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Transition of Mr. Aaron Wilkinson.

The transition of Aaron Wilkinson in his home at Holmfield on March 1st. leaves our movement very much poorer indeed. He was born at the little village of Holdsworth, four miles outside Halifax, In his early life he was a Wesleyan but at the age of fourteen or fifteen when he was a "racker in" for the weavers at Holmfield Mill, he somehow got to know something about Spiritualism. He didn't believe in it although he had had many uncanny experiences as a boy. He was actually a natural clairvoyant without knowing it. I have often heard him tell, when a boy, of stepping out of the way of supposedly oncoming pedestrians, only to find as he came up to them that they were not actually there. He began to make enquiries and often during these enquiries disputed what the people round him told him he had said.

A great deal of his searching was done in my home, and many a time I have seen him, whilst seated at the tea-table, unconsciously lapse under control, and on recovering himself strenuously deny that he had been under control. At first a Mrs. Annie Richardson (a splendid Halifax medium) took him under her care when he was not much more that 15 years old. Afterwards Mrs. H. I. Batie took charge of him, and together they travelled the length and breadth of the country. He was at first only a demonstrator, and some of us thought until the last he should have remained so. Some years after he desired to become a speaker as well as a demonstrator and to that end he assiduously trained himself. At the beginning of his speaking career his demonstrating ability left him entirely for a time, but it afterwards came back to him.

I have written of him as a natural clairvoyant and he remained so until his death, but he had two guides, "Old Jonathan" and "Scotch Mary" and those who have been present at such a service when Scotch Mary took charge, have been convinced they have received some of the finest proofs of life beyond death. There never was any doubt about "Scotch Mary."

Anyone who cares to read Mr. J. A. Hill's book "Psychical Investigations" will find records of some of Mr. Wilkinson's demonstrations. He has sat many times for Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sir Oliver Lodge and other psychical researchers. Aaron Wilkinson's place will be one of the hardest to fill because what he has tried to do he did for the sake of the movement.

THE TREASURER.

OFFICERS' MANUAL (Interleaved).

A few requests have been made for Inter-leaved Officers Lyceum Manuals. A few copies have been bound with blank pages for notes between the printed pages. The price is 8s. post free.

There are five copies on hand. "First come, first served."

DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The last day for sending the names of delegates to the Annual B.S.L.U. Conference is approaching. The applications must reach the General Secretary not later than May 3rd.

Mr. S. Smith, 19, Hartoft Street, Fulford Road, YORK, has been appointed the Billet Secretary. The particulars of Billet Fees and other detailed information will be circulated to Lyceums and published in the May BANNER.

The Lord Mayor of York will give an official welcome to the B.S.L.U. Conference on June 7th in that historic city.

The Survival League is holding a meeting on April 11th, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, at 8 p.m., when "Youth will discuss Survival After Death." Mr. Barbanell will take the chair. Mr. Dennis A. Bradley, D. Conan Doyle, Mr. Denis Grinling, and Miss Joyce Kennedy will speak.

Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. C. A. Dawson Scott, 125, Alexandra Rd., London, N.W.8, and will be 3s., 2s., 1s.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The next Birmingham and District Lyceum District Council Meeting will be held at Drummond Street, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, April 12th, 1930. All Associate Members and Lyceumists and friends are cordially invited. Wishing all Lyceums every success.—E. Heaton, Sec.

The Editor regrets the *Lyceum Manual* Test, No. 18, cannot be inserted through lack of space.

My dear Boys and Girls,

Cock-a-doodle-do! Cock-a-doodle-do!

Ah! Ah! the early morning riser seems to tell me there is something doing. He seems extra fussy with himself and there appears to be a little more energy in his call than usual. Something strange must have happened.

Oh he tells me he has heard some of you singing "Chick-Chick-Chick Chicken lay a little egg for me" therefore he arranged a Committee Meeting with other members of his family to see what could be done.

Being a very special occasion he decided to call in outside assistance, thus it was that the Hen which laid the Golden Eggs was discovered, also the hens which laid the red and blue ones, not forgetting the many other varieties which are so popular at this time of the year.

Why that takes the Bun. A hot Cross one at that.

I feel quite sure that you will all appreciate this little bit of information as you shortly set yourself the task of devouring Eggs and Buns at Eastertide.

Easter is a wonderful time and there are so many lessons to be learned from it that it is a hard task to know which I shall give you this month.

As you will all get its Biblical lesson in your day schools, I will direct your attention to a few thoughts on a number of words, which can be readily associated with this period of the year. Springtime, a time when everything around us speaks to us of New Life, New Hope. The cold days of winter are passed and the sun shines forth with stronger power, brightening the whole face of the earth with joy and Gladness.

During the winter months you have had to find most of your pleasure by playing indoor table games,but now you look forward to the open air games again. With your bats and balls, skipping ropes, etc., you intend to get the very best out of life.

Character in games, as in everything else through life, is the most important function to be considered, therefore shall we look at six points of Character building. The first is **E**ndeavour, this has a very simple meaning, "To Try." What a lot of tasks we meet along life's journey, which at first sight appear to be beyond our powers to attempt to undertake. We can however always try.

The second. Ambition. While the first lesson is a true one much of its success will depend upon the spirit with which we undertake the task set before us. Ambition means eager desire. The boy or girl who does a task just because he or she has got to do it will get very little joy out of it. You must have the desire to be ambitious.

The third **S**teadfastness. Having made up your mind to undertake a task and do all you can to make a success of it, you must be firm and determined not to let anything interfere with your endeavours. There must be no turning back. The Fourth is Tactics, these are the methods we use to reach our object in view. you will all remember the illustration I gave you in a previous letter of the two children going in for a competition. One worked out the problem with the aid of assistance, the other worked out his own solution.

Therefore whatever tactics we use, they must be honest and straightforward.

The fifth word is **E**nergy, which means grit or vigour Suppose we enter a race we start off from the post with all the qualities I have already mentioned but before we get half way to the winning post several other runners have passed us.

Here we get a test of our energy; we are either going to allow this check to dishearten us, or we are going to summon every ounce of grit or energy we possess and endeavour to reach the winning post whether we come first or last, we can do nothing without this quality of character.

Now lastly the sixth is Reliance. Whether the work we undertake be great or small, this point is one of the most important. We want to be trusted. The only way to gain the confidence of others is to prove by our whole life, that all our actions are honest and true.

You will see by the first letter of each of these points we get EASTER, for which Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I wish you all Happiness.

Answers to last month's Puzzles.

No. 146. 1. Cardiff. 2. Bolton. 3. Runcorn. 4. Wigan. 5. Fulham. 6. Preston.

No. 147. "The Voice of Progress."

Picture Puzzle February.

1. Book, 2. Penknife, 3. Handbag, 4. Pram 5. Pair of Brushes, 6. Teaservice, 7. Flashlight, 8. Wheelbarrow.

Picture Puzzle March:—

"Violet intended to pick some early spring flowers for the Lyceum platform but owing to the rain, was unable to carry out her wishes."

This Month's Puzzles.

No. 148. Simple words with double meanings.

1. May be on a hat, or in the park.
2. A good singer, and yet a joke.
3. May be of earth, or found in nearly all Towns.
4. Reply to school teacher, or given away.
5. May be a tool, or an exercise.
6. A coat or connected with postage.

No. 149. Six girls names "muddled."

1. LIEEEN 2. UUAAGTS.
3. LAEIHS. 4. TLAMHE.
5. EEENNLGIAV 6. DAOHR.

This month I shall be especially pleased to hear from young Lyceumists who have started to work in the City or West End of London, while of course I shall look forward to my usual letters from other centres.

Address your letters to Uncle Bert, 2, Villiers Road, Osterley Middx.

With love,

Uncle Bert.

AREA ELECTIONS.

There are elections in two Areas for the Representatives of Areas. Lyceum Conductors and Secretaries are requested to note that the only date on which the ballot is taken is *Sunday, April 13th*, during the Lyceum Session. The particulars for conducting the Ballot are printed on the Ballot Form.

HOW TO TACKLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

The method of tackling these questions has been explained in the March, 1930, issue of the LYCEUM BANNER to which new students are referred for full details. It must not be forgotten these are *not answers*—they are only hints as to the order in which the vital points in the questions might be tackled, and the lines on which *the students'* answer might be written. The question for this month is the third on the Grade V Examination Paper No. 1, set last February (1929):—

3. "*Believing as we do that progression is for each Spirit a personal matter, we are inevitably led to the realisation of* **a Law of Personal Responsibility,** *which includes the right of personal initiative.*" (Handbook No. 3, page 22.)

Give YOUR definition of "personal initiative," and state whether you agree that it is necessary to the full and proper exercise of Personal Responsibility. State your reasons for or against.

You will note that the first paragraph in the question, in *italics*, is a quotation from No. 3 Handbook, and that the points you have to answer are set out in the second paragraph and are two in number.

In the first place you are asked to give *your own idea* of what "personal initiative" means. The dictionary defines *initiative* as "an introductory step" (Chambers') and as "power of commencing" (Modern English Dictionary)—so all you need to do is to *state your opinion* (in the form of a definition) whether the addition of the word personal means (i) that each individual has the *right to plan out*, as well as to take, the introductory step, or (ii) that each individual, while allowed to take the first step, has to take *a step that has been decided upon* by some power or person outside himself. These contradictory opinions were expressed at last examination, and each student must decide for himself which to adopt. Whatever your opinion, having expressed it you will go on to the second point and state whether, in your opinion, this personal initiative is necessary to the full and proper exercise of personal responsibility—giving the reasons for your opinion that it is or is not.

Your answer to this second point will depend on whether you adopt definition (i) or (ii), and also on whether you regard personal responsibility as (a) being held strictly to account for all you do, or (b) having full discretion as to how you will shape and conduct your life, with the obligation to accept all the results of your use of this discretion. Definition (i) would seem to be required by (b) and definition (ii) by (a).

If you accept (i) and (b) —that is, if you think that you are in full charge of your life to make or mar it; that you are in a position of responsibility of which you cannot take proper advantage unless you have the right of personal initiative; and that you cannot be expected to accept responsibility for any plans or actions that have not originated with you—you would present your opinions and reasons somewhat on the general lines followed in the article from which the quotation is taken.

If, on the other hand you accept (ii) and (a)—that is, if you consider that you are not in sole charge of your life; that the steps you *must* take have already been decided for you, and that you are responsible only for how you take them; and that you are not expected to accept responsibility for *the planning* of opportunities but only for the use you make of the opportunities presented to you—then you would have to adopt a different line of argument.

You could point out that planning to any serious extent can be done only by those possessed of expert knowledge; that our heredity, and the social conditions in which we are born and brought up, more or less determine the course of our lives; that the steps which we must take are in this way decided for us by a power over which we have no control; and that even skilled engineers (when building, say, an ocean liner) work to a plan that has been prepared by another mind, and are responsible only for the standard of craftsmanship they put into their work. And you might find time to give examples illustrating these claims.

Of course, you would be prepared to meet beforehand the possible objection of an Examiner that, whether expert or not, people *do* plan out their lives, or at any rate important coming events (such as starting in married life, or in a business, etc.,) and have to abide by the consequences; that many men and women have refused to be bound down by their birth and upbringing, and have worked out for themselves honourable careers; that planning *should* be the first step in any undertaking (even in attempting to answer an examination question); and that no skilled engineer would dream of starting on a job until he had made up his mind (or, in other words, planned) how he was going to start and how he would carry on. Being confident of the strength of your position, you would be able to put forward convincing instances that would forestall these objections.

So you can see that the form of your answer will depend on your definition of *personal initiative*, and on what you mean when you speak of personal responsibility.

