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PRICE TWOPENCE.

Marriage of the B.S.L.U. President.

The Marriage of Miss Victoria G. Rayner, A.N.S.C., President of the B.S.L.U., and Mr. Joseph Reynolds, both of Nottingham, was conducted at the Unitarian Church, High Pavement, Nottingham, on Saturday, August 2nd. at 9-15 a.m. By the kindly consent of the Rev. Simon Jones, the ceremony was performed by Mr. G. F. Knott, F.N.S.C., Secretary of the B.S.L.U., and Editor of the "LYCEUM BANNER", with the Registrar present, and a gathering of interested friends, including relatives, Lyceumists and Spiritualists.

The bride's uncle, Mr. B. H. Skerrill of Leicester, gave her away, and Miss Julia H. Marvin and Miss Victoria J. Reynolds, acted as bridesmaids, and Mr. Harold Parkes, as best man. The bride wore a whiteorgette dress, trimmed with silk lace, with a white floppy, lacey, crinoline hat, and carried a bouquet of cream roses. She also wore a string of beautiful pearls, a gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids wore blue art silk Celanese dresses, with a string forming a double row, of beige coloured pearls, gifts of the bridegroom, and beige hats, shoes and stockings. They carried bouquets of pink carnations. The bridegroom wore a blue-grey fine checked suit and the best man, navy blue. The bride's uncle also wore navy. The gentlemen wore buttonholes of pink carnations. Suitable music was played on the organ, both before and after the ceremony.

A well-known local clairvoyant, commenting on the ceremony a fortnight later, described how she had seen the bride's father, from the spirit side, enter the Church with his Band and conduct a selection of music prior to the arrival of the bride, and then how he left the Church, entering again with the bride, remaining by her during ceremony, and at the given point joining the hands of the bride and bridegroom.

This description was a corroboration of the bride's own experience, who stated she was fully conscious of the presence and blessing of, not only her beloved father, but many others on the spirit side of life.

The wedding breakfast was held at Boot's Cafe, Pelham St., Nottingham, after which the company dispersed, the happy couple leaving for Ashford, in Derbyshire for their honeymoon.

Many beautiful presents were received, and if good wishes can make happiness, then truly this will be a happy union.

The new address of the B.S.L.U. President is Mrs. V. G. Reynolds, 118, Cremorne Street, Nottingham. All members of the Union will feel like congratulating our President on her marriage and so we offer on behalf of our readers, the heartiest good wishes for the future of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds.

Miss A Garrad of Calgary has been ordained as a Spiritualist Minister under the auspices of the Spiritualists National Union of Canada.

B.S.L.U. SPECIAL APPEAL FUNDS.

GUARANTEE FUND. Mr. A. T. Connor, 10s. Total received during 1930, £8 10s.

CAPITATION FUND. Total received during 1930. £9 11s. 7d.

PATRON FUND. "Anonymous," for two years, £1, Miss M. L. Stair, 2s. 6d. Total received during 1930, £2 15s.

SUPPLEMENTARY FUND. "Good Cause," 5s. Total received during 1930, £27 14s. 9d.

World Day for Animals, October 4th.

The object of this observance is threefold:—

- (a) To direct Attention to the wrongs inflicted on animals for "Sport," Commerce, Amusement and (so-called) "Science."
- (b) To focus Thought on the speediest means of abolishing such wrongs.
- (c) To inspire Action on behalf of all suffering animals.

The universal observance of the World Day for Animals can only be secured by every leader of public opinion becoming "The Voice of the Voiceless."

For further particulars apply to the World League against Vivisection and for Protection of Animals (English Branch), 47, Hamilton Road, Highbury, London, N.5.

A NEW GRAMOPHONE RECORD.

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE RECORDS HIS VOICE IN AN ADDRESS GIVEN A FEW WEEKS BEFORE HIS PASSING.

"His Master's Voice" 12 inch record, No. C1983. "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Speaking."

The Gramophone Company, Ltd., London, have recorded an address by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle on "Why I wrote 'Sherlock Holmes,' and Why I became a Spiritualist."

The first portion of the address gives the source of the ideas which resulted in the deductive reasoning used by the author in producing the most popular character in his detective stories.

The second portion of the recorded speech gives a summary of the chief points used by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in the public addresses which were given to British, American, Australian, and South African audiences. His popularity abroad was even greater than in Great Britain.

It is most fortunate that this record was made and this unique production will preserve to us the earnestness and intonation of the voice of a leader whom his followers called "The St. Paul of Spiritualism."

It is a pleasure to realise we have a permanent record of this great novelist and historian.

G. F. KNOTT.



My dear Boys and Girls,

As Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I did not get frizzled up to cinders on our holidays this year, I am able to write to you again.

Of course you will all want to know if we were discovered and if I had to purchase those Ice Creams I promised.

I am very pleased to be able to report that we met six Lyceumists and spent some jolly times together, and that I settled my 1930 account for Ice Creams.

Alas I am still in debt to the extent of two Ice Creams for my 1929 account. I would willingly send these by post, only I am a little doubtful as to the condition they would arrive in.

It has been a ripping month and I have been pleased with quite a large number of letters telling me just what you did on your holidays.

I am afraid I have not been nearly as energetic as most of you.

I spent most of my holiday lying in a deck chair watching children Paddling, Bathing, Building Sand Castles and such like amusement.

There were of course a few wars on the beach when one member of a party would insist on borrowing the wrong spade or pail.

A few tears were shed when a ball or toy sailing ship sailed out to sea with the tide, and never returned—These however were little troubles which were soon forgotten by generous fathers and mothers appearing with new ones.

But there was often a beautiful secret behind this. You may have heard the saying "One for you and two for myself," meaning, of course, that we are often willing to help others providing we get something out of it ourselves too. Now on the surface such an idea as this sounds very selfish, but with the holiday spirit it reveals a great truth regarding mothers and fathers and adult friends.

It is just this, that although we adults grow older in years we still retain a wonderful amount of the spirit of the child.

I saw many cases of this, fathers and mothers down on their hands and knees building sand castles for younger members of the family, but if they were quite honest with themselves, they would have to admit that the delight was theirs' everytime also.

Again I saw a clown performing funny tricks, and the favourite Punch and Judy show. Why! I, with crowds of adults was just as keen to see Punch throw the baby out of the window as any kiddie.

I say this just to show you boys and girls that we older workers can fully enter into the things that interest you during your holidays, so that when you write those interesting letters to me, I too can enter into your adventures with you and enjoy them.

There is one point of interest I have noticed in most of your letters which give an account of your holidays or outing, that is that most of you after relating all the happy events which you enjoyed during the day, tell

me that you brought presents for mamma and dada. That is beautiful and so unselfish. You have your enjoyment but it was not complete without your thinking of others at home.

In one case I was extra pleased. One little Lyceumist who had been on a Lyceum outing finished up the day by buying the Lyceum Conductor a bunch of flowers. Although this Conductor does not know I have been told about it, I can just imagine her happiness and joy when she received them. It would be more to her than winning a prize in a competition. Because behind the gift there was love.

I fully realise that all you little ones are not provided with large banking accounts or even much pocket money when you go out on these trips.

There are other ways of showing your love and appreciation to those who have given you a happy day. If each one of you only went up to such workers, with a happy smile and a "thank you," it would make others happy too.

This is one of the great lessons we always want to bear in mind at all times. As I look back I can think of two day-school teachers who did such a lot to help me with my lessons. And I have to wonder if I showed my appreciation to them then as much as I do now; if not, the opportunity may never come my way again.

With you, your opportunity is to take advantage of these simple little lessons, and do it to-day. This month I am looking forward to heaps more letters from you telling me about your holidays, and about the new classes or forms you have gone into at school. The marks you had for the various subjects in your last day-school examination and not forgetting the Lyceum examination also.

I still get a lot of letters from the Manchester, Bury and Portsmouth Lyceumists and a good number from other districts, but I am afraid I am a greedy old Uncle. I still want to hear from a lot more of you, and especially from some of you older ones who used to write every month, but have now gone out into the business world.

As I look through the list of names of all who have written to me since I started this page, I often wonder how you are progressing, so this month I want it to be a re-union month with correspondence.

Answer to last month's Puzzles:—

No. 157. S.C.R. 62.

No. 158. Marigold, Orange, Tea, Horse, Earwig, Rattle:—"MOTHER."

This month's Puzzle:—

No. 159. Here are sixteen (muddled) Lyceums I am expecting to hear from this month. Is yours here, or can you tell me where they are?

HESWIBC	TTRRSADF0	YDREB
NTLOOB	HRGIBNTO	NHCATREESM
USTTHOMORP	UYRB	WGOASLG
FFEEISHDL	BHEBRUN	KUDNIDLEIF
SRYKEDETILA	SSHTHEIDL-	MSBYRIG
	EADHGACR	

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

With love,
UNCLE BERT.

If the razor and the dream book have been sent with some silver paper by mistake the owners can have them returned by applying to the General Secretary.

Our Education Department.

HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dear Fellow-Educationists,

While you are reading this, the Editor and the Education Secretary will be wondering what you are thinking of the new form of our Education Article. Before you make up your mind, about it, let me explain the reason for the change. The increase in the size of type has really meant a decrease in the size (the PUBLISHING size) of our journal, and so there is not really room for long set articles, which would crowd out everything but themselves—and that would not be fair to others, who have as much right to space for their ideas in THE BANNER as we regular contributors have. So we have decided to cut down the size of the Education Article as far as possible, while being fair to our educationally minded readers, and to try the experiment of replacing the formal article with notes and news items collected or sent in, and with occasional hints as required. So every educationist can take a part in making up our monthly article, which will not necessarily be always a page in size. What do you think of the idea? Our Editor has found that snappy paragraphs are more popular than formal articles!

NEXT YEAR'S EXAMINATIONS.

