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PRICE TWOPENCE.

Peace Sunday, Nov. 9th.

THE SESSION PROGRAMME.

Peace Sunday is now a recognised Annual Event in our Lyceum Movement. We are once again requesting that all Lyceums will adopt the National Programme, as given here, so that we may experience the vibrations of the spiritual unity, which will assist in strengthening the bonds of harmony, will link us each to each, and to the higher powers.

Also, in taking the National Programme, may you be enthused with the National spirit, and take a collection for a National cause, namely, the £2,000 Effort. Remember that the sooner we achieve our object the quicker will all Lyceums reap the benefit of their endeavour.

PROGRAMME.

Opening Hymn, L.M. 398. S.S. 121. "Shoulder to Shoulder."

Invocation by the Conductor.

Our Father, again we children of earth draw aside to commemorate another Anniversary for the affirmation of Peace. To-day will people congregate throughout the world to contemplate upon an ideal state of society, the establishment of a permanent condition of harmonious relations among the nations of the earth.

The horrors and futility of warfare have been evidenced repeatedly in the experience of mankind. Because we are coming to realise this fact and the chaotic state caused mainly through selfishness and ignorance, we seek to try to put into operation a better way.

Therefore we pray and aspire for light and guidance to pursue a purer and sweeter course of life.

May those great and noble intelligences, who have evolved to the higher spheres of being, have the opportunity to-day to approach all the peoples of earth that they may truly imbibe the divine principles of a perfect and harmonious society.

It is good to know that the way will be opened for the strengthening of those bonds, for the conveying of the higher methods and ideals.

Oh, may men and women be helped to be strong in the right, so that Divine Love may be the law and guide for the fulfilment of Peace and Goodwill. Amen.

Silver Chain Recitation. L.M. 48. "What Might be Done."

Musical Reading. L.M. 80. S.S. 130. Take the 2nd and 4th verses as Connective Readings.

Golden Chain Recitation. L.M. 103. "Brotherhood."

The following verses may be recited by seven children, taking one verse each.

PEACE.

1. Our theme to-day is Peace divine,
As yet a grand far-off ideal;

Which man may make a state so real,
If he but find these laws more fine.

2. Prayer, which is true will find the way,
Along vibration's wings above,
To where great minds respond in love,
To hasten on that golden day.
3. Effort is needed, truly sincere,
By all the peoples of the Earth,
To bring a beautiful new birth,
Where wisdom's light makes all things clear.
4. Aspiration, that golden key,
By which we aim for nobler states,
Assists in opening wide the gates,
Whereby we sweeter methods see.
5. Concentration, another means,
Which, used for universal ends,
Where Love and Wisdom interblends,
Would soon create much fairer scenes.
6. Emulation, of all the best
That lies within the human heart,
Would such a fragrance sweet impart
That peace would reign in every breast.
7. O, may the theme of human life
Re-echo forth all lovely peace;
O, may our light of truth increase,
That man no more shall study strife.

Conductor.

It will be noticed that Prayer, Effort, Aspiration, Concentration and Emulation are advocated as great helps to establish Peace. If you take the first letters of these words you will see that they spell PEACE.

Let us try and think of these words every day of our lives, and carry the meaning of them into effect, remembering that applied to the establishment of Peace on Earth, it will be of all things the most desirable. Then, truly, we shall "Hear the Angels sing."

Closing Hymn. L.M. 410. S.S. 184. "Hark, I Hear the Angels."

Closing Prayer.

Conductor.

May the Infinite Source of Life and Love, as evidenced throughout Creation, find its true expression in the world of human society. Oh, may man learn the meaning and purpose of life and being, realising himself as a necessary part of the one great whole, required for the completion of Nature's Divine Harmony.

May each individual persist in the perfecting of his part, until all jar and discord are eliminated and Love and Peace reign supreme for evermore. Amen.

Lyceums wishing to introduce an extra item could render "Daybreak," L.M. 423. S.S. 187.

Collection for the £2,000 Effort.

VICTORIA G. REYNOLDS, President.



My dear Boys and Girls,

Before writing my letter to you this month, here is an S.O.S. Will some kind friends send me along a false wig, a pair of glass eyes, a set of false teeth, and a few artificial limbs. They say forewarned is forearmed, and seeing November the fifth is drawing near, some of these young rascals in the Lyceums may try some of their pranks on me. I think it wise to be prepared, as the Boy Scout would say.

I suppose you are all looking forward again to having a jolly time with your bonfires, your guy, and your fireworks. Well, I hope it keeps fine for you. In order to have a bonfire to-day we have to make a collection of paper, wood, and such materials which will give a good blaze. What fun it is preparing the Guy, too; to be sat on a chair on top of the fire. How we laugh as we watch him burning up. First one limb and then another drops off in turn, until poor old Guy has met his fate and is no more. The fire is slowly burning out, too.

Then comes the time when Dadda, if he was in the Army, sounds "The lights out" warning, which in other words mean "To bed, to bed, you sleepy head." Away you toddle up Wooden Hill, down Blanket Alley into Sheet Lane, which leads to the land of dreams.

If I were our jolly friend, Mr. MacFarlane, the Puzzle King, I should be asking you kiddies where we read of a Bonfire in the Manual. I expect he knows so we will not try and get our own back on him.

If you will turn to Musical Reading 232, "Steps to Progress," you will find in the second verse, "The Bush on Mount Horeb burned not in the fire." At first sight this would appear to be the kind of Bonfire which would suit you boys and girls on November the fifth, one which did not go out. I think we are all guilty at times of reading such a line as this, without referring to the reference to it. Therefore we do not get the full beauty out of our Manuals.

Let us look then for a moment or two at this reading. We find at the end of the line a little star, or asterisk. Then at the foot of the page we see the same star again, this time it has Exodus III., 1. 2. This means we have to get our Bibles and turn up this reference. Then we find the history of this wonderful Bonfire in these words:

"And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him (Moses) in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed, and Moses said, I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt."

I have not space to say all I should like to you about this wonderful story or vision, but if you will read it for yourself you will find much to interest you. In a few words let me try and explain it to you in simple language, and see if we cannot get a lesson from three very easy words contained in the story.

Here was Moses sitting watching his flock of sheep on

the mountain side, when all at once he saw in a vision this wonderful sight and as he drew near to the Bush he heard a voice to which he gave a very simple and yet a very important answer. "HERE AM I." If you will read the story, you will see that God and the Angel world had a greater work for Moses to do and this was how it was shown to him.

"HERE AM I." Some of my boys and girls will remember some years ago in this page I said I wanted you to be "Every Ready" Lyceumists, that when there was a little mission of love to do, you would be found ready to do it.

So often you wonder how you little ones can do anything. Let me give you an illustration. A few weeks ago we held our London Lyceum Demonstration at which there were over 700 people present.

I was conducting the Session, and I called on one little girl (without giving her any warning) to read and explain one of the readings. What did she do, "Well, she, without saying it in words, did what Moses did, she undoubtedly said to herself "HERE AM I." She took the part well, but this was not the end of her little mission. There happened to be a gentleman present from the *Daily Mail*, and he was so struck with her explanation that the next day he had it printed in his paper. In this way she gave a message to all parts of the world. The next day I said to a gentleman who had attended the Lyceum for the first time on that Sunday, that I was sorry we did not get a more detailed report in the paper. "Why," he said, "that was the most wonderful part to me, to think a child could get up and speak before so many people without being nervous."

Being so used to hearing it Sunday after Sunday, I had never thought of what a wonderful mission you boys and girls have in your Lyceums. It is just by being ever ready and saying HERE AM I. I hope this illustration will help you to see what a wonderful part you children play in the Lyceum Session.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 160:

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| 1. Caramels. | 2. Aniseed Balls. |
| 3. Spearmint. | 4. Acid-drops. |
| 5. Peppermints. | 6. Barley Sugar. |

PUZZLE No. 161.

This month I want you to make your name up from "Birds, Fish, Flowers, or Fruit." Thus: BERT. Bat, Eel, Rose, Tomatoes.

No. 162. A LYCEUM SONG.

Opposite to sour in Five letters,
Opposite to Winter in Six letters,
Adjoining the Sea in Four letters.

Next month is that jolly old month we all look forward to, and as usual I hope to give you a fun page.

Father Xmas has not yet told me what he is going to put in my page stocking for you, but we shall see when he arrives.

Cheer-i-oh! Kiddies. Auntie Ruth and Cousin Doris join in hoping you have a sparkling time on the fifth.

2, Villiers Road,
Osterley, Middlesex.

Your loving friend,
UNCLE BERT.

Our Education Department.

HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.

OTHER DISTRICT COUNCILS PLEASE COPY.

The Education Committee acknowledge with thanks further collections forwarded to our special Education Fund from Bolton District Council, Nottingham Mechanics Hall Lyceum, Stretford Lyceum, Horwich Lyceum and Daulby Hall Lyceum. Other donations will be gratefully acknowledged. These are the collections taken on the Sunday or other occasion when the Education Scheme certificates were presented to successful students.

Bolton Council has set a good example in making a public District Social function of presenting the certificates. Their effort resulted in a donation of three pounds to the Fund, and the Committee would be very grateful for similar efforts in other Districts.

THE COLLEGE.

Every Lyceum or Church with ten members who have entered for the examinations is eligible to register as a Local Branch of the College, and during last month Hackney, Bury King Street, and Laisterdyke Lyceums have enrolled. If your own Lyceum is eligible, will you please ask your Secretary why it has not been joined up.

COLLEGE VISITORS.

Bradford District Council has appointed a College Visitors' Committee, which makes a total of nine out of nineteen Districts. The remaining District Councils either have not discussed the Appeal, or else have not acquainted me with their decision. I cannot believe that these ten Councils have deliberately refused to encourage educational work in their Districts, so I am wondering if the Appeal has been misunderstood. All that is asked is that the Officers (and any VOLUNTEERS) of the Councils will, when visiting Lyceums, find an opportunity of advocating the Education Scheme and the establishment of Educational Classes (your Union's share of 'College' work), and offer to give any possible assistance that might be required—and we are hoping that the laggards will eventually join in the good work. Its educational work is the main, if not indeed the only, justification for the existence of the Lyceum Movement in Spiritualism; and the National Joint Education Scheme has been submitted in the Parliamentary advocacy of our claims for Legal Recognition as one proof that Spiritualists are not a mere hotch-potch of moony-eyed ghost-hunters obsessed with the ghoulish lust for an alleged traffic with the dead. So every student sitting at our Examinations is an argument for Recognition. Surely all Councils will help to that end.

