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## NOMINATIONS OF B.S.L.U. OFFICERS, 1931-1932.

### List of Nominations.

President:—Mrs. J. Reynolds, Miss E. Elliott, Mr. G. A. Mack.

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

## Our Education Department.

### HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.

Conducted by the EDUCATION SECRETARY.

#### EXAMINATION DATES IN 1931.

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

B.S.L.U.—ALL GRADES.—Sunday, 10th May, or (by arrangement with the Supervisor) the Saturday or Monday of that week-end.

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

#### IMPORTANT TO SECRETARIES.

The names of your Lyceumists who intend taking the examination next month should already have been sent to the Education Secretary. But if, for any reason, you have been unable to send them in during March, you still have a chance, as the closing date for receiving entries has been postponed to 16th April. Send in your entries AT ONCE, and so save your students from being disappointed. Remember, this will be their last opportunity this year of doing their bit towards the passing of our Spiritualist Emancipation Act, and we are sure they will not like to be left out of the lists.

#### REMINDERS TO STUDENTS.

The examinations will be held next month—on 10th May, or during that week-end.

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

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

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

You have now only five weeks remaining before

Examination week-end, and should devote the time to revision work and in practising how to write answers to questions. Grade V candidates could give one week to each article in No. 3. Handbook and the corresponding chapters in *Essays on Reasoning*, and are advised to obtain the questions set at the last examination and answer them, as the questions set this year will be similar in nature.

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

#### OUR MUTUAL AID BUREAU.

Our special contributors this month are Mrs. Hewat McKenzie, late of the "Psychic College," and Mr. David Gow, the editor of *Light*. Mr. Gow's comments are, as usual, helpful and interesting and Mrs. McKenzie propounds a theory that will be strange to many of us and will most likely call for consideration by future contributors. Let our students remember that a theory is a suggested explanation of known and accepted facts; and Mrs. McKenzie's experience has been so wide that her theories have much solid fact behind them.

An article by Mr. Stanley De Brath, the editor of *Psychic Science*, and well known to our advanced students as the author of "Psychic Philosophy" as well as many other educational volumes, will appear next month; and promises for articles in future issues have been given by Messrs. J. B. McIndoe, E. W. Oaten, G. F. Berry, J. Tinker and J. H. Haigh—while we are hoping for further promises from our leading workers.

Readers have shown such an interest in the discussion that our Editor has opened a special Letter-Box for their opinions and comments. Also, I know he is wondering whether Lyceum Librarians are bringing these articles (and the BANNER) to the notice of their Church members and Committees.

#### SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

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.

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

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

MRS. E. PALING, F.N.S.C., "Lucknow," Muriel Road, Beeston, Notts.

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

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

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

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

## Our Mutual Aid Bureau.

### HOW DO CLAIRVOYANTS SEE?

#### THE PROBLEM.

Miss E. F. Lawton, G.N.S.C., Secretary of Barrow, Dalkeith Street, Study Group, writes as follows:—

*"During a discussion on Objective Clairvoyance, several members could not accept clairvoyance as the ACTUAL 'seeing' of the spirit forms, thought forms, or the contents of sealed letters, etc., but thought all forms of clairvoyance were more or less mental pictures. The point was raised that in clairvoyance the spirit of the clairvoyant saw the manifesting spirit. Could your readers enlighten us as to what really is Objective Clairvoyance?"*

#### MRS. HEWAT MCKENZIE'S ARRESTING THEORY.

The question put by Miss E. F. Lawton, "How do Clairvoyants see?" and dealt with by Mr A. T. Connor in the February issue is worthy of serious discussion. As Mr. Connor well points out, clairvoyants can only *describe* the process to the extent of their own gift, but cannot explain the variations. The student who has paid some attention to the constitution of the spirit-body, may throw a little light upon the matter.

We agree that no psychic phenomena take place without some movement or action of the spirit-body—a duplicate in appearance and faculty of the physical body and brain. It must either wholly, or in some portion, become momentarily, if not for a longer period, independent of the physical body, and with soul-eye, or ear, or hand, or brain, use its sensing powers to see, or hear or sense realities, intangible and invisible to our physical senses. This operation is so speedy and powerful, that only the trained clairvoyant can grasp the moment when it takes place, seize upon the knowledge gained, and register it upon her physical brain for transmission to us by word of mouth. Untrained sensitives are confused and say—"I think I saw," "I am not sure if I heard," "Perhaps I was dreaming," and similar vague statements. Both these experiences may be called 'impressional' or 'subjective' clairvoyance, and are by far the most usual, but occasionally the spirit-body of the sensitive or a portion of it becomes more fully detached from the physical; some powerful emotion, in herself or in some communicator, may occasion this, or peculiarly harmonious or psychically helpful surroundings or sitters operate upon her. With this extended action some etheric substance obtained from her and also from the circle or from the sitter to whom she is powerfully attracted, is held in suspension, and forms a kind of 'etheric screen' or 'mirror' and the medium sees her thought picture or impression already registered subjectively by her, reflected in this mirror and calls it 'objective' clairvoyance. Sometimes she declares she sees a spirit-form standing by a member of the audience seated half way down a hall. In this case it seems to me that her own etheric or spirit-body has gone out to meet a similar emanation from the sitter who may have psycho-physical power or be emotionally anxious to receive a message, and the etheric mirror becomes focussed at his end. Sometimes a clairvoyant reports that the spirit is moving about, has gone to another person in the room, and it is verified that in life the communicator was also known to this other person. That, I take it, is simply that the medium is receiving this thought impression from the communicating spirit

by her spirit brain, and the etheric substance, seeking contact with all sympathetic points in its neighbourhood, receives an access from this new person and the clairvoyant vision reports the spirit as 'moving' about. I have much impressional clairvoyance myself and only occasional 'objective,' but I remember one case in which the reality of this was brought powerfully home to me. I was seated in a 'voice' circle, in a private house, quite harmonious and with a medium with proved powers, but on this occasion not a voice came for anyone, my own impression was that the medium's powers had been exhausted by some previous sitting. After an hour and a half, when we began to think of closing the sitting, which was held in the dark, I was startled to see on a level with my face, about two feet before me, a soft hazy grey cloud, and in the middle of it, a clearly built up man's face of almost full size. I had not consciously been seeking to 'see' anything and was therefore surprised at such an 'objective' manifestation. I could point to the exact spot in the air where it was placed looking straight at me. I described it to the sitters, colour of complexion, eyes, hair, and formation of face, and a sitter, a complete stranger to me, said "I should not be surprised if it is a brother of a friend of mine who was killed in the war. She was prevented from being here to-day, but said to me just as I came away—"Tell my brother if he comes, how sorry I am not to be with you.'" Whether this was a correct surmise or not I do not know, I never heard further, and my own surprise probably broke the contact and hindered me from getting a name or a message. Neither the medium nor anyone else saw or sensed anything. My own explanation of the 'objectivity' is that some etheric substance, from the medium or circle, which was not powerful enough to be used to give 'voices,' was still in being in the circle, and that in the quietness I too was slightly projected though unconsciously, and was used to register an impression from an anxious communicator, and only recognised this when the 'etheric mirror' reflected it back to me. It was certainly an entirely different experience from impressional clairvoyance. My conclusion therefore is that it is this etheric substance that is 'objective' and that the image reflected in it is the thought impression from the spirit communicator, in or out of the body, received by the medium's spirit-brain, and which without this 'mirror' would only remain to her as impressional or subjective clairvoyance. I put this forward as a point of view.

BARBARA MCKENZIE,  
(Late Resident of the British  
College of Psychic Science.)

#### THE EDITOR OF LIGHT'S SUGGESTIONS.

I fear that I cannot contribute anything very profitable to this discussion, since we are dealing with an interior and scientifically unknown form of faculty. We know that clairvoyants *do* see, either in an objective or subjective way, involving a whole range of different classes and methods of clairvoyance. Logically it would seem that all forms of perception, as well as of action, originate, or are transmitted by, the *psychical* body, directly or indirectly. When it acts directly we get the ordinary physical activities. Its indirect action is seen in cases of lucidity and other forms of psychical faculty. So far as clairvoyance is concerned

it would appear as if the perceptions of the soul, or the psychical body, were transmitted by some form of reflex action to the physical brain which receives them with greater or less clearness—generally less. In ordinary circumstances clairvoyance seems to be sporadic or intermittent, even in the case of trained clairvoyants. That is natural enough, seeing that the consciousness while incarnate is *polarised* to the physical work in order that the uses of incarnation may be adequately served. But if we take into account the reality and activity of the soul or spirit-body, we can certainly clear out thinking on certain difficulties that are glibly disposed of by reference to the “subconscious mind,” which, in many cases, simply amounts to the misunderstood action of the psychic body itself.

DAVID GOW.

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### THE MUTUAL AID LETTER-BOX.

#### OUR READERS' OPINIONS AND EXPERIENCES.

Our Letter-Box shows that great interest is being taken in our Mutual Aid Symposium, and the Editor proposes to allow space each month for the publication of the opinions and experiences of his readers. Accounts should be of general interest and evidential in value, and brevity will be counted as a virtue.

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Mr. Henry Wigley, of Belper, is well-known to most Lyceumists, especially in the Midlands. Although nearing 80, he is still an ardent worker, and sends three instances of his wife's clairvoyant powers.

The first case concerns a stranger to whom conviction was brought by the recognised description (with names) of “a farmer's wife” (his mother) who appeared with a shawl over her shoulders (worn so as to hide a rather full throat) and her sleeves rolled up—ready for work!

The second account is of a man who “didn't believe in God, devil, hell or heaven.” He looked startled, however, when Mrs. Wigley described an old lady she had seen coming in with him—and denied that *anyone* had come in with him, but the description was so convincing that he asked if she had been to see his grandmother's photo at Heanor! Of course, she hadn't.

The third case concerns a young lady (Mr. Wigley gives her name) who asked for a “crystal” reading. It was War-time, and she was a nurse about to sail for “somewhere in Europe.” This she was told, and also was warned to prepare a special belt to hold her valuables. As a result, when (as foretold) her ship was torpedoed in the night, she lost nothing; and jumping into the sea, as advised, she confidently awaited the arrival of the promised rescue-ship.

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Mrs. L. E. Singleton, the “Reflectograph” medium, sends an interesting account of an experience at Woodhall Spa. One night, on her way to bed, she found she was following what seemed to be a headless man. The form disappeared in her bedroom; but it was seen on the following afternoon by her little son (aged 8), crossing the lawn about dusk. The boy felt so nervous that he asked a chum to come into the house with him. She was surprised and puzzled until, at a subsequent seance, the owner of the headless body explained that he was a former resident of Woodhall and had in past years been a frequent visitor at the house. In a fit of

nervous depression he had committed suicide by “blowing his head off!” with a double-barreled gun, and now he had attached himself to conditions which seemed to give a chance of communication. . . . Matter for speculation is provided by the amazingly literal way in which the phrase “blowing his head off” had been interpreted by the intelligence which built up the spirit body to be seen by the clairvoyant.

On platforms, Mrs. Singleton sees best with her eyes shut, and “seems to look with two ‘headlights’—one on either side;” but at times, with her eyes open she can see empty chairs being filled by quite solid-looking spirit folks. She finds that her health conditions affect her clairvoyance, which is always objective when she is in full health and vigour.

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### THE CONAN DOYLE MEMORIAL FUND.

#### Messrs. Raphael Tuck & Sons support the Memorial.

The Hon. Secretary of the Conan Doyle Memorial informs us that Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons, of which famous Publishing House Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was formerly a Director, have very generously presented the Memorial Committee with five hundred photographic post-cards portraying Sir Arthur in a particularly pleasing manner. Each bears a facsimile autograph.

