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PRICE TWOPENCE.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES.

The Annual Conference will be held at 3-30 p.m. on Saturday 23rd May, and Sunday, 24th May, in the Spiritualist Church, Dalkeith Street, Barrow-in-Furness

Delegates will be met by Lyceum Guides. The way to reach the Hall is to pass out of the main exit, turn to the right down Abbey Road, to the second turning on the left—Dalkeith Street is opposite the Technical School.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Barrow will welcome the Conference Delegates immediately after tea on the Saturday evening.

The Lyceum children will welcome the Delegates prior to the re-opening of the Conference on the Sunday morning.

The cost of meals is 5s. per delegate (two teas and one lunch).

The price of billets (one or two nights) is 6s. per delegate.

Two outings have been arranged.

1. Monday morning to Biggar Bank.
2. Monday afternoon to Furness Abbey.

These outings have been arranged to suit train times for delegates returning home.

The Secretary of the I.O.G.T., has been helping to secure billets. Any delegate who is an I.O.G.T. member will be cordially welcomed, if time permits a visit to the Barrow League.

The Barrow Church and Lyceum have granted the free use of the Church and have been most enthusiastic in arranging for the Conference and the delegates. It is a new experience and everyone is happy and expectant.

The Billet Secretary is Mr. J. Brown, 6, Dunoon Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs. Applications for billets must be made before May 15th or the billets cannot be guaranteed.

And now all that is required is concentration on the best interests for the welfare of the B.S.L.U., and we are assured a very successful Conference.

The Barrow friends send greetings and hail your presence as delegates of the B.S.L.U.

TRANSITION OF MR. HAROLD G. SLEEMAN.

After a long illness Mr. Sleeman, son of the late Rev. H. W. Sleeman, passed to the higher life, on March 2nd, in the Isle of Wight.

He was an ardent worker in the Cause of Spiritualism and was Lyceum Conductor of Walthamstow previous to his removal to the Isle of Wight for health reasons two years ago.

His physical body was interred at Ryde Cemetery on March 5th, the last rites were performed by Mr. P. Scholey of Croydon. The service was impressive and beautiful, the floral tributes were numerous and spoke of the love and esteem in which he was held not only by his fellow-members of Ryde Church (which church came into being through the passing of his little son 10 years ago) but by many friends and other Churches in the Island.

(The Editor regrets the above notice was omitted from the April issue.)



A LYCEUMIST SINCE 1866 PASSES TO SPIRIT LIFE.

TRANSITION OF MR. J. J. ASHWORTH.

By the passing to the other side of life of Mr. J. J. Ashworth, aged 84 years, on March 29th, 1931, at his daughter's home, 132, Hartley Road, Nottingham, the Lyceum movement loses its oldest member.

Mr. Ashworth was present, and helped in the formation of England's first Lyceum, which was formed in Nottingham 65 years ago.

None of us may realise how much we owe the pioneers of our grand cause, and although Mr. Ashworth was not able to take an active part in the movement during recent years, he has done very useful work in years gone by and retained his membership right up to the last.

P. FARNATH, Sec.

We record our gratitude and appreciation of the pioneer work done by our arisen friend and hope he has found joy in his promotion.—ED.

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.

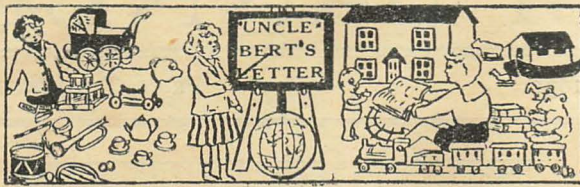
IN MEMORIAM.

BRIXTON. FOLL.—In ever loving Memory of my dear boy, Douglas, who passed away April 11th., 1919. Your loving Mother.

"You are ever near me dear, to help me along this pathway." Thank God.

LANCASTER, ALLIANCE.—We regret to report the passing of our dear late guardian, Mrs. M. P. Wilkinson, who took her transition on 7th April 1931, aged 33 years.

One hour of spirit communion is worth more than a lifetime of theological doctrines.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

I see by your letters that you were all good conjurers last month and that a liberal supply of Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns disappeared. It was evidently a case of the quickness of the teeth deceived the eyes this time.

Of course Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris and I were not backward in coming forward in this respect, we did our share too.

Seeing we were in Wales the tongue twisting exercise we had, assisted us to some extent. We attended a Temperance Meeting where the Children sang "O Land of my Fathers" to us in Welsh.

I am convinced that they should be able to twist their tongues round anything after that.

After such a successful conjuring entertainment I think we might have a little juggling display. Now I can manage to do very well with two oranges, but when it comes to throwing three up in the air I get into a muddle.

As I cannot give three oranges away with each copy of this magazine, I propose to use three little letters.

We hear quite a lot on the wireless in these days about "Three little words" (I know you do, thank you! I do also, but this has eight little letters.) That would be too many for us to attempt to juggle with so we'll just satisfy ourselves with three.

Three simple letters, known to the youngest member — "A.B.C."

We will see if we can find out what they stand for.

A BARROW CONFERENCE. That is the event of the year.

A Conference where workers from all parts of the country will meet to discuss matters concerning the well being of the Lyceum Movement.

To those of us who have attended many years, it is an event we look forward to with pleasure. Apart from the interest in the business we meet friends and exchange greetings.

I hear all about you boys and girls and how you are getting on, which of course, is very interesting.

Now it so happens that Conference Sunday will also be Empire Day. This brings me to my second point—A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. It is up to each one of us to be proud of the land of our birth. When you have your school display and you march round and salute the Union Jack, I want you to feel you are saluting something more than a piece of bunting; it is an action which denotes your love for your country, for the peace and freedom we enjoy.

When you read your history books and compare the early day customs with those of the present day, I am sure you can see what a happy place England is.

Although we have our days of depression, they are only as a passing cloud. The sun will shine to-morrow — "Hope on, hope ever!"

England! Its fields and gardens, its woodland retreats, its seaside resorts, its country hamlets and big towns, is truly a beautiful country to live in.

How can we keep it such?—There are many ways.

We are always being reminded about not leaving litter in popular picnic places, about pulling up flower and damaging trees.

These are points which undoubtedly do assist in keeping England beautiful and clean.

My third point is more important still. A BEAUTIFUL CHARACTER. Each country is noted for various customs of its people, for instance the Frenchman uses his hands to demonstrate more freely than the Englishman. The Austrians are noted for being good waiters in restaurants, and so on. Our general make up will affect the whole character of the country in which we live.

Therefore it is up to each one of us to strive to maintain the highest standard of character we can. We must learn to hate war, by stressing to live at peace with our school chums.

A fight at school is a miniature war. Kindness to dumb animals will lead us to set an example to those who still indulge in sports, whereby cruelty is still adopted for pleasure. To speak the best we can of others, will bring about a greater brotherhood.

To be polite, kind and thoughtful with many other such qualities are but stepping stones leading to a beautiful character, which will make for yet A BETTER COUNTRY.

This is an A. B. C. of life both individual and National.

Each action we perform will have its effect on someone else. For instance if you get up cross in the morning, you make mother and father feel cross with you, they in turn feel cross with other members of the family or those they meet.

But when you trace this back to its first cause it is because you were first cross.

You see by this what a large part each one of us play in life towards creating Happiness or Sorrow around us day by day.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 169.—"Because that was his name."

Congratulations to those who worked out the 25 Nursery Exhibits in the picture puzzle.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES.

No. 170.—First and Last Letter.

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| 1. A popular game | C — T | Seven letters |
| 2. A bristly animal | P — E | Nine " |
| 3. A Musical Instrument | C — L | Six " |
| 4. A Fish | T — T | Six " |
| 5. A Spring Flower | P — E | Eight " |
| 6. A favourite Fruit | A — E | Five " |

Address your letters and answers to Uncle Bert, 2, Villiers Road, Spring Grove, Osterley, Middx.

With love,

Uncle BERT.

The only thing in the world which is good always, everywhere, and for all men, is good will.

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother.

Where pity dwells, the soul of good is there.

To worship rightly is to love each other,

Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

WHITTIER.

Our Education Department.

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

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

THE EXAMINATIONS.

On Sunday, the 10th of this month, will be held the Examinations of the B.S.L.U. (Oral Grade and Grades I to V), and also the ENTRANCE EXAMINATION of the S.N.U. The latter examination will be held, as far as possible, at the same centres as the B.S.L.U. examinations; so will candidates taking the Entrance Examination please note.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

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

TO SUPERVISORS.

The parcels of all necessary papers for the holding of the examination will be posted to *reach you* by Saturday, 2nd May. If you do not receive yours, please communicate AT ONCE with the Education Secretary.

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

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

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

ENTRIES TO DATE.

Lyceums, 116; Oral Grade, 515; Grade I., 495; II, 159; III, 83; IV, 54; V, 42; Total, 1348.

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

OUR MUTUAL AID BUREAU.

Our special contributors this month are Mr. Stanley De Brath, M. Inst. C.E., the editor of *Psychic Science*, and Mr. T. H. Wright. Mr. Wright is a practical clairvoyant, and Mr. De Brath is a practical experimenter and investigator, and the author of "Psychic Philosophy," one of the text books in our Advanced Education Scheme, and their opposite view-points are well illustrated in their articles. Mr. De Brath's quotations from records of experiments are instructive and interesting, and open up to most of us a new aspect of the subject, and we cannot but look forward to the contributions of the coming months.

The discussion was introduced in January by our Editor, and opened in February by the Education Secretary. Since then Messrs. Horace Leaf and A. Vout Peters (March), Mrs. McKenzie and Mr. D. Gow

(April), and now Messrs. De Brath and Wright, have contributed. Mr. G. F. Berry has promised for next month, and last month's list contains assurance of other treats in store.

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 Examination Questions, etc., apply to

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

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

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

TRANSITION OF MR. WM. MUSGROVE.

We regret to record the promotion to spirit life of this real old pioneer of the Lyceum and Spiritualism.

Mr. William Musgrove was born on the same day as the Hydesville Knockings. He was a noted phrenologist. He founded the Lodging House-Keepers Association at Blackpool.

His great love of the Lyceum drew him to all kinds of Conferences and Demonstrations in many districts. He was particularly fond of children and always encouraged individual efforts—that was his great feature—always on the look-out for the discovery and display of ability in young people.

Mr. Musgrove had a very genial personality and a smile for everyone.

He passed away in peaceful consciousness on April 14th, and the interment took place at Blackpool after a service in the Albert Road Church.

We revere the memory of our arisen friend and accord our condolences to his family.

THE AINSWORTH HOME OF REST SCHEME.

The Committee of Management of the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme is empowered to provide suitable accommodation in Convalescent Homes at sea-side places for Lyceumists, whether children or adults, who need rest or require treatment or sea-air, and whose circumstances render them unable to meet the cost themselves.

Lyceumists pay their own travelling expenses to and from the Home. The Committee of Management bear the cost of maintenance during 14 days stay in the Home.

Application Forms can be obtained from the Clerk to the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.



Dear Little Imps,

“Sing a song of May-time.
Sing a song of Spring.
Blossom on the hedgerows.
Birds are on the wing.”

That is just how the May-time makes *me* feel every year, for it is such a green, sunny, flowery month, when birds sing their sweetest, and the world looks very glad to be alive. It is in May-time that I'm gladdest of all that I live near to fields and lanes, and can wander through little woods. This month we are going to the woods for our story.

THE BLUEBELL FAIRIES.

Of course, the Bluebell Fairies lived in their own flowers, and so their play-time was very short. That was why they had such a happy time whilst it lasted. All through the Winter-time they had been shut up in their little brown houses under the ground—thinking, working and growing whilst they awaited their turn in the sunshine.

At last, the Fairy Queen's herald sent them word that their time had come. Snowdrops had gone, Daffodils and Wind-flowers were blowing. Primroses were showing, so please would the Bluebell guards lead the way? The Bluebell Fairies laughed with glee, and tho' their laugh only sounded like a far-away chime of bells, all the woodland folks above ground heard it, and smiled too. What a hurrying and scurrying amongst the Bluebell guards! What a pushing away of soil, and of crowding plants, as the guards cleared the way for the Bluebell Fairies. Foolish folks like you and I, seeing the guards, only said “Oh! they are only Bluebell leaves”—but the wise dwellers of Woodland, knew better than that. “*Only leaves!* indeed!” said the furred and feathered folk. “They might *look* like leaves, but we know how they guard the Bluebell Fairies, until they are properly awake. Cannot those dull-eyed people see how they close around the sleeping fairies? Even *we* couldn't touch a Bluebell Fairy until the green guards move apart and show their treasures.”