The B.S.L.U. Exams. will be held during the week-end of 10th May, 1931. The S.N.U. exams. will be held sometime in March, but as far as I know at present no definite week-end has been fixed.

We are hoping that Lyceumists will bear in mind the remarks passed at last Conference, and not leave the Grades of the Advanced Scheme, which is also our own Continuation Scheme, though at present conducted by the S.N.U. Education Committee in conjunction with our own, to Church members only. With the preparation afforded by our five preliminary Grades, no Grade Fiver should be afraid of the Advanced (S.N.U.) Grades.

All students should be now beginning their Winter Session's Work.

THE STUDY OF OUR HANDBOOKS.

I promised last month that extracts from the Examiners' reports would be published this month. On looking for extracts I found that nearly every Examiner complained of one thing, to which I am going to give a special line all on its own—

That most answers to questions set on the Handbooks read as if the students had either not seen or not read the Handbooks!

That looks bad, doesn't it? Of course many of the answers showed a fair knowledge of Handbook matter; but the Education Scheme has reached a stage when knowledge of the Lyceum Manual is not sufficient to answer the Handbook questions. The Handbooks must be not only READ but STUDIED.

It is hardly fair that a Tutor or Class Leader should work very hard during the winter in drilling students in the Manual Readings, only to find that they do badly just because they have not had a Handbook.

Handbooks for the B.S.L.U. Scheme can be obtained very cheaply from the General Office, as per the Price-list on the back cover of the BANNER—and the Com-

mittee hopes that for the coming winter Lyceum Committees will help their students AND their Tutors by buying each a Handbook.

HOW MANY OTHERS?

Dorothy Harris and Ruth Harris, of Fleetwood Lyceum, were both born on the same day, both took the Oral Grade exam. on the same day, and both passed the exam. with 98 per cent marks. HEL-L-LO TWIN-N-NS!

THIS YEAR'S RESULTS.

All the Results Lists Books, and the marked Examination Papers, have been sent out, and the Education Committee hopes that as many Lyceums as possible will make a public function of the presentation of certificates—and use the occasion for educational propaganda work.

If any student is dissatisfied with the marking or comments of any Examiner, the paper concerned, with an explanation of the cause of complaint should be returned at once to me. The paper will be submitted to an Independent Examiner—whose verdict the student is expected to accept as final. We do not want any sense of injury to prevent students from continuing with our Scheme.

We are sorry that there should have been such (unavoidable) delay in sending back the exam. parcels; but while Mr. Knott and Mr. Connor spent a strenuous week-end at Rochdale in getting the certificates ready for the parcels which Mr. Knott made up and despatched during the following week, they made fresh arrangements which will be tried next year in the hope of securing the return of exam. parcels early in July.

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

(1) All the text-books needed for the B.S.L.U. Scheme are supplied from the General Offices by Mr. Knott. Mr. Connor does not stock or sell ANY Handbooks.

(2) When writing for pamphlets, leaflets, etc., please send a stamped addressed envelope large enough to hold what is asked for, and

(3) ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE on Education matters to the Hon. Education Secretary, Mr. A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C., 13, Claremont Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7.

Spiritualists' National Union Conference.

B.S.L.U. DELEGATES' REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The twenty-eighth A.G.M. of the S.N.U. was held at Nottingham on Saturday, 5th July. Mr. Ernest A. Keeling, A.N.S.C., presiding over a conference of 112 delegates, representatives and subscribing members. The Conference was pleasingly unique in not being accorded a civic welcome, being more appropriately welcomed by the local workers.

All who know Mr. Keeling know of his powers as an essayist, and the various points dealt with in his Presidential Address were presented in his very ablest manner. Every Lyceumist should read the Address and think seriously over Mr. Keeling's remarks on

The Education Department.

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SYSTEMATIC SPIRITUALISM.

There are many people who claim that Spiritualism is not a system in itself. Surely there are many methods of teaching the subject, but a serious study thereof will certainly convince an individual thinker that there are good grounds for the unification of all the phenomena within one system. We know that Spiritualism proves immortality to be true, whereas previously, in other religious systems it was only a belief. The knowledge conveyed by schools of Spiritualism changes the religious outlook of a progressive mind and forms the foundations of communion. If the people who have passed beyond death communicate with mortals there is a very large field of investigation concerning causes and methods of operation which it will take a very long time to investigate and understand. We can accept the finality of spirit intercourse as a proven fact, but immediately we do that the way is open to a wonderful field of research.

The old religions have been revealed through the avatars, or god-men, who introduced the respective faiths and were the founders of great religions. These institutions in religious philosophy could not exist without the revelators.

Spiritualism is a natural religion founded upon immortality, a spirit communion without the intercession of a special person as a revelator, or god-head—as in Jesus Christ, as all men have the power to receive divine inspiration.

Mediumship is common to all human kind; some are active and some are passive, but all help to produce the outstanding phenomena which proves the case for communion. Thus we may differ in principle from some of the older kinds of religion, and under some other system establish our principles and practice the gifts with which nature has endowed humanity, for the production of the phenomena upon which our proofs are built.

In the early days of Modern Spiritualism, at the instigation of spirit people, various schools of thought were drawn together to witness the phenomena, but no existing school of thought would accept the new evidences as assisting organised science and philosophy.

Hence if Spiritualism must persist, it was essential that a new movement should be formed.

Experience has shown that, by the collaboration of facts and philosophic evidences, a new system was required, and we find that the system itself is much wider in its scope than the founders conceived,—all nations, independent of each other, have been probing the phenomena and, after having received publicity, the demand came for the meeting of the representatives of all peoples, so that not only an international, but also a natural basis of common understanding could operate. Our present outlook seems to be that we must work separately as a religion and permeate society with our truths as far as other bodies are willing to imbibe them. The effect of Spiritualism in commerce would make great economic changes; based on telepathy, we could read the moral or immoral incentive of a bargain; it would assist us to overcome the difficulties of the various languages, and assist interpreters to give a better understanding of what the people of the various nations implied in their correspondences, and other trade relations.

In diplomacy we should find the subtleties of present day intrigues would be more clearly understood, and subterfuges would not be attempted to the same degree.

In diagnosis and healing we could assist medical science with stupendous results, particularly if the mediums could foretell results of research and the various operations which are so essential to the prolonging of human life. Hypnosis and suggestion would shape human desires and assist in improving the neurotic tendencies of present day civilisation. Pleasure would be changed to happiness; we should develop the human form and improve the human mind and the transcendental aspect of our thoughts would have larger scope; public morality would improve.

The sublimation of life in all its forms would draw us nearer to the divine inspiration, and we should be better subjects of inspiration from those who have passed through the change called death, so that we could prepare ourselves for that condition of life, whilst still on earth, to which we all are wending. The effects of such methods, embraced in the system of Spiritualism, would influence the teaching methods in operation in every land, and future generations would feel a natural gratitude to their predecessors for having initiated a system of development, productive of so much good.

G. F. KNOTT.

£2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists all.

Once again I take up my pen to report on this seemingly Eternal Effort. It is hoped that the Pearl of Truth that, "Things are not what they seem" may be applied in this instance, and that we are in reality, going to achieve our object in the very near future. I was very greatly pleased and encouraged by the interest shown by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman, Lewisham, London who have realised 7/-, by sale of leaflets "The Teachings and the Aim of Spiritualism," being reprints from the Lyceum Manual, and I also gratefully acknowledge a personal donation from them of 10/-. I trust that others will follow the example, and assist our £2,000 Fund. I also acknowledge the sum of 1/- received from Mr. J. E. Collingham, of the Nottingham Spiritual Evidence Society, being a fine for com-

mitting the error of calling Mrs. Reynolds, Miss Rayner. He is to be commended for paying up like a man, and I trust that all others guilty of the same mistake will do likewise; for I hereby give notice that "Miss Rayner has died a natural death" and in her stead has come Mrs. Reynolds, and anyone found guilty of forgetting this fact by mis-calling the said person, will be expected to pay the fine of 1/-, to go to the £2,000 Effort. Mr. J. F. Smith, Attercliffe, Sheffield, gives 9d. in farthings and Anon, 3d. in farthings, making this month's total 19s. od., for which I thank each and all concerned.

In reference to the Musical Recital, The Reality of God, I acknowledge with thanks, 4s. od. from Mr. A. Richardson, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for 24 Hymn sheets and 12 Recitation leaflets. I am also in receipt of a total of 2s. od. for sample copies. Lyceumists all, may I again draw your attention to my offer. The Musical Recital, "The Reality of God," is arranged in two leaflets. Hymn Leaflets, 4s. 6d. per 100, post free; all orders less than 100, 1d. each. Recitation leaflets 2d. per copy, post free and you require 18. Odd copies of the complete work 3d.

Will you please send your orders and donations, in future, to Mrs. J. Reynolds, 118, Cremorne Street, Nottingham.

I sincerely trust that Lyceums will make a real effort to keep me busy attending to their orders, and please remember that all contributions large or small, will be welcome.

Once again I leave you to consider my earnest appeal, trusting for your continued loyalty and support.

With good wishes to all,

Yours sincerely,

Victoria G. Reynolds.

Kindly note change of name and address. All orders and donations to be sent to Mrs. J. Reynolds, 118, Cremorne Street, Nottingham.

AINSWORTH HOME OF REST SCHEME.

The General Secretary is acting as Clerk to the Committee of Management which has been accepted by the Charity Commissioners for the operation of the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme.

A number of Convalescent Homes around the coast have consented to receive Lyceumists needing Convalescent treatment.

The following list is published to enable Lyceumists who are convalescent and cannot afford a visit to the seaside for recuperation of their health, to utilise the advantages of the Scheme.

A copy of the Application Form has been sent to all Lyceums. A further copy will be supplied to any Lyceum whenever a request is made to the General Secretary.

CONVALESCENT HOMES.

Men and Women and Children (9 to 14).—Glasgow and West of Scotland Seaside Homes, Dunoon.