THE WINTER SESSION.

Educational Classes should now be in full swing, and it is hoped that not only tutors, but also their students are bearing in mind the reasons given for unsatisfactory results at last May's examinations—that many students seemed to be trying to answer HANDBOOK questions from their knowledge of the LYCEUM MANUAL, and the general knowledge picked up in Lyceum discussions. This is not nearly enough, as much of the Handbook information is additional to

that given in the Manual Readings—and it is essential that each student should have a copy of the Handbook for the Grade in which he or she is going to sit.

Each Tutor or Leader should have a copy of "How to Prepare for the Examinations" and work to the Lesson Plans to be found therein. It might be found helpful in the earlier Grades, to read in the Handbook the article which deals with the Manual selection being studied. Of course, there is not an article for every selection, nor a selection for every article—but where there is, reading the two together would be a help.

And one night every month should be devoted to the practice of WRITING answers to questions, as part of Examination Preparation.

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.

THE S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure to report the following income for August and September, viz.:—

August. Hebden Bridge Association, per Mrs. Christie, 10s.; Robert G. White, 10s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, 10s. 6d.; Mrs. Leadbetter, holiday gift, 2s. 6d.; Arthur W. Gladman, 5s.; A. Topping, 10s.; F.P. and T.D., Huddersfield, 13s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, Lewisham, 10s.; W. S. Haigh, India, 5s.; Member, Glasgow Association, £2; Letchworth Church, 5s.; Bowes Park Church, two donations, £2 1s. 0d.; Holiday levy from few friends, Hull, Holborn Hall, 12s. 6d. Total, £8 15s. 6d.

September. Walthamstow Lyceum, special meeting, Carlton Cinema, £2 10s.; A Friend, per Mrs. Nurse, 5s.; Johannisvir, 10s. 6d.; Few friends, Lewisham Psychometry Circle, 10s.; Marylebone Association, service rendered, £1 1s.; F. D., Birkenhead, £1 1s.; Jas. F. Bowerman, £2 2s.; Mr. and Mrs. O. Gabell, 10s.; P. W. Oversby, 10s.; M. and H.D., 10s.; J. Tinker, 5s.; C. Jessie Vesel, 3s. 6d.; From Estelle, £1; F. J. Mandrell, 2s.; Rosa Gray, 3s.; Fraser Hewes, 10s. 6d.; A. S. Wormald, 10s.; Mrs. Lonsdale, 5s.; Wellwisher, 10s. 6d.; Miss Emma Smith, 5s.; Miss Jessie T. Manwell, £1 1s.; Mr. and Mrs. F. Bessant, £1 1s.; J. Arthur Hill and Miss Hill, £1; Miss E. F. A. Leresche, 10s.; Richard Horsley, £10; Mrs. Dean, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. G. Thornton, 10s.; Convinced, 5s. 6d. Total, £27 14s. 0d.

The Committee are grateful for the income received during August and September, and wish to express their grateful thanks to all who have given their mite.

I trust the October appeal in the LYCEUM BANNER has been read by all Lyceum Officers and Scholars, and that all will try to send a donation if possible. Remember the pioneers. Some of them are with us to-day. Let us help them, as they helped to make the path easier for us.

With fraternal greetings,

Yours sincerely,

MARY L. STAIR,

Hon. Secretary.

32b, North Street,

Keighley, Yorks.

It is better for Authority to come from within than from without.

Our Mutual Aid Bureau.

G. F. BERRY'S OPINION.

The Spirit-body and its functions.

In response to your invitation to offer a contribution on the above topic, I have pleasure in submitting the following observations:—

Judging from the observation of certain materialisation seances, it would seem that the after-death body is in every respect a replica of the physical body, with its complement of inner organs functioning similarly. Thus, Sir W. Crooks, in his "Researches," tells us that he felt the pulse of his spirit visitor, Katie King, and found it beating steadily at 75; he heard her heart beating rhythmically, and on testing the lungs found them to be sounder than her medium's. Again, Dr. Abraham Wallace, in his booklet, "Jesus of Nazareth," tells of a materialised spirit entity who consumed food in the presence of the sitters, and that after dematerialisation no trace of any food was found in the seance room.

On closer consideration, however, it will be realised that all such materialised entities are not really revealing their actual spirit-body, but are only temporarily showing themselves in a vehicle constructed of substances taken from the medium and sitters, and which, in a very brief space of time, will automatically be returned to the sources from which it emanated. A further consideration seems necessary. Are we justified in describing the after-death body as a spirit-body? The word has been chosen to convey the idea of permanence and perfection in contradistinction to the obvious non-permanence and imperfections of the physical body. I feel that the term spirit-body implies more than the facts warrant, and that it is desirable to use a term, such as "astral" or "etheric," which has less suggestiveness of absolute permanence or perfection. Thus we learn from some "spirit teachings" that the liberated soul, as he progresses in the spirit-world, approaches another experience akin to transition, and emerges therefrom in a still more highly evolved body of manifestation. This process occurs yet again and again, in an apparently ascending order of refinement and purity.

If, then, we think of the after-death body, not as pure spirit, but of some substance, albeit of a different kind from the dense physical body, we can let our minds dwell on the reaction of the etheric-body to the known laws of organic substances. This involves an organised structure capable of meeting the needs of its own peculiar form of life activities.

The next consideration is, when do we become possessed of this finer etheric-body? There is every reason to believe that it is formed at the same time as the physical, and that it grows and develops on parallel lines. It may take longer to mature, and may be said normally to be ready for complete independence of the physical body at the period of expected dissolution of the physical. A hint is gained from a study of Dr. Geley's investigations into the nature of ectoplasmic structures. He came to the conclusion that ultimately there were not a variety of organic substances, but one substance, "unique and basic," as the substratum of organic life. This unique and basic substance comes under the directing power of what is called "a superior dynamism" which builds up the organic complex which is the physical body. Elsewhere Dr.

Geley associates this superior dynamism with WILL, or, as we would call it, the Ego. In other words, the food we consume with the air we inhale into our bodies, is subjected to an organic chemistry which breaks it down into this primal basic substance, and it is then built up again into the materials for the repair of waste tissues; and from the moment of gestation the superior dynamism seizes upon the food flowing in from the mother's body and builds up the physical organism through which the indwelling ego will make contact with the exterior world.

The Physicist takes us a step further, and we learn that atoms, once thought indivisible, are resolvable into forms of energy and particles called electrons and protons; further, that all matter is constantly being broken down into these elementary structures and recombined to form new substances. The point here suggested is reinforced from a hint gleaned from Dr. Crawford's experiments with the Belfast circle. Crawford describes a process whereby the spirit controls take from the sitters particles of highly energised substances which is treated by them until in a state of high tension, and then directed onto the body of the medium to drive from her organism the substance which manifests as ectoplasm. From these suggestions I conceive a double process under the directivity of the superior dynamism, or ego. The organic substances are broken down to secure the unique basic substances to build up the physical body, and further broken down atomically, and rebuilt into the coterminous etheric body which accompanies the physical during its earth life, and persists separately when the physical envelope has dissolved.

From Drummond's *Ascent of Man* I find further hints. Man's evolving, bodily, mentally and spiritually. In his bodily formation he has come from lower animal ancestors, and carries in his body vestiges of this lower form; what Drummond calls "the scaffolding left in the body." On similar lines of ascent we see man rising until he can leave the physical body entirely and function independently in his etheric body. Is it not probable that this etheric body shows definite relationship in outward appearance and structure with the physical in which it was lately tenanted. Yet it will possess its own appropriate organs for the due performances of life's duties. It is in the truest sense still a body in process of transformation. Our spirit friend has limbs to walk with, and in his new world there are gardens, rivers, valleys and mountains to wander over; yet by a thought he can be transported to far distant scenes. He has eyes to see, yet possesses a clairvoyant faculty transcending the sight of the eyes. He has a tongue to express his emotions, yet telepathically he can receive and transmit both thought and emotion. He has hands to mould and image forth his creative genius, yet he can set in motion forces that can embody his heart's desire without resource to mechanical aids.

G. F. BERRY, F.N.S.C.

MR. KITSON'S OPINION.

The letter submitted for consideration contains the following points:—

1st. We are told that the spirit body is an exact replica of the physical body; this being so, then we take with us into the spirit world a replica of all the bodily organs.

2nd. Now, do these organs function in the spirit world?

3rd. Have feelings and emotions the same call upon these (shall we say spiritual) organs—and do they respond in the same way as our physical organs do?

4th. If so, then what is the nature of the spirit world?

5th. It must be another material world, only with a different kind of matter; and that being the case, where does progress and evolution come in?

I purpose considering the points as raised in their order.

1st. *We are told that the spirit body is an exact replica of the physical body; this being so, then we take with us into the spirit world a replica of the all bodily organs.*

Answer.—In affirming that the spirit body is a replica or duplicate of the physical body, I do so with this proviso: that the law does not apply to any malformation of the sensory organs, such as being blind, deaf, dumb, or arrested formation of the brain causing idiocy. Nor do malformation of the limbs, such as twisted arms, or hands, or twisted feet, persist. My proviso also applies to those who may have had the misfortune to lose a limb, or limbs, by accident, or as a victim of wars.

2nd. *Now, do these organs function in the spirit world?*

Answer.—Yes, but not in the same way. Or perhaps it would be more correct to say that the vital forces inherent in the physical organs persist in the spirit world.

If we had the vision of a seer, and could watch the vital magnetic and electric forces behind the vital organs enabling them to perform their respective functions, we should see each replica acting as a kind of psychic dynamo. This is what persists and functions in the spirit body. (See A. J. Davis's Harmonial Philosophy, Vol. III., *The Seer*.)

Allow me to quote the answer received from an advanced spirit teacher to a similar question, in support of my views:—

“The organs of the spirit body that correspond to those of the mortal have no active functional exercise such as those in the physical body; yet they have a use in supplying magnetic activity to the general system, as they aid in the generation of magnetic and electrical forces and their distribution. Yet we may add that the spirit organs have their specific use, some of which will be explained in the following: The organ of generation maintains and is like a seat of life, since it, through the intelligent will and the love element, increases the flow (so to speak) of the magnetic aura towards its counterpart of the individual (soul-mate) and causes a blending of the whole harmonious natures, not in sexual intercourse as known on earth, but in a commingling of the auras as their atoms meet in mutual harmony and love.”

