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## A Message from the New President.



Fellow Lyceumists,

Let me please express my delight and pleasure in the confidence you have shewn by returning me once again as President of the B.S.L. Union.

It will be my sole desire during my term of Office to serve in the interests of the Lyceum Union, whenever and wherever I am called upon to do so. To that end, I pray, that I will be faithful.

One cannot afford to be blind to the present position at the moment, and not deplore the fact, that each year we are faced with a decreasing membership. Yet, on the other hand, the activities of the Union continue to grow. Realising the need to keep abreast with modern times, we are desirous of creating the necessary conditions and influences that will meet the needs and requirements of the rising generations.

Therefore we must concentrate on "EFFICIENCY." Our movement can be an all round success if we choose. The effort lies with us all. Success collectively means success individually.

Within the curriculum of the Lyceum system of Education there is to be found all the necessary material for attaining the high standard of "Efficiency" that will be on a par with other educational bodies. Does the seeming failure of our Movement lie in the fact that we have not made the best of our opportunities and, being confronted with the rapid strides that education has brought about; the youth of to-day is demanding something that will satisfy both their mental and spiritual needs. Is it that we are not prepared to fill in the breach?

Considering the knowledge we have within our reach, we ought to be *the Foremost Movement in the World.*

Let us then resolve to be *active* in the Lyceum. Do something each Session and you will find "Practice makes perfect." You will each be working towards efficiency and also be reliable and responsible. In *your* efficiency lies the efficiency of the whole movement.

Originality is the secret of success. Do things *your own way.*

Be yourself and think for yourself. Do not let other people think for you.

Mental slavery is worse than slavery of Body, or a nation in bondage.

Another point to be considered as to the cause of decreasing membership is the declining birth rate, which is only very insignificant compared to the number that have gone over to the ever-growing army of "Hikers." I think that the Lyceum movement could very successfully organise meeting places at certain points of vantage, in every part of Great Britain and still retain the membership of those who have answered the call of Nature.

We are again reminded that every organisation depends upon its Finances for the continuance of its activities.

During the Annual Conference, which was recently held at Barrow-in-Furness, a suggestion was made that every Lyceumist be asked to contribute one penny per week to the Union's funds. How many of us are there who will not respond to this very worthy project? It would be the means of increasing the revenue of the Union and make it possible for it to retain its stability. If the 13,000 Lyceumists are "Lyceum Conscious" they will be the means of adding £55 per week to the Treasury. This without other methods of raising finance, would meet the needs of the Movement you love so well. Let us show that we are worthy of the efforts made by those who have paved the way for us. Since it is our Duty, whether in the Lyceum or whatever our calling may be, let us each be alive to our responsibility and our goal in life will be eternal happiness and joy.

EDITH ELLIOTT, A.N.S.C.

## £2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists,

This month I very gratefully acknowledge the following:—By Sales of the Musical Recital, *The Reality of God*, per Mrs. A. Taft, Barrow-in-Furness, 100 Hymn Leaflets, and 18 Recitations Leaflets, 7s. 6d. Per Mrs. Thorpe, Darnall Lyceum, 100 Hymn Leaflets, 4s. 6d. By Donation, per F.K.D., Rotherham, 2s. 6d. Total 14s. 6d.

I heartily thank these supporters of the Fund.

I would like to sell out of the Musical Recital as early as possible. Please note, Hymn Leaflets, 4s. 6d. per 100. Recitation Leaflets 2d. per copy.

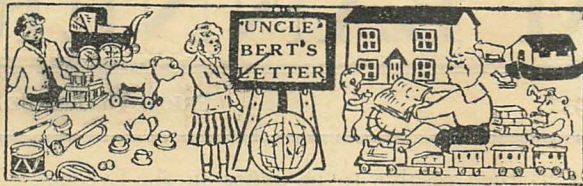
Awaiting your further support,

Yours sincerely,

VICTORIA G. REYNOLDS.

118, Cremorne St.,  
Nottingham.

Hon. Sec.



My Dear Boys and Girls,

Last month I concluded my letter to you with a reference to Sports Meetings.

I omitted to add "To be continued in our next,"

Since writing to you I have seen a most wonderful sports display by the London Lyceumists, a detailed report of which you will find on another page. There were about one hundred and sixty competitors, boys and girls and adults varying in ages, dressed in running shorts, wearing their spiked shoes and looking just *it* for the occasion.

One of the great outstanding features of this event was the Sporty Spirit displayed by all who took part. Those who lost their events were ready to congratulate the winners. Although there must have been a feeling of disappointment within, it was well hidden.

As to the running, long and high jumping, hurdles and fancy events, all proved that herein was the kind of events which Lyceumists needed.

I am just telling you these things, because I want you to worry your Lyceum Officers to start an Athletic Section in your district. This is an advance on the usual Field day demonstration, because you have to run your races on a recognised Sports Track and under such rules as the great Athletes do. It also gives boys and girls physical exercise all the year round by training for your Sports Day.

To all the boys and girls of the London District I say sincere congratulations, you are just fine. Keep on with your training ready for the next event.

Now for our monthly talk. I think I'll recite my little piece to you. I hope you'll like it.

Little bits of Powders, little dots of paint,  
Makes a girlies Phiz'og really what it aint.

I do not know any more of that one, so I will try and say a few personal things instead.

Of course if I appear to be rude you will forgive me as a gentleman friend of mine gave me this idea for you.

He suggested I should write about faces, hence my little recitation.

In exactly the same way as the flowers I told you of last month the face can be seen everywhere we turn.

What a variety too: thin, fat, painted, natural, sad, laughing, but these only refer to the human frame, just think for a moment of some of the other references. The face of the clock, or the face of a building. The faces of insects or animals.

In the business world we talk of face-value. Arising out of this subject we will first consider the expression of the face. It is from this that we usually judge the character of anyone, for the life we live is registered on the face.

A boy or girl who is always grumbling develops a sour expression, usually there is a nasty drooping lip. While other expressions speak at once of happiness and joy.

The face then is like a cash register we see in a shop. If the customer pays two shillings and sixpence for her

purchases, this is placed in a till, a key is struck and the face of the machine reveals just the amount put into it.

That is much the same as us. Our faces often express the life and habits from within.

The face does not lend itself easily to trickery. For instance you would find it very hard to look merry and bright if you were in a temper. Therefore we always have a companion with us who tells tales about us whether we like it or not.

There is a beautiful thought in our Manual in "The Angels' Lesson 308."

We learn a loving Spirit will beautify the face,  
And fashion every feature to soft angelic grace;  
While sinful thoughts and feelings will spoil the  
brightest eyes,  
And mar the lips of childhood, though steeped in  
rosy dyes.

Although at times it may seem hard, we must ever endeavour to cultivate such habits that will lead to clear bright expression.

Here is another thought in this lesson I want to give you a word of warning about, sometimes you will hear people refer to someone as being two-faced. Of course I know most of you find one face quite enough to wash and keep clean, especially when it has a fairly good mop above it.

There are however those to whom the reference two faced applies and sometimes you children are amongst them but not very often.

It means a boy or girl who will take opposite sides with two chums and yet make out they agree with one only. This is one of the points in life where strong character is needed to stand for the right, the just and the true.

If your chums want you to do something which you know by your Lyceum teaching is not right, be single-faced over it "say no," *it* is worth it in the end every time.

In the verse I have quoted above we read about beautifying the face.

In these days we have all kind of ways for doing this with paint, and lipstick. Two points stand out as the best face dressing. Naturalness and noble character. It will not wash off. Learn to try these two first.

In conclusion I want to say a word of praise to the Barrow Lyceumists.

Auntie Ruth, Cousin Doris, and I attended the Conference last month, where these Lyceumists entertained us and gave all delegates a real happy time.

The welcome you gave us was really great. May progress be yours.

#### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLES.

- No. 171. Stocks, Polyanthus, Pansies, Nasturtiums, Marigolds, Hollyhocks.  
No. 172. France. Germany. Belgium. Denmark. India. Norway.

#### THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE.

- No. 173. Take the name of your own local Council and see how many words can you make from it. *e.g.* ————Lyceum District Council.

Next month will be our holiday month, Cheers.

