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## IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM GEORGE WHEELER, M.L.P.I.

Friend of my youth, dear Comrade of past days,  
When mutual joys and hopes we daily shared—  
Hopes bright with promise for life's wider ways,  
Joys which for life's stern conflict each prepared.

How precious still the mem'ry of those hours  
In which sweet converse made our hearts as one;  
And each saw in the other growing powers,  
And spoke of laurels some day to be won.

Thou hast won thine, dear Comrade, brighter far.  
Than either hoped. That noble life of thine  
Shall never fade. For thee "the morning star"  
Shines clear for ever in the realm divine.

Horningham, Wilts.

Rev. Geo. D. Davis.

## THE STUDY OF NATURAL SCIENCE AIDED BY AN INDIAN UNIVERSITY.

Sir J. C. Bose, speaking at the Nagpur University in India on September 26th, stressed the point that the highest function of a University was the advancements of the frontiers of knowledge for the common benefit of humanity.

### Imagination and Verification.

"There are two elements essential to the discovery of truth, the faculty of imagination and the subsequent verification by objective methods. For discovering the hidden mechanism in the life of the tree one had to become the tree and feel the pulse beat of its throbbing life. This method of introspection had to be afterwards followed by rigid scientific demonstration, for unrestrained imagination led to the wildest speculation subversive of all intellectual sanity.

### A new microscope.

He said "For detecting the hidden activity within the dark profundities of the tree, we had to get access to the smallest life atom and record its throbbing pulsations. It was therefore, necessary to invent and construct an instrument (the Bose 'Crescograph') of surpassing sensitiveness which produced the stupendous magnification of fifty million times. The invention of the microscope magnifying only a few thousand times initiated a new era in the advance of biological science. The super-magnifying instruments devised at the Bose institute were now revealing the wonders of a new world. It was by the combination of the introspective and experimental methods that it was possible to establish on a firm basis the important generalisation of the unity of all life. The barriers that divided kindred phenomena thus vanished, the plant and animal appeared as a multiple unity in a single ocean of being.

The establishment of this generalisation was not only of great theoretical but also of the highest practical importance. It opened out the possibility of great advance in physiology, in medicine and even in psychology."

### New Invention awaited.

Sir J. C. Bose is the inventor of many scientific instruments which have been constructed with the help of specially trained Indian mechanicians educated at his Bose Institute in Calcutta. He has recently completed another new invention of great importance which he will announce at the next anniversary of his Institute.

### "Plant Autographs."

His latest book "Plant Autographs, and Their Revelations" (Macmillan Company) recently published, has been accorded an even more enthusiastic reception in the Western scientific world than his previous works, and will shortly be translated into French, German and other tongues. The book tells us "how the plant is made to register its own emotions and to tell its own life story." It gives a clue to the search for the "heart" of a tree, and one sees it discovered "in a cylindrical tube which stretches throughout the entire length of its trunk and draws the sap upward by a succession of "peristaltic waves" similar to those produced by the beating of the animal heart. This appears at last to solve the mystery of the ascent of the sap, which has hitherto defied the ordinary mechanical explanations, capillary attraction, 'osmotic forces' and so forth. If we can attribute it to the activity of living cells the problem is cleared up.

—From "Self-Culture."

## LYCEUM PRIZES.

We recommend Lyceumists and Lyceums when choosing prizes to recommend the choice of Lyceum Manuals and other books published by the B.S.L.U.

The list of books available will be found on Page III of the BANNER Covers.

## TRANSITION OF MR. ROBERT BAMBER, OF PECKHAM.

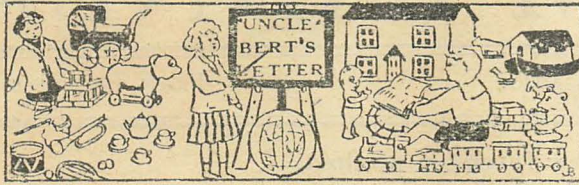
It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of Mr. Robert Bamber to the Higher Life on Sunday, October 28th.

The funeral service was conducted by Mrs. Edey, assisted by Mr. E. Barnett (President, South London Spiritualist Mission, Peckham), on Friday, November 2nd. Many members and friends were present to pay their tribute to a devoted worker. The interment afterwards took place in Brockley Cemetery.

Mr. Bamber was a prominent worker for both Church and Lyceum, and was a Vice-President of the former, and a member of the Committee of the latter body. His assistance on the social side of the Mission will be greatly missed, as will his cheery personality and keenness for the advancement of the Spiritual aspect of our Movement.

His work in the physical body is now finished, but we know that his interest will still be with us from that brighter sphere, making our labours the lighter and better for that contact which has existed and will exist between us.

E. G. Cox.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

This being Christmas time, I was invited to a party. I will tell you a few things about it.

Walking along the hall, I heard, in almost a whisper, "Do it quickly, someone is coming." Not wanting to make anyone feel uncomfortable, I started to sing "How long has this been going on."

As I got a little further, I found all that was left of this little incident was a bunch of mistletoe hanging above my head and a dainty little handkerchief laying on the floor at my feet. Ah! the handkerchief; herein lies a story:

A bright idea struck me. "My dear Watson," said I, "I'll be a detective finding out who whispered those thrilling words." I picked up this dainty bit of finery, placing it tenderly in my breast pocket, and awaited events.

I entered the party room, which was a din of chattering voices and merry laughter; a gay party of children, in nice neat suits and party frocks, romping in high glee.

They gave me a warm reception; so warm that they jumped on my toes in their excitement, to say nothing about those tiny finger marks which appeared on the surface of the nice clean collar I had put on specially for the occasion.

We had some jolly fun playing "blind man's buff," "musical chairs," "oranges and lemons," until they wanted me to play "kiss in the ring," but I was too shy; as a matter of fact, Auntie Ruth had her eye on me, so I suggested we played "postman's knock" instead. I thought it was such a nice, gentle game; I liked it so much that I voted we had a second game. There being no amendments, the vote was carried unanimously; so were other good resolutions passed outside the door, too.

Then we had a little rest, during which time one of the adults present asked the following riddles:—

- Q. Why is a Lyceumist who asks questions the strangest person on earth?  
 A. Because he is the querist.  
 Q. When are Cricket Test players and Dentists alike?  
 A. When they are pulling out stumps.  
 Q. Why is the bricklayer more clever than a plumber?  
 A. Because a bricklayer can lay bricks, but a plumber cannot lay plums.  
 Q. Why do Lyceumists need extra rest on April 1st?  
 A. Because they have just had a march of 31 days.  
 Q. Why is a pretty girl at a party like a lock?  
 A. Because she is part of a door (adore).

The Hostess then suggested light refreshments (she had a good idea of her own cooking, evidently). "All eyes were now on deck." We had some s'nice ice ice, s'nice s'mince s'pies, some shivery shake which insisted on trying to do the wobbly wobbly walk on my spoon, until, finally, it succeeded in finding its way down my shirt front. We finished up with Christmas cake with Harmonicing on it.

After such a pleasing interval we restarted games, it

being suggested we should play "How, when and where," all those failing to respond to questions quickly were to pay a forfeit. In a short space of time I was the possessor of numerous articles which Auntie Ruth dangled above my head one by one, saying, "I have here a pretty thing, a very pretty thing; what has the owner of this very pretty thing to do." After I had given a large number of tasks, including "Walking out of the room with two legs, returning with four legs," etc., we came to a full stop in the programme. No one claimed the article held up. I had accidentally mixed the forfeits up in the pocket where that mysterious handkerchief lay. Here I remembered my detective stunt, and so, making enquiries tactfully, one little girl claimed it, but said she had not paid a forfeit. I said "No, you saucy young puss, you paid your forfeit before this game started." Have you ever seen a beet-root turn red? "Never mind, dear," I said; "we will say no more about it, someone is coming." The beet-root complexion grew scarlet. But, there; it was only a party night, after all.

I felt so awkward in my official position that I have decided not to play a detective's part again.

All forfeits now having been disposed of, a further number of exciting games played brought us to another short interval.

This time one of the adults told the following stories: "What a beautiful sleep I enjoyed last night," said Father; "I slept like a log."

"Yes," said Mother, "with a saw going through it."

The laughter having ceased, the next story was about a little boy being asked to spell his name.

O double T, I, double U, E, double L, double U, double O, D.

After some time, first one and then another said "I've got it." Have you?

It was now drawing to the time for departing, so, as a final, we had some Community Singing, in which I noticed many of the children, although like a tram car in the rush hours, did their best in singing "Oh, dear! what can the matter be," and we were just about to sing "Auld Lang Syne," when I woke up, as all Uncles do, the day after the night before, to find I had been in dreamland, but with great anticipations that at least some part of my dreams will come true during the next few weeks. Thus the hero is wiping the sleep out of his eyes, standing on a railway platform with a porter yelling in his ears "Hurry on, please."

I would like to write individual letters to all you boys and girls and adults, who have taken interest in this page during the past three years, but this would be too great a task. Therefore please accept the will for the deed.

Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris, join with me in extending to you all the best wishes for A MERRY XMAS.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES:—

- No. 113. 1. Gwendoline. 2. Percival.  
 3. Daphne. 4. Basil.  
 5. Barbara. 6. Derrick.

The answer to No. 115 and all future answers to Puzzles will be replied to by individual letters, instead of giving the list of names in this page, therefore please give your address.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES:—

No. 116. To be seen at a Christmas Party.

1. NNGEMACABL. 2. ACLIEGNA.

- 3. VIEEERSTST.
- 4. NOOITSAREDC.
- 5. OANPI.
- 6. LLOONABS.

No. 117. Can you assist the Postman to deliver this Christmas Card. The address has got muddled:—

RSMTEA NNIPLKGOT  
 LLYIHSEDEV  
 HTTUOSMOPR DORA  
 RESTENACMH

“LIBERTY SECTION.” In order to meet the need of the Editor, the space in this page is more limited; therefore from this issue henceforward I request you “To become as little children” and share their letter.

With Love,

Your Loving Friend,  
 UNCLE BERT.

2, Villiers Road,



LYCEUM MANUAL TESTS.

