

# THE LYCEUM BANNER

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PRICE TWOPENCE

## HOME.

To others, house may designate the place  
That I call home.  
Many may pass my door! no outward trace,  
Or lofty dome,  
Allures the eyes of those who pass along,  
Yet there I rest.  
I'm with those friends, however sad my song,  
Who know me best.

There can I sit, away from all the strife  
Of weary toil.  
Shut out the world and all the rush of life,  
No more turmoil.  
But only peace and all that is serene.  
Are with me then.  
Solace will come within the fireside scene  
'Tis my amen.

There may I ever turn my tired heart  
To sweeter things.  
I hold most dear what now has grown a part  
Of memory's wings,  
To waft me back from far or near,  
And interlace  
My thoughts again with all I hold most dear:  
Home is that place.

## Organisation.

The present issue of the LYCEUM BANNER is the Conference number. There is a Supplement of eight pages, to allow for the printing of the numerous Annual Reports and Statement of Accounts.

A few conferences were held prior to 1890 and the Spiritualists who were specially interested in Lyceums decided to form a National Union, under the title of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

One of the disadvantages which prevented the commencement and growth of Lyceums was that most Spiritualist Societies would not accept any responsibilities, though interested individuals were allowed the free use of the societies' rooms to commence and maintain Lyceums, at such times when the societies did not require the rooms for their own use.

The B.S.L.U. was founded during May, 1890, at Oldham. It was a coincidence that the Spiritualist National Federation (now the S.N.U., Ltd.), was instituted during July of the same year. Thus two separate national organisations came into existence almost simultaneously. From 1890 to the present day there has always been a large number of people who have supported both sections of the movement. At the same time there have also been some people whose sympathies were purely with the Lyceum or the Societies.

The Lyceum section has always had a large portion of interested adults to carry on the work. It is the need of education for the children of Spiritualists that has ever been present in the minds of the adult section of the Lyceumists.

The societies, or churches, as most of them are now named, have displayed their activities in propaganda. The presentation of phenomena has also been a feature of public work,

These phases of Lyceum and Church work mainly define the relation of the two sections to each other and their methods of operation before the public.

The Lyceum method has been very largely of a domestic nature and provided the means for internal study. The only propaganda which took place was through the Secretary, quarterly meetings conducted by the Executive Council, and the visits paid to Lyceums by the appointed District Visitors, with occasional public demonstrations.

Attention has been largely centred in the production of necessary literature. Full opportunity was taken within existing churches to use a sympathetic membership for the allowance of accommodation. We pay our tribute to the churches for providing these facilities.

It was the persistence of Alfred Kitson, our respected adviser, which was mainly responsible for the beginning of the B.S.L.U. He became, and remained, the General Secretary for over thirty years.

Another lover of the Lyceum cause, J. J. Morse, founded the LYCEUM BANNER in November, 1890. Until that time Mr. Kitson had to depend on the Spiritualist Press, and written replies to new Lyceums, for conveying information.

The LYCEUM BANNER was adopted as the official organ of the Union at the 1891 Conference. Mr. Morse transferred the BANNER to the Union as a free gift in 1902. Mr. Kitson became Editor, and thus there has been direct contact between the Union and its constituent Lyceums ever since.

A *Lyceum Manual* was compiled by Mrs. Emma H. Britten, H. A. Kersey and Alfred Kitson, soon after the Union was established. Mr. Kersey undertook the publication. After he had regained his disbursements, he presented the *Manual* and the *Spiritual Songster*, which he also published, to the Union.

A publishing fund was started and eventually the Union was able to publish its own literature.

With the growth of the movement District Councils were formed to superintend the interests of local affairs in relation to the Union. The United Districts Council came into being and has been a filtering ground for the business of the Annual Conferences.

The machinery of the Union provides for the single idea of an individual Lyceumist reaching the Annual Conference with full discussion of its merits or otherwise. The business of the Union can also operate from any of its component sections.

Trustees have charge of investments. The Management Committee decide on publications and general policy between Conferences of the Union. The District Councils operate all local business. It is optional for Lyceums to affiliate with the District Councils or remain outside their respective councils. It is certainly an advantage to be associated in local work with all the other Lyceums in the district; this method is encouraged wherever possible.

In all national affairs the Lyceums deal direct with the National Secretary. In all local matters the Lyceums deal with the District Council.

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My dear Boys and Girls,

The date of my writing this letter is the 14th of April, although you will not be reading it until May 4th.

You see by this that those who write articles for this magazine always have to allow time for the Editor to read them over and get them printed and despatched to the various Lyceum centres so that you can have them the first Sunday in the month.

So at the time of my writing Easter has not arrived so I cannot tell you how many Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs I have devoured, but I am just full of anticipation of all the good things which may be in store for me.

Amongst other things there will be a trip to Wales; this is where our friends there always have a laugh at our expense, by taking us various outings, setting some teasers by leaving us to pronounce the names of the Railway Stations we pass on the way. "Indeed to goodness" it is some task.

Although I set you puzzles each month, this is where I get caught and I am inclined to think my friend Mr. McFarlane would get his tongue so twisted up, that we should be getting some twisted Cross-words Puzzles set us.

Here is just a very simple one for you to try your skill at CWM. There isn't it easy, only three letters. If you cannot pronounce it just try and find a lady of gentleman whose name happens to be "Jones, Williams, Morgan or such like Welsh name and see if they can assist you, then tell me what you think it is in your next letter.

If you succeed try Troedryhiew, Blaenplwyf, or Ponrthydygroes. Can you wonder that even our Wireless Uncles and Aunties sometimes get tongue tied when they give their birthday greetings.

Nearly everybody you meet at this time of the year are casting off their heavy winter garments and donning themselves in lighter Spring Fashions and that reminds me of a story I read the other day of a little boy who went into a tailor's shop and asked for some patterns for his father. The tailor asked him what it was his father required, a suit, overcoat or trousers, to which the little chap replied, "neither. He wants them to nail up the creeper." I do hope you will not follow this example, but it does give us a little lesson. Most of us older ones remember what a lot was said about a "scrap of paper" a few years ago, but here we have a small piece of cloth put to a most useful purpose holding up that which is not strong enough in itself to climb the heights set before it.

In other words "lending a hand to the weak and needy" Is it not another illustration of how useful you little ones can be in life in helping others.

Another story I heard was of a little girl carrying an infant across the road, and a gentleman seeing her struggling with her load, said to her, "what a burden for one so young." The girl looked up and smiled at him saying "It is not a burden sir, it is my

brother." That shows you a simple way of putting this lesson into action.

Now let us see if we can find another lesson, if a single strip of cloth can be of such great service what could a number of such pieces do?

I think I am right in saying that there are few homes especially in the Midlands and the North in which you would not find a rug made of little pieces of cloth: I have one under my feet at the present time and the lesson I see in it is comfort, now if all you children would only try and copy the example of these tiny pieces of cloth, and try by your actions and ever strive to create comfort in your homes, how much brighter home life would be.

Then comes to my mind a well known proverb. "A stitch in time saves nine" and I can see yet a further use for a strip of cloth, a patch to cover a tear.

Not only our clothes, but sometimes our characters get torn by some unkind thought, deed or word, but there is always a remedy. We can mend our ways just as we can mend our clothes. A patch of love will cover up the ugly tears in life's garments.

Of course there is a much wider lesson to be gained from a tiny patch of cloth, this I shall leave to your leaders to explain to you, but there is the growing and weaving, the shearing and packing and manufacturing of the various grades.

This should make an interesting lesson to many of you who write to me from Lancashire, who are now engaged in this work.

Although at times the daily round of common task may become tiring, if only we could follow the work we are engaged upon through its many stages, I feel sure we should find our labours happier, day by day. May this simple strip of cloth and its lessons be a pattern to you.

#### Answers to last month's Puzzles.

No. 149.—1. BAND. 2. LARK. 3. BANKS.  
4. PRESENT. 5. DRILL. 6. MAIL.

No. 150.—1. EILEEN. 2. SHEILA. 3. EVANGELINE. 4. AUGUSTA. 5. THELMA. 6. RHODA

#### THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 151.—Exploring. Take the name "SHACKLETON" and endeavour to find out how many English words you can discover in its letters.

No. 152.—A Lyceum title (arranged by Cousin Doris)

1. Which day do we go to the Lyceum.
2. The opposite to Misery.
3. What we write in composition lesson.
4. What you want to this puzzle.
5. What flies in the air.
6. Who is the Father of all.
7. Oral, Grade I., II., etc.
8. What comes when the sun sets.
9. To whom do we say, Yes Sir or Yes Miss.
10. What we hear roaring in the Zoo.
11. — was full of trouble and sorrow.

The first letter of each word will give you the answer.

Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I hope you all had a happy Easter,

With love,

2, Villiers Rd.,  
Osterley, Middx.

UNCLE BERT,

## The Education Department.

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

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

### THE EXAMINATIONS.

On Sunday, the 11th of this month, will be held the Examinations of the B.S.L.U., (Oral Grade and Grades I to V), and also the ENTRANCE EXAMINATION of the S.N.U. The latter examination will be held, as far as possible, at the same centres as the B.S.L.U. examinations; so will candidates taking the Entrance Examination please note.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

If you are taking Grade I., II., III., IV., or V., your Secretary has received for you a paper headed *Instructions to Candidates*. Be sure to ask him (her) for it, if it has not already been handed to you. This paper tells you all you need to take with you to the examination, and what to do. And YOU NEED THIS PAPER AT THE EXAMINATION ITSELF; so be sure to ask your Lyceum Secretary for it.

### TO SUPERVISORS.

The parcels of all necessary papers for the holding of the examination will be posted to reach you by Saturday, 3rd May. If you do not receive yours, please communicate AT ONCE with the Education Secretary.

On getting your parcel open it; and you will find inside full instructions as to what to do as Supervisor of the examinations.

(As you will be sitting with the candidates for three hours, provide yourself with something to do to pass the time, e.g., with a book to read.)

Each Oral Grade SUPERVISOR will need a list of names (and ages) of the children to be examined.

### ENTRIES TO DATE.

Lyceums, 114; Oral Grade, 441; Grade I., 451; II, 144; III, 104; IV, 52; V, 40; Total, 1232.

THE COMMITTEE wishes the candidates success; and thanks them, along with their tutors, Conductors, and Secretaries, for their interest in Lyceum Education, their support of the Education Scheme, and their efforts and time devoted to the work.

For all information about the S.N.U. Education Scheme, for Entry Forms, or for sets of Question 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 regard to 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.S.C., 13, Claremont Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.



The Editor opened his office door one day in answer to a gentle tap-tap. The only thing that came through the door was a gentle wind. The Editor closed the door and sat down. Then a voice spoke to him and said: "As I was listening to the wind, I heard a message." Wondering whoever it could be, the voice replied, "You're too big to see a fairy, but I've come to tell you that Meg, the Guild Imp, has been taken by the fairies to see someone who is very sick, and even Imps can't be in two places at once, so she wants all the Lyceum Imps to go in the fields and hear the music of the waving flowers till she can come back to them. Meg will come back next month riding on the edge of the clouds, just where the silver-lining peeps through. She will come from dream-land and be very wide-awake with a real new story."

Just a little rattle of the window and the fairy was gone. And so we must all wait till next month to read Meg's letter in the Kiddie's Corner.

### ELECTION OF B.S.L.U. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, 1930-31.

#### Electoral Area Results.

Area A.	Vacant.		
„ B.	Mr. J. Slimin	.....	Unopposed.
„ C.	Mr. E. Wilson	.....	Unopposed.
„ D.	Mr. E. Aked	.....	86
	Mr. T. Ellis	.....	125
„ E.	Mrs. L. Nurse	.....	Unopposed.
„ F.	Miss E. Elliott	.....	192
	Mr. E. A. Keeling	.....	40
	Mr. C. A. Lloyd	.....	47
	Mr. R. W. Marks	.....	126
„ G.	Miss V. G. Rayner	.....	Unopposed.
„ H.	Mrs. A. Calway	.....	Unopposed.

Signed,

EDITH ELLIOTT, President.

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT, General Secretary.

## 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 question might be tackled, and the lines on which *the students'* answer might be written. The question for this month is the fourth on the Grade V Examination paper No. 2. set last February (1929):—

*It is claimed that all religions (or phases of religion) have, as a foundation, a belief in Spirit Intercourse. Accepting this as true, and bearing in mind how religions differ,—*

Give your opinion of how it is possible that—by inferring too much or too little—different conclusions may have been drawn from similar spiritualistic phenomena.—(Essays I-II).

Here you have to accept (for the purpose of your answer), the claim that *at the foundation* of all religions, however they may differ in *their outward forms*, is a belief in the possibility of intercourse with entities called Spirits. Whether these are recognised as the spirits of "dead" human beings or not, need not be discussed—all you need to deal with is the suggestion that the differences between religions have arisen from too much or too little having been inferred from the phenomena witnessed or experienced, or reported.

You would begin by pointing out that the value (reliability) of an inference depends upon the number of experiences, or the extent of knowledge, from which it has been drawn—and that an inference drawn from a small number of experiences, or from limited general knowledge, might be very incomplete, and would in many cases be shaped or coloured by the opinions or prejudices of the individual. As an illustration, you could instance the difference in belief between the Movements of Modern Spiritualism and extreme Christian Spiritualism.