Now have a try at the other questions on this paper (you can get a set of Grade V Examination papers from Mr. Knott for 1½d post free), tackling them as you have tackled this one, and looking up the necessary information in the proper text-book (or book of reference) *before as well as after* doing each answer.

NOMINATIONS OF B.S.L.U. OFFICERS, 1930-31

List of Nominations.

President—Mr. E. A. Keeling, Miss V. G. Rayner.
Vice-President,—Mr. E. A. Keeling, Miss E. Elliott, Mrs. L. Nurse, Miss V. G. Rayner, Mr. G. A. Mack.
Treasurer,—Mr. W. Burrows.
Auditor,—Mr. C. T. Batley, Mr. J. P. T. Calway.

The persons who have been nominated without consent are not included in the foregoing list.

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

Amounts received during 1930. Previously acknowledged £2. Cutlery £1, Mr. W. Burrows, 10s. Total £3 10s.

B.S.L.U. CAPITATION FUND.

Amounts received during 1930.

Previously acknowledged, £4 11s. 7d., Long Eaton 14s., Newcastle, Benwell, 10s. Total £5 15s. 7d.

Bradford, Hilton, in last month's Donations should have read Bradford, Milton, 10s. 3d.

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.

IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES.

The names of your Lyceumists who intend taking the examinations next month should already have been sent to the Education Secretary. But if, for any reason, you have been unable to send them in during March, you still have a chance, as the closing date for receiving entries has been postponed to 16th April. Send in your entries AT ONCE, and so save your students from being disappointed. Remember, this will be their last chance of taking part in our Nellie Kitson Memorial Examination, and we are sure you would not like your Lyceum to be left out of such a scholastic tribute to our arisen Honorary Secretary.

REMINDERS TO STUDENTS.

The examinations will be held next month—on 11th May.

If your name has not been sent in ask your Secretary to send it now—it will be too late after 16th April, and you *must* take the examination.

The Education Department in each issue contains interesting and helpful information—which may be of use to you.

KNOW the set chapters in your Handbook; KNOW the set pieces in the *Manual*; look them up in *Summaries and Glossaries*, and learn the meanings of the hard words and phrases; learn the Summaries, and practise writing out answers to questions. You cannot then help doing well in May.

GRADE IV. CANDIDATES—IMPORTANT.

Your question-paper is practically fixed by the Syllabus of Work; and you are allowed to use your *Manual* at the examination, so you should be quite ready for your work on examination day. But in previous years, candidates have lost marks by one or two general errors; and to help you to avoid these, we give you the following suggestions and hints. (Please refer to your Syllabus on Page 7 of the Education Scheme Pamphlet.)

Hints:—(1) In dealing with Section 3—drawing up a Model Lyceum Session—*only* give what is asked for in (*a*) and (*b*), i.e., the hymns, S.C.R., M.R., and G.C.R., chosen; and the main teaching running through them ALL,—in other words, the *one* thing that they *all* teach in common.

Further, *set out* your LIST of selected hymns and readings *first*—giving number and title (using a fresh line for each one), *then* deal with their harmony of teaching.

Do NOT give the routine items, such as roll-call, marching, groups, badges, salutes, etc.—ONLY give the *Manual* selections.

(2) Remember you will be asked questions on No. 2 Handbook. Know it.

(3) Remember that a *ten-minutes'* address won't allow you to deal with any but *main* ideas in the reading. Some such "short" addresses in candidates' papers would take a couple of hours to give, judging from their notes.

(4) Let your Invocation and Benediction be *short*. Do not waste precious examination time with two long prayers.

GRADE V. AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

"The examination shall consist of TWO Three-Hours Sessions—

One at the same time as the local examination in the other Lyceum Scheme Grades, and

The other during the Saturday or Sunday or Monday of Examinations week-end—but

At a time and place to be decided in each instance according to local arrangements and/or possibilities.

There shall be TWO Question-Papers, one at each Session:

Paper No. 1 shall be based as at present on No. 3 Handbook;

Paper No. 2 also shall be based on the subjects dealt with in the Handbook, but the answers must show an intelligent grasp of the methods of study, research and investigation laid down in Chapters I—II, and VIII—XI of **Essays on Reasoning.**

The same Examiners shall mark both the B.S.L.U. Grade V and the S.N.U. Entrance Examination Answer-Papers.

Candidates who obtain 70 per cent. or more of the total marks (and not less than 50 per cent. in each of the two papers) shall be deemed to have qualified to enter for the following year's Intermediate Grade Examination—if still eligible under the GRADUATE SCHEME Regulations." (See Grade V. Leaflet).

Grade V. and Entrance Examination candidates should get at once into touch with their Supervisors, and arrange for the extra session, which can be held on the Saturday or Monday of Examination week-end, and need not be held in the Church Hall or Rooms.

THE EXAMINATIONS AND THE COLLEGE.

Please remember that every Lyceumist who passes Grade V with not less than 70 marks is eligible for the Degree of Associate of The National Spiritualist College; and every Lyceum which has not less than ten members entered for the examinations (Oral Grade to Grade V) is eligible to join the College as a Local Branch.

ENTRIES TO DATE.

Up to the time of going to press, 955 entries have been received from 90 Lyceums. This includes 318 Oral Grade, so there must be quite a number of adults whose names have yet to be sent in. We want at least 2,000 entries, and not less than 150 Lyceums—which means that twice as many as have come in have yet to be received. Some of the largest Lyceums have not yet sent in any entries, so we are hoping that their lists, when they do come in, will swell our numbers to record proportions. May we again appeal to Secretaries not to wait until the last week or day before sending in, but to send their entries at once and so give our Secretary plenty of time to get the examination parcels ready to be sent out at the proper date. Additions to lists already sent in will be accepted up to the closing date, 16th April.

HINTS TO CANDIDATES.

Candidates have now only five weeks remaining before Examination week-end, and should devote the time to revision work and in practising how to write answers to questions. Grade V candidates could give one week to each article in No. 3 Handbook and the corresponding chapters in *Essays on Reasoning*, and are advised to obtain the questions set at the last examination and answer them, as the question set this year will be similar in nature. The hints given in the monthly column on "How to Tackle Examination Questions" will repay careful attention.

In examination practice do not take more time in answering a question than you will be allowed to take at the actual examination.

For all information about the S.N.U. Education Scheme, for Entry Forms, or for sets of Questions papers, apply to

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

For all B.S.L.U. Educational Handbooks, copies of Examination Questions, etc., apply to

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

ALL CORRESPONDENCE with regardto the College or the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme should be sent (with 1½d stamped addressed envelope for reply) to:—

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

AREA ELECTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(Who will have seats on the B.S.L.U. Management Committee).

Approved Nominations have been received from the following Areas:—

Area.	Candidate.	
A.	Vacant.	
B.	Mr. J. Slimin.	Sunderland (Derwent St.).
C.	Mr. E. Wilson	Dewsbury.
D.	Mr. E. Aked.	Shipley.
	Mr. T. Ellis.	Huddersfield (Ramsden St.).
E.	Mrs. L. Nurse	Rochdale (Regent Hall).
F.	Miss E. Elliott.	Moston.
	Mr. E. A. Keeling	Liverpool (Daueby Hall).
	Mr. R. W. Marks	Newton Heath.
	Mr. C. Lloyd.	Pendleton.
G.	Miss V. G. Rayner	Nottingham (Mechanics Hall)
H.	Mrs. A. Calway	Eltham.

Ballot Forms have been issued to the Lyceums in those areas where more than one Candidate has been nominated.

The Ballot will take place on Sunday, April 13th, at the Lyceum Session.

The names of all Candidates must be submitted to the respective Lyceums and be voted on by the Lyceumists of voting age then present; all Lyceumists of twelve years of age and over are entitled to one vote.

The number of votes cast for each Candidate shall be recorded by the presiding officer and entered (in figures) on the Ballot Form, which shall be returned to the General Secretary within seven days, duly signed by the Lyceum Secretary and Conductor.

G. F. KNOTT, General Secretary.

"DO INDIANS BELIEVE IN SPIRITUALISM?"

BY S. M. TELKAR (Indian Student).

Indian customs: related by an Indian Student.

For a very long time Indians, particularly Hindus, have believed in Spiritualism. Even to-day the most orthodox section of the Hindus absolutely believe in the spirit world. In Goa (Portugese India), there are certain Hindu temples where the Chief Priest just like the ancient Oracle always explains and answers the various questions put by the assembled people.

This priest is acknowledged by all to possess within himself the Spirit of God or Goddess, and to have the power of expressing the prophetic words of the Deity.

Women in India as a rule are sometimes taken hold of by supposed bad spirits who very often happen to be some near departed relatives. Whenever the Spirit enters the body of a person, that is to say when the person is unconscious and the Spirit is in the body, then the latter completely takes charge of the former, and sometimes for days and hours the poor woman, or the man, as the case may be, suffers a great deal of trouble by the evil Spirit, on account of the most difficult handling of the person concerned.

There are some Mediums, who once a week regularly have a sitting. The Spirit comes at the appointed time, and as soon as it comes the Medium falls into a state of unconsciousness. "Have you any questions to ask?" says the Medium; then follow questions and answers.

There are supposed to be good Spirits and also bad Spirits, but whenever the latter takes full possession of a person, a certain skilled magician takes the place of a doctor. What he does is that he commands the evil Spirit to take complete hold and control of the person, he then throws a little rice on the person and cuts a few pieces of lemon. When this is done the bad Spirit is enraged and prays to the magician to stop hurting him.

Very often the magician commands the evil Spirit to leave the person for good and never again to frighten and trouble that person. The Magician now asks the Spirit to go away from the body in some form, either like a dog, donkey, or a cat. The Spirit leaves in some such form, i.e., the person hims barks, bray's or mews like a cat, and falls down on the ground. The magician sprinkles water on the head of this person. At last in that way the bad Spirit which troubles the person is cured by the magician.

The evil Spirit leaves the person once and for all, promising never to return again.

The Hindus offer rice once a year to the Spirits of the departed. This ceremony is called "Shradha," and usually the eldest married son in the family performs this ceremony. The Brahmin priest chants Manthras, and at last the sacred rice is given away to the crows.

It is even to-day supposed that the Spirit of the dead person, in the form of a crow, comes and eats this rice.

Now the Mohamedans during this Muharram festival believe in the Spirits of the departed Heroes and Saints. These are called the Panjas.

A certain class of magicians do some wonderful magical performances, and it is always believed that these magicians are constantly in personal touch with the Spirits and Ghosts who on their part help the magician, whenever he needs help in the performance.

All this goes to prove that from time immemorial Indians, and particularly the Hindus, have believed in the spirit world, and even to-day do believe in it.

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A LITTLE TALE ABOUT CHILDREN.

Many years ago there was a little class of sixteen tiny tots without a teacher. My own age was twelve years. I was full of mischief and the minister caught me doing something which I thought funny but which was certainly a nuisance to my own teacher.

That minister was the father of six boys. He had learned that real punishments are self-inflicted. Justice is based on moral laws. A person—some people think children are not persons—can only accept the virtue of punishment by others when the sense of having done wrong is present. It is better that punishment should be inflicted by some self-imposed form of penance than that a useless thrashing should be given. A father may inflict corporal punishment on his child until the child is old enough to thrash the father, but in the process all love is lost between them.

It takes more patience and a longer time to correct a child's conduct by persuasion but it is a good method to prove the reasonableness and utility of our advice, without preaching, by example and illustration in our personal habits.

Children cannot listen long to a serious talk. A boy read the poem "It was a famous victory." He asked his father what it was that was a famous victory. The father told the boy that is was a battle in which many men lost their lives and pointed to the moral of more peaceable methods of settling disputes, as a victory for material gains was no use to dead men. The boy said "I see." The chat had taken place in the evening by the fireside just before bed-time.