The attempts submitted for Test No. 6. have been mainly from the elder scholars and adults, and I would therefore like to stress again the wisdom of juniors sending in replies even if incomplete, especially when they are told that no junior succeeded in solving the test in its entirety. Conductors may perhaps assist by calling attention to the puzzles and urging their scholars to compete, and incidentally, give their charges a fuller acquaintanceship with the Manual, which is the sole object desired.

The correct solution is.

H E L P ■ S O S ■ T R I G  
 O ■ O R A L ■ N O R A ■ N  
 L O V E ■ A D O ■ U N T O  
 D R E S S Y ■ W I S D O M  
 S E R S T ■ N A T O N E  
 ■ ■ S ■ R E A L M ■ M ■ ■  
 O N ■ C E R T I F Y ■ P S  
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 R E F O R M ■ V E S P E |R  
 U N T O ■ A D A ■ A U N T  
 T ■ E K E D ■ L U L L ■ A  
 H O D S ■ E V E ■ M A G I

The Manual titles are,—LOVE, WISDOM, REFORM, VESPER, PRESS ON, I AM FREE, and TRUTH.

Part titles are,—HELP, LOVE, ON, WATER, TRUST, ERA, TRUTH, PSALM, PRESS ON, WISDOM.

The prize winners are,—1. Gordon Snook, aged 10, with 3 errors, and one title omitted. (Malta).

2. Ivy Whitehead, aged 14, with 5 errors. (Newton Heath).

3. Reuben Grice, aged 15, the only competitor to solve the cross-word correctly, but who had one title and two part-titles omitted.

4. Mrs. D. Watson (Liverpool) with one error, but all titles and part titles given correctly.

For No. 7 Test I will offer another four prizes and will despatch them in time for Xmas, as follows.—

1 for the best set of answers from any girl of 14 years or under.

1 for the best set from any boy of 14 or under.

1 for any boy or girl between the ages of 15 and 21, and one for any adult Lyceumist.

Solutions should be sent to Mr. J. G. MacFarlane, 6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, not later than the 17th December, 1928.

I take this opportunity of thanking all those who have interested themselves in the tests, and wish them the compliments of the Season.

J. G. MACFARLANE.

LYCEUM MANUAL TEST, No. 7.

1. When are shouts mentioned by the score?
2. Where are headaches and heartaches referred to?
3. Where do Lyceum children hear of “two other little mites”?
4. What Manual title is suggested by “Keep breathing”?
5. Where do we find “The veil is rent”?
6. What title is suggested by “A Daily Occurrence”?
7. Where are merry minstrels mentioned?
8. What song can be sung to the tune of the National Anthem?
9. What title and number is suggested by “GO”?
10. Where do we find reference to political elections?
11. What title and number is suggested by “Unalterable”?
12. Where is minting or coining referred to?
13. What title is suggested by “Nurses”?
14. Where is reference found to the North and South Poles?
15. What title do you think H<sub>2</sub>O. represents?
16. Where is a wedding referred to in an ordinary edition of the Manual?
17. What title is suggested by “Released”?
18. Where is dancing encouraged?
19. What title does “When there's love at home” suggest?
20. In what verse does each line begin with the same letter and end with the same letter?

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE LYCEUM BANNER,

Sir,—It has been stated more than once in my presence that Lyceums are refraining from purchasing much-needed renewals of *Lyceum Manuals* because they fear the revised edition may be published either before 1932 or before their new *Manuals* are worn out sufficiently to be discarded.

I desire therefore to inform all Lyceums and Lyceumists that **THE REVISED MANUAL WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED BEFORE 1932** and that it is quite possible that it will be published later than that. In any case, publication is not likely to take place while any considerable stock remains in hand. It follows therefore that *Manuals* bought now will be current for at least four years, so there is no reason why Lyceums needing supplies should not buy immediately.

Yours cordially,

ERNEST A. KEELING,  
 Chairman, *Manual Revision Committee*.

## The Education Department.

### THE ASSOCIATE (B.S.L.U.) SECTION OF THE NATIONAL JOINT EDUCATION SCHEME.

#### CONCERNING THE EXAMINATIONS.

##### PREPARATION CLASSES.

The first half of the Winter Session has gone, and Education Classes which started work at the beginning of September, or earlier, will now be looking forward to finishing the Lesson Course set out in *How to Prepare for the Examinations*, before leaving off for the Christmas holidays. If, in the New Year, the pace is doubled—and two weeks' work revised each week—the Course can be covered again before the date of the examination. During this revision period Tutors should concentrate specially on the subjects, or parts of subjects, in which their classes seem to be weak; and if this is done, there is no reason why each class should not do well at the examinations. As much time as possible should be devoted to writing answers to questions (those set at previous examinations will be found in the March LYCEUM BANNER from 1922 onwards), and this will be a first-class preparation for the actual test.

##### LISTS OF ENTRIES.

All entries must be made on the Entrance Form supplied by the Education Secretary. Will Lyceum Secretaries please bear in mind that all entries for the February examination should be sent in during this month. Students should by this time have made up their minds whether they will take the examination or not; and the Education Secretary would be very grateful if Lyceum Secretaries would get the names of all intending sitters, and send in the list to her BEFORE Christmas week. They should carefully read the instructions sent out with the Form, and fill in the names Grade by Grade as directed. It will save a lot of work at a very busy time.

##### IMPORTANT TO INTENDING CANDIDATES.

This month your entrance fee, to take the examination, and name *must* be sent in to the B.S.L.U. Education Secretary. Please ask your Lyceum Secretary if he (she) has your name on the list, and remind him (her) to be sure to send in List and fees soon.

The examinations will be held on Sunday, 17th February; so try to get through the allotted work in Handbook and Manual by the end of January, to give you February for revision and memorising notes, etc.

##### HELPS FOR OUR STUDENTS.

Many of our intending candidates are not aware, even yet, that there are booklets available to make much easier their study of the *Manual* and the *Handbook*. To these students we would say, send for (i) a copy of *Summaries and Glossaries* (4d. post free), which explains all the difficult bits in your *Manual* selections, (and for ALL Grades, too); and (ii) a copy of *How to Prepare for the Examinations*, which plans your work and gives valuable hints. (This is sent for cost of postage only). GRADE V. and ENTRANCE EXAMINATION students will find very helpful *Notes on the No. 3 Handbook* in the Education Articles of last year (beginning with September's issue of this paper). INTERMEDIATE GRADE students will find sample *Questions and Answers* in last December's Education Article.

### TEXT-BOOKS AT REDUCED RATES FOR GRADUATE SCHEME STUDENTS.

The following resolution of the S.N.U. Publication Committee is of importance to all Graduate Scheme students, viz.:—*That to those students whose names are included in the annual list of eligible students, supplied by the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. Education Secretaries, will be supplied, in one parcel, for 5s. post free.*

- (i) Psychic Philosophy.
- (ii) Hints to Students.
- (iii) Seven-Pointed Star.

(The list of eligible students is, of course, the list of all candidates who have been successful in the previous examination qualifying them to take the respective Grades, viz., to take Intermediate, they must have passed (with not less than 70%) either Grade V or the Entrance Exam., and to take Subsidiary they must have passed Intermediate).

### FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXAMINATIONS.

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

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

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

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

About the *National Spiritualist College* apply to:—

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

About the *Exponents' Committee* apply to:—

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

Mr. Thos. F. Smedley continues to financially and otherwise assist various Lyceum activities. His latest gift has been to Llandudno Lyceum, who have had two supplies of *Lyceum Manuals* and other books to commence the Lyceum. Mr. Alfred Kitson opened the Lyceum and his Armistice Service was used on Nov. 11th.

### THE PANSY.

By MISS HOPKINS (Winnipeg, Princess Street, Lyceum).

The pansy has many colours,  
Such as yellow, violet and blue;  
A little face quite full of grace,  
That brings sweet thoughts to you.

Its petals are soft like velvet;  
'Tis a very small flower, too;  
But its face so fair just fills the air  
With wonderful thoughts of you.

## THE CHILDREN'S PUZZLE.



Find all the things in the picture that begin with "C."

Behold, within the picture find  
 Many things of different kind  
 Whose names begin with letter "C"  
 Around the merry Christmas Tree.  
 Uncle Bert's a jolly chap  
 Who likes to hear the postman's rap,  
 So send your answers straight to him  
 And fill his box up to the brim.

## Our Lyceum Guild.

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

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

Dear Guildites,

This month will bring the Christmas Holidays, with their fun and frolic, and I hope that each one of you will have your full share. May Santa Claus fill your stockings full of just the very things you have been wishing for; or, if, like myself, Santa thinks you are too old and too big for him to visit you, then may your hearts be made glad by the kindly remembrances of friends and the enjoyment of social intercourse.

When the period of recreation and jollification has come to an end, then I hope that you will "get down to it" and work hard at your studies for the Education Examinations, for I want a goodly percentage of the sitters to be Guildites. Guess why!

Our Editor cannot let us have any more space this month, so I will close my letter with the best of good wishes to you all.

Yours fraternally,

THE GUILD LEADER.

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

## OUR ESPERANTO GROUP.

(Conducted by MR. W. TAYLOR).

THE GRAMMAR (continued).

**PARTICIPLES.** The active voice has three participles, which help to form the perfect tenses of verbs. "Anta" final, denotes the present participle (active). It is the same as the English participle in—"ing." "Amanta" loving. "Leganta" reading.

"Inta," final, denotes the past part. active and is

the same as the English participle in—"ed," "en" etc.

"Aminta," having loved. "Skribinta" having written. "Onta," final, denotes the future participle. But this has no participial equivalent in English. "Mi estas amonta," I am about to love.

These participles can be used as nouns, adverbs and adjectives, in which case they take the distinctive termination of these parts of speech, and are subject to the same rules as to the number and case. "Amanta Amiko," a loving friend (participial adjective) "Legante ni lernos," By reading we learn, (participial adverb). "La Leganto," The person who is reading (part. noun).

**The Passive Voice.** In addition to the three participles of the active voice, there are also three participles for the passive form of the verb.

"ATA," final, denotes the present participle passive.

"AMATA" loved (now). "SKRIBATA," written

"OTA," final, denotes the future participle (now).

"ITA," final, denotes the past participle, "AMITA," been loved.