Your next point would be that in ancient times there was not the wide communication between communities (tribes or nations) that exists to-day, and that therefore each community would draw inferences from phenomena without knowing that these were also experienced by other communities. This limitation of knowledge would lead to the inference that the phenomena had been specially vouchsafed to the community; the communicating Spirit, even if at first recognised as a renowned leader of the past, would gradually come to be regarded as a Supreme Power to whom gifts were offered, and from whom favours were begged; and by easy stages this Power would become the tribal or national god, the fount of all increase, the arbiter of success or disaster, and the wielder of the mysterious and dread-inspiring forces of nature. Each community would have its own temples and holy places, its own priests and worshippers; the form of worship and sacrifice would be decided by each according to its experience of life and to the inference drawn from the phenomena; and, endowing their god with human desires and characteristics, they would attempt to please him by offering in sacrifice things which they themselves most deeply prized. You could instance the story of Cain and Abel, as showing the difference in ideas of sacrifice between shepherds and cultivators,

and how the Jewish author regarded one form of sacrifice as an honour to the god and the other as a slight.

Granted a variety of gods and an equal variety of ideas regarding forms of sacrifice and worship, and knowing how mental attitude determines the nature of the inferences that will be drawn from psychological experiences, you could point out how varying and imperfect inferences could have led to the different forms of religion as we know them to-day, and reasonably claim that where these differ from Modern Spiritualism the root cause of difference lies in the wrong application of the message that was intended by the Spirit Communicators. You could instance how the Greeks and Romans concentrated too much on the power of their spirit communicators to give helpful advice on worldly affairs, and used the mediums as oracles and their gods as patrons of the various phases of national and domestic life; how the Brahmins misunderstood the teachings regarding spheres of progression and built up their caste system; and how the Christians missed the human touch and made the mistake of canonising their spirit communicators into saints and angels, and of deifying their founder as the son and only mouthpiece of their God.

Of course you may not agree with the points I have suggested, and in that case you would offer points of your own. All I am suggesting is the order in which your points could be profitably raised.

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.

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With a live District Council, the national work, policy and growth is encouraged and assisted. There are at present 19 districts. Two of the districts have no council.

The chief idea in giving the foregoing details is to encourage each Lyceum and District Council to examine our statistics, finance, policy, basis of government, and general welfare.

There is an Education Committee dealing purely with that phase of the work. It is an important factor in Lyceum growth.

During the last four years we have a decrease of over 2,000 Lyceumists. Is this falling away taking place in your district or in your Lyceum? Presumably it is. It is impossible to visit all Lyceums scattered over the country, hence we appeal from the centre to the limits of our membership.

Truth is its own missionary, but as it can only be expressed by us as we know it, we must encourage its power, not only to live within and through us, but in the minds of others who live about us.

We have the ministry of angels for our guidance and the youth in our land demand service and revelation.

If we provide for this demand in an acceptable way we shall find our numbers, our prosperity, and our enthusiasm have increased in such a way that our progress will be sufficient reward for the labours we have expended. "Where the cause is weak, be thou er builder of strength."

G. F. KNOTT.

## RESULT OF FOUNDER'S DAY EFFORT.

PROCEEDS FROM CRACKER.—Mr. W. Beardsall, Easy Road, Leeds, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Tattersall, Bacup, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Raymond, Daulby Hall, Liverpool, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Thompson, Birkenhead, 1s. 6d.; Mr. J. T. Smith, South Shields United Lyceum Workers, 4s. 6d.; Mr. E. Nellist, Grange Rd., Middlesbrough, 1s. 6d.; Mr. Richardson, Rye Hill, Newcastle, 1s. 6d.; Mr. L. Shipley, Sherwood St., Nottingham, 1s. 6d.; Mr. O. Peel, Mechanics Hall, Nottingham, 5s. 9d.; Mr. Mack, Runcorn, 1s. 6d.; Miss K. Gibson, Grange Rd., Middlesbrough, 1s. 6d.; Mr. W. Smith, Newlands Ave., Shildon, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. F. Franklin, Peckham, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. M. Edington, Wallsend, 1s. 6d.; Mr. W. R. Phillips, Dewsbury, 1s. 6d.; Miss E. Pegg, Hucknall, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Brown, Holborn Hall, Hull, 1s. 6d.; Mr. P. Chapman, St. Paul's, Halifax, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. M. A. Williams, Bowes Park, 1s. 6d.; Miss A. M. Reeves, Ryde, Isle of Wight, 1s. 6d.; Mr. L. Benfield, Hackney, 1s. 6d.; Mr. E. Johnson, Attercliffe, Sheffield, 1s. 6d.; Miss S. Holroyd, Dunfermline, Five, N.B., 1s. 6d.; Mrs. K. Wright, Castleford, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. E. Coe, Broadgate, Coventry, 1s. 6d.; Miss M. B. Robinson, Cleckheaton, 1s. 6d.; Miss Halliday, Alma St., Halifax, 1s. 6d.; Mr. J. E. Ball, Sowerby Bridge, 1s. 6d.; Mr. A. Guy, Darnall, Sheffield, 1s. 6d.; Mr. Wright, Moston, Mchr., 1s. 6d.; Miss Doris M. Ellis, Scarborough, 1s. 6d.; Miss Goldstraw, Salford Central, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Springate, Stockport, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Mather Rectory Hall, Gateshead, 1s. 6d.; Mr. John J. Hobster, Chesterfield, 4s. 3d.; Mrs. Seal, Ramsden St., Huddersfield, 4s. 6d.; Mr. B. A. Firth, Armley, Leeds, 1s. 6d.; Miss M. E. Lawton, Dalkeith St., Barrow, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Taft, Barrow, 5s.; Mr. J. Taylor, Newton Heath, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. C. Barnes, Eastwood, Notts., 3s. 9d.; Miss Eachus, Wigan, 1s. 6d.; Miss Combs, Bradford St., Bolton, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Codd, Herne Hill, London, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Dixon, Manchester Progressive, 3s. 2d.; Miss E. Dixon, Manchester Progressive, 4s.; Miss N. Hewitt, Ealing, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Webb, Doncaster, 3s. 6d.; Mr. Reynolds, Peterborough, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Scholes, Radcliffe, 1s. 6d.; Miss Gardener, Whitley Bay, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Fogg, Hollinwood, 1s. 6d.; Miss Dean, Bury, 3s. 6d.; Miss Harding, Wakefield, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Vollans, Fleetwood, 1s. 6d.; Miss Vann, Liberty, Leicester, 1s. 6d.; Mr. Payne, Forest Hill, 1s. 6d.; Mr. J. Thompson, Birkenhead, 4s.; Mr. John Hawkins, Belper, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Richardson, Mansfield, 1s. 6d.; Miss Mary Gough, Brighouse, 1s. 6d.; Miss Kilner, Preston, Moor Lane, 3s.; Mr. E. Weller, Rugby, 1s. 6d.; Mr. H. Briggs, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. H. Rushton, Macclesfield, 2s.; Mr. Percy Stanham, Grimsby, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Parker, Excelsior, Leicester, 3s. od.; Miss A. Brown, Handsworth 1s. 6d.; Mr. John Hicks, Rupert St., Leicester, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. E. Williams, Battersea, 1s. 6d.; Miss B. Laycock, Burnley, North St., 1s. 6d.; Mr. E. Platt, Musgrave Street, West Hartlepool, 2s. 6.; Miss B. Smith Earby, 3s. 9d.; Mr. L. Evans, Chester, 1s. 6d.; Chester 1s. 6d.; Mr. E. Reaym Hetton-le Hole, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Howe, North Pavement, Barnsley, 3s. 6d.; Miss Smart, Charwood, St., Derby, 2s. 3d.; Mr. Higginbottom, Heely, Sheffield, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Crane, Midland, Lincoln, 2s. od.; Mr. Wm. Guest, West Melton, 1s. 6d.; Miss Phyllis Monk, Henry St., Bolton, 1s. 6d.; Mr. H. Holroyd, Devenport, 1s. 6d.; Mr. W. Simpson, Milton, Bradford, 3s. od.; Mrs.

E. Gregson, Horwich, 1s. 6d.; Miss E. Deplitch, Heaton Norris, 3s. od.; Miss G. Hall, Deane Rd., Bolton, 2s. 3d.; Mrs. C. Shakespeare, Stirchley, 3s. od.; Mr. T. R. Goglan, Darwen, 2s. 7d.; Miss B. Davies, Park Grove Cardiff, 2s. 9d.; Mr. E. W. Long, Southampton, 3s. od.; Mr. Cartwright, Hyde, 4s. od.; Mr. F. B. S. Kemp, Southend and Westcliffe, 2s. od.; Mr. A. E. Howards, Boaler St., Liverpool, 3s. od.; Mr. W. H. Peel, Southport, 1s. 6d.; Mr. T. Wood, Blackburn, 3s. od.; Mr. H. Giles, Reading, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Willey, Coultham St., Lincoln, 1s. 6d.; Miss P. Lewis, Clapham, 1s. 6d.;—Total £10 8s. 6d.

**Collections.**—Daulby Hall, Liverpool, 14s. 3d.; South Shields United Lyceum Workers, 5s. 6d.; Sherwood St., Nottingham, 5s. od.; Mechanics Hall, Nottingham, 10s. od.; St. Paul's, Halifax, 7s. 8d.; Hackney, 7s. od.; Cleckheaton, 4s. 3d.; Chesterfield, 3s. 3d.; Whitley Bay 5s. od.; Handsworth, 3s. 6d.; Congleton, 2s. od.; Rupert St., Leicester, 5s. od.; North St., Burnely, 10s. 6d.; Hetton-le-Hole, 2s. 6d.; Psycho, Leeds, 2s. od.; Reading, 4s. od.; Total, £4 11s. 5½d.

## B.S.L.U. SUPPLEMENTARY FUND.

The following subscribers have been added to the list since March 30th:—Craghead 5s., Sunderland (Derwent Street) 5s., North Shields 10s., Winnipeg (Polson Avenue) 5s., Winnipeg (Princess Street) 5s., Llandudno 10s., Dunedin (N.Z.) 5s., Tyneside L.D.C. £1 1s. Total to April 29th, £27 3s. 10d.

## B.S.L.U. CAPITATION FUND.

Amounts received during 1930, £5 15s. 7d.

## B.S.L.U. GUARANTEE FUND, 1930.

Previously acknowledged, £3 10s. od. Anon., London, £1; H.G., £1. Total, £5 10s. od.

## B.S.L.U. PATRON FUND.

Miss Last 2s. 6d., Mrs. Last 2s. 6d., Droylsden Lyceum Birthday Club 5s., Mrs. L. Nurse 2s. 6d., Miss R. Burgess (New Zealand) 2s. 6d. Total to April 29th, £1 12s. 6d.

## The Children's Puzzle.



In the above puzzle are things which have names that begin with every letter in the alphabet. Uncle Bert will be glad to know how many you can find.

LYCEUM MANUAL TEST, No 18.

The entries were hardly any improvement on the February test and maybe Mr. Editor the Lyceumists have got tired of so much Manual searching. There are districts this time from which no single entry has been forthcoming and one feels that Lyceum Officers could do more to encourage their charges if they would. I am setting another test and this must be the last unless a better response is shown:—

The correct answers to the Junior test are:—

	Marks.
1. Let it Pass.	1
2. Reform.	1
3. Work.	1
4. Truth.	1
5. Help others.	1
6. The new era.	1
7. Death (twice.) There is no Death.	3
8. Vesper.	1
9. The Beautiful.	1
10. Home.	1
11. Wisdom.	1
12. Do Good. Good night. Love.	3
13. Knowledge.	1
14. Children.	1
15. What is Noble?.	1
	19

The prize winners are,-

Donald Orman, aged 13, of Plymouth, with 19 marks.

Mifanwy Rees, aged 12½, of Cardiff, with 18 marks.

Honorable mention is due to Lily Jones (Durham), Raymond Chivers (Rotherham), Lena Tollerton (Liverpool), Doris Fruin (London), Sylvia Durman (Portsmouth), Brenda Avery and Gordon Snook (both of Malta).

The correct solution to the Cross-word Puzzle in the Senior section is,—

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R O A N ■ A P T ■ H E L P
A ■ N A I L ■ I B E X ■ U
B A G S ■ A N D ■ A P E S
I D E A L S ■ E R R O R S
D O L L Y ■ B ■ E S S A Y
■ S ■ C E R E S ■ E ■ ■
O F ■ D E L I V E R ■ U S
■ ■ F ■ U M B E R ■ T ■ ■
H A U L M ■ E ■ V E R S E
E N L I S T ■ L E G I O N
B I G G ■ E L I ■ R A N D
E ■ O H M S ■ F E E L ■ O
S O R T ■ T O E ■ T S A R
    
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The prayer being "Angels of Light, Help and deliver us," found in G.C.R. No. 147, entitled, "Spiritual Litany."

All correct answers were received from:—  
Helen Jones, aged 16, of Attercliffe, Sheffield.  
Muriel G. Keeling, aged 21, of Liverpool.  
Alfred Cretney, of Liverpool.  
H. G. Owen, of Liverpool.

to each of whom prizes have been forwarded.

Honourable mention is due to Miss Reeves, Florence Stuart, Matilda Grice, Mrs. Edith Clements, D.N.U.,

Mrs. Rose, Dorothy Snook, Mrs. Hinton, Miss Macgregor, Mr. Goodyear, Mrs. Lilly, Mr. & Mrs. Watson, George Cooke, Cyril Martin and Thomas Hine.

Test No. 19.

JUNIOR SECTION.

Age not to exceed 14 years.

Two prizes of half-a-crown each for the best boy and best girl.

What Authors can you trace in the following sentences?

1. His brow needed wiping.
2. Take the ball and throw into Nannie's lap.
3. Have you seen the Bisto wee kiddies on the hoardings?
4. Some think Adam set Eve a bad example.
5. Tell the cook to do ten potatoes for the working party.
6. Her father was a Boatswain in the Navy.
7. Fifty Lerwick fishermen were drowned.
8. Your aim should be to live rightly.
9. These arsenical pills are dangerous.
10. Charles lied drunk as a fool, at taverns doorway.
11. Some have an idea Kings are still popular, but Tsars have died out, while Spain enters upon an onerous time.
12. A strap operates the shutter.