Men and Women. Mothers with children up to 5 years.—Glasgow Mission Coast Homes, Saltcoats.

Men and Women and Children.—Convalescent Institution, Silloth.

Boys (2 to 13), Girls (2 to 17).—North of England Children's Sanatorium, Southport.

Men and Women (16 to 75).—Southport Convalescent Hospital and Sea-bathing Infirmary.

Children over 3 years.—Children's Convalescent Home, West Kirby.

Men.—Rhyl.

Women, and Girls (over 14). "The Rest," Convalescent Homes, Southerndown, Glamorgan.

Men and Boys (over 9).—"The Rest" Convalescent Home, Porthcawl.

Boys (3 to 10), Girls (3 to 12). Children's Convalescent Home, Weston-super-Mare.

Women and Girls (over 13).—St. Luke's Convalescent Home, Exmouth.

Men and Women.—Beau Site Convalescent Home, Hastings.

Men and Women.—The "Hermitage" Home, Hastings.

Men (16 to 70).—Rustington Convalescent Home.

Boys and Girls (5 to 9).—Sunshine Convalescent Home for Children, Bognor.

Women.—Convalescent Home of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, St. Leonards.

Children.—Home for Invalid Children, Hove, Brighton.

Men and Women.—Metropolitan Convalescent Institution, Walton, nr. Weybridge.

Men.—Metropolitan Convalescent Institution, Bexhill-on-Sea.

Women.—Metropolitan Convalescent Institution, Bexhill-on-Sea.

Children (3 to 14).—Metropolitan Convalescent Institution, Broadstairs.

Men and Boys (14 to 65). Women and Girls (15 to 65).—Essex Convalescent Home, Clacton-on-Sea.

Men and Women and Children.—Suffolk Convalescent Home, Felixstowe.

Men and Women (15 to 70).—The Sea-Side Convalescent Hospital, Seaford, Essex.

Boys (3 to 9), Girls (3 to 11).—Eastern Counties Children's Convalescent Home, Great Yarmouth.

Men and Women and Children.—Hunstanton Convalescent Home, Norfolk. (Closed Jan. & Feb.)

Men and Women (Separate Homes).—Nottingham and Notts. Convalescent Homes, Skegness.

Men and Women and Children.—Hull and East Riding Convalescent Home, Withernsea, Yorks.

Men and Women. St. Anne's Convalescent Home, Bridlington.

Men and Women (14 to 75).—Coatham Convalescent Home, Redcar.

Men and Women.—Prudhoe Memorial Convalescent Home, Whitley Bay.

Mr. R. A. Owen, 19, Sandford Terrace, Ranelagh, Dublin, Ireland, will be glad to hear from any of his old friends.

In a letter to the General Secretary, Mr. Owen sends his fraternal greetings to the movement and specially to his old colleagues on the various Committees he served before his isolation, which was caused by his removal to Ireland.

His interest in our welfare and progress is as keenly alive as ever, and each letter he may receive will be a zeal tonic to an old comrade.

Calendar of Saints (L.M. 145).

By ALFRED KITSON.

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

HYPATIA (hī-pā-she-a), No. 145.—Hypatia was a famous female mathematician of Alexandria, the daughter of Theon, but more celebrated than her father. She was born about the year 370. She had a rare penetrating mind, and was such an ardent student as to consecrate to study entire days and large portions of the nights. She applied herself in particular to study the philosophy of Plato, whose teachings she preferred to those of Aristotle. Following the example of these great men she decided to add to her knowledge by travelling, and visited Athens and attended lectures of the ablest instructors. Returning to Alexandria, she was invited by the magistrates to give lessons in philosophy, and Alexandria beheld a female succeed to that long line of illustrious teachers, which had rendered its school one of the most celebrated in the world. She was an Eclectic, that is, one who chooses the best out of all the teachings, but the exact sciences formed the basis of all her instructions and she applied their demonstrations to the principles of the speculative sciences, hence she first introduced a rigorous method into the teaching of philosophy. She numbered among her disciples many eminent men, among others Synesius, afterwards bishop of Ptolemais, who preserved during his life, the most friendly feeling towards her, though she refused to become a convert to Christianity. Hypatia united to the endowments of intellect many of the attractions and all the virtues of her sex; her dress was remarkable for simplicity, her conduct was always above suspicion; she knew well how to restrain within the bounds of respect those of her hearers who felt the influence of her personal charms. All offers of marriage were constantly rejected as threatening to interfere with her studies. A nature so rare and qualities of so high an order could not fail to excite jealousy. Orestes, governor of Alexandria admire her talents and frequently sought her advice, He was desirous of repressing the ardent zeal of St. Cyril, who saw in the talented Hypatia one of the principal supports of Paganism. The followers of the bishop beheld in the measures of the governor the result of the counsels of Hypatia. The most seditious of their number, headed by Peter, an ecclesiastic, seized hold of her as she was going to her school, forced her to descend from her chariot, dragged her into a neighbouring church, stripped her of her vestments, and put her to death; her body was torn to pieces and the palpitating members dragged through the streets and consigned to the flames, in March, 415. Her works were lost in the burning of the Alexandria Library.

JOAN OF ARC.—No. 145.—Was born at Domrémy in 1411. From the age of thirteen she constantly heard spirit voices that urged her to quit her native place,

take up arms and drive the foe (the English) before her and procure for the young king his coronation at Rheims. She followed the instructions of her spirit advisers and sought out the Dauphin at Chinon. Many, among whom were the Dominican Friars or monks, showed great hostility to her mission. She finally secured the confidence of soldiers like Dunois and Alencou, and the King allowed her to join a force which was to endeavour to introduce supplies into Orleans. Dunois's account of the success of the expedition, and of Joan's triumphal entry into the beleaguered town, is most graphic. The day following Joan defeated the English under Talbot; and on May 8th 1429, the English were in full retreat. Orleans was thus relieved, and Joan earned for herself the proud title of "The Maid of Orleans!" Joan distinguished herself again at the taking of Jargeau and in the battle of Patay. She was now determined to have Charles crowned at Rheims. Troyes yielded to the French, and the way to Rheims was clear. On Sunday, July 13th, 1429, Charles was crowned King of France. But her desire to bring about the reunion of Burgundy with the King of France, and her endeavour to take Paris were defeated by the hostility of the duke and by delays on the part of the jealous advisers of the King. In her attempt to rescue Compiègne, then besieged by the Burgundians, she was captured in May 1430 and sold to the English. After being imprisoned at Rouen and treated with great brutality she was brought to trial on January 9th, 1431. The trial was a mockery of justice, and Pierre Couchon, bishop of Beauvais, supported by the University of Paris, procured her condemnation as a sorceress and a heretic. On May 30th, 1431, she was burnt to death. Joan was canonised a few years ago by the Roman Catholic Church.

LONGFELLOW, HENRY WADSWORTH.

He was born at Portland, Maine, on February 27th, 1807. He was the son of Stephen Longfellow, a Portland lawyer. In 1825 he entered his father's office; but disliking the study of law, he accepted the newly founded chair of modern language at Bowden College, Brunswick, his *Almamanter*, with leave of absence. His wife, Mary Storer Potter, whom he married in 1831, died at Rotterdam in November 1835, and is commemorated in his poem *The Footsteps of Angels*. In 1836 Longfellow was appointed professor at Harvard, a position which he held for seventeen years, during which time he faithfully discharged his duties, although these were often uncongenial. At his house in Cambridge, previously the residence of General Washington, he gathered around him a large circle of friends, including Agassiz, Hawthorne, Holmes, Lowell, Emerson, Felton and Sumner. *Voices of the Night*, and *Ballads* awakened the world to the fact that a new poetical force had arisen in literature. These volumes included such familiar pieces as *The Psalm of Life*, *Footsteps of Angels*, *The Skeleton in the Armour*, *The Wreck of the Hesperus*, *The Village Blacksmith*, *Excelsior*, and *The Beleaguered City*, all of them unequalled for simplicity of diction, tenderness and pathos.

A Sketch of the life of Jesus will appear next month.

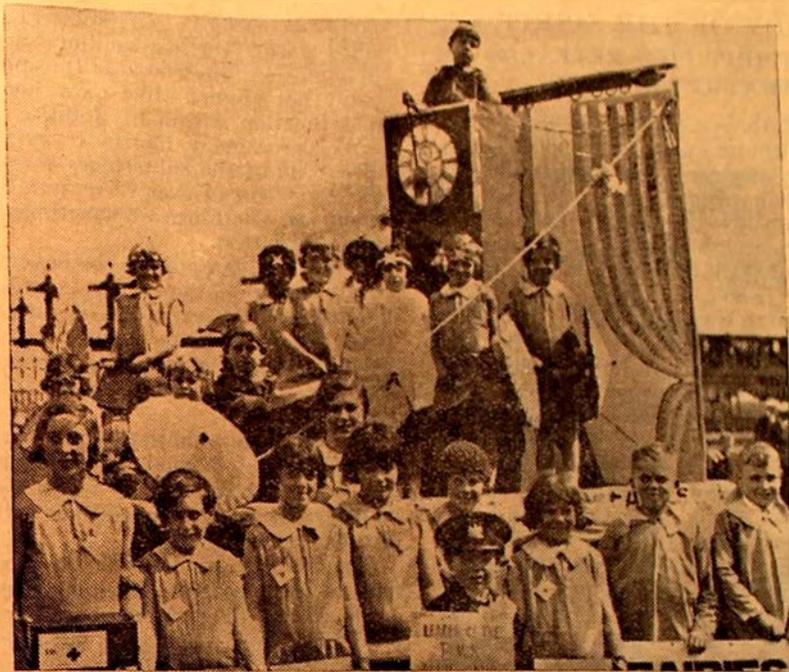


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FLEETWOOD LYCEUM AGAIN PRIZEWINNERS. FAIRIES AND ELVES.