"SKRIBOTA" about to be written. In the same way as participles of the active verb, these participles may be used as nouns, adverbs and adjectives and are subject to the same rules as before.

(To be continued).

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

## FOUND DEAD.

(A new book by Violet Tweedale.)

**FOUND DEAD.** By Violet Tweedale, Herbert Jenkins, Ltd., 3, York Street, S.W.1. 3s. 6d.

The author claims the Ghost tales in the book to be true. They are certainly weird and of absorbing interest.

To the reader who has little knowledge of psychic forces "Found Dead," which is the first of a series of stories, will seem incredible, but the thrill remains in the mind and one wonders can such things be true.

"Bothwell Court" is another short story which reveals the strong influence of the lower orders in ghost-land. There is a terrible struggle between mortal and spirit and between two ghosts.

It is a pleasure to read the "Old Grey Hall" and find a possible means of overcoming the influences which operate in "Bothwell Court."

The weird aspect of Spiritualism and psychic forces introduced by the author are thrilling, and, once read, do not leave the mind hurriedly. The dangerous element in ghost-lore is rather overdone. We would have appreciated at least one wholesome story which showed utility in ghostly visitation.

If the book had been written as a novel it would have been weirdly entertaining; claiming to be true records of spiritualistic and psychic events, the stories infer the need of more knowledge for individual self-control to combat the unseen forces described in the book. Novel readers and occult students will find equal interest in Violet Tweedale's latest production.

G. F. K.

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## OCCULT PERIL TO YOUTH.

### PSYCHIC EXPERT'S WARNING TO PARENTS.

The "*Sunday Express*," on Oct. 28th, 1928, published a front page article under the above title.

The article stated that:

"Thousands of children of school age in all parts of England are attending Spiritualists' Sunday Schools.

"Eminent psychologists, neurologists, and scientists engaged in psychic research are alarmed lest the present mania for Spiritualism among those too young to grasp its meaning may result in further morbid desires to 'see the other life'. Two cases of suicide have been reported recently."

Then is quoted a report of an interview with Mr. Harry Price, who is seeking notoriety, and taking advantage of the growing interest in Spiritualism to work up press stunts from his self-styled National Laboratory of Psychological Science.

Then comes the glaring error that *the psychic age is thirty*.

Other people are quoted, but none of them hold any position in representative Spiritualism. It is mere postulation and arrogance for any scientist or magician to express opinions on any subject of which they are ignorant.

As the General Secretary of the Spiritualists' Sunday Schools which had been attacked, I sent a reply to the article. The usual treatment ensued. Neither was the reply published or the accompanying letter acknowledged. Below we print the reply which was sent to the *Sunday Express* :—

29th Oct., 1928.

THE EDITOR, *Sunday Express*,

Dear Sir,

My attention has been called to your Article on the "Occult Peril to Youth," in your issue of October 28th, 1928.

As you consider the subject sufficiently important to warrant a front-page insertion, I am hoping you will print my reply to the alleged "Occult Peril," so that your readers may be informed of the true relations of Spiritualist Sunday Schools (which are called Lyceums) to the Spiritualist movement.

Spiritualists claim that psychic phenomena is undeniably true. The psychic faculty is a phase of human personality, and, in some cases, opens the way for

mediumship. Mediumship is generally the basis on which Spiritualistic hypotheses are built.

Spiritualists claim that the display of psychic powers, mediumship and the human survival of bodily death have been proved to be true events in human progress.

The necessity of imparting truth and an up-to-date education to our children has produced Spiritualist Sunday Schools, and over 300 of these schools exist in Great Britain and the Colonies

Our primary teaching is self-control by an understanding of natural and spiritual laws. We define the aim of Spiritualism to be to effect a complete at-onement and unison of man with God until every action and thought of man is in perfect harmony with the Divine Will.

The objects of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum are: To promote the Physical and Social Improvement, as well as the Intellectual, Moral and Spiritual Progress of its members, and to impart a knowledge of the facts pertaining to our personal immortality, Spirit communion, and the naturalness of Mediumship; and for the inculcation of a morality based on right doing, and a religion free from creed; and to assist in ascertaining some higher mode of work-a-day life in which the ideals of the spiritual life may be better lived than is at present possible.

We claim that the psychic faculty is a true phase of life which displays itself at varying periods of physical life. It often occurs in young children and it is our duty to safeguard, guide, and explain this faculty in the child, so that its proper place in the child's life may be adjusted to the normal sphere of human existence.

One of the features of Lyceum education is to perform marching and callisthenic drill, the object being a sound mind in a sound body. The slogans of the Union are: "A child is the repository of infinite possibilities" and "The Workers Win."

An opportunity is given at every Lyceum Session for any child to display its ability in speech, music, and song.

If any of your readers have the idea that Spiritualists' Sunday Schools exist for the making of child mediums and their immediate control by disembodied spirits, for the propagation of Spiritualism, I most emphatically deny the truth of such assertions.

The opinion that the psychic age is thirty is most ridiculous. Physical and psychological education must ever advance side by side. The chief attraction to a child is objective and then imaginative. The psychic phase is also present, but it is only in rare instances that the gift of mediumship is displayed. If such a case does arise I can assure your readers we are very careful in guiding and controlling any such influence which may arise. We affirm the right to teach children that such powers exist because the children want, and often ask, for an explanation of many phases of the spirit of man that have hitherto been unexplained in the curriculum of child-culture.

Other people may oppose our methods of education, but we offer no apology for meeting the growing demands of child-life regarding its physical and spiritual nature. Some of our educational methods have already been adopted by educational authorities.

Some years ago we had somewhat similar statements made. Our opponents came and saw our methods. The sequel was that the opposition immediately ceased.

It is absurd that the existence of Spiritualist Sunday

Schools should be challenged because a neurotic young man commits suicide.

Our methods of education enable such people to learn self-control and prevent the mental aberrations that produce insanity.

The general lunacy records show, when districts are compared, there is less lunacy in districts where Spiritualism is best known and practiced. We claim that Spiritualism has some share in this larger sanity.

No matter what opinions are quoted, your readers must bow to the inevitable fact that a knowledge of a subject will enable common people to control common powers into channels of utility.

The psychic faculty is inherent in humanity and we must guide it by a common wisdom. An enquiring child demands a reasonable answer and our schools exist for the wise growth of all human faculties that are for the benefit of humanity.

G. F. KNOTT, General Secretary,  
British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

### £2,000 Effort.

Dear Lyceumists,—We still keep on getting a few donations, and, I think, considering the terrible economic conditions we are passing through the results are fairly good, although please don't take it for granted that I am satisfied. I shall never be satisfied until we reach the goal we have set out for, and for my part the sooner we get that the happier I shall be. The Armistice appeal has also done fairly well. Ten Lyceums and one D.C. have so far (Nov. 20th) donated the collection for that day.

If any other Lyceum or friends have donations which they have not yet forwarded will they please do so as early as possible.

The donations for the month are:—Foreign coins changed, 4d.; Handsworth Forward Lyceum, 10s. 6d.; Grangetown Excelsior Group, 6s.; Birkenhead Lyceum, 5s. 6d.; Mrs. E. E. Pilkington, Bolton, 5s.; Barrow, Dalkeith Street, 2s. 6d.; Easy Road, Leeds, 2s. 6d.; Bradford L.D.C., 7s. 4d.; Leeds Psycho, 1s. 7d.; Scunthorpe, 3s.; Attercliffe, Sheffield, 9s.; Macclesfield, 7s.; Leicester Liberty Progressive, 7s.; Nottingham Mechanics' Hall, 10s.; Bradford, Milton Lyceum, 3s.; Castleford, 10s.; Hydesville post cards, per Mr. Knott, Horsforth, 6s. 1d.; Hull, Dairycoates, 9d.; Nelson, 1s.; a total of £4 18s. 1d., for which, on behalf of the Management Committee, I return sincere and grateful thanks.

I still feel that some people think the small donations are not worth sending, but please believe me when I say that I am only too pleased to receive your donations, whether small or large.

I still have collecting cards which I would like to push now, seeing that the Hydesville post cards have almost finished their career of usefulness.

Yours fraternally,

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

29, Kliffen Place,  
Coronation Road,  
Halifax.

P.S.—Please send your donations direct to me rather than to the Gen. Secretary, as that entails both extra work for the office and also an extra postage for him, and we must watch expense at present.

## Love.

By EVA C. DEAN.

Love is the fulfilling of God's law, for god is Love—therefore it is divine.

Love may demand sacrifice, devotion, unselfishness, and though many an act is performed under the name of love, it may only be one of self-gratification or it may be merely physical passion, which is not love at all.

There are different ways in which love may display itself, as in patriotism—love of country—when a man will leave his wife and children prepared to suffer for the honour of his homeland; and of those who make the great sacrifice it is written that "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."

Then how beautiful is mother-love, when a woman will suffer or deny herself that her child may benefit! She is always ready to protect and guide, to help, even to serve, and the love of a good mother will influence and mould the character of her offspring where nothing else could; and when she is gone the divine memory of it remains with us.

Hard is the man who cannot love a dumb animal! Yet how a dog or a cat or a horse will reward his master or mistress with faithful affection and devotion for the love and care that is given it.

Love for the sick, the blind, and the maimed, is shown by those who nurse and care for them, and who, with sympathy and quiet devotion to duty, work that the weak may become strong and that the lives of those who are incurable may be a little happier.

Love of music appeals to the soul and comes from the soul, and it will lift others into a world of happiness and beauty, helping them to forget their troubles, even if it is only for a time.

Love of art charms the eye and enriches the mind, bringing before our gaze scenes and objects that would otherwise be beyond our vision; it shows us beauty of colour and line, and marvels of grace and loveliness.

Love of flowers bids us tend them carefully, and they are given as a token of love, to cheer the sick, to brighten a friend's dull room, to give pleasure to one of whom we are fond.

Those who strive for better conditions for the poor and needy and the struggling worker are filled with the love of humanity, the unselfish love that extends a helping hand to ease another's burden, no matter at what cost or sacrifice.

Love—real love—will make us patient and forbearing; we all need love, and by giving love we shall be loved ourselves.