SENIOR SECTION.

Open to all Lyceumists over 14 years of age.

One prize each for the best solution from any boy or girl between 14 and 21, and one for adults.

Each of the following verses describes a Manual Title. These should be given with their numbers.

1. In the centre of a St. there is something very small,  
Though a dwelling place is shewn on either hand;  
Such places may be lowly, or again they may be tall,  
But they hold all that is dearest in the land.
2. There's a most distinguished order in this title,  
And He embracing it is quite renowned;  
There's no need to give you furthermore recital,  
As no place like it has ever yet been found.
3. In Biblical pages of long ago ages  
Some chapters are pleasing to see,  
This title reminds me (my Manual beside me),  
Of Ruth whom it fits to a T.
4. If climbing hills, or even steeper places,  
And day is ushered in while you are there,  
Just pause and think what title this embraces,  
An easy guess you'll readily declare.
5. With wedding bells in glad refrain  
A title tells you why,  
It indicates in joyous strain  
Two units linked thereby.
6. A letter twice, another thrice,  
And half a childish steed,  
Will give you all a title  
That is very good in deed.

7. One hope you must repeat to-day,  
Then ever on you'll find,  
'Twill give you untold joy they say  
When properly combined.
8. This title mentioned sixteen times  
(Though singular and plural)  
Explains our toil in many climes,  
'Tis often truly rural.
9. If to to each other (lass or lad)  
You need to speak your mind,  
Two little words I'd like to add  
And ask you to be kind.
10. Just by a neck they are divided,  
Each end you'll see is but one-sided,  
And though so close, pray no alarms  
They'll never fight though up in arms.
11. Ah ha! two ills a showing  
Just turn them into cheers,  
And lo! another title  
Quite quickly re-appears.
12. With numbers all descending  
First two, then one and nought,  
The first word after ending  
Here in between is caught.
13. You take a drink, but mind a dog  
Lies hidden round about,  
But put in proper order then  
A title you'll find out.

Test No. 19. COUPON.

Name .....

Address .....

Age (if under 21) .....

All entries must be sent to Mr. J. G. McFARLANE,  
6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, not later  
than May 17th, 1930.

## Bolton Lyceum District Council.

The above Council will hold its

### ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION

at BURY, on May 31st, 1930.

Assemble 2-30 p.m. on the Fairground.

Tea in the Co-operative Hall. Adults 1s. 6d.  
Children 1s.

Musical Items, Short Speeches, Dancing in the  
evening.

### SILVER PAPER.

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

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

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

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of silver paper from Mr. Kitson, Horwich Lyceum, Miss P. Lewis (Clapham), Mr. R. Ellidge (Shaw), Mrs. Ridehalgh and Mrs. Carter (Bacup), Liverpool L.D.S. (per Mrs. George), Daulby Hall Lyceum (per Mr. C. W. Dixon), Nellie Dean and Mrs. Moore (Bury), Mrs. A. J. Coe (Coventry), Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Dixon (Rochdale), Mrs. Mitchell (Pargate), Mr. Daisley (Leeds Psycho), Darwen Lyceum (per Miss Walker), Lilian and Edward Clark (Rugby), Miss Watkins (Chorley), Mr. Reynolds (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Mrs. Fruin (London), Miss E. Elliott (Moston), Mansfield 1st N.S. Lyceum, Miss E. Jackson, (Manchester Progressive), Mr. F. Carter (Blackpool), Stockport Central Lyceum, West Vale Lyceumists, Newton Heath Lyceum, Coventry, Broadgate Lyceum, Hyde (per Mr. Cartwright), Miss K. Owen (Salford Central), Mrs. Dobby, Mansfield Dallas St. (per Mr. Richardson, S.N.U.), Mrs. Clegg (Oldham), Miss Amy Pennington (London), Chesterfield (per Mr. Hobster), Helen Jones (Attercliffe), Middlesbrough, Wilson St. (per Mr. J. Kent).

### THE DROYLSDEN LYCEUM BIRTHDAY CLUB.

The Droylsden Lyceum sent a donation to the B.S. L.U. funds from their birthday Club. An enquiry has produced the following reply:—

DEAR MR. KNOTT,

You say our Birthday Club is a novel idea. Well, if you could spread the idea around and possibly obtain further funds for our Union we at Droylsden would be very pleased.

In the first place, about nine months ago a few of our Adult Lyceumists thought it would be very nice if we could have some kind of club whereby each Lyceumist, from the youngest to the eldest, would receive some token of goodwill on their Birthday. This token takes the form of a card, bookmark, or in the case of a very young child, a toy.

We got our fund going and all Adult Lyceumists give a voluntary subscription of one penny or more per week. As time has passed over we have accumulated a little surplus money and, of course, we believe in being practical Lyceumists, hence our donation to the Union.

The aims of our club are unlimited, and we intend putting our club to various practical uses, as well as keeping a chain of harmonious thoughts and feelings throughout our Lyceum.

I can assure you of the pleasure on the faces of our Lyceumists when I read your letter to them yesterday. It was nice to realise the interest you had taken in the Club, and I need hardly say you are at liberty to write about it in the BANNER,

Yours fraternally,

Mrs. A. Green, Sec.

## A Story from Manual Titles.

By MISS R. BURGESS.

In "This Sweet Land of Sunshine," where "The Roses of Life" bloom in "The Garden of the Heart," my thoughts often wander to "The Homeland," and "To the days when we were Young," where in the old "Home," "Home Affections" made it a "Home Sweet Home." There we were taught to "Cherish Kindly Feelings," to "Be Kind to each other" and so "Be Happy," and "In the Conduct of Life," to have "Backbone," to "Speak Gently" and to "Trust in God and do the Right," and thus "Make Home Pleasant."

The reaper "Death" has called many of them and "One by One" "They have passed the Shadowy Portal," "Over the River of Light," and entered "The Sweet Summer-land," where "Spirit friends at the Threshold" cried, "Welcome, thrice Welcome."

Before I crossed the seas on "The Voyage of Life," I learned "The Teachings of Spiritualism" and knew the joys of "Mediumship" and "Spiritual Gifts," and heard "Voices from the Spirit Land" saying "There is no Death;" and on "The Beautiful Shore" of "This Beautiful Land" I heard "The Word of God" saying "Go forward" "The Workers Win," and "Your Mission" is with the "Children."

When I received an "Invitation to the Lyceum" I knew I had found my "Work" and saw "What might be done" if we walked "Hand in Hand with Angels."

I started "The Lyceum" in Dunedin and in "The Hall of Progress" The Lyceum Band" stand "Shoulder to Shoulder" and "Sing all Together" their "Greeting Song" and listen to "The Invocation to Angels."

"Parents and Children" learn the same "Precepts" "The Beatitudes," of "The Aim of Spiritualism," "The Nature of Spiritualism," "The Origin of the Lyceum," of "The True and the False" and "The Pioneers of Freedom."

Ofttimes in "The School of Progress" the "Joy-Bells" ring out, and "The World is full of Music" as we "Open the Door for the Children" and we know that "God folds them in His Bosom."

This is the "Children's Day," and the "Little Children" are "The Sowers," and the "The Senses" are awakened, the "Seeds of Promise" are quickened, and "Heart Flowers" bloom and it is indeed a time of "Thanksgiving."

"Light, more Light," comes from "The Bright Spirit Star" which is "The Star of Progress," and in "The March of Life" they "Haste to the Field of Labour," and with "Love" and "Wisdom," "Scatter Seeds of Kindness" and give "The Helping Hand," for "Deeds not Words" is their motto.

"The Unity and Eternity of Labour" makes "Our Duties" pleasant, and we know that "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" are "Our Rights."

"Life is Onward" and we are all "Life's Builders" and by building a healthy body, putting from us "Pride, Anger and Ignorance," adopting "The Religion of Health" and drinking "Sparkling Water" we quickly realise "Health is Wealth" and is "Better than Gold." In this "Knowledge" we "Help Others" and give "Life and Happiness."

"The Veil has been rent in Twain" between this world and "The Unseen World" and we compare

"The Old and the New" teachings. There is "A New Faith for the old Creed" and we "Ring out the false, ring in the True" with its "Heavenly Wisdom" which is a "Ladder of Light" with its "Steps of Progress," teaching us "The Nature of Man" and of the true "Brotherhood," and as we listen to the "Song of the Angels" the "Soul" is filled with "A Faith Sublime."

We "Never forget the Dear Ones," who from "The Heavenly Mansions" whisper "Stand for the Right" "Press On" and tell us "How to live."

"Sometime" they will "Meet us at the Crystal Gate" and give a "Welcome to All," but while here we must "Stand Firm" and "Forward Press to Conquer."

In a few weeks we shall sing our "Parting Song." "Lord Dismiss Us," for now "The winter storms are o'er" we are looking forward to "Sunny Days" when we shall "Catch the Sunshine," and in taking our summer (Christmas) vacation we shall have a much-needed "Rest for the Weary" mind and body, when the "Angels Care" of the "Guardian Angels" will restore us for "Are they not Ministering Spirits?"

Then perhaps we shall arrange to "Get up early" and have a "Morn amid the Mountains," so at "Day-break" the sleepy ones will hear these words "Arise, let us go hence." Some will say "Do not wait," but others eagerly "Open wide the Gates" that we may pass through where "Waiting on the other side" are friends whom once "Again we've met."

As we reach the mountain top we shall cry "Hail, Festal Morn," for it is like a "Dream of Heaven." "The Morning sun his golden eyelash raises o'er eastern hills" and in "Natural Worship" we exclaim "All Thy works praise Thee," and we come "Nearer to Thee."

We shall think then "When this old-earth is righted" and the "New Era" ushered in, it will be like "A Psalm of Life," and "Joy shall come at last" we "Hope on, Hope ever" that time will come and "Trust in the Future we shall see it."

In the meantime "What I live for" is to "Do good" as far as is in my power, and to teach the children the true meaning of "The Philosophy of Life," and in looking forward to the re-assembling after our holidays where bright smiling faces will be "Waiting for Us."

We from this land send "A Cheer for the Workers," and wish everyone "A Glad New Year" and trust they may all "Trip Lightly" over all difficulties, for in "The Divine Order of things," God, from whom "Cometh a Blessing down," ordereth all things wisely and well.

(Miss) R. BURGESS, c/o Mrs. Green,  
679, Cumberland St., Dunedin North,  
New Zealand.

Conductor Children's Progressive Lyceum.

December 1929.

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BLACKPOOL.—On Monday, April 14th, a Social was held in Blackpool Church. About 60 were present. A good programme was arranged. During the evening two wedding presents were presented. Mr. Hadcroft, President of the Church, presented to Mrs. and Mr. R. W. Singleton a pair of vases and a cushion. He then presented to Mrs. and Mr. H. Howarth an oak wall clock. It was a very nice ceremony enjoyed by all.—F. Carter, Sec.

## BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The above Union will hold its

# 41st ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At 3-30 p.m. on Saturday, June 7th, and 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 8th, 1930, in the  
**NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, SPEN LANE, YORK.**

President : MISS EDITH ELLIOTT, A.N.S.C., of Manchester.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES:—The Billet Secretary is Mr. S. Smith, 19, Hartoft Street, Fulford Road, York. The Billet Charge is 7s. 6d. per Delegate. The charge for meals during the Conference is 6s. od.

### AGENDA.

1. OPENING EXERCISES.
2. APPOINTMENTS:—(a) Messenger; (b) Tellers; (c) Scrutin-  
ers; (d) Member of Standing Orders Committee.
3. MINUTES OF LAST CONFERENCE.
4. CORRESPONDENCE.
5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Nil.
7. REPORTS:—(a) Management Committee; (b) Treasurer;  
(c) Auditors; (d) £2,000 Effort; (e) Trustees; (f) Banner;  
(g) Education; (h) College; (i) Manual Revision; (j)  
U.D.C.; (k) Ainsworth Home of Rest; (l) Overseas; (m)  
International; (n) S.N.U. Conference and E.C.; (o) M.C.  
Interim.
8. ELECTIONS:—  
(a) Elect Officers:—(i) President; (ii) Vice-President; (iii)  
Treasurer.  
(b) Declaration of the result of the Election of the Area  
Representatives.
9. ELECT S.N.U. E.C. REPRESENTATIVES.
10. ELECT AUDITOR.
11. ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER CONFERENCES.
12. PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT B.S.L.U. CONFERENCE.
13. MOTIONS:—  
(a) Nil.  
(b) To amend the Bye-Laws.

From North-East Lancashire L.D.C.

1. Bye-law 9. Delete sub-section (c), par. 1.  
Bye-law 9. Delete all words from "When," par 2,  
to "billets," par. 4, and substitute:—  
"The inviting Lyceum or District Council shall,  
not later than the 23rd of March, furnish the General  
Secretary with a list of Hotels and other suitable  
accommodation, together with the charges therefor.  
This list shall be published in the Lyceum Banner  
for April and circulated to all Lyceums. Delegates  
to the Conference shall make their own arrangements  
for and defray the cost of their accommodation."
2. Bye-law 10. Section 1. Delete A to H.  
Section 2. Delete all words from "The General Secre-  
tary," on line 7, to end of paragraph.  
Section, 3, 4 and 5. Delete.

### Substitute:—

Section 1. (A) North, to comprise all Lyceums north  
of a line drawn from Holyhead to Lincoln.

(B) South, to comprise all Lyceums south of the same  
line.

3. Bye-law 10. Section 6. After "Officers," on line 1,  
insert "Management Committee."
4. Bye-law 10. New Section. "The names of all candi-  
dates for the Areas shall appear on the voting papers  
with the nominations for Officers and shall be voted  
on at the Conference."

From Sheffield L.D.C.

New Bye-law.