The Churches and Societies, many of which have already appointed collectors for the Memorial Fund, will find these photographs a very acceptable accompaniment to the receipts given for donations.

Many readers will probably desire to have one of these souvenirs. If they will send six penny stamps addressed to the **Hon. Secretary, Conan Doyle Memorial, 16, Bank Buildings, St. James's St. London, S.W.1.**, they will be adding a little more grist to the Memorial mill. Lady Conan Doyle will be asked kindly to add her own autograph to the cards. Those who cannot spare even sixpence in these difficult times, are invited merely to send a large stamped and addressed envelope, for Sir Arthur's heart was ever warm in comradeship with the poor.

The cheerful expression in Sir Arthur's face is a human testimony to the utility of Spiritualism. Every donation however small, adds to the tribute we owe to a great man.

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### A PROGRESSIVE COUNCIL.

The London Lyceum District Council have had a very successful and enthusiastic year during 1930.

There is an increase of 30 Lyceumists on the Statistic Roll.

282 entered the Education Scheme and 229 sat for the Examinations. 205 passed through the various Grades.

There is a monthly Scheme of official visitation by the Officers. The general work has been progressive. There are also sections for Socials, Athletics, an Annual Children's Party and Demonstration.

There is a balance in hand of £33 4 9½d.

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### HOROSCOPES.

5/-, 7/6, 10/-, send Birth date, Time (if known).  
**Fred, 148, Victoria Road, Wood Green,  
 London, N.22.**

## £2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists,

Since presenting my last report to you I have been to the United Lyceums Districts' Council Meeting and Nelson and there we had a discussion on the importance of the £2,000 Effort. The great need for realising the objective was felt by all present. I anticipate that something practical will come out of that discussion. I am hoping to evolve an idea which will set things in motion once again. I have an ambition to bring this Fund to a successful issue and I would like to do it within a given period. "Where there's a Will there's a Way." I require the help of every willing Lyceumist. Please do your best in the meantime to support the Effort in every possible way.

I have very little to hand this month. The receipts, which I gratefully acknowledge, are as follows:— Mrs. A. Hudson, Middlesbrough, two samples of the "Reality of God" 6d; Mrs. J. Aldred, Onward Lyceum, Earby, one sample, 3d; Miss Darlow, Leicester, Silver St. Hymn Leaflets, 3d; Miss C. I. Jones, Leicester, Silver St. Hymn Leaflets 6d. Mr. T. McQuoid Weedman, Drummond St., Wolverhampton, donation, Founder's Day collection, 2s. 6d.; Total 4s. od.

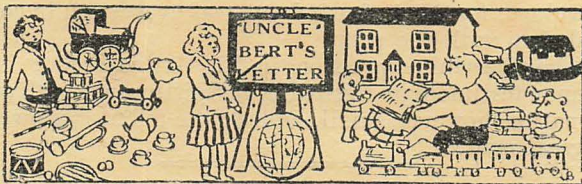
It is pleasing to note the sales for the Musical Recital although they are only small. I do hope that other Lyceums will send along their orders for the Musical Recital "The Reality of God." Hymn Leaflets 4s. 6d. per 100. Recitation Leaflets 2d. per copy. Single copies of the complete work, 3d. Please send your orders to Mrs. J. Reynolds, 118, Cremorne Street, Nottingham. Once again I appeal for your loyal support.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

118, Cremorne St.,  
Nottingham.

VICTORIA G. REYNOLDS,  
Hon. Sec.



My dear Boys and Girls.

In the first place I want to sincerely congratulate those of you who entered the Essay Competition of the February Issue.

The first prize was won by May Catterall, Milton Hall Lyceum, Eccles. The second by Dorothy Finch of Bowes Park Lyceum.

Essays from Joe Walsh, Edith Taylor, Bury; Mavis Wynne, Caerau; Veronica Chambers, Portsmouth were highly commended. Vina Emery, Marguerite Baines, Mary Hanlon, Joan Hanlon, South Manchester; Winnie Hotten, Forest Gate, commended.

In order that your leaders may know what you think about the Lyceum I give below a few thoughts from your papers.

"In our Lyceum everybody gets a chance to be of use and very few miss this opportunity."

"The bright music adds very much to the cheerful atmosphere of the whole session."

"We have such jolly times, I wish it was Sunday every day."

"We are all very happy together because harmony is the keynote."

"Through being able to ask questions it broadens our outlook in life"

"I think the idea of an examination makes me listen to the explanations more carefully."

"The first time I entered a Lyceum I specially noted that I was warmly welcomed by everyone and not left out in the cold."

"I am sure that if we follow the Lyceum teachings love and harmony will be the keynote of our lives."

I think you will agree with me that these are all beautiful thoughts.

Now we will have a walk round the old Farm Yard. The first sound which greets us is Bow, Wow, Wow. Wow, this comes from Bob, the sheep dog, who thinks it only correct to let his master know that strangers are about.

We then meet the Dairy Maid, so of course we have to say "Where are you going my pretty maid." She replies "A-milking," in the usual way. Without further invitation we escort her to the cow-shed, where those big eyed monsters turn and stare at us saying "Good-morning" in their own language, Moo, Moo, while outside there is a great stir amongst the other inhabitants. Quack, Quacks, Goble, Goble, Coo! Wool!

All this makes our brother feel envious, so he speaks out. He! Haw!

The proudest of the bunch is "The Cock of the North" who signals the fact that Mrs. Hen has laid some eggs for Easter.

Cheers! Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns again. Shall we have a competition to see which of us can eat the most. Oh, no, that would make us greedy, I'm afraid.

Auntie Ruth and Cousin Doris are agreed with me that there might be a doctor's bill to pay as well. So that idea is off.

Easter is such a beautiful time, that I think we might look at a few of its lessons.

We all know it is a Christian Festival commemorating the Resurrection of Christ.

It is also the Festival of Spring to the Goddess Easter. To each one of us it is a Festival of new life. Having once been a footballer, I know there is a joy in this winter's sport. And boys never mind having a few mud baths!

In fact, to some there is a certain glory in coming home smothered in mud.

I think it is much nicer to be able to put on a nice neat suit, or you girls your pretty dresses and get out into the beautiful fresh air and enjoy God's beautiful sunshine.

It creates the spirit of new life within us and as I said last month it makes everyone feel happier and brighter.

Then we have the flowers. I know in these days, florists seem to be able to provide us with various varieties nearly all the year round. There is a difference in seeing these all growing in gardens and fields instead of behind shop windows.

Then there is the spirit of freedom in the air. We



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AINSWORTH HOME OF REST FUND.—Mr. Thos. Williams 10s.

## THE LYCEUM MANUAL.

There has been a large and unaltered reprint of the *Lyceum Manual*. The Union has decided not to change the text for another ten years. We hope that Lyceums holding up orders because they think there is being some change, will now order their supplies.

The price list is printed on the back inside cover of the *LYCEUM BANNER*.

## Births, Marriages, and Transitions.

Ordinary Intimations will be inserted as follows:—Not exceeding twenty-four words 1s. 6d. will be charged. A further 6d. will be charged for every additional nine words. Poetry 6d. per line. Payment must accompany all intimations or they cannot be inserted.

### BIRTH.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. Cook, a son (Charles Frederick), at 88, Netherfield Lane, Parkgate, Yorks.

### IN MEMORIAM.

HOPE.—In loving memory of Albert, who passed to the Higher Life, March 18th, 1930.

Still with us. Wife, Children, and Mother,  
129, Raby Street.

LEICESTER.—Rose Annie Noon, of the Liberty Progressive Lyceum passed to the Higher Life March 18th, 1924.

“Tenderly remembered by her loving Mam. and friends.”

NEWCASTLE. Rye Hill.—We regret to report the passing of one of our old Lyceumists, Mrs. E. Finley, aged 61 years, who passed into spirit on February 16th, 1931.

Also Mr. W. Dockerty, another Lyceum worker of ours, who took his transition on February 28th, aged 27 years.

OLDHAM, Central.—Passed to the higher life, Baby Dan Benson, on Jan 30th, 1931, aged five months. Also Joyce Mellor, cousin of the above, Feb. 24th, aged twelve months.

Two flowers re-united. Mrs. H. Clegg.

FLEETWOOD.—Passed to the Higher Life (out in China) on March 7th, Lyceumist Sam Sherlock, aged 23 years.

“One by One.”

## A SENSE OF VALUES.

“Enclosed please find ‘spirit’ cheque for £1,000,000 for the Conan Doyle Memorial Fund.”

The immature humorist who sent this along to the Hon. Treasurer of the Conan Doyle Memorial Fund, as evidence of his mentality and good taste, is probably not old enough to remember the story of the Music-hall star, George Mozart who once sent a letter to his tailor “Please find enclosed cheque for £5,—*I can’t.*”

The idea of an invisible cheque is therefore not even original. Another thing the donor overlooked was that ‘spirit’ undertakings have to be honoured sooner or later in a ‘spirit’ sense. The spirit ‘coin’ is *service*, unless the drawer of the cheque admits bankruptcy in this respect. In the After-life, he will be liable to be called upon to the honour of the cheque by a million calls to service in the cause of Spiritual Truth. Probably, he will plead ignorance of the first principles of spiritual finance as an excuse for his present reckless generosity!

The widow who enclosed a P/O for 1s. 6d., “With gratitude to the memory of a noble soul,” made a far finer spiritual investment.

W.R.B.

## REVIEW.

THE VEDIC GODS. as Figures of Biology, by V. G. Rele, L.M. & S., F.C.P.S. D.B. Taraporavala, Bombay. Obtainable from Kegan Paul, Trench Trubner & Co. Ltd., 38, Great Russell Street, London, S.W.1. Rupees 6/8/-.

The author has revealed a deep, original, and interesting thesis concerning the origin of the Vedic Gods of Hindoo philosophy as defined in the Vedic hymns.

There is a definite scholastic attempt to prove the various legends of the Gods in the work of the ancient Rishis—the authors of the religious hymns—have their source in a knowledge of the nervous system as centred in the brain lobes of man, rather than outside of himself. The poetic imagery of the hymns is illustrated in the text and diagrams.

Rele disagrees with the theory of the arctic location of the original Arians which places the birth of Vedic religion far up in the northern hemisphere.

There are words and terms used in the book which only a student of Hindoo philosophy and religion can interpret. The author displays a deep insight and knowledge of biological laws in presenting his opinions.

We of the Western World can gain an introduction into the depths of ancient religious and philosophic lore by this link with Hindoo philosophy. The Hindoos have a far greater control over the nervous system than western people. If this book and its theory is studied we may find a means by which the East can help the West. East is East, and West is West, but there is a stage where both can meet.

The author deserves commendation for developing an interesting theory in Vedic research.

## SILVER PAPER.

We have sent over a cwt. of silver paper to a dealer and await the return of the value in cash. There is a long list of donors of “paper,” but we cannot insert all the names in the present issue.

## 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.

**SCHILLER, Johann Christoph Friedrich Von.** No. 145. He was born at Marbach, Wurtemberg in 1759, and died 1805. He wished to study for the Church; but the Duke of Wurtemberg had established a military school for the sons of his officers, and he decreed that Schiller should study jurisprudence, or the science or knowledge of law. Two years later when the school was removed to Stuttgart, Schiller deserted the law for the study of medicine. The military discipline of the academy was exceeding galling to his sensitive mind, and it was only in secret that he could read such books as Klopstock's *Messias*, Shakespeare, Ossian, Rousseau, and Plutarch. Inspired by these great models he wrote the play of *Die Rauber*, into which he breathed all his passionate hatred of tyranny. It was not published till 1781, when he had been appointed an army surgeon. The drama was received with great applause. In 1787 Schiller published his *Don Carlos*, a tragedy in blank verse, based on the *Nouvelle historique* of the Abbé St. Réal. The story is powerfully told, but the hero is not Don Carlos, but the Marquis Posa, into whose mouth Schiller puts his own thoughts on cosmopolitan freedom and happiness. These are much more calmly expressed than in his early dramas. He has passed beyond the influence of "storm and stress" period. In this very year he removed to Weimar, and immediately he proclaimed his conversion to the classical ideal as represented by Herder, Wieland, and Goethe.