## PHRENOLOGY.

### What will the Boy become?

We have received a brief exposition of the utility of phrenology in guiding young persons to the choice of suitable careers. It has been tastefully compiled by Prof. J. Millett Severn, 68, West Street, Brighton.

What a child may become depends largely upon his mental organisation, and phrenology is the only known means of accurately ascertaining the innate mental qualities which will lead to a successful career. Further particulars may be obtained from Prof. J. Millott Severn, M.I.P.S.

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

(Continued).

### UNITED SESSION OF THE CONGRESS (THURSDAY AFTERNOON).

The following motions were presented by the Executive Committee, and the various Sections:—

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the International Spiritualist Federation, having read the reports, memoirs, and documents of the Spiritualist Congress, assembled in London, from Sept. 7th to 13th, and having listened to discussions concerning the vital questions of Spiritualism, its propagation and organisation, proposed the following resolution,—

“That Spiritualism is a philosophy based upon definite scientific data, whose fundamental principles are set forth as follows:—

“(1) The existence of God, Supreme Intelligence and Cause of all things.

“(2) The existence of the soul, related during earthly life to a perishable physical body by means of an intermediate entity which may be called the perispirit or etheric body.

“(3) The immortality of the spirit, its continuous evolution towards perfection by progressive stages, and its successive embodiments in planes of progressive life corresponding to its state of evolution.

“(4) Individual and collective responsibility among all beings, following the law of causation.

#### SCIENCE SECTION.

That the question of psychic science and medicine as allied with healing is so important that it be an instruction to the Executive of the Federation to arrange for a special session at the next Triennial Congress to deal with the matter.

#### ORGANISATION AND PROPAGANDA SECTION.

(1) In the opinion of this Congress it is desirable that the history of religions and evidences of psychic faculty should form part of the curriculum in all State schools, according to the possibilities in each country.

(2) That in the opinion of this Congress, it is very desirable that all interviews with mediums should be controlled financially and in every other respect, by recognised societies or associations.

(3) That this Congress expresses its deep appreciation of the gift by M. Jean Meyer to the Société l'Etudes Metapsychiques, 8, Rue Copernic, Paris, which thus offers facilities for the selection and control of qualified mediums.

(4) That this Congress registers its sincere appreciation of the work of Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader and Mrs. M. T. Longley, in the erection of the International Memorial to the memory of the Fox Sisters at Rochester, New York. It endorses the formation of the International Hydesville Memorial Association, and recommends that affiliated nations should give it their support.

(5) That this Congress, representing the Spiritualists of 27 nations hears with regret and amazement of the restrictions placed upon religious freedom and scientific investigation by the antiquated laws of the several countries, and affirms that the time has arrived when

such barriers to freedom of thought and expression should be removed. It urges the Spiritualist Federations of the world to take action in their respective countries to secure the removal, by legislation, of all such restrictions upon free enquiry.

(6) That this Congress reaffirms its conviction that International Brotherhood is the ideal for which all nations should strive. It views with approbation and pleasure the progressive steps which have been taken towards this end, as evidenced by the establishment of the Court of International Justice at the Hague, the formation of the League of Nations, and the signing of the Kellogg Pact: It urges Spiritualists of all nations to strive to hasten the establishment of world peace.

(7) That this Congress urges upon the Spiritualists of all nations to embark upon a campaign to arouse interest in mankind, and suggests that every individual Spiritualist should pledge himself to introduce at least one other person in each year. Each additional person should undertake to join in the campaign and do likewise.

*All the above resolutions were adopted, most of them unanimously.*

The following other resolutions, although not accepted, were introduced by the Sections:—

(1) Spiritualism affirms that the Spirit in man creates and stores up energy for the repair and healing of the body, and that this energy can be used by the mind to restore both mental and physical health, and that such power is worthy of the study of therapeutic science. This motion which was introduced by the Organisation Section, arose out of the paper from Spirit Father Pierpoint. The principle underlying the resolution was unanimously endorsed, but the motion was referred back to the Section for redrafting.

(2) The motion from the Portuguese Spiritual Federation, for the printing of cheap booklets, expounding the Teaching of Spiritualism, internationally, was not accepted by the Organisation Section, as it was of the opinion that this work could be done better national ally.

(3) A resolution from M. Lhomme (Belgium) concerning the establishment of a Committee within the I.S.F. Grand Committee to deal with differences that may arise between Associations affiliated to the I.S.F. was left over for future consideration on the recommendation of the Organisation Section.

The following resolution arose from the Reports of Delegates from overseas, and was introduced by the Executive Committee of the I.S.F.

(1) That the Statutes of the I.S.F. be amended to make provision for the acceptance of honorary members, who shall be admitted on an application endorsed by two members of an affiliated national organisation, or a participating association; that such honorary members shall be without voting power in a general assembly, and shall pay a minimum annual subscription of £2.

An amendment was proposed that the annual subscription be £1.

The amendment was carried, also the substantive motion. (It may be added that a number of subscribing members quickly enrolled).

#### FINAL MEETING:—THURSDAY EVENING.

The final meeting of the Congress was held on Sept. 13th, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle presiding. He said “We have our difficulties in every land. Recent

prosecutions show that we have ours here, and each one of you knows what the difficulties are in your own country. How are we to meet them? My own opinion is clear. We must turn ourselves into a political party until our grievances are set right. We must disregard other questions, and we must concentrate upon getting this one set right. When that is done, we can all become conservative or socialist, or anything we like. There is no good in going to the single candidate and asking him whether he would vote for this or that. The individual candidate has not any power. If, however, we go to the head of a party and tell him that we have 250,000 voters, and ask him to give us our liberty in exchange for our votes, he will fall over the others to get the votes."

Mr. Goedhart (The Hague), was exceedingly proud to come there with the invitation to hold the next Congress in Holland, and he was delighted that the members had accepted the invitation. They would have a hearty welcome when they came there three years hence, and in coming they would do a valuable piece of propaganda work.

The chairman thanked Mr. Goedhart for his warm invitation, and thought that they ought to make a vow to be there—living or dead (laughter).

He called upon Mr. Oaten to wind up the proceedings by taking over his position as President. Mr. Oaten begged them, as they went back to their several countries not to forget the Federation. He wanted them to talk about it, to bear it in their minds, and let it be the subject of their prayers, and aspirations.

#### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

The Congress can only be reviewed with satisfaction. As we mixed with the various delegates from the 27 countries represented, we could not help but be impressed by the magnitude of the composition of the I.S.F. and what it entails. Although there were many faults that require the necessary remedy, when we consider the development during the five years of its life, we must realise that Organised International Spiritualism has come to stay, and that it has a great future.

During the Congress we realised once more the barrier caused by the diversity of languages. However, the interpreters were far more plentiful than at previous Congresses, and so the difficulty was reduced. It is a pity we cannot all speak in colour vibration. Still, as years roll on, and as the Federation develops, the language difficulty will, we hope, gradually dissolve.

One other cause of slight trouble was the absence of a prominent notice board, displaying the changes that were necessary in the Official Programme, which would have reduced the inconvenience to both the delegates and the public. Yet, notwithstanding these minor troubles, we are forced to realise that this Congress was strides ahead of the last one. We hope that this progress will continue for all time.

The delegates and members of the Congress followed the same idea as at Paris. The greater number attended the Scientific Section. This to our minds is a little regrettable because unless we have Spiritualists who take as keen an interest in the Philosophical side we shall not make the progress we ought to do. The Organisation and Propaganda section was lucky if it reached a dozen followers. Yet, as Mr. Keeling jokingly stated at the United Meeting of the Congress, on the Thursday afternoon, the bulk of the motions were introduced from the Section with the least number of followers.

We cannot deal adequately in a small space with the enormous work of the Congress. We can only refer you to the official Reports when they are printed in book form a few months hence for you to get a more detailed account. (5s. S.N.U.).

We regret that Dr. Wallace's lecture on "The Pioneers of Spiritualism" did not include some of the Lyceum Workers.

Supplementing our earlier remarks on the Model Lyceum Session, perhaps it would not be out of place to refer to M. Andre Ripert's words contained in his General Secretary's report, "We have come here with the idea of getting instruction, particularly on the subjects of Organisation and of Spiritual Education amongst the children,"

We were glad a Model Lyceum Session had been organised for the benefit of the overseas delegates, in order to give them an idea of the difference between the Lyceum method of teaching and the usual Sunday School method. In order to assist this work, two dozen copies of the pamphlet on "The Persistency of early Teachings" were distributed amongst the overseas delegates, M. Beversluis confessed on the Sunday to having read it through before going to bed, and added, "I fully agree with the book! It is a good one."

The Lyceum Session was ably officered and reflected great credit on all concerned. It was not an ideal session, it was never intended to be. It was a Model Session, and London Lyceumists rose to the occasion and are to be congratulated.

The welcome and presentation of flowers by the children was fine and in keeping with the whole proceedings. We feel sure a deep impression was made on the visitors, and much good will accrue therefrom in the various countries represented.

At the previous Congress Mr. Kitson's paper stated that if it were decided to accept the invitation to hold the 1928 Congress in England a Lyceum Session would be presented for the benefit of the overseas delegates. Mr. Kitson stated at the close of the Session that he had the great joy of heart of seeing a Lyceum Open Session presented to the I.S.F. Congress as he had mentally visualised five years ago, at Liège.

When the Monument to the Fox Sisters was unveiled at Rochester (1927), a wreath was placed on it. Mrs. Cadwallader brought the sash from that wreath and presented it to the President of the Union.

We cannot close a report of this nature without giving praise to M. Ripert. He is an asset to the I.S.F. and we pray that he will continue to work for it and be spared a long life here for that work.

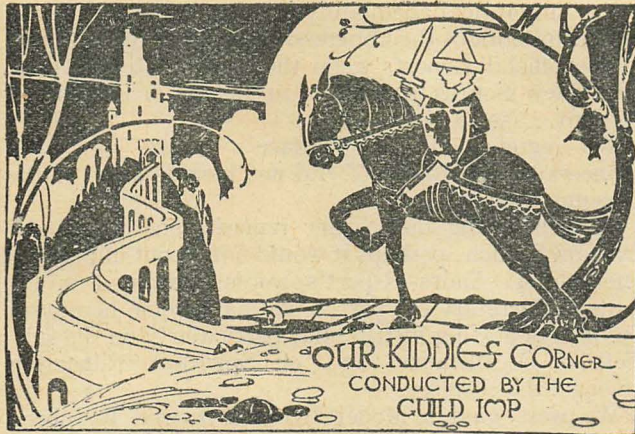
M. Jean Meyer has placed property and estate to the value of 4,000,000 francs. for the propagation of Spiritualism in France and for the I.S.F. He has helped financially where other countries as yet have been unable to do.