"That the travelling expenses of all delegates attending  
Conference shall be 'pooled'; such expenses to be equally  
divided among the various bodies in affiliation with the  
B.S.L.U., whether they be represented at Conference or  
not."

(c) General Motions.

From the Management Committee.

1. "That no revised edition of the Lyceum Manual be  
published for a period of 10 years from 1932."

From Liverpool (Daulby Hall) Lyceum.

2. "That in the interests of economy and the desirability  
of still closer unity a committee of three be appointed  
to explore and report upon:—  
(a) The possibility of joint working with the Spiritual-  
ists' National Union.  
(b) The means (if any) whereby such an arrangement  
can be put into operation.

Such Committee shall keep in mind the need for  
maintaining, as far as possible, the integrity of the  
British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union."

14. NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.
15. VOTES OF THANKS.
16. CLOSING EXERCISES.

### 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.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES:—Fourteen days' notice in writing must  
be given to the General Secretary of all questions relating  
to the business of any Conference, except the last one.

# THE LYCEUM BANNER

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EDITOR: G. F. KNOTT, F.N.S.C.

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MAY, 1930.

## The Management Committee Report.

Meetings of the M.C. have been held at Hyde, Fleetwood, Nottingham and Rochdale, and our sincere thanks are accorded to the respective Churches and Lyceums for their hospitality. In view of the position revealed last year, expenses were minimised as far as practicable, and all sub-committee meetings were held during the week-ends when the M.C. met.

Every avenue has been explored for the purpose of raising funds for the work of the Union. Various appeals have been made and we wish to record our gratitude to the Lyceums and friends who have generously responded to them.

The totals for the year are:—

	£	s.	d.
Guarantee Fund .....	25	15	6
Capitation Fund (including donations) .....	106	7	2
Patron Fund .....	22	5	3

Despite this help there is again an adverse balance on the year's work of £149.

We regret to report another decrease in Lyceum membership and the nett loss of six Lyceums and 787 Lyceumists during 1929 calls for serious attention. During the past ten years 252 Lyceums have been admitted to membership, while 224 Lyceums have gone out of membership. We would draw the attention of the District Councils to these figures and urge them to work in every possible way to retain old members and hold on to new ones, thus bringing about an increase in membership strength.

Miss V. G. Rayner was appointed Secretary of the £2,000 Effort, in place of Mr. Burrows, who resigned the position on his appointment as Treasurer of the Union. The Lyceums have responded to Miss Rayner's appeals in a pleasing manner and the Fund has benefitted thereby.

During August the Union suffered a severe loss, through the passing of Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A., the Hon. Sec. of the Education Scheme, and the daughter of our Adviser. Miss E. Elliott and Mr. A. T. Connor rendered untiring and devoted service before and after Miss Kitson's passing to spirit life.

During the year money has accrued from the Ainsworth Home of Rest. Application forms have been prepared and circulated to all Lyceums. We are

awaiting reports from Lyceums or District Councils of appropriate Convalescent Homes on any adjacent sea-coast. Lyceumists in poor financial circumstance and needing change of air and rest, can have the advantages of the Charity, providing the easy rules of the Scheme have been met.

Peace Sunday (the second Sunday in November) is now an annual feature of the Union's work. Many Lyceums had special sessions for the cause of Peace.

Copies of the amended Bye-laws were sent to the Lyceums with the form for the Statistical Returns.

In view of complaints received a better binding has been placed on the *Lyceum Manuals* at slightly increased cost, to meet which, the 13-12 method of sales has been withdrawn, and all books are now sold 12 to the dozen.

The B.S.L.U. Delegate to the I.S.F. did not attend the Annual Meeting of the International Spiritualist Federation General Committee, owing to the financial position of the B.S.L.U.

Mr. Alfred Kitson has presented a portion of his library to the B.S.L.U. He had previously given his Bound Volumes of the *LYCEUM BANNER* to Mr. A. T. Connor, but both gentlemen have agreed that the Bound Volumes shall be given to the Union, on the condition that Mr. Connor has the use of the books whenever he requires them. The books are now in the Union's office.

A cheap parcel of books has been offered to Lyceums, but we regret there has been a poor demand. We draw special attention to this parcel. The books are being offered at half price.

Finally, we draw the attention of Lyceums that our stock of saleable books and cash is running low. It is necessary that we must all make some effort, and possibly sacrifice, so that the Union's work may proceed and again progress. We look to the Lyceums for additional support, to stop the leakage of members, and fulfil the objects for which the B.S.L.U. was founded.

We would ask you to record your sincere appreciation of the sacrifice made by Mr. Kitson, who has voluntarily agreed to forego his salary as Adviser, thereby showing the continuation of his deep interest and concern for the welfare of the Union.

## LYCEUM MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE.

The newly elected and re-organised Manual Revision Committee met at Darwen on 2nd and 3rd, November, 1929.

All the members of the Committee, except Mr. G. P. Robson, were members of the past Committee. It was decided to continue the work on the methods adopted by the previous Committee, with the necessary explanations of procedure to Mr. Robson.

Only one meeting has been held with a view to making the expense as low as possible.

The Manual Revision Committee recommend to the B.S.L.U. Conference "the adoption of the 'Seven Principles' as in the S.N.U. Memorandum of Association."

The detailed report of the meeting was printed on page 186 of the December issue of the *BANNER*, 1929 volume.

E. A. KEELING, *Chairman*.  
G. F. KNOTT, *Secretary*.



## PUBLISHING FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.		
To Stock of Publications, Dec. 31st, 1928	...	433	14	11	By Sale of Manuals, Songsters, etc.	...	357	0	0		
„ Stock of Trading, Dec. 31st, 1928	...	1	19	5	„ Sale of Trading	...	4	16	5		
„ Office Furniture and Fittings	...		435	14	4	„ Stock of Publications, December 31st, 1929	...	366	19	9	
„ Printing and Binding:—	...		50	1	8	„ Outstanding Accounts	...	11	4	4	
Manuals	...		61	8	6	„ Office Furniture and Fittings	...	45	1	6	
Songsters	...		6	12	3	„ Deficit Balance to Accumulative Fund	...	202	2	5	
„ Trading	...		5	18	3						
„ Postages and Stationery	...		24	19	3						
„ Fire Insurances	...		2	15	0						
„ Labels, Packing Papers, etc.	...		6	3	0						
„ Advert. Lyceum Banner	...		10	0	0						
„ Audit and Stocktaking	...		12	15	7						
„ Sundries	...			6	6						
„ Bank Charges	...			1	15	8					
„ Proportion of Salaries (¾)	...	295	16	5							
„ Proportion of Rent, Light, etc. (¾)	...	72	17	9							
			368	14	2						
			£987	4	5				£987	4	5

## LYCEUM BANNER ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.		
To Outstanding Accounts, December 31st, 1929	...		46	16	3	By Sale of Lyceum Banners, etc.	...	333	14	8	
„ Printing, etc., Banners	...		291	3	5	„ Adverts. and Reports	...	26	14	5	
„ Carriage	...		54	17	5	„ Outstanding Accounts, December 31st, 1929	...	51	14	11	
„ Blocks	...		2	9	9	„ Deficit Balance to Accumulative Fund	...	59	19	9	
„ Posters	...		9	0	0						
„ Postages	...		5	14	4						
„ Stationery	...			13	6						
„ Proportion of Salaries (¼)	...	49	6	1							
„ Proportion of Rent, Light, etc. (¼)	...	12	3	0							
			61	9	1						
			£472	3	9				£472	3	9

## ACCUMULATIVE FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.		
To Deficit Balance, Publishing Fund Account	...	202	2	5	By Balance, December 31st, 1928	...	660	12	5		
„ Deficit Balance, Lyceum Banner Account	...	59	19	9	„ Balance, General Fund Account	...	113	1	8		
„ Balance, Accumulative Fund Account	...	511	11	6							
			£773	13	8				£773	13	8

## CERTIFICATES' DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.		
To Balance	...		14	17	6	By Balance, December 31st, 1928	...	14	7	0	
						„ Certificates issued	...	10	6		
			£14	17	6				£14	17	6

## LYCEUM HOME FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.		
To Balance, S.U.D.C.	...	100	0	0	By Balance, December 31st, 1928	...	178	6	2		
„ Balance, Bank	...	84	6	7	„ Interest, S.U.D.C.	...	1	18	0		
					„ Interest, Bank	...	2	4	5		
					„ Income Tax Return	...		4	2	5	
			£184	6	7				1	18	0
									£184	6	7

## £2,000 EFFORT ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.		
To Postages, etc.	...		17	5	By Balance, December 31st, 1928	...	586	12	9		
„ Printing	...		5	4	0	„ Donations	...	43	11	3	
„ Balance, S.U.D.C.	...	450	0	0	„ Interest, S.U.D.C.	...	12	0	0		
„ Balance, Bank	...	191	10	4	„ Interest, Bank	...	3	18	1		
„ Cash in Secretary's hands	...	6	9	4	„ Income Tax Return	...		15	18	1	
			647	19	8				7	19	0
			£654	1	1				£654	1	1



## THE LYCEUM BANNER REPORT.

The initial purpose of the BANNER is to convey information and help to Lyceumists. It is the definite link for conveying news and reports of interest to all readers.

The B.S.L.U. must justify its existence as a religious and educational institution. From this point of view the Associate section of the National Spiritualist College has been given much space to advance the educational programme.

The children's articles and puzzles have been an attraction to young people. Their comments and criticism have been the index for the articles. The Lyceum reports containing the children's names are ever a popular feature.

The BANNER is a good basis for gauging the progress or decline of the Union. During 1929, the sales gradually declined and this regrettable phase was an organic indication that there would be a smaller return of Lyceumists at the end of the year.

The BANNER sales are now increasing. This is an encouraging sign and shows deeper interest.

With the insertion of much free copy and official reports it is difficult to make the paper pay its way. Yet it is gratifying to find that the deficit of £129 in 1927 and £111 in 1928 has been reduced to £60 in 1929.

All Lyceums who did not have a supply of BANNERS have been sent a free copy along with an invitation to obtain a supply. We are pleased to report there has been an increase of over 200 copies since the appeal was sent out.

It is essential in some cases, to draw the attention of Lyceum Secretaries to the limit of words allowed in the free reports. The rules are printed in each issue. An obedience to the rules will save disappointment.

There is a slight increase in the numbers of subscribers; partly due to some students taking up the advanced section of the Education Scheme.

Thanks are specially due to Miss M. E. Kitson, B.A., Mr. A. T. Connor, Uncle Bert, "Meg," Mr. McFarlane and Mr. Alfred Kitson for their various contributions.

Comments have been received that the BANNER has improved. We are pleased to suit these readers, but unfortunately there are always some contributions which are unsuitable or cannot be used for lack of space. So much space is required for dated events and regular articles that it is difficult to please all. And so we just do our best.

We know some Lyceums are incurring a loss by obtaining supplies. We accord our thanks to such Lyceums for their support. It is commendable and we appreciate this method of keeping the interest of the Lyceumists.

The historical records of the Union's affairs are recorded in the paper. The purchase of a Bound Volume at the end of each year provides a useful reference book, and should be in the library of every interested Lyceum. Attercliffe, Liverpool, (Daulby Hall), Runcorn and South Manchester are the only Lyceums who purchase these records.

The present edition is 4,400 copies. The BANNER is the direct touch between every Lyceumist reader

and the movement, and we hope for increasing support and sales.

G. F. KNOTT, *Editor*.

## Education Committee's Report to Conference

### THE COMMITTEE, 1929—1930.

Last year's Conference decreed that the membership of the Education Committee should be reduced from eight to six, and elected Miss M. E. Kitson, Miss A. Hesp, and Messrs. E. A. Keeling and A. T. Connor, with Miss E. Elliott and Mr. G. F. Knott, to carry on the work of the Education Scheme for 1929—1930. Through various causes the Committee has been further reduced during the year to three members—

Mr. Connor (Chairman and Acting Hon. Secretary) and

Miss Elliott and Mr. Knott (*ex officio*)—who have carried on the work to the best of their ability.

### OUR GREAT LOSS.

It is impossible to start our report without a reference to the grievous loss sustained by the Movement in the transition, last August, of our Education Secretary, Miss Mary E. Kitson, B.A., F.N.S.C. Everyone knows that she was the mainspring of our educational activities, and that she devoted not only her spare time and energy, but time and energy that she could not really spare, to the educational welfare of our Lyceumist students. She was a progressive and untiring servant of our great Cause, and her colleagues join with Lyceumists generally in congratulating her on her promotion to even more important work on the Spirit side. We offer to her parents our sincere sympathy in their physical loss, and trust that the establishment of communion with her will bring them a due measure of comfort and healing.

### NECESSARY RE-ARRANGEMENTS.

New arrangements had to be made for the administration of the work, and the Committee agreed that all Education Committee stock should be removed to Rochdale, and that in future all handbooks, pamphlets, etc., should be sold or issued from the General Office only—but that a separate Education Department account should still be kept.

Mr. Connor agreed to carry on as Acting Secretary until the 1930 examinations were completed, or until Conference made fresh arrangements, and was given discretion as to the preparation and issue of circulars, etc. In order to save any avoidable expense in this direction, Mr. Knott undertook to cyclostyle the necessary circulars as required, and this arrangement has been carried out. Typed circulars are not as satisfactory as printed ones, but in the present financial condition of the Union the Committee felt that all but unavoidable printing expenditure should be dispensed with.

### MEETINGS.

The Committee met at Matlock in August, at Rochdale (emergency) in September, and again in April, to transact its business; and the decisions arrived at have been made known in the monthly Education Articles in the BANNER and/or by circulars to Lyceums.

**WORK DONE.**

All the usual activities have been carried on—including monthly articles in the BANNER, correspondence, circulars to Lyceums, sale of literature, and the work connected with the examinations.