The Fleetwood Spiritualist Lyceum had an excellent display which attracted a great deal of attention, in "Fairies of the Clock." In this a huge grandfather clock, with a little elf peeping out, stood out from several little fairies and elves

below, while fairies walked in front of the lorry. The following took part,—Elves: William Gibson, Eric Horan. Fairies: Molly Ainsworth, Mona and Kathleen Hague, Alice Williams, Ruth and Dorothy Harris, Ada Forshaw, Gladys and Jessie Ainsworth, and Doris Parkinson. Jester: Jack Coe. Leader of town band: Jack Ainsworth.

THE S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure to report the following income for May, June and July, viz.:—

May. Various members, Rippon Hall Church, North Shields, £2 2s. 0d.; Hendon and Golders Green Fellowship Collection, Memorial Service, Mrs. Annie Boddington, £1 15s.; Cheltenham Church, Miss H. Wright's Healing Mission, 14s. 1½d.; Donation, Miss E. M. Bubb, £1 5s. 10½d.; Marylebone Association, Fees from Mrs. Mewing Morris and friend, £1 11s.; Miss Mary Mills, 7s. 6d.; Mr. A. Scott, 10s.; Mrs. Wallis, 10s.; Walthamstow Lyceum Church, 6s.; Mrs. McLauchlan, 10s.; Mrs. Morris's Fee, Marylebone Association, 7s. 6d.; Miss Gibbs, per Mr. A. H. Bentley, £1; P. W. Oversby, 3s.; Miss A. Wright, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. M. Morris' Fee, Kingston, 7s. 6d.; Sutton Mission Special, 7s.; Manor Park donation in lieu of fee, 15s.; Manchester and District Group, Good Friday Collections and Donations, £16 16s.; A.H.P., £40; Bowes Park Society, Special Social, £1 10s. Total, £71 0s. 0d.

June. Mrs. Leadbetter (Southport), Flower Seance, 16s.; Mr. A. Scott, 10s.; W.P., 2s.; J.W. Turner, £1; Gratitude, 5s. 6d.; Retiring Collection, B.S.L.U. Conference, York, £1 7s. 8d.; Miss Sunderland, Sale of Bookmarks, 10s. 0d.; Sowerby Bridge Church, £1; Mrs. Griffiths, Barrow Home Circle, 10s.; Southern District Council Picnic Collection, £5 0s. 6d. Total, £11 2s. 2d.

July. Southampton Seeker, £100. Two sympathisers (Yeovil) £2; "Kenroad," £1 1s.; Mrs. Williams, 5s.; Mrs. Allured, 2s. 6d.; Mr. T. Walster, 2s. 6d.; Mr. A. Scott, 10s.; Mr. H. Wright, 2s.; Holiday Levy, 1s.; M. H. Newman, 3s.; Rosie, 2s. 6d.; H. B. 2s. 6d.; Friend, Barrow, 2s.; Mrs. Fisher, per Mr. Berry, 5s.; Colchester Visitor to Glasgow, 5s.; Canadian Visitor to Glasgow, 5s.; (per Mr. McIndoe); Anonymous, per Mrs. Nurse, In Memory of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, 10s.; Mrs.

McLauchlan, 5s.; Many a Little Makes a Lot, 2s. 6d.; A.G.M. Retiring Collection, Nottingham, Mechanics Hall, £4 10s. 0d.; Little Ilford Christian Spiritualist Church, 11s. 6d.; Sheffield, Meersbrook, £1; Weston-super-Mare Church, per Mr. A. G. Newton, £1 1s.; Members, Rippon Hall Church, North Shields, £2 3s. 6d.; Northern District Council Area, per Mr. Dowell Todd, £3 15s. 1d. From the following personal quarterly donations,—W. Ridley, 2s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. Drude, 2s.; Mr. Bogue, 1s.; Blyth Central Church, Good Friday Rally, 6s.; Retiring Collection, Heaton Conference 15s.; Retiring Collection, Good Friday Celebrations £1 11s. 4d. Retiring Collection, Bedlington Conference, 17s. 3d. Total £119 13s. 7d.

The Committee are truly grateful, and wish to thank all who have given their gifts so generously, and especially for the handsome gift of £100 from one who wishes to remain anonymous. Only in this way can we express our thanks because we are now able to carry on with less anxiety until the Annual Appeal in October.

Awaiting your help by continued subscriptions,

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

32b, North St.,
Keighley, Yorks.

MARY L. STAIR,

Hon. Secretary.

A MEMORY,

William A Garrad, the former Secretary for Calgary Lyceum, who passed to spirit life on March 16th, 1929 has made his presence known on numerous occasions. His message to Lyceumists is "Stick to the Lyceum. It helped me more than I can tell."

OUR MUTUAL AID BUREAU.

THE BODY OF THE SPIRIT.

EVENTS IN SPIRIT LIFE REVEALED BY AUTOMATIC WRITINGS.

Mr. KNOTT'S IDEAS.

There has been definite evidence by people passing through the process of physical death that there is a spiritual body. Clairvoyants bear testimony that the existence of the spirit-body is not hallucination. The spirits, freed from physical bodies, after a sojourn in the new spheres of activity return and confirm evidence of possessing bodies.

Having satisfied ourselves that spirit forms exist, Mr. Taylor queries the organisation that functions through such bodies and wants to know if the organs are responsive in the same way as our physical organs operate. If such is the case he claims the spirit world must be another material world, with a different kind of matter.

Possibly an examination of human machinery may help towards an explanation. For life to exist in a human form a necessary heat is required. That heat is produced by food. The food passes through the body. On its way it gives replenishment to the blood, yet the food and the blood, in the normal process, never meet. There is a process called osmosis by which the walls of the intestines allow what may be called a "juice" to pass into the blood stream. Then again there is another (portal) circulation, and yet another circulation through the heart and lungs.

In the body there is also a nerve circulation working through a motor and sensory process.

The voluntary and involuntary control of the muscles complete the machinery.

The question arises, does the spirit-body perform similar functions? Has a spirit body any heat temperature? Does it absorb food? Are there voluntary and involuntary muscles performing their allotted functions?

In the physical world we are limited by the confines of time, space, and substance. We must operate through our physical bodies.

A spirit in the spirit world has transcended the physical limitations. The powers are enhanced. A spirit may appear in England for one moment and in Australia during the next moment.

The spirit may place its thought within the mind of a medium, or actually enter the physical form of the medium: producing transfiguration capable of recognition by persons who are present.

What kind of body it can be that functions in this way can only be explained by the spirits themselves. Few spirits seem capable of giving an understandable expression of spiritual anatomy, and, if I may use the term, spiritology (in the sense that physicists use physiology).

Can we not turn to our own physical life and ask "How few people understand earthly anatomy and physiology?" The medical scientists do not understand the nervous system. All that is known is that there are various centres of nervous activity. No panacea has yet been found as a remedy for nervous complaint. The utmost that can be done is to prescribe change and rest to allow the body to rehabilitate itself.

It is small wonder that, when we ask the spirit people to describe their organs, the source of their bodily symptoms, and processes of digestion in the spirit-world, the explanations are still undefinable in expressed terms because the spirit himself has probably not studied (like most humans) the processes that function within his form.

We carry many human traits with us into spirit life. One of the subtleties we use here is often to give some sort of evasive reply rather than admit our ignorance. Methinks we sometimes get evasive answers from spirits too.

Materially, our physical bodies can be wholly exalted into gaseous substance (so I am informed). If this be true and the existence of the spirit body be also true, the presumption is that the spirit body will be fed by absorption from the elements that prevail in its life to give continuity to the existence of the spirit form.

Yet the food assimilated, and the body itself, must necessarily be beyond physical limitations for the spirit to visibly build its recognisable appearance to clairvoyants in both hemispheres within a few moments of each appearance.

Some spirits say their bodies and raiment become finer as they progress in spirituality.

One of the things we need for our physical bodies is pure air. How much finer must be the air which is necessary for the spirit-forms.

The solids, liquids and gases of earthly life lead to the inference of finer substances to build and replenish the body of the spirit. We may solve the query for ourselves when we reach the life which exists after death, but even then we shall need to understand spiritual chemistry and the dynamic forces which are the evidences of such existence. In the meantime we can only consult the spirits and hand on the information they give us. Our only hope is that they will tell us the truth or have the courage to say they don't know. I believe there are but few human beings who can create suitable vibrations to receive an intelligent answer. Even these expressions of mine may be purely a surmise, but I like to think they have the semblance of reality.

In reply to Mr. Taylor's second question of "soldiers fighting on horseback" I believe it is not only possible but actually true that any imaginable picture can be placed in the mind of a medium and given through the voice or hand. Some mediums will literally and physically impress their audiences with apparent continuity of physical conditions in spirit-life. That impression is produced, I believe, because the medium is incapable of rising beyond a physical parallel; the mind not being capable of interpreting the finer conditions. Under such conditions, not only the medium but the controlling spirit too must be very near to the earth life. If it is possible to spiritually visualise the Great White Throne, surely it is possible also to place men and horses around that throne, with beasts and birds, and every animate and inanimate object that has ever filled the mind of man. These conditions are temporary and both spirit and medium will one day pass beyond these phases of material conception.

Replies from Mr. G. F. Berry and Mr. Haigh are to hand.

LYCEUM MANUAL TEST, NO. 21.

The extension of date was quite fruitful and I am pleased that some of you juniors spent a little of your holidays in trying the test. The correct answers are:—

1. Silver Chain, No. 14.
2. A Psalm of Life.
3. Musical Reading, No. 218, 3rd Conductor's part.
4. Last sentence of Practical Suggestions in the programme before Silver Chain, No. 1.
5. Press on.
6. Lyceums songs, Nos. 310 and 311.

The prizes have been sent to Betty Lea, aged 13, who sent in two attempts, one of which was all correct.