Schiller is reputed to be one of the most sympathetic figures in literature. A man of singular purity of character, with a mind ambitious of reaching the highest, he strove in spite of bodily weakness and the frowns of fortune to attain the ideal in life and art. In his most successful dramas (*Tell Wallenstein* and *Die Rauber*) the interest lies in the questions of national moment—Liberation, revolt against authority, and the struggle for intellectual freedom. Into these he breathed all the warmth of his own passion, and thus transformed philosophy and history into poetry. In his later years he manifested the same longing for the artistic, the same love of Greek art as Goethe. He is great in his moral earnestness, in his idealism, in his youthful freshness, in his enthusiasm for the cause of art and humanity.

**SHAKESPEARE, William.** No. 145. Born at Stratford-on-Avon, 1564, died 1616, (there is no positive evidence to fix the exact day of his birth, but it is generally given as April 23rd, on the strength of a tradition that he died on his birthday). His father, John Shakespeare, married Mary Arden. The future dramatist was the third child, but the eldest son, of this marriage. He was educated at the Grammar

School of his town. He married Anne Hathaway in 1582.

About the year 1585 Shakespeare removed to London. His reputation as a dramatist grew rapidly. In 1597 the first printed copy of individual plays made their appearance. The following year Francis Meres, in his *Palladis Tamia*, ranks Shakespeare as holding in England, both in comedy and in tragedy, the place assigned to Plautus and Seneca among the Latins. Shakespeare's name was also freely used by the unscrupulous publishing pirates of his day, from 1595 onwards. On March 25th, 1616, his will, which was first drafted in January, received his signature, and on Thursday, April 23rd. (old style, May 3rd New style) he died and two days later he was buried in Stratford Church.

The first collected edition of his plays was produced in 1623 by John Hemming and Henry Condell, two of Shakespeare's company. This collection, known as the First Folio, contains all the generally accepted plays except *Pericles*.

A.T.T.P. says in his *Essays from the Unseen*, page 442. "Commentators on Shakespeare's history and works are as numerous as those in Revelations. In the present control (Dec. 11th, 1878) he tells his own story, which if believed in, will settle the question as to how he a comparatively uneducated man, came to write his various historical and other plays."

Among other things the control said "Let me see I lost a dear little sister, little Edmund too had passed away; both were younger than myself. I was the eldest of ten. That is a moot question—I say I was the eldest of ten. Biographers say of seven only. John Shakespeare, my father, told me, and he knew best about it."

Speaking of his education he says "If I had received any special advantages in my extraordinary education, I should perhaps have been brought to think that these advantages were the cause of my immortal fame; but in starting life I did not possess the advantages of a classical education; my knowledge of the ancients was absolutely *nil*, and of the Latin tongue the extent of my knowledge abides with me just as plainly now, as it did when I left the Free Grammar School at Stratford-on-Avon, to which I went for education, not where I was educated."

The recorder here remarked "that he must have been controlled or impressed, otherwise he could not have written his classical plays." He replied—"I was spiritually controlled undoubtedly; I was never myself either in acting or writing. . . . Every word of "King Lear" I wrote hearing the words clairaudiently. "Coriolanus" was another play I wrote after my retirement from London. I wrote this hearing it clairaudiently. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" was written through my hand in nearly illegible characters. . . and filled seventy-four sheets of manuscript from 2 a.m. to 4-35 a.m."

**SHELLEY, Percy Bysshe.** No. 145., was born at Field place, Warnham, near Horsham in Sussex, 1792 and died 1821. He is no longer regarded as the anarchist of literature, the prophet of atheism and communism and other 'isms' of the days when these bogeys were habitually conjured up by the narrow-minded to frighten the public. There is much that is crude in his earlier writings, for it was the work of a youth whom life had not disciplined. In the mature years of his

brief life Shelley was the poet of revolt; but this was a reasoned and controlled and directed revolt of the intellect and better nature against the evil forces of the world.

At Oxford he found a kindred nature in Thomas Jefferson Hogg, and the two youths thought they would shake Oxford to its intellectual bases, and bring about in the civilized world the Millennium of free thought, when they composed a pamphlet entitled *The Necessity of Atheism*. In March, 1811, their formal expulsion made a passing scandal. A few months later Shelley eloped with a young girl named Harriet Westbrook and on August 28th, 1811, they were married in Edinburgh. The year 1813 saw the restricted publication of *Queen Mab*. The inevitable rifts within the lute of such a marriage as theirs now widened more and more. His wife cared nothing for atheistical principles. Shelley found an enthusiastic admirer and kindred soul in the person of Mary Wollstonecroft Godwin, with whom he eloped to the continent. Shelley wrote to Harriet suggesting that she should join them there.

In September of the same year the two returned to England for a time, and it was at Bishopsgate, near Windsor Forest, that in 1815 he produced the first book which bore the signature of genius—*Alastor: or the Spirit of Solitude*. A year later they went to Sécheron, near Geneva. The saddest and most regrettable part of his life closes with the end of 1816, for in November he and Mary Godwin were shocked by the tidings of the suicide of his wife. Shelley and Mary were married on December 30th., 1816, at St. Mildred's London. Thereafter Mr. and Mrs. Shelley lived at Rome or Florence, at Venice or Ravenna, and above all at Pisa and the neighbourhood. The poet's last home was at Casa Magni, at Lerici on the Gulf of Spezia. Somewhere in this beautiful bay his boat upset on the 8th July, 1822, and his body was washed ashore near Viareggio. He was buried in the Protestant Cemetery at Rome, close to the grave of Keats.

Shelley ranks high among the great masters of blank verse, that noblest medium of poetic genius. His work is filled with flame—the fires of prophecy, of noblest aspiration, of lofty ideals, and the unconquerable faith in the spiritual destiny of the human race.

(To be continued).

Learning, if rightly applied, makes a young man thinking, attentive, industrious, confident, wary—and old men cheerful and useful; it is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in adversity, an entertainment at all times, it cheers solitude, and gives moderation and wisdom in all circumstances.

UNGER.

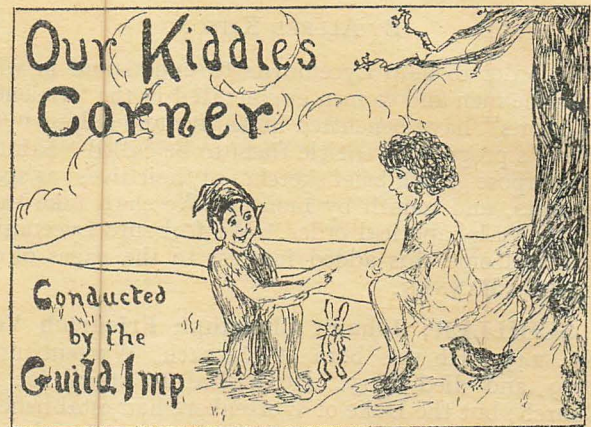
### A COMPREHENSIVE CATALOGUE.

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Dear Little Imps,

A jolly out-of-doors Easter to every one! I always think that Easter comes at just the right time of the year. Everything in the big-outside is so busy, waking, growing and working, and then comes Easter and a holiday so that we have time to go to see all these workers. The plants are very quiet about their work, and we need eyes opened wide if we are to see all they can show. The animals and birds are not so quiet. The mothers are so often calling to their babies, and the birds are so busy and happy about building their nests, that they don't mind if we do hear them. Yes! Easter comes at just the right time! The children of our story found that out too.

#### EASTER LILIES AND EASTER EGGS.

Elsie and John lived in a busy town, and knew very little about the country-side. Their home was too far away from the fields and woods for them to play there, and so the greenest place they knew was the park. It was a fine park but the flowers must not be touched, and everywhere there were little notices which said "Please keep off the grass."

Then, just before Easter, Mother had a letter from Auntie Belle, asking her to send Elsie and John down to her cottage in the country, for their Easter holidays. The cottage was a long, long way from a town, so that the children had to go so far by train, and then Auntie Belle would meet them and take them the rest of the journey on a bus. It was all very exciting, but on the first night, the children were too tired to notice much, and went early to bed. Even in bed, everything seemed too quiet, and, for a time they could not fall asleep.

At home, the noise of buses, and motors, and the roar of nearby trains, awakened the children every morning. At the cottage, Elsie and John were roused by a blackbird whistling away from a tree in the garden. Downstairs, they had a little disappointment, for it was raining and they had so wanted to go outside. Auntie Belle soon cheered them up. "This is only an April shower, to help to bring us May's flowers," she said. "It will be fine after dinner and then we shall go out. This morning, I want you to help me to make Easter eggs." The only Easter eggs the children had ever seen were the ones in the sweet shops, but Auntie Belle soon showed them the country children's Easter eggs. They spent a busy morning and laughed at Auntie for boiling her eggs with *onion skins*, and for boiling them for such a long time.

"Mother only boils our eggs for three minutes," said Elsie. "Ah! yes!" said Auntie, "but those eggs are not meant for rolling at an Easter Monday picnic. My eggs have boiled for half an hour, and see what a lovely golden colour they are now." Then the eggs were put away in a dish until the Monday.

After dinner Auntie took the children out. They walked along a lane with bushes on each side for a little time, and Auntie showed them the Lamb's Tails swinging on the twigs and they played at blowing the pollen away as if they were Mr. Wind. Then they scrambled through a gap in the wall and walked on grass. John was afraid a policeman might appear at any moment, and order them to "keep off the grass"—but Auntie laughed and showed him how the grass was worn smooth by many feet, and pointed out several paths, which could be seen across the fields and over the hills.

They walked through a little wood and found just a few of the early Primroses and Violets. Elsie had hoped that the wood would have been full of flowers, but Auntie soon cheered her with the promise of gathering Easter Lilies. Now, the only lilies that Elsie had ever seen, were the tall white ones in the flower shops, and her aunt smiled as she thought of the surprise in store for the children.

They left the wood, and came out into a wide green field, which sloped down to a stream. The field was covered with patches of golden yellow, where wild Daffodils waved their trumpets in the breeze. "O-o-oh" gasped the children. "Daffodils! Are they real? Can we get some?" "Why! yes!" answered Auntie. "These are our Easter Lilies. See what a lot of golden trumpets are here. The fairies use those to tell us that Easter brings the Spring time. "How lovely" said Elsie "I didn't think lilies were like this, and I've never seen so many flowers all at once before. I think Easter Lilies are the best things Easter has." "I don't!" said John. "I like Easter eggs best!—but John helped the others to fill the basket with the golden flowers.

Easter Monday came fine and sunny. In the afternoon the children went to the grassy common, where the whole village seemed to have met. Everybody had a picnic basket, and every basket seemed to hold some of the coloured eggs, tho' not all of the eggs were brown like theirs. Country folks know several ways of colouring Easter eggs, and making them pretty. John and Elsie were soon busy with other children at the battle of the eggs. They rolled their eggs on the grass, trying to crack other eggs, and the winner was the owner of the egg whose shell would not crack. It was great fun, especially for John, because his egg won. Later all the children ate their eggs with the other goodies for tea, and then played at games until sunset. For Elsie and John it was their first Easter picnic, and they thought it great fun.