On the whole we are certain that good work has been done. Certainly the press gave us better treatment, and we understand that the B.B.C. announced us twice. Let us hope that this is but a commencement of a better state of recognition.

EDITH ELLIOTT	} B.S.L.U. Delegates.
ALFRED KITSON	
GEO. A. MACK	

#### WHAT IS A LYCEUM?

Get a Model Session Souvenir and show it to your friends. 7d. post free. B.S.L.U. Office.



DEAR FELLOW IMPS,

This is going to be my last letter to you, at least for a very long time to come. I am in disgrace—and in fact all we younger Imps and the children are in disgrace; but how were we to know that the wolf would get nasty, and that all the grown-ups would agree that we must not take any more part in the High Jinks?.

### WE WERE ONLY HAVING SOME FUN.

It all arose through the High Jinks Association deciding to go through the episodes of the various Nursery Tales of which we were the heroes or the villains. Some of them were all right, and we enjoyed them, but others got a bit dull, and we thought it would be nicer if we had a little bit of a change now and again; and especially if we didn't let anybody know about it until the change actually took place. It was great fun, and some of the grown-ups were good sportsmen and joined in the laugh. For instance, when the Babes in the Wood died, they could not be covered with leaves because we had collected all that were lying about, and the birds could not find nearly enough. Well, the Babes did not mind, and the birds did not mind, and we were pleased—so no harm was done, and a number of dear little children had an evening's innocent amusement. And when they played Jack and the Bean Stalk, we asked our Earthland chum, Gerald, to bring some ordinary Earthland beans with him. He did, and we changed them for the bag of magic beans in the Butcher's pocket. So when Jack threw his beans away he did not notice any difference; but when he went out next morning to climb up the Beanstalk to the Giant's castle—well, there wasn't any beanstalk. You see, the Earthland beans don't grow nearly so quick as our Nursery-Land beans, and they hadn't started by the next morning. Some of the grown-ups, who like to see the giant being tossed from the top to the bottom of the beanstalk, were inclined to grumble; but Jack himself only laughed, and Fee Fi Fo Fum was delighted—because he doesn't really enjoy being tossed to the ground, although he knows he is only being killed for fun, and for the amusement of Earthland kiddies.

### ALL WOLVES ARE WICKED.

That was what *decent* people did. Even if things did not turn out as they had planned, or as they would have wished, they were prepared to take a sporting view of it. But who ever heard of a wolf who was a good sportsman? They always hunt in packs, and they never attack their prey unless they are desperate, or the prey is not prepared for them and able to put up a defence. And our wolf was no better than the rest.

He wanted to swank and let admiring crowds watch how he did his part; and just because what we did took attention from him when he wanted to have it all, he had us censured, and me punished as the ringleader and the one who was most to be blamed. But I'd better tell you about it and let you see for yourselves what happened, and how mean the wolf was to complain about us.

As you all know, in the story of Little Red Riding Hood the wicked wolf eats Riding Hood's grandmother, and then is killed just as he is going to eat Riding Hood as well. Well, before the episode started we were all lined up in front of the Grand Panjandrum (I don't rightly know why the Master of Ceremonies was called this—but I don't think it was meant as a friendly or admiring name) and solemnly warned that we must not get up to any monkey tricks, or we'd be sorry for it—etc., etc., and etc. So we all promised to be good, and we took up our positions on the lower branches of some great trees than lined the route Red Riding Hood had to follow to get to her granny's. And everything *would* have been all right, if the old lady had not been particularly kind to Little Bo Peep some days earlier. As we sat watching Riding Hood strolling along and picking daisies, Bo Peep suddenly remembered what granny had done for her, and she began to cry at the idea that the old lady who had treated her so kindly should be chewed up and eaten (it was the chewing more than the eating that upset Bo Peep) by the wild and wicked wolf. We tried to pacify her, but it was no good, and at last we promised that if she would stop crying we would see that, if the old lady *had* to be eaten, we'd prevent her from being chewed. There was not much time for planning; but at last we agreed that some of us would carry granny away while I dressed up and took her place. Now you will see that I wasn't going to enjoy myself very much; because it is no joke to be eaten alive, even if the wolf that is eating you does think he is eating somebody else. But we had to stop Bo Peep somehow, and I was the one who had to do the hard part of the job.

You can guess what happened. The wolf ate up poor old "granny," and then tried to eat Riding Hood. But the woodman came up in time, and he and the wolf prepared to fight to the death. Now, you may never have been told, but the wolf has always had the opinion that on some occasion or other he would be too quick for the woodman, and would get in his grip before the woodman could use his axe. And of course THIS was to be the occasion on which he would succeed. So I suppose he *was* annoyed when, just as he was getting ready to spring, and opened his lips to snarl, I popped out of his mouth, and joined in with a gang of imps who suddenly appeared and started a wild dance around him. They all laughed at him;—he made his complaint; the Committee never asked me to explain; and now I am banished from this section of Nursery-Land. *Aren't* wolves wicked.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas, and a teary farewell,

Your Loving Brother Imp,

VERONTAS.

N.B.—During the exile of *Verontas* from our Pages, the KIDDIES CORNER will be run by a *Sister Guild Imp*. She will introduce herself to you next month. We are sorry to lose the services of *Verontas*, and hope he will accept our very best thanks for all he has done for us.—THE GUILD LEADER.

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS.  
THE MODEL LYCEUM SESSION.  
ECHOES OF THE I.S.F. CONGRESS.

Mrs. Esther C. Humphrey, Washington, U.S.A., writes,—

On Sunday afternoon (Sept. 9th) we went to Battersea Town Hall to see the Demonstration of the Lyceumists of London. It is hard for me to fully express my surprise and pleasure.

I had often heard of the wonderful work of the English Lyceums, but it far surpassed my expectations. I was particularly attracted by the close attention of the scholars, old and young, to the addresses from the platform, and, when it came time for them to do their part I admired the wonderful way they did it.

The drill was SPLENDID. Everyone did their part with energy and exactness.

The whole Demonstration was the very best I have ever seen, and in my opinion excelled the Lyceums in America.

Miss Elliott is a most thorough and excellent teacher, and in the work of her and Mr. Knott I can see well why the Lyceums of England have attained such superiority. I trust I may see them at the head of the Lyceum movement when next I come to London.

ESTHER C. HUMPHREY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harlow Goetz, Pastor of the Third Spiritualist Church, Philadelphia, and Mrs. Alice Huckey, the Secretary of the same Church, wish to associate themselves and endorse the above letter.

Miss Ada M. Garrad, the Conductor of Calgary Lyceum, Canada, writes:—

Dear Miss Elliott,

May I take this opportunity of congratulating those responsible for the "Lyceum Model Session." Each one of the children seemed to realise the responsibility that the success of the session lay in their hands. They worked so hard yet willingly and with pleasure.

The marching was most interesting. The leader is to be congratulated for the way in which he trained the children and adults. It was easy to see that each one knew their part perfectly.

The papers of "Welcome" given by the children were excellent.

The Lyceum offers wonderful opportunities for those who desire to express themselves in a work needing character or "backbone."

To me, the Lyceum is a University on its own, and to those not able to afford much school education I advise them to take up their studies in the Lyceum.

When once they have gained knowledge in the Lyceum, no matter where they are, or how many times they are called on to give a speech, they can do it because of expressing themselves in the Lyceum.

Yours in the cause,

ADA M. GARRAD,

Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. E. Groen, the Secretary of the Spirit Society, Amsterdam, writes:—

It is not easy to give in a few words my impressions, received from the Children's Lyceums. But I hope to express my admiration for those who try to develop the children and adolescents in early youth with the spiritual seed and who attempt to develop in beautiful harmony, by their spiritual leading, exercises for the development of the spirit and the body. God bless

their work, and I hope that all other countries will succeed by finding the right way to follow this example.

From the new generation we are expecting the greatest forces, and I agree perfectly with the words of the lovely Canadian speaker, Miss Garrad, For the Children's Lyceums will be the mother of the Church.

With my very hearty greetings and good-bye,

E. GROEN.

Mr. Goedhart (a retired Schoolmaster) asked for statistics and particulars of the Lyceum system.

The Rev. M. Beversluis, who proposed the commencement of the International Spiritualist Federation, writes:—

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me; do not disturb them, for to them belongs the kingdom of heaven."

The heart of a child is open to religious impressions; but not for a dogmatic creed. It is the right way to prepare a new generation accepting the principles of religious Spiritualism, by teaching the children that God is Love, that we may trust Him as our Father in Heaven, who loves us all, and that to die is to be born for a higher, more beautiful life; that our loved ones are returning to us, hover around us as our guardian angels, and that we must always practice unselfishness, helpfulness, and charity.

What a charming moment it was as a group of children came near to us, bearing a banner with the word "Welcome," and letters of flowers saying "Love ye all"; as the little girls with soft voices gave us their Welcome, and the nice little child brought flowers!

It was a lovely scene when the children moved through the great hall, sang their songs, and gave answers to the questions. We had a good afternoon in the Battersea Town Hall.

May the Lyceum Union grow and flourish; and may it be possible for us in our own countries also to found such a beautiful work among the children.

M. BEVERSLUIS.

Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, the Editor of the *Progressive Thinker*, and of U.S.A., brought over from America the beautiful silk ribbon which decorated the B.S.L.U. wreath which was laid on the Hydesville Memorial at Rochester, and presented it to Miss Elliott, the Conductor of the Model Session, to accept it for the B.S.L.U., as a memento from the foundation ceremony of the Memorial. Mrs. Cadwallader has attended nearly all the International Conferences which have been held in various parts of Europe. She was the Superintendent of Lyceums in U.S.A. for a good many years, and has been largely responsible for the institution of a Lyceum building at Lilydale Camp.