A few days later, the woods were a blue mist—but, oh! such a happy, scented, swinging, ringing mist, that the woods hailed it with joy. Passers-by called out to each other, “Do look at the Bluebells! Aren't the woods lovely now? What a pity they cannot stay like that for ever!” But the Bluebells only laughed and swung their heads as they laughed. “Stay like

this, for ever?” They called to each other. “Oh! no! that wouldn't do a bit. We'd be tired of playing. Folks would be tired of us, and what about all the others who want a place in the sun? Oh! foolish people. Let us forget them and play.”

Have you ever seen the Bluebell Fairies at play? I don't suppose you have, because they play best when no-one is staring at them. Some-day you might manage it! Find a nice grassy patch, *near* to the Bluebells. Choose a sunny day. Lie flat on your back, with eyes half-closed and watch and listen. Then you will see the fun. Listen now! whilst I tell you.

First of all the Bluebell Fairies wait for their play-mates—the Wind Fairies. They are the tiny baby winds that choose the woods as the right place in which to get lost. They steal away from the big Wind, creep amongst the bushes, and then tip-toe about, calling to the Bluebell Fairies. The Wind Fairies are very polite. They pull the little Bluebell ropes that hang by every Bluebell house, and then wait, but not for long. At the first sound of their bells, the Bluebell Fairies run to their doors, and off they go to play with the Wind Fairies. They are all so tiny that they can slip into the smallest cracks, hide behind the tiniest buds, and so have great games of hide and seek.

Have you ever seen the leaves give just the faintest tremor? That is when the Bluebell and Wind Fairies are using them for swinging boats, or, if they are grasses, for the jolliest of slides. Down they go, laughing as they reach the bottom, and then, quick as a thought, they are waiting at the leaf top for the next slide.

Best of all is the dusk time, when the Fairies give the woods their Lullaby Concert. Each Bluebell Fairy sits on one of the petal tips of her home, whilst the Wind Fairies pull at their bell ropes. Then, indeed there is the sweetest of music. Even the bird mothers and fathers stop whistling and singing, for they know that Bluebell Chimes will lull their nestlings to a sleep of sweet dreams. That same music awakens the night-watchers of woodland too, for, of course, owls and bats, foxes and dormice dare not come out to kill whilst Fairy folk are about.

Those were the frolics of the Bluebell Fairies in the year of my story. I expect they will be the same this year, but, I hope that this time—May-time—won't be spoilt by something dreadful that happened then. I heard that it had happened in others years too, so I'll tell you, so that it will never happen again.

The Bluebell Fairies had had such a jolly month, and there had never seemed so many in the woods, or so much sunshine in which to enjoy them. The sunshine brought people out to enjoy the woods, too, and some of those people didn't think. They forgot that Bluebell Fairies live in Bluebells, and that the place for Bluebells is the woods. Those people wanted to take the Bluebells to live in houses, and started to gather them. At first the Bluebell Fairies were rather pleased as they said to each other. “It might be very happy for a few of us to go to live in houses.” But soon they grew worried, for the people grew greedy and pulled great armfuls, and left the woods looking crushed and bare. The saddest news of all was brought by Mother Wind as she came in search of the Wind Babies.

“Oh! I'm so glad you are safe,” she cried. “I've seen so many poor Bluebell Fairies lying crushed and hurt

on the roads." "How can that be?" wailed the trees. "People carried them away."

"Ah! yes!" said Mother Wind. "But tired people let the flowers drop and that is how so many Fairies were hurt so much."

"Next year," growled the guards, "We'll try to be bigger and stronger than ever, so that our Bluebell Fairies can't get hurt!"

Well, that's a long time ago, Imps, and May-time will again be Bluebell time. Please let the Bluebell Fairies nearly all stay in their woodland homes.

Lots of love, Imps,

MEG.

The Magic Stones: or Peter in Fairyland.

BY UNCLE FRED.

The Grand Chamberlain approached Peter and handed him a large envelope, saying: "Peter, in this envelope you will find full instructions and directions for your journey in search of the lost fairies. On no account must you open the letter and read its contents until you are completely out of sight of Pixie City. You must read the letter carefully and do not fail to obey all the instructions, otherwise you will place yourself in danger of being captured by the Fairy Queen's enemies. They will be watching for an opportunity of making you their prisoner. Also, never speak to a living soul, when once you have started on your journey. Then all will be well.

At this moment, Bluebell entered the Throne Room. Turning to her the Grand Chamberlain said: "Bluebell, you will escort Peter as far as the wicket gate on the outskirts of the city, and then direct him along the path that he must take. When he has reached a place from which he can no longer see Pixie City, he may then open the letter containing his instructions, and all the details which he must know."

The Grand Chamberlain then wished Peter a pleasant and successful journey and left the Throne Room.

Bluebell, coming close to Peter, handed to him a little gold ring, in which was set a blue stone, which sparkled brightly. "Now Peter," said she, "This is the magic ring which I promised you. And you must wear it always upon your front right paw. When you are in danger or in difficulty, just rub the ring with your nose, and call 'Bluebell' three times. I will then appear, and assist you if I possibly can do so. Remember this! If you are captured by the Queen's enemies, I may not be able to come, but I will endeavour to help you by means of the Brownies."

Peter thanked Bluebell for her gift, and took up the haversack which contained food for the journey. He placed in it the letter which the Grand Chamberlain had given him. Then, slinging the haversack across his shoulder, he followed Bluebell out of the palace and into the city. The news that Peter was leaving in quest of the lost fairies had spread through Pixie City, and a large number of fairies and gnomes welcomed them at the palace gate, and followed Bluebell and himself to the outskirts of the city. They one and all wished him good luck and success in his undertaking. Just as Bluebell and Peter were approaching the wicket gate where they were to part, a quaint old lady came hobbling towards them. "Good morning, my dears," said the old lady. "I heard that Peter was going to

try to find our lost sisters, and so I have brought him something which he will find useful on his travels." She handed to Peter a curious walking stick. She explained that it contained magic powers and could remove obstacles from his path with only a touch. She warned him, on no account, to allow any one else to handle the stick or the spell would be broken.

Peter took the stick from the quaint old lady, and thanked her for her kindness. The old lady wished Peter good luck and hobbled away towards the city.

Bluebell bade Peter farewell, and pointed out the pathway which he was to take, and opened the wicket gate for him to pass through. Peter gave a "Woof! woof!" and, after waving his paw to Bluebell, he started along the pathway. When he reached the brow of the hill, he turned, and again waved his paw to Bluebell who was still watching from the wicket gate. Then, taking his last look at Pixie City, with brisk steps he started upon his journey towards the gloomy caves of Dead Man's Land.

CHAPTER III.

After Peter had been walking for some time, he came to a large stone by the side of the pathway, and there he rested. Making quite sure that Pixie City was no longer in sight, he opened his haversack, and took from it the letter which the Grand Chamberlain had given to him.

He quickly broke the seal which secured the envelope, and then withdrew the contents. The instructions which he read were as follows:—

"To whomsoever shall undertake the search for the lost fairies. Pay strict attention to the following: The traveller must follow this pathway, without turning to the right or to the left, until he comes to the Roaring Torrent which divides Dreary Land from Dead Man's Land. He must then find some means of crossing the river, and this can be accomplished if he possesses the magic stick. The traveller will probably not meet with many dangers or difficulties until he has entered the Land of Dead Men, but he must be forever on his guard, and on no account must he leave this pathway during his travels. Voices will call him, imps and monsters may tease and scare him, but if he is brave and steadfast no harm will befall him whilst he keeps to this pathway. It will eventually lead him to the foot of the mountain in which the gloomy caves are to be found.

If the traveller be hungry or thirsty, he must tap the earth three times with the magic stick, and, at the same time, say "Oh stick! do your duty." Food and drink will then appear. Should the traveller leave this pathway, by any chance, no fairy help can avail him, so he must follow these instructions carefully. When the traveller reaches the gloomy caves, he must then act for himself. The power of the fairies cannot penetrate the gloom of these caves, but he must keep a stout heart, be brave and fearless, and all will go well with him."

There was also enclosed in the letter of the Grand Chamberlain, another sealed packet on which these words had been written: "This packet contains the key by which the chest, in which the lost fairies are imprisoned, can be opened. The packet must not be opened until the traveller stands within the Enchanted Chamber which is hidden amidst the gloomy caves."

(To be continued).

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Universal Spiritualism.

During next September the International Spiritualist Federation will be holding its Triennial Congress.

The previous Congresses have laid the foundation for the periodic meetings of Spiritualists who come together from various parts of the world. There are many countries which are not yet in touch with the I.S.F. The claim of Spiritualism to be a world religion is not accepted, except in a few countries.

Most of the representatives who attend the meetings of the I.S.F. express a very different outlook towards Spiritualism than the outlook of the organised movement in Great Britain.

The representatives of all countries agree that mediumship is true; that spirits persist beyond physical decay; and that spirit influence has a moral effect on human conduct, with a tendency towards religion.

There are four main principles which have been accepted unanimously by the 1925 and 1928 Congresses:

1. The existence of God; as the intelligent and Supreme Cause of all things.
2. The affirmation that man is a spirit related during terrestrial life to a perishable body by an intermediate body (the etheric or peri-spirit) which is indestructible in its nature.
3. The immortality of the Spirit and its continuous evolution towards perfection through progressive stages of life.
4. Universal and personal responsibility, both individual and collective, between all beings.

The aim of the Congresses is to show that the philosophy of Spiritualism is based upon a scientific study of phenomena (both objective and subjective). It will endeavour to establish the truly scientific character of Spiritualistic methods of investigation by an analysis of psychic phenomena and mediumship. Such studies reveal the existence of a transcendental physics, chemistry, biology, physiology and psychology, which are at present outside the knowledge of the material scientists, but which require continuous exploration in order to co-ordinate the knowledge and principles which may be deduced therefrom.

From the interpretation of the Four Principles, each

nation reads the words to suit the customs of the Spiritualistic cults which controls each national organisation.

In the records of each country we find local methods are used to produce phenomena which is almost identical in all lands. The Japanese medium prays to the God of the Sun and to the God of Mercy, and by that help the stimulus is given to the medium through the spirits to heal the patient.

In Great Britain we pray to one God that the spirit people may assist the healing medium to heal the patient.

In France and Germany the healer does not pray to God, but concentrates his mind on the spirit people to assist him in healing the patient.

What actually happens is that the medium meditates, concentrates, and invokes the powers of the spirits to help him in his work. He draws to himself an extension of the Divine impulses by which life in the physical body is reasserted. It is a fact the patient becomes better in a physical sense.

All healing mediums use the same basic powers but are generally more successful when using conventional methods. The work is easier because there is no local prejudice to overcome.

It is the outstanding recovery of supposed incurables that is bringing healing mediumship to the fore. At the forthcoming Congress Healing will have a separate section.

The claims that Spiritualism is a world religion needs some foundation for such a statement.

There are virtues in all the existing great religions. Fundamentally the main principles are similar, but different names are used and each has its own central figure. Without these central figures—as Jesus Christ is to Christianity—these religions would have no existence.

Spiritualism is predominant over such systems as there is no central figure. It is founded on principles and not on special personalities. Every person is a spirit, filled with life and consciousness, and can respond to the Divine intuitions to use these powers and live a fuller life.

We have no quarrel with the Christian or any other religionist: rather would we appeal to the divinity within us all to feel the vibrations and emotions of the inner spirit. We shall enhance our spiritual growth when we have opposition replaced by co-ordination.

And after all, the era of Modern Spiritualism now dawning on the world, the Christian era, and all the other religious eras are but as a day in the history of human life. Professor Flinders Petrie, unearthing some human utensils in Ancient Egypt, computed their age to be 600,000 years. In the oscillation of the earth England was formerly an equatorial country, and at another time beneath the sea.

No man can reasonably compute the period of the dawn of consciousness. Ancestor worship was possibly the first form of religion. The people of every nation need to drop conceited notions.

Too much patriotism blinds us to the virtues of another race. If we Spiritualists can meet as spiritualists and examine the wonderful phenomena produced by the mediums, we shall have a scientific basis and be able to follow truth wherever she may lead.

A single man may travel a fortuitous road to the

I.S.F. Congress but the seed he sows may travel over the earth to grow in beauty and strength. The intangible vibrations of a lofty thought cannot be lost. It finds a dwelling place in many minds. The Ministers of State in every land are yearning for such inspirations that they may become of real service to humanity. At every Congress there has been a resolution for peace in the world. That, in itself, is the first condition of every spiritualistic circle.

Some day we may pass through the local, national and international outlook and become universal. We shall pass through theories and be at one with spirits and with God for the progress of mankind.

£2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists,

It is pleasing to note a little improvement in the receipts from last month; but we are moving very slowly indeed.

There are a few whose interest in the progress of this fund is untiring and I am very grateful for those contributions which come from time to time, no matter how small.