Even the best of holidays have to end, and after a week of roaming in woods and fields and lanes, the children had to return home in time for school. It had been such wonderful week, and they had found so many lovely things. On their last morning Auntie took them for more Easter Lilies, so that Mother and Dad might share them too. When Auntie was seeing them off into the train, she laughed as she said "Daffy-down-dilly is going up to town this time." "Yes," answered the children "And won't Dad and Mum love her 'Yellow petticoat and her green gown!'"

Just as the train was about to steam out of the station, the children called out their thanks for a lovely holiday. "What did you like best?" asked Auntie. "Easter eggs!" said John, but Elsie answered "Easter Lilies, Auntie!"

A happy holiday Imps!  
And love from,  
MEG.

#### THE MAGIC STONES: OR PETER IN FAIRYLAND.

By UNCLE FRED.

Bluebell warned Peter to behave like a gentleman when he entered the presence of the Fairy Queen, and to bow nicely, and say "Your Majesty" when he spoke to the Queen. All would have been well, but for the fact that one of the royal cats happened to be in the corridor leading to the Throne Room. The very sight of a cat was more than Peter could stand. With a "Woof! Woof!" Peter, forgetting all about his manners dashed after the cat, which flew along the corridor and into the Throne Room, followed swiftly by Peter. Now, the floor of the Throne Room was highly polished and in consequence, Peter could not retain a footing. He went sliding along the floor, the whole length of the room, and bumped heavily into the throne itself, nearly knocking the Queen over, in addition to upsetting the Lord Chamberlain, and six fairies-in-waiting.

After the commotion, caused by Peter's undignified entry, had subsided, the Queen sternly asked Peter what he meant by such shocking behaviour before Royalty. Peter, who really felt very much ashamed of his conduct, hung his head and humbly apologised to her Majesty. The Queen smiled, and at once forgave him; and then she asked Bluebell why he had been brought to Pixie City. Bluebell gave a graceful bow and said, "Your Majesty, whilst I was flying over the earth, I heard Peter wishing that he might live in a land of rolling stones. As fairies must always help mortals, whether they be human beings or animals, I went to his aid, and have brought him to Fairyland in order that he may try to find our little sisters, who were stolen from the palace many years ago. They have been changed into stones, and hidden by your great enemy the Green Dragon, in the gloomy caves of Dead Man's Land, where fairies cannot venture."

"Peter, will you undertake this task?" asked the Queen. "If you are successful, you shall have stones rolling along in front of you for ever." "Woof! Woof! Your Majesty!" shouted Peter in his excitement, "I will search for the lost fairies, and, if possible, bring them safely back to you."

"Well," said the Queen, "many are the temptations, dangers and trials to be experienced by those who are brave enough to enter the land of the Green Dragon. If you are brave enough to face these dangers, I will send you on your long journey tomorrow. In the meantime, you must sleep and take all the rest that you can. The Grand Chamberlain will meet you here at noon tomorrow and give you all directions as to the manner in which you must make the journey. He will also warn you of the dangers which you will encounter, before you can reach the gloomy caves of Dead Man's Land."

The Queen then ordered that Peter should be shown into one of the royal bedrooms where he could sleep,

and rest until the hour of his departure from the palace had arrived. Bluebell and Peter thanked the Fairy Queen, and bowed themselves out of the room.

A court servant, dressed all in brown led Peter to his bedroom, where Bluebell wished him "Goodnight" and promised to help him all she could. She told Peter that she would give him a magic ring for a charm. He was to wear the ring on his front right paw, and whenever he was in danger or distress, he must rub his nose upon it and call "Bluebell" three times, when she would hasten to his aid.

She warned him to listen very attentively to the directions given him by the Grand Chamberlain, and always obey them or else he would quickly find himself in danger of being captured by Evil Spirits who would lie in wait for him. Bluebell then said "Goodnight" once more, and Peter thanked her for her kindness and advice.

The bedroom into which Peter was taken, was beautifully furnished and had a lovely little bed in one corner of the room. A large basin of tea stood on a little table, together with a plate of biscuits and meat. Peter ate a good meal, switched off the electric light, jumped into bed, and was soon dreaming of dragons, serpents, wire wolves and witches and the battles which he would have to fight against them. So real were his dreams, that before daylight had appeared, he had nearly bitten his pillow to pieces.

## CHAPTER II.

The sun was shining brightly through Peter's bedroom window when he awoke the next morning. Peter looked with dismay at his torn pillow, and wondered what the Fairy Queen would say, when she was told of it.

At that moment, a knock sounded on his bedroom door and Peter felt very much like hiding himself under the bed. However, he summoned up his courage and called out "Come in!" A little fairy servant then entered the room, carrying a dish of tea and some food on a tray, which she placed on the table, and then withdrew.

Peter jumped out of bed, washed and brushed himself, and ate his breakfast. He then opened the window and stepped out on to the verandah, climbed over its railing, and dropped down into the garden below. Unfortunately, he did not notice one of the fairy gardeners working on a flowerbed beneath his window. In consequence, when he dropped from the verandah, he landed right upon the poor little fellow's back, knocking him over into a bucket of water, which stood at his side.

Peter pulled the fairy gardener out by his legs and said how sorry he was for being so careless. The wee man was very cross indeed with him, and said that he would tell the Fairy Queen about his behaviour. Peter left the indignant gardener and rambled about the beautiful palace gardens, until a fairy servant came to tell him to come and prepare for his journey. The Grand Chamberlain was waiting to see him, and give him his final instructions.

Peter hurried back to the Palace, where the Officer of the Guard ushered him into the presence of the Grand Chamberlain, who awaited him in the Throne Room.

*(To be continued)*

## S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear, Sir.

I have pleasure to report the following income for January and February.

JANUARY:—Hounslow Church, £3. 3s.; Brighthouse, Commercial St., 6s. 2d.; Idle National Church, 10s.; Little Ilford Christian Spiritualist Church, £1 5s.; Letchworth Church 3s. 6d.; Sheffield Central Alliance, 10s.; Sowerby Bridge Church £1 7s. 9½.; The Ashkir Jobson Trianon, per Mr. Ashdown, 10s.; Mrs. J. Reynolds, 10s.; Mr. Whitmarsh, Fee, Whenton Church, 10s. 6d.; Mr. Geo. Langham, New York, £4 11s. 6d.; Miss J. T. Manvell, £1 1s.; By Request, per Mrs. Sutcliffe, £2; Mrs. Therlewall 10s.; on behalf of Mrs. Meurig Morris and Lawrence Cowen, collections at Fortune Theatre, Jan 18th, £21 10s. 3d.; Bristol Surrey St., Ladies' Class, proceeds of Tea Meeting, 15s.; Walter Currie £1 1s.; E. V. Quarmby, 5s.; W.R., per Mrs. Hudson, 10s; H. Blackwell., £2 2s.; A. Scott, 7s 6d.; Exeter, Market Hall, special Sacred Concert, £2; A few friends, High Wycombe Christian Spiritualist Society, 5s.; Parcel of clothing. Total £44 14d. 2½d.

FEBRUARY.—Doncaster Progressive, Catherine St. £1; Leicester, Silver Street, £1; Derby, Charnwood Street, £1 10s.; Bacup £2; Ulverston, 10s.; Great Yarmouth, £1 1s.; Harrow Psycho, December qtr. Members' tax, £1 3s. 9d.; A friend, Prestatyn, 2s. 6d.; Combined Meetings, Nottingham L.D.C. and North Midlands D.C., speakers, Mr. Hannan Swaffer and Mr. Barbanell, £3; Member of W. T. Stead's Library Bureau, per Miss Estelle Stead, 2nd donation, £19; Miss J. T. Manvell. £1 1s.

The Committee wish to express their grateful thanks to all subscribers, Church or personal, who have again contributed during these months. The work is still increasing. Many of the old folks have passed through a very severe winter. The grants from the Fund have proved very helpful to them, enabling them to procure extra coal and warmer clothing. We tender our thanks to all.

On behalf of the Committee,  
I remain,

32b, North Street,  
Keighley, Yorks.

Yours sincerely,

MARY L. STAIR,  
Hon. Secretary.

## District Council Reports.

### THE UNITED LYCEUM DISTRICTS COUNCIL.

The half-yearly meeting of the U.D.C. was held at Nelson on March 14th, and 15th.

Mr. C. T. Batley presided and offered the invocation.

The Minutes of the A.G.M. were discussed and questions arose on the procedure for enrolling Lyceums into membership with the Union.

The income for the past year was £2 6s. od. After paying expenses there is a slight balance in hand. It was decided to pay £1 to the B.S.L.U. for Fees.

Mr. Batley in his President's Address spoke of the link between the U.D.C. and Lyceumists, and how real that link could be. He spoke of the pioneers and how we had grown from small beginnings. Conditions are changing and he hoped the M.C. would have given some indication of what they would substitute for present procedure.

Mr. Batley also hoped the £2,000 Effort would grow quickly and that we could possibly use the interest in time of need.

A few points arising in the discussion were.—Lyceumists had not fully grasped the Area System of Management.

We should base membership Fees to the Union on a poll tax; paid in dues per head, and not for the block of 50 Lyceumists.

We do not get the units to see the national point of view.

The £2,000 Effort and other items were referred to the D.C. for discussion and report.

Mr. James Shuttleworth was appointed Delegate to the B.S.L.U. Conference.

The President and Secretary were empowered to draw up the U.D.C. Conference Report. Some items for inclusion in the report were £2,000 Effort, Re-organisation and Finance; the duty of the unit to the whole.

The Sheffield Delegate introduced a motion that Lyceumists should take an active interest in local and national politics. The general feeling was that party politics should not enter into any aspect of Spiritualism. It was agreed to accept the principle of the motion.

A proposed new Bye-law was discussed.—To pool the Delegates expenses to Conference.

It was stated, in opposition to the Scheme, that a small Lyceum, adjacent to the Conference meeting place can now attend for about 5s., but pooling would cost about 30s. The subject was referred to the Districts.

The primary endorsement of District Councils of applications for B.S.L.U. Membership was favourably discussed. It was decided to recommend all Districts to support the motion.

It was decided to support the North East Lancashire L.D.C. proposals for a smaller M.C. of the B.S.L.U., and recommend similar support to the D.C.s.

The U.D.C. expressed the opinion that a Sub-Committee be appointed for the Revision of the Constitution, the work to be done outside the Conference time as in the 1917 revision.

The question of abolishing Free Conference Billets was referred to the Districts for deliberation.

#### Re-organisation.

The outstanding points were the amounts to be paid to the General Secretary, and from him to the Councils in affiliation.

The main idea is to get the Lyceumist to be Lyceum conscious, and if we asked for 1s. per head we could pay the whole of the dues to the B.S.L.U., the D.C., Delegates expenses, and Conference.

One D.C. did not agree to the capitation tax of 3½d. per head, so that the outline of the Scheme was approved, but the Delegates are taking the subject back, with a view to producing some concrete proposals at the next meeting.

The meeting decided to give all possible support to the Education Scheme.

A Lyceum salute for adoption by all Lyceums: Opinions vary in the Districts.

On the question of a symbolic badge, it was pointed out that a new order had just been placed for the existing type of badge.

Nelson friends were heartily thanked for their hospitality. The dates of the next meeting are Oct. 17th and 18th, 1931. Mrs. Ennion is endeavouring to secure the venue in the North East Cheshire District.

#### OPEN SESSION.

Mr. E. Raw introduced the U.D.C. Members and Mr. Batley took charge of the Session. Mrs. Ennion (North East Cheshire) offered the invocation. Mr. Nelliest (Teesside) conducted the S.C.R. The sections of the M.R. were read by Mr. Wainwright (Leeds) Mr. T. Wood (N.E. Lancs.), Mr. R. Johnson (Bolton). Many questions were answered.

