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New Year's Greetings.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Again we are on the threshold of another year and the spirit of Christmas is still with us that seems to generate peace and goodwill all around. Always at this festive season does there seem to be a desire on the part of all peoples to foster a spirit of charitableness through service in some form or another.

It is a time of retrospect, when our thoughts turn to bygone days and our memories are refreshed as we recall to mind those of our kith and kin who are domiciled in other parts of the world. Though distance physically divides, there is awakened within us the recollection of how easily we are united by the power of thought as it flashes swift as lightning and is caught up on our vibrations.

Often we are conscious of their nearness, and thus it is that I want every Lyceumist to feel my "Love" as it is generated by the power of thought.

Many will be anxious to see the departure of 1929 because of the very distressing conditions through which they have passed. Others will retain with pleasure all the benefits they have derived and yet, whatever our individual experiences have been, we must realise there is some purpose behind it all; and it is often the deepest sorrow that brings us the greatest joy.

Hush! the year is dying, let it die! And Hark! the year 1930 is borne in upon us as we catch the strain of sweetly pealing bells ringing out their message to all. It seems to contain the spirit of optimism. Let us catch it and feel that 1930 holds much that is good for everyone.

We are brought face to face with the Union's activities. Each of us in some measure have benefited through the service that has been ungrudgingly given by our beloved pioneers—many in spirit and some still with us—that we may enjoy the many privileges that are ours. The work of the Union must still continue. During the past year it has met with many reverses. The industrial situation does not tend to improve matters, yet financial obligations have to be met, so, while we still have the spirit of Charitableness with us, let us include amongst our New Year Resolutions one that will help in a practical way by responding to the various appeals in the LYCEUM BANNER and show our appreciation of the material and spiritual benefits we have derived from our Lyceum training.

Let us be constructive in our methods, then we shall build for the future a movement that will be secure against storms, and continue to radiate its light of "Truth and Peace" to humanity.

This can only be achieved by your co-operation in every branch of the movement.

Each year we note that one or more of our stalwarts has been translated to a higher realm of activity, and we are looking to you to double your interest in the cause of education and truth by broadcasting the needs

of the Union and at the same time giving a lead to others to join in a campaign of "Victory."

"Unity is Strength," but can only be maintained by our devotion to "Duty," and our persistency and determination to utilise the forces at our disposal for the ultimate good of all.

It is with pleasure that I extend to Lyceumists the world over my very Heartfelt Good Wishes for a Bright and Prosperous New Year, and may success attend your efforts. May there be

"Many happy New Years, unbroken friendship,
Great accumulation of cheerful recollections,
And affection on earth and heaven at last for all of us."

EDITH ELLIOTT.

THE IDEA OF GOD.

We cannot be conscious of ourselves except as *dependent* beings.

This intuitive perception of God is afterwards fundamentally and logically established by the *a priori* argument, and beautifully confirmed by the *a posteriori* argument; but we are not left without the idea of God till we become metaphysicians and naturalists, and so can discover it by much thinking. It comes spontaneously, by a law, of whose action we are, at first, not conscious. The belief always precedes the proof, intuition giving the thing to be reasoned about. Unless this intuitive function can be performed, it is not possible to attain a knowledge of God. For all arguments to that end must be addressed to a faculty which cannot originate the Idea of God, but only confirm it when given from some other quarter. Any argument is vain when the logical condition of all argument has not been complied with. If the reasoner, as Dr. Clarke has done, presupposes that his opponent has "no transcendent idea of God," all his reasoning could never produce it, howsoever capable of confirming and legitimating that idea if already existing in the consciousness. As we may speak of sights to the blind, and sounds to the deaf, and convince them that things called sights and sounds actually exist, but can furnish no *Idea* of those things when there is no corresponding sensation, so we may convince a man's understanding of the soundness of our argumentation, but yet give him no *Idea* of God unless he has previously an intuitive sense thereof. Without the intuitive perception, the metaphysical argument gives us only an idea of abstract Power and Wisdom; the argument from design gives only a limited and imperfect Cause for the limited and imperfect effects. Neither reveals to us the Infinite God.

The idea of God then transcends all possible external experience, and is given by intuition, or natural revelation, which comes of the joint and spontaneous action of reason and the religious element.

T. PARKER.

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FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAMME.

SUNDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1930.

Over a quarter of a century ago, before many of our present Lyceumists were born, it was my very great pleasure to spend a few happy hours in the home of our founder, Andrew Jackson Davis. His house was situated some few miles outside the city of Boston, U.S.A., and, as I write, I can visualise the pleasant surroundings and in memory I see myself receiving the cordial greeting and welcome which was always extended when I visited him. I wish I could share with you all the enduring effect which his friendship has had upon my life, for it would help you to understand how important are the potentialities of the Lyceum movement and to realise how very necessary it is that we should everyone do our utmost towards making it secure and stable in our home country.

It is a very easy matter for this to be done and only our human frailty has prevented it being accomplished before now. The trouble is that we are so forgetful. If every Lyceumist would remember to put away one penny every month for two years and arrange with their Lyceum treasurer to send all the pennies to the £2,000 fund Secretary, our first task would be accomplished. There is a joy in giving that cannot be secured in any other way, and every Lyceumist will be happier and have a greater self-esteem if they have done their share of sacrifice on behalf of the movement which is doing so much for them. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Someone may say: "Oh, that's all very fine, but I have so little money and so much to do with it." If you had the chance of winning £2,000 FOR YOURSELF by spending a penny a month you would probably find you could afford it. I am asking you to FORGET YOURSELF and win something that has no money value or equivalent, something you could not buy even if you had ten times £2,000.

Do not wait to see what others are doing, but act yourself. Be self-reliant. Set the example and encourage others to follow. One real enthusiast in every Lyceum can accomplish wonders. Let us pull together and show our founder—who is still keenly interested in our welfare—what can be done. Start on "Founder's Day" and then a strong pull, a steady pull and a long pull.

PROGRAMME.

	L.M.	S.S.	
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"BIACENES."

SILVER PAPER.

Our readers will have noticed that the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme is now in operation.

We shall be glad to receive any Silver Paper from Lyceumists, for the benefit of the above Scheme.

If odd bits are sent in ordinary letters (under 20zs.) when Secretaries are writing to the General Secretary, the despatch will not cost anything extra for postage.

MISS M. E. KITSON, B.A.

A number of Lyceumists have requested photos of Miss Kitson as a memento of her enthusiastic labours for the Education Scheme and her general interest in the B.S.L.U.

To meet this wish we have procured a supply of REAL PHOTOGRAPHS and now offer them for sale at 4d. each, or 3s. per dozen, post free.

The proceeds will be given to the Education Department to support the work Miss Kitson loved and carried on so earnestly.

Send your orders and cash to Mr. G. F. Knott, B.S.L.U. Office, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.



My dear Boys and Girls,

Ah! ah! you young rascals, so you've been having a nice little game all on your own, while I've been asleep, aye!

Now come along, own up, or I shall have to put Sherlock Holmes and "my dear Watson" on your track.

Someone has changed the figures of the year on my calendar. I know what; I shall have to play that game called "I sent a letter to my love, and on the way I dropped it." Then I shall be able to come all round and say: "It isn't you; it isn't you; it isn't you. 'Tis you."

But, half a minute; before I do that I have an idea. I once heard of a boy who stole a pig. He was the son of a piper and they used to call him Tom. Then there was another mischievous young man, who was found guilty of stealing some tarts which the Queen had made.

We must not forget also that there were Four and Twenty Blackbirds, who had a very bad reputation for their taking ways. We are told they even went so far as to peck off the maid's nose, after which she had to buy no more handkerchiefs, because she had no nose to blow.

Another suggestion has just reached me. "The Fairy Queen," the one who hit me on top of my head when I was Father Christmas.

How on earth can any human being expect me to discover who it was who took the 29 off my calendar and left 30 in its place.

I would like you to remember, too, that it is only a few days since Christmas, and, like most people, I have been a little overloaded these last few days.

Well! well! Why worry; let's continue to be merry and bright. The fact remains that here we are with 1930 staring us in the face, and 1929 is a thing of the past; so let's make the best of it.

"Let's make the best of it." That is an idea worth a little careful consideration. There are some people who are very fond of telling us that it does not matter a great deal what we do, things which are to be will be. That is alright to a point, but there are a few rules or conditions to be taken into account, even if they are correct in their statement.

I do not want to perplex your young minds with

debatable details, but I want to try and give you just a simple lesson.

When I say "Let's make the best of it," I believe that each boy and girl has a mission in life, and the time will come to each one of you to fulfil it. There will be the invitation, the acceptance of which will rest entirely with yourselves.