The following have come to hand this month:—Miss G. Bamber, Peckham, London, Founder's Day Collection, 2s. 4d.; Mrs. Pickles, Blackpool, £1; From sales of Hymn and Recitation Leaflets of the "Reality of God", per Miss Bamber, Blackpool, 10s; and Mrs. J. W. Clark, Onward Lyceum, Earby nr. Colne, 1s. 9d. Total for the Fund £1 14s. 1d.

Please send your orders for the Musical Recital. Hymn Leaflets, 4s. 6d., per 100. Recitation Leaflets, 2d., per copy. Suitable for special services.

Again thanking all contributors and awaiting your co-operation and support.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

118, Cremorne St.,
Nottingham.

VICTORIA G. REYNOLDS,
Hon. Sec.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT NEWTON HEATH.

The M.C. held the quarterly meeting in the Newton Heath Church on April 11th. All the members were present, including the Adviser, Mr. Alfred Kitson.

The President, Mrs Reynolds, was in the chair. Mrs. L. Nurse offered the invocation.

After the Minutes had been adopted the Treasurer gave his report which showed an improvement in the Union's position as compared with last year.

The 1930 Statement of Accounts was presented.

The £2,000 Effort grows slowly and the M.C. hope Lyceums will do their best to increase and complete the Effort.

It was decided to recommend a joint fee of £20 to the I.S.F., by the S.N.U., and B.S.L.U., paying £10 each.

Mr. A. T. Connor was requested to write a paper on "Lyceum Education" for presentation to the I.S.F. Congress at the Hague during September, 1931.

The new supply of Lyceum Badges was examined and approved as an improvement on the previous supply.

An increase in the sale of Lyceum Manuals was appreciated.

The General Secretary was given instructions how to reply to queries from Lyceums and District Councils.

The whole of the local Annual Conference arrangements were heartily and cordially approved.

The members of the Dalkeith Street Church and Lyceum, Barrow-in-Furness, who have invited the 1931 Conference, are granting the use of the Church and the services of the caretakers free to the Union, paying for advertisements, subscribing to the funds, or in many cases, providing free billets. This generosity will allow for a reduction in the charge for billets and compensate for the extra rail fare some delegates will have to pay.

The list of Nominations for Officers and Representatives for Electoral Areas were read to the meeting.

The Standing Orders Committee presented the Agenda for the Conference.

The following Lyceums were accepted into membership:—Dinnington, Upper Stoke, Llanelly, Ogmose Vale, Stapleford, Gorton.

One Lyceum's application was deferred for a report from the D.C.

It was decided to draw the attention of Lyceums to the existence of the Certificate of Membership, with a view to more Lyceums being able to show their membership.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Newton Heath Church and Lyceum for the hospitality provided.

Open Session.

Mr. W. Taylor opened the Session and Mrs. Reynolds offered the invocation.

The children gave a nice welcome.

The members of the M.C. took part in the Session and everyone enjoyed the Session. There was a large representation of adjacent Lyceums.

Miss Dora Whitehead conducted the Marching and Miss Gladys Bayliffe led the callisthenics.

Items were rendered by Miss Hilton, Alice Whitehead, Dorothy Melling, Miss Taylor, Harold Robinson, Irene Tyrer, Mary Briggs, Cyril Qua, Willie Robinson, Jack Hilton, Harold Robinson, Miss G. Bayliffe and a visitor.

There was a good attendance at the Propaganda Meeting. Mr. Marks senr. introduced the B.S.L.U. President, who then occupied the Chair. Addresses were given by Miss E. Elliott, Mrs. A. Calway, and Mr. G. F. Knott.

SPAIN BECOMES A REPUBLIC.

One of the Spanish delegates to the I.S.F. Grand Committee Meeting held in Paris during 1930 foretold the political and religious changes taking place in Spain. He said the Spanish Spiritualists were hoping for religious freedom in that country, and gave a tentative invitation for the I.S.F. Triennial Congress to be held in Spain during 1934.

We have just learned of a heavy charge on New Zealand postal orders to Great Britain. The previous poundage on a postal order for £1 was 3d. It has now been increased to 2s. 0d. The letter postage has been doubled.

We hope these increased charges will not weaken the link between New Zealand Lyceums and the B.S.L.U.

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?"

MR. DE BRATH'S OPINION.

It has happened to most of us to have had a very vivid dream in which we "saw" various people and events. That is enough to prove that we may have strong visual impressions without the use of the eyes. The sense of sight is merely a means of conveying visual impressions to the optic centre in the brain where the transformation into consciousness takes place.

A short time ago I asked Mrs. Estelle Roberts how she sees. She replied pointing to her eyes—"I see with these eyes."

On the other hand I have noticed that Mr. Vout Peters often closes his eyes when giving clairvoyant descriptions; and Madame Briffaut, of Paris, a well known French clairvoyante, often, even usually, does the same. Mr. Stefan Ossowiecki, a Polish engineer, whose wonderful powers are given on pages 30 to 93 of Dr. Geley's *Clairvoyance and Materialisation*, translated by me in 1927, says:

"I will try to answer your question, What impressions do I receive when reading sealed letters?"

"I think that Professor Richet's supposition is not entirely sufficient. It is possible that, without being aware of it, I may be influenced by some kind of Hyperesthesia, but there is certainly something more. This is what I am conscious of: I begin by stopping all reasoning, and I throw all my inner power into perception of spiritual sensation. I affirm that this condition is brought about by my unshakable faith in the *spiritual unity of all humanity*. I then find myself in a new and special state in which I see and hear outside time and space."

"I seem to lose some energy; my temperature becomes febrile, and the heart-beats unequal. I am confirmed in this supposition because as soon as I cease from reasoning, something like electricity flows through my extremities for a few seconds.

"This lasts a moment only, and then lucidity takes possession of me, pictures arise, usually of the past. I see the man who wrote the letter, and I know what he wrote. I see the object at the moment of its loss, with the details of the event; or, again, I perceive or feel the history of the thing I am holding in my hands. The vision is misty and needs great tension. Considerable effort is required to perceive some details and conditions of the scenes presented. The lucid state sometimes arises in a few minutes, and sometimes it takes hours of waiting. *This depends largely on the surroundings; scepticism, incredulity, or even attention too much concentrated on my person, paralyse quick success in reading or sensation.*"

Dr. Geley remarks:

"This auto-observation is very valuable. It con-

firms my opinion that lucidity is totally independent of sensorial channels. *It cannot be ascribed to the physiological processes of conscious intelligence.*"

With this observation I entirely agree, though Mrs. Roberts' clairvoyance perceives persons invisible to the audience, and M. Ossowiecki's deals with reading sealed letters, finding lost objects, and "psychometry" generally. If a clairvoyante perceives, as it seems to her, by her normal vision, that is no proof that physical perception is in play. Mr. Campbell Holms devotes 28 pages of his book to instances of different forms of clairvoyance, showing the many forms that it takes with different mediums. The inference seems to be, that clairvoyance is the perceptive faculty of the soul which is normal in the next stage of our evolution, but occasionally comes to the surface with certain special constitutions in earthlife.

STANLEY DE BRATH, M.INST.C.E.

MR. WRIGHT'S EXPERIENCE.

I have read with deep interest the articles on Clairvoyance. The subject is one very difficult to understand, and especially by those who are not Clairvoyants. Our Scientific friends use a lot of terms and words which to us common folk are not easily understandable. In my opinion all Clairvoyance is subjective, proceeding from the power within, whether fully, or only partially developed. If the vision was objective, then more than one person would see it at the same time and it would be a kind of materialised form. The manner of seeing, sensing, or feeling the presence of our spirit friends is very varied and so the difficulty of expressing or defining its *modus operandi*.

My own experience was, when I gave Public Clairvoyance that first I saw a kind of shadow—this was to give me encouragement. Afterwards I saw nothing; was only impressed what to say, and I had to have confidence in my friends and my guides. I fully believe, yea, I know that there are a large number who are Clairvoyants in the same manner, but are afraid to express what they feel. They have said to me—"Oh it is only my imagination." Yet, when pressed to give what they sense or feel, they have been surprised at their success.

Early in my development I was thus troubled, and chatting with our old friend, Mr. E. W. Wallis, he said, "Whatever you feel, give it, whether wrong or right. Eventually, confidence will develop the right." I followed his advice, and success was my reward.

Clairvoyance, in my opinion, is soul sensing or seeing. We do not see with the physical eye, but by the eye of the spirit, whether it be through the head, side, knee, or the eye—as some people say they see. There are many phases of Clairvoyance. I have only touched on my own experience, perhaps others will give theirs.

THOS. H. WRIGHT.

Keep virtue's simple path before your eyes,
Nor think from evil good can rise.

THOMSON.

We cannot do wrong to another without receiving this counter-stroke; we always wound ourselves when we wound another.

MERCIER.

Calendar of Saints (L.M. 145).

BY ALFRED KITSON.

In order to help Lyceumists to understand in what way the men and women enumerated in the "Calendar of Saints" have benefited humanity and helped in the world's 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.

SOCRATES (so-kra-tes) No. 145. Socrates was born at Athens 469 B.C. and died 399 B.C. He is credited as being "the most celebrated philosopher of all antiquity." He was more conspicuous as a philosopher and moralist than as a warrior, though when in the battle field he fought with great courage, and saved the lives of Xenophon and Alcibiades, two of his disciples. He had a number of pupils whom he instructed by his daily life as well as by his discourses. He had no particular place in which to deliver his lectures, but was present everywhere, and drew the attention of hearers either in the groves of Academies, or the Lyceum, or on the banks of Ilyssus. He spoke with freedom on every subject, and had the courage to condemn the violence of his countrymen. Deeply conscious of the need and lack of clear insight into principles in matters of conduct, he set himself in his intercourse with his fellow citizens to show them by a method of cross-examination the limitations of their ethical knowledge. He would begin by a profession of his own ignorance; and lead on, someone who professed to have great learning to attempt his (Socrates) instruction. As the conversation proceeded the searching questions of Socrates gradually revealed more and more clearly the utter inability of his instructor to give any coherent account of the subjects he professed to know all about. Hence we can understand how it was that, after many years of such cross-questionings of those who had professed great knowledge, which he showed was superficial, he came to be looked upon by a large section of the Athenians as a disintegrating force in the public life of the city. Eventually he was formally accused of impiety and religious innovation, and of corrupting the youth of the city. He was condemned to die by drinking the poison of hemlock, which was presented to him in a cup. Socrates received it without any change of countenance; then offering up a prayer to the Gods, that they would grant him a prosperous passage into the invisible world, he drank the poison.

Such was the death of a man whom the Oracle of Delphi had pronounced the wisest of mankind.

He was no sooner buried than the Athenians repented of their cruelty, and turned with indignation against his accusers; Melitus was condemned to death, and Angtus, to escape a similar fate, went into voluntary exile. To give a further proof of the sincerity of their regret they decreed a general mourning; recalled the exiled friends of Socrates, and erected a statue to his memory in one of the most frequented parts of the city.

Socrates was clairaudient and was frequently advised by his spirit guides, whom he spoke of as his good daemond.

SPENCER, Herbert (No. 145). was born at Derby, 1820, died 1903. In 1837 he accepted a position as engineer on the London and Birmingham Railway. For a year and a half he worked in London as a civil engineer; and afterwards for two and half years on the Birmingham and Gloucester Railway. It 1848 he was invited to take the sub-editorship of the *Economist* newspaper. He held that position till 1853. It is a mistake to suppose that when he began his philosophical studies he set himself consciously and deliberately to search for the unifying root of nature's multiform manifestations. Nothing could be further from the truth. Spencer began with fact, and stuck by the inductive process; and it was only at a certain stage of his scientific exploration that the thought flashed across his mind that the law of biological and social evolution is a universal process traceable in the cosmical changes, and in the latest results of civilization. His originality consists in the unique manner in which he combined the two processes, induction and deduction.

In his *First Principles*, published in 1862, he adopts the Hamiltonian demonstration of the relativity of knowledge, holding that, from the constitution of the human mind, knowledge of *nouneana* (an unknown and unknowable substance, or thing as it is in itself) is impossible. Thus the task was to find the root principle of phenomenal existence. He found the path of discovery cleared by three great generalizations—the universal law of gravitation, the nebular theory, and the doctrine of the conservation or persistence of force. These three he fused into one by his theory of evolution. But philosophy, dealing with evolution, not with origination, can throw no light on the great cosmical mysteries of beginnings and endings. Here his mind is baffled and, thus we are brought to the religious aspect of the evolution philosophy—worship at the altar of the Unknown and Unknowable.

The works of Herbert Spencer, the English philosopher, have moulded the religious thought of America to a greater extent than the English. On the continent his books have been translated by enthusiastic disciples; and among Oriental thinkers, in India and Japan his philosophy has found a congenial home.

