio by three Lyceumists.

At the evening service Mrs. Moulton gave a Service of Song, entitled "All's well that ends well," supported by the Lyceumists. Miss L. Craig sang "A little child shall lead you."—Miss D. Pickering, Sec.

HYDE, George Street.—On Oct. 6th a large party of Lyceumists and friends went by charabanc to see the illuminations at Blackpool. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

On Oct. 7th our Harvest Services were held, with a good display of fruit. The speaker was Miss E. Elliott (President, B.S.L.U.), who gave two splendid addresses and also performed the naming ceremony of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.—Mr. N. Cartwright, Sec.

JARROW.—Oct. 14th. Election of Officers:—Conductor, Mrs. R. A. Hudson; Assistant, Mrs. Hutchinson; Secretary, Mrs. R. Overton; Treasurer, Mrs. Wilson; Captain of Guards, William Smith; Guards, Sally Siddle and Robert Sparks; Librarian, Ruth Bigley; Leaders, Mrs. Bales, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Overton, Mrs. Hutchinson.—Mrs. R. Overton, Sec.

LANCASTER, Gt. John Street.—Our Open Session on Oct. 7th was the best held this year. Almost everyone took part in songs, recitations, pearls, etc. The following gave songs and recitations:—F. Thompson, A. Coupland, M. Dodd, E. Parkinson, R. Thompson, E. Stephenson, D. Bleasdale, Doris Kirk, Doris Raines. The Kindergarten Group sang a song.—E. Thompson.

LEEDS, Psycho.—On Sept. 30th we were favoured with a surprise visit by Miss Kitson and her assistant, who brought with them a new member, but an old Lyceumist of Belper.

On Wednesday, Oct. 10th, we held a Concert. It was well attended. The only children on the programme were one of our Lyceumists, Mercy Towers, and two friends. Thanks are due to all who helped to make it a success.

LONDON, Hackney.—On Oct. 7th we held our Annual Harvest Festival. The hall was artistically decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables and groceries. The Lyceum service was conducted by Mr. Prentice, the President of the Church. Items by Lyceumists included a violin and pianoforte duet, several recitations and a song duet. Mr. Prentice gave a short talk, entitled "Seeds." The harvest gifts were distributed to the poor and needy people residing in the district. We are going along well and strong, gradually increasing in membership.—L. A. Banfield, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford, Idmiston Road.—Open Session on Oct. 7th. Recitations by Barbara Bates, Doreen Walters, Evelyn Plant, May Brand, Doris Walters, Eddie Capper, Harry Soones, Violet Walters and Mr. May; songs by June Bates and Charlie Plant. Mrs. Chapman, from Walthamstow Lyceum, gave a short address, entitled "Be Prepared," which was greatly appreciated by us all. We are pleased to report increased interest and support by Church members.—Eva C. Connor, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Maskell Street.—We welcomed the Management Committee to Ardwick, and with the co-operation of the Manchester and Salford L.D.C., who sent many representatives, held a most interesting Session on Oct. 14th. The Lyceums represented were:—Collyhurst, Harpurhey, South Manchester, Salford, Moston, Higher Openshaw, Cheetham Hill, Pendleton, Newton Heath, Longsight, Eccles, and Droylesden. Recitations by Maud Jones, Leslie Perkins, Miss Thornton, Mrs. F. McNeill, Mary Tyremore, Harry Tyrer, Miss Bayliffe, Miss M. Tee, Kathleen Ellis; songs by George Skeers, Richard Hart, E. Scott, Miss Bayliffe, Ivor Williams. There was a good attendance and greetings were exchanged.

MANCHESTER, South.—We held our Open Sessions on Sept. 30th, at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m. There were 10 Lyceums represented. Many recitations were given, also solos and pianoforte solos were rendered by many Lyceumists. Greetings were given by the Lyceums represented, and all enjoyed the Sessions very much.—J. Woodcock, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On Sept. 30th we held our Harvest Festival. Speaker, the President.

Oct. 1st. Fruit Banquet and Social.

Oct. 14th. Open Session, which was well attended all day. Recitations, singing, readings, callisthenics and marching were very good.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.—Open Session, Oct. 21st. The following contributed:—J. Blackburn, E. Curtis, J. Hatch, T. Mitchell, Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Rae, M. Holderness, C. Curtis, W. Hucker, and D. Rae. A bright Session.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

READING.—Open Session held at Foresters' Hall, Oct. 7th. Mr. Berry conducted. Individual items were given by Misses Breth, Deadman, Hocknary, Strateford, Seward, Arlott, and Mr. Deadman with "Joy Bells." A very happy and enjoyable afternoon.—N. Giles, Sec.

ROCHDALE, Regent Street.—On Oct. 6th we held our Annual Old Folks' Treat. After an excellent tea, the Lyceumists repeated the Operetta, "Jan of Windmill Land." Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

On Oct. 7th we held our Open Session, 50 Lyceumists being present. Marching and callisthenics were good. Pearls and solos excellent. A well-conducted Session.—D. Richards, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On Sept. 30th we held our Open Session. The Conductor was Mr. F. Smith. We had a fair session all through.

On Oct. 7th we took some of our Lyceumists to Darnall Lyceum, and we had a massed Session. We all had a very enjoyable afternoon. Darnall will visit Attercliffe on a later date.—E. Johnson, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 10th our Conductor performed the naming ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Claxton's baby "Sylvia," spirit name "Sunshine." On the occasion of our old friend's, Mrs. Harris, visit on Oct. 21st, we held our Open Session, under Mrs. Harris' conductorship. We had a most enjoyable session.—E. W. Long, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—Oct. 7th, Open Session. Mrs. Ennion conducted. Marching and callisthenics were well done. Pearls and recitations were given. At 6-30 the service was conducted by our own Lyceumists. Mrs. Ennion gave the invocation and benediction. Miss Mason gave a splendid address on Prayer. Mr. J. H. Marston gave a few of his personal experiences in Spiritualism. Mrs. Sanderson conducted the after-circle. Our best thanks are due to all for their labours.—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—We held our Open Session on Oct. 7th. Recitations by Gwennie Monks, Eric Elliot, Lilian Wright, Madge Peniluna, Vera Warren and Grace Warren; solo by Madge Peniluna. We had a nice afternoon.—Thomas Paskell, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—Open Session, Oct. 7th. Lyceumists taking part were:—A. Clarkson, D. Douglas, J. Douglas, W. Hardy, Isa Gransbury, G. Carr, P. Armstrong, J. McLean, L. Abbott, J. Barton, M. Wishart, Lily Carr, O. Short and Mrs. Abbott. Conductor, Miss Gray. Organist, Miss Robinson.—A. Dryden, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess Street.—We held our Open Session on Oct. 7th. Pearls and recitations by May Lindsay, J. Moodie, Hilda Hopkins, Chrissie Moodie, Evelyn Brown, Evelyn Lindsay, Margaret Moodie, Louis Rimmer, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Slater, Mrs. Burley; solos by May Lindsay, Evelyn Lindsay and Margaret Moodie.—Mrs. M. Armitt, Sec.