A welcome was given by three children, who marched in bearing sheaves of flowers. After reciting a stanza, one of the children presented the visitors on the platform with a button-hole decoration. Two sheaves were dedicated and one was provided in memory of arisen workers.

There were about 200 present and 80 took part in the physical exercises, with Mr. Batley at the piano.

Individual efforts by:—Evelyn Holmes, Margery Atherton, Mary Gallagher, Richard Gallagher, Margaret Hopkinson, Mary Evelyn Jackson, B. Terry, rendered recitations. Trio by M. Atherton, V. Forrest, M. E. Jackson. Birthday cards were presented to Elsie Sutcliffe and Mr. Ellis.

The President of the Union gave the benediction.

Mrs. J. Reynolds, President of the B.S.L.U., presided at the evening meeting. Messrs. Nelliest, Wainwright, and Shuttleworth gave short addresses on the Lyceum system and its present-day application.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The next Council meeting will be held at Stirchley on Saturday, April 11th, 1931, at 3-0 p.m. prompt. It is to be followed by a Social. E. C. HEATON, Sec.

#### BRADFORD DISTRICT.

The above Council held the Annual Meeting at Idle Lyceum. Miss Hudson, the President, was in the chair. We had five minutes' silence for our arisen friends.

Tellers, Mr. Midgley and Mr. Illingworth.

The Minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence was accepted. The President's Address was accepted. Secretary's, Treasurer's, D.V.'s, and Standing Orders Committee reports were accepted.

Election of Officers for 1931:—President, Mr. Wilford, Laisterdyke; Vice-President, Miss Boyes, Keighley; Secretary, E. Aked, Shipley; Treasurer, Mrs. Whitley, Saltaire; District Visitor, Mr. Hall, Saltaire; Auditors, Mr. Coles, Shipley, and Mr. Illingworth, Idle.

The Balance Sheet and Auditors' Report was accepted.

It was decided that in future the Council Meetings be held on Saturdays and Sundays.

Delegate for B.S.L.U. Conference, Mr. E. Aked.

We decided to support Mr. E. Aked for Area Representative. The meeting adjourned until March 14th, at Keighley.

At the adjourned meeting the Shield and Bell rules were gone through and various alterations were made. We decided to have a neutral adjudicator from outside the District for 1931.

We decided to send a Notice of Motion to the B.S.L.U. Conference, *re* representation at Conference. "That all Lyceums be equally represented at the Annual Conference."

The Council are booked for the services at Saltaire on Easter Sunday.

The next Council meeting will be held at Laisterdyke Lyceum on Sunday, April 12th, at 10 a.m.

A Vote of Thanks was given to the Officers for their services. E. AKED, Sec.

#### COVENTRY AND DISTRICT.

On Saturday, Feb. 14th, the Annual Meeting was held at Rugby (Sheep St.) with a good attendance of members and friends.

President, Mr. Coe; Secretary, Mr. Burrows; Treasurer, Miss Bull; Auditors, Messrs. Brierley and Weller; D.V., Mr. Fairfax and Mrs. Coe.

A Mass Session was held at the Baths Assembly Hall, Coventry, on March 1st. Lyceums represented,—Nuneaton, Stoke, Broadgate, Bull Street, Broad Street, Rugby.

The speaker was Mr. A. T. Connor, of London. There was a good attendance, and we trust our effort will not have been in vain.

H. BURROWS, Sec.

#### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting was held on Feb. 21st at Batley Carr. The President, Mr. Tweedale, was in the chair. Invocation by the Vice-President, Mr. E. Wilson. A welcome was given by Mrs. Lumb, Batley Carr. The President, in his address welcomed Officers, Delegates, Associates and friends, and thanked everybody for the loyalty and goodwill that has been shown to him during his four years service as President. He fully appreciated the confidence that has been shown and hoped that his successor would be accorded the same harmony. The President stated he had the good fortune to live near the Secretary which expediated many decisions. He hoped the Council's decisions would reflect the wishes of the majority. In leaving the Presidential chair he would like to say that since he first occupied it he had made many friends. He hoped that all efforts for good will and interest would be increased and meet with unbounded success. The address was accepted with thanks.

The Minutes of last General Meeting and Quarterly Conference were accepted and confirmed.

Correspondence was accepted and filed.

Reports,—The D.V. had visited Hemsforth, Horbury and Ossett, Leeds (Psycho), Dewsbury, York, Batley Carr, and Castleford. He made special mention of Castleford. Lyceums must look out during the new Progress Scheme.

The Treasurer reported Income £8 11s. 7½d. Balance, 1929, £9 14s. 6d. Total, £18 6s. 1½d. Expenditure, £14 5s. 0½d. balance, Feb. 21st, 1931, £4 1s. 1d. Field Day Fund Balance, 1929, £25 2s. 0½d. Donations, Castleford, 1930, 16s. 8d. Balance, £25 18s. 8½d.

Progress Scheme Sub-Committee: Mr. Wainwright gave a most lucid report how points can be gained and lost.

Election of Officers: President, Mr. Wainwright (Armley); Vice-President, Mr. E. Wilson (Dewsbury); Treasurer, Mr. Hirst (Batley Carr); District Visitor, Mr. Daisley (Leeds, Psycho); Secretary, Mr. A. W. Harding (Wakefield); Auditors, Mr. Spencer (Birstal), Mr. Whitelock (Batley Carr); L.D.C. Fraternal Delegate, Mr. Spencer (Birstal).

B.S.L.U. Nominations: recommendations are,—President, Mr. Keeling; Vice-President, Miss Elliott; Treasurer, Mr. Burrows; Auditor, Mr. Dixon. Area Representative, Mr. Tweedale (Wakefield).

Delegate to Annual Conference at Barrow, Mr. A. W. Harding; U.D.C., Mr. Wainwright (Armley).

The Silver Bell Progress Scheme was accepted. Mr. Barnes (Bradford) will be asked to officiate for the three years, if possible, and failing this period, for 12 months.

Mr. Halstead's offer to type 50 copies was accepted. The first copy distributed to Lyceums will be free; all further copies will be issued at a cost of 6d. each. It was agreed not to commence the Scheme until after the next meeting, to be

held in June. It was agreed the charge to Lyceums be 1½d. per Lyceumist.

The Notice of Motion from Castleford, *re* the Secretary's Honorarium and Field Day Demonstration was defeated.

No invitation for 1931 Demonstration was forthcoming. It was left with the E.C. to make arrangements..

Associates,—Mr. and Mrs. Halstead, Hull (Gipsyville).

Open Council. "No more War Committee. It was agreed we write to the General Secretary for information *re* affiliation to this body, through the Union and the subject to be placed on agenda for next meeting.

Votes of thanks were given to Batley Carr friends and Officers.

Date and place of next meeting. Horbury and Ossett are to be written to for next meeting.

Roll Call,—Officers 5, Delegates 25, representing 15 Lyceums, Associates 3, Auditor 1, Fraternal Delegate 1, Lyceums represented,—Armley, Birstal, Batley Carr, Batley, Castleford, Cleckheaton, Dewsbury, Leeds (Easy Road), Hull (Gipsyville), Hemsworth, Morley (Queen St), Leeds (Psycho), Wakefield, York, Liversedge.

A. W. HARDING, Sec.

#### LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

The A.G.M. of the Liverpool Lyceum District Council was held on Feb. 14th at the Spiritualist National Church, Crompton St., Wigan.

The President, Mr. A. Cretney, was in the chair. Delegates from the following Lyceums were present,—Daulby Hall and Boaler St., Liverpool; Wigan, Chester, Warrington, Runcorn, Southport, Birkenhead, St. Helens. E.C. 4, Associates 2, S.W. Lancs. Group 1, Visitors 2. Total 24.

The Minutes were read. Several delegates stated that owing to the concentration of "Education" under our Definite Policy Scheme an increase of students for the B.S.L.U. Examinations was the result. The minutes were confirmed and correspondence accepted.

It was decided to extend the date of the Session Competition until the end of June; Mr. G. Mack will be the Adjudicator.

*President's Address.* This was brief, the main point touched upon was the welcome to the Council of Birkenhead and St. Helens Lyceums.

*Secretary's Report.* Owing to the lengthy agenda, and nothing of an outstanding nature in the report, the Secretary asked to be excused from reading it. This was agreed.

*Treasurer's Report.* This showed a balance in hand of £1 1s. 4d.

The Auditors' and S.W. Lancashire Group Report were given and all the reports were accepted "en bloc."

*Election of Officers.* President, Mr. J. Watkins; Secretary, Mrs. L. K. George; Treasurer, Mr. O. Jones; District Visitor, Mrs. Clitheroe; South West Lancs. Group Delegate, Mr. O. Jones; Auditors, Mr. E. A. Keeling, and Mr. S. Watson.

*B.S.L.U. Nominations.* President, Mr. G. A. Mack; Vice-President, Mr. Mack or Miss E. Elliott; Treasurer, Mr. W. Burrows; Auditor, Mr. G. A. Dixon; Area Representative, Mrs. L. K. George.

*Massed Session.* It was agreed to hold one Massed Session at Boaler St. Church on Sept. 27th. The Conductor, Mrs. Clitheroe and the Musical Conductor, Mrs. George. It was also agreed that the Council offer to take the 6-30 service at Boaler St. by appointing speakers and inviting items from the Lyceumists. Speakers appointed, Mr. Mack, Mrs. George and Mr. Foster. The President, Mr. Watkins, to Preside.

*Eisteddfod.* It was decided to have a "per capita" tax for travelling expenses of candidates. The question of inviting Church members to take part in one item at the Eisteddfod was referred back to Lyceums for consideration.

*Interchange of Conductors Scheme.* It was agreed to recommence this scheme on July 1st and terminate it immediately before the commencement of the next Session Competition. The question of Assistant Conductors taking the place of Conductors in this scheme was referred back to Lyceums for consideration.

*Definite Policy.* The subject chosen for concentration was "Finance."

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Wigan friends for their hospitality.

The next meeting will be held on May 9th, at Daulby Hall, Liverpool.

L. K. GEORGE, Sec.

#### LONDON DISTRICT.

The A.G.M. was held on Feb. 21st. The generous invitation of Fulham Church and Lyceum was accepted for this meeting.

After the usual opening exercises the following reports were given.

*Secretary.* Mrs. Calway gave details of a progressive year's work, appealing to all Lyceum Secretaries to assist the Council by giving full attention to all correspondence sent out. Over 800 letters and notices had been sent out during the year.

*Treasurer.* Mrs. Fruin thanked all Lyceums and friends for the generous support to the Council. The Balance Sheet showed Cash in Hand: General Fund, £12 15s. 10½d. Social, £6 9s. 5d. Athletic, £2 7s. 6d. Children's Party, £11 12s. Total, £33 4s. 9½d.

*Social.* Mrs. Bell expressed the Council's appreciation for the support given to the Rallies and Dances.

*Athletic.* Mr. P. King gave details for 1931 Programme, which included Sports Meetings at Charlton Park on June 13th, and proposed Rambling Sections.

*District Visitors.* Miss Pennington, Mrs. Tims, and Miss Last gave interesting details of visits made during the year.

Mrs. Calway, Area Representative, Mr. Bolton, L.D.C., S.N.U., spoke of the fraternal relations between their Unions and the Lyceum Council.

It was moved and adopted that the President's Address be sent to the various Spiritualist papers.