SPINOZA, Benedictus De (spin-ōz-a). No. 145. Spinoza was born at Amsterdam, 1632 and died 1677. He belonged to a Jewish family, but was excommunicated on account of his heretical views. He earned his livelihood by grinding lenses, and devoted his leisure time to the study of philosophy. His system is essentially a development of Cartesianism, the most conspicuous feature of which is the fundamental dualism between thinking and extended substance. "Over his passions he exercised a wonderful control, neither yielding to extreme joy or sorrow. . . . He argued that existence is the essence of substance, that one substance cannot be produced by another, that substance is necessarily infinite, that there can be only one substance, and that one substance is God.

Self-culture, in its broadest sense, carries with it many blessings; it tempers the body elevates the mind and lifts the soul into realms of refined thought; it creates a world of happiness of which the ignorant have no conception.

JAMES ELLIS.

BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.

The above Union will hold its

42ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At 3-30 p.m. on Saturday, May 23rd, and 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 24th, 1931, in the
Spiritualist Church, Dalkeith Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

President: MRS. J. REYNOLDS, A.N.S.C., of Nottingham.

NOTICE TO DELEGATES:—The Billet Secretary is Mr. J. Brown, 6, Dunoon Street, Barrow-in-Furness. The Billet Charge is 6s. per Delegate. The charge for meals during the Conference is 5s. Delegates leave the station by the main exit, turn to the right down Abbey Road. Dalkeith Street is the second turning on the left—opposite the Technical School.

AGENDA.

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

From the Management Committee.

1. Bye-law 5. Section 1.

Delete after the words "10/-" to second 50 on line 2, and insert,—“for the first 50, or part of 50, names on their register, and 5/- for each 25, or part of 25, names after, which fee” and continue.

2. Bye-law 5. Section 2.

Delete after the words "10/-," on third line, and insert, “for the first 50, or part of 50, names on their register, and 5/- for each 25, or part of 25, names so returned.”

From Sheffield District Lyceum Council.

3. Bye-law 4. Section 1.

Delete the words "President and Secretary of the Local District Council," on the 4th line, and substitute "Local District Council and signed by the President and Secretary."

4. New Bye-law.

"That all Delegates attending Conference shall pool travelling expenses.

Administration:

A. The M.C. shall elect a Committee of two Pool Officers, who must be members of the M.C.

B. That this Committee shall ascertain from all Delegates prior to entering the evening Session of the first day of the Conference, the amount of their travelling expenses.

C. The Committee shall work out the average amount of expenses per Delegate of the Pool; the amount to be announced by the President before the close of the Evening Session.

D. The Committee shall collect the money required from all Delegates who have to pay, prior to their entry to Conference on the Sunday morning Session, and distribute the Pool to Delegates after the Sunday morning Session."

(c) General Motions.

From Sheffield District Lyceum Council.

1. "That this Conference earnestly urges all adult Lyceumists to take an active interest in Municipal and State affairs, so as to make the conditions of life better, thus bringing about the 'Brotherhood of Man' in a practical way."

14. NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

15. VOTES OF THANKS.

16. CLOSING EXERCISES.

NOMINATIONS.

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

Vice-President: Miss E. Elliott, Mr. G. A. Mack, Mrs. J. Reynolds, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mrs. L. Nurse, Mr. J. Slimin.

Treasurer: Mr. W. Burrows.

Auditor: Mr. G. A. Dixon, Mr. J. P. T. Calway.

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

PUBLISHING FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	
To Stock of Publications, Dec. 31st, 1929			366	19	9	By Sales of Manuals, &c.		424	2	8
„ Office Furniture and Fittings			45	1	6	„ Stock of Publications, Dec. 31st, 1930		293	8	8
„ Printing and Binding Lyceum Manuals, Badges, &c.			93	13	0	„ Office Furniture and Fittings		40	11	4
„ Printing and Binding Spiritual Songsters			6	12	6	„ Deficit Balance to Accumulative Fund		104	15	9
„ Postages and Stationery			32	0	5					
„ Fire Insurances			2	15	0					
„ Labels, Packing, &c.				16	3					
„ Advert. Lyceum Banner			10	0	0					
„ Audit and Stocktaking			7	13	9					
„ Sundries				8	0					
„ Bank Charges less interest				1	17	3				
„ Proportion of Salaries (¾)	254	9	6							
„ Proportion of Rent, &c. (¾)	40	11	6							
			295	1	0					
			£862	18	5			£862	18	5

ACCUMULATIVE FUND ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	
To Deficit Balance, Lyceum Banner Account			62	2	9	By Balance, December 31st, 1929		511	11	6
„ Deficit Balance, Publishing Fund Account			104	15	9	„ Balance, General Fund Account		128	5	3
„ Balance, Accumulative Fund			472	18	3					
			£639	16	9			£639	16	9

CERTIFICATE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	
To Balance			15	15	0	By Balance, December 31st, 1929		14	17	6
			£15	15	0	„ Certificates issued			17	6
								£15	15	0

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR £2,000 EFFORT FUND.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Bank Commission			5	3	By Balance, December 31st, 1929		450	0	0			
„ Balance, S.U.D.C. Mortgages			450	0	0	„ Cash from M.C.		200	0	0		
„ Balance, Manchester Corporation Mortgage			200	0	0	„ Interest, Mortgages	17	14	4			
„ Balance in Bank			22	2	11	„ Interest, Bank		3	10			
			£672	8	2	„ Income Tax Returned			17	18	2	
									4	10	0	
								£672	8	2		

£2,000 EFFORT. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Postages, etc.				13	0	By Balance, December 31st, 1929		197	19	8					
„ Cost of Mystery Crackers			4	3	8	„ Proceeds from Mystery Crackers		11	18	8					
„ Cost of Leaflets and Hymn Sheets for S.O. Song			4	19	6	„ Proceeds from Peace Sunday Leaflets			13	6					
„ Transfer to Trustees for investment			200	0	0	„ Proceeds from Service of Song			2	10	6				
„ Balance: Bank			35	4	6	„ Collections: Peace Sunday			3	17	5				
„ Cash in Secretary's Hands			10	1		„ Founder's Day			3	17	9				
			35	14	7	„ Donations									
						Lyceums, etc.			5	15	2				
						Individuals			16	17	9				
			£245	10	9	„ Bank Interest				22	12	11			
										2	0	4			
								£245	10	9					

TRUSTEES STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR HOME FUND.

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Bank Commission				0	2	6	By Balance, December 31st, 1929		184	6	7				
„ Balance, S.U.D.C. Mortgage			100	0	0	„ Interest, Mortgages		3	14	10					
„ Balance, Manchester Corporation Mortgage			50	0	0	„ „ Bank		1	6	8					
„ Balance in Bank			40	4	7	„ Income Tax Returned				5	1	6			
			190	4	7					19	0				
			£190	7	1					£190	7	1			

AINSWORTH HOME OF REST SCHEME.

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.	INCOME.				£	s.	d.
To Treatment	....	....	....	13	19	6	By Balance, December 31st, 1929	....	....	....	99	0	9
„ Meetings	....	....	....	3	11	2	„ Donations	....	....	....	13	6	
„ Printing	....	....	....	2	7	0	„ Cash from Charity Commissioners	....	....	....	44	11	2
„ Adverts.	....	....	....	2	9	0	„ Bank Interest	....	....	....	1	3	4
„ Postages	....	....	....	2	16	0							
„ Sundries	....	....	....	1	2	1							
„ Clerk's Salary	....	....	....	13	0	0							
„ Balance, December 31st, 1930	....	....	....	106	4	0							
				£145	8	9					£145	8	9

TRUSTEES' BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Home Fund	....	....	....	190	4	7	S.U.D.C. Mortgages	....	....	....	550	0	0			
£2,000 Effort Fund	....	....	....	672	2	11	Manchester Corporation Mortgage	....	....	....	250	0	0			
Ainsworth Home of Rest	....	....	....	106	4	0							800	0	0	
							Cash in Bank:—									
							£2,000 Effort Fund	....	....	....	22	2	11			
							Home Fund	....	....	....	40	4	7			
							Ainsworth Home of Rest	....	....	....	106	4	0			
													168	11	6	
				£968	11	6							£968	11	6	

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulative Fund	....	....	....	472	18	3	Outstanding Accounts	....	....	....				285	8	11
Home Fund	....	....	....	190	4	7	Cash in Bank:—									
£2,000 Effort Account	....	....	....	707	17	6	Treasurer	....	....	....	23	8	4			
Certificate Deposit Account	....	....	....	15	15	0	Secretary	....	....	....	128	13	6			
Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme	....	....	....	106	4	0							152	1	10	
Outstanding Accounts	....	....	....	465	13	6	Certificate Deposit Account	....	....	....				15	15	0
							Home Fund	....	....	....				190	4	7
							£2,000 Effort Account, M.C.	....	....	....	35	14	7			
							£2,000 Effort Account, Trustees	....	....	....	672	2	11			
													707	17	6	
							Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme	....	....	....				106	4	0
							Stock, Education Department	....	....	....	167	1	0			
							Stock, Publishing Department	....	....	....	293	8	8			
													460	9	8	
							Office Furniture and Fittings	....	....	....				40	11	4
				£1958	12	10							£1958	12	10	

We have made up the above statements of accounts and balance sheets and certify they are a true statement of the union's affairs as ascertained by us from documents supplied.

Treasurer, WALTER BURROWS.
General Secretary, GEO. FREDK. KNOTT.

G. A. DIXON }
CYRIL T. BATLEY } Auditors.

February 28th, 1931.

NOTE: Any Delegate to the Annual Conference who wishes to question any item in the above Accounts, must give seven days' notice to Mr. G. A. Dixon, 23, Carneforth Avenue, Castleton, Rochdale, Lancs.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE REPORT.

During 1930 the Management Committee held meetings at Liverpool (Daulby Hall), York, Parkgate.

The July meeting was suspended to save expense; the Finance Committee were given power to deal with urgent matters.

Thanks are accorded to the respective Churches and Lyceums for the accommodation provided.

The Canadian National Spiritualist Union were appointed agents for the sale of B.S.L.U., publications in Canada.

The total membership at the end of 1930 was 262 Lyceums and 13,259 Lyceumists, a decrease of three Lyceums and 813 Lyceumists.

The Union has been granted exemption from Income Tax and Corporation Tax.

The Scottish District is lacking support and needs more encouragement by the Churches. London and Birmingham Districts have made progress. The remaining Districts are apparently subject to the acute industrial depression.

The I.S.F. Annual Fee was reduced to £10. The B.S.L.U. Delegate attended the meeting of the I.S.F. Committee to assist in making arrangements for the next I.S.F. Triennial Congress at the Hague during 1931.

The Annual Conference at York was economical to the Union. The York friends loaned the Church free to the Union and made everyone welcome.

The £2,000 Effort needs much increased support if the ideal is to be realised within a reasonable period. Good money is held up awaiting the realisation of the total amount.

£200 has been transferred to the Trustees.

Education Committee's Report to Conference.

THE COMMITTEE, 1930—1931.

Miss V. G. Rayner (now Mrs. Reynolds), A.N.S.C. (Chairman), Mr. G. F. Knott, F.N.S.C., and Mr. A. T. Connor, F.N.S.C. (Education Secretary)—who form the B.S.L.U. section of the National Joint Education Committee—Miss M. E. Lawton, G.N.S.C. (Oral Grade Secretary) and Miss Eva C. Connor, A.N.S.C. (Assistant Secretary).

MEETINGS.

Since last Conference the full Committee has met only once—in April this year, to transact necessary routine and Conference business. In addition there was an informal after-Conference meeting at York, an informal consultation during the S.N.U. Conference at Nottingham, and an approval by circular of the inter-working agreement drawn up between Mr. Knott and Mr. Connor. The smallness of the Committee has facilitated secretarial and other work, and has helped to secure a saving in expenditure.

WORK DONE.

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

The examination dates being now in May, make it necessary to issue the appeals and reminders in two instalments—the first containing Syllabuses and plans for class work, and the second containing Entry and Fee forms, etc. As the Printed Paper Rate system is adopted, no additional postage is incurred.

The Mutual Aid Bureau is conducting a Symposium on "How do Clairvoyants See?"—which has attracted contributions from many leading Spiritualists both inside and outside the two Unions.

The most cordial relations exist between the London and Rochdale branches of the Education Office, and the experiment of inter-working has been a complete success. The General Secretary, and his very efficient and willing assistant, have made very pleasant the Education Secretary's share of the common task.

SALES.

The sales of Handbooks show an improvement on the previous year's sales, and it is hoped that this improvement will continue in the current year. The Committee is of opinion that sales could be further improved if Lyceum Committees would ask their Church Committees to place the Handbooks on the Church Book-stall.

THE EXAMINATIONS.