The next day came and the boy had a whip and top. The whip had a string which was too long. "Father," he said, "why can't I hit my top properly with this whip." The father replied that the string should only be a little longer than the stick to which it was tied; and was then beginning to explain why the boy could not hit his top with the longer string. "I know," said the boy, "it was a famous victory." and he ran away to shorten his string and play with his whip and top.

The father had given the boy a lesson during the previous evening and the boy gave the father a lesson when he rushed to his play. Children can only be rightly approached on a moral and educational basis when they are in the mood to be taught.

And so children must be taught things when their minds are in the humour to listen. If we shape our teachings in school and workshop in the attractive manner that appeals to the student we have the opportunity of making artisans instead of drudges. Initiative and constructive methods find their place in the normal sphere of thought and things.

Now we return to the Minister and the mischeivous boy. What sort of punishment did the boy get? The minister looked at the boy and the boy gave a furtive glance at the Minister. The man said to the boy "I know you can't keep out of mischief, but I want you to do something useful and help me to-day." He took the boy to the class of young children who were without teacher.

"Now, my boy," said the Minister "I want you to take charge of these young children and teach them as nice as you can."

The door was closed and the boy saw a vacant chair. He took his seat and looked at the little children. One smiled at him and he began to smile too.

"What does your own teacher tell you?" said the boy.

"Oh, she tells us stories" said one.

"I know a story," said another.

"I know Three Bears," chimed in another.

"I know a recitation," said a little girl.

"One at once" said the young teacher. "We will begin at this end, and anyone who wants to tell a story, say a recitation, or sing a little song can do so. Those who don't want to do anything can listen to the others.

The Minister opened the door gently but children are sharp and soon all eyes turned to him as he entered the room.

"Splendid my lad," he said and away he went to his other duties.

From that day the boy learned that real education could only be displayed by drawing out the inner powers, watching others say and do things, recognising our power to do the same, trying to give mental pictures in speech and song to others and making the things our hands can produce.

Sometimes we need the help of others to do in a combined way what cannot be done alone.

Bye and bye we come to understand this method is the Lyceum way. It agrees perfectly with the methods adopted by spirit teachers and so we are sure we shall produce good results wherever we go and whatever we do.

G. F. Knott.

B.S.L.U. SUPPLEMENTARY DONATIONS.

69 Responses.

The following subscribers have been added to the list since the last report:—Darnall 5s.; Halifax, St. Pauls, 10s.; Grimsby 10s.; Northampton 10s.; Sheffield, Heeley, Gifford Rd., 1s.; Oldham, Elliott St., 2s. 6d.; Sheffield and District L.D.C., 15s.; Clitheroe 5s.; Manchester and Salford L.D.C., £1.; Reading 5s.; Lewisham 1s.; Liverpool, Daulby Hall, 10s.; Wellington, Kent Terrace, New Zealand, £1 1s.; United Lyceum Districts Council, 10s.; Total to March 20th. £23. 17 10d.

TRANSITION OF MR. ALBERT HOPE.

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We regret to record the passing to Higher Life of Mr. Albert Hope, of South Manchester Church and Lyceum, at the early age of 40.

Mr. Hope has been an enthusiastic worker in the Church and Lyceum. He has filled the premier position, and many others, in both sections of the movement. He was a clairvoyant and conducted many meetings for that purpose. He was also a great supporter of the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme.

His health has been a source of trouble for a long time and he passed away, a few days after a serious operation, on March 18th.

Mr. Hope leaves a widow and two children, and we sympathise with them in their bereavement. A very impressive service was held in the South Manchester Church, conducted by Mr. G. F. Knott, the General Secretary of the B.S.L.U. A large number of friends attended the service and the interment at the Manchester Southern Cemetery.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, March 23rd, when Messrs. Woodcock, Garner, Hamer, and others, paid tributes to the work of Mr. Hope. The B.S.L.U. has lost the physical help of a useful Lyceumist.

£2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists Everywhere,

I have been very earnestly concentrating upon you all. Truly, there is much to be said and much to be done before our £2,000 is realised. In the process of achieving the desired end, I am exceedingly anxious that you should receive benefits by supporting if at all possible. I am contemplating a little scheme, whereby I hope to be of real service to you, and at the same time, give you a further opportunity to support the fund. I will take a little time for my idea to mature; but, IT IS COMING, so please be prepared to receive it when the time is ripe. There, now I have set you wondering, and I have no option but to leave you wondering for a little while; and should I contact any of you, which I am sure to do, may I ask that you do not question me about my plan, as I prefer not to discuss it until it is completed and satisfactory to myself. So please, Lyceumists, "WAIT" and "WATCH." Do not miss it. Be prepared to support it. The BENEFIT will be MUTUAL if the RESPONSE is GENERAL, and PROGRESS will be the RESULT.

Do you know, when I took over this work someone said it would take an eternity to get the £2,000. Now, are you going to stand that? It is really inferring that Lyceumists are slow and lacking in interest if you take the trouble to analyse it, and I for one do not believe it. WE ARE GOING TO WIN THROUGH AND ACHIEVE OUR OBJECT, of that I am convinced. We can each take advantage of every opportunity to do a little bit from time to time.

I cannot fully express how much I appreciate those who have arranged Special Efforts to help, also those who have made little sacrifices to contribute personally, either directly or indirectly. I sincerely thank all who have sent donations this month. They are as follows,—Leicester, Liberty, per Miss Vann, 1s. 6d.; Holborn Hall, Hull, per Mr. Buckton, 10s. 6d.; South Shields, Fowler St., per Mr. Ainley, a half year's monthly collections, 10s. 7d., also 6d. for Peace Sunday Programmes. Miss Gladys Last, Lewisham, London, 2s; Raised by three photographs of Alfred Kitson, per Miss Rayner, at Nottingham Lyceum District Council's Annual Fancy Dress Dance, 5s. 10d; Regent Hall, Rochdale, per Mr. J. Nurse, raised by Special Effort, £1 Manchester, Maskell St., per Miss Jackson, raised by a Concert and Social, £1 10s.; Nottingham, "Holloway," 6s.; Anon, 4d.; per Mrs. Cartwright, Hyde, for Peace Sunday Programmes, 5s.; Bolton, Bradford St., per Miss Combs, for Peace Sunday Programmes, 1s.; making a total of £4 13s. 3d., which is very gratifying.

I am very pleased also to present the Report of the Founder's Day Effort, and trust it will meet with your approval, (Crowded out till next issue.—Ed.) I take this opportunity to thank all those who have so loyally supported. Taking into consideration the the other appeals claiming your attention I consider you have done well. (give yourselves a pat on the back).

Best wishes to all,

Yours sincerely,

VICTORIA G. RAYNER,

112, Gregory Boulevard,
Nottingham.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Crackers	10	8	6
Collections.	4	11	5½
	14	19	11½

EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.
Boxes.		12	11
Pull-cracks.		5	0
Duplicating.		16	6
Postage on 121 Crackers.	2	7	3½
Seccotine.		1	0
Total Exes.	4	3	8½
Balance.	10	16	3
	14	19	11½
Balance on Founder's Day Effort.	10	16	3
Donations.	4	13	3
	£15	9	6

Dear Little Imps.

A happy Easter to every one! May you have sunny days, and lots of Easter eggs. Then you will be certain to have a jolly holiday. Of course you know that Easter doesn't happen at the same time each year and this time it is *late*. I don't like people to be late, but I do like a late Easter. Why? Because the holidays give us time to see all the lovely new things that the Spring has brought. The fairy furs are already on the Pussy Palms, the new lambs are in the meadows, and every day awakens fresh flowers. I am hoping to find wild Daffodils as well as Wildflowers, Celandines and Primroses and I hope you will be just as lucky. Yes, a late Easter is just right!

Have you ever seen a pedlar? Maybe you have, but I do not think you will have seen the pedlar of this story.

THE DREAM PEDLAR.

In the ever-so-long ago there lived a quaint little old man who sold dreams. Nobody knew his real name, and nobody knew where he lived, but lots of people wondered about his box of dreams.

If a pedlar calls at your house to sell his cottons and pins, he has to be paid for all that you buy. The Dream Pedlar wasn't a bit like that. He never asked people to buy his dreams, and he never never took any money for them. Dreams are bought with thoughts.

All day long the Dream Pedlar stayed in his lonely wee house, far away in All-alone Wood. There he sorted and tended his dreams and was very happy. His pedlar's box held the strangest jumble. There were happy dreams for sad folks, so that, in dream-time, they forgot the sadness as they visited beautiful lands and enjoyed wonderful fun. There were "I am better" dreams for sick folk, fairy dreams for wee folk, and babyland dreams for the people without real children. Sometimes when big people had become greedy or unkind, the Dream Pedlar would put some "I remember" dreams into his box. People who bought those dreams remembered all sorts of happy times that had happened when they had made others happy too.

The Dream Pedlar's bright blue eyes twinkled merrily as he sang to himself.

"If there were dreams to sell,
What would you buy?"

No wonder he chuckled, for nobody ever knew *when* they bought a dream, nor yet what kind of a dream it would be. Very few people ever remembered that the Dream Pedlar could catch the little stray, wishing thoughts that they sent winging through the air. He caught the thoughts, and, in return, sold just the right dreams.

So if you have heard people say "Oh! I'd such a lovely dream last night. I didn't want to waken," that's because they have bought a happy dream. If they say "I dreamt I was little and Mother and Dad were with me." They have bought an "I remember" dream, to bring back kindly thoughts. The pedlar's box held a dream for every one.

For all long time all went well, The Dream Pedlar was kept busy, and most people were pleased with their dreams. Then the pixies found out All-alone Wood, saw the pedlar working amongst his dreams, and decided to have some fun. Pixies are the most mischievous of all the fairy folk, and these were really very naughty ones. Even a pedlar of dreams must rest sometimes, and the pixies waited until the pedlar was having his afternoon nap. Very quietly they opened the box of dreams. It was so tidy, with each kind of dream in its own part of the box. Those bad pixies mixed up all the dreams, and they were so careless that some of the dreams were broken and the bits were scattered all over the box. One pixie suggested that they mustn't let the pedlar waken until they had had more fun, so they sprinkled poppy dust over him and he slept on.

The pixies began to sell the dreams in exchange for thoughts. What a jumble! There was scarcely a whole dream left, and so the poor buyers received little bits of dreams. The next morning, everybody wanted to tell everbody else about their strange dreams. They would say, "I had *such* a dream last night. I thought I was ill, and would soon be better, then I'd a visit to fairyland. After that I found myself having tea with a giraffe at the Zoo, and, last of all, I found myself in babyland. I must eat no supper to-night." Little children told their mothers "Oh! Mummy, last night I thought I was an elephant trying to do a cross-word puzzle and it *wouldn't* come right." Then the mother would look worried, and say "No supper to-night, darling. Then you won't have horrid dreams."

How those pixies laughed when so many people *wanted* supper and were afraid to eat any, lest those jumbled dreams came again.

Luckily even the poppy dust couldn't keep the Dream Pedlar asleep for ever, and when he awakened the pixies fled. The old man could never understand how his dream box could have become so muddled, and he quickly began to mend his dreams. Even now, he hasn't quite finished, and his box still holds some scattered bits of dreams, and at odd times, those bits creep out. That is why people still complain that they had such queer jumbled dreams, but someday the Pedlar will have every dream mended and all will be well once more.

Goodbye, Imps. Lots of love.

Meg.

IS THIS A RECORD.