For an illustration let us consider two invitations. The first one you receive is to attend a New Year's party; there is no hesitation whatever about accepting it. Oh, no! You say to yourselves: "Kiss in the ring," "Postman's knock," "Forfeits." Gee, what fun. You are just bubbling over with excitement for the time to come. When it does, your intentions are to get the very best out of it.

Here is the second invitation. Mother says, "I want you to take a few cakes and a little fruit up to Mrs. Poor to-morrow night. She has not been able to enjoy Christmas like we have." In one sense you may consider this a command, but it is also an invitation to do a kind act. It is rather unfortunate for you that you had already arranged to meet your chums; you had planned a good game.

Here is the problem for you to work out for yourselves. To the first invitation you answered Yes, without any hesitation. To the second, there was a big BUT got in the way, and, although you certainly did it, you did not get the best out of it. The reason of this is a very simple one. Just a tiny bit of selfishness came foremost and stopped you from putting your very best into the effort or mission you were invited to undertake for someone else.

I understand you, kiddies, and I am the last jolly old uncle in the world to expect you to be saints, but I do want you all to have a real happy New Year, and Auntie Ruth and Cousin Doris join me in this wish, too. But here is the main point of my New Year's message to you. If you desire to make the best of 1930 it will depend on how much you put into it, and not only how much you put into it, but the spirit you put it in with.

For instance, a man or woman may have thousands of pounds and give a pound here and there, without any thought as to its value, while a boy or a girl may have but a few coppers pocket money, out of which they give a penny to a blind man, because their hearts are touched with sympathy for his affliction.

The greater of these two gifts is that of the child, because it has meant sacrifice.

Having entered 1930, I am not so keen on making new resolutions as I am on improving our present standing. To do this I ask myself a few simple and yet important questions:—

Do I thank God for all His love to me as much as I ought?

Am I doing all I can to tell others of His love?

Am I trying to create Happiness, Peace and Love in the world?

Such questions as these, which appeal to yourselves, will, I am sure, help you in making the best of 1930 and endeavouring to put the very best into it.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 140. Take away S. and leave IX.

No. 141. Mince Pies.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

Riddle-me-See.

No. 142. "A New Year's Message."

My First is in Apple, but not in Orange.
My Second in Chorus, but not in Solos.
My Third in Round, but not in Square.
My Fourth in Page, but not in Servant.
My Fifth in Praise, but not in Song.
My Sixth in Take, but not in Gift.
My Seventh in Desk, but not in Table.
My Eighth in Grass, but not in Field.
My whole is Upward, Onward, Heavenward.

No. 143. Charade.

My First denotes place.
My Second is in the school class room.
My Third a busy insect.
My whole one who gives intelligence

Address your letters and replies to Uncle Bert, 2, Villiers Road, Osterley, Middlesex.

With Love,

UNCLE BERT.

SHE WAS A PHANTOM OF DELIGHT.

She was a phantom of delight,
When first she gleamed upon my sight;
A lovely apparition, sent
To be a moment's ornament.
Her eyes as stars of twilight fair,
Like Twilight's too her dusky hair;
But all things else about her drawn
From May-time, and the cheerful Dawn,
A dancing shape, an image gay
To haunt, to startle, and waylay.

I saw her upon nearer view
A spirit, yet a woman too!
Her household motions light and free,
And steps of virgin liberty,
A countenance in which did meet
Sweet records, promises as sweet;
A creature not too bright or good
For human nature's daily food;
For transient sorrows, simple wiles,
Praise, blame, love, kisses, tears, and smiles

And now I see with eye serene;
The very pulse of the machine;
A being breathing thoughtful breath,
A traveller between life and death.
The reason firm, the temperate will,
Endurance, foresight, strength and skill,
A perfect woman, nobly planned,
To warn, to comfort, and command,
And yet a spirit still and bright,
With something of angelic light.

W. WORDSWORTH.

The BLACKBURN St. Peter Street Lyceum
send Season's Greetings to all Lyceums and
Lyceumists at home and abroad.

T. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

The Education Department.

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.
(Under the auspices of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U.)

ASSOCIATE (B.S.L.U.) SECTION of the
NATIONAL JOINT EDUCATION SCHEME.

THE LAST LAP.

The New Year always brings us to the last lap of our race for educational distinctions and advancement, and both tutors and students will be well advised to take careful stock of the time remaining at their disposal, and the amount of study and preparation work which remains to be done. Those who are entering for the B.S.L.U. Examinations are in a much stronger position than in any previous January, for, instead of being within six weeks of their examinations, they have this year over four months for further preparation. The Graduate (S.N.U.) Scheme students have only until the last week-end in March, and those who started their studies in good time will be able to devote most of the remaining thirteen weeks to revision work.

For the sake of new Secretaries, or new Lyceums or Lyceumists, it may be as well to repeat the instructions about the examinations, and about entering for and sitting at them.

THE ASSOCIATE (B.S.L.U.) SCHEME.

The B.S.L.U. Scheme is called the Associate Scheme—really the Associate *Section* of the *National Joint Education Scheme*—because it leads to the Associate Degree awarded to Lyceumists by the College. It is conducted by the B.S.L.U. Education Committee, and only members of affiliated Lyceums can enter for the examinations. Lyceumists under twelve can enter for the Oral Grade Examination, which consists of being able to recite the Principles and to answer questions from the *Oral Grade Primer* (there is no writing to be done by the students); and those who answer up to the standard laid down in the Oral Grade Leaflet (which can be obtained, with the *Primers*, from Mr. Knott) are awarded certificates—and as there is no entry fee, there is no reason why every Lyceumist between eight and twelve should not be prepared and entered for this examination as a matter of normal Lyceum teaching.

Lyceumists over twelve who wish to take part in the Scheme must begin at Grade I, and take the examinations in order until Grade V. is passed. Students who pass Grade V. with 70 per cent. or more are entitled to apply to the College for the Associate (A.N.S.C.) Degree, and to continue their studies in the B.S.L.U. Advanced Scheme. This is where the B.S.L.U. and the S.N.U. join hands, for the Advanced Scheme has been adopted by the S.N.U. Education Committee, and is conducted by it as the Graduate (S.N.U.) Section of the National Joint Scheme, and Lyceumists can go on until they have passed the Final Grade Examination with 75 per cent. or more and thus become qualified to apply for the Graduate (G.N.S.C.) Degree.

THE GRADUATE (S.N.U.) SCHEME.

The Graduate Section Proper consists of the Intermediate, Subsidiary and Final Grades, which must be taken and passed in this given order; but it has been laid down that Church (or Subscribing) Members, and

Lyceumists who have not taken the B.S.L.U. examinations (if also Church members) must qualify to sit at the Intermediate Grade examination by passing the Entrance Examination—which is identical with the Grade V. examination in every way. Candidates who wish to enter for either of these four examinations must get into communication with Mrs. Paling, the S.N.U. Education Secretary, who will supply entry forms, Leaflets, and all other necessary information.

EXAMINATION DATES IN 1930.

S.N.U.—INTERMEDIATE, SUBSIDIARY and FINAL—28th to 31st MARCH.

ENTRANCE—Same dates and times as B.S.L.U. Grade V.

B.S.L.U.—Sunday, 11th MAY, or (by arrangement with the Supervisor) the Saturday or Monday of that week-end.

Entry Forms for the March examinations must be returned to Mrs. E. Paling not later than 31st January; and for the May ENTRANCE Examination not later than the 31st March.

For all the B.S.L.U. examinations, Entry Forms will be sent out in the course of a week or two, to Lyceum Secretaries, and all entries must be made on these Forms, and returned to Mr. Connor not later than the end of March. Full instructions will be sent with the Forms.

A price-list of Educational Handbooks, issued by the B.S.L.U., will be found on the outside back cover of this issue of the BANNER.

HOW THE COLLEGE FUNCTIONS.

The College is designed to function in two different but very closely connected ways. In the first way, its College Board consists of the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. Education Committees; and (by the terms of its constitution) through these it attempts to induce every thinking Spiritualist and Investigator to become a student. To this end it grants its Associate and Graduate Degrees to students only, and its Honorary Degree of Fellow is awarded by the two Conferences, on the recommendation of the College Board. In the second way, it offers registered membership as a Local Branch to each Lyceum and/or Church which *prepares and enters* for the examinations in each or both sections of the National Scheme not less than ten students. Thus individual Spiritualists, and the Body they have joined for purposes of study or investigation, can both earn and receive the hall-mark of educational attainment or organisation, in the form either of a College Diploma or of a Local Branch Certificate.

So you will see that the success of the College, and its usefulness to the Movement, depends to a very great extent on how it is supported—and to a greater extent on how it is used—by our Churches and Lyceums, and even by our District Councils, which have each a prepared place in its organised activities. If you, or your Church or Lyceum, are eligible for membership of the College, may I ask you—as a New Year's gift to the Board—to join up and help us.