With love,

2, Villiers Road,  
Osterley, Middx.

UNCLE BERT.

# 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?”*

### OUR S.N.U. PRESIDENT'S CONCLUSIONS.

I define Clairvoyance as a supernormal mode of perception, which results in a visual image being presented to the conscious mind. The perception may be of objects or scenes, or forms distant in space, or in time, past or future.

This definition implies that just as the eye receives light stimuli which it distinguishes (perceives) and transmits them to the brain, causing the presentation of a visual image or picture to the consciousness, so clairvoyance involves the use of a faculty which receives stimuli—vibrations of a different range from those of light—and in some way transmits or converts them into a visual image.

It also implies that the physical eye is not involved in the reception of the stimuli, nor, do I think, is any other physical organ, though the brain may be a factor in the process of perception.

My reasons for these conclusions are:—

In clairvoyance of material objects, there are cases in which solid enclosing walls through which visible light cannot penetrate, intervene. Also we have cases in which the earth's curvature prevents the direct transmission of light rays from the objects seen to the seer. Further, Helmholtz long ago made it perfectly clear that there are limits beyond which it is simply impossible for the human eye to distinguish objects. The reasons are physical; they are exactly similar to those which make it impossible to separate fine from coarse grains of sand, by passing them through a sieve whose meshes are larger than the coarse grains. And there are cases of clairvoyance at distances far beyond the limits thus determined.

One theory involving the eye deserves consideration. It is that the eyes of clairvoyants possess a fluorescent quality which enables them to respond to rays at a higher vibration than those of light. Possibly spirit forms may emit such rays, but this fluorescence theory seems of very doubtful application here. In any case it covers a limited range of clairvoyance.

A theory popular in the past is that the pineal gland, or the pituitary body, or some other of the ductless glands is the organ of clairvoyance. To be logical it should ascribe clairaudience to another, and supernormal olfactory powers to a third; but since science now definitely allots physiological functions to all these glands, we need not discuss other objections to this theory.

The psychic researcher usually regards authentic clairvoyant visions as veridical—truth telling—hallucinations induced by telepathic impressions. This telepathic theory is plausible. Clairvoyant descriptions, whether visions of the medium or coming through

a control, often seem to be fragmentary rather than complete scenes, disjointed impressions—and though the words ‘I see’ or ‘he shows me’ may be used, and may seem the most appropriate, the details often suggest some other process than ocular vision. Telepathy, however, seems to me acceptable as explaining some clairvoyance; and since we do not know, and are not at all likely to know, the limits of telepathy, it will remain a satisfactory explanation to many. But the term must include telepathy from the discarnate as well as from the incarnate, so we gain rather than lose by accepting the theory where it covers the facts.

If limited to telepathy between the incarnate, the theory fails to explain many cases of clairvoyance of material objects, and of long past or of future events, or descriptions of scenes at a distance with no living witness, or visions of (say) accidents or tragedies in which the language used is such as would be employed by a detached spectator—with none such present—rather than by an actual participator in the event. Further, clairvoyant visions have an accuracy and completeness in detail utterly lacking in experimental telepathy; and the fact that they are often accompanied by physical, objective, manifestations implies the presence of some other factor.

Spiritualists believe that we take with us to The Beyond our faculties—not our physical organs. Therefore we must have a faculty of vision, of which our physical sight is probably only a limited expression.

Clairvoyance therefore seems to me to be most satisfactorily explicable as the vision of the spirit, exercised probably by all of us on rare occasions, and more frequently by those who, in some way, have been given or have developed the power to use it, in spite of the limitations imposed by their physical organisms.

J. B. McINDOE,

President, The Spiritualists' National Union.

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	£	s.	d.
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Tottenham .....	0	10	0
Brighton .....	0	5	0
Preston, Moor Lane .....	0	10	0
Rosyth .....	0	2	6
Moston Study Circle .....	0	5	0
Belper .....	0	10	0
Milton (Eccles) .....	0	5	0
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Newton Heath .....	0	10	0
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We have promises from other Lyceumists. The names will be inserted in future issues of THE BANNER.

## Our Education Department.

### HINTS, NOTES AND NEWS ITEMS.

Conducted by the EDUCATION SECRETARY.

#### THE CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION.

Educational matters had a great innings at Conference. Over four hours were devoted to the discussion of the Education Scheme and the College, and the suggestion for a Consultative Conference each year was adopted. After all, business matters are not the only things we go to a Lyceum Union Conference for—though we expect all efforts to be run on business lines—and we must justify our claim to being the premier educational body in the Spiritualist Movement. We did it with a vengeance. At one period of Conference, it was asked that all who were connected with the Education Scheme either as candidates, tutors, leaders, supervisors or examiners, should put up their hands—and four-fifths of those present, including every member of the Management Committee and the two S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates, put up a hand! SOME Conference.

#### THE 1932 COMMITTEE.

The Committee has been increased by the addition of an Education Chairman, and Miss Lawton, who last year was co-opted as Oral Grade Secretary, is now a full member. She had been working all the year as a full member, and Conference unanimously adopted the suggestion to give her the recognition due to her work. The Committee now consists of:— Miss M. E. Lawton, G.N.S.C. (Chairman); Mr. A. T. Connor, F.N.S.C. (Secretary); Miss E. Elliott, A.N.S.C. (B.S.L.U. President) and Mr. G. F. Knott, F.N.S.C. (General Secretary); and at its July meeting Miss Eva C. Connor—who was awarded a vote of thanks by Conference for her work—will be co-opted again as Assistant Education Secretary. All the work done is honorary.

#### THE AVERAGE NETT COST OF EDUCATION.

In ten years the Lyceum Union has spent nearly £1,500 on Education! Nearly as good—by good management the Education Committee has sold textbooks and charged fees that refunded nearly £1,000 of the outlay. Here are the figures for the ten years 1921—1931.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Total Expenditure .....				1488	17	11
Total Income .....	938	6	5			
Stock on 31st Dec. 1930 .....	167	1	0			
	<hr/>			1105	7	5
Nett cost in ten years.....				383	10	6
Average nett cost per year .....				38	7	1

These figures show two things—the extreme generosity of the Union to provide such a large sum for education, and that when normal economic conditions are restored the Education Scheme will more than pay its way. The new financial arrangements detailed in the next paragraph should help even under present conditions.

#### AN ORAL GRADE FEE AND "EXAM POSTAGES."

At Conference figures were quoted showing that, with a fee of threepence per candidate, the 529 Oral Graders entered for this year's exams would have brought

in £6 12s. 3d., and that an all round charge of half-a-crown (2/6) per Lyceum for Examination Expenses, instead of 1/- for postages and 1/- for a Results Book, would make a difference in favour of the Education Committee, of £3 5s., on this year's entries. The 1/- per Lyceum does not quite cover the cost of postages—which include sending a receipt to the Lyceum Secretary; sending examination papers, etc., to supervisors; sending students' papers to the Examiner to be marked, and paying return postage; and then sending the students' papers and Grade certificates to the Lyceum Secretary. Of the 2/6 nearly 1/6 will go to postages, and the other 1/- will pay for a free copy of the Results Book being sent to every Lyceum entering students.

The Education Secretary has received instructions from Conference not to accept entries unless the 2/6 for expenses is enclosed.

#### OUR MUTUAL AID BUREAU.

Mr. J. B. McIndoe, the President of the S.N.U., is recognised as one of our leading authorities on phenomena and its investigation and study. Our students will read this month's contribution with interest, for he looks at the possible modes of clairvoyance from a new angle, and his suggestions are worthy of careful study. We have also in hand articles from Mr. Tinker and Mr. Haigh, and hope to have space for them next month. The year is drawing to an end, and we still have several promises of articles to be fulfilled. Opinions and questions from students will be welcomed, and published if of general interest.

#### SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE.

**ALL the text books needed for the B.S.L.U. Scheme are supplied from the General Offices by Mr. Knott. Mr. Connor does not stock or sell ANY handbooks.**

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

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

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

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

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

#### CERTIFICATES OF B.S.L.U. MEMBERSHIP.

The majority of Lyceums affiliated to the B.S.L.U. do not hold a Certificate of Membership. The Certificate is 10in. × 14½in. and suitable for framing, to hang in the Lyceum. The retaining Fee for the Certificate is 3s. 6d., which amount is repaid to the Lyceum on the termination of membership and the return of the Certificate to the Union.