George Walters, aged 12, with four correct.

Harold Lane aged 12, with four correct, the extra half-crown as an encouragement to one of these lads who tried for the first time.

Honorable mention is given to M. Challenger, Vera Chambers, Gordon Snook, Claude Reeves, D. Orman, Iris Northover, Elsa Bird, John Vincent, V. Strong, Reggie Sampson, Louie Pounds and Peggy Attlee, each of whom had 3 or over correct answers.

MANUAL TEST, No. 22.

Age not to exceed 14 years. Two half-crown prizes for the best attempts from a boy and girl.

1. Where does it say that the best gift is health.
2. Where are pearls of truth referred to?
3. Where is Matthew VI, 19, quoted?
4. Where does it say "The Spirit World is a real world."
5. Where do we read that "All are but parts of one stupendous whole?"
6. Where are you told that heaven is home?

SENIOR SECTION.

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

1. Where do you read of children marching with banners?
2. Where is there mention of a Bible river?
3. What are you told is life's test?
4. Where do you read of free speech?
5. Where is there talk of Heaven's streets?
6. Who compares the sword and spade?
7. Where are spirit knockings mentioned?
8. Where are moral and spiritual exercises named as part of the Manual?
9. Where is Hell mentioned?
10. What is stated to be the passport to angel's society?
11. If you had the choice of two letters for a Manual title, what would be the one chosen?
12. A P.S. is generally at the end of a letter. In one case in your Manual it starts a title. What is this?

TEST COUPON, No. 22.

Name

Address

Age (if under 21)

All entries must be sent to Mr. J. G. MacFarlane, 6, St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth, not later than September, 22nd, 1930.

The Children's Puzzle.



RED RIDING HOOD.

There is a tale I love to tell,
 About a girl you all know well,
 Who took some cakes through a big wood,
 Her name was sweet Red Riding Hood.
 Grannie was waiting for the child,
 When a big wolf of nature wild,
 Killed poor old Grannie in her bed,
 And put her night-cap on his head.

A woodman came, the beast he killed
 With his great axe. His mind was thrilled
 With horror, that the girl had been
 In danger too, had the wolf seen
 Red Riding Hood, with her pet cat
 As in the bed he waiting sat,
 For the young girl who crossed the wood
 With mother's cakes for Grannie good.

Now here's a puzzle you must find,
 By looking round for Mother kind,
 The wolf and Grannie if you can,
 Also the axe and the woodman.
 The cat is sitting there as well,
 Red Riding Hood you'll quickly tell,
 If you will search and do your best
 To find her there with all the rest.

The authority of a brutal man loses its force during his absence.

This body, when a few bubbles of air shall have left it, is no more worthy of thy notice than of mine.

HANNIBAL.

REVIEW.

JESUS CHRIST AT WORK. By Richard A. Bush. The Two Worlds Publishing Co., 18, Corporation St., Manchester. Cloth 4 6 nett.

The contents of this book purport to come from the spirit communications through an Ouija instrument and the hand of the Author.

There are other sitters during the reception of the messages and the Ouija records are reported to a scribe.

In the first two chapters the Author and his spirit helpers support each other in thinking "aloud" seeking confirmation of inherited views in the direction of an adapted Christian ministry. From the foundation of this agreeable society answers to questions proceed and "we are born with memories of past inspirations." "In youth the memory body is more plastic and consequently takes deeper impressions." In these phrases we may find the Author's inspiration for his adaption of Jesus Christ.

A description of man's manifold bodies produces Directive (Mental), Receptive (Memory), Desire (Impressive), Health (Harmonious), Etheric Mould (outside the contour) and Physical bodies. All these bodies interpenetrate each other. "All the bodies receive some heredity."

An astounding statement appears on page 36 that we can only interpret as inherited faith in the birth of Christ, and the possibility of similiar phenomena being repeated.

There is a relation of hospital service for cripple spirits and hypnotic anaesthetics are used. It reads too earthly a record of events.

The Author relates that the Virgin Mary often visits the Miraculous Statue at Rouen and also tells of his personal cure in the Church there.

Of Joan of Arc it is stated she represents the feminine leadership of the New age and this work has been given her by the Chief who rules in the Second Resurrection.

The intention of the Author is a good one, but the ideas are an attempt to merge some old ideas with modern thought and spiritualistic practice. The records are very fantastic.

After "inspired" writing in a style comparable with Revelations the Author asks the question "who inspired this message" and the answer is given "Christ the Son of God directs your hand and brain through me, the Roman Soldier whose link I am between you and him."

We cannot believe that this book can carry conviction to most Spiritualists.

The book is a complex of communications which appear to be influenced by the medium's mental excursions into ethereal possibilities. As it leads to an influence of polytheistic demi-gods, few people will agree with the communications which are coloured with primitive christian ideas. An attempt is made to show the Author as a person specially adapted and to be used by the spirits as a guide to lead people to a sort of Christian Spiritualism.

Dried fruits, hung on the tree of life, will not make new blossoms.

The book is well printed in good readable type.

There are some fruits, and some virtues, require a harsh soil and bleak exposure for their perfection.

CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, etc.

Coventry, Broadgate. Miss A. Annett, 1, Hasley St., Coventry.
 Batley Carr, Carr St. Miss H. Hirst, 6, Anne St., Carlinghow, Batley.
 Horbury and Ossett, Sowood Avenue, 1-45 p.m. Mrs. Thurlow, 15, Horbury Rd., South Ossett, nr. Wakefield.
 Leeds, Psycho. Miss A. Gascoyne, 11, Kendall Place, Hanover Square, Park Lane, Leeds.
 Morley, Queen St. Mr. A. Stevens, 77, Middleton Road, Morley, nr. Leeds.
 Battersea. Mrs. E. Williams, 9, Caibourne Road, Balham, London, S.W.12.
 Lewisham, Limes Hall, Limes Grove, S.E.13. Mrs. M. Donald, 12, Manor Road, Brockley, London, S.E.4.
 Manchester, Salford. Mr. T. Wilkinson, 33, St. James St., Trafford Road, Salford.
 Clitheroe, Walker St.
 Earby, Greenend Avenue. Mrs. D. Dawson, 30, Albion St., Earby, via Colne.
 Sheffield, Darnall. Mr. A. Guy, 33, Oldhall Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield.
 Southern Counties D.V. Mrs. E. Taylor, A.N.S.C., 73, Victoria Rd., Portsmouth.
 Heywood, William St. Mr. Purcell, 81, Aspinall St., Heywood
 Hetton-le-Hole, Lowther Memorial Hall, 2-30 p.m. Miss H. Crake, 43, Caroline St., Hetton-le-Hole, Co. Durham.
 Rosyth. Miss S. Holroyd, 30, Holborn Place, Rosyth, Dumfermline, Fife, N.B.

District Visitors' Reports.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Brighouse, Commercial St., June 22nd. Punctual start. 44 scholars present. Lyceum nicely conducted, singing nicely rendered. Marching and Callisthenics very ably conducted and nicely got through. Readings nicely read. A good Lyceum in the making.

Halifax, Alma St., Aug. 3rd. 32 present morning session. Marching and Callisthenics carried out very well.

Afternoon Session. Prompt start; good number present. Singing was well rendered. Both sessions were conducted nicely. The subject of Liberty Group of "Power" was well explained by a Lyceumist.

Huddersfield, St. Peters St., Aug. 10th. Punctual start. 16 scholars and a visitor present. Marching and Callisthenics very well done and conducted alright. Session in good hands and conducted very nicely. Few recitations and pearls. Readings and responses very good.—W. Buttle, D.V.

SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

Eagle St. Lyceum, Todmorden, Aug. 17th. The readings and singing were good. Callisthenics,—1st series from B.S.L.U., and 2nd series from Sandow's Exercises. Marching was very brisk. Just what is expected of Lyceumists. Mr. Boothman is an excellent marching and callisthenic conductor. This Lyceum is in good order, under the Conductorship of Mr. Potts. "Roy" aged about 9 years, closed the Session with prayer.

Roomfield Buildings, Todmorden, Afternoon, Aug. 17th. Marching and callisthenics were very ably performed. The singing was good. There were no readings on account of the Lyceum Choir having a practice for their Lyceum Anniversary Day.

Wishing the Lyceums every success.—H. Shaw, D.V.

THE WEST OF SCOTLAND LYCEUM WORKERS' GUILD.

Mr. Tutton, who is the District Visitor for the Guild, was asked to speak in Edinburgh on "The Lyceum." He put the suggestion before the Guild and we arranged to have an Open Session. The Session was held in Ardmillan Terrace, Edinburgh, on 29th June. Miss Cleland was in the chair. There were about 60 Lyceumists and 100 visitors present. Hymn Sheet No. 9 was used. The singing was good and pearls were numerous. Several recitations and solos were given. The Silver and Golden Chain recitations were well read and several questions were asked. Marching and callisthenics were well done. This Association is handicapped by not being able to find suitable accommodation for a Lyceum.

L. GRAY, 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.

MARRIAGE.

At the Unitarian Church, High Pavement, Nottingham, on August 2nd, Miss Victoria G. Rayner, President, B.S.L.U., to Mr. Joseph Reynolds. Mr. G. F. Knott officiated. There was a large gathering of friends to witness the ceremony.

Miss Alice Cole and Mr. Jim Wood, Members of Derby Progressive Lyceum, were married on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Our hearty congratulations to them both. A.M.C.

IN MEMORIAM.

COOK—SOUTH SHIELDS. Sacred to the memory of our late Lyceum Conductor, George Cook, who passed to Higher Service, Sept. 8th, 1929.

"In the Spirit world so fair
We shall know each other there,
Angel hands will clasp our own
And we shall know as we are known."

"Ever remembered by the Leaders and Lyceumists of Cambridge St. Lyceum."—C. Stoker, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—To the memory of Harry Porritt Clegg, passed over Sept. 23rd, 1926, aged three weeks. Ever in our thoughts. —Mother, Father, and Auntie Hetty.