She expressed her delight and pleasure with the Model Session.

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL FEES TO THE B.S.L.U.

The General Secretary proposes to "star" the Lyceum Lists to denote the Lyceums which have paid Fees to the District Council.

The Annual Fees from the District Council to the B.S.L.U. are based on the number of Lyceums which have paid fees to the local District Council. The amount due to the Union is 2s. per Lyceum in financial membership with the District Council.

## The World Youth Peace Congress.

By HAROLD F. BING

(Organising Secretary of the British Federation of Youth).

Four hundred and sixty young people, representing the youth organisations of thirty-one countries and of all five continents—Youth of black, brown, white and yellow races; Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, Hindu and Buddhist; such was the varied assembly which met together at Eerde, near Ommen, in Holland, from the 17th to the 26th of August, 1928, for the first World Youth Peace Congress.

Nationalist and Internationalist, Communist and Socialist, Liberal and Democrat—we met together to discuss the ways in which we could help to achieve the greatest task which lies before the Youth of the world to-day—the establishment of universal and permanent peace.

The Camp of Eerde, with its hundreds of white tents—small ones for sleeping in and large ones for meals and meetings—is beautifully situated on sandy heaths. It was then purple with the blossoms of the heather, amid groves of dark swaying pine trees. One could not imagine a more delightful situation for a Congress. And something of the variety and harmony of that natural setting we succeeded in reaching in the Congress itself.

Not easily, and not all the time; for there were strong clashes of opinion in many points; there were very different ideas as to how war can best be banished from the world; there was the intensely strong demand for independence, and the abolition of oppressive imperialism on the part of the representatives of the subject coloured peoples; there was the bitter outcry against economic exploitation on the part of the representatives of the impoverished working classes in countries where the standard of life has sunk very low.

But in spite of all these difficulties and differences; in spite of our differences of language and education; in spite of the prejudices against other nations and classes which we had perhaps unconsciously imbibed from newspapers and books and the public opinion of our own countries, we realised, as we came to know one another personally, how great were the things which we had in common. We recognised that the things which divided us were superficial; the things which united us were fundamental. Our Youth, our common humanity, a common desire to make the world a better, brighter place than it is at present, linked us together in one great family.

After storm follows calm. As in the physical world, so in the spiritual. On the second day of the Congress there was very heated discussion, raised by the Communist delegates, on the subject of the refusal by the German and Dutch Governments to grant visas to the forty young men and women who were to have attended to represent the student and youth organisations of Soviet Russia. At times feeling ran very high. But on the following morning (Sunday), at the religious service in which members of all religions joined together, a wonderful sense of unity and harmony was realised; a sense of spiritual upliftment which gave us fresh strength and inspiration for the discussion of the following week.

The programme of the Congress was a very wide one. Its central theme was the work of Youth for Peace.

In six Commissions were discussed respectively the following aspects of work for Peace:—Economic, political, educational, religious and moral, the Race problem, the question of minorities. Each Commission after several days' discussion, brought before the full Congress a report of its work and a statement of the matters on which its members had reached complete agreement. These latter points were submitted to the full Congress and in every case were ratified by it, almost unanimously. Thus the Youth of the World expressed its condemnation of the system of military conscription, asserted the equality of races and denounced the doctrine of racial superiority; declared that imperialism in all its forms must be abolished before real peace can be achieved; demanded fuller education, in quantity, quality and variety, for the Youth of all countries, not least for the Youth of the oppressed and colonial peoples to play their full share in the progress of humanity; denounced all forms of economic exploitation which deprive men of their freedom and deny the worth of human personality; and condemned any attempts to oppress or exterminate minorities.

But it is not merely in its discussions and the outspoken character of its pronouncements that the importance of the World Youth Peace Congress lies. Even more potent perhaps for the future were the new bonds of friendship which were formed between young people coming from all corners of the earth. Hundreds of young men and women have gone back to their own countries, carrying in their own experience a truer picture of other nations than they could have gained from reading libraries full of books.

Of practical results, too, the Congress has many. A new Franco-German Youth Committee has been set up to help overcome the ill-feeling which the Occupation of the Rhineland and the question of Reparations are arousing; a German, Danzig, Polish Youth Committee has been established to study the difficulties on the Eastern frontiers of Germany and exercise a healing influence there.

The young men of all countries who have resolved to resist conscription have drawn into a closer union with one another; new recruits have been won for the cause of the international language, Esperanto. New helpers have been found for the organisation in future summers of International Youth Tours in various countries. Hundreds of correspondence-links have been formed between young people in different parts of the world. Moreover, through the Continuation Secretariat which has been set up in the Hague, contact will be developed between youth organisations throughout the world, many practical schemes for the international co-operation of youth for peace furthered and the way prepared for the building up of a World Federation of Youth for Peace.

The organisation of the World Youth Peace Congress was mainly in the hands of The British Federation of Youth, to which the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union is affiliated. Important articles on the Congress appear in the October and November issues of "Youth," the monthly magazine of the Federation. These two issues can be obtained for 7d. (post free) from the Secretary, B.F.Y., 421, Sentinel House, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1. The annual subscription to "Youth" is 3s. 6d.

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**BIRTH.**

DONCASTER, Catherine St.—To Mr. and Mrs. Maltby (nee Miss Batty) a daughter, on Nov. 6th.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

BIRMINGHAM, Handsworth.—Mrs. J. Butler passed to Spirit Life on 31st Oct., 1928. She was a good worker for the Lyceum and the "Poor Children Fund."

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—On November 12th, Ernest Edward, son of Alice and Sam Wheatley, passed to the Higher Life after an operation in the Royal Infirmary. The funeral was conducted by Mrs. Thwaites on November 15th.

"He giveth, He taketh,  
Just as the leaves they bud and fall,  
Knowing all is for the best."

**District Council Reports.****BOLTON DISTRICT.**

The Bolton L.D.C. held the quarterly meeting at Daisy Hill Spiritualist Church, on Saturday Nov. 17th. All Council Lyceums were represented. The Roll Call showed an attendance of 20.

The President, Mr. Charnley, was in the Chair.

Minutes and Correspondence were accepted and adopted. The President gave a short address, touching on local matters of importance. The Address provoked a keen discussion regarding our position for electing Area Representatives.

The Treasurer's Report was much brighter than it has been for a little time. Three Lyceums have already held socials for Council Funds and further Socials are promised. We feel much more confident financially, regarding a Demonstration for 1929.

The 1929 Demonstration was discussed and referred back to Lyceums for invitations. Another Council meeting will be held if any invitations are forthcoming.

The dates and places for the 1929 Council Meetings were fixed.

A Vote of Thanks to the local Church and Lyceum closed a short, but busy meeting.

A. DEAN, Sec.

**BRADFORD DISTRICT.**

The Bradford L.D.C. met at Harker Street, and Windhill Churches. All officers and Lyceums represented, also associate members present. Our President, Miss Hudson, was in the Chair. The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Correspondence was accepted.

The Judges' Report on the Shield and Bell Competitions showed Laisterdyke Lyceum to be first, and Idle Lyceum to be second. It was decided the Shield should be presented to Laisterdyke and the Silver Bell to Idle. A Vote of Thanks was accorded Mr. J. Howard, of Leeds, for his services as Judge, and the usual award of an Officers' Edition of the Lyceum Manual was made.

Discussion *re* Rules for Competition.—It was decided a Sub-Committee of one Delegate from each Lyceum, along with the Secretary, draw up another set of rules and submit the proposals to the Council.

A Vote of Thanks was given to Harker St. Lyceum for the sum of money handed over to the Council Funds, arising from a Tea and Concert given by them.

The E.C. report of work done since last meeting was accepted and a vote of thanks was given for the extra work which had been done.

The Manchester and Salford D.C. motion had been before each Lyceum and reports were given. The vote decided not to support the motion.

The District Visitor's report was accepted. The D.V. reported a visit to a new Lyceum. The matter was left for the present.

A collection taken for the £2,000 Effort Fund realised 7s. 4d.

The next meeting will be at Harker St. Church, on Saturday, Jan. 12th, 1929, at 3-0 p.m.

The Presentation of the Shield and a Concert was held at Laisterdyke on Saturday, November 10th. Miss Hudson presented the Shield to the Conductor. Mr. E. Aked presented an Officers' Edition of the Lyceum Manual to the Judge, Mr. J. Howard, of Leeds. Greetings were given to Mr. Harding, Secretary of Leeds D.C. He gave in return the greetings of Leeds Lyceum District Council to the Lyceums in the Bradford District.

A good concert was given by Laisterdyke Lyceumists and it was much enjoyed.

E. AKED, Sec.

**COVENTRY AND DISTRICT.**

The meeting of the Coventry and District Lyceum District Council took place at Norman Avenue Church, Nuneaton, on Oct. 20th. The result of the Silver Bell Competition was given. It was rather an interesting meeting. Mr. Smith, of the Birmingham District Council, was Adjudicator, and said he had had a hard task, as all the Lyceums were improving.

Bull St. Lyceum was the winner, and he presented the Bell to their Secretary, Miss Matthews.

The possible points were 90, and the points gained were, Bull St. 87, Broadgate 73, Nuneaton 72, Broad St. 69, Lockhurst Lane 64, Stoke Heath 63, Rugby 47.

We discussed a Study Class for the Lyceumists taking the Grades in the Examination Scheme and considered a combined Lyceum Social to be held in February.

The next meeting will be at Bull St. on Dec. 8th, at 3-15 p.m. We hope all Lyceums will be represented.  
MRS. E. COE, Sec.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15th and 16th, at North Street, Scarborough, at 5 p.m.

Business.—Welcome, Opening Exercise, Invocation, Minutes of last meeting, and Special E.C. Minutes, Correspondence, Roll Call, Reports,—D.V., and L.D.C., Treasurer's, U.D.C., Competition business, Presentation arrangements, Field Day, and Demonstration (1928 Invitations), U.D.C. Invitations, Oct. 1929, Associates L.D.C. proposed amendment to Bye-Laws to Y.D.C., Manchester and Salford D.C. Motion. Next meeting (Annual). Vote of Thanks to local friends.