INTERESTING NOTES AND NEWS.

The Education Committee has much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a donation of ten shillings from "Cutlery." The Education Scheme is the most

important work that either Union is doing, and every contribution that helps the work to be or become self-supporting is very welcome. We hope that the example of "Cutlery" will be extensively copied.

Some months ago a suggestion was sent in for adding book-keeping to the Syllabuses. The Committee was unable to adopt the suggestion just at present, but would be glad to receive suggestions how such a subject, if adopted, could be taught in every Lyceum class.

Some very encouraging replies have been received to the appeal for a specially large entry for the 1930 exams., and we are hoping to set up a record that we shall have to work very hard to beat. If there is any Lyceum or Lyceumist holding back, let the resolve to go forward be a New Year's resolution. No amount of sorrow or regret in the future will wipe out your own knowledge that you could have joined in the Nellie Kitson Memorial Examination—AND DIDN'T.

THE GRADE V. BADGE.

Two letters have been received regarding the Badge suggested by Mr. Ronaldson, the one from Miss Elliott, our popular Lady President, being in reply to my request for some information from Manchester District. She writes: "In the December BANNER I noticed a suggested badge to be worn by those having passed the Fifth Grade, etc.; and, having had something to do with the Guild Badge suggested by Mr. Collinge some years ago, I am afraid it would be a rather expensive proposition. The badges we got for samples were of brass—one a five-pointed star, and the other a six-pointed one enamelled in the colours of the Guild grades—and the cost was seventeen and sixpence; and it was realised then that it would not be a practicable business proposition. So to think of one in silver, to my mind, with so few eligible to wear it, seems impracticable under present financial conditions."

The other letter simply expressed a hope that a silver badge would be adopted, but made no suggestions. Perhaps someone in the trade will help us with some idea of the cost of such a badge.

OUR MUTUAL AID BUREAU.

I am rather sorry that no advantage is being taken of the Editor's offer to students and tutors. It was, we are told, complained that the Education Page could be made more helpful to Lyceumist educationists; and the Page was thrown open to all who had suggestions for improvement. Can it be that the fault does not lie with the Page, but that those who complain about it (as the reason for their failure to buy our journal each month) are only giving an *excuse*? However, there are many problems to be solved by both students and teachers, and it will help all of us to take part in the discussion—and, let us hope, the solution—of these disturbers of our comfort or our peace of mind.

All readers are eligible—and invited—to submit problems or suggestions, for consideration in this page.

The Education article is continued on page 9.



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THE DEAD ASS.

By LAURENCE STERN.

Everybody who stood about heard the poor fellow with concern; La Fleur offered him money. The mourner said he did not want it; it was not the value of the ass, but the loss of him. The ass, he said, he was assured loved him; and upon this, he told them a long story of a mischance upon their passage over the Pyrenean mountains, which had separated them from each other three days; during which time the ass had sought him as much as he had sought the ass; and that they had scarce either ate or drank till they met. "Thou hast one comfort, at least," said I, "in the loss of thy poor beast; I'm sure thou hast been a merciful master to him." "Alas!" said the mourner, "I thought so when he was alive; but now that he is dead I think otherwise; I fear the weight of myself and my afflictions together have been too much for him; they have shortened the poor creature's days, and I fear I have them to answer for." "Shame on the world!" said I to myself, "Did we but love each other as this poor soul loved his ass, 'twould be something."

ALEXANDER SELKIRK.

(Wrecked on an uninhabited island and supposed to have been the original Robinson Crusoe).

I am monarch of all I survey,
My right there is none to dispute,
From the centre all round to the sea,
I am lord of the fowl and the brute.
Oh solitude! where are the charms
That sages have seen in thy face?
Better dwell in the midst of alarms,
Than reign in this horrible place.

I am out of humanity's reach,
I must finish my journey alone,
Never hear the sweet music of speech,
I start at the sound of my own.
The beasts that roam over the plain,
My form with indifference see,
They are so unacquainted with man,
Their tameness is shocking to me.

Society, friendship, and love,
Divinely bestowed upon man—
Oh, had I the wings of a dove,
How soon would I taste you again!
My sorrows I then might assuage
In the ways of religion and truth,
Might learn from the wisdom of age,
And be cheered by the sallies of youth.

WILLIAM COWPER.

We often see the most strange inconsistency between a man's conduct and his creed.

Each form may perish, but its truth never dies.

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TOWARDS STABILITY.

We commence another year's issue of the *Lyceum Banner* with the hearty good wishes to all our readers and the hope that we shall all enjoy better times than have occurred during the last few years.

The Union has felt the effects of low incomes among Lyceumists so that we have a general Lyceum interest in the hope that we can bridge over our troubles by a return to more prosperous times.

The urgent need for financial stability and the necessity of balancing our expenses each year is a serious consideration in the maintenance of our integrity. We most cordially appreciate all the extra financial help which Lyceumists have given during 1929. It is essential that this additional support shall continue to be given until our Union is again able to support itself on our ordinary income.

When the stability is again assured we shall be able to resume our progress and consider the publication of suitable publications to assist in the spread of our special knowledge through the Lyceums. We have the unique evidence for the operation of a metapsychical and spiritual centre from which the world at large may draw evidences that will be convincing and bear demonstratable proofs of fundamental truths in psychic lore and spiritual communion.

In the meantime we must consolidate our position, develop a keen interest in the Lyceums and retain our numerical strength.

The frequent calls for money in the Lyceums has undoubtedly prevented the attendance of many people who could not afford to give as much as they could formerly contribute. Hence our earnest hope that brighter prospects may result in our aspirations being fulfilled.

Our cause needs no apology. We have a study that is needed and is not provided in any other sphere of life. The comprehensiveness of a Lyceum training has been highly approved by the present Minister of Education, who has attended some of our Lyceum sessions, and treasures the Lyceum Manual for the utility its contents provide in promoting moral and spiritual truths.

This important testimony, from such a source, far outweighs any of the small attacks—which we should meet as bangs from a toy-balloon by people who play the fool.

As hills and valleys, with their respective absence and presence of trees and shrubs, make scenic comparisons and produce natural beauty, so may we find the present barren days are but the *fourth* of the times when our resources can again provide the food of the spirit to help us in the growth of our lives. There is little beauty in a quarry, but the stone can be built into a beautiful building, surrounded by trees and gardens that may appeal to the eye and produce the needs of man.

The Lyceum is an oasis in the desert of life—a fount from which may be drawn as from the spring of truth. Refreshed, we go on our way for another seven days and again our thirst is quenched: our bodies and our minds drink in from the well of all things that which we imbibe from the cup of joy and learning.

As a return for that which is imbibed, our Union needs the strong support of its multiple parts: parts made with the personal membership of every Lyceum. The membership spreads over the land and beyond the seas. The focal centre is held together by all who are in the circumference of our Union. We hope that none will fall away from the circle, and will remain a concentric part of the progressive cycle expressed in the symbolic letters B.S.L.U.

We have a stability and momentum to maintain so that our position, practice, policy and principle may draw others within each sphere and humanity may be drawn within the circle of our manifestations to produce more harmonious conditions and peace in the world. With your help we shall not fail.

G. F. KNOTT.

B.S.L.U. GUARANTEE GIFT FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged £21 5s. 6d. This month we have received the following: Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Bowmer, £1., Mr. G. A. Mack (third donation) 10s., H.G. (third donation) £1, "Cutlery" (second donation) £1, Anon. (second donation) 10s.

The total to Dec. 27th is £25 5s. 6d.

B.S.L.U. CAPITATION FUND.

The loss on the Union's work during the last three years has seriously depleted the funds of the Union. So that we may be able to pay the current expenses during 1929 a resolution was carried unanimously at the Annual Conference:—

"That we ask Lyceums to contribute a capitation of 6d. per head according to the last registration. From Lyceums who cannot comply with this request a less amount will be accepted."

We now make the Appeal to all Lyceums to assist the Union as far as possible to restore its financial position.

We confidently appeal to Lyceums to enable us to carry on the work of the Union, which is a collective responsibility and credit to all concerned. Do not delay or wait for others, or allow them to do your share. The need is urgent, therefore "let each one do his best."

We have already received 95 donations from Lyceums, and await your financial support.

Previously acknowledged £77 2s. 2d. Castleford £2, Cheetham Hill 11s., Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings, 9s., Brighton, Mighell St. 10s. 6d., Barrow-in-Furness,

Dalkeith St. £2 2s., Nelson £4, Newcastle, Rye Hill (second donation) 5s., Shildon, Newlands Avenue, £1, Newburn 10s., Hackney 5s., Reading 3s., Hetton-Le-Hole 10s., Eltham 5s., Leeds Lyceum District Council £10, Northampton, 10s.