A resident of Llandudno, who has been a Lyceumist since 1884, writes to tell us the Lyceum in that town has closed down till September. We wish the Lyceum a good re-opening, with plenty of enthusiasm.

## Calendar of Saints (L.M. 145.)

BY ALFRED KITSON.

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

**TENNYSON, Alfred, Lord.** No. 145. Born at Somersby in Lincolnshire, 1809, and died 1892. In 1830 he published a little volume of verses, several of which are worthy of his genius. 'The mystic' touches of psychical experience of a trance-like or ecstatic kind, which continued through his life, and affected his poetry and philosophy. On Sept. 15th, 1833, his dear friend Hallam died at Vienna. The shock was cruel, but he bore it with the fortitude of his Ulysses, which he composed about this time. In 1842 he published two volumes, which he certainly never excelled—never again equalled, said his old Cambridge friend, Fitzgerald. Their extraordinary and original beauty is only equalled by their unexampled variety of tone, topic and treatment. In 1845 Milnes suggested to Sir Robert Peel that Tennyson should have a pension, and the state conferred on him £200 annually. In 1854 he composed *Maud* a poem which contains songs and lyrics of supreme beauty, which was the most profitable of his books. He bought some land at Farringford, in the Isle of Wight, and there made his home.

In 1884 Queen Victoria desired him to accept a peerage, which he did. Tennyson is buried besides his friend, Robert Browning, in Westminster Abbey.

**TITIAN (ti-shi-an),** No. 145. He was born at Pieve in the Cadore district of the Dolomite Alps, 1477, died 1576, and was credited with being one of the greatest painters of all times. His grand, broad style, the product of a mind "wholly realist, universal and manly" is a harmony of fine qualities of conception, design, colour, and technique that developed steadily through his long life. If his colour is expression of life itself, the creations of his mind and hand are the expressions of the life of the Venetians, strong, vigorous in mind and body, masterful in purpose and execution, rich, refined, cultivated. He learned from Giorgiano, and carried to perfection the warmth, pearly lustre, and elasticity of the skin seen in full beauty in the blend of northern and southern races in Venice. He studied under Giovanni Bellini at Venice, whose unfinished pictures he completed. The greater part of his life was spent in Venice. The finest of his paintings are in Venice, and Madrid, and excellent examples are to be found in the Fine Art Galleries of Rome, Florence, Dresden, Munich, the Louvre (Paris), and Edinburgh.

**VOLTAIRE (vol-tar).** No. 146. Born at Paris, 1694, died 1778. He was educated at the Jesuit Seminary of the Collège Louis-le-Grand in Paris. At this time Ninon de L'Enclos gave him lessons in social deportment, and left him a legacy, and he was introduced to the Société du Temple, in which the best intellectual society of Paris was to be found side by side

with the most reckless dissipation. Soon a stream of satires, epigrams, odes, and epistles began to pour from Voltaire's pen. His rancour against the Church increased with his years, and from his retirement at Ferney, near Geneva, he discharged a ceaseless succession of satiric letters at the clergy and their dupes. In the Calas affair, as the champion of the weak and downtrodden, he was able to clear the memory of the dead man from a foul aspersion cast on it by the priests.

**WALLACE, Alfred Russell.** No. 145. Was born at Usk in Monmouthshire, 1823, and died 1903. He was a noted traveller and biologist, and spent four years (1848-52) collecting rare specimens in the Amazon region; and then eight years (1854-62) in the Malay Archipelago, and published his *Travels on the Amazon* in 1852, and the *Malay Archipelago*, in 1869. While in the East, Wallace, quite independently of Darwin, thought out a theory practically identical with the theory of natural selection, and sent home his paper to Darwin while unaware of the latter's work. Wallace's views are set forth in *Contributions to the Theory of Natural Selection*, published in 1870, and in *Darwinism*, a final summing up of his views. He differs from Darwin in contending that man's higher faculties have been developed under a higher law, which has come imperceptibly, and that the Darwin theory does not oppose, but supports the belief in man's spiritual nature.

The breadth of his interests is proved by such works as *Land Nationalization* (1882), *Vaccination* (1885), *Miracles and Modern Spiritualism* (1875), *The Wonderful Century* (1899), and *Man's Place in the Universe*.

In *Miracles and Modern Spiritualism* he bears witness to the "Persistency of Early Teachings" as follows: "It is now generally admitted, that those opinions and beliefs in which men have been educated generation after generation, and which have thus come to form part of their mental nature, are especially liable to be erroneous, because they keep alive and perpetuate the ideas and prejudices of a bygone and less enlightened age" page 1.

He bears testimony to the value of Spiritualism in the following lines "I was so thorough and confirmed a materialist that I could not at that time find a place in my mind for the conception of spiritual existence, or for any other agencies in the universe than matter and force. Facts, however, are stubborn things. . . . The facts became more and more assured, more and more varied, more and more removed from anything that modern science taught or modern philosophy speculated on. The facts beat me. They compelled me to accept them *as facts*. Long before I could accept the spiritual explanation of them; there was at that time no place in my fabric of thought into which they could be fitted. By slow degrees a place was made, not by any preconceived or theoretical opinions, but by the continuous action of fact after fact, which could not be got rid of in any other way." Preface to the first edition, pages 6 and 7.

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A number of Lyceum Reports were printed for May BANNER. Unfortunately space did not allow for the reports to appear in either May or June issues. We hope our young Lyceumists will not be very disappointed because these reports have not appeared in the BANNER

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## PATRON-MEMBERS.

An easy way to provide for the maintenance of the B.S.L.U.

Is the B.S.L.U. worthy of a penny per week from you?

At the Annual B.S.L.U. Conference held in Barrow-in-Furness on May 23rd and 24th the General Secretary introduced a proposal which provides an opportunity for Lyceumists to become direct financial supporters of the B.S.L.U. through a "Penny Fund."

The membership fees are paid to the Union by the Lyceums in affiliation. Only a few Lyceumists have made any direct financial contribution to the Union's funds.

A scheme is being introduced whereby individual Lyceumists may contribute to the funds of the Union by becoming Patrons. It is possible, at the moment, that an adult Lyceumist could be a member of a Lyceum without contributing a single penny to the welfare of the Lyceum or the Union.

We are sure there are thousands of Lyceumists who will be grateful if they have the opportunity of contributing a penny a week—more or less—to the support of the Lyceum Cause.

The proposals of the Scheme are that Lyceum Secretaries, or some other appointed person, shall collect the donations from the Patron-members and forward the names and receipts to the General Secretary—25 per cent will be retained by the Collector. The 25 per cent will meet the cost of collection and remittance, and leave a balance for the Collector or the Lyceum.

The monies can be sent quarterly with the BANNER payments.

We hope all Lyceumists who can afford to become Patrons will assist the Union by supporting this scheme.

The help from the Special funds has almost completely ceased. We are very grateful for the support which has been so generously given.

The B.S.L.U. needs a minimum income of £800 to meet the ordinary liabilities. The only guaranteed income is about £200 from the membership fees. The remaining £600 has to be raised by donations, conference payments and the balance arising from our Publishing Department.

If we can get sufficient Patrons to contribute to the weekly payment scheme, the financial position of the Union is assured and we shall be able to extend our work and organisation. If half the total number of Lyceumists contribute one penny a week we shall have an income of £1000 per annum.

Finally we address a personal note to every Lyceumist who can afford to support this scheme to become a financial supporter of the Union's progress. This form of patronage will not give any added voting power to any Lyceumist, but a national outlook will have been attained. The success of the scheme will make it unnecessary to be eternally begging for funds to carry on our work. Individual or collective donations may be sent at any time to the General Secretary, G. F. KNOTT, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs.

## CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS.

The friends at Barrow made everybody welcome during the Annual Conference of the B.S.L.U. We repeat our thanks because Delegates are still saying how delighted they were with the hospitality.