The dynamic forces, as explained above, operating behind the fully formed vital organs of the foetus enables it to survive a premature death, and continue to grow and develop to full stature of manhood and womanhood in the spirit world, whose manifestation has caused surprise and astonishment to many parents.

This answer anticipates and disposes of the other three questions.

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| 13. Dry land in places. | 14. Elliptical. | 7. Insurrection. | 8. Girl's name. |
| 16. Pitch. | 18. Spiral ornament. | 12. Government Office. | 15. Wing (Latin). |
| 20. Fence. | 22. Untwist. | 17. Speech. | 19. Fruit. |
| 23. Wiper. | 26. Above. | 21. King who wanted gold. | 24. Hurried. |
| 27. Merchants. | 28. First class (initials). | 25. Always. | 29. Songs. |
| 30. Russian lake. | 32. Voice change. | 31. Fritter. | 32. Bird seed. |
| 35. Tracts. | 39. Eastern city. | 33. Army initials. | 34. Result. |
| 41. To manifest. | 42. Chums. | 36. Province, New Zealand. | 37. Is in France. |
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When the Heart is Young.

It is a great compliment to an adult when children pursue their innocent amusements in his, or her, presence. There is usually a reserve or restraint of humour among young people when "grown-ups" are present.

The naive prattlings and fanciful events which occur in the land of make-believe are delightful experiences. A folded rag, tied around the middle with string, becomes a princess or a sick baby.

Could we pierce the mind of the young child, we shall find two phases of mentality find expression. One phase is wholly induced by human association. Language, habits and morality are the results of imitation. There is the other phase of the temperament which is natural. The child, although copying many of the habits of the parents, always differs in varying degrees from the father and mother.

When the young child is allowed liberty of expression there is a sweet intuitional imagination which creates an alluring fascination in a world which many older people cannot realise.

Once upon a time there were three children. Two of them went to school, and when they returned home it was a common event to relate what had happened during the day. The youngest child, who did not go to school, let his imagination create one, and he began to relate how, at his school, there were lions and tigers, and bears and elephants, and a lot of other animals, for which he made names that had never been heard before or since. He said there were birds and trees and waters and flowers. The children ran about and played until they were tired. Then they sat down and the nicest lady in the world came and told them all sorts of things and sang and made music till they fell asleep. When they woke up it was morning and they washed themselves in water that went past them. There were boats of leaves on the water, and they went along until there was nothing left of them. And the water went on and on until it couldn't go any farther, and then it went up into the sky and made all sorts of colours, so that the boys and girls who lived up there could have lovely clothes to wear and—"Mudder," can I have a bread and jam?

Thus would the child of three years of age come back to normal things. Through the whole of a winter that child would prattle in the same peculiar way, but always relate some different events that happened at his school. Spring came and the child sought little playmates outside the home. All talk of his school ceased as suddenly as it had begun.

What subtle imaginations had come from the child's mind were a source of discussion among the adults who were privileged listeners of the boy's tales. And to all the origin of the prattle is still somewhat inexplicable.

And yet, does it not seem that in this child's sub-consciousness there was registered and displayed the evolution of the ages, even to the stages beyond physical decay, when he spoke of the boys and girls who lived in the clouds and made their clothing from the ether. He did not use the word "ether," but there was certainly that idea in the child's thoughts.

During the ages between two and five years, before a child leaves the home to attend school, there is a wonderful field of investigation awaiting anyone who can gain the confidence of these little people.

I found my paradise there, but, unfortunately, I have been thrust into the outer darkness, where older people smother their emotions, and it is only on rare occasions that I am privileged to return to my haven of delight.

Someday I hope the Lyceum will renew for me these pleasures I so sadly miss. In the meantime may I plead that the children who are a little older may have more consideration by the adoption of methods which will be attractive to parents and also bring in the children who do not yet attend our Lyceums.

The comparative number of young children in Lyceums is much smaller than it should be. Our duty is not to compete with other kindred adult organisations, but to cater for those whose hearts are still young, that they may develop an expanding love for truth, growing with it as their minds expand.

The success of such a venture depends upon those who are parents and leaders making the environment suitable to children. By this method we can gain and keep their love for us and for truth.

It is a most delightful experience to be reminded of the happy days we have provided for young men and women when they were young. Two events have transpired. We have given pleasure to them and also retained their presence; otherwise we could not receive their commendation.

I earnestly hope all our leaders will learn these simple lessons in organisation. Therein will be found the secret of success and the growth of our movement. It is one of the happiest thoughts we can have, that, though we grow grey in years, we have kept our hearts still young.

G. F. KNOTT.

THE LYCEUM MANUAL.

The attention of Lyceums is drawn to the fact that the Annual Conference has decided that the present edition of the Lyceum Manual shall be continued without revision for at least another twelve years.

The Minister of Education says "It is a splendid book." We would like to hear of every Lyceumist possessing his or her own copy.

The International Spiritualist Federation.

A meeting of the I.S.F. Committee took place on 15th October, in the office of the Federation, at Rue Copernic, Paris.

There were 10 representatives of various countries representing organised Spiritualism.

Mons. Meyer, the Vice-President, and Mons. Bruns, a Councillor, were too ill to attend. Good wishes were expressed for their health.

Mr. E. W. Oaten presided over a very fraternal meeting.

Tribute was given to the eminent work done by Sir A. Conan Doyle.

U.S.A. and Canadian Spiritualist Associations have affiliated with the I.S.F.

The Dutch delegates gave a comprehensive report of the arrangements for the Triennial Congress which will be held at the Hague during September 4th—10th, 1931.

The British delegates were requested to provide a Spiritualist Church Service, as conducted in Great Britain.

There will be four sections:—Scientific, Philosophic, Organisation, Healing. General meetings of the Congress members will be held in the evenings.

The last day for receiving papers to be read or reported to the Congress is May 31st, 1931. Papers compiled by British people may be sent to the S.N.U. Office, 162, London Road, Manchester.

Three enjoyable excursions are being arranged for the delegates to view the Dutch scenery.

It is estimated the cost of the visit to the Hague, for British delegates, will be about £12 per delegate.

The Spiritualists' Unions of the following countries are in affiliation with the I.S.F.:—Africa, Germany, Great Britain, Argentine, Belgium, Brazil, Cuba, Spain, France, Holland, India, Mexico, Switzerland, Portugal, U.S.A., Canada.

The British payments are now below some of the other countries.

Spiritualists can become Associate members of the Federation, through the recommendation of their respective National Associations, by paying a fee of £1.

OBJECTS.

The objects of the Federation are:—

To create and maintain fraternal ties between spiritualists throughout the world, irrespective of race, language or nationality.

To study Spiritualism and the sciences connected with Spiritualism by scientific, philosophic, moral, and/or religious research.

To propagate these studies and to publish the facts relative to psychic science; to encourage mutual teaching and the practice of solidarity (brotherhood) which is the moral basis of Spiritualism.

EXTRACTS FROM CONGRESS REPORT, 1928.

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

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

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

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

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

FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

The Congress, representing the Spiritualists of 26 nations, heard with regret and amazement of the restrictions placed upon religious freedom and scientific investigation by the antiquated laws of the several countries, and affirmed that the time had arrived when such barriers to freedom of thought and expression should be removed.

It urged the Spiritualist Federations of the world to take action in their respective countries to secure the removal, by legislation, of all such restrictions upon free equity.

The Congress reaffirmed its conviction that International brotherhood is the ideal for which all nations should strive. It viewed with approbation and pleasure the progressive steps which had been taken towards this end, as evidenced by the establishment of the Court of International Justice at the Hague, the formation of the League of Nations, and the signing of the Kellogg Pact.

It urged the Spiritualists of all nations to strive to hasten the establishment of World Peace.

G. F. KNOTT,
British (B.S.L.U.) Delegate.

OUR GUILD

FROM A DARWEN LYCEUMIST.

Our Guild is a school of learning, and we've teachers tried and true;

And as our books are not yet full, there's room enough for you.

Our President, Mr. Coghlan, is our official head,
And he's always ready to expound of things of which he's read.

Jim Shuttleworth's our chairman, and we know he's very keen
That all should take advantage of the Education Scheme.

His deputy is Jack Sutton, and Instructor, by the way;
And he will teach you, if you come, to model things in clay.

If Botany you wish to learn, then Dorothy will teach you;
She also keeps the books and cash quite accurate and true.

Gerty runs the social side, when we have our songs and fun;
So, if you've paid your entrance fee, she'll see you get a bun.

Music is not neglected, John Lomax teaches that;
And Lyceum songs we're learning, in keys both sharp or flat.

Mrs. Turner and Miss Jenkinson to the sewing side do lean,
While Beatie Webster makes nice stools with strands of red and green.

First-aid and nursing show you how to save both limb and life;
Charlie Skeels he takes them both, assisted by his wife.

For the training of the body, so that you can skip and run,
We have an expert on our staff, named Willie Stevenson.

There is leather work by Cecil, in colours bright and gay;
You can have a purse or handbag, but, of course, you'll have to pay.

Just live to learn, our Motto says, and the best things only,
give;

For knowledge brings its own reward when we have learned to live.

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.

KANT, Immanuel, No. 145. Immanuel Kant was born at Königsberg, Prussia, on April 22nd, 1724, and died 1804. In his sixteenth year he entered the University at Königsberg, where he was taught the then dominant philosophy of the Wolffian school. After six years at the university, he spent the next ten years as private tutor in several noble families of the province, and in 1755 returned to the university as lecturer. It was not, however, till fifteen years later that he was promoted to a chair of philosophy. He rose to be one of the greatest philosophers, whose system indeed is the controlling fact in modern philosophy.

It is usual to distinguish three periods in the development of Kant's thought—(1) The early period, in which he received and acquiesced in the current Leibniz-Wolffian type of philosophy; (2) a period of reaction, against this philosophy, in which he was influenced partly by the English empirical philosophy and ethics; and (3) finally the period in which he developed his own critical philosophy.

The distinguishing feature of the critical philosophy is that it undertakes to investigate the faculty of reason or knowledge first of all, and to determine its limits before entering upon the work of systematic construction. The result of his critical philosophy is to establish a thorough going distinction between the sphere of phenomena which are accessible to human knowledge, and that of *noumena*, or things in themselves, about which we have no knowledge, strictly, so called; not even that they exist.