The change of examination dates from February to May made it necessary to issue Examination Circulars and Forms in two instalments—the first containing Syllabuses and plans for class work, and the second containing Entry and Fee Forms, etc. As the Printed Paper Rate system was adopted, no appreciable additional postage was incurred.

In order to help students to do themselves and their knowledge full justice in the examinations, it was decided to establish a monthly column on How to Tackle Examination Questions. This series, which began last August, has been conducted in both the LYCEUM BANNER and the *National Spiritualist*, and we have reason to believe that it has been appreciated by students and readers generally.

A Mutual Aid Bureau was also established, and is at present conducting a discussion on the nature of the Spirit World and the Spirit Body, which has been highly commended by "The Two Worlds."

**SALES AND STOCK, 1929.**

	SOLD.	IN STOCK, Dec. 31/1929
Summaries and Glossaries	144	3130
Oral Grade Primer	315	1098
Oral Grade Reader	79	1944
Handbook No. 1	300	1137
"    "    2	118	1423
"    "    3	89	1387
"    "    4	47	2484
"    "    5	78	3729
"    "    6	27	4541

The sales compare very unfavourably with those of previous years, but we believe that the cause of the falling off can be found partly in the present economic conditions. Also, many Lyceums apparently left over their purchases of handbooks until the New Year, owing to the later date of the examinations.

**THE EXAMINATIONS.**

As the examinations will not be held until the week-end of May 11th, it is impossible to give any final report. Up to the time of going to press the entries were 1232 students (including 441 Oral Grade) from 114 Lyceums. The complete number of entries and the number of sitters will be published in the June BANNER, and the final examination results will appear in the Results Book.

**EXAMINATION FEES.**

The reference from last year's Conference was carefully considered by the Committee, and we recommend that no increase of fees, other than that of Grade V. to 2s., should be made for the present.

**SIZE OF COMMITTEE.**

Experience of the working of a small Committee has convinced us that three members, working as they do to plans approved by Conference, can carry out the work as efficiently as a Committee of six, and also more economically. All the work for the 1930 examinations has been done by the Acting Education Secretary and the General Secretary, in consultation

with our President; and the Committee recommends that the Education Committee shall in future consist of the Education Secretary (to be nominated and appointed by Conference), the General Secretary, and the President for the time being—with power to co-opt.

**JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

The Joint Committee met twice since last Conference, and at its second meeting made arrangements for the examinations in the Graduate Scheme, which has come into full operation this year with the holding of the Final Grade examination. Entrants and sitters (in brackets) are as follows—Intermediate Grade, 24 (19); Subsidiary Grade, 10 (10); Final Grade 8 (8); and 25 Church and Subscribing Members have entered for the Entrance Examination. We are sorry that so few of our Grade V. "eligibles" are taking the Grades of the Graduate Scheme, as this Scheme was primarily designed as a continuation of our own B.S.L.U. Scheme.

**NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.**

As will be seen from its appended report, the College has carried on its usual activities, in which it suffered from the economic handicaps shared by all other branches of the Organised Movement.

**THE COMMITTEE GIVES THANKS TO—**

(i) The Editor of the LYCEUM BANNER, for the space so readily given month by month for Education Articles, to help on the work.

(ii) The small army of willing and voluntary workers who have combined to make the Scheme a success. This army consists of candidates, tutors, conductors, supervisors, secretaries and committees, of M.C. officers and members, of generous donors to the funds, of writers of articles; and of *examiners*, who annually devote hours to the arduous job of marking the papers. Each individual's help is needed and counts towards the success of the work.

**IN CONCLUSION.**

The National Joint Education Scheme offers to the earnest student a course of systematic, graded, comprehensive study; and fits him or her to play a useful and efficient part in the educational advancement of the Spiritualist Movement.

And it is the aim of the Committee, as of every progressive Lyceumist, that in time (i) *every* Lyceum will train its members, as an essential part of its year's work, in the work of the Grades; (ii) that success in them will be a necessary qualification for office, (iii) and that only speakers holding certificates showing successful courses of study and of ability will be engaged for our platforms; BECAUSE (iv) the rank and file, forming the audience, are themselves trained and educated to follow, *and demand*, intellectual addresses and evidential phenomena.

On behalf of the Education Committee.

- A. T. CONNOR, Chairman and Acting Hon. Secretary.
- GEO. FREDK. KNOTT, General Secretary.
- EDITH ELLIOTT, President.

## THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST  
DECEMBER, 1929.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.
BALANCE from 1928 .. .. .		21	2	7
DONATIONS, of various amounts, from Lyceumists when applying for their A.N.S.C. Diplomas .. .. .		2	2	6
REGISTRATION FEES from 9 local Branches .. .. .		2	5	0
SALES of Books .. .. .		2	9	10
BANK Interest .. .. .		0	7	2
		£28	7	1
EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
PRINTING .. .. .		2	7	0
PURCHASE of Text Books .. .. .		2	10	0
EXPENSES in connection with the transition of Miss Kitson .. .. .		3	10	0
BALANCE in hands of Trustee-Treasurer (in Bank) .. .. .	18	0	1	
Hon. Secretary .. .. .	2	0	0	
		20	0	1
		£28	7	1

THOS. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Treasurer.  
Audited and found correct,

ROBT. A. OWEN. } Trustee-  
JAMES SHUTTLEWORTH. } Auditors.

## The National Spiritualist College

Report to Conference for the Year ending 31st December,  
1929.

During the past year the public interest in the ideals of the College has continued unabated, and the College Board is well satisfied that when normal economic conditions have been restored, this interest will manifest itself in active support and co-operation such as, under present conditions, are impossible and impracticable. An explanation of our educational aims and objects, which our Secretary was generously allowed to give at the Summer School, was very well received, and several promises to advocate the Scheme in the Union area was given.

The membership at the end of the year is 92 Associates (A.N.S.C.) and 10 Fellows (F.N.S.C.), with 1 District Centre and 9 registered Local Branches. The Education Schemes have been well supported, and 61 Lyceums qualified as Local Branches; but enrolment as such seems to be a luxury which most of the eligible Lyceums could not afford. Again we look forward to economic stability—this time for the realisation of a full registered membership.

Once more the College refrained from making any appeals for financial support, as the Board considered that other funds were in more urgent need—and, as our Financial Statement shows, our funds are sufficient to meet all normal calls. The only income for the year has been Local Branch fees, and donations from Associates when applying for their Diplomas.

During the year the College suffered a grievous loss in the transition of Miss Mary E. Kitson, B.A., F.N.S.C., the B.S.L.U. Education Secretary. Only those who worked with Miss Kitson can realise how hard and devotedly she worked for the educational ideals of our Movement, and how she sacrificed herself and her personal interest on the altar of national duty. Those of us who are left behind are doing our best to carry on but we still suffer from a keen sense of personal loss.

The Board records its grateful appreciation of the

financial support received, and of the support again given to the work of the College by the Editors of *The Lyceum Banner*, *The National Spiritualist* and *The Two Worlds*; their generous guaranteed allotment of space in their journals for our reports, announcements and appeals have provided us with an assured wide contact with the Spiritualist Movement.

The College Board nominates Mrs. E. Paling for the award of the Degree of Fellow (F.N.S.C.). Mrs. Paling passed the Entrance Examination with Distinction, but by accepting the post of S.N.U. Education Secretary she made herself ineligible to proceed to win the Graduate (G.N.S.C.) Degree. The success of the S.N.U. Scheme is entirely due to her devoted work in the face of many discouraging obstacles, and all connected with our educational efforts know how well she has earned the Honorary Degree which the Conferences are now asked to confer upon her.

A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C., Hon. Secretary.  
W. G. GUSH, D.N.U., F.N.S.C., Chairman.

## THE U.D.C. ANNUAL REPORT.

Since last Conference the Council has held two meetings, at Dewsbury and Fleetwood. The work during the year has been of a varied, interesting, and constructive character.

The several schemes and appeals from the Management Committee for financial assistance and support have been considered and every effort used to further them.

Educational matters have been discussed and, as in the past, prominently advocated, not only during the business meetings but also at the propaganda meetings. Re Educational matters, the position and relation of the College to the B.S.L.U. has been discussed; it being the opinion in some districts that the College should have direct representation in our Conferences.

If we briefly state the history of the College it will help us to understand the position.

The Scheme was formally submitted to the B.S.L.U. Conference in 1926, being published in the LYCEUM BANNER for May 1926. At the Conference held at Dewsbury on May 22nd and 23rd, 1926, it was resolved "that the National Spiritualist College Constitution be adopted." Carried unanimously. The Conference then proceeded to appoint a Trustee to serve on the Governing Board of the Joint Scheme.

Item 25 of the 1927 Conference deals with Education and College Report. In the June LYCEUM BANNER of that year appears the Model Constitution for Local Branches, and at the Conference £10 was donated to the Funds.

In the May LYCEUM BANNER for 1928 again appears the "National Spiritualist College" report and financial statement and item 69 of the 1928 Conference, held at Manchester, deals with the acceptance of the College Report.

Item 66 of the Conference held in London, May 18th and 19th, 1929, again accepts the College report, and if the precedent established is followed this year we shall again have a College Report and accept the same.

That is the position as it now stands and the question has been asked,—“Is the College a part of the legiti-

mate activities of the B.S.L.U. or is it not?" That is the question that is being asked and the contention is made if we have accepted the College and reports of its work, then the College should be directly represented in all our Annual Conferences, as a part of the activities of the B.S.L.U.

Re-organisation is now to the fore. In view of the changed conditions now obtaining a scheme for re-organisation was submitted to the October meeting in 1929 and was published in the LYCEUM BANNER, together with several comments and criticisms. The movement belongs to the Lyceums and it is for all Lyceums through their D.Cs. to take their part in this important work.

The well being and progress of the movement have been first and foremost in all the Councils deliberations and activities. We ask all District Councils to give fuller support to the Council and thereby make it of greater service to the movement and a means of consolidation and of opening up avenues of greater utility for Progress.

C. T. BATLEY, *President*.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, *Sec-Treasurer*.

### The M. C. Home of Rest Committee's Report.

During the year the M.C. received information that the Ainsworth Charity had been completed and there was a sum of money held by the Trustees for the operation of the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme.

The M.C. have compiled an Application Form for benefits under the Scheme. The rules laid down by the M.C. and approved by the Charity Commissioners are as follows:—

#### LYCEUM HOME OF REST.

The Charity Commission  $\frac{A}{108,512}$  empowers the Committee of Management to provide suitable accommodation at sea-side places for Lyceumists, whether children or adults, who need rest or require treatment or sea-air and whose circumstances render them unable to meet the cost themselves.

**The Committee of Management of the Lyceum Home of Rest have approved the following conditions for applicants to receive the benefit of the provisions provided by the Committee from the funds of the Charity.**

1. Applicants must have had their names on the register of an affiliated Lyceum for at least twelve months prior to the application being made, and unless prevented by sickness, have attended the Lyceum on not less than 25 Sundays during that period.
2. The applicant must be recommended by the Lyceum and the Application signed by the Lyceum Conductor and Secretary.
3. The application must in all cases be accompanied by a medical certificate, and any suggestions from a doctor as to the place of convalescence will receive due consideration.
4. **The applicant, or the Lyceum recommending, MUST PAY THE TRAVELLING EXPENSES TO AND FROM THE SEA-SIDE RESORT.**

**The Committee of Management will provide maintenance during the sojourn at the sea-side resort. Maintenance does not include medical advice or attention.**

4. No person shall be assisted as aforesaid, except in special cases, for more than 14 days in any twelve months, or be granted a second visit under this Charity until a period of two years has elapsed since a previous visit has been granted.
6. Applications must be made to The Secretary, Ainsworth Home of Rest, B.S.L.U. Office, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

District Councils have been circulated to provide information of appropriate Convalescent Homes on the sea-coast in the various districts.

In all cases recipients of the Charity must observe the regulations in operation in any Convalescent Home in which they may be housed.

A report to the B.S.L.U. will be expected from all patients after receiving treatment.

Silver paper is being collected for the benefit of the Charity. Districts Councils are asked to become collecting centres for the Silver paper. It should be noted that small quantities of a few pounds will cost as much postage as the Union will receive for the paper.

Lyceum Secretaries can send up to 2 oz. in an ordinary letter when writing to the General Secretary on other business (paying Banner a/cs or ordering books). The buyers of the paper will not purchase less than 56 lbs., hence we wish the D.Cs. to be collecting centres so that the General Secretary may receive heavier parcels at less cost. Delegates can take the paper to the D.C. meetings and the General Secretary will inform the D.C. collector of the cheapest means of sending to him. We hope to raise a few pounds annually by this means for the benefit of the Scheme.

Finally we again urge Lyceums and D.Cs. to send particulars of adjacent sea-side Homes and also the name of any Lyceumists who need rest and change that is certified by a medical man and for which the Lyceumist is himself (herself) unable to pay. Copies of the Application Form can be obtained from the General Secretary.

#### OVERSEAS REPORT.

The B.S.L.U. have Lyceums in membership at Methuen, U.S.A., Calgary, Winnipeg (Polson Avenue), Winnipeg (Princess St.), Dunedin, Wellington (Kent Terrace), Wellington (Poneke), Sydney (Stanmore), Johannesburg.

Vancouver Lyceum has closed. East Hamilton Lyceum has resigned.

Mrs. Vlasek, of Los Angeles, who was our best American customer, has, we regret, passed to the higher life. An outstanding feature of her mediumship was her ability to materialise in the presence of a circle of Spiritualists when her physical body was 500 miles away. She has also spoken in the direct voice under similar conditions.

The Calgary Lyceum has found the Education Handbooks very helpful when teaching young people. Mrs. A. Garrad, a Health Visitor for Eastern Canada, propagates the Lyceum ideas when visiting the towns on her circuit.