The North St. Lyceum, Burnley, celebrated its 40th Anniversary on March 2nd. Miss A. J. Howson has attended the Lyceum for 40 years and been present at every Anniversary of the Lyceum. In 1915 Miss Howson was presented with a locket and chain for 25 years unbroken record.

Calendar of Saints. (L.M. 145).

By ALFRED KITSON.

In order to help Lyceumists to understand in what way the men and women enumerated in the "Calendar of Saints "have benefited humanity and helped in the world's progess to entitle them to be called "Saints," we purpose giving brief sketches of their lives, as space permits, and month by month. We shall take them in their alphabetical order. We feel sure Lyceumists will welcome this added interest to the pages of the LYCEUM BANNER.

BUDDHA. (bood'dha). No. 145. The term Buddha is not a proper name but a title and means "The Enlightened One." His proper name was Guatama Siddhartha, and he was an Indian Prince, born at Kapilavestu, 560 B.C., and died 480 B.C. Miraculous signs occurred at his birth, From afar came merchants with rich gifts in golden caskets; nard, jade, turquoises of azure blue, etc. There also came a grey-haired sage, or wise man, called Asita, who, while at prayer beneath his peepil tree, heard heavenly sounds, and the angels singing songs of joy and gladness at Buddha's birth. He visited Queen Mayo, Buddha's mother, who attempted to lay her babe at his feet, but he would not permit her. Instead, he worshipped the child, saying "O, Babe, I worship! Thou art he. . Thou art Buddha and will preach the law and save all flesh, who will learn the law, though I shall never hear it, dying too soon who longed to die. But I have seen thee".....

Buddha received his religious teachings from the Brahmans who believed and upheld their system of "castes" that held the people in abject fear and slavery to those who governed them. Before Buddha's birth Brahmanism had run to seed in the indecent worship and corrupt ritual of Hinduism; the arrogance of the priesthood and the injustice of "caste," were crying evils that caused the people to suffer untold hardships. Their sad lot was a continual appeal to Buddha to try and discover some way of escape, some way whereby they could work out their own salvation.

The King, his father, sought by every means in his power to divert his son's thoughts and talents into other channels. To this end he had him united in marriage to the fairest Princess in the land, namely, Vasodhara, and built a beautiful palace for him. But all these attractions of wordly wealth and grandeur failed. The more he saw of the misery and suffering around him, the more pity and love filled his being, until, when twenty nine years of age he determined to break away from all. The time had arrived for the fulfilment of the prophecy. The Prince arose and felt the urge of his mission as if to say, "This is the night, choose thou the way of greatness, or the way of good, to reign a King of Kings, or wander alone crownless and homeless, that the world be saved."

He decided to save the world, to make the cold ground his bed, the lonely spots his dwelling places, and wear such garments only as the outcast wears, sheltered only by the dimly lighted cave, or the jungle-bush, and eat wild fruit, and only such other food as the charitable give.

He called his attendant and ordered him to saddle his horse so as to take him as far away outside the busy world before the day began to break. His attendant tried to dissuade him from his purpose, and stay with those he loved and who loved him, and asked him if he was going to leave his rich inheritance, his princely kingdom and his lovely wife for a beggar's bowel?

To this appeal the Prince made answer, "Unto this I come and not for thrones; the kingdom that I crave for is more than many realms!"

When reminded of his father's and wife's grief at his flight he answered, "Friend, that love is false which clings to love for selfish sweets of love; but I, who love them more than my own pleasure, depart to save them, and all mankind, if utmost love can avail."

On and on they rode till the morning star made its appearance. Then he dismounted and took off his jewelled sword, royal robes, etc., and sent them and his horse home in the care of his attendant, and went alone on his mission to seek healing for the griefs, pains and sorrows of all people.

For seven long weary years he wandered and pondered the great problem of human misery and suffering that afflicted mankind, and to discover a remedy. During one of his periods of fasting and contemplation, whilst seated under the sacred Bodhi Tree (Tree of Wisdom) there dawned on his mentality the revelation, which enabled him to exclaim "I have found it; I know it all!" Henceforth he was the enlightened one, the Buddha! Mara, the evil One, knowing that the hour had come when Buddha should find the truth and save the world, appeared unto him and offered the whole earth to him to rule over if he would renounce his spiritual mission. The fiends of envy, hatred, malice, lust, ignorance and selfishness assailed him with their seductive arts. To the whisperings of Doubt the Lord Buddha said, "Thou hast no part with me, thou sublest of man's foes, get thee hence."

Next came the fair enchantress called, Faith, who is for ever juggling souls with rites, ceremonies and prayers as custom has taught; the keeper of those keys which lock up hells, and open heavens. She said unto him "Wilt thou dare to put by our sacred books (The Vedas), dethrone the Gods, empty all the temples, take away the law which feeds the priests and props the realm?"

"What thou biddest me keep." he answered, "is *form* which passes away, but the truth stands forever; get thee unto thy darkness."

When he became the Enlightened One he was able to remember all his re-incarnations, which were 550 in all. One of them he was in the form of a tiger and his now deserted wife was a tigeress, and to possess her he fought and vanquished two tigers.

(*To be continued*).

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.

OUR MUTUAL AID BUREAU.

The Editor has decided to offer the use of a monthly page for the Bureau, partly to ease the strain on the Education Department and partly so that the important issues raised and discussed by student Lyceumists should not detract attention from—or be obscured by—the announcements made by the Education Secretary. It is hoped that all students will take an interest in (if not a part in) the discussions. The first problem or rather, set of problems) has been set by Mr. Walter Taylor, Hon Secretary of the Accrington and District Joint Lyceums Committee.

THE PROBLEM.

Here are two points (he writes) which have been discussed in our Education Class without arriving at a satisfactory conclusion:

Firstly, we are told that the spirit body is an exact replica of the physical body; this being so, then we take with us into the Spirit World a replica of all the bodily organs. Now do these organs function in the Spirit World? Have feelings and emotions the same call upon these (shall we say spiritual) organs—and do they respond in the same way as our physical organs do? If so, then what is the nature of the Spirit World? It must be another material world, only with a different kind of matter; and that being the case where do progress and evolution come in? *Secondly*, Mr. A. Wainwright, of Manchester, published his book of Automatic Writings in 1924. In that book, I believe (I have not read it personally) he relates of spirit people, soldiers on horseback, fighting. Now we have got to take these writings as true; can that be so (in your opinion, of course)? The opinions of Mr. A. T. Connor , Mr. J. Tinker and Mr. D. Gow were printed in previous issues (sold out).

Miss DEAN'S OPINION.

With regard to the question of spirit body, etc., I venture to explain by my personal experience and understanding.

In the endeavour to make some comparison we can only compare with that which we experience and know. If we are making Spirit and Material comparable, then we must have some experience of spirit and to see spirit form. The experience and vision may be quite clear and vivid in our mind's eye, yet we find it difficult to describe because we have to use material terms.

My experience of spirit form was during sleep. I had been in a distressed state before passing into sleep' when I became aware of my presence in a punt on teh river; standing at the opposite end of the punt was the spirit form of my mother. I recognised her by face, her expression was a little sad as though she was sharing my unhappiness. She appeared to be a little taller than her earth body, which had begun to stoop a little. The spirit form was perfectly upright, just a clear outline with white flowing robes. In her hands were the pole as though she were punting down stream, yet the arms or body did not appear heavy or physical as we look at a body.

Although only an outline it seemed to be something more tangible and alive than our bodies. If I give it a name I can only describe it as Gossamer. It seemed indestructible and able to appear or disappear at will The second point dealing with spirit people as soldiers on horseback, fighting :—

I suggest that there is a great deal to be said in favour of thought forms and this gives an explanation. If a spirit can return to its earthly habitation and build up a thought form of some tragedy which happened during its earth life and this form is seen by somebody in the physical body, I see no reason why a spirit in spirit life should not be able to build up a thought form of its earth life, especially if it is of the earth and has no knowledge of continuity of life and the spirit world.

Thought forms or mental visions can appear to be very real.

I relate another experience which happened whilst sitting in a home circle with a few friends. I passed into a hypnotic state and felt I was not in the circle. A guide took me into an inner Temple. Pointing out some beautiful Gems, he gave me a meaning to each one, conveying the idea that there are things in life far more beautiful than the Gems which we describe as jewellery. At that time I had no thought of visiting Dresden. Later the opportunity came, and while staying in Dresden we visited the Museum and there we saw some beautiful Gems similar to those I had seen in the vision. In conversing with an American visitor she expressed the thought of how much benefit the poor people could gain by the sale of those Gems.

Now I have touched on thought form it takes us back to my first experience: Did I see my Mother's spirit form or was it a thought form? If it was a thought form, it was a thought form of spirit as it was so entirely different to physical form. Is there any difference between spirit and thought? If so, how can we define it? This at least will lead us into the realm of thought and there I will leave it with the readers.

Eva C. Dean.

Births, Marriages, and In Memoriam.

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

BIRTH.

MANCHESTER.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Robinson (nee Kitty Goodwin), a daughter, at 42, Tiverton St., Ardwick, Manchester.

IN MEMORIAM.

SHILDON, Newlands Avenue.—We regret to report the passing away of our Conductor, Mr. Joseph Smith, 31 years a worker for the Spirit World. The interment services at the Spiritualist Church and Cemetery were conducted by Mr. W. T. Moody, B.A., of Chester-le-Street, and were very impressive. Mr. Smith will always be remembered by Spiritualists, Lyceumists, and Friends, as a good and faithful worker.—J. Sunter Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER Lyceum.—In Loving Memory of our Assistant Conductor, Mr. Albert Hope, who passed to the Higher Life on Tuesday, Mar. 18th, after much suffering patiently borne.

BRIXTON.—FOLL.—In ever loving memory of my dear Boy, Douglas, who passed away April 11th, 1919. From Mother.

I am nearer my boy to-day than ever before.
So may I be
"Nearer my God to Thee."

LEICESTER.—Rose Annie Noon of the Liberty Progressive Lyceum passed to the higher life March 18th, 1924.
"Tenderly remembered" by her loving Mam and Friends.

BURY, King Street.—In affectionate remembrance of Alice Mellor Pilkington, aged 29 years, who passed to the Higher Life March 22nd, 1930.

THE U.D.C. AT FLEETWOOD.

The U.D.C. held the Annual Meeting at Fleetwood on March 8th and 9th.

Mr. C. T. Batley presided. There were representatives from the M.C. and the following Districts,—Tees-Side, Leeds, N.E. Lancashire, S.E. Lancashire, Halifax and Huddersfield. Mr. J. Shuttleworth was present as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Batley, the President, offered an invocation and gave a welcome to the Delegates.

The Secretary explained the original meeting place had been cancelled and a new invitation had to be sought.

Questions were asked on the Minutes. It was explained that "the floor of the Conference" meant all except the M.C. (Platform, Ed.).

It was agreed to pay the 1930 Fees and also the additional half Fees to the B.S.L.U.

The correspondence was explained and it was noted that the Ainsworth Home of Rest Committee required definite information regarding the admittance to convalescent homes in the various parts of the country. All districts were urged to send this information.

The President gave a short address in which he explained the U.D.C. should be of the utmost interest and service to the whole movement. He mentioned the open discussion of District Council problems; the need for increased sales by the Union; the growth of the spiritual part, and increased interest in the Union's general welfare.

A discussion showed the U.D.C. had shown loyalty and performed service to the Union.

It was agreed that the D.C.s which had ceased affiliation with the U.D.C. be asked to rejoin.

Lyceums were recommended to purchase the cheap parcels for prizes and Lyceum Libraries, and help to clear the stock of books the Union had for sale. "Baby Plants" was quoted as a book of real value to Lyceumists.