If Kant rejected the high but empty pretensions of the old rational theology, he seemed to gain thereby that more real and accessible faith which springs from man's moral consciousness. If we do not, and cannot, know God as the First Cause and Architect of the world, we can and must believe in Him as the moral Governor who will make the moral law finally prevail. The only thing good without qualification is the good will, that is, the will that gives itself in free submission to the moral law; and the moral law, which is reason's own law self-imposed, has but the one supreme commandment to eliminate from our actions every subjective or selfish motive, to follow no rule of action which we cannot will to be universally obeyed. Consequently we must postulate freedom of the will for man on the ground of his moral consciousness. 'I ought, therefore I can.'

LAPLACE (la-plás), **Pierre Simon, Marquis De**. Born at Beaumont-en-Auge, in 1749, died 1829. In 1767 he removed to Paris, where he gained the notice of D'Alembert, and through his influence was appointed professor of mathematics at the *École Militaire*. Before completing his twenty-fourth year he had distinguished himself by his discovery of the invariability of the mean distances of the planets from the sun. About the same time he was admitted to the Académie des Sciences, and thenceforward devoted himself to the investigation

of the laws regulating the solar system. His researches embraced the whole of gravitation; and he had the high honour of perfecting the work of his predecessors. In 1769 he published his *Exposition du système du Monde* (Exposition of the System of the World), a compendium of astronomy in which he sets forth his famous Nebular Hypothesis, a work considered one of the masterpieces of the French language. In 1799 the publication of *Traité de Mécanique Céleste* (Mechanism of the Heavens) brought him world-wide fame. He was the greatest of French mathematicians.

MORSE, Samuel Finley Breese (born at Charlestown, Mass, 1791, died 1872). No. 145. He studied art in London, and after his return to the United States, was made president of the National School of Design; and in 1835 professor of Design in the University of New York city. His attention was given not only to art but to chemistry, and especially to electric and galvanic experiments. In 1832 he conceived the idea of that system of electric telegraph with which his name is identified; and in 1844 the first telegraphic message was sent between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore.

MOZART, Wolfgang Amadesco (No. 145) was born at Salzburg, Austria, in 1756, died 1791. He received practically all his musical education from his father, Leopold Mozart, who was musical director to the Archbishop of Salzburg, the author of one of the earliest methods for the violin. Mozart, besides the piano—which he began to study when little over three years of age—was taught the violin and organ, and almost from the first he began to work at composition. His sister, Maria Anna, five years older, was also a gifted pianist; and in 1762, after a gratifying reception at Munich, and at the court of Vienna, the trio set out on a European tour, which lasted several years, Wolfgang playing the piano, violin, and organ, as the occasion required, and everywhere creating a profound sensation. While in Paris four of his sonatas for the violin and piano were engraved, and before leaving London, his father presented all Wolfgang's printed compositions to the British Museum, along with a motet which is his only work set to English words. For a long time afterwards Mozart was taken on frequent tours throughout the continent. Whilst in Rome in 1770, he visited the Sistine Chapel to hear Allegri's famous *Miserere*—composed for two choirs of nine voices—and after a single hearing he performed the marvellous feat of writing from memory the whole of this celebrated composition! In the same year the Accademia Filarmonica, in Bologna, elected him one of its members—a much-prized honour. In 1781 he left home and settled in Vienna; but his marriage in 1782 to Constanza Weber, a pianist and singer, increased his financial difficulties. After the great success of his opera *Don Giovanni*, to induce Mozart to remain in Vienna, the Emperor Joseph II., appointed him *Kammermusicus*, at a salary of about £80 a year. Though always in the grinding grip of poverty, Mozart was constantly composing, and even to within a few hours of his death was working at his unfinished *Requiem*. He wrote over six hundred works. His powers as a creator of fresh, pure melody seemed inexhaustible; and supreme technical skill, clearness of expression in the working out of ideas, refinement and grace, are prominent characteristics in all his compositions.

In our next issue will appear a sketch of Mohammed, the founder of the Islam Religion.



Dear Little Imps,

November gives us Bonfire Night, with all the excitement of fireworks. I wonder if the eve of November also gives you Bob-Apple Night? When I was a very little Imp, that used to be one of the jolliest nights of the year.

A string was stretched across the room, rosy apples were hung from this string, and then the fun began. We each tried to win an apple by biting one, whilst our hands were fastened at the back. How those apples used to bob about, as though they knew all about our game, and weren't going to be bitten!

And now for our story!

MRS. BONIFACE.

Mrs. Boniface kept the village shop. It was a wonderful shop, big and dark, and smelly, with the queerest mixture of goods to sell. Mrs. Boniface said that she sold *everything*, and her shop looked like that, too. Bacon and cheese, apples and vegetables, groceries and sweets, filled one side of the shop. Aprons and cloth, curtains and towels, slippers and shoes took the other side, whilst the rest of the shop was simply full of all sorts of odd things. There were brushes and buckets, spades and mouse traps, ropes and wire-netting, and sacks of corn and flour. Even the ceiling was full, too, and was hung with bacon and hams, storm lanterns and hay-rakes.

Nobody else but wonderful Mrs. Boniface could have kept that wonderful shop. She was a big, comfortable woman, with at least three chins, the merriest of eyes, and the kindest of hearts. All the villagers loved her, for she laughed at their jokes, listened to their troubles, and knew exactly what to do with an ailing baby. The children loved her best of all, for she always had a lollipop to give away, and—best of all—*she believed in fairies*, and could tell them such lovely tales about the wee folk.

Best of all, they liked to hear about Mrs. Boniface's own wee Brownie. Oh! yes; she had one—all to herself—and he lived under the counter and helped her keep shop! Almost every day that Brownie was up to some trick, and so, when the children went into the shop they always asked for news of Brownie. Of course, they never saw him—Brownies are so very shy—but softly they would whisper: "Tell us about Brownie, Mrs. Boniface, please!" Mrs. Boniface would peep

under the counter, to see if he was listening, and then she'd tell the day's happenings, so that they would know whether Brownie had played or worked that day.

"Brownie has just played tricks on me all day," she would say. "Dear, dear, dear; what a day it has been! Every time I've weighed sugar or flour, he's given me a little bump, so that I've spilled some. I'm sure it was he who put the shoelaces in with the tins of shoe polish. He thinks they should be friends, I suppose. Oh! he is just a little rascal to-day; but, then, I couldn't do without the little dear."

Another time, after a very busy day, Mrs. Boniface would have a different tale to tell. "What, children; have I seen Brownie to-day? I should think I have! He has been such a help! Do you know what he did? Why! he saw I was busy, and so he crept into my fingers and helped them. He's ever so good at undoing knots on parcels, and at counting out nails. My memory would have been a forgetory but for him; and, besides, he makes people so sweet-tempered. Old Mrs. Grumpy came in to-day, and she was ever so sweet when I gave her white elastic instead of black darning wool. Oh, Brownie is a fine wee fellow to-day."

So it went on. Every day Mrs. Boniface had another tale to tell about her wee Brownie. The children loved to hear the tales, but how they longed to see that wonderful little man. One day—on early closing day—they asked Mrs. Boniface to let them hunt for Brownie, when he wouldn't be frightened away by any big folks who came as customers. Mrs. Boniface consented, but made the children promise that they wouldn't frighten Brownie away, for she couldn't do without him. It was a wonderful afternoon. They peeped all round that shop, under the counters, on the shelves, in the boxes and behind the sacks—but they didn't find Brownie. Once, a little maid thought she saw him sitting on a lantern near the ceiling, but, when she called out, he had gone.

Mrs. Boniface made a party tea for them. Just as they were about to sit round the table, she said: "Hush, children; Brownie hid in my fingers whilst I cut the bread and butter. Now, I believe he wants to come into yours. I know why, too! He wants to waken up the ten little fairies that live in your fingers and thumbs, so that you have clever, wide-awake fingers that are quick to do things. Shut your eyes and wait to feel his tickling as he wakens up your fairies." The boys and girls shut their eyes, and in a moment they were all giggling as their fingers tingled with waking fairies. Then how quickly those fingers helped to empty the plates on Mrs. Boniface's table.

As the children went home, Mrs. Boniface said: "Well, children, I still have my little Brownie, but you now have ten wide-awake fairies in your hands. Don't let them go to sleep any more, or Brownie might not waken them again." The children bade Mrs. Boniface "Good-night" and scampered home. Ever since then the mothers of that village have wondered why their children's hands suddenly became such clever helping hands. Well, we know, but we can keep the secret, and perhaps Mrs. Boniface's Brownie will awaken our finger fairies too.

My love to all Imps,

MEG.

LYCEUM MANUAL TEST, No. 23.

Of 54 entries for this test, 18 were from new competitors, one of whom takes a prize. This is more encouraging and I shall look forward confidently to a better response still for Test No. 24.

The correct answers and marks for each are as follows:

Marks.

- 1. 1. We listen for the morning chime. S.C. 6.
- 1. 2. A sound mind makes a happy man. G.C. 126
- 7. 3. The angels told me so. L.S. 397—Title,
Last line in three verses,
Twice in chorus, and once
in Index.
- 1. 4. I see no light, I hear no sound. S.C. 24.
- 3. 5. Soul of the sparrow and the bee.
S.C. 2. (twice).
M.R. 229 (once).
- 2. 6. But the seeds of good we sow. M.R. 206.
- 2. 7. Sweet echoes from the heavenly state.
L.S. 328 (twice).
- 1. 8. Ring in the good that is to be. S.C. 63.
- 1. 9. Vex us then as they do now. M.R. 209.

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The prizes have been sent to:

Edwin Holding, aged 11, of Blackburn, with full marks.

Betty Lea, aged 13½, of Southsea, with 17 marks.

Honourable mention is due to the following who have 10 marks or over,—James Ronaldson (Newcastle), Geo. Shackle (Bolton), John Tomlinson (Caerau), Ronald Mudd (Mostyn), Doris Fruin (London), Marion Walker (Manchester), Dorothy Mellins (New Moston), May Pickvance (Blackburn), Lily Baker (Blackpool), Lizzie Shaw (Fife), Joan Heapy (Ryde), Eva James (London), Lawrence Harding (Bristol), Vera Chambers (Portsmouth).

LYCEUM MANUAL TEST No. 24.

JUNIOR SECTION.

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

What Manual Titles do the following suggest, and what are their numbers in the Manual?