WALSALL Lyceum regret to announce the sudden passing on of a dear Leader and worker in our Lyceum, Annie Cameron, on Aug. 14th, aged 16 years, while undergoing an operation for appendicitis. The Burial Service was conducted by our Superintendent, Mr. Lawton, supported by the Lyceum Members and friends. A Memorial Service was conducted by Miss Phillips, of Burton-on-Trent, on August 24th. Both services were well attended and very impressive.

"The silent friend so dear to all
Her name in fondness still we call."

District Council Reports

BOLTON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the above Council was held on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, in the Horwich National Spiritualist Church.

Mr. J. R. Charnley, President, was in the chair.

The Minutes were accepted and adopted.

The correspondence resulted in a College Visitors Committee being formed, consisting of the President, Secretary, D.V., and and Adjudicator. The Bury Church and Lyceum is to be asked to entertain the U.D.C. for the March meeting, 1932. An appeal was made for silver paper to be brought quarterly to the D.C. meetings.

The President gave an interesting address, which brought forth a few questions. The address was adopted.

The Secretary reported a decrease in Associates and asked for appeals to be made in the Lyceums.

The Treasurer's report showed £2 2s. 9½d. in hand, and £1 11s. 2d. in the Demonstration Fund.

The D.V. reported visits to Leigh, Evans St., and Bolton, Deane Road.

Resulting from the D.V.'s report, it was decided that the E.C. visit at least one Lyceum per quarter, and Deane Road is to be the first Lyceum visited. The visit will take place on Sept. 28th.

Mr. Charnley gave a comprehensive Conference report which was adopted.

The Statement of Accounts for the Demonstration at Bury, was fully explained by the Secretary, and showed a profit of £1 11s. 2d. This profit would not have resulted but for the efforts of a few Bury Lyceumists, who promoted raffles, etc., to provide the Secretary with cash prior to the event. The Bury friends were very heartily thanked for the energetic way in which they had worked the Demonstration.

A Social, at which the Certificates for the B.S.L.U. Exams. will be presented for all the District, was arranged, and will be held on Sept. 23rd, in the Bolton, Bradford St. Church. Lyceumists rally round, and help the Education Scheme. Proceeds from the social are for the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Horwich friends brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

A. DEAN, A.N.S.C., Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

Quarterly Meeting at Brighouse, Aug. 24th, 1930. The Council Meeting commenced at 10-30 a.m., 15 officers, delegates and associates being present.

It was decided to urge all Lyceums to take up the Education Scheme, and, where needed, provide Lyceums with leaders. Three people volunteered for this work.

The Balance Sheet showed a loss of 2½d., but before the day was over outstanding fees were paid and so this was remedied.

It was also decided to hold a Social Evening, at Ramsden St., if possible, during November in order that the Shield and Bell might be presented to winning Lyceums. Particulars will be sent later.

An Open Session was held in the afternoon, the various officers and delegates taking part in the readings and comments. Mina Firth (Brighouse) gave a pianoforte solo and Lucy Davis recited.

The Evening Service was also taken by officers of the D.C. Mr. F. Smith presided. Mr. E. Smith gave the invocation; Mr. Burrows and Mr. Ellis gave short addresses; and the Secretary gave the closing Benediction.

The best thanks of the D.C. are due to our Brighouse friends for hospitality and all kindnesses. (Next meeting, Alma St., Nov. 9th, at 10-30 a.m.)

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The next Conference will be held at Wellington Road, Dewsbury, on Saturday, Sept. 13th, 1930, at 3-30 p.m.

Agenda.—Opening Exercises, Invocation, Welcome, President's Address, Minutes, Correspondence, Roll Call, Reports,—D.V., Treasurer's L.D.C. Field Day Secretary's Sub-Committee *re* Rules for Silver Bell. Notice of Motion (Birstall) "That the Secretary's honorarium be increased from £1 to £2." Associates, Invitation Field Day, 1931, Financial Statement, 1930 Field Day accounts, Audit Report, Open Council, Invitation for December Conference, Vote of Thanks to local friends.
A. W. HARDING, Sec.

LONDON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL ATHLETIC CLUB.

The second Annual Sports Meeting was held at Charlton Park Running Track on July 5th, 1930. The meeting was well attended and enthusiasm in the various events reached a high standard. There were about 30 Track Events, while a number of Fancy Events added interest to the visitors. A large number of Silver Medals and Certificates were presented to the winning competitors.

The Championship Cup was won by Rochester Square Lyceum, Eltham, the winners of last year's events, took second place and received the Runners-up Cup.

Fulham came third, and other Lyceums did well, but were out-numbered in the various entries.

A pleasing feature of the day was the presence of Miss Elliott, the past President of the Union. Congratulations to all workers and competitors.

SILVER PAPER COLLECTION.

Mrs. Fruin wishes to thank the New Malden Lyceumists for their large collection of Silver Paper. This will be duly forwarded to the Lyceum Union.

NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council will hold the third quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20th, 1930, in the National Church and Lyceum, Albert Road, Blackpool, to commence at 3-30 p.m.

Agenda.—Minutes, Correspondence, Reports,—Financial, Secretary, D.V., Conference, U.D.C. business and Delegates. President's Address, Open Council.

Notices of Motion.—"That a Committee of three be set up to consider and discuss the financial position of the Council and ways and means *re* high cost of D.C. meetings."

Re Summer School.—Lyceums to discuss this matter and report to Secretary by September 10th.

Tea will be provided by our friends at Blackpool.

J.S., Sec.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting, held at Portsmouth Temple, on Saturday, August 10th. The President was in the chair. Delegates and Associate Members attended from Portsmouth, Southampton, Eastleigh, and Ryde. Mr. Lawrence (President) offered the invocation. Applications for membership were accepted from Eastleigh and Ryde. Arising from Minutes the Secretary reported that no reply had come from Daington.

Correspondence was accepted. Agreed to forward reply to Mr. Connor to the effect that the Council would endeavour to awaken interest in those Lyceums not yet participating in the Examination Scheme, by correspondence or personal visits. Agreed to circulate Lyceums, drawing attention to the request for Silver Paper, collected through the District Council and a centre; the object being to aid the Home of Rest Fund.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in hand of £3 14s. 8½d. The Secretary reported membership of eight Lyceums (seven having paid), and 28 Associates. Arising, it was agreed to request Lyceums to forward suitable names and addresses of sea-side resorts and Convalescent Homes for patients to benefit under the Ainsworth Legacy. It was agreed that it be placed on record our appreciation of the energy of Mr. MacFarlane, in his activities in the BANNER, *re* Manual Tests and Cross-words.

The District Visitor was absent through a visit to Plymouth: The Councils thanks to be recorded, as it was a visit without expense to the Council. His report was read of a visit to Eastleigh, and still trying at Gosport.

The Secretary was asked to furnish the B.S.L.U. Secretary with up-to-date information *re* District Visitor and Lyceums affiliated to the Council. Letter to be sent to Worthing, noting passing out of Miss Fern, Life President of the Church.

No invitation as yet for next Council Meeting.

The President gave a vote of thanks which was responded to by Mrs. Hayward, Conductor of Portsmouth Temple.

H. C. GUY, Sec.

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference of the above Council was held at Shildon (Newlands Avenue) on Sunday 10th August, 1930, when in addition to the usual routine business, the following matters were dealt with:—

Conference stood in silent tribute to Mrs. Colbourne, wife of the Council's Treasurer, who has recently passed to the "higher life."

The Notice of Motion from Stockton (Brunswick St.) *re* Rota System of holding Conferences, was lost.

Mr. Connor's letter *re* "College Visiting Committee" is to be acted upon as far as possible. The following members volunteered to support the scheme. President (Mr. J. Riley), Secretary (Mr. E. Nellist, A.N.S.C.), Mrs. Ainsworth (Grangetown), Miss E. Bonsor (Middlesbrough, Grange Rd.), Mr. Mitchell (Darlington Progressive), Mr. Harrison (Shotton Colliery), Mr. Roeder (Middlesbrough Grange Rd.), Mr. Miller (Stockton Brunswick St.).

Two new Lyceums were accepted into affiliation and their applications to the B.S.L.U. endorsed, viz., Darlington (Progressive) and West Hartlepool (Ever-onward).

The 21st Birthday Celebration Scheme is to be carried out.

Fraternal Delegates were present from the new Darlington Lyceum and Shotton Colliery. Credentials had also been issued to Durham and West Hartlepool (Ever-onward).

The next Conference is to be held at Witton Park on Sunday, 9th November, 1930. The next Executive Committee is to be held at West Hartlepool (Musgrave St.) on Saturday 20th September.

Mr. Roeder was appointed to carry the "Fraternal Greetings" of the Conference to the Gurney Valley Lyceum.

During the afternoon the Council participated in a splendid "Open Session" after which a paper entitled "The Fatherhood of God" was read by Mr. E. Nellist, A.N.S.C., and discussed by the members present.

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

Special Reports.

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

BIRMINGHAM, Handsworth.—We held our Lyceum Anniversary on June 29th and July 1st. The whole of the services were taken by the Senior Lyceumists, and we had a real good time together. Everybody did their best. Representatives visited

us from other Lyceums. We had an enjoyable time, and were highly complimented on our singing. Everybody was pleased.

Recitations and solos were rendered. Altogether it was a very happy day. A. BROWN, Sec.