As the Examinations are not held till mid-May, it is impossible to give any final report, or even final entry figures. Up to the time of going to press the entries were 1348 students (including 515 Oral Grade) from 116 Lyceums. The complete number of entries and the sitters will be published in the June BANNER, and the final Examination Results will appear in the Official Results Book.

It is a matter of grave concern to the Committee that, each year, the number of those who actually sit for the examinations falls far short of those who enter for

them. Apart from the wasted work of Secretaries and Tutors—every entrant who does not sit is really breaking a promise, and the Committee feels that every Lyceumist who allows his name to be sent forward should consider himself under an obligation which he is bound to honour.

The establishment of College Visitors by several of our progressive District Councils has resulted in the introduction of new Lyceums to the Education Scheme, but the Committee hopes that these additions will not be counterbalanced by the withdrawal of some of our "old reliables," and looks forward to the realisation of Nellie Kitson's ideal of Education as a recognised, matter-of-course activity of every Spiritualist Lyceum.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE.

The Committee is of opinion that more time should be set aside at the Annual Conference for the discussion of Education Scheme problems. Our Examiners, Supervisors, Tutors and Students, as well as Lyceum and District officials are all represented amongst the delegates; and an hour or more of discussion and suggestions would be of great assistance to the Committee in planning and carrying on its work. The experience of Examiners and students should be at the service of the Committee and each other, and the annual Conference is the only present opportunity of exchanging opinions and experiences and discussing possible experiments. To this end the Committee recommends that a portion of Conference time—not less than one hour and not exceeding two hours—should be set aside at each Annual Conference for the discussion of problems connected with the carrying on of education work locally and nationally. The Committee leaves the selection of a fitting time to Conference, but suggests from 3 p.m. till tea-time on the Sunday afternoon, after the official closure of the Business Conference.

JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Joint Committee held an informal meeting at Nottingham during the S.N.U. A.G.M. week-end, and a full meeting in February, when arrangements were made for the Graduate Scheme examinations. Entrants and sitters (in brackets) are as follows—Intermediate Grade, 20 (16), Subsidiary Grade, 7 (7); Final Grade, 10 (10); and 37 Church and Subscribing Members have entered for the Entrance Examination.

NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST COLLEGE.

As will be seen from its appended report, the College has carried on its usual activities; but over and above these it is exercising a progressive and beneficial educational influence on our Movement through the work of its Fellows, Graduates and Associates. Six of our present District Council Secretaries and three of our District Visitors hold College Degrees, while two further Secretaries have just relinquished their posts upon getting married; nearly all the members of our Management Committee are Degree-holders; and many are acting as Lyceum Conductors and Secretaries and as Tutors or Leaders in the Education Scheme classes—not to speak of the Platform Workers who have enhanced their qualifications as Missionaries in their studying for our Degrees. So, although only five years old, the College is playing its part in elevating the educational standard of Spiritualism and the Spiritualist Platform.

THE COMMITTEE GIVES THANKS TO—

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

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

IN CONCLUSION.

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

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

On behalf of the Education Committee.

A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C., Hon. Sec.

V. G. REYNOLDS, A.N.S.C., Chairman.

The National Spiritualist College.

Report to Conference for the Year ending 31st December, 1930.

During the year the College carried on its normal activities, in which it still suffers from the economic handicaps shared by all branches of the Organised Movement.

The membership at the end of the year is 106 Associates (A.N.S.C.), 4 Graduates (G.N.S.C.) and 11 Fellows (F.N.S.C.), with 1 District Centre and 14 registered Local Branches. With the 1930 Examinations the College Board brought into successful operation all the Grades of the National Joint Education Scheme—which, if taken up by a Lyceumist 10 years old, entails a minimum total of ten examinations before the Graduate Degree can be won. The four Graduates are all Lyceumists, and the Board hopes that this year will see some Church students added to the list.

Once again the College refrained from making any appeals for financial support, and the only income for the year has been Local Branch Fees, commission on the sales of Text-books, and donations from Associates, Graduates and Fellows, when applying for their Diplomas.

The Board records its grateful appreciation of the financial support received, and of the publicity again given to the work of the College by the Editors of THE LYCEUM BANNER and THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST; their generous guaranteed allotment of space in their

journals for our reports, announcements and appeals have provided us with an assured wide contact with the Spiritualist Movement.

The College Board nominates Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, Dipl. S.N.U., for the Degree of Fellow (F.N.S.C.). For many years Mrs. Greenwood took a leading part in Lyceum education and conducted the Girls' Corner and the Lyceum Session Page in THE LYCEUM BANNER; she has also acted as Examiner in the B.S.L.U. Education Scheme.

A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C., Hon. Sec.

W. G. GUSH, D.N.U., N.F.S.C., Chairman.

Financial Statement for the year ending 31st. December 1930.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1929	.. .. .	20	0	1
Donations of various amounts, from applicants for Diplomas	.. .. .	1	9	6
Registration Fees from 14 local Branches	.. .. .	3	10	0
Sales of Text-Books	.. .. .	1	5	5
Bank Interest	.. .. .		6	11
		£26 11 11		
EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.
Printing	.. .. .		1	10
Balance in hands of Trustee-Treasurer (in Bank)	.. .. .	23	1	11
Hon. Secretary	.. .. .	2	0	0
		25 1 11		
		£26 11 11		

THOS. H. WRIGHT,
Hon. Treasurer and Trustee,

6th January, 1931.

We have examined all receipts, vouchers, books and accounts of the College, and certify that the above statement is correct.

JAMES SHUTTLEWORTH } Trustees-
ROBERT A. OWEN } Auditors.

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT.

Owing to the financial position of the Union and the decision of the 1930 Conference to postpone the publication of the revised Manual for a further period of ten years, and also to the breakdown in my health, no meeting of the committee has been held. It is proposed to resume the work by arranging a meeting in November next and annually thereafter.

ERNEST A. KEELING, Chairman.

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT, Secretary.

THE UNITED DISTRICTS' COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

During the past year two meetings have been held, one in the Sheffield District, at Rotherham, and one in the North-East Lancashire District, at Nelson.

The meetings had under review many matters and aspects concerning the progress of the Lyceum Movement as a whole, each item receiving individual consideration by the delegates, whose reports to their respective District Councils have been a means of stimulating the Districts concerned to further activity

and have been the means of creating a clearer understanding regarding, not only Lyceum work and Sessions, but those on the business side as well.

The questions under discussion have been:—£2,000 Effort, Re-organisation, Finance, and, above all, the duty of the unit to the whole, with a view to creating a nationalist outlook—not of the district. The idea behind the last item is, to get the individual Lyceumists to be Lyceum conscious and to realise their duty to the movement as a whole—that there is a greater work—than that which lies at home. In reality to educate themselves to a national outlook.

The propaganda work of the Council has been well received and appreciated by the Districts concerned, and D.Cs. have been represented by earnest and enthusiastic delegates, who have upheld the traditions of the U.D.C., and by the ideas and work of the Council shew that the Council is still fulfilling a necessary place in the Lyceum Movement.

C. T. BATLEY, President.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Secretary.

THE M.C. AINSWORTH HOME OF REST COMMITTEE REPORT.

The past year has seen the full operation of the Charity under the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme. The Trustees handed over the Management to the M.C. and the M.C. has appointed the Officers of the Union to deal with all claims for treatment. The General Secretary was appointed Clerk to the Charity and has been Secretary for the Scheme. The Trustees have made a grant to the Union for the services of the General Secretary as Clerk to the Charity. Four patients have received treatment during 1930.

Each patient has been sent for treatment within a week from the date of the application. There are over 30 Homes around the coast which have agreed to accept our patients. We need a few more Convalescent Homes situated on the Lancashire and Yorkshire coasts. We started the year with £99. There was £106 in hand at the end of the year, so that slightly more income has been received from the Charity Commissioners than has been expended.

Forms of Applications can be had on application to the Clerk to the Charity, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

OVERSEAS REPORT.

Some very interesting letters have been received from our over-seas Lyceumists, mostly emigrants from Great Britain.

Canada has established a Spiritualists Union, and that body is catering for Churches and Lyceums in that country. An agency has been started for the supply of B.S.L.U., publications.

There are Lyceums in Calgary, Winnipeg (two),

Hamilton, Toronto, Brantford, London. We believe there are others but we have no definite information.

There is a growing interest in the United States and more Churches are taking a deeper interest in Lyceum welfare. The Morris Pratt Institute has had a supply of Education booklets.

Calgary, Dunedin and Wellington have students in the B.S.L.U. Education Schemes.

The New Zealand Lyceums have been active in relieving distress arising from the disastrous earthquake and unemployment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Webb, Mr. Bodell, Miss Burgess, and other prominent Lyceumists, learned to love our cause when in England. There are not quite so many Lyceums as formerly but we hear of proposals for the re-opening of a few in the North Island.

Johannesburg is our sole member in South Africa.

Spiritualism is growing in popularity and we hope to hear of Lyceums in some of the busiest centres.

There are many isolated Lyceumists scattered over the world and correspondence tells us the memory of the Lyceum remains.

One jolly young man went to China and was doing splendidly when he suddenly became ill and passed away. Within a few weeks his presence was felt in England and then a letter was received from a Lyceumist in Germany telling us the young man had passed away. The wonderful way news comes along from overseas and also from the spirit-side of life is an encouragement to carry on with our work.

The LYCEUM BANNER keeps the link with Australian farmers, Canadian fruit-growers, and many other old Lyceumists in America and many lands. We are sure the Annual Conference will heartily commend the sending of our greetings to Lyceumists throughout the world.

International Spiritualist Federation.

At the invitation of the "Spiritualists National Union" of the Netherlands, the International Spiritualists Federation will hold its next triennial Congress in Pulchri Studio, Lange Voorhout 15, The Hague, Holland, from Friday, September 4th to Thursday, September 10th, 1931.

The work of the Congress will be divided into four sections:

1. Psychic phenomena and mediumship.
2. Healing.
3. Doctrine, Philosophy and Ethics.
4. Propaganda, Organisation and Literature.

It is possible that a psychic exhibition will be held during the time of the Congress.

Papers to be presented to the Congress may be in English, French, German, Spanish or Dutch, but each paper must be accompanied by a translation either in English or French, in view of the fact that the report of the proceedings of the Congress will be published in English and French. Papers should be limited in length to half an hour's reading (say five thousand words). A brief summary of about five hundred words in English or French will facilitate translations. All literary contributions should be addressed to the Secretary of the I.S.F., Mr. A. Ripert, Maison des Spirités, 8 rue Copernic, Paris (16e), France.

Subjects covered by the Sections.

1st Section—*Psychic Phenomena.*

The phenomena of mediumship, telepathy, telekinesis, luminous phenomena, spirit moulds, materialisation, direct voices, spirit photography, bilocation, obsession, psychometry, clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc.

2nd Section—*Healing.*

- a. Methods of healing in cases of obsession (Hyslop, Wickland, Bull, etc.).
- b. In other cases of illness, psychic, nervous and organic.
- c. Healing by magnetism, by prayer, etc.
- d. Medical laws in different countries, with a statement of the efforts made to ameliorate such laws.
- e. The use of spirit healing by professional physicians.
- f. Concerning payment for the care given.

3rd Section—*Philosophy, Ethics, Doctrine.*

- a. Existence of the soul and its survival.
- b. Progressive evolution in the beyond, reincarnation.
- c. Spiritualism as a philosophy and as a religion.
- d. The effects of Spiritualistic facts on science, morality and sociology.

4th Section—*Propaganda, Organisation, Literature.*

- a. Methods of organisation.
- b. Lectures, oral and illustrated, lantern slides, films, theatrical plays.
- c. Journals, periodicals, pamphlets, books, etc.
- d. Status of Spiritualism in various countries.

An exposition of spiritualist art of Dutch origin will be held at the Spiritualistic Headquarters, "Know Thyself," de Ruyterstraat 39, during the Congress.

Reports.

Papers for discussion should be forwarded to the General Secretary, Mr. A. Ripert, Maison des Spirites, 8 rue Copernic, Paris (16e), France, not later than May 31st, 1931. Papers cannot be considered which arrive after this date.

Instructions to Delegates and Visitors.

It is important that all who intend to be present at the Congress in whatever capacity, shall send their application to Mr. P. Goedhart at the address named above, not later than 31st May, 1931. Delegates, Officers, and other representatives are urged to secure a copy of the Official report of the Congress as soon as published, by forwarding an application form together with the sum of 5s. All visitors to the Congress other than official delegates are invited to become subscribers to the Congress. A fee of ten-shillings will entitle them to be present at all open sessions and public functions, with voting power at all meetings of general interest, and to receive the printed report. A subscription of 5s. gives membership of the Congress without a copy of the report.

All applications (accompanied by the above fees) should be made to the Organising President: Mr. P. GOEDHART, van Imhofflein, 8, The Hague, Holland.