- 1. Toil. 9. Used for Greeting.
- 2. Proceed. 10. Occurs every day.
- 3. Carry on. 11. There are five.
- 4. Not right. 12. Early to rise.
- 5. Spine. 13. God.
- 6. England. 14. Family Love.
- 7. The future. 15. Don't rave.
- 8. On the other side. 16. Community Singing.

LYCEUM MANUAL TEST No. 24.

SENIOR SECTION.

Prizes will be given for the best sets of answers from one boy and one girl between 14 and 21 years of age, and one adult.

Trace the authors hidden in the following lines and name one of their compositions in the Manual.

- 1. If you this author's name would guess
A musket find without its Bess.
- 2. The Keeper of the Door will tell
The author's name, not Ethel Dell.
- 3. This author from America, an elongated male
Exceeded three score years and ten, before he
crossed the vale.

- 4. This author edited "Good Words,"
Was chaplain to a Queen,
His essays, travels, stories all
Were very good I wean.
- 5. This author is a kind of perch
Sometimes connected with a Church.
- 6. In far New Zealand with a flat
This author's found, just think of that.
- 7. "The Wanderer of Switzerland"
"The Indian from the West,"
Are titles of the pieces which
Disclose this author best.
- 8. This author was born at Southampton,
He wrote "The improvement of mind,"
Now search in your reference volumes
His name you will easily find.
- 9. If you know who wrote "Cheer boys, cheer,"
You've got this Manual author here.
- 10. A gardener would quickly see
This author in a small chick pea.
- 11. If ¼lb. in a woman
Or less than ½lb. in a man,
This organ is much below standard,
An author now trace if you can.
- 12. Whatever creed he doth embrace,
His object is to help the race.
"All colours" he delights to choose,
His service many Churchmen use.
- 13. This author when on Holland's ground
Means "to be silly" I have found.
- 14. "Barry Cornwall" was connected with this author,
As a poet patriotic he gained fame.
His powers he transmitted
And another one was fitted
To add laurels to his most illustrious name.
- 15. To books of tune that harmonize
You'll see this author's name applies.
- 16. Join a pippin to this author
'Twill a citron species place,
And in other ways you'll notice
'Tis an easy one to trace.
- 17. Just think of "two" then put them down on paper,
Now nothing add, then what you've written there
Will give an easy clue to trace this author,
Which every one who's right, will say is fair.

TEST COUPON, No. 24.

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 November 22nd, 1930.

Were I so tall to reach the pole,
Or grasp the ocean with my span,
I must be measured by my soul:
The mind's the standard of the man.
WATTS.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT PARK-GATE.

The Parkgate Church and Lyceum were very hospitable hosts to the M.C. when the M.C. met to do business and propagate Lyceum education in the Parkgate district on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11th and 12th.

The President, Mrs. V. G. Reynolds, welcomed Mrs. Calway, Mr. Dobby and Mr. Marks to the Committee.

The Deed for the Appointment of new Trustees under the S.N.U.—B.S.L.U. Trust Deed was reported completed, and held by the Solicitors of the Union, along with the other documents.

Barrow-in-Furness reported the arrangements for the 1931 Conference. A local Committee has been appointed. Miss M. E. Lawton, G.N.S.C., is the local Secretary for that event. Mr. Brown is the Billet Secretary.

The receipts during 1930 are £886 12s. 3d., payments £838 13s. 10d.

Cash Liabilities £511 13s. 9d. Assets £138 8s. 9d. Special Funds. £2,000 Effort £688 4s. 4d., Home Fund £189 17s. 3d., Ainsworth Home of Rest £111 2s. 7d

The President was requested to compile the Peace Sunday Programme.

Miss Elliott was chosen to arrange the Founder's Day Programme.

One Lyceum has been complimented for paying three years' fees on re-instatement.

There is an increase in the number of affiliated Lyceums, but a decrease in the total of Lyceumists.

The M.C. expressed a desire that new Lyceums should not arise through any group of Lyceumists disassociating from any existing Lyceums.

A report on the Spiritualist Bill for religious freedom displayed the practical work which has been undertaken.

THE LYCEUM BANNER.

Sales during the year have risen and fallen and are now as at the beginning of the year. Lyceumists are requested to obtain new readers wherever possible.

The sales of the publications are still below expectations. Lyceum Secretaries should note that there will be no Revision of the Manual before 1942 (twelve years). Many Lyceums must need new Manuals. Few copies have been sold to many Lyceums during the last few years.

There are 30 Convalescent Homes to which can be sent Lyceumists who cannot afford to pay for a visit to the seaside and need convalescence. (Forms of Application can be had from the General Secretary).

Mrs. V. G. Reynolds was chosen to be the M.C. representative to the U.D.C. Meeting.

The January M.C. Meeting was arranged to be held at Huddersfield.

The April M.C. Meeting will be held at Newton Heath, Manchester.

Hearty thanks were given to Parkgate friends for the enjoyable and useful hospitality.

Propaganda Meetings were held at Parkgate, Darnall, Attercliffe, and Gifford Road Churches.

A Massed Open Session was attended by Lyceumists from Sheffield L.D.C. (Officers), Parkgate, Darnall, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Scunthorpe, Rotherham, Attercliffe, West Melton, Wombwell, Kimberworth, Keighley, Bradford L.D.C.

During the Open Session the M.C. presentation to the

President, in honour of her marriage, was undertaken by the Vice-President, Miss E. Elliott.

Mrs. V. G. Reynolds accepted the gift of a Salad Bowl and Cake Server, and expressed her appreciation.

£2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists All,

It is pleasing to note that there are some Lyceumists still keenly interested in the £2,000 Effort. It has received a letter from Mrs. Raymond, who was the proposer of this scheme, informing me that Daulby Hall Lyceum intend having a Crossword published on post cards and also in this month's BANNER. A prize of £5 is being offered. The condition for competing is that every entry be accompanied by a donation of 3d. to their Electric Light Fund. But what I wish to point out is that they are donating 10% of the profit to the £2,000 Effort Fund.

At the U.L.D.C. meeting held at Parkgate in October, Mr. Batley explained that Fleetwood Lyceum had a very good Concert Party of about 20 members willing to give their services to any Lyceum who cared to invite them for the benefit of the £2,000 Effort, so will Lyceumists wishing to help our Fund by taking advantage of this offer, write to the Secretary of Fleetwood Lyceum for particulars. I sincerely hope both ventures will prove successful.

In the meantime do not forget you may obtain the Musical Recital, "The Reality of God," suitable for a special service. It is arranged in two leaflets. Hymn Leaflets, 4s. 6d. per 100, post free; Recitation Leaflets, 2d. per copy, and you require 18. Odd copies of the complete work, 3d. Please send your orders to Mrs. J. Reynolds, 118, Cremorne St., Nottingham.

This month two orders are to hand for this work. Mr. G. Lambert, Rotherham Lyceum, 100 Hymn Leaflets, and 18 Recitation Leaflets, 7s. 6d. Mrs. E. Coe, Coventry, D.V., a sample copy, 3d. Total, 7s. 9d.

Donations for this month are as follows:—From Bowes Park Lyceum, per Miss M. A. Williams, given to the Fund as a Wedding Gift to Mrs. Reynolds, 10s. This kindly thought is greatly appreciated. It is a very good idea, and I trust the members of this Lyceum will accept my best thanks. What do you think Lyceumists? Members of the M.C. and the U.L.D.C. have been caught napping, and the following have been fined for addressing your President, who has had the audacity to get married during her term of office, as Miss Rayner. Mr. Burrows, 1s.; Mr. Slimin, 1s.; Mr. Knott 1s.; Mr. Dobby 1s.; Mr. Batley, 6d. Mr. Dickin-son, 6d. Other culprits are, Mr. Cooke, Parkgate, 1s.; and Mrs. Gunn, Nottingham, Mechanics, 1s. Then from Sheffield D.C., per Mr. Armitage, comes a pencil echo, proceeds from same being 3s.; and per Mr. Smith, Sheffield, collected in farthings, 7½d. Making a total of £1 os. 7½d.

And now may I draw your attention to the Peace Sunday Programme in this issue, which I trust all Lyceums will take on Nov. 9th.

Again, may I ask for the collections from Peace Sunday Session for the £2,000 Effort Fund. Trusting all Lyceums will respond loyally to my appeal.

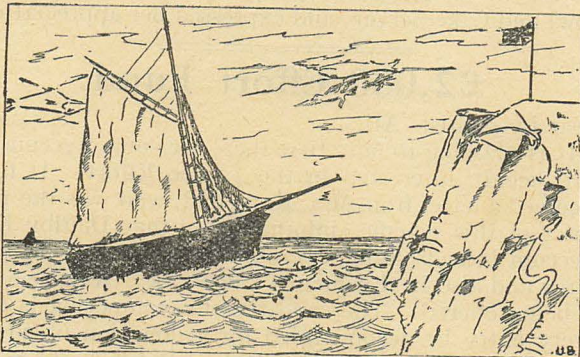
Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

118, Cremorne St.,
Nottingham.

VICTORIA G. REYNOLDS.

The Children's Puzzle.



Here's a ship that's homeward bound,
With fish and fishermen around,
Find all you can, tell Uncle Bert;
To do that, you must be alert.

SILVER PAPER.

AINSWORTH HOME OF REST SCHEME.

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

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We acknowledge with thanks receipt of silver paper from:—Dorothea Harding, Wakefield; Elijah Orme, Belper; Mary Prince, Southport; Gladys Bamber, Peckham; Miss D. Dawson, Earby; Middleton, Oldhall Street Lyceum; Miss I. Graham, Gateshead; Miss L. Gray, Glasgow, Northern; Mrs. H. Rushton, Macclesfield; Mr. J. Marston, Stockport; Mrs. Shipley, Nottingham, Beaconsfield; Miss H. Horton, Middleton; Eileen Edwards, Birkenhead; Bowes Park Lyceum; Bolton, Deane Road Lyceum; Bury Lyceum and Church; Mr. A. Morris, Runcorn; Mr. Musgrave, Blackpool; Harry Doswell, Great Harwood; Alice Hudson, Rochdale; Master J. R. Frost, Manchester, No. 1; Mr. A. Daisley, Jr., Leeds, Psycho.; Mr. A. H. Colbourne, Tees-side L.D.C.; Miss J. Hobson, Ashton; Mrs. O'Keef; Leeds, Easy Road Lyceumist.

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THANKS.

We gratefully appreciate the financial help given to the B.S.L.U. by Lyceums, Lyceumists and Friends. More money is needed to carry on the work.