A new Spiritualists' National Union of Canada has been formed. A few orders have been supplied thereto. This Union has started an Education Scheme for students and speakers.

Dunedin has retained a love of the "Old Country." This Lyceum has taken up the Education Scheme with enthusiasm and is one of the few Lyceums who are greatly disappointed that the Lyceum Guild has ceased in the BANNER.

Wellington Lyceums also have students who have taken the examinations.

Johannesburg is the sole Lyceum from which any South African news comes. There are Churches in at least eight towns where interested people could start Lyceums.

One happy feature is that Lyceumists abroad, from China to Vancouver, are having copies of the BANNER sent to them. News comes along what a pleasure it is to receive any Lyceum news to cheer their isolation.

There are two reasons why Lyceums do not exist or progress as in England.—No other country has adopted the English system of Sunday School tuition with any great favour. The great distance between towns prevents easy contact by visitation.

In response to the various appeals we have received real help by donations from Johannesburg, Dunedin, Wellington, and Calgary.

A supply of BANNERS is taken by all Empire Lyceums overseas.

G. F. KNOTT.

### £2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists all,

I am sorry that the Editor could not find space for the itemised Founder's Day Effort result last month, but I hope it will be possible to insert it in this issue, however I am sure that the totals presented will be pleasing to all; and you will see that there has been several additions to the list since.

No doubt many of you will be wondering what the new idea is, mentioned in my last report. I have to ask your patience a little longer; but be sure you do not miss it. All being well it should be quite ready for the June BANNER.

My chief object this month is to present to you as concisely as possible an account of the Effort from Jan. 1929 up-to-date, viz., April 22nd, 1930. The results only show what the possibilities are.

If every Lyceumist would become actively interested, we should be amazed at our achievement. Enthusiasm and perseverance are essential for real success. And why should any one of us be lacking? There is no contribution too small for acceptance, for it is all the little bits added together which mount up; so no one need hesitate. There are regular subscribers to the fund, and these small contributions total quite a substantial sum.

Kindly note, that any Lyceumist wishing to help by becoming a collector may have an official collecting card, as I have a quantity which I shall be very pleased to dispose of. They will be much better being made use of, than lying on my hands, doing nothing. Every time I pick them up, they seem to say, "Let us be utilised for the purpose we were intended for; so long as we keep on the move, we shall be gaining our object and helping to reach the goal."

The receipts this month for which I tender my best thanks are as follows:—Spen Lane, York, per Mr. Whitwam, Cracker, 1/6 and Founders' Day Collection, 2/3.; Hebden Bridge, per, J. Manning, for cracker, 3/-; Edinburgh Association, per Miss P. M. Neilson, for cracker, 4/2.; Anon, Holloway, donation, 2/-, Batley, Mr. A. Sykes, for Cracker, 1/6.; Croydon, per Miss A. Stewart, for cracker, 2/-; South Shields United Lyceum Workers, per Mr. R. Smith, 4/6. Total £1 os. 11d.

#### 1929 ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENSES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Donations	21	5 7½	To Peace Sunday		
„ Postcards	2	1 3	Effort	6	0 7
„ Bookmarks	0	4 6	„ Postages	0	0 10
„ Collecting cards	0	12 0			
„ Pencils	0	6 8½			
„ Pamphlet	0	0 3	Total	6	1 5
Peace Sunday Pro-			„ Balance to fund	37	9 10
grammes	10	1 9			
„ Collections	8	19 2			
Total	£43	11 3			

#### 1930 ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS.			EXPENSES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Peace Sunday:			To Founder's Day		
Programmes	1	0 0	Effort	4	3 8½
Collections	0	4 0	„ Postage	0	3 8½
Photographs	0	5 10	„ Receipt Books	0	2 0
„ Founder's Day					
Collections	3	2 2	Total	4	9 5
„ Mystery Crackers	11	12 8	„ Balance to fund	18	4 11
„ Crackers and Col-					
lections	1	4 0½			
„ Donations	5	5 7½			
Total	£22	14 4			

VICTORIA G. RAYNER, Hon. Sec.  
112, Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham.

### INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALIST FEDERATION.

A meeting of the Grand Committee met in Paris on 12th October, 1929.

The President of the I.S.F. (Mr. E. W. Oaten) had previously been to Paris and the Hague to explore the preliminaries for the 1931 Triennial Congress.

The chief business of the meeting in Paris was to hear this report and receive the Secretary's report. As the deliberations were mainly of a formal nature the B.S.L.U. representative, Mr. Knott, with the consent of the President of the B.S.L.U., absented himself to save the costs of representation. A comprehensive report was printed on page 170 of the September BANNER, 1929.

The reports of the 1928 Congress are on sale and can be obtained from the Two Worlds' Publishing Co., or the S.N.U. office.

There are a few reflections which are worthy of consideration.

Every country in the world is being asked to give the status of psychic healers in relation to the laws of each respective country.

The successful experiments in thought-photography—the impression of the mind on sealed packets of sensitised plates which display images of the person thought of—were related by a Japanese doctor. The comparison

of British methods in producing psychic "extras" and the Japanese method should prove interesting to experimenters and students.

The Management Committee of the B.S.L.U. have recommended to the S.N.U. that a smaller joint fee be paid to the I.S.F., which fees shall at least ensure the representation of two British delegates, as at present, on the Grand Committee.

A number of foreign journals are received at the B.S.L.U. Office, but unfortunately most of the papers cannot be read. Translations are obtained when letters are received.

A few enquiries about Lyceum methods and literature have been answered. Each country has its own religious, social, and moral customs. Philosophic agreement can often be found, but the operation of any common code is hindered by the conventional ideas of each nation.

G. F. KNOTT, B.S.L.U. Delegate.

### THE S.N.U. E.C. REPORT.

Since the last A.G.M. meetings have been held at Manchester, Brighton, Southampton and London.

Mr. Burrows was elected on the Exponents Committee and has served as its Secretary.

Mr. Knott was elected on the Agenda, Parliamentary and International Committees.

It was decided to work with a depleted number of members to save expense so that your representatives have not attended some of the meetings.

As a result of financial appeals the year 1929 has been conducted with only a small loss.

The Pooling Scheme is now in actual operation with deposits of £1,045 and loans of £736.

There are 448 Churches in affiliation with a total church membership of 14,176. This is an increase of 27 Churches and a decrease of 724 Church Members.

There are 309 Subscribing Members; a decrease of 35.

A supply of the new Inter-relations was received by the B.S.L.U. from the S.N.U. Copies have been circulated to all Churches and Lyceums by the respective Secretaries.

The Healing Committee has been active and a Case Book is now obtainable.

The Parliamentary Committee has been busy, but up-to-date has not been able to get an interview with the Home Secretary with a view to placing the Bill before Parliament.

A discussion is taking place on the possibilities of removing the Office of the S.N.U. to London.

There is a marked increase of support to the Union being given by Southern districts.

The *National Spiritualist* is in need of additional support to cover expenses.

The various methods for the welfare of the Union are hindered by the economic conditions which prevent any heavy expenditure in the publishing and other sections of the work.

The E.C. is facing its work with a definite view towards progress.

G. F. KNOTT.

W. BURROWS.

### S.N.U., A.G.M. and CONFERENCE REPORT.

The S.N.U. A.G.M. and Conference Report was printed on page 147 of the September BANNER, 1929.

#### CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, etc.

- Birmingham L.D.C.—Mr. E. C. Heaton, 6, Wharf Street, Hockley, Birmingham.
- Birmingham D.V.—Mr. Warrilow, 6, Cottage, Parkfield, Wolverhampton.
- Leigh, Evans Street—Miss L. Twist, 178, Firs Lane, Leigh, Lancs.
- Saltaire, 7, Moor Head Land (Saltaire Tram Terminus)—Mr. F. Atkinson.
- Coventry L.D.C.—Mr. H. Burrows, 133, Craven Street, Coventry.
- Coventry D.C.—Mrs. Coe, 82, Coronation Road, Coventry.
- Coventry, Bull Street—Miss C. O. Taylor, 36, Stanway Road, Coventry.
- Nuneaton—Mr. E. Waters, 47, Alexandra Street, Nuneaton.
- Hebden Bridge—Mr. J. Manning, 7, Burless Lane, Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge.
- Leeds D.V.—Mr. A. Daisley, Jr., 21, Weldon Place, Dewsbury Road, Leeds.
- Hemsworth—Mrs. W. Bates, 15, Holgate Gardens, Barnsley Road, Hemsworth.
- Hull, Dairycoates—E. Jackson, 64, Goulton Street, Hull.
- Leeds, Armley—Mr. C. Pearson, 62, Gladhow Street, Armley, Leeds.
- Liverpool D.V.—Mr. G. Burns, 1, Grantham Street, Kensington, Liverpool.
- Fulham—Mrs. J. Keeling, 99, Fawe Park Road, Putney, S.W.15.
- Plaistow—Mr. E. J. Raven, 50, Ernest Road, Canning Town, E.16.
- Collyhurst—Mr. G. Jagger, 22, Duncombe Street, Moston, Manchester.
- Higher Openshaw—Mr. J. Whittaker, 92, Kenyon street, Gorton, Manchester.
- Pendleton—Miss A. Allam, 51, Milnthorpe Street, Pendleton, Manchester.
- Earby—Miss B. Fryer, 107, Colne Road, Earby, via Colne.
- Hucknall—Miss E. Pegg, 34, Albert Street, Hucknall, Notts.
- Leicester, Liberty.—Mr. T. Kenney, 81, Coral St., Belgrave Rd., Leicester.
- Sutton-in-Ashfield.—Mr. P. Lee, 4, Duke St., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.
- Edinburgh, E.A.S. Church.—Miss D. Stevenson, c/o Rutherford, 21, Rossie Place, Edinburgh.
- Glas, Southern.—Mrs. Gosling, 86, Eaglesham St., Glasgow, S.W.1.
- Sheffield D.V.—Mr. J. Le Noury, 153, Blackburn, Meadow Hall, Sheffield.
- Doncaster, Baker St.—Mr. H. E. Stubbings, 34, Sylvester Avenue, Balby Rd., Doncaster.
- West Melton.—Mr. W. Guest, 25, Winfield Rd., Sandygate, Wath-on-Dearne, nr. Rotherham.
- Brighton.—Mr. J. H. Parsons, 40, Freshfield St., Brighton.
- S.E. Lancs. L.D.C. Secretary.—Mr. J. Nurse, 16, Berwick St., Rochdale.
- S.E. Lancs. D.V.—Mr. H. Shaw, Henry St., off Rochdale Rd., Bacup.
- Heywood, William St.—Mr. J. Miller, 152, Adelaide St., Heywood.
- Todmorden, Eagle St., 1-30 p.m.—Mr. H. S. Potts, 8, Whiteplatte St., Todmorden.
- Tredegar.—Mr. S. McPherson, c/o 22, Vale Terrace, Tredegar, S. Wales.
- Grangetown.—Miss A. Bottomley, 14, Victoria Rd., Grangetown-on-Tees, Yorks.
- Stockton, Cecil St.—Mrs. Hansell, 63, Chalk St., Parkfield, Stockton.
- Gateshead.—11, Catherine St., High West St.
- Newcastle, Wallsend.—Mr. Eginton, 86b, Neptune Rd., Wallsend-on-Tyne.
- Newcastle, Rye Hill.—Mrs. A. Richardson, 119, Elswick Rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- Whitley Bay.—Miss M. Gardner, Windsor House, Alma Place, Whitley Bay.



Clitheroe .. .. .	19	19
Colne .. .. .	30	26
Darwen .. .. .	104	97
Earby .. .. .	70	65
Fleetwood .. .. .	140	130
Great Harwood .. .. .	49	37
Nelson .. .. .	90	91
Padiham .. .. .	50	50
Preston, Moor Lane .. .. .	40	55
Rishton .. .. .	47	37
Barrow, Dalkeith St. .. .. .	86	82
Lancaster, Gt. John St. .. .. .	58	67
Rawtenstall .. .. .	48	35
Accrington, Argyle St. .. .. .	46	42
Barrow, Preston St. .. .. .	60	70
Barnoldswick, Albert Rd. .. .. .	38	38
Barnoldswick, West End .. .. .	49	40
Lancaster, Alliance .. .. .	50	49
Morecambe .. .. .	45	45

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

Belper .. .. .	100	100
Eastwood .. .. .	47	46
Hucknall .. .. .	58	50
Leicester, Rupert St. .. .. .	42	42
"   Silver St. .. .. .	36	12
Mansfield .. .. .	77	50
Nottingham, Mechanics Hall .. .. .	98	85
"   Sherwood St., N. .. .. .	67	45
"   Pearson's Buildings .. .. .	50	46
Sutton-in-Ashfield .. .. .	57	67
Beeston .. .. .	48	34
Long Eaton .. .. .	44	..
Leicester, Liberty Progressive .. .. .	70	70
"   Excelsior, Marston St. .. .. .	34	44
Derby, Charnwood St. .. .. .	46	47
Lincoln, Coultham St. .. .. .	33	33
Ripley, Codnor and District .. .. .	45	41
Lincoln, Midland .. .. .	50	48
South Wigston .. .. .	23	..
Kirkby .. .. .	..	46

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

Dundee, Fabian Hall .. .. .	27	..
Edinburgh, Gayfield Square .. .. .	99	50
Glasgow, Southern .. .. .	49	50
Rosyth .. .. .	19	21

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

Barnsley, North Pavement .. .. .	60	74
Chesterfield .. .. .	73	67
Mexborough .. .. .	48	48
Rotherham .. .. .	45	38
Sheffield, Attercliffe .. .. .	137	128
"   Heeley .. .. .	72	63
West Melton .. .. .	73	64
Parkgate .. .. .	60	74
Doncaster, Catherine St. .. .. .	40	50
Sheffield, Darnall .. .. .	58	50
Doncaster, Baker St. .. .. .	40	50
Wombwell .. .. .	43	48
Stainforth .. .. .	34	49
Scunthorpe .. .. .	34	40
Barnsley, Grace St. .. .. .	40	40

SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

Portsmouth .. .. .	80	80
Southampton .. .. .	87	85
Brighton .. .. .	35	28
Exeter .. .. .	35	35
Reading .. .. .	47	47
Devonport .. .. .	40	40
Bristol, Providence Hall .. .. .	90	92
Eastleigh .. .. .	24	27
Ryde .. .. .	..	16

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

Bacup .. .. .	49	50
Dearnley .. .. .	37	35
Heywood, William St. .. .. .	28	26
Middleton, Gilmour St. .. .. .	41	42
Oldham, Elliott St. .. .. .	29	29

Rochdale, Baron St. .. .. .	31	36
"   Regent Hall .. .. .	67	74
Todmorden, Eagle St. .. .. .	—	50
"   Roomfield Buildings .. .. .	35	50
Rochdale, Baillie St. .. .. .	48	48
Oldham, Waterhead .. .. .	46	48
Heywood, B.M.U. .. .. .	18	..

SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

Caeraru .. .. .	50	50
Tredegar .. .. .	24	36
Cardiff, Park Grove .. .. .	60	47
Newport, Albany Hall .. .. .	48	49
Ystrad .. .. .	50	..
Barry Dock .. .. .	25	..

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

Darlington, Psycho .. .. .	50	36
Gurney Valley .. .. .	107	76
Middlesbrough, Grange Road .. .. .	92	94
Stockton-on-Tees, Cecil St. .. .. .	44	30
"   Brunswick St. .. .. .	40	44
West Hartlepool, Charles St. .. .. .	96	..
New Shildon .. .. .	68	66
Horden .. .. .	43	..
Grangetown .. .. .	46	48
Middlesbrough, Wilson St. .. .. .	68	50
West Hartlepool, Musgrave St. .. .. .	79	98

TYNE-SIDE DISTRICT.

Hetton and District .. .. .	127	..
Hirst .. .. .	96	100
Jarrow, Market Square .. .. .	50	41
Newcastle, Benwell .. .. .	117	..
"   Heaton and Byker .. .. .	91	49
"   Rye Hill .. .. .	50	50
"   Wallsend .. .. .	50	34
South Shields, Fowler St. .. .. .	108	90
"   "   High Shields .. .. .	48	60
"   "   Cambridge St. .. .. .	101	100
North Shields .. .. .	100	100
Sunderland, Derwent St. .. .. .	68	49
Gateshead, Rectory Hall .. .. .	89	99
West Pelton .. .. .	49	50
Sunderland, Cromwell St. .. .. .	20	..
West Stanley .. .. .	48	50
Newburn-on-Tyne .. .. .	..	100
Blyth .. .. .	48	42
Craghead .. .. .	50	50
New Delaval and Newsham .. .. .	50	50
Whitley Bay .. .. .	48	32
Gateshead, Beaconsfield Hall .. .. .	80	54
Jarrow, Ellison St. .. .. .	50	72
Southwick-on-Wear .. .. .	33	36
Tyneside .. .. .	..	32
Ashington .. .. .	48	36

AREA LYCEUMS.

Grimsby .. .. .	100	86
Hanley .. .. .	160	150
Tunstall .. .. .	90	80
Northampton .. .. .	43	44
Llandudno .. .. .	47	41
Skegness .. .. .	32	28
Longton .. .. .	60	..
Peterborough .. .. .	25	40
Carlisle .. .. .	..	12

OVERSEAS LYCEUMS.

CALGARY .. .. .	45	30
Hamilton, East .. .. .	99	..
Johannesburg .. .. .	43	..
Wellington, Kent Terrace .. .. .	41	47
Winnipeg, Polson Avenue .. .. .	44	27
Vancouver .. .. .	47	..
Methuen .. .. .	80	..
Sydney, Leigh House .. .. .	25	25
Dunedin, N.Z. .. .. .	56	50
Wellington, Cambridge Avenue .. .. .	35	..
Winnipeg, Princess St. .. .. .	40	48

## District Council Reports.

### BOLTON DISTRICT.

On Good Friday Lyceumists from Bolton, Radcliffe and Bury enjoyed a Ramble to Birtle Dene. After tea we played games in the Dene. A demonstration of marching and callisthenics was watched with keen interest by a number of other rambblers. The marches for the Demonstration on May 31st, to be held at Bury, were practiced, with the Bury Lyceumists as leaders. The first and second series of callisthenics were done. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and are looking forward to another united picnic.

On Saturday, May 17th, the next Council meeting will be held in the Bury Church, commencing at 3-15 p.m. prompt.

### HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The next meeting of the Halifax and Huddersfield Lyceum District Council will be held at West Vale on Sunday, May 18th, to commence promptly at 10-30 a.m.

Let every Lyceum be represented, and show a real live interest in the District Council.

G. HALLIDAY, Sec.

### NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

A Mass Session at Ashton-under-Lyne Lyceum was held on April 13th, under the auspices of the North East Cheshire L.D.C. It was a very pleasant Sunday and will live long in the minds of those who attended. This was the first of the 1930 series and all Officers were present.

Mrs. Edwards, President, introduced them to the meeting. Mr. Burgess conducted the Silver Chain "Better than Gold," pointing out that a conscience being clear was better than gold, in a thoughtful address. Musical Reading, "Home Affections," conducted by a Heaton Norris Lyceumist, Mr. Booth, Ashton, and Mr. Ennion, Stockport. The latter ably explained love of parents and honour to them; also tenderness to aged people, by these means helping to build our home in heaven. Mr. Booth enlarged the necessity of helping brothers and sisters in material, moral and spiritual ways both at home and away. We should ever strive to a better life. Mr. Ennion amplified these appeals in preparing ourselves for the Summerland of brightness.

I am sure the thoughts explained were helpful to all and were impressed on the minds of all.

Marching and callisthenics followed under the leadership of Miss Hobson, Ashton. Those present, unacquainted with Lyceums especially, must have been benefitted by the exercises.

Mr. Markham, Ashton, conducted the G.C.R., and expressed his thoughts with the keyword "Love," as it all emanates from that word.

Pearls, recitations, songs and solos were rendered and all well given. Fraternal greetings from Macclesfield, Heaton Norris, Hyde, Stockport, Denton, Hollinwood, Oldham (Clegg St.), were given and received. The response by Mrs. Edwards with thanks, and noted with pleasure the fraternal gathering, on an afternoon thoughtfully and well spent, on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Mr. Booth responded for Ashton.

The evening was used as a propaganda Service. The Officers of the Council gave many thoughtful expressions. Miss Downs on "Envieth Not" and Mr. Lloyd on "Brotherhood" were both very good.

Mr. Craig and Mr. Lloyd demonstrated the fact of spirit return and visitors were certainly impressed. We wish many more could have joined us. It was a day of joy, music and rippling thoughts in the guidance of our future life and we wish all Lyceums fraternal love and success in the future.

The next Mass Meeting is at Macclesfield on June 1st.

R. A. L. MARKHAM, Ashton Lyceum, Sec.

### TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference of the Tees-Side L.D.C. is to be held at Cornsay on Sunday, 11th May, 1930, at 10-30 a.m., when a good attendance is requested. The business includes the following,—U.D.C. Report, B.S.L.U. Conference business, Children's Manual Committee Recommendations.

Notices of Motions.

From February Conference, *re* Minute 212 (Re-construction Committee's proposals), Art. 5. e. delete the words "other

Officers to attend E.C. meetings by request," and add "the District Visitor and Treasurer shall also be members of the E.C."

From Middlesbrough, Wilson St., *re* Minute 212, Art 5. e., that the whole of this Minute be rescinded and the following one substituted,—"Art. 5. e. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officer and one Representative from each Lyceum in affiliation with the D.C."

The paper for discussion at the afternoon Session is to be given by Mr. Roeder (Middlesbrough) on the subject of "Evolution."

E. D. NELLIST, A.N.S.C., Sec.

## Births, Marriages, and In Memoriam.

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

### BIRTH.

ROBERTS.—At Boundary Park Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Roberts, a daughter.—H. Clegg, Sec.

### MARRIAGES.

FAIRFAX—MATTHEWS, at St. Peter's Church, Coventry, March 15th. Mr. Fairfax (late D.V. Coventry District Council), to Miss Matthews (late Secretary, Bull St. Lyceum).

Saturday, April 7th. Marriage at Blackpool Church between Miss A. Simms, of Darwen, and Mr. R. W. Singleton, Blackpool Lyceum's Conductor. Attended by Lyceumists and friends.

### IN MEMORIAM.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—Pybus. Passed to the higher life on March 5th, Lilian, the dearly beloved wife of Robert Pybus.

## 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.**

DUNEDIN, N.Z.—Our breaking-up took place on Dec. 16th. A good gathering of Lyceumists and friends. Gifts were exchanged and cards for attendance presented. Open Session held and the old happy spirit of the Lyceum seemed to be recaptured.

On Feb. 9th the Lyceum re-opened, and quite a good attendance. All seemed glad to be back after the holidays.

Feb. 16th was Open Session. Pearls were given by all. Recitations by Garnet Asher, Roland, Hilda, and Kathleen Paul, Frances Anthony, Esme Morgan, Mavis Dobbin, Edith Asher, Jean McConnell, Joan Hargreaves, Margaret and Edith Robinson, Dulcie Pratley. Readings by Jean Robinson, Mrs. Asher, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Paul and Miss Burgess. We have welcomed back an old scholar and enrolled two new ones. It is lovely to see the tiny ones of two and three years giving their pieces. Lorraine Hoyne and Audrey Robinson, three years and two years, each gave a little piece on Feb. 16th. Best wishes to all Lyceums from Dunedin Lyceum, and success to the BANNER.

MISS R. BURGESS, Con-Sec.

HUCKNALL.—On Apl. 13th a very nice Session was held. A presentation of a silver bell was made to the Lyceum by Miss Neal, as a token of love and for help received during her time as Conductor. Miss Leverton, Assistant Conductor, and Miss Pegg, the Secretary, received the Bell. A presentation of an Oxidised Jardinea was made by Miss Leverton to Miss Neal and Mr. Goodwin on the occasion of their forthcoming marriage. Both are ardent workers in the Lyceum.

E. PEGG, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Eye Hill.—Mar. 30th we held our Lyceum Sunday, the entire services being carried through by the Lyceumists. Recitations, dialogues, etc., were given by the children. Several solos were contributed by the adult members. The rendering of two organ solos by Mr. R. Richardson gave an added charm to the evening. Our conductor, Mrs. Price, gave a short address on "Life's Builders," which completed an interesting service.

A. RICHARDSON, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—March 30th Mr. Barlow, of Droylsden, was our speaker at the Liberty Group. His subject was "Personal Spiritual Development." The questions and answers were numerous. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Barlow.

April 13th a very interesting item was introduced in our Lyceum which greatly pleased the children. This was the distribution of Easter eggs by our Conductor, Mr. Taylor. The donors of the Easter eggs were two of the elder Lyceumists, Miss Watson and Miss Shaw. After the distribution, one of the young Lyceumists, Miss D. Melling, passed a vote of thanks to the two ladies, which the children greatly applauded.—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 April 23rd.

**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.

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**RULE 4.**—All Reports must reach this Office not later than May 21st, to ensure insertion in the June issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Argyle St.—Open Session Apl. 13th. Good attendance. Conductor, Mr. W. Taylor. Musical Director, Miss E. Tabiner. Recitations by E. Bartlett, W. C. Livesey, C. Godden, K. Slinn, B. Bartlett and I. Bradshaw. Solos by N. Godden, Mrs. W. Taylor. Duet by W. White, F. Holgate. The Session was enjoyed by all.—F. Holgate, Sec.

BEESTON.—We had our Open Session on Apl. 13th. Mr. Coulson conducted the Session. Mr. G. Paling, Marching. Mr. P. Weston, Callisthenics. In the afternoon recitations were given by the Lyceumists. A few words from our Church President, Mr. G. Paling. The Bible Story of Moses was appreciated by the Lyceum. We had a very fair Open Session.—G. Paling, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—On Apl. 6th the Lyceum took the Church Services. Afternoon: recitations by Ruth Gough, Ada Hamilton, Beattie Callaghan, Marion Nolan, Florrie and Muriel Watson, Nellie Conner, Leslie Hamilton, Jimmy Henderson and Lilian Harding. Solos by Eileen Edwards and Albert Thompson.

In the evening a Service of Song was rendered, written by one of our own Lyceumists, Miss Elsie Thompson. It was greatly enjoyed by all.—D. Dunn, Sec.

BOLTON, Henry St.—On April 6th we held our Lyceum Sermons. The speaker for the day was Mrs. Thos. Turner, of Bolton. Pearls, recitations and readings were very well explained. Miss Ormrod rendered a violin solo which pleased us all. A very good Session was thoroughly enjoyed.—P. Monk, Sec.

BURY.—Open Sessions, Apl. 6th. Harmonious Sessions made more pleasant by the presence of visitors from Bolton, Bradford St., and Radcliffe Lyceums. Mr. Charnley, President, and Mr. Cliff, D.V., of the Bolton L.D.C. were present and expressed their pleasure at the conduct of the Lyceum. Marches for the Demonstration to be held in Bury on May 31st were demonstrated.—N. Dean, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—Apl. 6th. Open Session. Mr. Bown conducted the Session and Mr. E. Hobster conducted the marching and callisthenics. The following Lyceumists gave items,—Norman and Evelyn Clements, Lily Driver, Ivy Hall, Avis Bown, Leslie Driver, Jessie Orwin. A pearl was given by Mr. E. Hobster. After an enjoyable Session we closed with the singing of "The World is Full of Music." Mr. Campbell gave the benediction.—May Wheatley, Session Min. Sec.