The President, Mr. A. E. Fruin, referred to the workers who had laboured for the Council at various periods during the past 21 years. The A.G.M., while looked upon only as a business meeting was in reality a meeting for the spiritual upliftment of all associated with it. He pointed out that each Lyceum was an important link in the Council's chain, whether membership be large or small. A business-like method, he said, was needed by Lyceums for dealing with Council matters, and he suggested that Council notices should be read to the whole Lyceums; that matters arising should not be settled by Officers or small Committees only; that delegates should arrange for a meeting to discuss Agendas before attending meetings and see that arrangements were made for them to give a detailed report. Advertising is much needed, he stated, and local papers, in addition to Spiritualist journals, should be considered. Entering local Carnivals and activities would add publicity to our movement. The President thanked mediums and platform workers, who, while not directly associated with the Council, did much to help our efforts when visiting Churches. During the five years of his Presidency, Toleration and Fraternal Brotherhood had been the keynote of success.

The business discussed included a change of fees for Athletic Members and propositions to be sent to Conference to adopt an International Badge suitably worded for Lyceum. The College Visitors Scheme was adopted.

*Election of Officers.*—President, Mr. Fruin; Secretary, Mrs. Calway; Treasurer, Mrs. Fruin; D.Vs., Miss Pennington, Mrs. Irving; Vice-President, Mr. S. Williams; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. Calway; Assistant D.Vs., Mrs. Tims, Miss Last; Social Secretary, Mrs. Bell; Athletic Secretary, Mr. P. King; Competition Secretary, Miss Ashley; Councillors, Mrs. E. Williams, Miss Jordan, Mrs. Payne; Messrs. Ella and Searle; Delegates to Conference, Mr. and Mrs. Fruin; Delegate to L.D.C., S.N.U., Mr. Ella; various Committees were also elected.

P.M.

#### NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held in St. Peter St. Church, Blackburn, on 21st February.

Mr. C. T. Batley, President, was in the chair.

Miss Lawton and Mr. Wood were appointed Credential Officers.

There was a discussion on the constitution method for the D.C. and M.C. endorsing Lyceums into membership. It was decided to ask the M.C. why Bye-law 4 had not been adhered to in relating to a recent affiliation.

Letters were read from numerous sources and it was decided to express our regrets to Mrs. Nurse.

The President, in his address, spoke of the critical financial position and the necessity of reducing expenses. We need to create young Lyceumists' interests in the work of the D.C. He recommended a change in the Adjudication Scheme to eliminate the sacrifice of 32 week-ends by some-one.

Various methods were suggested to encourage D.C. work.

The Secretary stated only ten Lyceums had paid the D.C. Fees for 1930.

The yearly income was £12 11s. 6d. Due to Treasurer 6½d. Cottage Fund, due from Council, £11 15s. 6d.

Shield Presentation at Darwen, Income, £2 6s. 3d. Expenses 13s. 1d.

Mr. Raw and Mr. Pollard had audited the accounts. The Associates' Fees were the lowest on record.

Credential Report.—Officers 5, Delegates 15, Associate 1, Visitors 3. Total 24. Lyceums represented, 9. Not represented, 16. Pooling expenses 7s. 7d. per Lyceum.

The North D.V. gave a good report of visits to the two Lancaster Lyceums.

Election of Officers: President, Mr. C. T. Batley; Treasurer, Mr. T. Wood; Secretary, Mr. J. Shuttleworth; District Visitors, Miss M. E. Lawton (North), Mr. R. Latham (South). U.D.C. Representatives, Mr. T. Wood and Mr. A. S. Dickenson.

It was decided to recommend Lyceums to support the Candidature of Mr. J. Shuttleworth for Area Representative on the M.C. of the B.S.L.U.

Auditors.—Mr. Raw (2 years), Mr. Pollard (1 year).

It was decided that Mr. J. Shuttleworth complete a full adjudication of all Lyceums in the Area by Dec. 31st, 1931.

It was agreed that the District Visitors make visits when they deem necessary, or full accord with the Constitution.

Re Centralisation of meeting places.—Preston (Moor Lane), and Blackburn (St. Peter St.) agreed to accept. Accrington (Pearl St.) are to be requested to allow the May Meeting to be held at that Church.

The December meeting of the D.C. was brought forward to the last week in November, 1931.

It was decided to forward to the General Secretary a Notice of Motion amending the Election of Area Representatives.

The Blackburn Church and Lyceum were thanked for accommodation and also we placed on record our appreciation of the work done on our behalf by the friends of St. Peter St.

Mrs. Riding replied to the thanks rendered to Blackburn friends.

#### SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Cavendish Grove, Southampton, on Feb. 28th.

Delegates and associates from Reading, Portsmouth, Eastleigh, Ryde and Southampton attended.

The proceedings opened with an invocation offered by Mr. Lawrence, the President. A welcome was extended towards the Council with the hope of a fruitful week-end.

The Minutes and correspondence were adopted.

In the Presidential address mention was made concerning the desire to be more personally active; the result of which was the adoption of a motion instructing the Secretary to inform all area Lyceums of the President's desire to serve them and their Churches for Sunday meetings for bare expenses.

Mrs. Taylor, A.N.S.C., gave the D.V.'s report, remarking that her visits throughout the coming year would increase in number as she had purposely left open dates for that purpose.

A suggestion was made that all Officers should use their degrees gained under the College Scheme, on all Lyceum work.

The Secretary's report dealt with statistics, showing that out of nine Lyceums attached to the B.S.L.U. there were eight as members of the D.C. It was agreed that Mr. McFarlane approach Exeter with a view to them becoming Members.

The Treasurer, Mrs. D. Hart, A.N.S.C., in giving her report stated we had £2 16s. 6½d. balance in hand.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Long, the Secretary of Southampton Lyceum hoping for his speedy recovery to good health again.

Auditors' Report and Balance Sheet were adopted.

Election of Officers,—President, Mr. A. Lawrence; Secretary, Mr. H. C. Guy, A.N.S.C.; Treasurer, Mrs. D. G. Hart, A.N.S.C.; District Visitor, Mrs. E. Taylor, A.N.S.C.

Expressing the desire for closer contact with the Lyceums of the West it was agreed that steps be taken to secure a delegate from that Area and co-opt him or her upon the Council. The Lyceum Representative to Churches' D.C., Mrs. E. Baker, informed us that Worthing had lapsed, but she hoped only temporarily.

The Delegates to B.S.L.U. Conference are Mr. Guy and Mrs. Baker.

Council's Next Meeting. It was agreed that steps be taken to hold the meeting in the Isle of Wight.

The meeting closed with an expression of thanks by the President and a benediction by Mrs. Taylor.

H. C. GUY, A.N.S.C., Sec.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. H. C. Guy, A.N.S.C., the Secretary of the Southern Counties Lyceum District Council, has removed to 11, Cedar Road, Bevois Mount, Portswood, Southampton.

#### SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

The above Council held the A.G.M. at Middleton (Old Hall St.) Lyceum on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Mr. Hudson, the President, was in the Chair. The meeting was well attended. A Notice of Motion to hold Propaganda Meetings following the Council Meeting was passed, after much discussion.

The business relating to next Conference was also dealt with.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year,—President, Mr. Hudson; Vice-President, Mr. Carter; Secretary, Mr. J. Nurse; Treasurer, Mr. Dewhurst; Auditors, Mr. Dixon and Mr. McConnell; District Visitor, Mr. Shaw. The Council tendered its sincere thanks to Old Hall Street Lyceum for the comfortable entertainment extended to them during the meeting.

The next Meeting will held at Regent Hall, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 9th, 1931. A good attendance is requested.

J. NURSE, Sec.

## District Visitors' Report.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

I visited Drummond St. Lyceum on Feb. 22nd. There were 30 Lyceumists present. The Conductor for the afternoon was Mr. Frost. The explanations of the Conductor's parts did truly mark the matchless power that is ever hovering around. Owing to the time passing so quickly and a discussion on the G.C.R. there was not enough time for marching and callisthenics. The Groups are receiving the right tuition concerning both material and spiritual things. The Session was harmonious and all who were present received a spiritual blessing.

I visited Smethwick Lyceum on March 8th. Mrs. Upton conducted the afternoon's Session. The number present was 57. It was indeed a pleasure to notice that the Lyceum had increased in numbers. Here again the explanation of the M.R. were a spiritual feast. The preparation for the Grade Examinations are in full swing and there is a record number of Lyceumists studying for them. The marching and callisthenics were carried out in a very good manner. The explanations of the pearls showed that there was wisdom in the explanations.

P. H. WARRILOW, D.V.

#### COVENTRY AND DISTRICT.

Jan. 25th I visited Bull St. Present 18. Reading and singing were good. The Silver Chain was nicely explained. Musical Reading was good. Marching and Callisthenics were done very well. Good discussions in the Groups. I was interested in various opinions on the G.C.R.

Broadgate is a good Lyceum, but I wish Church Members would give more support to the Officers.

I did not visit Rugby during the 12 months, but will visit them shortly.

Lockhurst Lane have opened again and I will be paying them a visit in a few weeks.

Mr. Fairfax has also been chosen as a District Visitor.

Mr. Fruin (Uncle Bert in the BANNER) will be at Broadgate Lyceum on May 3rd. Mrs. E. C. Coe, D.V.

#### SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.

A pleasing feature is that Lyceums continue to exchange fraternal greetings through the D.V.

Stainforth Lyceum was paid a visit on Nov. 23rd, when a well behaved Lyceum had a very fair Session. Marching was very efficient; it was an excellent display with good brisk movements, the Cross and Square marches being done exceedingly well.

Group Session: the leaders of each group seem to deal very capably with the subject under review. Tiny tots are not lacking in their efforts. Many elders were present.

Barnsley, North Pavement. Dec. 7th. Callisthenics were done splendidly. There was a good response in the individual efforts. The conduct of the children was good. 40 present. The S.C.R. and G.C.R. were read fairly well.

Doncaster, Baker St., commenced punctually when they were visited on Dec. 14th. Creditable explanations were given by young readers of the M.R. Vocal efforts were very pleasing. The singing was quite up to standard. From the explanations given on the various readings it is evident that the Manual is fairly well understood.

JAMES LE NOURY, D.V., A.N.S.C.

## LEEDS DISTRICT.

Hemsworth. Afternoon Session, Dec. 7th. 38 present. Good explanation of M.R. A lively interest shown in the G.C.R. 131 by the number of questions. This Lyceum has a large number of children.

Horbury and Ossett. Dec. 21st, 1930. Small attendance. The Conductor of this Lyceum deserves praise for the way he conducted the Session, the numbers of which would have disheartened the majority of people. This Lyceum is badly in need of all the help and encouragement it can get.

Dewsbury, Dec. 28th, 1930. 57 present. An intelligent and keen interest was shown in the lesson. The marching and callisthenics were good.

Leeds, Psycho. Jan 4th, 1931. 22 present. The lesson were read. Marching and callisthenics fairly good. The senior group had a good discussion.

York, Jan., 18th, 1931. 31 present. Morning Session. Good explanations of S.C. and M.R. Marching fairly good. Callisthenics kept well together.

Castleford. Jan. 25th, 1931. 56 present. Morning Session. Credit is due to the Conductor for able way in which she conducted the Session. Lessons were read. Marching very good. Callisthenics kept well together. The Lyceum was then formed into Groups, discussing the lessons aforementioned. After wards the Conductor asked Lyceumists what they had learned.

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## Special Reports.

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

BIRMINGHAM, Stirchley.—Open Session March 1st. The Lyceumists responding were:—E. Francetti, D. Bywaters, W. Francetti, B. and M. Stait, J. Sutch, J. Bush, A. Jervis, A. Lacey, G. Shakespeare, C. Brown, C. Smith, S. Davenport, H. Which.

A Special Session was held on March 8th, to dedicate a Banner which was kindly given by one of our Lyceumists. Mr. H. Which. Mr. Wright, of Smethwick, kindly came to dedicate and present the Banner on behalf of Mr. Which. We thank both most heartily for the good work done.—Mrs. C. Shakespeare, Sec.