The Physical Seances conducted by Mr. E. Fullard and Mr. Roy Brown realised £5. 8s. od., for the benefit of the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme. The Trustees thank all who participated in the Seances, and especially the mediums for their gratuitous service.

Dalkeith Street Lyceum and Church each gave £1 to the Conference expenses. Personal donations amounted to £4. The proceeds of Monday's Lunch was £1.

There were 32 free billets and most of the others were provided at a nominal charge.

The use of the Church and Lyceum and the services of the Caretakers were given free of charge. Mrs. Fullard had been seriously ill for many weeks, and though still sick, was up and about, and doing much work.

It is usual to wait till the balance sheet is produced to see how the Conference expenses are incurred.

The items are worthy of immediate report, in view of the efforts of the Barrow Friends to clear Conference expenses.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Collections	6	3	9	M.C., &c.	25	19	10
Donations	6	0	0	Printing, &c.	0	8	6
S.N.U. F.O.B.	1	9	2	Advt.	0	12	0
Catering, &c.	26	11	0	Catering	15	9	9
Billet Fees	23	2	0	Billet Charges	16	9	6
				S.N.U. F.O.B.	1	9	2
				Local Sect's Exs.	0	12	6
				Balance	2	4	8
	£63	5	11		£63	5	11

The Bookstall takings were £1 11s. 8d. The whole proceeds were paid to the B.S.L.U.

There are a few subjects, discussed in the Conference, now need the attention of Lyceumists.

The changes in the Education Scheme payments require consideration.

The decision to spend more money during this year requires Lyceumists to support the "Penny-a-week Scheme." Lyceumists can now directly be in financial touch with the Union as Patron-Members.

The Education Committee will meet on July 18th. If you have any suggestions for the Oral Grade, send them along.

The Psychological Tests Committee also meet in July. Any helpful comment or criticism will be welcomed by the General Secretary before July 18th.



Dear Little Imps,

Do you like trains? I do! I live near to a railway station and so can hear the trains as they steam in and out of this town. Just by listening, I can tell what kind of train passes my house. There is the heavy, rumbling goods train, bringing us things from all over the country. Then there are the slow trains, stopping at all the little stations. These purr in and out of the station, as contentedly as a well fed cat. I like these trains, but just now, I'm fondest of the big quick, fussy trains, that snort and puff into the station as if they feel we shouldn't dare to make them stop. You see, Imps, July brings us holidays, when those noisy, important trains are our very good friends. Yes, I like trains! All the same, it is good to know that our trains are such well behaved trains. They keep on the lines, and always stop at the right places. I know of a train that wasn't a bit well-behaved.

THE RUNAWAY TRAIN.

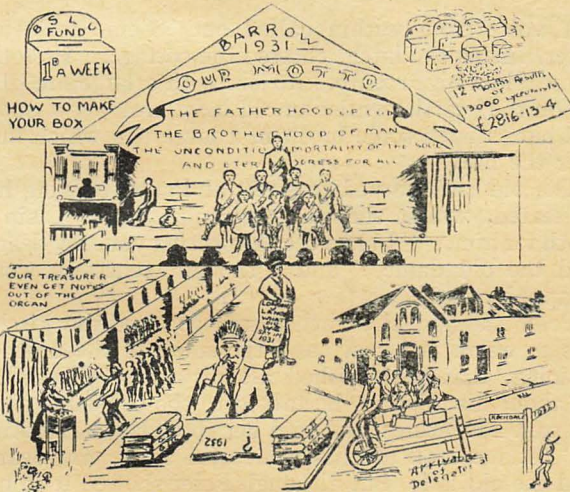
Frank had been listening to his Mum and Dad as they talked about the Summer holidays. He was only four, and so hadn't been able to help them as they tried to decide the best place for a good holiday. Mum had said "Let us go to the sea-side this year. We could all have a good time, and there are so many things for Frank to do. There is the sand to play on, and we could bathe, and wade, catch fish and go sailing." Yes, Let us go to the shore. I vote for Littlesands."

Dad had a different idea. He said "We went to the shore last year, and had cold, wet days all the time. Let us go into the country, to Greenlands, and stay on a farm. Even in wet weather, there is always something to do on a farm. Besides, we shouldn't have such a long railway journey if we went to Greenlands. You know how fidgetty Frank was in the train last year."

It was Frank's bed-time then, and so he heard no more of the discussion, but he had heard a lot of words that sounded good. "Sand; ships; farm; trains; . . ." It was all very exciting and as Mum kissed him "Good-night" she heard a sleepy murmur "Frankie go in a train! Likes trains!" Mum went quietly downstairs and smiled as she said: "I shouldn't wonder if Frank dreams about trains. He is as excited as we are about holidays."

Frank did dream about trains, and what a wonderful time he had in Sleepland.

Everything was ready for the holidays. The clothes were packed, the house was locked and Mum, Dad and



I.S.F. CONGRESS.

All Lyceumists who wish to attend the Triennial Congress of the International Spiritualist Federation which is being held at The Hague, Holland, during September, 1931, as B.S.L.U. Delegates should apply to the B.S.L.U. General Secretary (Mr. G. F. Knott, 20, Toad Lane, Rochdale, Lancs), for credentials. The application should be made before July 1st., 1931.

Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme.

SILVER PAPER.

We regret that the small amount of money we have received for the silver paper (tin foil) has proved, owing to the fall in the price of tin, that it is not worth our while collecting the Silver Paper any more. We shall send the present collection in hand and then cease this effort.

GEO. F. KNOTT, Clerk,  
Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme.

Mr. Ed. Nellist, G.N.S.C., the enthusiastic Secretary for the Tees-side L.D.C., reports Horden Lyceum are rejoining the Union. Overtures are being made for the affiliation of Billington Lyceum. There are also hopes that Durham Lyceum will re-open shortly, and possibly a new Lyceum will start at Southbank-on-Tees.

Frank hurried to the station. It was a funny station. Dad bought the tickets off a fisherman in a little wooden house like a boat, and a farmer's boy called out: "Hurry along there, or the train will just be coming back. Frank could see the train snorting away in a green field, and there didn't seem to be any lines for it to run upon. A big notice-board was near them, and Dad read from it. "This way for Farmshore. Run for a train!"

They ran, and soon were in that queer train. Mum had forgotten to bring the doorkey, and Dad had left the luggage with the fisherman, but Frank knew that that didn't matter a bit on this train. The train snorted, it puffed, it groaned, and then with a wild "hurrah" it started to move backwards and nobody seemed to mind. It had no lines to run upon, and so it could just run about as it pleased. And it did! Farmshore seemed to be there all the time, because that train went to look at every farm it passed, and even went to paddle in the sea.

Then some more passengers came on to the train, and it didn't need to stop for them. They just ran, jumped, and were on it. The train ran to have a look at a little stream, and a fine green frog hopped aboard. Running through a farmyard brought a lot of passengers. A specklety hen, a white duck, and a little lamb came on the train, and just as it was leaving the farmyard, a fat black pig squeezed in through a window. The duck chased the frog round and round, until at last the frog hopped up on to the luggage rack. Mrs. Specklety hen laid three fine white eggs in Mum's lap, and they were all hardboiled. Frank began to eat some chocolate when the pig came and asked for half, and the little lamb would sit on Dad's knees.

The train ran away from the farm and puffed on to the shore. It didn't like the white horses on the waves, and so kept trying to shoo them away. The white horses grew cross, and began to throw pebbles at the train, and some went through the windows.

With the pebbles came a crab, which seemed to like Mum's fingers, and she wasn't a bit pleased. All at once the train stopped to get a drink of sea-water and so Frank got out to dig in the sand. He made such a lovely castle, with a sea-weed garden, and a path of tiny pebbles, that the hen, the duck the lamb and the pig all came to have a look at it. Mum and Dad just smiled at him from the train.

Frank was so busy with his castle, and so worried lest the pig should want to lie down in the castle garden, that he didn't hear the train gurgle. "I'm not thirsty now. Salt-water is the finest drink on a rainy day." Before he knew what was happening the train was puffing away over the sand-hills with Mum and Dad in it, and Frank left on the shore with the farmyard folk. He waved, and he shouted, whilst the pig grunted, and the hen clucked, but it was all of no use. That train was running away fast, and it wouldn't stop, and Mum and Dad didn't seem to have noticed that Frank was left behind. Poor Frank didn't know what to do, when a big sea horse offered him a ride. "Where would you take me?" asked Frank. "Back to where you came from, of course," said the sea-horse. "We always do go backwards and forwards, don't we?" Frank jumped on to the sea-horse's back, and after a long ride was dropped to the ground again.