Total to Dec. 27th. £100 2s. 8d.

B.S.L.U. PATRONS.

Lyceumists will have read of the Guarantee Gift Fund and the Capitation Fund to help the financial position of the B.S.L.U. during the difficult period through which the Union is passing and no doubt there are many Lyceumists who would like to make some small individual subscriptions to the funds and progress of the B.S.L.U.

To meet this desire we are proposing to enrol Patrons and we feel sure there will be a ready response to the institution of this effort which will give Lyceumists an additional token of their regard for, and interest in, Lyceum work.

A Patron's Card will be issued to all Lyceumists who support the Union by their individual donation of not less than 2s. 6d.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL INDIVIDUAL LYCEUMISTS.

Dear Lyceumist,

The B.S.L.U. claims to be a useful Union for the Propagation of religious, scientific, philosophic and moral truth.

The depression of trade in the work-a-day world has decreased the income of the Union.

An appeal has gone to the Lyceums to give whatever additional financial support is possible. We realise that many Lyceums are unable to support the Union as much as they would like, but we are very grateful for the help which has been given and promised.

This letter is a personal request to every interested Lyceumist—who can afford a donation—to become a Patron of the B.S.L.U. by subscribing at least 2s. 6d. during 1929, to enable the Union to carry on the work without financial loss.

If you are convinced our work is worth encouragement we await your Patronage and thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully,
EDITH ELLIOTT, President,
G. F. KNOTT, Gen. Secretary.

There are 96 Patrons and we are pleased to publish the following list of those enrolled since last month,—Miss M. L. Stair, Mrs. E. M. Taylor, Mr. C. Taylor, Mr. R. Humberstone, Mr. Wimborne, Miss Doris Wigg, Hilda Banfield, Mr. L. Banfield, Mr. Chiplin, Mrs. Chiplin, Mrs. H. Rushton (second donation), Mrs. E. Moulton, Mr. R. A. Webb, (N. Zealand).

Cash total, to Dec. 27th, £22 2s. 9d.

There are practically four sources of knowledge: direct and indirect, primary and secondary; namely: perception for sensible things, Intuition for spiritual things, Reflection for logical things, Testimony for historical things.

PARKER.

Be not content to pass along as in a crowd.

A LYCEUMIST'S ATTAINMENT.

We are pleased to learn and record with pleasure the promotion of Miss A. Hesp to the position of Head Mistress of the Arnley Council Infants School, Leeds.

Miss Hesp has previously been on the Staff in the Cross Flatts School for many years. A larger opportunity now offers itself in the higher position of influencing young minds during the impressionable age. We are sure her Lyceum training will be useful in dealing with the psychology of young children. Nothing is more pleasing than to witness the success of former pupils. In such work Miss Hesp will find complete enjoyment and we wish her useful progress.

MUNICIPAL HONOURS FOR A HULL LYCEUMIST.

We are pleased to compliment Mr. J. A. Buckton, the Secretary of Hull (Holborn Hall), Lyceum, in his election to the Hull City Council at a by-election. Mr. Buckton has served for some years as a Poor Law Guardian. This experience will be very useful to him when the Council takes over the administration of the Poor Law next April.

Mr. J. Knox, of Winnipeg, has been Secretary for the Polson Avenue Lyceum, Winnipeg, during the past three years. He has now given over his duties to a younger person and is assisting Miss E. Hargreaves in her new position.

Looking, even superficially, but with earnestness, upon human affairs, we are driven to confess that there is in us a spiritual nature, which directly and legitimately leads to Religion; that as Man's body is connected with the world of Matter; rooted in it; has bodily wants, bodily senses to minister thereto, and a fund of external materials wherewith to gratify these senses and appease these wants; so Man's soul is connected with the world of Spirit; rooted in God; has spiritual wants, and spiritual senses, and a fund of materials wherewith to gratify these spiritual senses, and appease these spiritual wants. If this be so, then do not religious institutions come equally from Man? Must it not be that there is nothing in Religion, more than in Society, which is not impelled in him?

THEODORE PARKER.

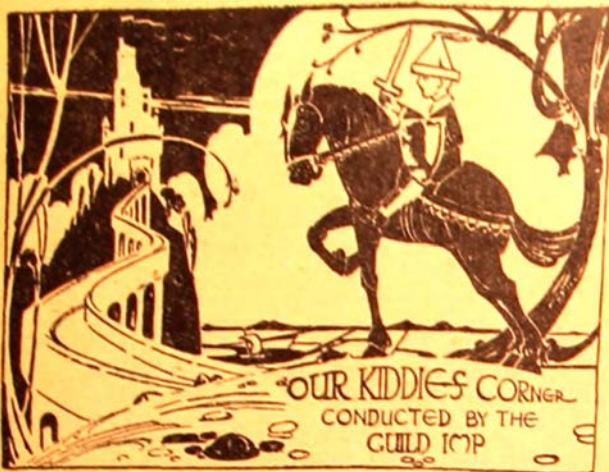
LOVE OF COUNTRY.

Breathes there the man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land:
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burned,
As home his footsteps he hath turned,
From wandering on a foreign strand!
If such there breathe, go, mark him well;
For him no Minstrel raptures swell;
High though his title, proud his name,
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,
The wretch, concentred all in self,
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,
And, doubly dying, shall go down
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,
Unwept, unhonoured, and unsung.

SIR WALTER SCOTT.

Religion and Morality are to be distinguished by their centre rather than their circumference; by their type more than their limit.

KANT.



Dear Little Imps,

A Happy New Year, everybody! I hope you have all had new books, and toys, and dollies, and that your holidays have brought you jolly times.

Have you ever wondered what happens to your toys whilst you are asleep? I suppose you think that they stay quite still, just where you left them at bedtime? Well, they don't! Our story this month is to tell you what happens in Toyland now and again. Of course, the toys think that we know nothing about it, but I know you will enjoy sharing the secret. Please do not let any toy guess that you know, for the toys wouldn't like that a bit.

TOYLAND REVELS.

It was New Year's Eve, and the children were fast asleep. Mother had watched the children put all the toys away before they went up to bed, and now the room was quite still. The tin soldiers lay side by side in their box; the wax doll was quite asleep in her bed; golliwog sat in a chair in one corner; the Gentleman Doll leaned against the wall, whilst Teddy sprawled on a shelf by the musical box. The rocking horse stood alone and still in his corner.

When even Father and Mother were in bed, too, the tin drummer boy softly beat out a "tum-tum-tum-titum" on his drum, whilst the officer piped out "Attention! my men!" At that call, golliwog jumped up and began to waken everybody else. Only the wax doll would not rise from her bed; she simply could not open her eyes. "Dear, dear!" said the Gentleman Doll, "it is almost twelve o'clock, and the wax doll won't be ready in time." He looked gravely at his watch. "Your watch always tells the same time," grumbled Teddy, who was always wishing he might have a watch too.

"Hush!" said a soldier. "Fairy moonlight will soon be here, and we must not keep her waiting." Sure enough, a few minutes later there sounded a sweet "coo-ee" outside the window. The toys rushed to the window and opened it wide. Even the wax doll got out of bed, but she hadn't time to finish dressing before the fairy called out, "All ready? Climb into my chariot. The Fairy Queen says that this year you can visit Fairyland."

Quickly the toys climbed into the chariot made of moonbeams, the soldiers leading out of the room, smartly marching, left, right! Last of all came the rocking horse, very proud indeed that for this one night he was able to leave his rockers at home and have a good gallop.

Away sped the moonbeam chariot, driven by lovely Fairy Moonlight. It went off up into the sky, so that the toys rode gaily in and out amongst the clouds, and all the time the musical box tinkled out its little tunes. At last the chariot came near to the rainbow, and then the fairy drove along the lovely, coloured road, until they came to Fairyland, where the rainbow ends. There the toys were welcomed by Queen Mab, who bade them go anywhere they wished, and do anything they liked, but she hoped they would not forget Sugar Candy Town.

Teddy and the Golliwog hurried off to the circus, and had great fun watching the dancing elephants, and Joey, the jumping clown, with Snap, his funny clever dog.

The Gentleman Doll took the wax doll to the Fairies' Ball, where the musical box joined the nigger minstrels in the band.

The Rocking Horse did not want to watch anything, if that meant standing still, for he was enjoying being without his rockers. He galloped about, neighing excitedly to show everyone how very happy he was.