NOTE.—The foregoing paragraph does not apply to Lyceumists who wish to attend as B.S.L.U. Delegates. Such persons must apply direct to the B.S.L.U., General Secretary for credentials.

The report of the I.S.F., Committee meeting was printed on page 183 of the Nov. BANNER, 1930.

The B.S.L.U. Management Committee have requested Mr. A. T. Connor to write a Paper on "Lyceum Education" for presentation to the Congress.

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

S.N.U., A.G.M. AND CONFERENCE REPORT.

The S.N.U., A.G.M., and Conference Report was printed on pages 147 and 148 of the September BANNER, 1930.

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

During the past year the E.C. have been working with a reduced Committee to save expenses. Your representatives have met the wishes of the E.C. by only one representative attending each meeting, excluding the A.G.M., when both representatives attended. At one meeting neither delegate was summoned. The E.C. have now decided to have three meetings per year and summon all the members to attend.

One important motion on the S.N.U. Agenda for the next A.G.M. is a resolution which included the appointment of only one B.S.L.U. representative on the E.C. of the S.N.U. This motion, if carried, will break the original agreement between the S.N.U. and B.S.L.U. that the B.S.L.U. membership of the S.N.U. shall provide for the B.S.L.U. having two seats on the S.N.U. E.C.

The year's work shows an increase of three Churches as members. Total 451. There are 304 Subscribing Members; a decrease of five.

The Church and Subscribing Members Fees are the main source of income.

The Fund of Benevolence has had two large gifts and these have produced a balance on the year. There are a few more Lyceum subscribers.

A Healing Diploma is now offered and a few persons have obtained the Certificate.

The Parliamentary Committee has been busy and progress has been made by the First Reading of a Spiritualism and Psychical Research (Exemption) Bill. This Bill is still before the House and awaits a Second Reading.

The National Spiritualist has been enlarged and the sales have increased.

The year's work shows a small credit balance.

We continue to work jointly on education, I.S.F. membership, and support the work of the S.N.U. in other ways.

Signed, W. BURROWS.
G. F. KNOTT.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

No cases have been reported for arbitration during 1930.

A copy of the rules of procedure is sent to Lyceums entering the membership of the B.S.L.U.

Copies of the Rules have been sent in response to queries on discipline.

G. F. KNOTT, General Secretary,

TO HELP THE BANNER.

Mr. W. T. Coleman of London, a very old friend of the Lyceums, and over 70 years of age, has printed copies of G.C.R.'s 136 and 142 on loose sheets. He is selling these sheets at 1s. od., per 100, post free.

We have received through him, during 1930,—Clapham 5s., Clacton 1s. During 1931.—Clapham 2s.; Southend 6s.; South London Mission 6s.; A Lady 2s.

Copies of the Leaflets can be obtained from Mr. W. T. Coleman, 4, Leahurst Road, Lewisham, London, S.E.13.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE ELECTORAL AREAS.

Result of the Ballots taken in the Lyceums on
APRIL 12TH, 1931.

Area.	Candidates.	Vote
A.	Vacant	
B.	Mr. E. Nellist	185
	Mr. J. Slimin	357
C.	Mr. J. F. Smith	218
	Mr. L. Tweedale	180
D.	Mr. E. Aked.	Unopposed.
E.	Mrs. M. E. Pickles	165
	Mr. J. Shuttleworth.. .. .	256
F.	Miss E. Elliott.	239
	Mrs. L. K. George	92
	Mr. G. A. Mack	73
	Mr. R. W. Marks	182
G.	Mr. H. C. Dobby	Unopposed
H.	Mrs. A. Calway	142
	Mr. H. C. Guy	114

Signed,

VICTORIA G. REYNOLDS President.

GEO. FREDK. KNOTT, General Secretary.

THE SPIRITUALIST BILL FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

Mr. W. T. Kelly, the Member for Rochdale, is continuing his efforts to obtain the passing of the Spiritualism and Psychical Research (Exemption) Bill. Since the First Reading on Nov. 26th, 1930, Mr. Kelly has had the Bill placed in the Orders of the Day no less than 79 times—every day when he has been present in the House. The House has, on two occasions, been "counted out" on reaching the Second Reading of the Bill. The last occasion was on Friday, 24th April.

Mr. Kelly will continue to have the Bill placed in the Orders of the Day. We again request Spiritualists who live in constituencies which have M'Ps. who have promised to support our Bill to solicit the presence and support of these members.

It is a duty we owe to ourselves and to Mr. Kelly that we influence at least 40 Members to interest themselves in the passing of our Bill. If we can gain the attendance of 40 Members we shall be assured the House cannot be "counted out" and a decision on the Bill must be made.

We record our appreciation of Mr. Kelly's persistence in his attempt to obtain our religious freedom.

G. F. KNOTT.

The B.S.L.U. Annual Register of Lyceums.

The number of Lyceumists on the Lyceum Register during 1929 are the figures for which fees were paid during 1930, and are enumerated under the heading "1930." The same method applies to the figures under "1931." The 1931 list gives the figures returned from Lyceums who have paid the Annual Fees on or before April 28th 1931.

The total number for 1930 are—262 Lyceums and 13,259 Lyceumists. A nett decrease of 3 Lyceums and 813 Lyceumists below the previous year's totals.

	1930.	1931.
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.		
Birmingham, Corporation St.	44	50
Handsorth	25	39
Stirchley	38	47
Smethwick	100	70
Walsall	48	35
Wolverhampton, Molyneux Alley	48	35
BOLTON DISTRICT.		
Bolton, Bradford Street	80	96
Deane Road	42	48
Henry Street	26	17
Bury, King Street	46	46
Horwich	75	75
Leigh, Evans Street	60	60
Radcliffe	48	48
Walkden	17	17
BRADFORD DISTRICT.		
Bradford, Harker Street	30	27
Laisterdyke	37	45
Milton	21	24
Idle	24	22
Keighley	40	45
Saltaire	30	50
Shipley	24	20
Windhill	30	64
COVENTRY DISTRICT.		
Coventry, Broadgate	45	44
Bull Street	25	32
Nuneaton	69	96
Rugby	38	35
Upper Stoke	34	34
HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.		
Brighouse	91	54
Elland, Westgate	29	28
Halifax, Alma Street	60	54
Queen's Road	39	42
Hebden Bridge	30	12
Huddersfield, Ramsden Street	19	18
St. Peter St.	20	20
Quarby	35	35
Sowerby Bridge	77	79
West Vale	15	34
LEEDS DISTRICT.		
Batley	40	40
Batley Carr	30	44
Birstall	23	19
Castleford	78	82
Cleckheaton	41	43
Dewsbury	139	140
Heckmondwike	29	30
Hemsworth	48	50
Horbury and Ossett	30	30
Hull, Dairycoates	82	50
Gipsyville	45	45
Holborn Hall	32	33
Leeds, Armley	99	62
Horsforth	20	15
Psycho	33	38
Easy Road	59	44
Liversedge	46	50
Morley, Cross Church Street	20	20
Queen Street	38	45
Normanton, Queen Street	40	44

Scarborough	25	47	Barrow-in-Furness, Dalton Road	70	46	
Wakefield	55	47	Blackburn	94	97	
York	50	39	Blackpool	68	75	
LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.				Brierfield	32	48
Birkenhead	63	51	Burnley, Hammerton Street	46	47	
Chester	27	19	" North Street	134	78	
Liverpool, Boaler Street	45	36	Clitheroe	19	23	
" Daulby Hall	98	87	Colne	26	24	
Rock Ferry	40	43	Darwen	97	99	
Runcorn	28	25	Earby, Greenend Avenue	65	48	
St. Helens	50	50	" Onward		22	
Southport	31	38	Fleetwood	130	143	
Warrington	95	130	Great Harwood	37	35	
Wigan	34	45	Lancaster, Alliance	49		
LONDON DISTRICT.				" Gt. John Street	67	64
Battersea	44	46	Morecambe	45		
Bowes Park	29	32	Nelson	91	92	
Brixton	71	78	Padiham	50	44	
Chatham	81		Preston, Moor Lane	55	49	
Clapham	25	26	Rawtenstall	35	27	
Croydon	18	26	Rishton	37	28	
Ealing	39	20	NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.			
Eltham	60	31	Beeston	34	36	
Forest Hill	74	68	Belper	100	100	
Fulham	52	47	Derby	47	41	
Hackney	43	38	Eastwood	46	54	
Hampton Hill	26	36	Hucknall	50	50	
Hounslow	47	24	Kirkby	46	46	
Kingston	26	19	Leicester, Liberty Progressive	70	48	
Little Ilford	41		" Excelsior, Marston Street	44		
Lewisham	—	76	" Rupert Street	42	33	
Manor Park	49	46	" Silver Street	12	6	
New Malden	48	48	Lincoln, Conltham Street	33	28	
Peckham	39	35	" Midland	48	37	
Plaistow	47	44	Mansfield	50	49	
Rochester Square	65	76	Nottingham, Mechanics Hall	85	80	
Southend and Westcliff	50	70	" Pearson's Buildings	46	38	
Stratford	74	87	" Sherwood St. North	45	47	
Tottenham and Edmonton	50	42	Ripley, Codnor & District	41	48	
Tottenham, High Road	36	61	Sutton-in-Ashfield	67	34	
Walthamstow	50	40	Stapleford		38	
Woolwich and Plumstead	25	38	SCOTTISH DISTRICT.			
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT.				Edinburgh, Gayfield Square	50	47
Hollinwood	45	53	Glasgow, Northern		30	
Manchester, No. 1. Progressive	66	47	" Southern	50		
Cheetham Hill	30	48	Rosyth	21	30	
Collyhurst	60	56	SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.			
Droylsden	34	36	Barnsley, Grace Street	40	70	
Harpurhey	49	69	" North Pavement	74	60	
Hr. Openshaw	43		Chesterfield	67	69	
Longsight	60	65	Doncaster, Catherine Street	50	37	
Milton, Eccles	45	48	" Baker Street	50		
Moss Side	19	26	Kimberworth	30	30	
Moston	63	47	Mexborough	48	40	
Newton Heath	85	81	Parkgate	74	84	
New Manchester	62		Rotherham	38	45	
Openshaw	28	32	Scunthorpe	40	47	
Pendleton	50	75	Sheffield, Attercliffe	128	132	
Princess Hall	87	82	" Darnall	50	50	
Salford	57	49	" Heeley, Gifford Road	63	84	
Stretford	50	47	Stainforth	49	50	
Northwich	44	34	West Melton	64	62	
Winnington	21	15	Wombwell	48	50	
Gorton		26	Dinnington and Laughton		50	
NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.				SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.		
Ashton-under-Lyne	39	42	Brighton, Mighell Street	28	38	
Congleton	50	49	Bristol, Providence Hall	92	76	
Heaton Norris	59	46	Devonport	40		
Hyde	57	72	Eastleigh	27	49	
Leek	36	45	Exeter	35	22	
Macclesfield	46	45	Portsmouth	80	80	
Stockport, Central	49	38	Reading	47	45	
Denton	—		Ryde	16	16	
NORTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.				Southampton	85	80
Accrington, Argyle Street	42	46	SOUTH EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.			
" Pearl Street	50	38	Bacup	50	50	
Barnoldswick, Central	38		Dearnley	35	34	
" West End	40	36	Middleton, Gilmour Street	42	40	
Barrow-in-Furness, Dalkeith Street	82	99				

Middleton, Old Hall Street	22	32
Oldham, Elliott Street	29	
„ Waterhead	48	40
Rochdale, Baillie Street	48	38
„ Baron Street	36	34
„ Regent Hall	74	78
Todmorden, Eagle Street	50	
„ Roomfield Buildings	30	

SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

Caerau	50	
Cardiff, Park Grove	47	48
Newport, Albany Hall	49	48
Ogmore Vale		30
Tredegar	36	35
Llanelly		25
Ystrad	41	

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

Cornsay and District	40	
Darlington, Psycho.	36	32
Grangetown	48	48
Gurney Valley	76	97
Middlesbrough, Grange Road	94	95
„ Wilson Street	50	46
Shildon	66	77
Stockton-on-Tees, Brunswick Street	44	32
„ Cecil Street	30	39
West Hartlepool, Musgrave Street	98	73
West Hartlepool, Whitby St.		50

TYNE-SIDE DISTRICT.