The sale of juvenile Literature was favoured.

The U.D.C. was referred to as the filtering ground for the whole movement.

The income for the year was £5 18s. 11½d. Expenses, £2 12s. 6d. Balance £3 6s. 5½d.

The Secretary was appointed Delegate to the B.S.L.U. Conference.

The President and Secretary were deputed to compile the U.D.C. Conference Report; and mention cheap literature, and re-organisation as two of the items.

It was noted that the N.E. Lancashire D.C. are sending a notice of motion to the B.S.L.U. Conference to amend Bye-Law 10 with a view of having only two Areas, North and South.

It was agreed to mention the College representation in the U.D.C., report, so that the College may have representation in the Annual Conference as an integral part of the B.S.L.U. A Bye-law to be drafted in relation to Article III. which will cover the circumstances arising,

Delegates reported the District nominations for the official position of the Union.

The Education Scheme was discussed. Appreciation was expressed about "How to Answer Questions" in the BANNER. Districts were asked to ensure the early entry of students for the examinations. Each District could form an Education Committee to watch these interests.

It was decided to circulate copies of the section for the provision of a Children's Manual to all D.C.s and delegates and ask for suggestions comments and dicussion to be submitted to the Secretary by June 30th. so that the same can be forwarded to the National Manual Revision Committee in time for its next meeting.

RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME.

It was stated that no D.C. could work on the basis of 1s. per Lyceum.

It was pointed out that the Union can revise its Bye-Laws at any Conference and we should shape our discussion with a view to re-organisation. The S.E. Lancs. scheme only dealt with Fees. We should note that the Constitution cannot be changed till 1932. Every District and every Lyceum should now be taking note of the conditions prevailing and be ready for a re-casting of the whole Constitution.

The Credential Report gave an attendance of two Officers (Mr. Batley and Mr. Shuttleworth), one B.S.L.U. Representative (Miss Elliott), Tees-Side (Mr. Nellist), Leeds (Mr. Tweedale) North East Lancashire (Mr. Dickenson), S.E. Lancashire (Mr. Nurse), Halifax and Huddersfield (Mr. Smith). Pooling expenses,—12s. 8d. per delegate.

The next meeting will be held at Parkgate during October, Invitations are wanted for 1931 and 1932.

The whole of the Delegates attended the Lyceum Session for a short time. Greetings were exchanged and good wishes tendered for future progress.

District Visitor's Report.

WEST OF SCOTLAND LYCEUM WORKERS' GUILD

A little more than nine years have past since I became a member in a Lyceum. On looking back over those years in comparison with the Lyceum movement in the West of Scotland to-day, I ask myself, "Stands Scotland where she did?" I am reluctantly compelled to say, "No." Immediately comes to my mind, Why?

One reason is lack of genuine interest on the part of parent bodies; a second reason is lack of sufficient and efficient leaders. Another reason, hinging on the second and the reaction from the first is that young people of both sexes do not seem, in many cases, to wish to take up the responsibility of leadership.

I simply make these remarks in introduction to a District Visitor's Report I was asked to make on behalf of the above Guild for publication in the "Lyceum Banner."

I started my visits on 25th August with the Northern Lyceum, meeting in Napiershall St. This Lyceum is somewhat handicapped through lack of a Musical Conductor, but in spite of this the singing was good. The Readings were also good. Both the marching and callisthenics were good. The spirit in the Lyceum was harmonious.

On 8th Sept. I visited the Southern Lyceum. 28 members were present. Five children gave songs and recitations, and, as their members were all in the younger years, it was quite satisfactory, more especially when we know they only re-opened towards the end of August. The general work of the Lyceum was good and the Conductor gave instructive comments on the readings. This looks like a Lyceum that should make good as the year proceeds. The marching and callisthenics were satisfactory.

The S.M.U. Lyceum is closed at present, but the parent body were good enough to grant the Guild the use of their Hall in Reform Street on 15th Sept., for a combined Open Session. There were about 40 Lyceumists from the district and 30 visitors. Mr. Shaw, President of the Guild, conducted the Session and gave the stranger a good idea of the practicability of a Lyceum in working order. Every Lyceumist and most of the platform party gave a pearl. There were also a good display of songs and recitations. The combined work in the marching and callisthenics was good. The S.C. and G.C. Readings were nicely read and the singing was well rendered. The general impression expressed was "A Good Session." We drew a few questions from the audience which were suitably answered.

On 13th Oct. I visited the Glasgow Association Lyceum and was sorry to find that this oldest Lyceum in Scotland had fallen to 22 members present. There were 11 pearls and one song given. The marching was fair.

On 27th Oct. I visited Mays Hall Lyceum, Maryhill Road. 36 members were present, mostly little children. 14 pearls were given. Considering the ages of the children the readings and singing were fair. In the callisthenics the bairns attempted all the movements right to the end. The spirit was fairly harmonious.

In the evening I attended the Southern Open Session, and I think, if I state this was first class in all branches of the Lyceum work, I cover the ground. There was a marked progression since my visit in September. The children gave a splendid display of singing and recitations and musical items.

I visited Dalmuir, No. 1, Lyceum on 15th Dec. There were 34 present. 14 pearls were given. Readings good. This Lyceum consists of children and young adults. Marching was good.

The Guild, in co-operation with the Southern Lyceum, held an Open Session on 29th Dec. All Lyceums in the district sent representatives. The Session took the form of a Toy Service, and the many gifts were taken afterwards to the East Park Home for Cripple Children. For a combined effort there was a good display of Lyceum work. There would be about 50 Lyceumists and 40 visitors present.

With greetings to all Lyceums throughout our movement.

H. CLELAND, D.V.

LYCEUM BADGES.

The Lyceum Badges are now in stock. 10½d. each, 6 for 4/3., 12 for 8s., post free.

Attention is called to the sale of a Cheap Parcel of Books, as advertised in this book. Mr. Kitson is the Author of most of the books.

A rapid sale will give our Adviser great delight, and increase the Union's income. That is Mr. Kitson's aim in enabling the Union to sell the cheap parcels.

District Council Reports.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

On Tuesday evening, March 18th, Mr. Charnley, President of the Council, presented the Shield to the Bolton, Bradford Street, Lyceum, at a Social and Dance held in the Bradford Street Church. He congratulated Bradford Street on having won the Shield for competency for two consecutive years. He also congratulated Horwich, the runners up, and urged them on towards becoming the winners this year.

Mr. Lyles gracefully accepted the Shield on behalf of the Lyceum.

Mr. Jones, the Adjudicator, spoke a few words of encouragement to all the Lyceums in the competition, and Mr. Cliff and Mrs. Holt moved and seconded a vote of thanks to the Council Officers for their kindly presence. A. Dean, Sec.

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The B.L.D.C. held a meeting at Idle Lyceum Rooms on Saturday, March 8th, 1930.

Miss Hudson, our President, was in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were adopted. Correspondence was accepted. The B.S.L.U. Nomination Form was placed before the meeting. It was decided to ask the following people to allow themselves to be nominated by this Council: President, Miss Elliott; Vice-President, Miss V. G. Rayner; Treasurer, Mr. Burrows; Auditor, Mr. Batley.

Re Shield and Bell Competition. It was decided the Judges start judging on March 20th. The Rules for competition were decided as the same as last year.

Re Field Day. It was decided not to have a Field Day, as funds would not allow, but that we shall have a Ramble in June and Lyceums are to send in the suggested places to the Secretary.

A concert was held in the evening and a good number attended.

A vote of thanks was given to the friends at Idle.

E. Aked, Sec.

COVENTRY AND DISTRICT.

On Saturday, Feb. 8th, the Annual General Meeting of the above Council was held at Broad Street Church, Foleshill. Delegates attended from (Broad Street) Coventry, Rugby, Nuneaton, Coventry (Broadgate), and Coventry (Bull Street).

The business of the last Annual Meeting was gone through. Correspondence was read and discussion took place.

Election of Officers:—President, Mr. Coe; Treasurer, Miss Bull; Secretary, Mr. H. Burrows; D.V., Mrs. Coe; Auditors, Mr. Hutton and Mr. Fairfax. Tea was provided by Broad Street friends and much appreciated. H. Burrows, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the Leeds L.D.C. was held at Theaker Lane, Armley, on Saturday, Feb. 15th.

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

Invocation by the Vice-President, Mrs. Hurley. Welcome by Mrs. Firth, Armley.

The President welcomed Officers, Delegates, Associates and friends. He said it was a pleasure to be able to say that the activities of the Council has been supported and followed with unabated interest, and whatever the future personnel of the Council may be, he hoped this will continue to be so. He thanked all for the support given to him, thus making his duties easy by their co-operation and goodwill. All have endeavoured to justify confidence placed in them. At the moment he did not know who the appointed Field Marshal for 1930 may be, but he appealed for them to support him loyally. He congratulated the Officers and the Field Day Secretary, Mrs. Riches, of Castleford, on having the courage to undertake this difficult task. He appealed to all Secretaries to help by making her work as easy as possible, by supporting the Demonstration. Our District Visitor, Mr. Spencer, is not offering himself for re-election, and I am sure the grateful thanks of the Council are due to him after six years of faithful service. Mrs. Hurley, Vice-President, is retiring. She has always been ready to help with her services when required. The Council's best thanks are due to her. The President concluded by an appeal for the support of the new Executive.

The Minutes of last Annual and Quarterly Conferences, Correspondence, and other Reports were accepted.

The balances in the funds are: General Fund, £9 14s. 6d.; Field Day Fund, £25 2s. 0½d.

Election of Officers:—President, Mr. L. Tweedale; Vice-President, Mr. E. Wilson; Secretary, Mr. Harding; D.V., Mr. Daisley, Jr.; Treasurer, Mr. T. Hirst; Auditors, Mr. Wright and Mr. Spencer; Recommended Area Representative, Mr. Wilson.

Nominations:—B.S.L.U. President, Miss Elliott; Vice-President, Mr. Keeling; Treasurer, Mr. Burrows; Auditor, Mr. Batley; Delegates to B.S.L.U., Mr. Harding; U.D.C., Mr. Tweedale; L.D.C., Mr. Howard.

Sub-Committee for New Rules Competition:—President, Secretary, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Hurley, Mr. Spencer. Adjudicator for 1930, Miss Halliday, of Alma Street, Halifax. Associates, Mr. Agar (York).

The Field Day Committee Motion was carried, 19 votes to 5.

Votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Hurley and Mr. Spencer, for services rendered to our Council, and to the Armley friends for the use of Church and providing such a lovely tea. Mr. Firth accepted the thanks on behalf of Armley Lyceum.

Date and place of next meeting: Birstal, June 21st, 1930.

Roll Call:—Officers 5, Delegates 19, representing 12 Lyceums, Associates 6, Fraternal Delegate, L.D.C., 1, Field Day Secretary 1; total 32. Lyceums: Armley, Birstal, Castleford, Cleckheaton, Dewsbury (Easy Road), Gipsyville (Hull), Horsforth, Psycho (Leeds), Queen Street (Normanton), Wakefield, York. Standing Orders Committee: Mr. Peel (Dewsbury), Mr. Spencer (Birstal), Mr. Wilson (Cleckheaton).

A. W. Harding, Sec.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at the S.N.U. Church, Millgate, Wigan.

Mr. Watson presided over delegates from Wigan, Southport, Warrington, Daulby Hall, Boaler Street, Chester and Runcorn Lyceums; also from S.W. Lancs. Group, Visitors, Auditors and Officers. A total of 19.

The Minutes were dealt with in the usual way.

The Correspondence was accepted. Arising out of same, it was decided that the Council accede to the Union's request, e.g., of sending a donation to the B.S.L.U. equal to half our affiliation fees.