The tin soldiers were hungry. It was so long since they had really enjoyed a good feed, and so they went straight away to Sugar Candy Town. What a wonderful town it was! Everything was made of goody-goodies. The houses had almond paste walls, chocolate roofs, mint ice windows, and silver cachous for door knobs. The roads were of treacle toffee, the pavements of candy, and even the lamp posts were of barley-sugar. But the most wonderful thing was, that if anyone ate a piece of wall or part of the road, that part quickly mended itself. Of course, toys and fairies never have toothache, so they could eat as much as they wished, and those tin soldiers ate an awful lot. They were still eating when the other toys came to Sugar Candy Town for their supper, before they went home.

Well, even party nights have to end, and toys' parties have to end just like ours. The moonbeam chariot looked a little dim, when the fairy called all her toy friends back into it. "Oh, please, let me eat another lamp-post!" begged the little soldier drummer. Fairy Moonlight laughed at him, but told him he must hurry, for Fairy Daylight would soon be out, and Daylight and Moonlight never play together. At last, everyone was in the chariot, and very soon they were back at the children's home at the open window. "Go quickly to your places," whispered the fairy, and every toy, very tired, but very happy, whispered "Good-bye and many thanks." Only the little drummer-boy couldn't climb into his box; he had eaten too much.

When morning came, and the children came downstairs, a very surprised little boy said, "Mother, how did my drummer-boy get out of his box? I'm sure I put him away last night." The Rocking Horse gently rocked the little girl, but, like a wise old horse, didn't tell any secrets.

Well, Imps, I suppose you are all wondering why we still have no new picture? I'm dreadfully sorry, but not a single picture came that was quite good enough. Two little Imps *did* send drawings, but they had forgotten to read what size to make their drawings, and so we couldn't use them. All the same, their drawings gave me the *idea* for our new picture. A friend is getting it ready, and I really and truly expect we can have it for next month.

Lots of love,

MEG.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

(Continued from page 5).

HOW TO TACKLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

The method of tackling these questions has been explained in the September, 1929, issue of the LYCEUM BANNER, to which new students are referred for full details. The question for this month is No. 2 of Section "A" (text-book, *The Seven-Pointed Star*) on the Intermediate Grade Reading Paper set last March, as published in the August, 1929, BANNER.

How does the principle of RETRIBUTION operate in this life and/or the After-life?

You will be well advised to avoid any expression of opinion as to whether retribution is a punishment for "wrong-doing" or merely the unavoidable result of whatever we may have done—and to confine yourself to a "general" definition which anyone can accept.

So you will begin by pointing out that, whether in this life or the after-life, the operation of retribution seems to be as expressed in Paul's warnings to the Galatians, that "every man shall bear his own burden" and that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap"—or, in your own words, that only he can do the reaping, that he cannot avoid the reaping, and that he will reap not *the fruits* of his sowings but *actually what he has sown!* And so it behoves each man to be very careful as to what and how he sows.

You can then deal with the four planes upon which mankind manifests—the physical, the mental, the psychic and the spiritual—and show briefly how retribution operates on each. For instance, on the physical plane any abuse given to our bodies, either in eating or drinking or in any other form of self-indulgence, will make these bodies less and less fitted to carry out their natural functions; and retribution will come in the form of indigestion, consumption perhaps, and numerous other diseases which need not be mentioned here. On the mental plane we may poison our minds with trashy literature or by keeping bad company, and let ourselves be ruled by low ideas and harmful ideals; and retribution will come in the tendency to re-act to circumstances in accordance with our low standards, instead of to the standards which good books and good company would have made our ideals. On the psychic plane we may make ourselves unnecessarily sensitive to thought impressions from outside of ourselves, without developing the power to reject impressions that are inexpedient or unwelcome; and retribution will come in our inability to resist impressions even when we know they are not going to be beneficial to us. On the spiritual plane we may get into the habit of only doing or allowing things if we ourselves want them done, or if we are going to get personal benefit or kudos from them; we may get into the habit of putting a gloss over everything that suits us and of throwing mud at everything that doesn't suit us or is likely to bring credit to others; or we may do things which look fine to those who don't understand but which we know are for our own selfish gratification—and retribution will come in a most terrible form: we shall become incapable of a generous act or of playing fair with anybody, including ourselves and our own real interests.

If you like, and have time, you might say a word or two about motives—that the act is often of secondary importance to the motive, whether it is good or bad. A deed may be applauded by the public which, if its real motive were known, would cover the doer with

shame; whereas another deed which may be looked at with disapproval may be dictated by motives which demanded a degree of self-abnegation and devotion to a cause that in olden times would have entitled the doer to a place amongst the martyr-saints.

Now have a try at the other questions on this paper (you can get a full set of Intermediate or Subsidiary Grade Question Papers from Mrs. Paling for 1½d. post free), tackling them as you have tackled this one, and looking up the necessary information in the appropriate text-book *before as well as after* doing each answer.

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MR. G. F. KNOTT, F.N.S.C., 20 Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE with regard to the College or the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme should be sent to:

MR. A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C., 13, Claremont Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

LYCEUM MANUAL TEST, No. 15.

I am very delighted with the attempts submitted this month and am proud to announce that the 100 mark has been exceeded for the first time. This is all the more gratifying because the increase is mainly from the younger children and I do hope now that several of them have broken the ice that they will persevere with subsequent tests until they each are successful in gaining a prize. I am setting for these juniors a distinctive test which I hope they will attempt without aid from their elders, as one is fairly certain that in the present test many received help.

The prize winners are,—

Doris M. Ronaldson, aged 9 years 11 months, with 35 marks (Heaton and Byker).

Frank Burgess, aged 13½ years with 39 marks (Newport).

James Le Noury, aged 19, with 38 marks (Attercliffe, Sheffield).

Mrs. C. Hinton, with full marks (Partick, Glasgow).

The correct answers are as follows and the awards have been made on the basis of marks for each fully correct solution, the figures for these being as shown. No. 15 question has been entirely disregarded in view of a printer's omission.

Correct Answers.

	Marks.		Marks
1. W. Wordsworth	2	12. P. H. Goodwin	2
2. (A. D.	1	13. C. E. Howe	2
(Alfred Kitson	2		
3. Heber	1	14. (M.A.S.	1
		(G.E.S.	1
4. S. Dyer	2		
5. A. Pope	2	16. E. R. Latta	2
6. (Emma S. Booth	2	17. (Frank M. Davis	2
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		two named in the	
		Manual)	

£2,000 Effort Fund.

This month's broadcasting:—

Dear Lyceumists, this is the £2,000 Effort Bumper Mystery Cracker calling.

I am very anxious to meet you all on Founder's Day, Sunday, January 26th. And if you do not send for me, I dread to think what will happen; probably I shall be a prisoner for a whole year, and shall have to put up with the responsibility of caring for my people, who will be a source of trouble, because they long to be free. So do please send for me; I only cost one shilling and sixpence. I really am a fine cracker; there is none other like me in all the world. I can explain all about myself when I come to your Session on Founder's Day, and I really must come; so do not delay, but send to my guardian, Miss Victoria G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham. Don't forget she will send me for one shilling and sixpence, post free. Good-bye, everybody, until January 26th.

Victoria G. Rayner, N.G., calling. Since my last talk to you, I have been very busy. I hope you were impressed by the Bumper Mystery Cracker's little speech, and will send to me not later than January 18th, Saturday, to enable me to dispatch them by January 22nd. It would help me considerably if each Lyceum would order early. And please do not forget the very special request **THAT YOU DO NOT OPEN THE CRACKER UNTIL SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 1930, FOUNDER'S DAY**, when I want the box to be opened before the whole Lyceum assembled, and the Cracker's Message read to all.

Kindly note, you will be helping the £2,000 Effort Fund by sending for the Cracker, and I only ask that each Lyceum purchase ONE cracker.

The donations this month are as follows: Collection from Psychometry Meeting, per Mrs. G. Bates, Nottingham, 8s. 4½d.; Fleetwood Lyceum, Mrs. Vollans, 4s. Total, 12s. 4½d.

Look out; there is to be a surprise item shortly.

Last month I was unable to give a full report of the Peace Sunday Effort, because all accounts and collections were not to hand in time, but I promised to do so this month, and have much pleasure in presenting to you the detailed results.

I do most sincerely thank all who supported our Effort, but I cannot help thinking what a different report it would have been if every Lyceum could have responded. However, I am well pleased, and I trust that all the old supporters will respond to the Mystery Cracker, and many new ones also avail themselves of the opportunity.

Thanking you in anticipation,
Wishing you each and all

A Happy and Prosperous New Year,
Yours sincerely,

VICTORIA G. RAYNER,

Hon. Sec., £2,000 Effort.

112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.

The £2,000 Effort.

AN EXPLANATION.

From time to time there are queries arise in which Lyceumists ask for particulars of the £2,000 Effort and what is the purpose of the Fund. Miss V. G. Rayner,

the Secretary of the Effort, has asked for a reprint of the origin and purpose of the Fund, to amend the paragraph in the December report, and give the information concerning the origin of the Fund, and also the Trading Resolution, both of which were passed at the 1920 Annual Conference.