Frank opened his eyes with a sigh. He had tumbled out of bed, and had just scrambled back between the

sheets when Mum came up. In her hand was a letter, and she looked very happy as she said: "Oh, Frank! we are to go, to London for our holiday, and not to the seaside, or to a farm!" "Shall we go in a train? I don't like trains. They run away!" answered Frank. Mum laughed and said "So you did dream about trains after all, Sonny! No we are to go to London in Auntie's motor-car. Won't that be fun?"

Mum wondered what Frank's dream train had done, but being only four, he couldn't tell her all about it, and so she must still be wondering.

My love to all Imps,

MEG.

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## The Magic Stones: or Peter in Fairyland.

By UNCLE FRED.

A voice from within called out "Come in," and Peter, lifting the latch, entered the cottage. He found himself in a big, roomy, kitchen, with a large fire blazing on the hearth, whilst an old lady, wearing a queer, tall hat, stirred some broth in a large pan which hung over the fire.

The old lady turned to smile at Peter, bidding him be seated, whilst she was preparing a nice basin of broth for him. "I have been expecting you, my dear," said the old dame, "and I thought that you would disappoint me."

Peter thought this rather strange, but the kitchen was so warm and cosy, and the smell of the broth so enticing, that he banished all his fears. Forgetting all about his mission, he talked to the old dame about his past adventures, and told her about the magic stick. "Let me look at this wonderful stick, my dear," said the old lady, but although Peter showed it to her, he would not allow her to touch it. The dame then resumed her stirring of the broth, and slyly watching Peter, she quickly drew a paper from her apron pocket, and emptied its contents into the broth.

After a little more stirring, she fetched a large basin, which she filled with the broth. Placing the basin and a thick slice of bread before Peter, she bade him make a good meal, whilst she prepared a bed for him. Peter did not require any urging to eat, for he felt very hungry, and he quickly disposed of the broth and bread. When he had finished his meal, he suddenly felt very drowsy, and his eyelids felt too heavy to remain open. With a big sigh Peter laid his head upon the table, and, in a minute, was fast asleep.

The old lady looked at Peter and said "I thought the sleeping draught, which I dropped into the broth, would have its effects," As you will guess, she was a witch, and she had drugged the broth, so that she might hand Peter over to the Black Dwarf King, who had promised her a handsome reward for his capture.

When the old witch was quite satisfied that Peter was in a deep sleep she opened the cottage door, and taking a whistle from her pocket, blew on it shrilly. Away in the distance, could be heard an answering whistle, and in a few minutes, out of the darkness, came the sound of running feet. One hundred black dwarfs dashed up to the cottage door. The old witch pointed to the sleeping dog, and said "There lies your prisoner! bind him well and take him to your King." The dwarfs rushed into the kitchen, bound and secured Peter, and, carrying him out of the kitchen, they disappeared into the night.

When they had gone, the old witch returned into the cottage, and searched for the magic stick. Much to her annoyance, it could not be found, and she vowed vengeance on the black dwarfs, whom, she suspected, had carried it away.

Meanwhile, the black Dwarfs took the sleeping Peter to the castle of their king. He ordered that the dog should be placed in the darkest and deepest dungeon, and that he was to be securely chained to the walls of his prison. The king's commands were speedily obeyed, and Peter was now a prisoner of the King of the Black Dwarfs, who vowed that he was to be put to death in three days' time.

#### CHAPTER V.

When Peter awoke from the deep sleep caused by the drugged broth, he found himself securely fastened to the walls of a dark and horrible cell. His head was aching, and though he had a faint memory of falling asleep in the witch's cottage, he could not understand what could have happened to him since then. As he lay wondering, he heard footsteps approaching his cell door, and, presently, it opened and a hideous black dwarf appeared. The dwarf carried a lantern, and he gazed fiercely at Peter, and threw on the ground some scraps of meat, bones, and black bread saying "Here is your food, prisoner!" Another dwarf entered, carrying a large dish of water which he placed near Peter.

The pair then withdrew remarking "So much for your efforts to find the fairies. You will soon be providing a meal for the Green Dragon." Then, closing and locking the door, they left Peter alone with his thoughts. Peter began to feel very alarmed. He had disobeyed his instructions, and he had lost the magic stick. Much to his joy he found that Bluebell's ring was still safely encircling his right paw. Still, he feared that Bluebell would not be able to help him now that he was a prisoner of the black dwarfs.

After a few minutes thought he decided to try to see if his magic ring could bring him aid. As Bluebell had instructed him, he rubbed his nose upon the ring, and three times cried out "Bluebell!" Then he waited, wondering what would happen. The minutes went by, and there was no response, to his call. He tried again, and there was still no sign of help from the fairy folk. Peter began to despair. Suddenly, he was startled to hear a rustling sound amongst the straw in the corner of the cell. A tiny voice addressed him, saying "Peter! I am one of the Brownie Folk, I have been sent by the Fairy Bluebell, to try to help you." Peter was filled with joy, as he realised that his fairy friend had heard his cry for aid, and had sent him help.

From amongst the straw crept a brown rat—the "Brownie" who had come from Fairy Bluebell. The rat spoke again. "To-night I shall come with my eleven brothers, at midnight, to try to set you free. It is only at that hour that we Brownies possess magic powers, and we shall need them to release you from this prison. Be wide awake, and be ready to do all that we ask of you." The Brownie then bade Peter "Farewell," and disappeared amongst the straw, once more.

Peter was alone again, but he felt much happier for the visit of the Brownie. He could not but wonder how his new little friend could free him from his chains. He ate the food which the dwarfs had brought him and then tried to sleep so that he might be quite refreshed in time for his new adventures.

It was about ten minutes before midnight when Peter awoke. Almost immediately the straw began to rustle, and the Brownie folk made their appearance. There were twelve little brown rats, and the dog could see their eyes sparkling in the darkness of the cell. "Now, Peter," said the leader "You must sit down on the floor keeping as far as possible from the wall." Peter quickly obeyed, and the Brownies formed a ring around him, joining their fore-paws together. As they encircled, him they sang:

"Smaller grow; smaller grow!  
Feet and body smaller grow.  
Now the head, now the tail,  
After that, all will be well."  
*(to be continued).*

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### 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.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.—In loving memory of Florence Lowde, aged 12, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Leigh, passed to the Summerland, June 17th, 1928.

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### TRANSITION OF MR. RANDS, ROTHERHAM.

By the promotion to the other side of life on May 6th of Mr. Rands, Rotherham Lyceum, and the Sheffield District, lost its oldest member and worker.

Mr. Rands took an active part in the formation of the first Spiritual Church in Rotherham 35 years ago, being one of its first Vice-Presidents and afterwards holding various positions, including Church Treasurer. He also helped to start the first Lyceum about two years after the opening of the Church. From that time he has been an ardent worker in the Children's Cause, and held the position of Conductor on many occasions.

Mr. Rands had a cheery personality that seemed to attract the children; he was beloved by them all. He was never more happy than when he had the young Lyceumists climbing on his knee, or walking by his side down pleasant country lanes.

He was well-known throughout the entire District, being an Associate, and Honorary Member of the District Council.

His outstanding characteristic was his virile and progressive mind; always ready to welcome new truths and forsake the old ideas. He welcomed the advent of the Education Scheme, and earnestly encouraged the young to take it up, acting as Supervisor for a number of years.

My sincere desire is that the life-long examples of our beloved Comrade will inspire the young Lyceumists to stand steadfast to the Cause, and be encouraged by Mr. Rand's example.

Our present loss is the future's gain.

ARTHUR BRUCE, G. N. S. C.

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A warm heart requires a cool head.

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Superstition requires the fulcrum of ignorance for its lever.

## The B.S.L.U. Annual Conference.

The B.S.L.U. Annual Conference was held in the Spiritualist Church, Dalkeith Street, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd and 24th, 1931.