The President's address. Items touched upon were: the healthy condition of the Council; the success of the Eisteddfod; sympathy for struggling Lyceums; the growing tendency of co-operation between the B.S.L.U. and the S.N.U.; and thanks to all officers of the Council.

Secretary's Report. Points raised were: the steady interest of Lyceums in the Council; the good fellowship prevailing and the coming Eisteddfod.

District Visitor's Report. Mrs. Clitheroe had visited Daulby Hall, Boaler Street and Chester Lyceums, the latter being in great need of assistance, particularly from the Church workers.

S.W. Lancs. Group Report. The outstanding items were: the Election of Officers and the suggestion of Propaganda in the district.

The Treasurer's Report. This showed a balance in hand of £2 8s. 3d.

The Auditor's Report. A new method of book-keeping was suggested and an example given.

All the reports were accepted with thanks.

Election of Officers:—President, Mr. S. Watson; Secretary, Mrs. L. K. George; Treasurer, Mr. O. Jones; District Visitor, Mr. G. Burns; S. West Lancs. Group Delegate, Mr. O. Jones; B.S.L.U. Delegates, Mrs. Clitheroe and Mrs. L. K. George; Auditors, Mr. E. A. Keeling and Miss D. Holliday.

Outing to Maghull. It was decided that the Secretary communicate with all the Lyceums in the Council, with the object of arranging this outing on or about Saturday, July 19th.

Massed Session. It was decided to approach Warrington Church for the use of their Church, if possible, on Sunday,

Oct. 5th. The arrangements for Conductor and Musical Conductor were referred back to Lyceums.

Vote of Thanks. All the members of the Council heartily agreed that we had spent a very enjoyable time and passed a sincere vote of thanks to Wigan friends for their kind hospitality and use of room.

The next meeting will be held on May 10th, at Charles Street Church, St. Helens. Will delegates and associates please attend? L. K. GEORGE, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

On Saturday, March 15th, the last Dance and Whist Drive of the winter season was held at Stationers' Hall, Ludgate Hill. This was a most successful event, and again our thanks are due to Mrs. Bell, Social Secretary, and members of the Social Committee. Mr. Pearson's Band won applause for the modern dance music.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above was held on Saturday, March 22nd, at the Spiritualists' Mission Room, Lincoln Street, Nottingham. Mr. L. Shipley in the Chair.

Mrs. Reynolds gave the Invocation.

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

The Secretary reported on the propaganda meetings at the Mechanics' and the Annual Fancy Dress Dance. Prizes were offered for the most original fancy dress. The 1st gents. was taken by Alec Brown, of Nottingham Mechanics'; the 2nd gents., Mr. L. Shipley, Jr., Sherwood Street, Nottingham. Ladies: 1st and 2nd went to Mrs. Potter and Miss Maud Dilkes, both of Mansfield, Dallas Street. Boys: 1st to Allen Robinson, Sherwood Street; 2nd to E. Hirst, of Mansfield, Dallas Street. Girls: 1st to P. Robinson, of Sherwood Street; 2nd to J. Sale.

Mrs. Colley and Mr. Bramley, the judges, were heartily thanked for their services. The Secretary's report was accepted.

Correspondence was accepted. Kirkby Lyceum's application to membership with the B.S.L.U. was in order, and it was agreed to invite them to join the Council. Reports: Financial, Auditors', District Visitor's and Temperance Visitor's were accepted with thanks.

Arrangements for the presentation of the Shield and Bell were left in the hands of the E.C.

The President's address was accepted. He remarked that the work of the Council had improved the efficiency of the Lyceums, but there was still room for improvement. We were up against the general apathy against religion. It is necessary to make the Sessions more interesting and not neglect the absentees.

Mr. Shipley requested that the Council would not re-elect him to the Presidency, owing to the difficulty of carrying on through deafness. The circumstances which made it inadvisable to carry on was very much regretted by all present, and it was agreed to retain his services as Advisor to the Council.

The Election of Officers was as follows:—President, Mr. R. Slater; Vice-President, Mr. E. Rose; Secretary, Miss V. G. Rayner; Treasurer, Mr. O. Peel; Shield Secretary, Mr. J. Waterfall; District Visitors, Mr. Reynolds and Mrs. Waterfall Temperance Visitors, Mr. T. W. Marsters and Mrs. Paling; Auditors, Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Jesse Frecknall; Honorary Associates, Mr. Marsters, Mrs. Rhodes Brown, Mrs. Reynolds amd Mr. Sharpe.

It was agreed to receive Associate Members into the Council at a fee of 2s. per annum. Nominations for Conference were made. Delegate to Conference, Mr. Dobby.

It was agreed that the E.C. arrange a Special Demonstration to take place in the early autumn.

A vote of thanks was proposed for the splendid tea provided by the Mechanics' caterers. VICTORIA G. RAYNER, Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

The Annual Re-union and General Meeting of the Council were held on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22nd and 23rd, in the Doncaster, Catherine Street, Spiritualists' Church.

A happy little company enjoyed tea and a social evening on the Saturday.

On Sunday, the 23rd, the Annual Meeting was held, when once again the value of the Pooling of Delegates' expenses was realised, when 13 Lyceums were represented, and, though it meant a good journey for the nearest Lyceum, the "pool" enabled every delegate to be present for the small cost of 1s. 10d. per delegate.

The business of the Council was transacted in good order. The Minutes, Correspondence, Reports, and President's Address being accepted.

Election of Officers:—President, Mr. F. Smith; Vice-President, Mr. F. Cook; Treasurer, Mrs. Bruce; District Visitor, Mr. Le Noury; Secretary, H. Heath; Delegates to Conference, Messrs. Smith and Heath; Delegate to U.D.C., Mr. Armitage.

The interest of the Churches' District Council was again shown towards the Lyceums' Council by the presence of the President, Secretary and Mr. J. Oates, of Attercliffe, being prominent amongst us.

During the Afternoon Session, Rotherham Lyceum were presented with the Council Banner, as winners of the Banner and Bell Competition. Chesterfield Lyceum was the winner of the Bell, the second prize in the competition.

The Council conducted the evening service. Mr. F. Smith presided at all meetings.

A vote of thanks to the Doncaster friends was the closing feature of a really good week-end.

The next Council Meeting will be held at Darnall, on Sunday, April 13th. Business, as Agenda, to commence at 10-30 a.m. Usual catering arrangements. H. HEATH, Sec.

Special Reports.

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

LANCASTER, Alliance.—Open Session held Mar. 2nd. Our brightest Open Session was contributed to by: Recitations from Mrs. Dennison, R. and J. Parrington, R. Lees, T. Cole, and J. Griffin. Solos by Miss E. Kirk, I. Jones, Mrs. R. Askew. Piano—J. Towers, A. Jones. Duet by the Misses L. and A. Jones. The visit of our late Conductor, Mr. R. Askew, was the feature of our morning's pleasure.

A. F. RUSHWORTH, Sec.

LONDON, Peckham.—On 16th Feb. we celebrated our 21st Anniversary. In the afternoon a happy session, which included members of the Council and Church and friends, was conducted by Uncle Bert. Many efforts were given and at the conclusion prizes for good attendance were presented by Mr. Clegg. Several members and friends then partook of an enjoyable Birthday Tea.

In the evening the platform was occupied by Mr. Fruin. Mr. G. Turner gave a very commendable essay on "The Aims of Spiritualism," Daisy Watts gave a pleasing recitation and Phyllis and Daisy Watts, Peggy Bailey, Minnie and Eddie Eke and Janet Franklin sang "Strike your Harps," accompanied by Miss G. Bamber at the piano.

LONDON, Walthamstow.—We held our Annual Party in January. Over 100 Church members and friends helped us to enjoy a bounteous tea, followed by a Concert by Lyceumists, which included three sketches; one by the adults and two by the children. Everyone was delighted. Uncle Bert then gave the prizes with his usual cheery words and smiles. Next came a dance. During the interval we were entertained by a troupe of child dancers. The evening was a glorious success.

L. G. HOPKINS, Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—A pleasing event in our history took place on Mar. 12th, when the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Nicol) presented the prizes to more than 30 Lyceumists. Councillor John Potts presided and introduced the Mayor.

The tiny tots in their "Welcome" were very sweet and also in their Dollies Song with actions. Those slightly older were good in their "Jap" action song. Both received well deserved encores. The older ones in their play, "The Wrong Side of the Bed," with pretty dances and solos by Miss Hulley and Misses Elsie and Hilda Cotterill helped to make a very happy evening. Solos were given by Mrs. Henshaw and Mr. R. Hope. Duet by Miss Whitehurst and Mr. Smith, Gymnastic Dance by Miss D. Barnett. Piano solo by Norman Read.

It would take too much space to mention names when all did so well and received encores for their efforts.

Mrs. Challinor and Mrs. McLerie trained the children, and Miss Hulley had charge of the older ones. We had the pleasure of Mrs. Pimblott's company and her accompaniment. Prizes for perfect attendance were given by Mrs. Pimblott and won by Sam Royle (7 years), Winnie and Edmund Carter, Phyllis

and Marjorie Swindells, Betty Kenyon, Joyce Potts and little Dennis Higgins. George Rogers and Mary Rogers, George Whitehurst and Winnie Carter won prizes given by Mrs. Essex.

Refreshments, which had all been given, were served by the Liberty Group and the Lady members of the Church Committee. Afterwards the girls' groups gave a very effective Dance and Marches in "Pony Trot." The Mayor gave us a subscription of £1. Everyone said it was a very happy time.

Hannah Rushton, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Droylsden.—Feb. 23rd. Open Session conducted by Miss Ellis, carried its usual vigour. Nine Lyceums were represented.

Sat., Mar. 1st., Droylsden were presented with the Council Shield of Merit during a Social evening. The full proceeds went to aid Council funds. A huge success.

E. Eccles, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—Feb. 23rd. An interesting afternoon was spent in our Liberty Group, when Mr. R. W. Marks, gave the lecture on "Science." Various questions and answers were given. A Vote of Thanks was passed to Mr. Marks.

March 9th. Open Sessions were enjoyed on this date. Re-Representatives from 20 Lyceums and two Councils being present. Several recitations and solos were ably rendered.

March 15th. A Gent's. Effort in aid of the Children's Whit-Friday trip was most successful. The Egerton Dance Band was in attendance. Songs were sung by Mr. Hilton and Mr. Burtonwood.

R. H. Bayliffe, Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

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

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than April 23rd, to ensure insertion in the May 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.

CALGARY.—The service of song, "The Warning Voice," given on Feb. 23rd, created much interest, and we raised £4 with the effort. Our children are taking part in Church services and giving solos from the *Manual*. Attendance is increasing and keen interest is being shown all round. Marching and callisthenics are being done with more interest and we are getting better results. Greetings.—H. E. Thomson, Sec.