£2,000 EFFORT.

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

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

The M.C. have opened a separate Fund, called the £2,000 Effort, and it is the intention of the M.C. to reserve this fund for the specific purpose of the above resolution. Miss V. G. Rayner, 112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, has been appointed Secretary for the £2,000 Effort, and bookmarks, etc., can be obtained from her to assist Lyceums in raising their quota. It has been suggested that each Lyceum should try to raise at least £10. Some Lyceums have already done so and some have promised to do what they can in the matter. Miss Rayner will send monthly notes to the BANNER on the progress of the fund and other particulars.

THE TRADING RESOLUTION.

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

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

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT,
General Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Liverpool L.D.C. was held on Nov. 6th, at the Spiritualists' National Church, Boaler Street, Liverpool.

The President, Mr. Watson, presided over delegates from Daulby Hall, Warrington, Boaler St., Runcorn, Wigan and Southport. Also one visitor and one associate. Total 16.

The minutes were read, accepted and subsequently confirmed. The correspondence was also accepted.

Reports. The Secretary touched upon the Massed Session; Education Scheme; and Birkenhead Lyceum.

The District Visitor has visited Southport and Wigan Lyceums.

The S. West Lancs. Group delegate commented upon the decreasing membership of Churches to the S.N.U.; the Lancs. District Organisation Scheme; and activity at St. Helen's Church.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £2 9s. 2d.

The Council unanimously agreed to send Warrington Church a donation of half a guinea in token of appreciation for the use of their Church and hospitality for the Eisteddfod held last May.

The reports were accepted with thanks.

Interchange of Conductors. The date of commencement for this scheme is February 2nd, 1930. The arrangements are to be left in the hands of individual Lyceums; each defraying their own expenses and at the termination, expenses adjusted so that each Lyceum pays an equal proportion.

Eisteddfod. The date will be Saturday, May 31st, 1930. It was decided to approach Warrington for the use of their Church. It was agreed that the classes for competition, ages and fees, etc., be the same as last year, with the exception of the Action Song, which is to be omitted.

Additional items.—Quartettes and duets. The last date of entry will be by April 30th. It was agreed that further arrangements be left in the hands of the E.C.

Lyceum Session Competition. It was unanimously agreed that we approach Mr. G. A. Dixon, Manchester, *re* acting as Adjudicator. The period for the Competition was decided from Jan. 5th to the end of April and the Shield to be presented at the Eisteddfod.

United Picnic. It was decided that the Council hold this event and that Lyceums consider suitable places; the proposals to be brought forward to February meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to friends of Boaler St. Church for the use of their rooms and hospitality provided.

The Annual Meeting will be held on February 8th, 1930, at the Spiritualists' National Church, Millgate, Wigan. Will all delegates and associates please make a definite effort to attend?

L. K. GEORGE, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Business Meeting was held on Sat., Nov. 30th, at the N.S.E.S. Mission Room, Lincoln St., Nottingham.

The President, Mr. L. Shipley, in the chair.

Mrs. Waterfall offered the Invocation.

Minutes, correspondence, and the varied Reports were passed.

Arising out of correspondence, *re* Home of Rest, a motion was passed that we place on record our appreciation to those who had brought the business to so satisfactory and successful an issue.

Mr. Waterfall, the Shield Secretary, drew attention to the fact that the Adjudicators for the Shield and Silver Bell Competition commenced duties on Dec. 1st.

Mr. Reynolds the D.V. had visited St. Mary's, Ilkeston, and found them in need of leaders. Mansfield, Nottingham Mechanics, Leicester and East Kirkby had been visited, obtaining on the whole fairly good Reports.

There were 20 delegates present, representing 10 Lyceums, also two D.V.s, 1 Shield Secretary, 2 Associate members, and a number of visitors.

36 sat down to a very enjoyable tea, which was very much appreciated. A special vote of thanks was afterwards passed to the Mechanic's Hall caterers, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Woodward and helpers.

A very successful Social Evening followed the Tea, most of the friends staying and many others joining in.

Lincoln and Leicester, Eastwood, Hucknall and other friends, contributed very good items to a most entertaining Evening, everyone seemed happy, and the result was satisfactory financially. We commenced with an adverse balance of 6s. 5d. and finished by a gain to the Council of £2 12s. 8d.

Best thanks are accorded to all friends who helped to make the success.

VICTORIA G. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference of the L.D.C. was held on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at Grove Road, Thinsworth. Mr. L. Tweedale, President, occupied the Chair and offered the invocation.

A Welcome was given by Mr. T. Walker (Hemsworth) and accepted on behalf of the Conference by the President.

The President's address gave the usual welcome to Delegates, associates and friends. The Conference was not so large as usual, owing to weather conditions. He spoke of the advantages of our Lyceum Manual and the different schemes, and the assistance needed by our Management Committee. He appealed to all for help through the Capitation Fund. "Let us remember," said he, "the B.S.L.U. belongs to us, also the U.D.C., the £2,000 Effort and Peace Sunday." He paid a compliment to Miss Rayner for her programme. "We could help by obtaining the 'Mystery Bumper Cracker'."

Only four Lyceums have entered the Competition. If we want a different system let us devise something new.

The Minutes, correspondence, D.V.'s Report, Treasurer's, U.D.C., Field Day Secretary's, Financial Statement and Audit Reports were all accepted.

The Adjudicator's Report. 1st, York, 96. 2nd, Dewsbury, 94. 3rd, Easy Road, 92. Miss Hesp said it was very difficult to find the best; all ran so close. She said we ought to devise a new method in awarding points; more on the educational side.

Field Day Demonstration: the Castleford invitation for 1930 was accepted.

Dewsbury's Notice of Motion carried by 6 votes to 4. It was decided that £20 be withdrawn from the Field Day account; £10 to be forwarded to the Capitation Fund, and £10 to be allocated to the General Fund Account.

Associates, Mr. Wilson, Y.D.C., President, and Mr. and Mrs. Downs (Hull) were accepted as Honorary Members of our Council.

The closing date for the nomination of Council Officers is Jan. 31st.

The date and place of the Annual Meeting was left to the Secretary to arrange.

The President moved our best thanks to the Hemsworth friends for the splendid tea and for making us all so comfortable. Mr. Spencer accepted our thanks.

Roll Call: Officers 4, Delegates, 14, representing 10 Lyceums, Associates 1, Field Day Secretary, 1, Adjudicator 1, Auditors 2. Lyceums represented, Birstal, Castleford, Cleckheaton, Dewsbury, Gipsyville (Hull), Hemsworth, Leeds (Psycho), Norman-ton (Queen St.), Wakefield, York.

The Presentation of the Silver Bell will take place at Spen Lane, York, on Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1930. Presentation of the Bell and Certificates by the President, Mr. Tweedale.

Field Day Demonstration, 1930.

A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 3-30 p.m., in Lower Oxford St. Church, Castleford. All Lyceums are entitled to one delegate only to form the Committee. The Balance of the 1929 Field Day Demonstration is £6 3s. 6½d.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly meeting of the South East Lancashire D.C. was held at Regent Hall, Rochdale, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. There was only a moderate attendance. Mr. A. Hudson, President, was in the Chair. Mr. F. Holt was elected Credential Officer.

Minutes and Correspondence accepted.

President's Address. He asked delegates to press forward in their efforts to get the Lyceums to respond to the Union's call for help to build up the Funds. He appealed for all to take the opportunities of joining the Education Scheme by taking the examinations. The address was accepted.

The D.V.'s report was accepted.

The Auditors' report, showing a loss of 10s. 6d. on the quarter was accepted.

A vote of thanks was given to Penn St., and Bailie St. Lyceums, and Mr. J. Nurse, for donations to Council Funds.

The Delegate's Report of the U.D.C. meeting was accepted. Arising from the report it was moved that the Secretary ask the BANNER Editor to publish in the BANNER our Delegate's answers to questions from the N.E.L. L.D.C.

The next meeting will be held at Todmorden (Roomfield Buildings) on Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1930.

Votes of Thanks were given to Regent Hall friends for entertainment.

T. DIXON, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

FLEETWOOD.—Open Session, Dec. 1st, conducted by Mrs. E. K. Firth, with the usual displayed interest. The singing and responses were very good. Recitations by Doris Parkinson, Ivy McManus, Jessie Woods, Mona and Kathleen Hague. Trio by Edith Richardson, Lily Frith and Irene Watkins. Solos by Mrs. Church, Mr. Parkinson, Lily Frith, Irene Watkins and Edith Richardson. Mr. Batley conducted the musical items. It was a nice happy Session.