The expressed wish of the Scarborough Lyceum is that all Lyceums will be represented by at least one delegate. Buses leave top of New York Road, Leeds, at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m., return fare 7s. 6d. The E.C. would like all intending delegates to travel if possible by the 1 p.m. All those having to return on Sunday will be able to get a bus at Scarborough about 5 p.m. and arrive at Leeds about 9 p.m.

Train service, return fare, 11s. 6d (week end), leaving Leeds about 1-45 p.m. Associates welcome. All those intending going kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, Dec. 11th, so that billeting arrangements can be made.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

#### NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the above Council took place at Ashton, Burlington Street, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, and was presided over by Mrs. Ennion.

There were 32 Delegates and Associate members present from Macclesfield, Ashton, Hyde, Denton, Heaton Norris, and Lord St. Central.

The Minutes of last quarterly meeting and correspondence were accepted.

The District Visitor's report, along with the U.D.C. report were accepted with best thanks.

Much discussion took place on the M.C.'s future visit to Hyde. We are looking forward to having a happy time together. We regret to learn that Mrs. Pimblott, of Macclesfield, has been seriously ill, and sincerely hope she has regained her health.

We record our best thanks to our Ashton friends for their kind hospitality.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Lord St. Central in February 2nd, 1929.

E. JOULES, Sec.

#### TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Council was held at the "Star of Progress" Lyceum, West Hartlepool, with the President (Mr. J. Riley) in the chair. Business included the following:—Minute No. 45 (*re* Presentation of Education Scheme Certificates) was lost. Minute No. 48 (*re* Conducting of Church Services, etc.) was carried by the Chairman's casting vote. Minute No. 72, The Manchester and Salford Motion was rejected. The letter *re* starring of BANNER Lists for D.C. fees was left on the table.

A letter is to be sent to Churches who, by holding afternoon services, curtail Lyceum sessions: to ask them to forego such meetings in favour of the children.

Mr. Neale, sen., Mr. Foster and the Secretary were deputed to approach the secretaries of Fryer St., Shildon, Church and Lyceum *re* the restoration of the Lyceum.

The Children's Manual Committee report that a scheme has been submitted by Mr. Bridge (Stockton), which is receiving consideration. The Conference rose to honour the Two-minutes Silence in memory of the fallen in the Great War, at 11-0 a.m.

A well attended Lyceum session was held in the afternoon. Mr. W. Bland (Shildon) submitted a paper on "Logic" for discussion. Under the chairmanship of the President (Mr. Riley), supported by various members of the Council the usual evening services were held in the presence of a large congregation. These services concluded a most successful conference.

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

### Special Reports.

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

**BIRMINGHAM, Forward Lyceum.**—It is with great regret that we announce the transition of our Fellow-Lyceumist and friend, Mrs. J. Butler, wife of Mr. J. Butler, Lyceumist, which took place on Wednesday, 31st October, after a short and painful illness, leaving a baby girl three weeks old.

Mrs. Butler was an ardent worker both in the Lyceum and Church, and together with her husband was the "Poor Children's Fund" delegate at the "Forward" Church, for which cause they worked unceasingly.

The funeral was carried out by Mr. Gyde, a well-known worker. The coffin was carried by all Lyceumists at the express wish of Mrs. Butler.

On Monday, 5th Nov., a service was held in the Forward Church.

"We know after she has rested, she will mingle with us again, our thoughts go with her."

**DUNEDIN, N.Z.**—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, a dedication service was held by Miss Burgess, when five children were dedicated to the Cause of Spiritualism. Four were in one family. Janet Ellen, 13 years, James Harrison, 11 years, Agnes Margaret Harriet, 10 years, and Phyllis Audrey Robinson, 9 months, received the spiritual names of "Idealia," "Valiant," "Honour," and "Rosebud" respectively. The other was the fifth child in a family, all of whom are in the Lyceum, Andrew Jackson Paul, 4 weeks. Spirit name, "Progress." We can claim an Andrew Jackson for our own now, and we hope he will turn out as great a seer as A. J. Davis.

Each child had two attendant maids, the boy having two boys to stand by him. When the hymn "Open the door for the Children" was commenced, the door was opened and the children in their white dresses and coloured sashes made a pretty picture. Janet was crowned with mauve and blue flowers, and her bunch of flowers to match. Margaret with deep yellow primroses and pansies of the same shade. Phyllis with cream and pale blue flowers and the baby Andrew with white, while Jim had a kind of masonic badge hung round his neck on which was stitched the Spiritualist

badge of N.Z. Each child was presented with a Lyceum badge and a large certificate which is printed in New Zealand. Lilian Bayliss (14) gave a beautiful invocation written by her father, and Margaret Asher (14) closed the dedication service with another beautiful prayer.

Mr. Englefield gave a vocal solo which was much appreciated. Nearly all present gave pearls. Marching and Callisthenics were given and much appreciated by the visitors present. Each adult was given a yellow pansy for thoughts.

After the closing hymn Mrs. Brooks gave the benediction. She had also previously described the beautiful spirit friends and conditions over the children. The Salute was given and another enjoyable session came to a close. Greetings to all Lyceums and workers in Great Britain.—(Miss) R. Burgess, Con. Sec.

HOLLINWOOD, Byron St.—Election of Officers, Nov. 4th. Conductor, Mr. F. Snape. Assist. Conductor, Miss A. Fogg. Secretary, Miss E. Howarth. Treasurer, Miss J. Fairbotham. Musical Conductor, Miss E. Fairbotham. Marching Leaders, Miss L. Ball and Mr. C. Mycock. Delegates, Mr. W. Whitter and Mr. C. Mycock. Guardians, Marie Evans and Leslie Davies. Auditors, Mr. W. Whitter and Mr. J. Mycock.—L. Ball, Sec.

LEICESTER, Marston St.—Nov. 4th, a Service of Song "A Warning Voice" was rendered by the Lyceum and read by Mrs. Parker, our Assistant Conductor. We had the naming ceremony of the daughter of Mrs. Dolby, the Lyceum Conductor, by Mrs. Stevenson.—W. B. Stevenson, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—We held our Open Session on Oct. 7th. We had a fairly good turnout after the long period the Schools had been closed with infantile paralysis. Pearls, recitations and solos were rendered by Daisy Knox, Olive Forrest, Sylvia Parkinson, Ella Crawley, Irene Turner, Mrs. Knox, Harry Forrest, Mr. Chadwick, and Mr. Forrest. We bid one of our scholars, Arthur Redmond, farewell. He has returned to the Old Land after a long illness. We all wish him good luck on his return home.—J. Knox, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—We held our Open Session on Nov. 4th. Pearls and recitations were said by Margaret, Chrissy, Willie and Jack Hudie, May and Evelyn Lindsay, James and Alex Lindsay, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Slater, Albert Pearson, Chrissy Lindsay, Miss Hopkins and Miss E. Lindsay sang solos. Marching and callisthenics were gone through quite well. A number of children recited on Flowers.—Mrs. M. Armitt, Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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BIRKENHEAD.—Open Session, Nov. 4th. Conductor, Mr. Thompson. A good attendance included two visitors from Bury in Mrs. and Nellie Dean. Pearls by Mr. Albert, and Elsie Thompson, Reg. Robb, and Nellie Dean. Recitations by Stella Callagan, Beattie Callagan, Joan and Iris Durman, Nellie Dean, Lilian Harding, Frances Harper, Elsie Makin, Marion and Evelyn Nolan, Florrie Watson and Mr. Taylor. Solos by Mrs. Dean, Eileen Edwards, Albert Thompson, and Miss Nora Whiteley. Pianoforte solo by Edith Winters.—E. Edwards, Acting Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—Oct. 28th was our Lyceum Day. In the afternoon we held an Open Session and there were about 250 present. Recitation by M. Kendle. Solo by Miss Dean, of Bury. Duet by E. and M. Robinson. Pianoforte duet, Miss A. Riding and Mr. W. Hopper. About 50 Lyceumists from King St. Lyceum, Bury, paid us a return visit.

In the evening the choir gave a Song Service written by R. A. Webb. A good day, enjoyed by all. The following officers have been elected for 1929. Conductor, Mr. W. E. Mason. Assistant Con., Mr. A. Robinson. Treasurer, Mr. E. Holding. Secretary, Mr. T. Wood. Financial Secretary, Mrs. A. Sutton. Musical Con., Miss Riding. Callisthenic Conductor, Miss B. Wilkinson.—Thos. Wood, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry St.—Oct. 15th, Open Session. We had a very large attendance. Mr. Connor, of Bolton, was our speaker. The Silver and Golden Chain Readings were explained very well. Pearls and recitations were given by Lyceumists and friends. We had friends present from various Lyceums. All spent a happy time.—W. Monk, Sec.

BRADFORD, Ripley St.—We held our Open Session on Nov. 4th, when a glorious time was spent. The following helped to make it a success: Misses F. Leng, L. Plumb, Alice Wilkinson, Joan MacKaye, Mrs. MacKaye, Mrs. Stott, and Albert Wilkinson.—E. Pickles, Sec.

CALGARY, Canada.—After being closed down for a period of a month we opened our Lyceum on Oct. 28th, after having a social on the Friday previous. As the next week was Hallowe'en we had a Hallowe'en Social and many of the children were dressed in lovely costumes. A very enjoyable programme by the Lyceum children was given and a large number of people enjoyed it thoroughly. Games were played and before going, all the children were given apples to take home. The night was a great success and a good opening of our winter work.

On November 4th we held our usual Session, with our new Conductor, Mrs. Eshelby, conducting the service, and after the opening prayer, a two minutes silence was kept for Mrs. Hill, of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., who has risen to the higher life. Mrs. Hill was one of the pioneers of the Lyceum in Calgary and she is well remembered by all the old-timers in the movement in Calgary. A prayer was then offered by Mr. Inkpen. On being asked who could repeat the Principles of Spiritualism, Elsie Peters was the only one who could say them all, and then to her surprise she was awarded an Andrew Jackson Davis badge which Mr. Inkpen donated. Pearls were given by all in the room and the following made an enjoyable addition to our afternoon:—Readings by Lorna Yoxall, Elsie Peters; Pianoforte solo by Victor Dams; Recitation by Margaret Dams. We had with us a visitor from Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., Mr. Holder, formerly the Conductor of the Lyceum in one of the Churches in Detroit for two years. He has held every office in the Lyceum down there, and we hope he will be staying in Calgary and will help us in our efforts to go forward. After having this enjoyable Session we all went home with a few good thoughts to think about during the week. Best wishes to all Lyceums and the Banner.—W. A. Garrad, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Nov. 4th we held our usual enjoyable Open Session, when the following Lyceumists rendered items:—Eveline Clements, Ernest Heath, Jessie Orwin, Leslie Driver, Marion Leverton, Sidney and Francis Hobster, Marion Wagstaffe, Avis Bown, and Linda Heath. The benediction was given by Mrs. Siddal. After a pleasing Session we sang "Sweet Summerland."—May Wheatley, Session Minute Sec.