Mrs. J. Reynolds, A.N.S.C., of Nottingham, President of the Union, was in the Chair.

The Conference opened at 3-30 p.m. with the singing of "Shoulder to Shoulder."

Mr. J. Slimin, Sunderland, offered an invocation.

### 1. APPOINTMENTS.

*Messenger:* Mr. E. Aked, Bradford.

*Tellers:* Mr. A. W. Harding, Leeds L.D.C., Mr. G. P. Robson, Tyneside L.D.C.

*Scrutineers:* Miss G. Haigh, Huddersfield, Ramsden St.; Mr. S. W. Smith, York; Mr. E. Raw, Nelson; Mr. Barnett, Collyhurst.

### STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.

2. Mr. Connor moved,  
**That Mr. Shuttleworth be the Conference Member on the Standing Orders Committee.** *Agreed.*  
 The President extended a very hearty welcome to the Delegates.

### MINUTES.

3. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Springate seconded,  
**That the Minutes be accepted as printed.** *Agreed.*  
 Mr. Wright moved, Mr. Tweedale seconded,  
**That the Minutes be adopted.** *Agreed.*

### CORRESPONDENCE.

4. Mr. Knott read letters from Mr. Kitson, Mr. McFarlane, Miss Stair, Mr. Mason, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Dobby.  
 5. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Smith (Sheffield) seconded,  
**That the Correspondence be accepted and suitable replies be sent.** *Agreed.*

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mrs. Reynolds read her Presidential Address. Miss E. Elliott, Vice-President, occupied the Chair. (The Address was printed in the June BANNER).

Mr. Mack moved, Mrs. Rothwell seconded,  
**That the Presidential Address be accepted, and that it be printed in the BANNER and offered for publication to the Spiritualist Press.** *Agreed.*

Messrs. Mack, Fruin, Wilkinson, Edwards, Armitage, Dickinson, Latham, Connor, Robson, Slimin, and Mrs. Jessy Greenwood, made comments on the address.

The President then resumed her position in the Chair, and invited Mrs. Paling to the platform, as one of the S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates. Mr. E. A. Keeling the other S.N.U. Fraternal Delegate, came on the platform later.

### CREDENTIAL REPORT.

7. Officers 4, Area Representatives 5, Trustees 4, Auditors 2, Education Committee 1, U.D.C 1, District Councils 13, represented by 16 Delegates, Lyceums 42, represented by 49 Delegates. Total eligible to vote 82.  
 There were also present, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegate 1, Reporter 1, Press 1. Total present 85.  
 8. Mr. Taylor moved, Mrs. George seconded,  
**That the Credential Report be accepted.** *Agreed.*  
 9. Mr. Parker moved, Miss Sellers seconded,  
**That all Reports be accepted as printed.** *Agreed.*

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.

10. Mr. Knott read the Management Committee Interim Report.

#### Interim Report.

The strength of the Union at the end of 1930 was 262 Lyceums with 13,259 Lyceumists.  
 This year, up-to-date, 238 Lyceums have paid Fees and 8 Lyceums have been admitted into membership. 24 Lyceums have not paid the 1931 fees. The total Lyceumists returns up-to-date are 12,225.  
 Two Lyceums are reported closed. The 1930 average per Lyceum was 50 members. The peak year was 1925, when we had an average of 59 per Lyceum.

We suggest extended local visitation would bring back these 9 Lyceumists to each Lyceum.

The Scottish District is very weak. We have no D.C. in Wales and there is not a single Lyceum in Ireland.

The LYCEUM BANNER edition has been stationary at 4,100 copies for many months. Over 50 Lyceums do not take copies. We again solicit the help of District Councils to encourage Lyceums to increase the sales.

In the Publishing Department we have had a reprint of the "Lyceum Manual." The sales are slightly better, but could be much improved.

The M.C. were dissatisfied with the last supply of Badges and have changed the makers. A much better supply has been obtained.

The M.C. have arranged with the S.N.U. to pay, as last year, a joint Fee of £20 for the British affiliation to the I.S.F.; £10 from each Union. We have asked Mr. A. T. Connor to contribute a Paper, on behalf of the B.S.L.U. upon the subject "Lyceum Education." The Essay is to hand and will be passed to the I.S.F. in due course.

The Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme has sent eight patients to the seaside for treatment. There have been no children treated under the Scheme. All cases, except one youth, and one maiden, have been adult Lyceumists. The cost of the Scheme this year has been £24. 12s. 0d.

The M.C. appeal to the District Councils and Lyceums to consider proposals which will increase the strength, deepen the interest, and bring back the Union to prosperity and progress.

Next year we provide an opportunity for revising the Constitution. There will thus be a chance to remould the Union, where necessary to improve our government and organisation, with a view to bringing the Lyceums closer together and producing better results.

At the moment, the slow growth of the £2,000 Effort prevents the exploration of financial possibilities in trading and establishing our position.

Finally, the M.C. pay tribute to all Lyceums, Leaders, and Officers, for their integrity during a very difficult period.

We hope next year may find our Union and its Members in an improved condition.

The Conference adjourned for tea.

### EVENING SESSION.

The evening session opened with the singing of "Triumph of Love,"

11. Mr. Knott stated that, unfortunately, the Mayor and Mayoress could not be present, but they are being substituted by two of the local Aldermen.

Mr. Fullard, President of the Dalkeith St. Church, introduced Alderman Morton, and said, "I am sure it gives me great pleasure on behalf of this Church and Lyceum, to welcome you, Alderman Morton, into our Church. I feel proud to-day that I am a Lyceumist. I was one of the original Lyceumists in this town about 1885. We have looked forward to this day. It has come at last and I hope that your activities and your deliberations may be lasting, and delight, not only the Union which you represent, but humanity as well.

We have from our Lyceum, one gentleman, Alderman Dan Griffiths, on the Aldermanic Bench.

One of our Lyceumists, Mr. G. Sinkinson, is M.P. for Berwick. When he was in Barrow he made it his business to round us up to chat about old times.

I now have pleasure in introducing to you one of our townsmen, Alderman Morton.

Alderman Morton. Madam President, Members of the B.S.L.U., I noticed my introducer referred to you as Comrades. I felt at home immediately. The members of the movement to which I have given my Life's services, always, whether they be lowly or great, call themselves comrades. It is a very noble expression and if carried out in the true spirit will go a long way towards the redemption of the world.

However, my business this evening is one that I took upon myself at the express wish of His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Alderman Dockeray, who asked me to

express his very great regret that, owing to an important Conference in Edinburgh, he was unable to be with you to give you a word of welcome this evening, and he asked me to deputise for him, and I am doing it with a great privilege and pleasure. I want, Madam President, and may I call you comrades, to express, on behalf of the Mayor, on behalf of the Corporation, and on behalf of the whole body of townsmen in Barrow, a very hearty and sincere welcome to our town during your Annual Conference. (Applause).

It is only 67 years ago on the 13th June of this year that Barrow received its Charter of Incorporation and therefore when you have the time and opportunity away from your Conference to view our town, you will observe that it has been planned in a very up-to-date manner. Our main thoroughfares nearly all have trees planted on either side.

In regard to the beauties of Barrow, whilst you are here I hope you will take the opportunity of seeing and enjoying them. I am asked by the Mayor to say that Furness Abbey is thrown open to you for Monday next at the cost of the town and townsmen. (Applause).

After describing Peel Castle, Walney Island, George Romney's artistry, Alderman Morton said "Barrow is one of the very few places where Secondary School education is free. In comparison with our population we send more students to Training Colleges for teachers, and Universities, than possibly any other town in the country.

Therefore, that is a reason why I say you are doubly welcome to Barrow, from a point of view of you being an educational organisation." (Applause).

President. I'm sure that we can all of us appreciate the beautiful welcome that we have received from Mr. Morton.

I would like, also, to express our thanks to the Mayor of Barrow for the very generous manner in which he has opened Furness Abbey for our benefit. We shall fully appreciate the beauties of Barrow.

May I say how pleased and proud we are to have along with us Mr. Alderman Dan Griffiths.