Ashington	36	34
Blyth	42	
Craghead	50	50
Dawdon	47	43
Gateshead, Beaconsfield Hall	54	54
„ Rectory Hall	99	75
Hetton and District	115	
Hirst	100	100
Jarrow-on-Tyne, Ellison Street	72	34
„ Market Square	41	47
Newburn-on-Tyne	100	100
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Benwell	93	93
„ Heaton and Byker	49	54
„ Rye Hill	50	50
„ Wallsend	34	30
New Delaval and Newsham	50	30
North Shields	100	96
South Shields, Cambridge Street	100	100
„ Fowler Street	90	96
„ High Shields	40	32
Southwick-on-Wear	36	43
Sunderland, Derwent Street	49	44
Tyneside	32	49
West Stanley	50	40
West Pelton	50	47
Whitley Bay	32	29

AREA LYCEUMS.

Carlisle	12	33
Grimsby	86	90
Hanley	150	146
Northampton	44	48
Peterborough	40	65
Skegness	28	32
Tunstall	80	50
Llandudno	41	36

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN LYCEUMS.

Calgary	30	—
Dunedin	50	—
Johannesburg	25	
Methuen	80	
Sydney	25	
Wellington, Kent Terrace	47	
Winnipeg, Polson Avenue	27	
„ Princess Street.	84	

CALENDAR REFORM.

A Subject for Liberty Group discussion.

In September, 1929, the League of Nations passed a resolution to place "Calendar Reform" on the agenda of the next General Conference of Communications and Transit.

The next and fourth Conference will take place during the Autumn of 1931.

Many fields of activity realise a growing need for calendar revision as the present "annoying irregularities" of time-calculation in various countries increase their hampering effect on progress. Any revision must be world-wide in its operation as an inevitable requirement of a world whose nations are brought closer together by modern conditions.

There are at least three proposed Calendars under discussion at the moment.

THE INTERNATIONAL FIXED CALENDAR

provides for a year of 13 months, each containing 28 days. The additional month, "Sol" is placed between June and July. To make up the 365 days there is an extra day added to December—December 29th—and named "Year Day." During Leap year there is a "Leap Day" added on June 29th.

THE WORLD CALENDAR is an American proposal. There are 12 months. January, April, July and October have 31 days. All the other months have 30 days.

"Year Day" is at the end of the year. "Leap Day" comes after June 30th.

In both Calendars the year begins on a Sunday and ends on a Saturday. Year Day and Leap Day are both placed as second, or double Saturdays, so that the weekly dates for a perpetual Calendar are not interfered with.

THE "SWISS PLAN"—favoured in Europe—and the "World Calendar" are fundamentally the same. The quarters are equalised and a perpetual Calendar is effected in each. The arrangement of the quarters is not the same. The "Swiss Plan" adds the extra day each quarter to March, June, September and December, so that these months have 31 days and all the other months have 30 days.

The two intercalated days—Year Day and Leap Day—come between Sunday and Monday.

The real defect of the "Swiss Plan" is that five Sundays and five Saturdays occur with the last month of each quarter.

In the "World Calendar" there are five Sundays in the first month and five Saturdays in the last month of each quarter. The two international holidays would occur on the two double Saturdays—at the end of the week. The wandering Sunday would also be eliminated.

Easter would be fixed at and occur between March 22nd and April 25th—April 8th is a suitable date.

Whitsuntide would automatically follow as at present. Christmas Day will be as now—December 25th.

The date of the proposed change is January 1933, or, if that is too soon, 1939 is suggested as an alternative date.

We are indebted to The World Calendar Association 485, Madison Square, New York City, U.S.A., for the above information.

BOLTON LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The above Council will hold its
ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION

at HORWICH, on June 6th, 1931.

Assemble 2-15 p.m. on the Market Place, Horwich

Physical Exercises, Brief Speeches, etc.

FIELD DAY: Sports, Dancing, Games, etc.

Prices: Adults 1s. Children 6d.

District Council Reports.**BOLTON DISTRICT.**

April 19th we held a Mass Session at Bolton, Bradford St., under the auspices of the Bolton Lyceum District Council. We had the pleasure of having with us Mr. A. T. Connor, F.N.S.C., of London, and Mr. G. F. Knott, F.N.S.C., General Secretary.

The afternoon was well spent, all Lyceums in the district being well represented. The usual readings were taken from the Manual and were well responded to. Mr. Charney, President of the Council, presented to Bradford St., the shield won by them for general efficiency.

In the evening we had a Propaganda Meeting which was well attended. Mr. G. F. Knott gave a good and healthy address on the relationship of Lyceumism to Spiritualism, which was well enjoyed. Mr. A. T. Connor then addressed us on the value of the Education Scheme, and left behind him many beautiful thoughts. The E.C. of the Council were quite pleased at the results of our efforts on this day, and wish to tender thanks to Bradford St., for the way in which things were carried out. We send best wishes to all Lyceums.

THOS. LILES, Sec.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The next meeting of the above Council will be held on May 3rd, at Halifax, Alma St., to commence at 10-30 a.m. prompt. Business meetings only.

Please let us have a full representation for the first time for many years.

G. HALLIDAY, Sec.

LEEDS DISTRICT.

A Meeting was held on Saturday, April 11th at Psycho Church, Leeds. Invocation by Mrs. Harding. Mr. Wainwright, President, said the meeting had been convened to discuss the Field Day and Demonstration for 1931. According to the Minutes there should be a Demonstration held annually and if no invitation is forthcoming by the Annual Meeting it will be left with the E.C.

The E.C. had met on March 21st, to discuss the position and for correspondence to be read from our friends at Dewsbury, and at the meeting the E.C. Member from Psycho said he would see if his Lyceum would consider inviting the Council to hold it in Leeds. He was pleased to say they have sent along the invitation to hold the 1931 Field Day in Leeds.

Minutes and correspondence were read and finally, after discussion, the invitation was accepted from Psycho Lyceum: Appointments—Field Marshal, Mr. Daisley; Assistants, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Tweedale and Mr. Walker. Musical Conductor, Mr. Bland; Messenger, Mr. Brown; Band Steward, Mr. Peel; Field Day Secretary, Miss Towers, Leeds, Psycho.

The Secretary was instructed to write for tenders for bands and printing. The Co-operative Society's estimate was accepted for catering, etc.

Invitations will be sent to District Lyceums, Councils, District Committees, Y.D.C., etc.

The next meeting will be held on May 9th., and will be arranged for by the President and Secretary.

PLEASE NOTE.—All communications concerning Field Day Business must be sent to Miss V. Towers, 24, Brunswick Place, North Street, Leeds.

Mr. WAINWRIGHT, President.
 A. W. HARDING, Secretary.

LONDON DISTRICT.

SOCIAL SECTION. A Dance was held at Holborn Hall, on March 21st. This event was again a social success: Mr. Pearson's Band winning much praise for their up-to-date dance music.

ATHLETIC SECTION. The first of a series of Rambles was held on Easter Monday. Although the weather was unsuitable a good number braved the storms and visited Ashstead Woods. A happy day was spent by the mudlark hikers.

GENERAL COUNCIL. Successful meetings have been held at Forest Hill, Clapham, Southend, Lewisham, Rochester Square. A special report of the coming of age rally at Stratford on April 18th will appear next month.—P.M.

NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

Mass Sessions were held at Hyde on the 29th March under the auspices of the Council. We opened with "Children's Day" and truly it was, as Hyde were holding their Anniversary and Prize Distribution; also they were to be presented with the Silver Bell which they will hold for twelve months. Invocation by the Vice-President, Mrs. Edwards. Address by the President Mr. W. Dransfield, who introduced the Executive Members, and spoke of the Lyceum teaching as a guide and help to our earthly life, and the life hereafter. G.C. "Reform" was well rendered. A small boy asked a good question. Marching was enjoyed by all taking part, although there were such large numbers, and the room seemed all too small.

Pearls and recitations were too numerous to mention individually, but showed very good signs for the future, and reflected great credit on those responsible for the training of the children. Mr. W. Dransfield presented the Silver Bell to Mr. Lee, the Hyde Conductor, and outlined the object of the competition and its intention to create the desire to make all Lyceums in the Council proficient in all respects. Mr. Lee thanked the President for the congratulations, and expressed pride for his Lyceum, and the way they had worked. He hoped they would strive to retain the Shield in their Lyceum for some years to come.

Greetings from Ashton, Heaton Norris, Macclesfield, and Stockport (Central) were received by the Council and Hyde, and responded to. The afternoon Session was really a great success with about 130 present.

Evening Session commenced with "Open Wide the Gates" and it looked as though someone had done, for there were fully 160 present at the start. M.R. 230 "Seeds of Promise," and how fitting with so many there to take in the thoughts expressed by the readers, Mrs. Rushton, of Macclesfield, Mr. Lee of Hyde, and Mrs. H. Ennion, of Stockport. We trust that the seed sown will be of great promise for the future welfare of the Lyceum movement, bringing forth good fruit.

Callisthenics were very good and thoroughly enjoyed. The President addressed the Session, and referred to it being the Anniversary etc., and what a Red Letter Day; one to be remembered. He hoped they would continue to succeed, after which he handed over the Session to Mr. Lee, of Hyde, whose response of thanks was expressed, and he thereupon called upon one of the pioneers of the Lyceum Mr. Wright, to present the prizes, saying it would not be a Prize Day without him. Mr. Wright expressed his delight at once again having the privilege of performing this duty, especially as he had asked them last year to go forward to the 50 mark. He was pleased to say they had attained it, but he urged them on to more for next year. Time was our only enemy, and much as many of us would have liked to carry on, we were compelled to close. We joined hands in three circles with the smallest children in the centre and sang "God be with you till we meet again." It was the end of a great day, and one to help all present to take heart, and spur them on to greater days and so reap the harvest of our aspirations from the Seeds of Promise for our Lyceum movement in the days to come.

The next Council meeting will be held on May 2nd at Hyde. Mass Session June 7th at Macclesfield.

R. A. L. MARKHAM, Secretary.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.**NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.**

The North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council will hold the second quarter's meeting on Saturday, May 16th, 1931, in either the Accrington or Preston district. The meeting will commence at 3-30 p.m.

All delegates to the meeting are requested to bring the May issue of the LYCEUM BANNER with them. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge. Agenda:—Minutes, Correspondence, Reports, President's Address, Conference Business.

J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

The above Council held its Annual Meeting on February 28th, 1931, which was well attended. The Council E.C. are most anxious for all Lyceums in the District to become members of this Council and take an active interest in its work.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows—President, Mr. R. Slater (Eastwood); Vice-President, Mr. E. Rose (Progressive); Secretary, Mr. P. Farnath (Mechanics); Treasurer, Mr. C. Sharp (Mechanics); District Visitors, Mr. Johnson (Sherwood St.), Mr. W. Orrell (Eastwood); Temp. Visitors, Mrs. E. Paling, Mr. T. W. Marsters; Associate Representative, Mrs. F. Reynolds (Sutton-in-Ashfield); Auditors, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Goodwin (Hucknall).

Lyceum Secretaries are reminded that the Presentation of the Silver Shield will take place on May 17th, 1931, at 2-30 p.m. in the Mechanics Hall, Nottingham, when all Lyceumists and friends are invited to attend. Let us have a record attendance.

Mrs. J. Reynolds, the President, B.S.L.U., was present, and was made an Hon. Associate for her past services rendered to the Council.

P. FARNATH, Sec.

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The quarterly Conference of this Council is to be held at the Stockton Brunswick Street Lyceum on Sunday May 10th, 1931, when a full and representative gathering is desired. In addition to the usual routine business the following items will be dealt with.

- (i) Unfinished business. (See February Agenda).
- (ii) Birthday Celebrations Scheme.
- (iii) B.S.L.U. Conference business.

Mr. J. Miller, of Stockton, is to read a paper for discussion entitled "Spiritual Training in Daily Life." Twenty-one years ago on this day a conference of Tees-side Lyceums decided to apply to the B.S.L.U. for power to organize as a District Council, may we in 1931 do our utmost to consolidate our position and renew our efforts for progress.

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

A MASSES SESSION.

On Sunday April 5th, the first of a series of events in connection with the Twenty-first Anniversary of the Tees-side Lyceums District Council was held at the "Star of Progress" Lyceum, Musgrave Street, West Hartlepool. This event took the form of a massed Session conducted by the Council President, Mrs. E. M. Ainsworth, of Grangetown. After singing "Wave the Banner," Mr. E. Nellist, A.N.S.C., the Council Secretary, gave a hearty welcome. "Invitation to the Lyceum" was lead by Mr. H. J. Foster (Horden) who for nearly twenty years has been District Visitor, which post he relinquished at the A.G.M. in February last. The connective readings of M.R. 211 were sustained by Mrs. Ainsworth (President), Mr. Platt (Treasurer), and Miss E. Pierson (Middlesbrough Grange Road), whilst Mrs. Hardy ("Ever-welcome Darlington"), conducted G.C. 115, after which the Lyceum proceeded to the Marching and Callisthenics under the direction of Mr. E. Nellist.