Anyone can become a Patron of the Union by subscribing 2s. 6d. or more to the Funds.

The Supplementary Fund needs your support if we are to meet the expenses during 1930.

Donations to the Special Funds are as follows:—

GUARANTEE FUND. H.G. £1, "Cutlery" 10s. Total received during 1930, £10.

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

PATRON FUND. Mr. J. E. Ball 5s., Mr. A. H. Colbourne, 2s. 6d. Total received during 1930, £3 2s. 6d.

SUPPLEMENTARY FUND. Mrs. M. E. Pickles £1. Total received during 1930, £28 14s. 9d.

OUR MUTUAL AID BUREAU.

The contributions by Mr. Berry and Mr. Kitson are printed on another page of this issue. All replies have now been printed. Mr. A. T. Connor, the Education Secretary, will review the discussion in the December BANNER and give promise of another subject for discussion. We tender our thanks to all contributors.

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.

MARRIAGES.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—A marriage took place between Miss J. A. Waterhouse and Mr. Maurice Holden, of Great Harwood, on Sept. 24th, 1930. Mrs. M. E. Pickles officiated.

At Saint Faith's Church, Nottingham, on Oct. 18th, Nellie Peel, Assistant Secretary, Mechanics' Hall Lyceum, to Frederick A. York. There were many friends present.

IN MEMORIAM.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—To the memory of Rhoda Swift (Little Sunshine), who passed to higher life, Oct. 20th, 1929, aged 10 weeks. Though only a little bud, remembered by those who loved her.

BURY, King Street.—We regret to report the sudden transition of Mr. W. Nurse, on Oct. 6th, 1930. He was a constant supporter of the Lyceum.

FLEETWOOD.—Passed to the Higher Life, Oct. 15th, 1930, Lyceumist John Wood, aged 3 years and 10 months.

"Open the Door for the Children."

There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behaviour like the wish to scatter joy, and not pain, around us.

EMERSON.

The Daulby Spiritualist Church, Liverpool, are to be complimented on the full possession and ownership of their splendid building. Hitherto there have been many limitations to hinder the activities of the Church.

On another page will be found an advertisement of an effort to raise funds for the installation of electric light.

The Lyceum is one of the very few in England who use flags and other regalia during the sessions. Lyceumists, when in the Liverpool district, should not miss the chance of visiting this Lyceum.

How we Think.

By N. E. LIDDLE.

They who in their minds "Think Big"
Neither delve, nor need they dig.
They for ever "Thinking small"
Rarely on their feet do fall.

The above sentiments may have been expressed by our Grandparents but it is we Moderns who are putting their wisdom into practice. Although undoubtedly all through the ages there have been men and women who have accomplished great things by the "thinking big" the big thinking was left to the minority.

Guatama Buddha it was who said, "mind it is which gives things their quality, their foundation, and their being," and to-day we are certainly realising that thoughts are really things; even though not visible to the human eye they are a power in themselves, and we can now understand what one of our greatest scientists meant when he said that "we live as it were in an ocean of thought." We realise that there are vital forces at work in the atmosphere about us, that everything done in this world has its origin first in thought, existing in the Unseen before becoming a tangible reality. Therefore to "think big" must surely set up a corresponding force in the unseen, and the more intense the thought the more force it attracts. It is through the strength of thought that many huge fortunes have been made. If our thoughts are small, or negative, we attract a like force, that fact accounting for the many failures in life.

We think of doing a certain deed, set about it in the right way, visualise the deed as actually done, and it is certain it will be accomplished whatever the obstacles. On the other hand, we have a difficult task before you, we become fearful, we shall not be able to get on with the job, and invariably will be afraid to tackle it. We "think small," and nothing worth while is done.

Every thought has its literal value. Strength will build up strength. Thoughts of weakness beget weakness. If our thoughts are evil we attract a similar force and evil results, just as we attract and bring about the best conditions if our thoughts are good. Therefore it must appear surely that we are born to have power over our own conditions.

All happenings depend entirely upon our mental attitude, and if we desire to rule our lives to the maintenance of health and prosperity we must take control of our thoughts, in other words learn how to think, knowing that there is nothing great or small, but thinking makes it so.

If we find our centre, and use the power within, recognising that it is possible to obtain supremacy over adversity, we shall get out of life just that which we desire, for, to quote Ralph Waldo Trine, "within ourselves lies the cause of whatsoever enters into our lives. To realise our interior powers is to condition our lives in exact accord with what we would have them.

The dangers of knowledge are not to be compared with the dangers of ignorance. Man is more likely to miss his way in darkness than in twilight; in twilight than in full sun.

WHATELEY.

AMERICAN SPIRITUALISM.

The National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America has held its 38th Annual Convention in Detroit.

The Secretary's report states,—

Spiritualists are facing the most important period in the history of their Cause. There is greater demand for speakers and teachers, who can intelligently present facts and principles with delivery that breathes sincerity and personal magnetic power. The superficial cry for the merely wonderful is gradually giving way to an insistent demand for a Mediumship that is truly helpful and steadily growing in development.

He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into Living peace.

District Visitors' Reports.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

On Sunday, Sept. 29th, I visited Dearnley Lyceum. Present 27. A good selected session of readings and singing received full justice. Marching was performed with strict conformity and great enthusiasm. Callisthenics: first and second series were gone through in splendid style, under the conductorship of Miss Hollingworth, who deserves praise. The Musical Conductor also plays a very important part throughout the whole session and credit is also due to Mr. Bamford, the Lyceum Conductor, who handles the Lyceum with care and tact.

Sept. 29th. Rochdale, Regent Hall Lyceum. Present 62. Readings and singing were good. The Lyceum is a very strong one. Mr. Rayner took charge of the marching in a very able and lucid manner. Miss Dawson is deserving of comment as callisthenics conductor. The feature of the Session was the 11 years old Lyceumist, Tom Neild, who officiated as Musical Conductor for marching and callisthenics.

H. SHAW, D.V.

District Council Reports.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The Birmingham and District L.D.C. held a Massed Session in the New Church at Smethwick on Sunday, Sept. 21st. All Lyceums of the Council gathered together in Victoria Park and marched up to the School in their respective groups, with their banners waving before them. Lyceums out of the Council were also represented. The Session was a huge success, both spiritually and materially. The marching and callisthenics were great and well appreciated by the public.

The following Lyceums took part in the Massed Session:—Smethwick, Forward, Stirchley, Wolverhampton, Corporation Street, and Sparkhill. The day indeed was a Red Letter Day and we are hoping that this will be a forerunner of many more massed sessions. We thank all who helped to make everything such a success.

ERNEST C. HEATON, Sec.

BOLTON DISTRICT.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Bolton L.D.C. will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15th, in the Deane Road Church, Bolton, commencing 3-15 p.m. prompt.

Agenda:—Opening Exercises, Roll Call, Minutes, Correspondence, President's Address; Reports: Secretary's, Treasurer's, District Visitor's; 1931 Demonstration, 1931 Invitations, Open Council, Vote of Thanks, Closing Exercises.

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

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The above Council held a meeting at Saltaire Lyceum on Saturday, Oct. 11th, 1930. Miss Hudson, our President, was in the Chair. The Secretary and Treasurer were present. Delegates represented Saltaire, Shipley, Idle, Keighley, Bradford (Harker Street), Bradford (Milton). Three associates and four visitors were also present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was accepted. Arising out of Mr. A. T. Connor's letter *re* Education Scheme and its activities, we decided to adopt the Scheme and a Committee was formed. Arising from the letter from the B.S.L.U. M.C. *re* propaganda work in new Lyceums, we decided to do all in our power to assist in the matter.

The Judges' Report for the Shield and Bell Competition was:—Shipley, 1st; Keighley, 2nd; Milton, 3rd; Harker Street, 4th; Saltaire, 5th; Windhill, 6th. The report was adopted.

The next meeting will be held at Shipley on Nov. 8th, when the Shield presentation to Shipley will take place. Concert at 7-30. Bell Presentation to Keighley Lyceum on Nov. 22nd, at 7-30. Social evening.

A whist drive was held in the Saltaire Church after tea, and was a success. A vote of thanks was given to our Saltaire friends by the President.

E. AKED, Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The next meeting of the Halifax and Huddersfield L.D.C. will be held at Alma Street on Nov. 9th, commencing at 10-30 a.m. Adjudicators' Report will be given.

Nov. 15th. Presentation of Shield and Bell at Ramsden Street. Social Evening at 6-30 p.m. Adults 6d. Children 3d.

Please see that every Lyceum in the District is represented. Rally round your D.C. and help to swell the funds.

G. HALLIDAY, Sec.

Please note change of address:—Miss G. Halliday, 28, Moorlands Place, Free School Lane, Halifax, Yorks.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

A Special Meeting will be held at 3-30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15th, at Wellington Road, Dewsbury. The business is very important. New schemes, as submitted to each Lyceum. Silver Bell Competition. Each Lyceum one delegate only.

The Quarterly Conference will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 3-30 p.m., at Grove Road, Hemsworth.

Agenda:—Opening Hymn, Invocation, Welcome, President's Address, Minutes, Correspondence; Reports: D.V., L.D.C., U.D.C., Treasurer's, Silver Bell (Special), Field Day Demonstrations, 1931 (Invitations), Associates (Birstall Notice of Motion), Secretary's Honorarium from £1 to £2, Education Schemes, Date and Place of Annual Meeting, Vote of Thanks to local friends.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

LONDON DISTRICT.

Over seven hundred Lyceumists and visitors assembled at the Battersea Town Hall on Sunday, Sept. 28th, for their Annual Demonstration.

The Session was conducted by Mr. Albert E. Fruin (President), supported by Mrs. Fruin (Treas.), Mrs. Calway (Sec. and B.S.L.U.). Those present included most of the past workers of the last twenty-one years, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smythe, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Barnard, Messrs. Clegg, Ashley and Selve. The S.N.U. and L.D.C. were represented by Messrs. R. and H. Boddington, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Bolton. Readings and responses were given by Lyceumists. Marching and callisthenics were conducted by Mr. Dicks. Mr. Pearson again ably assisted at the piano. Individual efforts were given by Peggy Street, Ruth Keeling, Norman Spencer, Mr. Thomas, Miss Nicholls, Miss E. Goodall.

Mr. J. Calway read the results of the Silver Bell Competition, which showed Hackney Progressive Lyceum to be the winners, the Bell being presented by the President.