LIVERPOOL, "Star of Progress," Boaler Street.—Lyceum Sunday, March 23rd. A very pleasant day. We were well supported by neighbouring Lyceums, including representatives from St. Helens, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Daulby Hall and Prescot. We had a bright afternoon Session, with interesting discussions. In the evening we rendered a B.S.L.U. Service of Song, entitled "The Warning Voice," which was greatly appreciated by all present. Our best thanks are due to all who contributed to our success.—A. E. Howells, Sec.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Musgrave Street.—Open Session, March 2nd. There was a good attendance. 46 pearls. Several recitations, three solos and three duets. Several visitors were present from Easington.—E. Platts, Sec.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace, New Zealand.—Annual Election of Officers for 1930, 2nd Feb. Conductor, Mr. R. A. Webb; Secretary, Mr. S. Harris; Treasurer, Mr. G. Bodell; Guardian, Miss R. Waring; Librarian, Mr. Easton; Musical Conductor, Mr. Barton; Assistant, Miss E. Harris; Captain of Guards, Miss L. Webb; Guard, Ken Mander; Marching Leaders, Miss G. Webb and Mr. S. Harris; Callisthenics Conductor, Mrs. Webb; Assistant, Miss L. Webb.—S. Harris, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Argyle Street.—Open Session, March 9th. Conductor, Mr. W. Taylor. Musical Conductor, Mr. L. Clegg. Recitations by B. Bartlett, K. Llinn, C. Godden, E. Bartlett, I. Bradshaw, W. Livesey; solo by Nora Godden; duet, M. Bradshaw and W. White. It was an enjoyable Session.—F. Holgate, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—Open Session, March 2nd, conducted by Mr. T. Fazackerley, assisted by Miss J. Kenniford. Musical Director, Mr. Crossley. Recitations by N. Laycock, P. Glover, W. Swift, Miss Glover and F. Laycock; solos by Miss Hilda Swift, N. Laycock, Miss R. Swift, Miss J. Kenniford, Mr. A. Laycock; duets by Bessie and Jean Hilton, Jean Chew and F. Laycock, M. Dobson and N. Laycock, G. Jenkinson and Hilda Neild; trios by Mr., Rhoda and Hilda Swift.—Miss I. Shuttleworth, Assist. Sec.

BARNOLDSWICK, Albert Road.—Prize distribution held Feb. 16th. Prizes were given by Mr. Tattersall, of Burnley. Lyceums represented were: Burnley, Earby and Barnoldswick West End.

On Feb. 2nd Mr. Latham encouraged our Lyceum when visiting it and said we were progressing rapidly.—A. Bulcock, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Open Session, March 2nd. Recitations by Jack Henderson, Edna and Rodney Jones, Muriel and Florrie Watson, Leslie Hamilton, Ruth Gough and Adela Hamilton; solos by Beattie Callaghan, Albert Thompson, Annie Watson, Clifford Jones, Norah Whiteley, Lilian Harding and Mr. Taylor; pianoforte solos by Mr. Whiteley and Elsie Thompson. 11 pearls.—D. Dunn.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On Feb. 23rd we held our usual Open Session. The following gave recitations: D. Parker, C. Railton, E. Holding, D. Nicholls, C. Walley, C. Derbyshire and B. Boothman. We had a good Session, ably conducted by Mr. W. E. Mason. About 180 were present. Our speaker was Mrs. Marcroft, of Middleton.—Mr. Tom Wood, Sec.

BLACKPOOL.—March 2nd, Open Session. Invocation by Mr. Hobbs. Pearls and recitations were well given. The Lyceum singing together was good. A very nice Session was enjoyed by all.—F. Carter, Sec.

BRADFORD, Harker Street.—On March 1st, Prize Distribution, Tea and Concert. A success. Prizes given by Mrs. Taylor. Concert rendered by Lyceum Concert Party.—Mrs. Nicholls, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—March 2nd we had a delightful Session, with a very good attendance. There was a good response of songs, solos, duets and recitations. During the afternoon Session, Mr. H. Barnes named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lister. About 70 Lyceumists and friends were present.—J. Babbs, Sec.

BRISTOL, Providence Hall.—Open Session, March 23rd, during which Mrs. Thompson made a brief speech and Iris Pain, one of the younger Lyceumists, presented the Leader, Mrs. V. Harding, with a bunch of gorgeous tulips, in token of the esteem with which she is regarded by the entire Lyceum.—

BURNLEY, Hammerton Street.—We held our Annual Prize Distribution on Feb. 9th. Lyceum Day and Open Sessions, 2-30 and 6-0 p.m. Recitations were given by Misses Lizzie Durkin, Marion Whitehead, Mary Hocking and Phyllis Tattersall; solos by Misses Phyllis Tattersall and Ivy Haynes; musical interlude, violins, Mr. Dean and Mr. Brunton; piano, Mona Dean. Fraternal greetings to all Lyceumists.—Miss I. Haynes, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On March 2nd we held our Open Session. Mr. E. Hobster conducted the Session, also the marching and callisthenics. Our Delegate presented us with the Bell that we had won in the Banner and Bell Competition. The following Lyceumists obliged with items: Elsie Hall, Irene Hobster, Ronald Percival, Evelyn Clements, Leslie Driver, Norman Clements, Jessie Orwin, Lily Driver, Marrion Leverton, and a song by Avis Bown. Mrs. Siddal gave the benediction.—May Wheatley, Session Min. Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, March 2nd, conducted by Mr. T. Brooke; pianist, Miss Robinson. Pearls were given by Misses I. Wilson, E. Scholes, E. Rowley and Mrs. Hutton and Master B. Walker; recitations were also given by Misses E. Rowley, J. Sharp, E. Scholes and Master B. Walker; solo by

Miss E. Rowley; duet by Misses Dorothy Garside and Florence Donner. Our speaker was Mr. Lonsdale, who spoke to the children about the Lyceum and its work. He also impressed upon them the two pearls "Thoughts are living things" and "Actions speak louder than words." We had a good Session.—Miss M. B. Robinson, Sec.

CLITHEROE.—March 9th, naming of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hargreaves' infant son, Robert Pinder Hargreaves, by Mrs. Booth (Conductor). The spiritual name, "Master of Destiny," was given. All Lyceumists were present.—C. Hargreaves, Sec.

DARWEN.—On March 2nd we held our Open Session. Songs, recitations and pearls were given in quick succession by the young Lyceumists. Mr. Simmonds was the speaker for the day, and gave an interesting talk to our Lyceumists. We spent an enjoyable day.—Mrs. Lowe, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—On Feb. 22nd and 23rd we had the visit of the S.L.D.C. at our Church. On the Sunday we held a well-attended Open Session. During the Session the President gave prizes to the following Lyceumists:—D. Batty, F. Gomersall, M. Wattam, V. Crossland, A. Trout, V. Soan, F. Soan, M. Soan, J. Brown, B. Maltby, W. Trout, A. Crossland, L. Gomersall, W. Riley, L. Middleton, S. Middleton ,A. Ball, H. Mumford. Two special prizes, given by Mr. Bates for all round efficiency, were won by Minnie Wattam and Leonard Middleton. Altogether we had a very happy week-end.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EARBY.—We held our Open Session on March 2nd. Recitations by K. Hodkinson, L. Taylor, N. Hodkinson, O. Wilkin, E. Clark, A. Wilkinson, F. Clarke, R. Hancock, D. Seddon, J. Hancock, R. Clough, R. Hodkinson and C. Smith; duets, trio, etc., by J. Sprout, W. Hancock, M. Nicol, Q. Dawson, M. Ennis, T. Hancock, F. Clarke, D. Seddon and the Liberty Group.—Mr. W. Millican, Assist. Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Open Session, March 2nd, conducted by Mrs. Firth. Recitations by Mona Hague, Ruth and Dorothy Harris, Violet Forshaw and Philip Payne; solos by Ruth Harris, Mrs. Church and Mrs. Parkinson; duets by Violet Forshaw and Kathleen Hague, Nora and Frank Harris, Irene Watkins and Lily Frith; a pianoforte solo by Doris Parkinson brought our happy Session to a close.

On March 16th, at our Lyceum meeting, we decided who our nominees should be for B.S.L.U. Officers. Owing to the resignation of our Conductor, Mrs. Firth, through circumstances caused by ill health, we elected Mr. C. T. Batley to fill that position for the remainder of the term. We also put in operation the preliminary arrangements for our trip. Fraternal greeting to all Lyceums.—L. Vollans, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—March 2nd, Open Session. Prayer was given by the Conductor, Mr. H. Doswell. Silver Chain by F. Pickvance; musical reading by Miss Pickvance; golden chain by H. Crooks. P. Doswell and H. Doswell; recitations by Greta Johnson, Marjorie Williamson, Rosa Bagshaw, May Pickvance, Annie Aspden and Miss Norris; duets by R. Doswell and H. Crooks, Rosa Bagshaw and Greta Johnson; a solo by Mr. Aspden. The Session was thoroughly enjoyed.—H. Norris, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Pleasant Sunday, March 2nd. Our Annual Prize Distribution took place. Mr. Totty, of Barnsley, officiated. Special prizes given to Nellie Roach and George Watts for most attendances. About 64 prizes altogether. The following rendered solos and recitations:—Miss Cole, Mr. Ryecroft, Vera Chapman, Edna Swift, Rita Giles, Mabel Trash, Doreen Hall, Albert Letch and Fred Hardy. After we had marching and callisthenics. A most enjoyable Session, appreciated by all.—P.S., Sec.

HANLEY.—March 2nd was Prize Distribution. 120 books were distributed by Mrs. Hand, of Shelton, 75 being firsts. Mr. Rowley presided, and Miss Richardson, of Manchester, the speaker for the day, addressed the Lyceum.—A. Mason, Sec.

HEYWOOD, William Street.—We held our Open Session on March 16th, under the auspices of the South East Lancashire L.D.C, conducted by Mr. Shaw. We had a good number of visitors from other Lyceums. We spent a very pleasant evening.—J. Miller, Sec.

HYDE, George Street.—A grand Social was held on Saturday, March 8th, promoted by the Lyceum in aid of our Childrens Summer Outing to Southport on June 28th. A large number were present. Songs were well rendered by Mrs. Wright, and Mr. Plevin. Mr. M. Fieldhouse recited. Hilda Bowker, May Bowker, Alice Plevin and Hannah Oldham performed a little dance. Marian Oldham sang "Sleepy Valley". The pianists were Mr. Jackson, Mr. Harper and Mr. Fieldhouse Everything was a great success.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

LANCASTER, Gt. John St.—We had a splendid Open Session on March 2nd, the following children doing their best: Recitations by W. Harrison, W. Partridge, V. Harrison, M. Bleasdale, I. Partridge, D. Bleasdale, B. Corbitt, and D. Kirk. A duet by E. Dawson and I. Wilson and trio from E. Dawson, J. Slack and L. Wilson. Pianoforte solo by N. Baines and a reading by J. Peel and Alf. Bond.—Marion Swale Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—Open Session March 1st. Pearls were good. Recitations by Joyce Beck, Elsie Garratt, Lily Jayes, Elsie Clements, Horace Jayes, Jacky Whitbread, and Annie Hughes. Duets by Doris Jayes and Lavinia Garratt; Ethel Gamble and Doris Garratt. Songs by Eva Poxon, Misses Hurst and Ashby, Messrs T. Kenney, Gamble, Wheatley, Kennedy. This concluded a very enjoyable, Session.

March 9th Prize-giving Sunday. We were pleased to welcome our Conductor back after six weeks absence. Every child received a prize.—Margaret Vann, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—March 2nd. we had our Open Session when the following Lyceumists took part:—Pianoforte solo by Miss Ena Goldsmith. Solos by Mrs. Watson and Mr. W. Beck. Recitations by Miss Joyce Beck, Lily Jayes, Mrs. Dehoue, Mr. Moody, and Master Horace Jayes. Miss E. Wicks conducted. It was a bright and enjoyable Session.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LONDON, Clapham.—On Feb 23rd we held our Annual General Meeting at which the following Officers were elected for 1930. Conductor, Mr. R. B. Eyles; Secretary, Miss P. Lewis; Treasurer, Miss Pennington; Guardian, Miss Barnes; Delegates, Mr. Searle and Mrs. Tiffin; Marching Conductor, Mr. Barnard; Assist Marching Conductor G. Lovell; Organists Miss Clements, Miss Tiffin and Miss Nickolds. Captain of Guards, Miss E. Lewis; Wardens, G. Lovell, K. Slater, L. Lovell, Grace Lovell and Peggy Harvey.—P. Lewis, Sec.