Owing to pressure of time only two Officers of the Council were permitted to speak to the assembly. Mrs. Lofthouse (District Visitor), said that it was a great pleasure to be present and see so many gathered together—Lyceums united. She urged all Lyceumists to take an active part in Lyceum Sessions and above all to ask questions when the opportunity was provided, as it was by asking questions that knowledge was gained. Mr. Jones (Vice-President) said it was a pleasure to see so many faces, young and old. Why a Massed Session? Lyceums were not man-made, they were an idea from the Spirit World. A. J. Davis saw how children were trained in the Summerland, which showed that the old teaching was wrong. Mr. Davis saw the Lyceums in the Spirit World meeting and co-mingling together. In reference to the asking of questions Mr. Jones said "the more you ask the more you get." Greetings were given from the representatives of "Ever-onward," West Hartlepool, Shildon, "Ever-welcome," Darlington, Middlesbrough Grange Rd., Horden, Grangetown and Easington. Middlesbrough Wilson Street regretted absence but sent greetings. The Session closed by singing "The Lyceum Band."

At a meeting following the Session, Mr. E. Nellist, A.N.S.C., the Secretary of the Council, gave a helpful paper on "Lyceum Work," which raised much discussion.

The evening Services were sustained by Mrs. Ainsworth (President), Mr. Jones (Vice-President), Mr. Nellist (Secretary)

Mrs. Lofthouse (District Visitor), Mr. Foster (Horden) and Mr. Platt (Treasurer) who occupied the Chair. The Musgrave Street Lyceum is to be complimented upon its hospitality to the visitors, and the Whitby Street Lyceum to be thanked for attending "en bloc" and thus materially assisting in a most successful day.

CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, Etc.

Birmingham, Central.—Mr. J. E. Hemming, 41, Berry Road, Washwood Heath, Birmingham.
 Bolton L.D.C.—Secretary, Mr. T. Liles, 24, Hurst Street, Morris Green, Bolton, Lancs.
 Bradford, Harker St.—Mrs. P. Nicholls, 7, Oddy Street, Tong Street, Bradford.
 Windhill.—Mr. W. G. Freeke, 1, Moray Place, Valley Road, Shipley, Yorks.
 Hull, Dairycoates.—Mrs. B. Spencer, 10 Zetland Street, St. George's Road, Hull.
 Scarborough.—Mrs. Taylor, c/o Mrs. Harvey, Tindal Street, Scarborough.
 Wigan.—Mr. J. Watkins, Hewlitt Avenue, Coppull, nr, Chorley.
 Hounslow.—Mrs. J. Clare, 99, Jersey Road, Osterley Park, Hounslow, Middlesex.
 Longsight.—Mr. C. N. Wolstencroft, 22, Western Circle, Burnage Estate, Levenshulme, Manchester.
 Accrington, Pearl St.—Miss H. Swift, 8, Watson Street, Oswaldtwistle, nr. Accrington, Lancs.
 Earby, Onward.—Mrs. J. W. Clark, 32, Albion Street, Earby, via Colne.
 Padiham.—Mr. R. Alderson, 41, Park View, Padiham, Lancs.
 Edinburgh.—Mrs. J. Andrews, 9, Gayfield Square, Edinburgh.
 Glasgow, Northern.—Miss P. Hart, 14, Melvinside Avenue, Maryhill, Glasgow.
 Southern Counties L.D.C.—Secretary, Mr. H. C. Guy, 11, Cedar Road, Bevois Mount, Portswood, Southampton.
 Tees-Side L.D.C.—District Visitor. Mrs. C. Lofthouse, 34 Valley Road, Grove Hill, Middlesbrough.
 Carlisle.—Mr. J. Black, 55, Peel Street, Newtown, Carlisle.
 Rugby.—Mrs. Taylor, 46A, Campbell Lane, Bilton, Rugby.
 Eastwood.—Mr. L. Gorell, 84, Walker Street, Hill Top, Eastwood.
 Nottingham L.D.C.—D.V. Mr. L. Johnson, 44, Ednaston Road, Highfields, Nottingham.

Special Reports.

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

CARDIFF, Park Grove.—We held our Open Session on March 19th. Mr. Geo. Harris presided. There was a speciality of pearls. The recitations were very appropriate; also the vocal and instrumental solos.

On Good Friday we gave a very successful concert, consisting of individual items, and a one-act play entitled, "The Enthronement of Knowledge."

G. DUNN, Sec.

DUNEDIN, New Zealand.—On Saturday, March 14th, several members of the Lyceum and friends met together in the beautiful Woodhaugh Gardens, where an enjoyable picnic was held. The usual Lyceum picnic had been relinquished, but the children who were present had a happy time. The Church President and his wife and daughter, and the Vice-President and his wife, were present. One of the very rare fine days experienced this summer favoured us, and the afternoon flew quickly by with games, races, skipping, etc.

Sunday, March 15th, Open Session. Very poor attendance. Pearls by all present and recitations by Joan Hargreaves, Hilda and Roland Paul, Garnet Asher, Jean McConnell, Frances Anthony. Mr. Stables, Church Vice-President, who loves the children, told them a story with a good moral. Readings by Mrs. Paul, Mrs. McConnell and Miss Burgess. Greetings to all Lyceumists.

MISS R. BURGESS, Con-Sec.

LONDON, Clapham.—The commencement of our fourteenth year of Lyceum work was marked in a Session well attended by Lyceumists and friends, including six members of the London Council, our own Church President, and Mr. Clegg and Mr. Miles.

The Session was both instructive and interesting, the Chains and Readings being fully discussed. Pearls and efforts displayed quality with quantity. A splendid book, given by one of our number for the essay "Why I am a Lyceumist" was presented to Gracie Lovell by Mr. S. Williams, who also distributed tokens of encouragement to the other entrants. We feel proud to have the Council's compliments on our marching and callisthenics and appreciate that we must work hard to maintain a high standard of efficiency. We heartily reciprocate the greetings of the Area Representative, the London Council, Battersea, Bowes Park, Eltham, Forest Hill, Kingston, Lewisham, Manor Park, Brixton, and Tottenham and Edmonton Lyceums and extend our own heartfelt good wishes to all.

The evening Service was conducted with the co-operation of our own and the Council speakers, while the efforts of the young Lyceumists were largely responsible for the very harmonious atmosphere that prevailed.

H. R. B.

LONDON, Manor Park.—April 5th Open Session. Mr. Wills named the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Yarrow. The earthly name was "Stanley Cecil," spirit name "Power." The daughter of Mrs. Maskell was named, earthly name "Doris Gwendoline" spirit name "Liberty." A most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

A. E. TRUMBLE, Sec.

LONDON, North.—We are progressing nicely. We have had a very busy season with Socials and Dances, etc., for the Outing Fund. We are delighted with our new Church and all working very hard to make everything a success.

N. C. WHORLOW, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Rye Hill.—On March 29th under the leadership of our conductor, Mrs. Price, the Lyceum occupied the Church platform when they gave a fine rendering of a Service of Song entitled "The Minister."

The musical items were very well performed by those taking part. Soloist, Mrs. Finley; trio by Mrs. Proud, and Masters J. Bilton. It was a most successful service and the Lyceumists were highly commended on their efforts.

A. RICHARDSON, Sec.

SHILDON, Newlands Avenue.—On Good Friday we had a very enjoyable day celebrating the dedication of a piano. We had a tea in the afternoon which was enjoyed by a goodly number of members and friends.

In the evening the dedication of the piano was very suitably carried out by Mr. Gilender, of Darlington. At various times during the meeting Miss J. Hird rendered songs in a very able and pleasing manner.

JAS. SUNTER, Sec.

SOUTHEND AND WESTCLIFF.—On Sunday March 29th the above Lyceum held its first Open Session under the conductorship of Miss E. Habgood, who is successor to Mrs. Tims, our founder. Master Norman Parkinson was Chairman for the two church services.

The morning service commenced with the opening salutation by Gordon Parkinson. The soloist, Mrs. Bell, sang "Dream of Paradise." Mrs. Tims D.N.U. gave an interesting and encouraging address on "Let us be glad." followed by clairvoyance. Miss D. Winifred White was the pianist.

There were 70 present at the Lyceum Session and Mr. Fruin gave the invocation.

Miss E. Habgood was supported on the platform by Mr. and Mrs. Fruin, Mrs. Tims (who founded our Lyceum 6½ years ago and was Conductor till May last) and Mrs. Irving D.V., representing the L.L.D.C. Mr. Kline, the Church President, the Secretary and Minute Secretary of our Lyceum.

The official welcome to the Council was arranged by Mrs. Bell and Miss E. Habgood, in the form of a five pointed star carried by Lyceumists and bearing the words, "The Workers Win." A bouquet in the Lyceum colours, blue and gold, was presented to Mrs. Fruin and a buttonhole to Mr. Fruin. A sheaf of white flowers were dedicated to the Angels.

Miss Habgood then handed the Session over to Mr. Fruin. The S.C.R. was conducted and explained by Catherine Earl, Venie Kemp and Ronald Bradstock. The M.R. was conducted by Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Tims and Mrs. Fruin. Pearls were well rendered and individual efforts were given by Catherine Earl, Venie Kemp, Miss M. Habgood, Gordon Parkinson, Mrs. Bell and Violet Tims and Miss Nellie Brown representing Rochester Square Lyceum. Mrs. Tims, Mrs. Irving, Mr. Kline and Mr. and Mrs. Fruin spoke to the Lyceum. Miss M. Habgood was the pianist. All Lyceumists and friends who wished were entertained to tea.

In the evening the whole Lyceum took the specially erected platform which was decorated with ivy and plants and ferns kindly lent by Messrs. Pilgrims, the Southend Florists.

The opening salute was given by Cecil Shackell and the invocation by 12 year old Peggy Shackell. Very interesting addresses were given by Master Norman Parkinson and Mr. Fruin. Miss M. Habgood and Mrs. Bell were the soloists. The Principles of Spiritualism were recited by little Gordon Parkinson and Mrs. Tims gave the Benediction. The pianist was Miss White.

Our thanks are due to the Church Committee for kindly allowing us to conduct all the services and to all friends who helped to make the day a success.

On March 25th in connection with the Anniversary celebrations, Mrs. White, the Secretary of the People's Music Club, kindly organised a Dancing Display in aid of the Lyceum. A very enjoyable evening was spent and our thanks are due to Mrs. White for her untiring work on this and previous occasions.

MURIEL THORNTON, Sec.

TOTTENHAM, High Road.—There is a marked improvement in our Lyceum session. We are working hard on the Education Scheme. Greetings to all.

H. McDOWELL, Session Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine St.—We held our Open Session, March 1st, conducted by Master Crossland, Assistant Conductor. Invocation given by Mr. Bates. Callisthenics and marching done well. Credit is due to our Musical Conductor, Mr. Holloway. Recitations and pearls were given by the following Lyceumists, M. Holloway, S. Middleton, M. Alvis, L. Middleton, J. Chalmers, and Mrs. Crossland. A very enjoyable time well spent.

Open Session, April 5th. Miss Johnson was Conductor. Invocation by Mrs. Holloway. The following Lyceumists took part: Muriel Holloway, L. Middleton, Verna Soan, Doris Mumford, M. Alvis, V. Bates, S. Middleton. An enjoyable Session.

A daughter, Brenda, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maltby.—Mrs. S. C. Webb.

LANCASTER, Alliance.—Open Session March 1st. Recitations, etc., were rendered by Hughie Haworth, Thos. Cole, Jas. Eyre, Iris Jones and Nellie Curwen, Douglas Brown, Ada Griffin. A good Session throughout. Greetings to all.

Open Session, 5th April. Recitations, solos, etc., were ably rendered by Thos. Cole, Alice Parkinson, Lily Atkinson, Alice Jones, Doris Kirk, Miss Hodgson, Harold Dennison, Miss E. Kirk, Jas. Eyres. A splendid morning Session was witnessed and enjoyed by all.—A. F. Rushworth, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Heeley, Gifford Road.—On March 1st, Mrs. Middleton, our oldest Lyceumist unveiled the new Banner that we have won in the Banner and Bell Competition. We had a very full Lyceum, and nearly all the members of the Liberty Group said a few words. We know, too, that many spirit friends were with us.

On Mar. 8th we held our Open Sessions. A nice number of recitations and pearls and solos were given. Our Liberty Group also took part.

On Good Friday we had our Annual Tea and Social, which was a great success.

On April 5th we had our Open Sessions. The Lyceumists responding were: Eric Barber, Eva Oxley, Mary Fox, Elsie Marples, Olive and Nora Nutt, Treasa Beetson, Vincent Porter, William and Albert Nutt, Jessie Beetson, Evelyn Wragg, Connie Higginbottom and Gladys Walker.—Muriel Clive, Sec.

The Editor regrets that the Lyceum Reports are crowded out owing to the lengthy Conference Reports.