CLECKHEATON, Old Robin.—Open Session, Nov. 4th. We had a very good attendance of Lyceumists and friends and a very enjoyable afternoon. Recitations by H. Boswell, M. Boswell, Master E. Taylor. We had a beautiful hymn sung by four of our young Lyceumists. Mrs. H. Hutton was pianist. Our speaker was Mrs. Gooder, of Batley, and she spoke very well to us concerning the Lyceum. Mrs. H. Holmes was Conductor.

DARWEN.—Oct. 27th and 28th was our Lyceum Anniversary. On Oct. 27th at the Lyceum Re-Union, an excellent tea was served, followed by an enjoyable Social.

On October 29th our Speaker was Councillor Jessy Greenwood, J.P., In the afternoon there was a fine Open Session; the spirit of which was carried on through the evening service.—Dorothy Coghlan.

DERBY.—Anniversary, Oct. 27th and 28th. Great credit is due to all. Social items were given. We had a Service of Song "Sunshine and Showers." There was a large congregation, and many adults helped us. Thanks are due to Amy and Harold Heapy, Beatrice, Annie, Clarice, and Robert Spence, Dorothy and George Elton, Beatrice, George, and Arthur Sanders, Edith and Maurice Middleton, Eric and Bertram Wood. Misses Cole and Emmerton and Ronnie Wagg, and the older Lyceumists.

DUNEDIN, New Zealand.—Sept. 16th was Open Session and a fairly good attendance. Pearls by nearly all present. Recitations by Francis Anthony, Joan Hargreaves, Esme Morgan, Roland and Hilda Paul, Garnet Asher, Raymond Englefield, Charley Bayliss, Edith Asher, Jean and Margaret Robinson, Jean McConnell, and Kenneth Brooks. Reading by Margaret Asher, Mrs. McConnell, Mr. Gore. Vocal solo, Mr. Englefield. Pianoforte solo, Miss Thornton. The musical arrangements are, and have been for some time, in the capable hands of Mrs. Englefield. With fraternal greetings to all Lyceums, and best wishes to the BANNER.—(Miss) R. Burgess, Con. Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on Nov. 4th. Recitations by O. Wilkins, N. Hodgkinson, O. Seddon, T. Hancock, V. Harrison, W. Hancock, F. Clarke, M. Ennis, E. Clark. A song was given by the Beacon Group of Girls. Hymn 410 was sung by the Liberty Group.—Miss B. Smith, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Open Session, Nov. 4th. A very pleasing and harmonious Session. Singing, marching and callisthenics, and various items given. Recitations by Doris Parkinson, Dorothy Harris and Frank Harris. Solos by Lilian Frith and Irene Watkins. Duets by Lilian Frith and Irene Watkins, Mrs. Parkinson and Miss Firth. Kitty Thurston and Nora Harris. Trio, Mr. S. Shurlock, Mr. A. Breakwell and, Mr. J. Shurmer. The time passed all too quickly. Pianoforte solo by Mr. Batley. Saxophone solo by W. T. Birch.

The Lyceumists are getting into their various study groups for the forthcoming examinations.—Mrs. E. K. Firth, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Open Session Nov. 4th. Several Lyceumists responded. S.C. by Florrie Pickvance. M.R. by Mr. Doswell, H. Norris, Maggie Nelson, and Philip Doswell. G.C. by Hubert Norris. Recitations by Annie Aspden, Florrie Pickvance, Alice Ellis, and Elsie Aspden. Solo by Mr. Baxter. Duet by Miss Fish and Mrs. Howarth. A violin solo was rendered by H. Baron, accompanied by F. Cross.—Clara Waterhouse, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Pleasant Sunday, Nov. 4th. Morning, solos by P. Stanham, and Mr. Rycroft. Duet by R. Howard and I. Chapman, Trio by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Howard and R. Howard. Quartette by R. Mathieson, J. Shaw, J. Fields, and W. Johnson. Also pearls and a good display of marching and callisthenics.

Afternoon.—Recitations by W. Johnson, A. Ketch, Mrs. Howard, R. Barron, H. Wilson, E. Swift, E. Heaton, Solo by E. Cole. Duets by C. Eddington and M. Willey. L. Roberts and E. Fields. Trio by Mrs. Howard, M. Greenhalgh and E. Cromer.—W. Piercy, Sec.

HYDE, George St.—On Nov. 4th our Conductor, Mr. E. Hyde, performed the naming ceremony of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. This being his first experience, he did very well indeed.

A play entitled "After the Storm," written by Mr. S. Jackson, one of our own members, has just been successfully played by our Lyceum Dramatic Party. A good sum of money was raised for our Building Fund.—Mr. N. Cartwright, Sec.

LEEDS, Psycho.—On Oct. 28th the Lyceum conducted a well attended Church Service. Mr. Wainwright gave a good address demonstrating in simple language the Lyceum teaching. Olive Gascoigne and Muriel Vinters rendered recitations. Mr. Amson gave some experiences. Mercy Towers and Olive Gascoigne gave solos. Mr. Gascoigne made some remarks. A delineation concluded an enjoyable service.—Arthur Daisley, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—On Sept. 29th we held the Naming Ceremony of Ernest Edward, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. C. Wheatley, who was named by Mrs. F. M. Thwaites, the Conductor.

On Nov. 6th we held our Open Session. We had good pearls

and recitations by Yvonne Dehoux, Kittie Townsend, Lavinia and Doris Garrett, Doris Jayes and Ethel Gamble. Solo by Ethel Gamble. Duets by Kittie Townsend and Lavinia Garrett.—S. Wheatley.

LONDON, Tottenham.—Open Session Oct. 28th. Recitations by Eileen Gladman, Doreen King, Violet Pressey, Bella Rayment, and Gwennie Morement. Songs by Len. Bradbury, and Ethel Coffin. Pearls were rendered by all. Marching and callisthenics were very good. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Nov. 11th we held our Open Session (floral) conducted by Uncle Bert. Between 60 and 70 Lyceumists and friends were present. Pearls were rendered by younger scholars. Recitations were given by numerous children, also pianoforte solos and an organ recital by Hubert Wheeler. Uncle Bert spoke a few kindly words. It was a pleasing and enjoyable session.—C. Stuart-Jones, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On Nov. 11th we held an Open Session, which was a Massed Session, Darnall Lyceumists visiting our Lyceum on that date. We had a Peace Session. The Conductor was Mr. F. Smith. Mr. Ballard, Darnall Conductor, spoke a few words on a Lyceum reading. The Assistant Conductors spoke a few words. We had a very good Session.—E. Johnson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—Oct. 7th, Anniversary Services. Conductor, Mr. Hopkins. Recitations, solos, etc., were given at afternoon and evening Sessions by Muriel Overment, Edith Maw, Alma and Dora Overend, Muriel Clive, Lucy and Grace Moss, Nora, Hilda and Olive Nutt, Connie Higginbottom, Alice Read, Gordon and Jack Batley, Vincent Porter, Misses Hopkins and Thrall.

On Monday evening we held a Tea and Social. Prizes were distributed to the successful children by Mrs. Clive, who spoke a few encouraging words.

On Sunday 13th we held our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. On Nov. 4th, Mr. Truelove conducted a good Open Session.—C. M. Truelove, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Oct. 28th we held our 16th Anniversary Services. These were ably conducted by Mrs. Humphries, of Kingston-on-Thames. Morning and evening services in our Church were enjoyed by splendid congregations. The Services were from the Manual, interspersed with Lyceumists' efforts.

In the afternoon at the special Open Session over 40 Church Members and friends (including friends from Portsmouth and Eastleigh) enjoyed and appreciated the solos and duets and recitations rendered by the Lyceumists. Soloists.—Mrs. Rose, Denis Shrubbsall, Connie Carter, and Mrs. Humphries. Recitations by Marion McKenzie, Roma Knowles, Joyce Canfield, Ena Clover, Poppy Lewis, and Brenda Hart. Violin Solo, John Knowles. A really enjoyable Anniversary.—E. W. Long, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—We held our Open Session on Nov. 4th. Recitations by E. Ralingson, L. Wright, J. Wright, M. Peneluna, B. Wright, R. Elliott, and B. Ralingson. A solo by M. Peneluna. We had a grand time.—Thomas Paskell, Sec.

BARROW, Dalton Road.—We held our Open Session on Nov. 11th. Mr. Roy Brown conducted. The following Lyceumists responded:—Jackie Huddleston, Gordon Johnson, Ruby Scott, Bessie Johnson, Mary Howbrook, and Mr. Harris. Duet by Doris Jones and Hilda Deelay. Mr. Frank Hepworth spoke to the Lyceumists, which was well received.—Mrs. L. Brown, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catharine St.—We held our Open Session on Nov. 4th, conducted by Miss Johnson. Invocation by Miss D. Batty. Pearls and recitations by several Lyceumists. Marching and callisthenics were good. An enjoyable afternoon.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EDINBURGH, 9, Gayfield Square.—We held our Open Session on the 11th Nov., which was a great success. Most of the children taking part gave a double item. Solos and recitations were given by Molly Brown, Bessie Houston, Janet Knowles, Minnie Andrews, Mrs. Forbes, Peggy Lawrence, William Curran, Jack Forbes, and Ronald Forbes. Jack Blake gave a pianoforte selection. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.—P. Lawrence, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On Oct. 28th, we held our Ladies' Day. The chair was taken by Mrs. Tovey, Mothers' President. The speaker was Mrs. Dronsfield. "Dear honoured friends we greet you" was sung by the ladies.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.