Miss Estelle Stead presented twenty-four silver medals to winning competitors of the singing and elocution competition, after which she was presented with a bouquet by Margaret Ella.

The President dedicated a Banner for the Tottenham High Road Lyceum.

Mrs. Calway responded to the various greetings and extended the good wishes of the Union to the Council for their work in the London District.

The attendance, which included representatives of twenty-three London Lyceums, together with several visitors from other centres, created a record for London and speaks well for the future work of this area.

Efforts are now in hand for the formation of Scouts and Girl Guide Companies, Dramatic Art Sections, while the Athletic Section is endeavouring to form a Net Ball Competition and other suitable events for increasing the interest amongst its members. London Lyceums are to be congratulated.

P.M.

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference of this Council will be held at the Witton Park Lyceum on Sunday, 9th November 1930, at 10-30 a.m. The attention of Lyceum Secretaries, etc., is particularly drawn to the following items on the Agenda:—

No. 321. That the E.C. seeks dates with Societies on a 50% basis.

No. 322a. That Miss E. Bonsor's offer of a Concert Party be accepted and Churches, etc., be notified of terms (50% proceeds).

No. 325. That the Northern District Council be invited to send a Representative to Conference.

No. 326. That this Council appoints its own Speakers and Demonstrators.

No. 327. That in connection with new Lyceums a probationary period be insisted upon and that a Sub-Committee be appointed to investigate the suitability of proposed Officers before being accepted into affiliation.

Mr. Millar, of Stockton, will read a paper at the Afternoon Session, when discussion will be invited. In view of the important business on the Agenda, a good attendance is desired.

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.

LIVERPOOL, Daulby Lyceum.—The Session on October 5th will be remembered as a Red Letter Day in the annals of our Lyceum, for on October 1st the Church had taken full possession as owners of the building. Pride in possession permeated the atmosphere, and our Conductor, Mr. Keeling, chose a lesson suited to the occasion and which was both instructive and inspiring.

The following items were rendered:—Pianoforte solos by Winifred Wright, Muriel Keeling and Nicholas Echevarria. Songs by Gladys Owen and Arnold Raymond. Recitations by Helena Tollerton, May Owen, Derek Owen, Bert Owen, Alfred Cretney. A paper on "The Value of Physical Exercise in the Lyceum" was read by Horace Phillips.

NOTTINGHAM, Mechanics Hall.—A special meeting of our Lyceumists was held to present the Education Certificates to the successful students. Our Conductor, Mrs. Reynolds, President of the B.S.L.U., in the chair. Mrs. Paling, F.N.S.C., Hon. Sec., S.N.U. Educational Section, kindly made the presentations, and afterwards very ably explained to the Lyceumists the advantages to be gained educationally by taking up the scheme.

During the evening Mrs. Baker, Asst. Conductor, supported by Mr. Farnath, presented (on behalf of the Lyceumists) a silver cake basket, as a wedding present to Mrs. Reynolds, who expressed her thanks in well chosen remarks. The collection was sent to Mr. Connor.

O. PEEL, Sec.

HEATON NORRIS.—Open Sessions, Oct. 19th, conducted by Miss Griffith. Fair attendance. Readings were well expressed. Marching and callisthenics very well done. Pearls and recitations were very good.

At the evening service we had a Service of Song, "The Fireman's Daughter." Soloist, Madam Clara Deplitch. The 8 p.m. service was taken by the Members. We spent a happy day and thank all who helped to make it a success.—Mrs. E. Deplitch, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Polson Avenue.—Open Session, Oct. 5th. A very pleasant afternoon was spent. Pearls, songs, and recitations were given by—Leonard Towns, Harry Forrest, Mr. Hargreaves, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss M. Anderson, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Hargreaves, Miss E. Hargreaves, Irene Turner, and Mr. Forrest. Readings by Miss M. Anderson and Mrs. Hargreaves. We send our best thoughts to all other Lyceums.—Evelyn Hargreaves, 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 Oct. 22nd.

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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 November 26th, to ensure insertion in the December 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, Oct. 12th conducted by Mr. W. Taylor. Musical Director, Miss E. Tabiner. Recitations by C. Godden, P. Glover and B. Bartlett. Solos by Miss N. Godden, B. Bartlett, F. Holgate, L. Ward. The Session was greatly enjoyed by all.—F. Holgate, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—5th Oct. Lyceum Sunday. Recitations by Phyllis Edwards, Francis Laycock, Billie Edwards, Nellie Laycock, Ivy Kenniford, Ivy Chaloner. Solos by Hilda Swift, Nellie Laycock, Mrs. Houliker, Stanley Laycock. Duets by Bessie and Jean Hilton, Hilda Nield and Gladys Jenkinson, Hilda and Walter Swift, Alex Taylor, and Willie Crabtree. We are making progress. This session was heavenly. The evening service was given by the Lyceumists who gave a Service of Song, "Jim Swainson's Atonement," by R. Webb, of New Zealand.

Mrs. Chambers presented prizes to the children who passed the B.S.L.U. Oral and Grade I examinations.

Oct. 12th we had a Memorial Service in the Lyceum for our arisen sister, Mrs. Cook, of Accrington, who had been a speaker of no mean ability for upwards of 30 years. Mr. Edwards, D.N.U. was the speaker. There was also a Service in the evening to her memory, conducted by Mrs. Hope, of Manchester.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—Sept. 28th Open Session. Recitations by J. and I. Entwistle, O. Parker, and Mrs. Bundle. Solos by D. Parker, M. Lawrence. Duet, E. Word and D. Timmings. Quartette by J. Robinson, J. Counsell, F. and A. Robinson. Miss Jenkinson and Mr. J. Coghlan, of Darwen, were our speakers for the day.

The following Officers have been elected for 1931. Conductor, Mr. J. N. Railton; Assist Conductor, Miss E. Hopper; Treasurer, Mr. H. Arkwright; Financial Secretary, Mrs. A. Sutton; Secretary, Mr. T. Wood; Callisthenic Conductor, Miss S. Carter; Musical Conductor, Miss E. A. Riding.—Mr. Tom Wood, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Sept 28th the Lyceum took the Church Services. In the afternoon, Open Session. Recitations by Leslie and Donald Hamilton, Lilian Harding, Jack Henderson, Jimmy Woodley and Stanley Landreth. Solos by Eileen Edwards, Beattie Callaghan, Albert Thompson, Mrs. Harper. A duet by Edna and Clifford Jones. 7 Pearls.

In the evening a Service of Song entitled "Angel Fairies" was read by the author, Miss Elsie Thompson, and was greatly enjoyed by all.—Miss D. Dunn, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford St.—We are now looking forward to next year's examinations and we are expecting a record entry this time. We received a most educational letter from one of our old Lyceumists, Mr. Batten, who, although he is now in Canada seems as though he is taking a vital part in the workings of our Lyceum. His description of the Fox family's home was very entertaining and instructive, as well as his descriptions of the conditions under which the Lyceums over there are run. We send our greeting to all Lyceums at home and abroad, wishing everybody success in the future.—A. Bromiley, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—We had our Open Sessions on Oct. 5th. The items were well rendered by Mrs. Babbs, Mr. Wilman, Miss V. Cross, Mr. Belford, Miss M. Cross, Miss P. Wilman, Mr. Hargreaves, Miss E. Edwards, Mrs. Abbot, Miss F. Cross, Mr. H. Barnes and Miss Magson.—J. Babbs, Sec.

BURY, King St.—Oct. 5th. Open Sessions. Pearls, recitations and solos were given by Lyceumists and visitors. The marching and callisthenics were good. The readings evoked good discussions. Visitors from Radcliffe gave us their greetings. A very enjoyable time was spent by all.—Nellie Dean, Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Oct. 5th, Conductor Mr. T. Brooke. The Musical Reading was taken by Mr. Brooke, Henry Taylor, Eva Rowley, and Dorothy Garside. Golden Chain questions were well answered. Pearls by Henry Taylor (2), Miss Wilkinson, Eva Rowley, Ethel Scholes, Gladys Hutton, Mr. Brooke. The following rendered musical items—Solos by Henry Taylor (2), Miss A. Wilson. Duet by Eva Rowley and Ethel Scholes. Mrs. Gooder, who was our speaker for the day gave a few words urging each Lyceumist to work for the cause. She gave a message of "Progression" for the Lyceum and its workers. Pianist, Mrs. Hutton. We had an interesting session.—M. B. Robinson, (Miss), Sec.

COVENTRY, Broadgate.—On Sept. 21st. the successful candidates were presented with their Certificates by Mr. H. Taylor, medium for the day. He encouraged us as Lyceumists, even if we failed to keep on trying.—E. C. Coe, Sec.

DARWEN.—On Oct. 5th we held our Open Session. Songs were rendered by E. Brocklebank and E. Lomax, and a large number of Lyceumists gave a selection of recitations. Greetings were received from Mr. and Mrs. Singleton of Blackpool, and from a friend from Burnley, North St. An enjoyable time was spent.—Mrs. A. Lowe, Ban. Sec.

DEWSBURY.—Open Session, Sept 28th. Conductor for the day, Mr. B. Carter of Halifax. Recitations by Mr. B. Carter, Clarissa Phillips, Margaret Greenwood, Kathleen Stott, Mr. T. Taylor, Victor Hartley, Cyril Hey, a Visitor. Solos by Clarissa Phillips, Sam Warren, a Visitor, Louie Gregory, Amy Bentley, Phyllis Dunn, Clarissa Phillips, Margaret Greenwood, Nellie Nixon, May Hirst. We were sorry to hear Mrs. J. H. Collier had been taken seriously ill. Organist, Mr. C. Phillips. Pianist for singing Miss N. Whitworth. We were pleased to have Mr. B. Carter with us. A glorious Session and a happy day was well spent.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—Open Session October 5th conducted by Miss Johnson. All Lyceumists took their parts and made it a success.

On Oct. 12th and 13th we had the Lyceum Harvest Festival. Open Session on Sunday afternoon. In the evening all the young Lyceumists gave a Song Service entitled "Sunshine and Showers," assisted by the elders. At 7-30 Mrs. Soan, Mrs. Holloway, Miss Goose did their part.

On Monday we had a public tea and meetings conducted by Mrs. Oxley of Mexborough. Mr. Webb sold fruit, flowers, and vegetables. Miss Johnson presided at all meetings. We had a successful week-end. All the meetings were well attended.