DUNEDIN, N.Z.—On Feb. 8th the Lyceum re-opened with a fair number and one or two visitors. Pearls by all and a keen interest in all work. It was good to see the smiling faces again.

Feb. 15th, Open Session. Fair attendance. Pearls by the majority and recitations by Garnet Asher, Roland Paul, Dulcie Prattley, Margaret and Edith Robinson, Joan Hargreaves, Frances Anthony, Jean McConnell, and Mavis Dobbin. Songs by Hilda and Kathleen Paul, and Mr. Gore. Readings by Mrs. McConnell, Mr. Paul and Miss Burgess. Pianoforte solo by Mr. Hargreaves.

The usual annual picnic, where everything is provided, will not be held this year, as, owing to the great disaster in Napier, funds are urgently needed, and the Lyceum wished to help in a small way. We could not do much because, through industrial conditions, our funds are very low, but the children were quite ready to forego their especial day. Greetings from Dunedin Lyceum. Miss R. Burgess, Con.—Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—We held our Open Session on March 1st, when the following Lyceumists took part. Recitations by Marie Dews, Jessie and Gladys Ainsworth, Irene Edwards and Ruth Whitts. Duets by Ruth Harris and Kathleen Hague; Nancy Woods and Violet Forshaw. Solo by Mrs. Parkinson and Mrs. Firth. Our Merry Midgets have again had a busy time. On March 9th they gave a Concert at the Congregational School for the P.M.E., and on March 11th at our Church. Both concerts were great successes.

On March 22nd we had a Memorial Session for one of our Lyceumists, Mr. Sam Sherlock, who passed away out in China. Our Conductor, Mr. Batley, took the service, and Mrs. Nurse conducted the service at night.—L. Vollans, Sec.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace, N.Z.—Annual Election of Officers, Feb. 1st, 1931. Conductor, Mr. R. A. Webb; Secretary, Mr. S. Harris; Callisthenics Conductor, Mrs. E. Webb; Assistant Callisthenic Conductor, Miss L. Webb; Treasurer, Mr. G. Bodell; Guardian, Miss R. Waring; Musical Conductor,

Mr. Barton; Assistants, Miss E. Harris and Mrs. Hunt; Captain of Guards, Master Ken Mander; Guards, Bertie Dray and Ernest Dray; Auditor, Mr. R. A. Webb; Librarian, Mr. Easton; Marching Leaders, Miss G. Webb and Mr. S. Harris; Lyceum Representative on Church Committee, Miss L. Webb.

On Feb. 8th we held the Dedication and Naming Service of Daphne Adeline (Spirit name "Faithful"), the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt. Our Lyceum Conductor, Mr. R. A. Webb, officiated at this charming and interesting ceremony.—S. Harris, Sec.

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## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after March 25th.

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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 April 22nd, to ensure insertion in the May issue.

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

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ACCRINGTON, Argyle St.—Open Session March 8th, conducted by Mr. W. Taylor. Music by Miss Tabiner. S.C. by F. Moreton, G.C., by A. Broadley. Recitations by Freddie Bartlett, B. Bartlett, Mrs. Glover, Solo by Miss West. —F. Holgate, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Open Session, March 1st. Recitations were well rendered by Nellie Laycock, and Walter Swift. Solo by Mrs. Houliker. Duet by Miss H. Swift and Walter Swift. Our speaker, Mrs. Rostron, of Manchester, gave a short address on the Lyceum. Marching and callis-

thenics were well done.—Miss H. Swift, Sec.

BACUP.—On Mar. 14th our Lyceumists held their Annual Prize Distribution with a grand tea and Concert. Prizes were given by the Lyceum Conductor. The scholars gave a good concert, including recitations, dances and dialogue. Songs were rendered by J. Lomax. The event proved a great success.—A. Halsall, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—March 1st. Open Session. Recitations by Gertrude, Florrie and Gwennie Watson, Jimmy Henderson, Stanley Landreth, Leslie Davies, Ernest Kneale, Richard and Doreen Robinson, Donald and Leslie Hamilton, William Kneale, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Taylor, and Mrs. Harper. Solos by Annie and Muriel Watson, Lilian Harding and Mrs. Harding. Pianoforte solos by Eileen Edwards and Mr. Whiteley.—D. Dunn, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—On Feb. 22nd, we held our usual Open Session. Recitations by E. Holding, I. and J. Entwistle, B. Hinchcliffe, and C. Raiton. Solo by Miss M. Ashworth. Quartette by Miss J. Counsell, Miss J. Robinson, Mr. F. Robinson, and Mr. Walsh. Mr. Spencer, of Blackpool, was our speaker for the day. We had a good time together.—Mr. T. Wood, Sec.

BRADFORD, Laisterdyke.—Open Session, March 1st, conducted by Mr. H. Batty. The following Lyceumists did their part,—Miss F. Cross, Miss Bentley, Miss Spoffatt, Miss Crisp, Mrs. Wilman, Miss M. Cross, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Belford, Miss Hirst, Miss Wilman. Good responses to readings and excellent singing.—J. Babbs, Sec.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Mar. 1st we held our Open Session. The following Lyceumists obliged with items,—Miss Avis Bown, Harold and Irene Hobster, Irene and Glyn Cowell, Eveline,

Norman, and Kathleen Clements, Vera and Jimmy Rippon, Jessie Orwin and Ivy Hall. A very interesting session closed with the singing of Hymn No. 309 from the Manual. Miss F. M. Hobster, Min. Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, March 1st. Conducted by Mr. T. Brooke. Pearls by H. Horsley (4), B. Walker (4), I. Wilson, H. Taylor (2), Miss M. Wilkinson, Gladys Hutton, Mr. T. Brooke. Recitations by H. Horsley, Joyce Sharp, Solos by B. Walker, I. Wilson, Miss M. Wilson, H. Taylor, H. Horsley. Mr. Warner, the speaker for the day, pointed out that there are more ways than one in which the Lyceum teaching will be useful to us. He wished that everyone holding positions will keep a firm stand and persevere to attain the top-most point and be able to say "Excelsior." He impressed the importance of group teaching to bring the best out of our abilities.—M. B. Robinson, Sec.

DEARNLEY.—March 1st. Afternoon Service of Song. Evening, Open Session conducted by Mr. Bamford. Pearls, recitations by Lyceumists and friends. Solos by Miss Hollingsworth, Miss Turner, Mrs. McConnell. A real Lyceum day was spent.—Mrs. Whitham, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—Open Session, Feb., 22nd. Conductor, Mr. E. Whitworth. Pearls by Sam Warren, Hilda Bennett, Gerald Hey, A. Oakes, Dorothy Joyce, Elsie Backwood, Mrs. Whitworth, Phyllis Dunn, H. Gregory, E. Stott, William Newby, Cyril Hey, Mrs. G. Peel. Recitations by Cyril Hey, Dorothy Dunn. Solo by Clarissa Phillips, Duet by Miss M. Hirst and Mr. E. Wilson. Quartette by William Newby, Gerald Hey, Walter Oates. Naming Ceremonies were performed by Mrs. G. Peel for the infant son and daughter, of Mr and Mrs. G. L. Stott. The son was named Jack and the daughter was named Mona. A spirit message was given by Mrs. Ledgard. We were sorry to hear Mrs. W. Dunn and Kathleen Stott were very ill.

We were pleased to see Mrs. Hartley back in the Lyceum after her accident. There were about 80 Lyceumists and 44 friends present at this enjoyable Session.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—Open Session March 1st. The following Lyceumists took part,—O. Wilkins, G. Blackburn, E. Fox, R. Hancock, Donald Seddon, F. Clarke, D. Seddon, N. Seddon, J. Sprout, J. Hancock, N. Hodgkinson, K. Hodgkinson, W. and T. Hancock, W. Wilkinson, and W. Wintersgill. A good time spent together.—Mrs. D. Dawson, Sec.

EARBY, Onward.—On March 1st, we held our Open Session Recitations by the children. Duet by Mrs. Clark and Miss Ward. No 384 was sung by the Liberty Group. Enjoyed by all.—Mrs. J. Aldred, Sec.

GWAWN CAE GURWEN AND DISTRICT.—Open Session, March 1st., under the Presidency of John Rees. Mrs. Probert opened in prayer. Recitations by the following.—Eileen Samud, Mabel Griffiths, Ernest Bidsford, Kathleen Butt, Iola Owen, Eric Jones, Nancy Jones, Ray Owens, Una Evans. Solos by,—Moria Llewelyn, Tegwen Evans, Magdalen Davies, Bettie Thomas, Mona Llewelyn, Mrs. Howie Jones, Katie Jones. Duets by,—Nancy Jones and Hannah Mary Jones; Mrs. M. H. Smith and Mr. T. J. Owen. Quartette by Hannah Mary Jones and party, "Catch the Sunshine;" Mr. T. J. Owen and Party. Mr. W. T. Jones rendered a solo in fine style. We spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Open Session March 1st. S.C. by Mr. Baxter, M.R. by Annie Aspden, H. Norris, Florrie Pickvance. C.G.R. by Florrie Pickvance. Recitations by Greta Johnson, Jean Bullen, Walter Haworth, Mrs. Haworth. Solos by Mr. Baxter, Mrs. Doswell, Mr. Doswell. Duets by Misses Margaret and May Pickvance. Mrs. W. Doswell and Florrie Pickvance; Mr. Baxter and Mr. W. Doswell. A very enjoyable Session.—W. Doswell, Sec.

GRIMSBY.—Election of Officers.—Conductor, Mrs. R. Barron; Vices, Mr. Hockley and E. Robinson; Treasurer, M. Greenhalgh; Secretary, P. Stanham. Other officers were duly elected and we anticipate a happy and progressive year.

March 8th, a very nice time. Recitations by Edna Swift, Albert Letch, Fred Thompson, Georgie and Willie Chapman, Zita Giles, Muriel Sandvit, Ivy Usher, Billy Balls and Bessie Baxby. Solos by Willie Chapman, Edna Swift, Ethel Robinson and P. Stanham after which we had marching and callisthenics. Hearty wishes to all.—P. S. Sec.

HALIFAX, Queens Road.—March 1st. Open Session conducted by Mr. Dawson and Mr. Baldwin when readings were

rendered and Marching and Callisthenics were very well done. We had quite a string of good pearls, also pianoforte solos by Miss B. M. Anderton, Miss Cora Midgley, Miss B. Whitworth. Recitations by N. Anderton, H. Wilson, T. Ross, Molly Ross, Jean Ross, T. Matthews, E. Dainley, V. Waddington. Mr. Ben Carter, of Halifax, our speaker for the day, took the Golden Chain, and made it very interesting for the Lyceumists.—George Anderton, Sec.

HORWICH, Chorley New Road.—On March 14th., we held a Social evening. There was a good attendance. Musical items, games, and other festivities were indulged in, and a very joyous evening ensued. Our best thanks are due to everyone who helped to make it such a success.—J. Sherrington, Sec.

HUCKNALL.—Feb., 22nd. Annual Prize Distribution. Mrs. Barton, Leicester, presented them. She was delighted to see that the majority of the special prizes were won by our smallest Lyceumists. The special prizes were obtained by Irene Guest, Walter and Ernest Caunt, William and Phillip Hollingsworth, and William and Leslie Barratt. There were other prizes, of 1st, 2nd, and third, merit.—J. Goodwin, Sec., Con.