Dec. 15th. Annual Election of Officers. Conductor, Mrs. E. K. Firth; Assistants, Phyllis Jordan, Kathy Thurston and Frank Harris; Secretary, Mrs. Vollans; Assistant, Elsie Johnson; Treasurer, Mr. Shurmer; Guardian, Mrs. Cross; Captain of Guards, Mrs. Horan; Guards,—the Conductor to choose Guards each week. Musical Director, Mr. Batley; Marching Leaders, Mona Bettens, Katie Marron, James Frith, George Williams and George Cooke; Sick Visitors, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hague; Auditors, Mr. Batley and Mrs. Marron; Tellers, Mr. Shurmer and Mr. Breakwell. Hearty Vote of thanks was tendered to all retiring Officers.—Mrs. L. Vollans, Sec.

WAKEFIELD.—Election of Officers for 1930. Conductors, Mrs. Harding, Messrs. Tweedale and Kershaw. Secretary, Miss Harding. Treasurer, Mrs. Denison. Girls' Leaders, Alma Teal and Muriel Kershaw. Boys Leaders, Maurice Kershaw and Jim Hargate. Librarians, Norman Eccles and Mary Spurr. Guardians, Ronnie Hargate, and Sylvia Smith. Delegates, Mesdames Harding and Tweedale. Marching Conductor, Mr. Cope. Callisthenic Conductors, Maurice Kershaw and Alwyn Teal. Musical Conductor, Miss Harding. Assistant Musical Conductor, Miss Johnson. Auditors, Mr. Spurr and Mr. Kershaw. Lyceum Representative on Church Committee, Mr. Harding. Sick Visitors, Mrs. Denison and Mrs. Tweedale. Committee, Messrs. Spurr and Eccles, Mesdames Spurr, Teal, Butcher and Miss Wallis.—D. Harding, Sec.

WINNIPEG, First Spiritualist Church Lyceum.—Open Session Dec. 1st. After singing, Mr. Forrest announced all the Officers for the coming six months. He tendered a vote of thanks to retiring Officers. Mr. Knox replied to Mr. Forrest and thanked him for the kind remarks he made and also thanked the Lyceum and Leaders for the hearty co-operation he had received from them during his term of office as Secretary.

Pearls, songs, recitations and pianoforte solos were rendered by Daisy Knox, Harry Forrest, Gordon Fairbairn, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Knox, Olive Forrest, Miss Anderson, Harry Forrest, and Harry Towns. Duet by Maude and Evelyn Hargreaves brought a very pleasant session to a close.

Officers for the ensuing six months. Conductor, Mr. Forrest; Assistant Conductor, Mr. Hargreaves; Captain of Guards, Irene Turner; Guardians, Harry Towns; Guards, Gordon Fairbairn, Leonard Towns, Daisy Knox, Hazel Dale; Secretary, Evelyn Hargreaves; Treasurer, Miss Anderson; Musical Directors, Mrs. Knox, Evelyn Hargreaves; Olive and Harry Forrest; Teachers, Maude Hargreaves and Louie Hares; Marching Leader, Mr. H. Forrest; Auditors, Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. Forrest; Sick Committee, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Hargreaves.—Evelyn Hargreaves, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Rye Hill.—Dec. 15th, we held the first Lyceum Session in our new Church, and were pleased to have with us several members of the T.L.D.C., along with a number of visitors from various local Lyceums. They all wished us success in our new home. Each Lyceum present co-operated and helped to make a most harmonious and interesting service. Members of the T.L.D.C. addressed a few encouraging remarks to the assembly. Musical readings were ably explained by those who took part. Recitations and solos were rendered by Lyceumists. Mrs. Price, our Conductor, presided.—A. Richardson, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—Nov. 24th we celebrated Peace Sunday. The Conductor for the day was Mr. A. Oakes. We took the Souvenir Programme. Pearls, 17. Recitations by Dorothy Dunn, Cyril Hey, Clarissa Phillips, Margaret Greenwood, Mr. Arnold Taylor; solos by Miss A. Bentley, Clarissa Phillips, Miss F. Senior, Mr. G. H. Collier, Mr. E. Wilson. We were also pleased to see Mrs. Bentley back again in the Lyceum. We were very sorry to hear about Mrs. Clegg happening her serious accident and hope she will soon be well again. The Secretary

wishes to thank all, and wishes all Lyceumists a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—We held our Open Session, Dec. 1st. Conductor, Miss Johnson. Invocation given by A. Crossland. Mr. Trout conducted the marching and callisthenics, which were well done. Pearls were given by M. Soan, A. Crossland, L. Gomersal, M. Wattam, D. Mumford; recitations by J. Brown, V. Soan, L. Middleton.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham, High Road.—A Happy New Year to all Lyceums. We are still making progress. Have enrolled six new Lyceumists. Sessions full of harmony.—F. King, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Moston.—Election of Officers, Dec. 1st. Conductor, Mrs. Wright; Guardian, Mrs. Reid; Treasurer, Mr. Hunt; Secretary, E. Dolman; Musical Conductor, T. Brookshaw; Captain of Guards, George Reid; Guards, H. Tyreman, K. Parker, L. Haith and G. Brookshaw; Assistant Conductor, Mrs. Smith; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Parker; Marching Conductor, Mr. Thompson; Callisthenic Conductors, L. Haith and G. Brookshaw.—Edward Dolman, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—On 1st Dec. we held Open Session, Miss Doris Hudson, of Shore Group, conducting. We had a very enjoyable session, musical items being rendered by Miss Blackburn, Molly Wilson, Madge Whitfield and Doris Hudson. Pearls and recitations were given by most of the young Lyceumists.—K. Gibson, Sec.

SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF.—Election of Officers. Conductor, Mrs. Tims; Assistants, Miss E. Habgood, Miss M. Habgood, Miss F. Savage, Mr. F. B. S. Kemp; Treasurer, Miss E. Pilgrim; Secretary, Mr. F. B. S. Kemp.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than January 22nd to ensure insertion in the February issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Argyle St.—On Nov. 24th, we held our A.G.M. The following Officers were elected. Conductor, Mr. W. Taylor; Assist. Conductor, Mr. Chatburn; Secretary, Miss F. Holgate; Treasurer, Miss N. Smith; Guardians, Beaty Smith, George Dawnes.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Open Sessions, Dec. 1st, conducted by Mr. T. Fazackerley, assisted by Miss Kenniford. Musical Director, Mr. Crossley. Recitations by N. Laycock, P. Glover, and May Godley. Solos by N. Laycock, Miss R. Swift, Miss Ivy Shuttleworth, Mr. Crossley. Duets by F. and N. Laycock, M. Moss and Miss R. Swift. Misses R. and H. Swift. Trio by E. Moss, W. Swift and M. Laycock. A pleasant time was spent together.—A. Laycock, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Dec. 1st. We had a very good Open Session. Solos were well rendered by Beattie Callaghan, Eileen Edwards, Nellie Connor, Percy Woodley, and Mr. Taylor. Recitations by Lily Harding, Elsie Makin, Florence Watson, Clifford Jones, and Leslie Hamilton. A few Pearls were given with explanations. An enjoyable Session.—Mrs. Thompson, Sec.

BLACKPOOL, Albert Rd.—On Dec. 1st we held our Election of Lyceum Officers for 1930. The following officials were elected. Conductor, R. W. Singleton; Assistant Conductors, Mr. Jack Matthews, and Miss Jenny Bamber; Secretary, Mr. Fred Carter, 56, Newton Drive, Blackpool. All other Offices were willingly filled by Lyceumists. Blackpool Lyceumists send Compliments to the B.S.L.U. and all Lyceums, and wish all a prosperous 1930.—R. W. Singleton, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford St.—Election of Officers. Conductor, Mr. Liles, Assistant, Miss Thwaites. Secretary, Miss Combs, Assistant, Miss Birchall, Treasurer, Mr. Ridings, Guardian, Mr. Birchall, Auditors, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lintott; Captain of Guards, Mr. Birchall; Guards, A. Lomas, E. Tonge, W. Lomas, H. Lomas; Marching and Callisthenics Conductor, Mr. W. Johnson, Assistant, Mr. Cliff; Musical Director, Mr. Ridings; Assistant, Mr. A. Booth; Librarian, Miss Rowcroft; Representatives to Society, Mr. Liles, Mr. Johnson; Representatives to B.L.D.C., Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. R. Johnson; Children's Leader, Miss Birchall; Girls' Leader, Miss Bromiley; Boys' Leader, Mr. Edwards; Entertainment Committee, Miss Lee, Miss Rowcroft, Miss Holt, Mr. Cliff, Mr. Liles, Mr. Booth, Mr. Brown, Mr. Heyes.