Alderman Dan Griffiths. Forty-one years ago I came into this building a little boy without any friends. There was an old man who could not possibly have known my mother, as she passed away when I was three years old. He saw my mother, and having done so he told my father that the price for the good he had done was I had to go to the Lyceum the morning after. I came here a dirty little beggar, with a ragged jersey on. In your own Lyceum it might be that some little straggler will come in. Make a special attempt to give them a welcome.

I want to tell you about the building in which you are now meeting; the money was obtained through a vision from the spirit world. A blind medium, under control, said, on this ground there would be built a Church. He went to a business man in Barrow and the spirits persuaded the man to lend £3,060 and the man provided the money, even to the last length of mortgaging his business premises. I honestly believe that that money was paid back in the actual cash. The Spirit World promised that the man should get it back and more, and he is one of the most wealthy men in Barrow to-day.

I hope you have a good time. (Applause).

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (discussion resumed).**

12. Mr. Fruin moved, Mr. Calway seconded,  
**That before any further stock of badges are purchased consideration shall be given to the adoption of the Sunflower Badge, or otherwise the International Badge, when adopted by the International Spiritualists Federation—with a distinctive mark for Lyceums—as the Lyceum Badge in substitution of the Badges at present in use, and a Postal Ballot be taken if necessary.**  
 Mr. Mack: I was under the impression that the Sunflower Badges had been adopted by the I.S.F.  
 Miss Elliott: If this resolution to adopt the Sunflower Badge, with a special mark for Lyceumists, is

carried, we should have to ask the I.S.F. for permission to make the mark on the Badge.

Mrs. Greenwood: Can this matter be settled here for the full movement? We should have to have the consent of all Lyceumists in the movement.

Mr. Shuttleworth: Is it not the intention of the London L.D.C. to take a plebiscite of the whole Union?

Mr. Fruin: That is the idea. The last part of the resolution makes it quite clear.

Vote. For the Motion, 60  
 Against 11

The Motion was carried.

13. Miss Elliott moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,  
**That our delegate to the forthcoming International Congress be instructed to ask for the use of the badge as suggested in the resolution.** Carried.

Mr. Mack: Would it be asking too much for further information on the Canadian National Spiritualist Union regarding their agency?

Mr. Knott: The Management Committee met Mr. Skelton as representative of the Canadian Union, and we agreed that Mr. Skelton's Union should have the sole agency for the supply of Lyceum goods to Canada with the exception of those Lyceums affiliated to the B.S.L.U.

14. Mr. Parker moved, Mr. Barnett seconded,  
**That the M.C. Report be adopted.** Agreed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

15. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Harding seconded,  
**That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as printed.** Agreed.

Mr. Burrows read the Interim Report.

**Treasurer's Interim Report to Conference.**

	Receipts.	Expenses.
General .....	170 18	1 223 3 10
Banner .....	107 13	1 184 3 4
Publishing .....	188 6	1 130 9 9
Certs. Deposits .....	0 3	6

£467 0 9 £537 16 11

Supplementary Funds, to date ..... 6 9 6

£2,000 Effort, to April 30th, 1931 ..... 36 1 1

**ASSETS.**

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1931 .....	8 8 0
Part March Receipts, since paid by Secretary to Bank .....	25 0 0
Part March Receipts, held by Secretary for Conference expenses .....	54 1 5

£87 9 5

Less adverse balance on April's workings ..... 7 6 3

£80 3 2

**LIABILITIES.**

Balance of Badges account .....	5 17 0
Balance of Wadsworth's 1930 accounts .....	181 15 8
Wadsworth's 1931 accounts .....	343 2 10

£530 15 6

Mr. Burrows. In the M.C. Report you were told there was an adverse balance of roughly £38. I have been thinking round this question and I know that our Guarantee Funds have not realised quite all we would like them to, and I think if Lyceums would try to realise their responsibility there is plenty of room where this money could be earned. I know there are plenty of Lyceums in needs of Manuals. There will be no revision for the next 10 years, if then, so that all Lyceums purchasing Manuals, could do so with the full idea of getting good value out of the Manuals before the next revision.

Mr. Mack. Might I ask one question on the Publishing Fund a/c? Sale of Manuals, &c., what proportion is for Manuals?

Mr. Knott. A similar written question has been sent in and the Auditors have prepared an answer.

Mr. Shuttleworth. The question has been withdrawn. We have been told we are asking for things we are not entitled to know.

**AUDITORS' REPORT.**

Mr. Dixon. We present the Balance Sheet as printed and are quite satisfied that the accounts represent the true position of the Union. We have met the Trustees on their accounts, and we understand they are now to their satisfaction.

We have had questions submitted to us by the North East Lancashire L.D.C., and these have since been withdrawn, although we have prepared answers to the questions.

After some discussion the Auditors explained and gave answers to the written queries.

Mr. Robson. I am asked by my D.C. what is the Accumulative Fund?

Mr. Burrows. Deficits and Profits from all the other accounts.

Mr. Batley drew attention that written notice should have been given by the Delegates, so that adequate answers could have been prepared.

16. Mr. Wright moved, Mr Armitage seconded,  
**That the Treasurer's Report be adopted.**

*Agreed.*

17. Mr. Tweedale moved, Miss Elliott seconded,  
**That the Auditor's Report be adopted.**

*Agreed.*

**£2,000 EFFORT REPORT.**

18. Mrs. Reynolds. You will notice that the Banner report gives the a/c to the end of the year. Since then I had 10/1½. Founder's Day £4 17s. 0d. Donations £3 10s. 7½d. Musical Recital £1 0s. 9d. Total Income £9 18s. 6d.

Since taking over the Fund in July, 1929, there have been total donations of £85 5s. 1½d. I appreciate all this, knowing the conditions, and realise the efforts which are being made to try to bring this Fund up to its final issue.

19. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Parker seconded,  
**That the £2000 Effort Report be adopted.**

Mr. Fruin. Might I ask when this Fund was started.

Mr. Burrows. The resolution was passed at the 1920 Conference, but it was not till nine months later that it actually started.

Mr. Mack stated at the present rate of contribution it will take us 26 years more to get the £2,000.

The Adoption of the Report was agreed to.

**TRUSTEES REPORT.**

20. Mr. Shuttleworth. There is a mistake in the first paragraph of the printed report. The interest should read 4½ per cent.

Mr. Edwards read the Interim Report.

**£2,000 EFFORT.**

	£	s.	d.
Balance, Dec. 31st., 1930	672	2	11
Interest on Mortgages	12	2	0
	£684	4	11

**HOME FUND.**

Balance, Dec. 31st., 1930	190	4	7
Interest on Mortgages.	2	13	10
	£192	18	5

**AINSWORTH HOME OF REST SCHEME.**

Balance, Dec. 31st. 1930.	106	4	0
Donation.	10	0	0
Charity Commissioners.	3	2	4
Sale of Tin Foil	6	8	8
Cost of Treatment (refund)	1	10	0
	£111	13	0

21. Mr. Edwards moved, Mr. Smith (York) seconded,  
**That the Trustees Report be adopted.**

After discussion the adoption of the Report was agreed to.

**BANNER REPORT.**

22. Mr. Knott moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,

**That the Banner Report be adopted.**

Mr. Knott. I would like to appeal to all Lyceumists and especially Conductors to try to get a Literature Secretary, who will push the sale of Literature and "Banners."

The adoption of the report was agreed to.

**EDUCATION REPORT.**

23. Mr. Connor was invited to the platform.

He said:—"In the M.C. Report it is very nicely said that for the first time it has been run with a cash balance. Do not place too much importance on that. I am benefitting this year because there was so much stock got previously and I am using everything up. Then there is house-room with no rent now-a-days, my daughter is doing gratis the work that Miss Kitson's clerk used to do. I am telling you this because next year I do not want some smart chap saying "You worked at a profit last year, why not this year?"

In the "Banner" Report I could only give you the figures up to the time the "Banner" went to print. Here they are up-to-date, 118 Lyceums entered students. Oral Grade 529. Grade I 497. Grade II 158. Grade III 84. Grade IV 54. Grade V. 42. Total 1,364.