DUNEDIN, N.Z.—The juvenile Lyceumists gave an entertainment under direction of Miss Burgess, on June 12th, in aid of Unemployment Relief. They took a keen interest and were very successful. Costumes were pretty, and as all children love crowns, wings, or a wand, two fairy plays were staged, with songs, recitations, dialogues, and musical items. Mr. Hargreaves, who has once again offered his services as Musical Conductor, was accompanist. Children taking part were,—Jean McConnell, Edith Asher, Hazel and Dulcie Pratley, Jean, Margaret, Jim and Edith Robinson, Joan Hargreaves, Frances Anthony, Mavis and Kitty Dobbin, Irene and Colin Bachop, Roland, Hilda, and Kathleen Paul, Joy Thurston, Lorraine Hoyne, Marion Chisholm, and Doreen McCusker kindly assisted and rendered great service.

The Misses Stables, daughters of Church Vice-President, did the dressing of the children.

Sunday, June 15th. Open Session and Dedication Service, when the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Souquet (former Lyceumists) received the name of Yvonne Anna and the spiritual name of "Aldrea." A few visitors were present. Three children, Joan Hargreaves, Frances Anthony, and Irene Bachop, acted as flower girls, carrying wreaths and small bunches of flowers which were given to the baby. Pearls by all present. Recitations by the majority.

June 26th, the Annual Lyceum Birthday Party took place. A bounteous tea had been provided by generous friends mostly, and prettily decorated tables set for 60 as we had invited 20 poor children this year; they failed to attend, so 38 sat down to the repast. In the evening 14 adults came and the evening was a jolly one. The children had a good time if noise meant enjoyment. Greetings to all Lyceums and to Editor of the BANNER.—Miss R. Burgess, Con-Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Rye Hill.—On July 31st and Aug. 14th, we arranged picnics to Newcastle's famous beauty spot, Jesmond Dene. After tea various recreations were the order of the day. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Aug. 17th, during the Lyceum Session, an interesting naming ceremony was held. Our new Lyceumist being the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Webster, who received the earthly name of "Robert," spiritual name, "Comrade." Mrs. Price, our Conductor, performed the ceremony.—A. Richardson, 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 August 27th.

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than September 24th, to ensure insertion in the October 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, Pearl Street.—Open Session, 3rd Aug. Recitation by Ivy Kenniford; solos by Miss Hilda Swift, Nellie Laycock, Frances Laycock, Evelyn Jackson and Mrs. Houliker; duets by Gladys Jenkinson and Hilda Nield, Bessie and Jean Hilton; trio by Misses Hilda Swift, Nellie and Frances Laycock.

ASHTON.—Open Session, 10th Aug. It was a day full of joy and music, with the feeling of love to one another being the keynote. How happy we all felt. This was expressed in the explanations of the Silver Chain, Musical Reading, and Golden Chain. It was also a real Children's Day. Old and young became brothers and sisters in one family. The marching and callisthenics were a pleasing feature. Greetings from Elland (Yorks.), Oldham (Waterhead), Hyde, Droylsden and the N.E.C. L.D.C. were received, and returned. Four District Councils were represented, through the presence of their Lyceums

and our fraternal greetings go to them. As was explained, "Happiness is not a gift," but can only be obtained by helping others, so we all joined and gave of our best to each other, leaving behind that happy memory with time only too short. Individual efforts, pearls, etc., having to suffer. We were cheered and encouraged to Go Forward, Shoulder to Shoulder, and Hold Fast to the Truth.—R. A. L. Markham, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Aug. 3rd, Open Session. Recitations were given by Muriel and Annie Watson, Jack Woodley, Jim Woodley, Edna Jones, Leslie Hamilton, and Mr. Edwards; solos by Lilian Harding, Mr. Taylor and Florrie Watson; a pianoforte solo by Mr. Whitely. Eight pearls were given. It was an enjoyable session.—D. Dunn, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On July 27th we held our usual Open Session. The following gave recitations: C. Railton, D. Parker and J. Riley; solo by Miss E. Hopper and Miss Swift (Accrington); duet by J. and B. Hilton (Accrington). Miss E. Elliott, of Manchester, was our speaker. A very good Session was enjoyed by all.—Mr. T. Wood, Sec.

BLACKPOOL.—On Aug. 10th rain caused the abandonment of a big open-air Demonstration planned by the Blackpool Spiritualist Church. At the time when the Sunday School scholars and the Church members should have walked in procession to the beach there was a persistent downpour, and within half an hour it had been decided to substitute a Special Service within the sanctuary of the Church walls, where Mr. James Shuttleworth, of Darwen, who had been invited for the occasion, persuaded everybody to forget their disappointment. A congregation which crowded the building to capacity took part in Silver and Golden Chain Recitations, Musical Reading, and an open discussion, and afterwards watched a display of callisthenics. The County Borough Band, which had been engaged for the march and demonstration, played accompaniment to the hymns. Mr. Fred Carter, the Sunday School Secretary, was the chief organiser of an event which was greatly enjoyed. We wish to thank all visiting friends who came to help us.

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—On Aug. 9th we held our Open Session, conducted by Mr. T. Liles. Although the weather was unfavourable, we had a good attendance. Two Naming Ceremonies were performed by Mrs. W. Johnson. Pearls were given by several present. Mr. White, of Bury, kindly favoured us with a recitation which was thoroughly enjoyed. Greetings were received from Bury (King Street), Radcliffe (Railway Street), Bolton (Henry Street), and Horwich Lyceums. Altogether we had a very enjoyable afternoon. We sent our greetings to all Lyceumists at home and abroad.—A. Bromiley, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 3rd. We had a very good attendance. The questions and explanations on the readings were fine, also the songs, duets, solos and recitations were beautifully rendered. The marching and callisthenics were smartly gone through. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the Sessions very much.—J. Babbs, Sec.

BRISTOL, Providence Hall.—On Tuesday, June 24th, we had our Annual Lyceum Outing via Brockley Coombe Woods to Weston-super-Mare. 60 Lyceumists, with their parents, spent a very enjoyable day.—V. Harding, Leader.

CHESTERFIELD.—Aug. 3rd, Open Session. Mr. Bown conducted the Session, which was attended fairly well. We opened with 'Invocation to the Angels' and, after marching and callisthenics, our Lyceumists obliged with items by Lillian Briggs, Sidney Hobster, Avis Bown, Norman Clements, Ivy Hall and Harry Becket. We had quite an enjoyable Session.—M. Wheatley, Session Min. Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—On Saturday, Aug. 2nd, we took the children to "Sunny Vale," where everyone spent an enjoyable day, returning about 8-30 in the evening.

Aug. 3rd, Open Session, conducted by Miss M. B. Robinson. Prayer by Mrs. Fleming; pearls by E. Scholes, L. Wilson, Miss Wilkinson, E. Rowley, G. Hutton, Miss Robinson, H. Taylor (2), Dorothy Garside, Miss Amy Howarth, Mr. Robinson and E. Rigg; recitations by E. Scholes and E. Rowley; trios by Dorothy Garside, Doris Garside, Florence Donner, I. Wilson, E. Rowley, E. Scholes. We had quite a good session.

In the evening we held our Anniversary Services, the speaker being Mrs. Fleming, of Huddersfield. The subject was "Stand for the Right." We had a successful and pleasant service.—Miss M. B. Robinson, Sec.

DARWEN.—On Aug. 2nd we held our Annual Outing to Clarion House, Wilpshire. About 50 Lyceumists and friends attended. The heavy showers spoiled the sports for the children, but they contrived to enjoy themselves. Tea was served at Clarion House.—Mrs. Lowe, Ban. Sec.

DEWSBURY.—Open Session, also Lyceum Sunday, July 27th. Conductor, Mr. E. Wilson. Seven pearls. Recitations by Victor Hartley, Mr. Kitson, Margaret Greenwood, Arthur Greenwood; solos by Mr. W. Hey, Mr. A. Kitson, Miss A. Bentley, Arthur Greenwood, Mr. Greenwood; duet by Louie Gregory and Phyllis Dunn, Walter Oakes and Gerald Hey. It was Mr. J. H. Collier's Sunday. In the afternoon there was the burial of one of our old Lyceumists, Mrs. F. Broadbent (late Miss F. Collier). The coffin was brought outside the Church. Mrs. G. Peel was in charge of the service. The bearers were six ladies and six men (oldest Lyceumists). There was a good attendance of Lyceumists.

Lyceumists took the service at night. Chairman, Mr. C. Phillips. Organist, Mr. L. Bland. Invocation by Mr. J. Senior. Speeches by Master W. Oakes and Miss M. Hirst. An essay was read by Miss A. Bentley; it was written by Louie Gregory. Solos by Miss F. Senior, Miss L. Gregory; duets by Mr. A. Kitson and Mrs. Hartley; recitations by Mr. H. Gregory, Dorothy Dunn; quartette by Mr. E. Wilson, Mr. A. Oakes, Miss A. Bentley, Miss N. Whitworth. Clairvoyance by Miss F. Oakes. Closing prayer by Mr. J. Whittles.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—Open Session, Aug. 3rd, conducted by Miss Johnson. Invocation by A. Crossland. The following Lyceumists gave items:—L. Middleton, S. Middleton, W. Riley, M. Alvis and Miss D. Batty. On Tuesday, Aug. 5th, we went by motor coach to Cleethorpes, where we spent a very happy and enjoyable day.—Mrs. S. C. Webb, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—Open Session, Aug. 3rd. Recitations by N. Taylor, K. Hodgkinson, D. Taylor, L. Sprout, O. Wilkins, M. Chadwick, A. Wilkinson, D. Seddon, J. Hancock, R. Hodgkinson, F. Clarke, N. Seddon, F. Hancock, E. Fox and Mr. W. Millican; songs by A. Wilkinson, J. Sprout, F. Clarke, D. Seddon, L. Sprout, K. Hodgkinson, T. and W. Hancock.—Mrs. D. Dawson, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—We held our Annual Picnic on Saturday, July 5th. An enjoyable outing in glorious weather to Dolphinholme by motor 'buses.

July 6th, Lyceum Anniversary. We held three Sessions. Our Conductor, Mr. Batley, named "June," the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yeo; spirit name "Lily." We enjoyed a beautiful Session and we thank all who helped to make the happy week-end such a success.