Mrs. S. C. Webb, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—Open Session, Oct. 5th. Recitations and songs were given by G. Blackburn, C. Lang, L. Sprout, K. Hodkinson, W. and E. Taylor, O. Wilkins, O. Hodgson, N. Hodkinson, J. Hancock, D. Seddon, A. Wilkinson, F. Clarke. J. Sprout, W. Hancock and Dennis Seddon. A good time was spent together.—Mrs. D. Dawson, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—Open Session, Oct. 5th. We had a very good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Recitations by Jessie Ainsworth, Doris Parkinson, Nellie Jackson, Minnie Wright, Marie Dews, and Dorothy Harris. Solos by Mrs. Parkinson and Violet Forshaw. Duet by Irene Watkins and Mary Gibson. Trio by Ruth and Dorothy Harris and Kathleen Hague. It was also our Harvest Festival, and our Church and Lyceum had a beautiful array of fruit, flowers and vegetables. Mr. Batley was our speaker.

On Sept. 4th our Lyceum Concert Party, "Merry Midgets" gave another very successful Concert for Church Funds.

Mrs. L. Vollans, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Open Session, Oct. 5th. Invocation by Mr. Doswell. S.C., Florrie Pickvance. M.R., Mr. Doswell, May Pickvance and Eileen Shaw. G.C. by Mrs. P. Doswell. Recitations by May Pickvance, Bessy Bartlett, Mrs. Owen, Annie Aspden, Florrie Pickvance and Greta Johnson. Vocal items by May Pickvance, Bessy Bartlett, Mrs. P. Doswell, Mr. H. Doswell, Greta Johnson, Rosa Bagshaw, and Gladys Dowling. Benediction by Mrs. Whittle. The conductor of Padiham Lyceum, Mr. Butler, was present as adjudicator from the Joint Lyceums Committee. An interesting and happy session. Good wishes to all Lyceums.—H. Doswell, pp. Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Pleasant Sunday, Oct. 5th, we held our usual Open Session when items were nicely rendered by Albert Letch, Edna Swift, Georgie and Willie Chapman, Mabel Trash, Vera Chapman, Ethel Robinson, and Louie Monsey. We had marching exercises.—P. S. Sec.

HYDE, George St.—On Saturday, Oct. 11th, a Grand Social was held. All proceeds were for the Children's Trip to Blackpool. Nearly 70 attended. Pianists, Mr. Harper and Mr. Jackson. Soloist, Mrs. Wright.

A Naming Ceremony has been performed by Mr. A. S. Wright, at an Open Session. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Hill received the earthly name of Renie, spiritual name, "Lighthouse." A good number of friends were present and enjoyed the Session.—N. Cartwright, Sec.

JARROW, Ellison St.—On Sept 14th the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith received the earthly name of David James, spirit name "Glory." The service was taken by Mrs. Bell, Gateshead.—H. Lavery, Sec.

LANCASTER, Alliance.—Open Session, Oct. 5th, Excellent Session enjoyed by all. Recitations rendered by Miss E. Kirk, Irene Hodgson, Ada Griffin, Joe Gardner, R. Dennison, John Griffin, Hughie Howorth, Douglas Brown. We are well on the upward grade. Greetings to all Lyceumists.—

A. F. Rushworth, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty.—Open Session, Oct 5th. Good attendance. Items by Sylvia Garrett, Miss Chamberlain, Ethel Gamble, Joan Whitbread, Doris Jayes, Lavinia Garrett, Lilian Jayes, Elsie Clements, Elsie Garrett, Jacky Whitbread, Doris Garrett, Miss Frost, Horace Jayes, Alice Gamble, Miss Ashby, Mr. A. Gamble, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Jays, Mr. Pickford. Oct 12th the infant son of Mr and Mrs. Pickford was named Stanley Gilchrist Pickford, spirit name "Patrick." Our Conductor, Mrs. F. M. Thwaites, performed the ceremony.

T. Kenney, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—Oct. 5th, Open Session. The following Lyceumists took part.—Recitations by Misses D. Jayes, L. Jayes, E. Dehoue, Masters H. Hancock, H. Jayes. Solos by Miss M. Coysh, M. Fisher, and Mr. H. Jayes.

Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LONDON, Lewisham.—Many thanks to Mrs. Clark of Manchester, for so kindly assisting us in our Lyceum during her stay in London. It helped us wonderfully and we feel very grateful for her help. Greetings to her Lyceum and wishing it every success.—M. Donald, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford.—Oct. 5th Lyceum and Church conducted services jointly for the Harvest Festival. The Church was beautifully decorated with fruit, vegetables, etc. and in the afternoon a special Open Session was held. Mrs. Dennis spoke on the Harvest, and the session was a good one. Certificates gained in the Education Scheme were presented by the Education Secretary, Mr. Connor. Many individuals efforts were also enjoyed.

A Lyceum Session was presented at the evening service, and so ended a really enjoyable day with good propaganda work for the Lyceum.—R. H. Bates, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham High Rd.—We have just celebrated our 1st Anniversary, by having a social. Our Sunday meeting was a great success. "The workers win."—M. Brinfield, Sec.

LONDON, Walthamstow, High St.—Visit from Mr. Clegg, on the 12th, Oct. We started Group System last Sunday. Good discussion in Senior Groups. The Guild is progressing well. Visitors are always welcome.—D. Thomas, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Moston.—Oct. 19th, Open Session, Conductor, Mrs. Wright. A very enjoyable evening was spent and chief among many items, was a very beautiful "Floral Recital" by seven young members, who distributed flowers to several visitors at the conclusion. One very young member, Alan Tyreman, very bravely sang for us. Marching and callisthenics were very well supported. The attendance was exceptionally good and a very harmonious feeling prevailed throughout the Session.—H. Caseman, Sec.

MIDDLETON, Old Hall St.—Open Session, Oct 5th. The rendering of solos was something to be proud of. The session was a success.—Mr. S. Moorcroft, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Heaton and Byker.—Oct. 5th. Open Session. Pearls and recitations by M. Ronaldson, Mr. J. W. Ronaldson, David Ronaldson, S. Gregson, E. Gregson, Edna

Hughes, Mrs. J. W. Ronaldson, Miss Steele. Piano and violin duet by Miss Kidd and Mr. Gair. Solos by Misses Steele and McMillan. Our Conductor presented Certificates to successful candidates who sat for B.S.E.U. examinations. A very enjoyable Session.—S. J. Hunter.

OLDHAM, Central.—Sept. 28th. Our Harvest Festival was a splendid display. Sept. 29th. Fruit Banquet and Social.

Oct. 12th. Open Session all day.

Oct. 19th was our Ladies' Day. A good number was present: Speakers, Mrs. Diggle, Mrs. Hough, and Mrs. Herbert Shaw. The chair was taken by Mrs. Tovey, Mothers' President.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

PRESTON, 68, Lancaster Road.—Open Session, Oct. 19th. We were entertained by recitations, a trio from the males, and our pianist contributed a pianoforte solo. A pleasant Session.—Evelyn Curtis, Sec.

ROCHDALE, Regent Hall.—On Oct. 5th we held our Open Session. Owing to the weather the attendance was poor. Marching and callisthenics were good, and pearls excellent. Recitations by Eric and Jack Nurse, Ronald Crabtree, Eric Crabtree, and Ernest Hudson. Solos by Joan Richards, Alice and Irene Hudson, Hilda Hartley, Doris Clarkson, Mr. Eastwood, and Mrs. Dawson.—Dorothy Richards, Sec.

SALTAIRE.—Lyceum Anniversary, Oct. 4th and 5th. On Saturday we had a meat tea and concert provided by the Lyceumists; Eric Freer, Miss Rawnsley, Mr. Platt, Mr. F. Rhodes, Mr. H. Mayes, and others.

Mr. L. Wilford conducted the Sunday Sessions. Keighley, Windhill, Harker St., and Laisterdyke Lyceumists attended. Miss Boyes and Mr. Nichol were the D.C. representatives. Mr. Simpson conducted the marching.

Mr. Wilford gave an address during the evening on Lyceum work.—F. Atkinson, Sec.

SCUNTHORPE.—On Sept. 28th we had Hull D.C. with us and spent a nice time together.

Oct. 12th the D.V. paid us a visit. He gave words of encouragement, and we do hope to try and keep the BANNER of Spiritualism flying. Four new scholars enrolled this month. We have had a few visitors. "Press forward" must be our motto.—Ivy Sprakes, Sec.

SMETHWICK.—The dedication of our new Lyceum premises took place on Sunday, Sept. 21st, and we thank all District friends for their contribution towards the success of our Massed Session. The invocation was beautifully offered by Mrs. Dealey, and, after a hearty welcome to all, our Conductor, Mr. Upton, invited the District Council President, Mr. Frost, to conduct the Session. Throughout, the children responded splendidly, and gave a magnificent demonstration of callisthenics under the able leadership of Mr. Lewry.—T. Wright, Sec.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—Liberty Group, Oct. 19th, conducted by Mr. J. Taylor, the subject being "Mediumship." We had a very interesting time, many mediums being present. This brought forth much discussion which was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Taylor was thanked for the splendid time he had given us.—J. Woodcock, Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS, Cambridge St.—On Sept. 28th we held our first Harvest Festival. Fruit and vegetables were plentiful. Recitations and solos were ably rendered by the leaders and Lyceumists. The sale of the fruit and vegetables brought in the sum of £3, thanks to our Church Members, Leaders and Lyceumists.—C. Stoker, Sec.

STOCKPORT, Central.—Oct. 5th. Open Session, conducted by Mrs. Edwards. Marching and callisthenics were well done. Pearls, recitations and duets were well rendered. We had visitors from Hyde and Heaton Norris. A lovely Session throughout.

At 6-30 a Service of Song was given by Lyceumists, entitled "For Ever True." Mr. H. Ennion was the reader and Mrs. Edwards presided. Mrs. Hannon and Anise Springate sang a duet. Mrs. Royle was the medium for the 8 p.m. service. A glorious day was well spent.—Mrs. Springate, Sec.

WEST PELTON.—Open Session, 5th Oct. Lyceumists responding were N. Robinson, A. Pearson, W. Hardy, D. Douglas, R. Pounder, J. and I. Chambers, M. Cahil, E. Hobson, S. Johns, T. Haddon, E. Hardy, J. Douglas, E. Abbott, M. Bell, E. Dryden, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Cahil, M. Haddon, M. Robinson and G. Gay. Conductor, Miss McLean.—Mrs. A. Dryden, Sec.