HYDE, George St.—On March 8th. Mr. Wright named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison in the Lyceum, giving him the earthly name of Allan, Spiritual name, Excelsior. We have just finished another successful pantomime entitled "Babes in the Wood." The script was once again written by Mr. S. Jackson. The children were trained by Miss A. Carr and the adults. Dancers were trained by Mr. J. Harper, the Musical Conductor. Very best thanks are given to all.—Mr. N. Cartwright, Sec.

LANCASTER, Gt. John St.—On Feb., 18th, the Lyceum children gave a very successful Concert.

On March 1st. an Open Session was enjoyed by all.—M. Sarratt, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—I am pleased to say we have arranged with the Silver Street Church for our Lyceum to join with their Lyceum every 3rd Sunday each month for combined Marching and Callisthenics. We had a visit from Mrs. Paling of Beeston on March 15th., who spoke very encouragingly and was pleased to find the coming together of two Lyceums for the benefit of the cause.

March 1st, Open Session with a good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Recitations by Jacky Whitbread, Alice Gamble, Mrs. Whitbread. Solos by Ethel Gamble, Freda Gamble, Elsie Clements. Duets by Alfred Gamble and Ethel Gamble, Mrs. F. M. Thwaites and Mr. T. Kenney. Trio by F. A. Gamble, Mrs. W. S. Pickford and Mr. T. Kenney. Quartette by Ethel Gamble, Margery Towers, Irene Ashby and Elsie Clements.—T. Kenney Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—March 1st, Open Session. Solos and recitations by Misses Doris Jayes, Mary Coysh, Betty Hancock, Lily Jayes, Horace Jayes, Ivy White.

On March 8th., Dr. T. Timson gave a short address which was enjoyed by all.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LINCOLN, Coultham St.—Lyceum session every Sunday at 2-30.

On March 3rd. Mrs. Raspin our Treasurer, gave a memorial service to an old Lyceumist.—M. Willey, Sec.

LINCOLN, Midland.—On March 1st, the B.S.L.U. President and Mr. J. Reynolds paid us a surprise visit. We were honoured by their presence at the Open Session and Evening Service. Many old Lyceumists attended, adding joy to the day's endeavours.—H. C. Dobby, Sec.

LONDON, Brixton.—During March we have been holding our Concert practices and a "Sports" evening for the boys. Both practices are well attended and enjoyed.—F. B. Cross, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham and Edmonton.—On March 15th, Open Session. The L.L.D.C. were present, when we all spent a very happy and harmonious time together. Greetings to all.—W. H. Markham, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham, High Road.—During the past month we have gone steadily forward. Our young Lyceumists take an active part in the Session.—Bella Rayment, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford.—A successful Social was held on March 7th, the event being well supported.

A well-conducted and instructive Open Session was held on March 1st. Miss A. Fulcher contributed with a fine address. The Marching, callisthenics, readings and explanations were

very creditably carried out; a marked improvement being noticeable. The following took part in an enjoyable programme of special efforts.—Edna Fozzard, Betty Haughton, Irene Dennis, Doreen and Doris Walters, Annie Hunt, Joyce Capper, Florence Stoffer, Peggy Lake, and June Bates. A special welcome is extended to visitors for the L.L.D.C. Rally at Stratford on April 18th., 7-30 p.m.—R. H. Bates, Sec.

MACCLESFIELD.—Our prize night on March 11th, was another very successful effort. We had the Mayor and Mayoress with us. Councillor J. Potts presided and welcomed them. The Mayor replied.

An excellent programme was given by the Lyceumists who one and all gave of their best. In an action song by the infants 'The King's Horses' the prancing was splendid. A piano solo by Sylvia Bamford was well received. A song and dance by younger girls gave much pleasure. The Fairy Play 'The Coming of Spring' by the elder girls was, as usual, delightful. Over 40 prizes were presented by the Mayor, and eight special ones were given by Mrs. Pimblott, who thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for their presence. Refreshments were served by members of the Church and elder Lyceumists. Afterwards we had the 'Tin Fusiliers' by Infant boys which caused much amusement. A lovely descriptive dance by Miss Hulley and senior girls and a Humorous Sketch 'We are Uncomfortable' by Stanley and Sam Royle and George Whitehurst, finished the Concert. A pretty bouquet was given to the Mayoress by our Moon Fairy, little M. Edge. Ronald Challinor presented buttonholes to the Mayor and Chairman. The children had been trained by Mrs. Challinor and Miss Swindells and the elder ones by Miss Hulley. We are very much indebted to our friends, Mrs. McLerie and Mr. R. Hope for their kindness in playing the accompaniments. The Mary and George Rogers prizes were won by M. Hulley and Mr. Wiltshire.—H. Rushton, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Maskell St.—Open Session, March 1st. Conductor, Mr. Swindells. Invocation by Mr. Bentley. There were remarks on the S.C.R. by Members and friends. Recitations by A. Sharp, M. Ford, D. Sharp, D. Ford, M. Bacus, Mr. Bridgford. Pianoforte solos by Miss M. Hart and Miss Stevens. Duet by Mr. Ball and Miss Copeland. One of our young Lyceumists, Master Richard Hart, favoured us with a solo which was well appreciated. The M.R. was read by our Conductor. Marching and callisthenics were conducted by Mr. Henshaw and Miss Copeland. Greetings from seven Lyceums, the Manchester and Salford L.D.C., and a Management Committee Representative. The Session was enjoyed by all.—C. W. Copeland, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Moston.—March 1st, Anniversary. In the afternoon we held a Massed Session conducted by Mr. R. W. Marks, assisted by Mr. J. Taylor. Mr. Marks presented three silver medallions which had been won by our Lyceum. The evening service was well attended and Miss Richardson gave a very interesting address. Mr. Robert Hunt presided. Instrumental and vocal items were rendered at both Sessions by local Lyceumists.—H. Caseman, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—March 8th Lyceum Open Session were held on this date. At the evening Session the M.&S.L.D.C. presented the Shield to our Lyceum for efficiency during the year 1930. Both Sessions were enjoyed by all.

March 14th, a knife and fork tea was enjoyed. The occasion was the Gents' Effort. During the evening dancing, singing, were indulged in. The Valdanians Dance Band was in attendance.—R. H. Bayliffe, Sec.

MIDDLETON, Old Hall St.—A Cob-Web Social held on March 7th was a great success. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.—S. Moorcroft, Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Rd.—Officers for 1931:—Conductor, Mr. Nellist, A.N.S.C.; Guardian, Miss Cartwright, A.N.S.C.; Treasurer, Mr. Gills, A.N.S.C.; Secretary, Mrs. Harrison, A.N.S.C.; Financial Secretary, Mr. Peacock; Musical Conductor, Miss Pierson; Assistant Pianist, Miss Bonney; Captain of Guards, Mr. G. Nellist; Guards, Arthur Cartwright; Ronald Lofthouse, Frank Hudson, Thomas Harrison; Registrar, Doris Hudson; Librarian, Thomas Harrison; Sick Visitor, Mrs. Lofthouse; Group Leaders, Misses Gibson, Pierson, Bonney, Mrs. Bonney and Harrison, Messrs Gills, Peacock, Nellist, Shipman, Roeder.—M. Harrison, Sec.

NELSON.—On March 1st, we had a good Open Session. Recitations by Marjorie Atherton, Richard Gallagher, Margaret Hopkinson, and Beatrice Terry. Song by Marjorie Atherton and Violet Forrest.

On March 15th and 16th, we had a visit of the U.D.C. During

the Sunday afternoon we had an Open Session. The children of the Lyceum gave a welcome to the Delegates who each received a flower. It was a pleasing sight to all and leaves happy memories with us. Many items were rendered by the children.—Miss B. Robinson, Assist Sec.

OLDHAM, Central.—On Feb., 28th we held our yearly tea-party. 120 sat down to tea, which was a great success. In the evening a detective drama was given by Lyceumists, entitled 'An hour past Midnight.' Credit is due to all who took part in it.—Mrs. H. Clegg, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—Feb. 26th, Annual Election of Officers. Conductor, Mrs. Hayward; Secretary, Miss C. Stuart-Jones; Treasurer, Mr. Grice; Guardian of Groups, Mr. McFarlane; Musical Conductor, Maisie Hodge; Librarian, Miss Durman; Captain of Guards, Mary Hayward; Guards, Iris Grice and Daphne Blackshaw; Delegates, Mrs. Chambers and Miss C. Stuart-Jones.—C. Stuart-Jones, Sec.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—Open Session March 1st., conducted by Mrs. Rudd. Miss Singleton sang a solo and the following rendered recitations.—Connie Tallon, Harold Kilner, Mr. H. Waring and Mr. Thornley. A large number of pearls were given. A very enjoyable Session.—Helen Kilner, Sec.

QUARMBY.—Open Session on March 8th, conducted by Miss Jury. Songs and recitations were given by Miss Williamson, Charlie Williamson, Barbara Greaves and Harry Baxter. A good time was spent.—H. Baxter, Sec.

RUGBY.—March 1st. the Lyceum went to Coventry Mass Session. We were greatly impressed. It was a great success. We thank God for this unity of youth and for spiritual progress. May we have more.—E. Weller, Sec.

SCUNTHORPE.—We are busy practising for a Service of Song entitled 'Rainbow Tints,' and we are hoping to have a spiritual and financial success. Best wishes to all Lyceumists.—Ivy Sprakes, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—A Handicraft Guild has been commenced. A good number has already joined. The object is to make articles such as necklaces, silver-paper pictures, calendars, raffia work, etc., and to sell them on behalf of the Lyceum.

We have won the third prize in the S.D.L.C., BANNER and Bell Competition.—James Le Noury, A.N.S.C.

SMETHWICK.—March 1st. Our session was a decidedly happy one. Talent was shown by contributors of the large and varied assortment of Pearls. Best definitions were given by Emily Barrat, Beatrice Green, Leonard Allen, Ivor Wright, and John Clark.—Victor W. Mann, Assist Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—March 1st we had a really splendid Open Session. All the Lyceumists were eager to give efforts but time did not permit more than 23. Recitations by Charlie Yeates, Joyce Camfield, Gracie Robertson, Violet and Winnie Johnson, Harry Thomas, Barbara Buck, Gordon and Frank Long, Gladys Moore, Poppy Lewis, Eileen and Hilda Saunders, Arthur Barnett, Dorothy and Marion MacKenzie, Bert Johnson and our baby Lyceumists (2 and 3 year old) Freda Hassam and Thelma and Marjorie Johnson. A pianoforte solo was nicely played by Joan Long and united efforts by the Girls who sang 'Sparkling Waters' and by the Boys 'Spiritual Harps' helped to make a very enjoyable Session. Mrs. Carter brought us the greetings from Barry Lyceum which were received with pleasure.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.—On March 1st, we held our usual monthly Open Session, Mr. T. H. Wright being the Conductor. The Lyceumists helped to make the afternoon pleasing by their responses, recitations being given by Mary Holt, Sylvia Rushworth, Cyril Wilcock, Arthur Smith, and Amy Holt.—W. A. Rowson, Sec.

WINNIPEG, Princess St.—Open Session March 1st. There were not many in numbers but pearls, and readings were very good. Pearls were said by Allan Woods, Alex and James Lindsay, May Armitt, Peggy Woods, Dorothy Jeffery, Esther Woods, Chrissie Lindsay, Recitation by Mrs. Burley. Readings by Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Woods, James and Alex Lindsay. Solo by Allan, Esther, and Peggy Woods, Chrissie Lindsay and May Armitt. Marching and callisthenics very good. Fraternal greeting to all.—Mrs. M. Armitt, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—The Open Session was conducted by Mr. Palmer, whose subject was Faith, Hope and Charity. J. James, F. Weedman, D. & Mrs. Simmons, Miss E. Anslow and Messrs P. Warrilow and K. George gave recitation solos etc.—J. McQuoid Weedman, Sec.