On June 29th Mr. Batley named "Harold Storzaker" the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mather; spirit name "Joy."

A good number of friends from Dewsbury visited us on July 19th. The Conductor, Mr. Phillips, was our Conductor during a little Open Session.

Open Session Aug 3rd. A very good attendance. Recitations by Doris Parkinson, Dorothy Harris, and Violet Forshaw. Duets, by, Lily Frith and Irene Watkins, Mona Betters and Mary Gibson; Ruth Harris and Violet Forshaw; Dorothy Harris and Kathleen Hague. Solos by Frank Harris; Mrs. Parkinson and Mrs. Dodwell several good Pearls brought our Happy session to a close.

On June 29th the Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson was given the earthly name of Alice Mary, spirit name "Rose" by our Conductor Mr. Batley. Our Lyceum was again successful in gaining a prize in the Hospital Parade with the tableau "Fairies of the Clock."—L. Vollans, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—August 3rd Open Session conducted by Mr. Doswell. S.C. by Miss Pickvance, M.R. by Mr. P. Doswell and G.C. by I. Pickvance. Recitations by Bessie Bartlett (a little visitor from Accrington), May Pickvance, Greta Johnson and Annie Aspden. Trio by Mrs. W. Doswell Miss Norris, and Eileen Slaw. Greta Johnson, May Pickvance and Bessie Bartlett. Our Conductor gave the greetings of Fleetwood Lyceum, having received them the previous week whilst paying our friends a visit. The Session was thoroughly enjoyed.—H. Norris, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—On Thursday, July 31st we held our Annual Outing to Hubbards Hills, Louth, and a most enjoyable day resulted. On the following Sunday prizes were presented for the races. Items were rendered by Zita Giles, Vera Wakefield

Mabel Trash, Mr. Rycroft, George Chapman, Emma Wakefield, George Watts, Roland Humberston, Joe Chapman, Alfie White, Mrs. Howard, P. Stanham, and Mr. Spink (a visitor). These were much appreciated.—P.S., Sec.

HEATON NORRIS.—July 20th. Open Session conducted by Miss Griffith. A very good Session was made enjoyable by all. Readings, Pearls, and recitations were very pleasing. Marching and callisthenics very good. Visitors were present from Lord Street, Central.

6-30 Service of Song, entitled "Roses of Love" conducted by Mrs. Moulton. Soloist Miss E. Winston. Invocation by Miss Griffith. The service of song could teach each a lesson. No matter how poor and humble we may be we can sow the seeds of love, peace and harmony. Miss Winston rendered appropriate songs to the services. Miss Laura Craig sang the "Holy City." All did their part of being sunshine on our Children's Day. Miss Doris Pickering gave the benediction.

8-0 Service was conducted by members of the Church.—Mrs. E. Deplitch, Sec.

HEMSWORTH.—On Wednesday, Aug 13th a happy day was spent at Cleethorpes with 85 Lyceum children and friends. A tired but happy, party arrived home safe.

On Aug 16th our Anniversary was held. Mr. Davis was the speaker. Another happy day with the children and friends.—Mrs. Bates, Sec.

HYDE, George St.—On July 27th we held Massed Sessions, conducted by Mrs. Edwards, President of the N.E.C. L.D.C. The singing, marching and callisthenics were very good. Pearls, recitations and individual efforts were too numerous to mention. Several parents of our Lyceumists were present, and were very well pleased with the way our children are trained. Nearly every Lyceum in the Council was represented. We had a good attendance at both sessions, and a splendid day was well spent.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

IDLE.—Lyceum Day, Aug, 10th. Recitations by Mr. H. Barnes and Mrs. Walton. Solos by Mrs. Hollings, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Illingworth. Miss Mary Dawson conducted the Session.

The evening service was taken by Mr. H. Barnes and Mrs. Walton. Mrs. H. Barnes occupied the chair.—Alfred Illingworth, Sec.

LANCASTER, Alliance.—Open Session held 3rd Aug. Owing to the holidays we were rather lacking in number, but a glorious session was held, and the following contributed recitations, etc.—Mrs. Dennison, R. and F. Dennison, Harold Dennison (aged 4), Alice Jones, J. Parrington, Ada Griffin. We hope all enjoyed the holidays.—A. F. Rushworth Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—Open Session Aug 10th. Recitations by Horace Jayes, Jacky Whitbread, Elsie Norman, Elsie Garratt. Solos by Miss D. Chamberlain, Ethel Gamble, Mr. A. Gamble Duet by Elsie Clements and Doris Garratt, Lavinia Garratt and Doris Jayes. Miss N. Frost, Mrs. Russell, and T. Kenney. There was a good response for pearls and an enjoyable Session was well spent.—T. Kenney, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham St.—Open Session Aug 3rd. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horton was named; spirit name "Progress."

On the 25th Aug we celebrated our Anniversary. Our young members gave solos, recitations, etc. Two very pleasing items were given creation by eight small children and the language of flowers by five small girls. Addresses and clairvoyance by Mr. and Mrs. Raspin, Conductor and Treasurer. We had a concert on the Monday. Everything was a spiritual and financial success.—N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Clapham.—On July 27th Mrs. Blanche Petz conducted a Spirit Naming Service, during which Rita Candy "Verity" received a beautiful Spirit Painting. Afterwards, "Faith" Grigg, our first Lyceum Godchild, presented a badge to the baby. The Church was a mass of flowers, which undoubtedly helped considerably in erecting the beautiful atmosphere which prevailed throughout the whole Session.

Our Summer Outing to Box Hill by charabanc was decidedly a children's outing, for the few adults who attended entered thoroughly into the "fun of the fair." Races were made possible by the generosity of two adult Lyceumists. We were greatly blessed with the weather, which, after a week of rain in almost every part of the country, in accordance with its usual whim, changed, and became real August for the whole of the afternoon and evening.—H.R.B.

LONDON, Lewisham.—We had our outing to Margate on July 24th. Although the weather was showery, everybody had a happy, enjoyable time. Congratulations to Gladys East and Kathleen and Rose Chagwellen, who passed the B.S.L.U. exams. May they go forward in this glorious movement.—M. Donald, Sec.

LONDON, Rochester Square.—Our Annual Outing was held on July 20th. Thirty children and sixteen adults enjoyed a very happy day at Chingford. Though the weather was not all it might have been we made the best of a bad job and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves. Sports were held for the children, who thoroughly enjoyed them. Tea was served at Butler's Retreat and some friends from Fulham joined our party at tea. We arrived home all very tired though very happy. We are hoping to hold another Outing before the summer finishes and we are hoping for better weather on that occasion.—Doris M. Jordan, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham, High Road.—We have carried on the Lyceum Sessions this month, though one week there were only 12 present. Something attempted, something done.—B. Rayment, Sess. Sec.

LONDON, Walthamstow, High St.—July 27th we had a Naming Ceremony for the baby of Mrs Deacon an old Lyceumist. Mr. J. S. Thomas's control gave "John" as a spirit name. A glorious session.

On August 17th we had visitors from Leeds. A Guild Social evening was held on Aug, 12th. We commence Educational Addresses on Aug 10th.—D. J. Thomas, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—July 27th a very interesting subject, "Body, Soul and Spirit," was given by Mr. W. W. Ely, when he took our Liberty Group. Everyone took a deep interest in all the questions and answers. Afterwards a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Ely for his services, which was shown in the usual way.—R. H. Bayliffe, Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On July 12th we had our yearly Children's Outing to Mill Croft Tea Gardens, Norden. An enjoyable time was spent.

July 13th Flower Service and Open Session. The singing, recitations, marching and callisthenics, were very good. We had a good attendance and a nice display of flowers, and we thank all who gave them.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.—July 26th and 27th the Lyceum was responsible for week-end services. On Saturday evening Mr. T. Anton, (Conductor), was the speaker. Mr. J. Brown (President) gave clairvoyance. Sunday afternoon, Open Session and Sunday evening, Mr. A. E. Reynolds (Vice-Conductor and Secretary) was the speaker. Reading by Mr. Kind (Vice-Conductor and Treasurer). Clairvoyance by Mr. J. Brown. Music at all meetings by Miss M. Mackley, our Musical Director.—A. E. Reynolds, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—Aug 3rd Open Session conducted by Mrs. Hayward. Pearls were given by all present. Recitations by Dennis Clarke, Doris Mayes, Pat Clarke, Sylvia Durman, and Betty Lea. Solo by Jean Sandford. Pianoforte solo by Vera Chambers. Visitors from Brighton and Rochester Square An enjoyable session was spent.—C. Stuart-Jones.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.—Open session Aug 3rd. J. Hatch, R. Culling, H. Bramley, C. Curtis, G. Wadsworth, and Misses A. Curtis and E. Curtis took part. We had a very pleasant Session.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

SCUNTHORPE.—Aug 10th. Summer Outing. About 30 children, besides parents and friends went to Cleethorpes by motor. Rain marred the pleasure, but still all had a happy time. All the children had a good tea and they reached home, tired, but happy. We thank all who gave help to our fund to make the outing such a success.—Ivy Sprakes, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Rd.—Aug 3rd, Open Session. Recitations by Misses O. Nutt, J. Beatson, M. Fox, I Burrows, E. Wragg, G. Walker, M. Overment, I. Sanderson. Solo by Miss C. Higginbottom. Deut by Misses N. Nutt and E. Marples. Solo by Master V. Porter. Recitations by A. and W. Nutt, and E. Marples. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.—B. Higginbottom, Sec.

SMETHWICK.—August 17th. A great time was our first session to be held in our new and commodious premises. The Golden Chain No. 144 was ably chosen by our conductor as the preface to the hard and earnest work which we have set out to do. The afternoon was mainly spent in going through our callisthenics etc., in readiness for a Mass Open air Session to be held shortly.—Victor W. Mann, Assist. Sec.