LONDON, Lewisham.—Grateful thanks to friends who are so kindly helping forward our Lyceum, not forgetting Uncle "Smiles" who visited us on March 2nd. His happy face and jovial tales gave us something to think about and we look forward to his coming again.

Lyceum Secretaries please note new address of the Lewisham Lyceum Secretary,—Mrs. Donald, 12, Manor Road, BROCKLEY, S.E.4.

LONDON, Manor Park.—Open Session March 2nd. A most pleasant and interesting session was ably conducted by Mrs. Trinder. Mrs. Nutland named the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Hatton. earthly name, Peter John Hatton, Spiritual name "Patience." The Guardian Angel's name is "Peace." The baby was presented with a Lyceum Badge.

A. Trumble, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford.—Open Session March 2nd. Conductor Mrs. Soones. The speaker was our Church President, Mr. G. W. Mason, and his bible story of Joseph was much appreciated by the Lyceum. Recitations were enjoyed from Rose Gardener, Molly Stoffer, Doreen Walters, Doris Walters and Joan Caffer. Song by Betty Haughton.

Feb. 22nd, the Lyceum Glee Party gave a Concert at the Friends Meeting House, Barking which was greatly enjoyed by an appreciative audience.—R. H. Bates, Sec.,

LONDON, Tottenham and Edmonton.—March 16th we held our Anniversary; the first in our new Church and Lyceum. The President and members of the L.L.D.C. were present. Solo by Miss Markham. Recitations by Ivy Holloway and Edna Heath. Duet by Iris Beavon and Muriel Taylor, also voilin solo by Gladys Patton assisted by Gerald Markham. Greeting were given from the various Lyceums present. We had a very happy and harmonious Session.—W. H. Markham Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham High Road.—On March 2nd, our Lady Conductor presented our Lyceum with a Banner; the colours being Gold and White.

We are making steady progress both in numbers and in our work. We have formed a ramble club. First ramble Easter Monday, Greetings to all.—N. Brimfield, Session Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham St.—On March 23rd, Mrs. Raspin named the infant daughter of a local medium, Mrs. Hughes, Spirit name "Star of Light." All present were impressed by the remarks of the control. A very enjoyable Session.

N. Willey, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Progressive.—We held an Open Session on March 16th when we had a good attendance at both Sessions. At the evening service we had a naming ceremony by our Conductor, Miss Scott, Recitations, pianoforte solos and a violin solo were rendered by our Lyceumists. Greetings were conveyed from 12 Lyceums and the M. & S. L.D.C.
E. Jackson, Sec.

MANCHESTER, South Mchr.—we held our Open Session on March 16th at 2-30 and 6-30 p.m. 11 Lyceums and the M. & S. L.D.C. were represented during the day. Good responses were given to recitations and solos etc., Questions on the Golden Chain recitations 135 and 125 brought forth much interesting and helpful discussion. The marching and callisthenics were thoroughly enjoyed and altogether everyone appeared to have enjoyed the Sessions.—J. Woodcock, Sec.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, Grange Rd.—On March 2nd, we held Open Sessions. Miss Molly Wilson of Ocean Group conducted. Solos and recitations were given by Eleanor Chatton, Beatrice Taylor, Joan Naylor, Nance Pierson, Chas, Taylor, Brian Taylor Rosemary Chatton, Mary Naylor, Sylvia Brown and Molly Wilson. Kitty Gibson, Sec.

MIDDLETON, Oldhall St.—On March 16th we held our Open Session. They were well conducted by Mr. J. Bowker. We were praised by visitors for our marching and singing. Everyone shared in making it a happy day.—H. Andrew, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—On March 2nd we held our Lyceum Sunday. Afternoon, Open Session. In the evening we gave a Service of Song entitled "A Friend in Need," written by Mr. Ronaldson, one of our Lyceumists. The songs were taken out of the Songster. A very enjoyable and successful evening. Everyone enjoyed the story and songs.
S. J. Hunter, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics Hall.—On March 2nd, we held our Annual Prize Distribution. Mrs. Gunn kindly distributed 44 prizes to the successful Lyceumists. Piano and vocal solo and recitations were rendered by Miss Sharp, Ernest Sharp, Mary Woodward, and Dorothy Shipsides.

A Naming Ceremony was also performed by our Conductor, Miss V. G. Rayner. The child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Yates was named Beatrice Maud, spirit name "Peace."
O. Peel Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On Feb 22nd we held our Yearly Tea-Party, and it was successful. In the evening the elder Lyceumists gave "The Review Manager's Office." All came in as turns to get in the Review, and included singing, dancing, a sketch, and Balance Acts, and a Shadowgraph. The evening closed with a Social.—Mrs. H. Clegg Sec.

OLDHAM, Elliott St.—We held our Lyceum Open Sessions on Feb., 16th with a very large attendance. We had a pleasant time together and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.
M. Harper, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.—Open Session Feb., 23rd., conducted by Mr. A. E. Reynolds. Mrs. Reading (Luton) was speaker. Attendance very good. Children's efforts were remarkable, great progress being shown.—E. A. Reynolds, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—On March 9th we held our Annual Distribution of Prizes. About 40 Lyceumists with 65% attendances were the happy possessors of books to suit their ages. Recitation by Vera Chambers, Pat Clarke, Katie Ring, Peggy Harris, Iris Grice, Rosie Sandford, Solo by Jean Sandford.

Jean Sandford presented Mrs. Wheeler with a bouquet of flowers for presenting prizes.

On March 17th a Naming Ceremony, conducted by Mr. Newton, took place during which the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. Guy received the earth name of "Joan" and the Spirit name of "Beauty."—C. Stuart-Jones, Sec.

PRESTON, 68 Lancaster Rd.—We held Open Session on Feb., 23rd. Recitations, duets and quartettes were rendered by the Lyceumists. The Session was enjoyed by all.
Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held a splendid Open Session on March 2nd. The little ones gave recitations and songs. Several good Pearls were given. Mr. Thornley read an inspirational extract, entitled "To Lose or Gain." Mrs. Whitely gave us a few words of encouragement and brought greetings from Saltaire Lyceum and Bradford District.
Helen Kilner, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—On Feb., 23rd., we held our Open Session conducted by Mrs. Stamford, cur Treasurer. Mr. Ballard spoke a few words to the Lyceumists. Recitations by Molly Snooks, May Mason, Beatrice Fukes, Cyril Stag, Harry Burnham, and Derek Burnham. We had a very fair Open Session.—E. Johnson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heely, Gifford Rd.—We held our Open Session on March 2nd. The individual efforts were rendered by Misses E. Marples, Muriel Overment, C. Higginbottom, P. Cook, N. Nutt, O. Nutt, Pearl Cook, G. Walker, M. Clive, E. Price, Masters H. Cook, G. Bailey, E. Marples, V .Porter, W. and A. Nutt. A very enjoyable and pleasant afternoon was spent both by adults and children.

SMETHWICK.—March 16th our Session was a decidedly happy one. Invitation given by Mr. Wright, our Secretary. Among the large and varied programme of recitations contributed were those given by Miss Heard (our Guardian), Rosy Haywood and Bella Bagnell, John Clarke and Bernard Haywood. Time sped all too quickly.
Victor W. Mann, Assist. Sec

SOUTH SHIELDS, Fowler St.—Annual Election of Officers. Conductor, Mr, N. E. Ainley; Assist Conductors, Mr. T. J. Robertson; Mr. A. Raeburn; Secretary, Mr. R. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Ainley; Organist, Miss D. Gillart; Assist Org anists, Mrs. Ainley, Miss W. Stanger; Musical Conductor, Mr. Ainley; Assist. Mrs. E. Ainley, Miss D. Gillart; Lyceum E. C. Medium, Mrs. Berry; Guardian, Miss Mina Robertson; Captain of Guards, Mr. H. Dennison; Marching and Callisthenics Conductor, Miss A. Marshall; Librarian, Mr. W. Brooks; Saving. Bank Sec. Mrs. Brimer; Benevolent Fund Treasurer, Miss Agnes Robertson; Auditors, Miss A Robertson, Mr. J. Gillart; E. C. Members, Mrs. Yorke, Mrs. Burrell,Miss M. Robertson, Mr. Gillart; Sick Visitors, Mrs. Yorke, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Burrell, Mr. Brooks, Mr. R. Smith. Group Leaders. Mrs. Berry, Miss W. Johns, Miss A. Marshall, Mrs Yorke, Miss L, Yorke, Miss M. Black, Miss W. Stanger, Mr W. Brooks. Deputy Group Leaders, Miss M. Robertson, Miss A. Robertson, Miss D. Gillart, Miss M. Bainbridge. Greetings to our friends in Australia.—R. Smith, Sec.

STOCKTON, Brunswick St.—We held our Open Session on March 2nd. Recitations by Marcelle Bramley, Alice Palfreeman, Dorthy Hickman, Kenneth Dodsworth. The Conductor presented Mr. R. Ruddock, who has attained his majority with a signet ring.—J. Crawford, Sec.

Wellington, Kent Terrace, N. Z.—We have just re-opened our Lyceum and are very gratified to see such large attendances as well as to note many new members commencing the New Year with us.

Immediately upon re-opening we commenced practicing for a Service of Song, which we hope to hold in our Church very shortly.

Everything points to another successful year for our Lyceum.
S. Harris, Sec.

WINNIPEG First Lyceum, Polson Avenue.—On March 2nd we held our Open Session and had a visit paid us by Mr. G. R. Symons, formerly of London. Our Assistant Conductor Mrs. Hargreaves, very ably conducted the Session. Marching and callisthenics were carried out in a very efficient manner, Pearls, songs and recitations by the following:—Daisy Knox, Gordon Fairbairn, Mr. Symons, Harry Forrest, Mrs. Hargreaves, Harry and Leonard Towns, Hazel Dale, Irene Turner, Harry Towns,. All the songs were accompanied by Olive Forrest. A duet by Mrs. and Maude Hargreaves, accompanied by E. Hargreaves. Pianoforte solo by Daisy Knox.

During our Open Session Mr. G. R. Symons gave us a very inspiring and educational talk on "Beauty." We are all looking forward to an early return visit from him. We extend our greetings to all the Lyceums.—E. Hargreaves, Sec

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—We held our Open Session March 2nd. Pearls and recitations were said by Dolly Sutherland, Margaret Welsh, May Armitt, Margaret McNaughton, Grace Welsh, Molly Waterson, Evelyn Lindsay, Mr. Longcake, Mr. Pearson, Jack Stacey, James and Alex Linsday, Solo by May Armitt, and Dolly Sutherland, M. Waterson, Grace Welsh, M. Welsh and M. McNaughton. Our Conductor, Mrs. Burley spoke a few encouraging words on the "Lyceum Religion." Marching and Callisthenics were gone through and were fairly good, led by our Assistant Conductor, Mr. Pearson.—Mrs. M. Armitt, Sec.

WEST MELTON.—March 2nd Open Session. Recitations by Vera Warren, Harold Poole, Madge Penaluna, Ivor Vardy, Rowna Elliott, Mary Ridman. Pearls by Grace Warren, Madge Penaluna, and Mr Guest. Duet by Jessie Poole and Rowna Elliott. An enjoyable Session.—Mr. W. Guest, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—Open Session held March 2nd. Lyceumists responding were, D. Douglas, W. Hardy, M. Bell, L. Abbott, J. Douglas, Mrs. Abbott, L. Dryden, J. Abbott, C. Hornsby, M. Haddon, S. Johns, L. Bell, J. Hall. Miss McLean conducted.—A Dryden, Sec.