BOLTON, Henry St.—Dec. 1st, Election of Officers: Conductor, Miss E. Monk; Assistant, Mrs. C. Kirkman; Secretary, Miss P. Monk; Musical Conductor, Mr. A. Bolton; Assistant, Miss E. Fletcher; Marching Conductor, Mr. W. McKay; Assistant, Mr. R. Kirkman; Callisthenic Leader, Miss P. Monk; Marching Leaders, Miss P. Monk, Mr. R. Kirkman; Guardian, Miss E. Fletcher; Guards, Mr. R. Kirkman (Captain), Mr. J. Slater, Miss A. Slater, Miss L. Coucil; Delegates, Mrs. C. Kirkman, Miss E. Monk; Lyceum Representative on Committee, Mr. H. Broadbent; Sick Visitors, Miss E. Monk and Mrs. C. Kirkman.—P. Monk, Sec.

BURNLEY, Hammerton St.—Open Session, Dec. 1st. In the absence of our Conductor the Session was conducted by the Assistants, Mrs. Durkin and Miss Terry. Recitations by R. Tattersall, P. Crossley, and Miss Astley of Earby. Songs by Miss Haynes, and Miss Braund. Piano solo by Miss Houlsgrove. Greetings and words of encouragement were given by the Conductors of Nelson, Earby, Barnoldswick and Brierfield Lyceums, and also Mr. Coupland, Church President and an old Lyceumist. A very pleasant evening was spent and we wish to thank all who helped to make it a success.—Mrs. Durkin, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Dec. 1st we held our Open Session. It was quite an enjoyable Session and all were interested. The following Lyceumists obliged with items.—Jessie Orwin, Ivy Hall, Leslie and Lily Driver, Sidney and Harold Hobster, Evelyn, Norman, and Kathleen Clements, Betsy Slater, Ronald Percival, Linda Heath, and Mr. E. Hobster.—May Wheatley, Session Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, Dec. 1st, conducted by Miss Robinson. Mrs. Armatage gave the invocation. Pearls by K. Wright, A. Armatage, Mrs. Armatage, M. Wilson, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Brooke. Recitations by Joyce Sharp, and Henry Taylor. Solo by Mr. Robinson. We had a very good Session.—Mrs. Hutton, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 1st, conducted by Miss M. Astley, Assistant Conductor. The following Lyceumists took part: Recitations by Frank Clarke, Dennis Seddon, Ronald Clough, Arthur Wilkinson, Elsie Clark, Jack Hancock and Miss Astley. Hymn by the Liberty Group. Duet by F. Clarke and D. Seddon. Hymn by the Beacon Group. Trio by Q. Dawson, M. Nicol and E. Taylor. Best wishes and fraternal greetings to all Lyceums.—Miss B. Smith, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Dec. 1st Open Session. Opening Hymn was conducted by Mrs. Whittle. S.C. by H. Doswell. M.R. by F. Pickvance and G.C. by E. Aspen. Recitations by Rosa Bagshaw, Annie Aspden, Marjorie Williamson, Alice Ellis, Greta Johnson and May Pickvance. Solos by Mrs. H. Doswell, E. Aspden and Mrs. Aspden. Duets by Misses P. and H. Doswell, Miss Pickvance and Miss Waterhouse, Rosa Bagshaw and May Pickvance. The session was thoroughly enjoyed by all.—H. Norris, Sec.

LANCASTER.—We held the brightest Open Session of the year on Dec. 1st. The following Lyceumists contributed: Recitations by T. Partridge, W. Harrison, Willie Partridge (2), D. Kirk, J. Partridge, T. Smith, V. Harrison, E. Stephenson, M. Bleasdale, Joe Gardner and D. Bleasdale. Also a trio given by E. Stephenson, D. Kirk and D. Bleasdale, and a quartette by four elder girls, E. Dawson, J. Slack, J. Thompson and M. Wilson. New Year greetings and wishes to all.—Marion Swale, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—Open Session Dec. 1st. Pearls and responses were very good. Recitations by Yvonne de Houx, Joyce Beck, Lily Jayes, Beatrice Crossley, and Miss Hurst. Duet by Doris Jayes and Lavinia Garratt. Solos by Ethel Gamble, Miss Vann and Mr. W. Beck. Quintette by Messrs. T. Kenney, Jayes, Beck, Kennedy and Meadows.—Margaret E. Vann, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—Dec. 1st, Open Session. The following Lyceumists took part: Pearls by Yvonne de Houx, by Miss Ena Goldsmith. Solos by Misses E. Wickes and M. Coys. Recitations by Miss Yvonne de Houx. Mr. Mead gave a short address which we all enjoyed. We had two speakers from Marston St. Lyceum.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LINCOLN, Progressive, Coultham St.—Open Session Dec. 1st. A good attendance of members and friends. Mr. Raspin was Conductor and all enjoyed the individual efforts very much. Mrs. Gordon Thomas was the week-end speaker.—N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Rochester Square.—On Nov. 24th the Session was conducted by one of our small Lyceumists, Violet Mailey. We are encouraging this sort of thing as it all tends to further progress. The Session was thoroughly enjoyed. Among the visitors were two old Lyceumists, Mr. and Mrs. Forster, who congratulated the small conductress on her able handling of the Session.

On Nov. 28th, 29th and 30th the Church held a Bazaar in which we held a stall which was well patronized.

On Dec. 7th a social was given by the Lyceum for the Church funds. This was also very well attended. Several of the Lyceumists, their friends, and Church members entertained us. Games and competitions were thoroughly enjoyed. All expressed their appreciation of the enjoyable time they had spent. The Lyceum was able to hand to the Church quite a good sum, and it is hoped to continue these social events during the winter season.—D. M. Jordan, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford.—Open Session Dec. 1st, conducted by Mrs. Soones. Our watchword "Progress," was well lived up to. Speaker, Miss V. Haughton. Address "And a little child shall lead them." A first effort which was much enjoyed. Recitations by Iris Moseley, Lila Simms, Joyce Capper, June Bates, Molly Stoffer, Kenneth West, Stanley Moseley, Song by Betty Haughton. Miss Last brought greetings from London District Council and complimented us on an enjoyable Session.—R. H. Bates, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—Dec. 1st, Lyceum Sunday. Afternoon Session, Pearls by Mr. Ronaldson, Doris, Jim, Alec and May Barker, and John Laws. Recitations by Olga Pybus, and Mary Barker, Doris and Jim Ronaldson. Solo by Miss McMillan.

At 6.30, Propaganda Meeting. Speakers: Mrs. Slimin, Vice-President, and Mr. Maughan, Adjudicator, T.L.D.C. Mrs. Edington was the Clairvoyante. Solo by Master Munson. Anthems by the Choir. Chairman, Mr. Hunter. Our best thanks are due to all who helped to make the services a success.—S. J. Hunter, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics Hall.—Dec. 15th, Election of Officers. Conductor, Miss V. G. Rayner (16th year), Assistant, Mrs. Baker; Guardian, Miss Marvin; Captain of Guards, Alec Brown; Guards, A. Buckley, S. Bostock, E. Sharp, J. Hitchenor; Organist, Miss Ledgard; Assistant, Miss Fell; Violinist, Joseph Hitchenor; Musical Director, Mr. Farnath; Marching Conductor, Mr. Sharp, Assistant, Mr. Farnath; Marching Leaders, Miss Marvin and Cyril Stevenson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. O. Peel, Assistant, Miss Peel; Auditors, Mr. Burrige and Miss Tunneycliffe; Lyceum Council Representatives, Mr. Farnath and Miss Tunneycliffe.—O. Peel, Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott St.—We held our Open Sessions on Nov. 24th and we had a good number of visitors from different Lyceums. Words of good wishes were expressed by them and were well received by our Lyceumists.—M. Harper, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.—Dec. 8th. Naming of Mrs. Davis' infant daughter, Marie Stella Davis, by Miss Burcher of Northampton. The spirit name of "Star" was given. All Lyceumists were present.—A. E. Reynolds.

PRESTON, Lancaster Road.—We had a very good Session on Dec. 8th. During the morning we elected our leaders and Officers for the coming year.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session on Dec. 1st. Mrs. Rudd, Mr. Simmonds and Harold Waring rendered recitations. Three of our younger Lyceumists, Connie Tallon, Ronald Holt, Harold Kilner, rendered amusing little songs and poems. The marching and callisthenics as usual helped to make the Session most enjoyable.—Helen Kilner, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—Open Session Dec. 1st. Lyceumists responding were M. Robinson, D. Douglas, E. Hobson, W. Hardy, L. Abbott, J. Douglas, G. Watson and D. Hornsby. The Session concluded by Mr. W. Gransbury reading a beautiful story. Conductor, Miss McLean.—A. Dryden, Sec.