CLECKHEATON, Old Robin.—Open Session April 6th, conducted by Miss Robinson. Pianist Mrs. Hutton. Opening Hymn "Life is Onward." Pearls were given by T. Brooke, L. Wilson, Dorothy Garside, M. Wilson. Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. Hutton. Recitation by Joyce Sharp, Solo by Irene

Wilson. Duet by Doris Garside, and Florence Donner. Our Conductor read an interesting and instructive story called: "The Greatest Hero of all." Mrs. Schofield who was our Speaker for the day gave words of encouragement to our younger children and to each Lyceum Worker. We had a pleasant Session.—Miss M. B. Robinson, Sec.

DEARNLEY.—Open Session on Mar. 30th. There was a good attendance. Solos by Miss Bamford, Miss Twigg. Duet by two friends. Several visitors were present.—Mrs. Whitham, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—On March 29th we held our Anniversary Tea and Concert. The concert was given by the children,—Florence Whitfield, Walter Bennett, Herbert Croft, William Newby, Harry Oakes, Gerald Hey, Walter Oakes, Dorothy Dunn, Cyril Hey, Louie Gregory, Mary Pickles, Irene Isherwood, Vera Croft, Elsie Roebuck, Mona Hey, Florence Phillips, Chrissie Greenwood, Gertrude Bennett, Elsie Lockwood, Laura Shaw, Violet Hey, Phyllis Dunn, Clarissa Phillips, May Foster, Katherine Stott, Hilda Bailey, Hilda Bennett, Margaret Greenwood, Nellie Wilson. It was a children's Operetta entitled "Fairies of the Golden Dawn." Coach, Mr. C. Phillips. Pianist, Miss L. Wood. The ladies who made costumes were Mesdames Dunn, Hartley, E. Whitworth, Gregory, V. Phillips, C. Phillips, and Miss F. Senior. Stage Hands,—Mr. A. Holdsworth, Mr. W. Heyes, Mr. V. Phillips, Mr. Gregory, Mr. N. Greenwood, Mr. J. Senior. Prompter,—Mr. R. Blamires. The Secretary wishes to thank all who helped at tea. The numbers present filled the room. Proceeds £7 6s. 9d.

Sunday, March 30th, was the Lyceum Anniversary. Conductor for the day was Mr. J. H. Collier. Hymns by the children in the afternoon. Pearls 13. Recitations by Dorothy Dunn and Cyril Hey. Solo by Mona Hey and Louie Gregory. Duets by Misses N. Whitworth, F. Senior, N. Hirst, A. Bentley. Evening Service, Chairman, Mr. J. H. Collier. Organist, Mr. C. Phillips. Musical Director, Mr. J. Whittles. Speaker, Mr. J. W. Warner, of Leeds. We had very happy and harmonious sessions. Proceeds £3 4s. 0d.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—We held our Open Session on Apl. 6th. Recitations were given by O. Wilkins, N. Taylor, E. Clark, N. Hodgkinson, A. Wilkinson, R. Hancock, D. Seddon, J. Sprout, F. Clarke, and L. Greenwood. Duets by J. Sprout, F. Clark, W. Hancock, T. Hancock. Songs by E. Clark, O. Dawson, M. Ennis, W. Wintersgill, A. Wilkinson and D. Seddon.—Miss B. Fryer, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Our Pleasant Sunday was held on April 6th. Items were given and much appreciated by Mabel Trash, Edna Swift, Rose Howard, Doris Chapman, Harry Shaw, Albert Letch and Mr. Rycroft. A Silver Chain was read and nicely explained by Mrs. Howard, our Conductor. A visitor, Mrs. Pearl, of Bulwell, was welcomed and she spoke a few kind words to us.—P. S. Sec.

LANCASTER, Alliance.—Open Session April 6th. Splendid morning. Items of interest rendered by Mrs. Dennison, Miss E. Kirk, R. and T. Parrington, R. Lees, J. Griffin, Florrie and Raymond Dennison.—A. F. Rushworth, Sec.

LANCASTER, Gt. John St.—The Open Session on Apl. 6th was made bright and entertaining by recitations from T. Partridge (2), T. Smith, W. Harrison, D. Bleasdale, V. Harrison, E. Stephenson, M. Bleasdale, I. Partridge, D. Kirk, and W. Partridge. Duet by E. Dawson and N. Wilson. Solos by D. Kirk, and Miss Hodgson. We had a long and enjoyable programme.—Marian Swale, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—Apl. 6th Open Session. There was a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Items were rendered by the following,—duets by Elsie Clements and Irene Ashby, Mr. F. Gamble and Mr. S. Wheatley. Mr. T. Kenney and Miss F. Ashby, Miss Doris Jayes and Mr. H. Jayes. Recitations by Lily Jayes, Elsie Garrett, Betty Crossley and Horace Jayes. A well spent and beautiful Session.

There was a naming ceremony by our Conductor and President, Mrs. F. M. Thwaites, who named the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, two of our old Lyceumists. The name given was Elsie Joyce Hunt, spirit name "Primrose."—Thomas Kenney, Sec.

LLANDUDNO.—On Apl. 9th our Lyceum gave a concert in aid of the Church, which held its Anniversary Services on Apl. 5th, 6th and 7th. Songs, recitations and sketches were rendered and we all enjoyed ourselves.—W. J. Edwards, Sec.

LONDON, Hackney Progressive.—On Apl. 5th we held a combined committee meeting, the idea being that each had an interest in the other. Each member joined in discussing the business of Church and Lyceum. A very interesting evening was passed. It was the first of many joint meetings which we hope to have. It was a great success.—M. Wenborn, Sec.

LONDON, Lewisham.—On Apl. 6th we held a Flower Service to commemorate the birthday in spirit of our Lyceumist, Arthur Belcher, also Trevor Howard, a proved Lyceumist and son of our Treasurer. The Session was well attended. It gave great happiness to the parents of these boys to know they were still in the Lyceum. God bless them.—M. Donald, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford.—On April 6th all services were taken by the Lyceum. Attendances were very good. The afternoon Session was a real live effort, with many visitors present. Enjoyable addresses were given by Mr. McFie, an old Lyceum worker, and Mr. Miles, of the L.L.D.C.

The evening service was a wonderful success. A full Lyceum Session was presented and went off splendidly. The singing, individual efforts by young Lyceumists, and pearls, in which many joined, were excellent.—R. H. Bates, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham and Edmonton.—Open Session, March 23rd. We had a very harmonious Session with a very good attendance. Pearls, solos and recitations were rendered. Marching and callisthenics were good.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

LONDON, Walthamstow.—Open Session held Apl. 6th. Readings and discussions were very interesting. Recitals were given by Irenie and Ronnie Bowring, Joan Sillett, Florrie Wilson. Solos by Robert and Mrs. Russel. Mr. Clegg came to see us and was delighted with the way we had progressed. Best wishes to all Lyceums.—L. G. Hopkins, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Stretford.—Open Sessions Mar. 30th. The evening Session was extremely successful. Harmony was of the highest. Nine Lyceums were represented and over 90 Lyceumists were present. Pearls and recitations were numerous and well rendered. Many thanks to all who participated. May we all meet again soon.—Benj. Partington, Sec.

MIDDLETON, Oldhall St.—Here are the best wishes to all who have entered for the May examinations. Don't forget it depends entirely upon yourselves. We raised £1 towards the Children's Whit-Sunday Trip on April 8th.—H. Andrew, Sec.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.—Open Session, March 30th. The following rendered items,—Robert Culling, Misses R. Daniels, A. Curtis and E. Curtis, Messrs. D. Rae, C. E. Curtis, M. Holderness, W. Huckin, and W. E. Rae. The Session was enjoyed by all.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—On Apl. 6th we held our Open Session conducted by Mrs. Rudd. A number of good pearls were given. Recitations by Connie Tallon and Harold Kilner. Several humorous and true incidents were related by Lyceumists. The marching, conducted by Mr. Simmonds, was enjoyed by all. Mr. T. Margerison conducted the callisthenics.—Helen Kilner, Sec.

RUGBY.—A Community Concert was held on Mar. 28th. The pianist's part was ably taken by Miss Elsie Brierley. It made an enjoyable evening.—E. Weller, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—We held our Open Session on Mar. 30th, conducted by Mr. Armitage, assisted by Miss H. Jones. Marching and callisthenics were good. Recitations by B. Fukes, A. Mason, E. Stokes, R. Ellison, D. Burnham, J. Haythorne, H. Burnham, G. Ellison, B. Bean, Solo by Lewis Simms. Mr. Le Noury, the Sheffield D.V. spoke a few words. We had a visitor from Warrington. We had a good Session all through.—E. Johnson, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—April 6th we held our Open Session in the evening instead of the afternoon because it was Lyceum Day. Individual efforts by the Misses O. Nutt, E. Marples, N. Nutt, M. Fox, C. Higginbottom, M. Clive, G. Walker, T. Beetson, P. Cook, and M. Overment; The Masters W. and A. Nutt, Ed. Marples, V. Porter, G. Bailey, E. Fox, H. Cook. A very enjoyable evening was spent.—B. Higginbottom, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On 18th March we held our Old Folks Tea Party. Unfortunately a few hours before the time for tea (too late for postponement) a terrific snowstorm came on. Nevertheless, 50 old souls braved the elements, came, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was bitterly (in more senses

than one) disappointing for our annual guests. May they all live to enjoy THEIR DAY next year.—E. W. Long, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—On Apl. 6th at 2-45 p.m. we held our Open Session conducted by Mrs. Edwards. We had a good number present. Marching and callisthenics well done. Pearls and recitations were well rendered. At 6.30 p.m. we had a Service of Song entitled "The Terrible Lesson," which was well rendered by the Lyceumists. Mrs. Ennion presided and Mrs. Edwards read the story. At 8-0 p.m., Miss Reese conducted the after circle. This brought our day's work to a close. Thanks to all who helped to make it a success.—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—On Apl. 6th Mr. Ceely named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacey "Anthony," spiritual name "Sunshine." A splendid ceremony. Mrs. Abbott sang "Open the Door for the Children." Conductor, Miss Dryden. Organist, Miss Robinson.—A. Dryden, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—Open Session April 6th. Pearls and recitations by Evelyn and Chrissie Lindsay, Freda Posiger, Molly Pilkington, Dolly Sutherland, Molly Waterson, Mrs. Longcake, Mr. Pearson, Alex. and James Lindsay and Jack Stracey. Duet by Molly Waterson, Dolly Sutherland, Freda Posiger and Mr. Pearson. Piano solo by Molly Pilkington. Marching and callisthenics were very good. The Session was conducted by Mr. Lenard Longcake.—Mrs. M. Armit, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—Anniversary Services, April 6th, conducted by Mr. Buttley, of Padiham, assisted by Mr. T. Fazackerley and opened by Mrs. Chambers. Musical Director, Mr. E. Crossley. Recitations by Mrs. Glover, N. Laycock, Miss I. Kenniford, F. Laycock, T. Holden, I. Starkling and Mr. W. Taylor; solos by Miss H. Swift and Miss R. Swift; duets by Jean and Bessie Hilton, M. Dobson and N. Laycock; trios, Miss J. Kenniford, Miss H. Swift and Miss Holgate. At 10-30 a.m., Mr. W. Edwards addressed the Lyceum. Fraternal greetings were given from other Lyceums. An enjoyable day spent.—Miss I. Shuttleworth, Assist. Sec.

BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley.—Open Session March 2nd. Recitations by Dorothy Francetti, Doreen Bywaters, Lily Bush, Joan Bloom, Lily Osbourne, Nellie Harris, Joan Sutch; pearls by Rose Osbourne, Harvey Fletcher, Mrs. Reader, Mr. Heaton. A very enjoyable morning was spent.—Mrs. C. Shakespeare, Sec.

BRISTOL, Providence Hall.—March 31st, a very enjoyable concert by the Lyceum, in aid of the Outing Fund.

April 20th, Open Session. Pearls, recitations, duets, musical reading and callisthenics were all excellently rendered.

LONDON, Tottenham, High Road.—In the past month we have enrolled seven new members, and I can assure you all that we are very much encouraged by the progress we have made. The way in which the younger Lyceumists give their items is very good indeed.—E. McDowell, Session Min. Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On March 16th we had a Service of Song, "Into the Light," read by Mrs. Burns, of Mossley.

March 30th, Church Anniversary. Chair taken by Mr. Woods. Speakers, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Tovey and Mr. Roberts. Owing to indisposition, our President, Mr. Standish, was unable to be with us for the first time for 22 years. Our good thoughts go out to him, hoping he won't be long before he comes back again amongst us.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

SMETHWICK.—Easter Sunday. Our Session, although small in number, was not lacking in enthusiasm. The ideas on the Musical Reading expressed by our youngsters were exceedingly fine. A visitor, Mr. Bentley, gave us useful information, and questions were well answered. William Pibsworth raised a point which we ought to have had more time to discuss. Great credit is due to all.—Victor W. Mann, Assist. Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—March 6th, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by all present. We had a large number present. Pearls, songs and recitations were given by Daisy Knox, Harry Forrest, Mrs. Knox, Miss M. Anderson, Harry Towns, Irene Turner, Mrs. H. Forrest, Mr. G. R. Symon, Mr. Towns, Miss M. Hargreaves, Mrs. Hargreaves, Olive Forrest, Leonard Towns, Walter Towns, Hazel Dale, Mr. Forest, Mrs. Knox and M. Johnson; pianoforte solo by Daisy Knox; pianoforte duet by Olive and Harry Forrest.—Evelyn Hargreaves, Sec.