There is an increase of 124 on last year's figures, but the increase in the number that sat is only about 20. The sitters at the examinations were,—Oral Grade 347. Grade I 379. Grade II 124. Grade III 72. Grade IV 42. Grade V 36. Total 1,000.

We are still waiting for three results—one from Canada and two from New Zealand, and as they always sit I am practically sure of being able to add 32. They are Lyceumists who have left the country and who have taken the Lyceum and Lyceum ideals with them and they have not forgotten where they learned their Lyceum teachings. They are still keeping in touch with the Education Scheme.

Please put your attention on the paragraph about a Sunday Consultative Conference. Why is it that 300 don't sit. Look at back entries for Grade I and II and see what a small number go on to Grade IV and V.

In every District we have our own special difficulties to tell each other at Conference, and see if we can find some common way to remedy it.

I would like to propose that that paragraph be adopted. If it is all these things can be left over till tomorrow. If not, Delegates still want to answers to their questions now.

24. Miss Keeling moved, Mrs. Watson seconded,

**That Paragraph 11 of the Education Report be adopted.**

After explanations and discussion

25. M. Slimin moved, Mr. Wilkinson seconded,

**That in this and future Conferences each Conference be turned into a Consultative Conference for a period of at least an hour and not longer than one and half hours on the presentation of the Education Committee Report.**

The Motion by Miss Keeling re paragraph 11 of the Education Report was withdrawn.

Vote for the Motion	For	63.
	Against	4.

The motion was carried.

26. Mr. Connor. I think the Lyceum or parent, of an Oral Grade Student should be willing to pay 3d. per entry for the Oral Grade. It will help to pay for the Certificates and we are very hard up in the Education Committee.

I also want Conference to agree to 2/6 for the Education Expenses, instead of 1/- for postage, and 1/- for Results Book, and let the amount cover both post and Results Book. The 2/6 to cover both items. I wish Conference to give me instructions

not to accept entries unless accompanied by the 2/6 payment.

Last year there was some discussion about the size of the Education Committee. We had two co-options during the year. One was my daughter, the other was Miss Lawton as Oral Grade Secretary. Miss Lawton, instead of being only Oral Grade Secretary has been doing all that I have previously done with Miss Kitson. I have not issued anything without Miss Lawton's collaboration. She ought to be able to attend Conference as Education Representative and take her place in the Education Committee. It has been suggested that she should act as Education Chairman. The same question is raised regarding a co-opted person being elected to office. We suggest to Conference that Miss Lawton be allowed to take the position of Education Chairman and have some credit for her work in the report.

Mr. Wilkinson queried the supervision of students.

27. Mr. Smith (Sheffield) moved, Mr. Pollard seconded,

**That this matter be taken up by the Education Committee and Mr. Wilkinson send the details of his complaint to the Education Committee.**  
*Carried.*

28. Mr. Dixon moved, Miss Elliott seconded,

**That in future the Education Committee shall consist of the Education Chairman and Secretary, both to be elected and appointed by Conference, and the General Secretary and President for the time being, with power to co-opt.**  
*Agreed.*

29. Mrs. Nurse moved, Miss Elliott seconded,

**That Miss Lawton be Education Chairman.**

*Agreed.*

30. Mr. Shuttleworth moved,

**That Mr. Connor be Education Secretary.**

*Agreed.*

31. Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Calway seconded,

**That a charge of 2/6 for Education expenses be made**  
*Agreed.*

32. Mr. Robson moved, Miss Entwistle seconded,

**That the charge for Oral Grade Students be 3d. per Entrant.**

The motion was *carried* with seven dissentients.

33. Mr. Marks read a Notice of Motion.

**That this Conference appoints a Committee to investigate the advisability of an increase in the scope of the Education Scheme by the inclusion of a series of Psychological Intelligence Tests. This Committee to report its findings and submit its recommendations to the Annual Conference, 1932.**

#### CREDENTIAL REPORT.

34. Mr. Batley read the Credential Report. Officers 4, Area Representatives 5, Trustees 4, Auditors 2, Education Committee 1, U.D.C., 1, D.C.'s 14, represented by 18 Delegates, Lyceums 45, represented by 54 Delegates. Total eligible to vote 89. There were also present, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegates 2, Reporter 1, Press 1, Accepted Visitors 3. Total 96.

35. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,

**That the Credential Report be accepted.**

*Carried.*

36. Miss Elliott moved, Mr. Burrows seconded,  
**That Jessy Greenwood and James Shuttleworth be elected as Members of the Board of Management for the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme for a further period of five years, dating from the eleventh day of December, 1931.**

*Agreed.*

Conference adjourned at 9-6 p.m.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

Conference re-opened at 10-7 a.m. with the singing of "How to Live." Mrs. Nurse offered an invocation.

The Barrow Lyceumists gave a very pretty welcome to the Conference. The officials were presented with roses and the bulk of the Delegates with sprays of Lilies of the Valley, whilst "Heart Flowers" was being sung.

The President thanked all those concerned for all we have received during the enjoyable welcome. (Applause.)

Miss Lawton. It is not often that we get such a glorious chance of paying tribute publicly to the help we get from our spirit friends. When we were thinking of this Conference I thought of conducting the Lyceum Welcome myself. I had a very vague idea about the tableau. I mentioned that I had an idea to two spirit friends who are great Lyceumists. When I talked to them I found my ideas were a very faint image of their plans. One Lyceumist is an Indian and the other an African. I have not done anything in Lyceum work without their help. The tableau which has been given is just their idea.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

	1st Vote.	2nd Vote.
President: Miss E. Elliott	47	elected
Mr. G. A. Mack	9	
Mrs. J. Reynolds	29	
Vice-President:		
Mr. G. A. Mack	26	33
Mrs. L. Nurse.	9	
Mrs. J. Reynolds	42	53 elected
Mr. J. Slimin	7	
Mr. J. F. Smith	3	
Treasurer: Mr. W. Burrows.		
Auditor: Mr. J. P. T. Calway	14	
Mr. G. A. Dixon	69	elected.
S.N.U. E. C. Representatives.		
Mr. W. Burrows and the General Secretary.		
S. N. U. A.G.M. Delegates.		
Miss E. Elliott. Mr. A. T. Connor.		

#### ARISEN WORKERS.

38. Mr. Knott read the list of Arisen Workers, and all the Delegates stood whilst the list was read.

Mrs. Nurse. We offer to our arisen loved ones our hearty congratulations on their ascension to the higher life. We reverence the service rendered by our Arisen Lyceumists.

#### CREDENTIAL REPORT.

39. Officers 4, Area Representatives 5, Trustees 4, Auditors 2, Education Committee 1, U.D.C. 1, District Councils 14, represented by 18 Delegates, Lyceums 45, represented by 54 delegates, Eligible to vote 89. Also present, S.N.U. Fraternal Delegate 1, Reporter 1, Press 1. Total 92.

40. Mr. Shuttleworth moved, Mr. Parker seconded,

**That the Credential Report be accepted.**

*Agreed.*

#### EDUCATION REPORT (contd.)

41. Mr. Marks moved, Mr. Parker seconded,

**That this Conference appoints a Committee to investigate the advisability of an increase in the scope of the Education Scheme by the inclusion of a series of Psychological Intelligence Tests. This Committee to report its findings and submit its recommendations to the Annual Conference, 1932.**

Mr. Connor. Instead of asking for a special Committee to be formed I suggest Mr. Marks submit his ideas to the present Education Committee, and that they be asked to consider and include their opinions on it in their next Education Conference Report.

Miss Lawton. I'd like to ask Mr. Marks why he suggests this psychology test and what sort of tests is he thinking of? We sometimes use these tests in mixed classes. They are an out-and-out failure.

Miss Halliday. I would like to know what tests Mr. Marks suggests? These test have been tried on children of 11, Secondary and Technical. It has proved an absolute wash-out. The old system is much better.

Mr. Thompson. Every Lyceumist would greatly benefit by a study of the science of psychology. We want more and more of our Lyceumists to take the matter up.

Miss Keeling. I'd like to know what is the difference between Mr. Connor's suggestion and the proposition by Mr. Marks? As far as I can make out it is the same. All Mr. Marks is asking for is a Committee to investigate. Naturally the Education Committee would be included.

Mr. Connor. I suggested that Mr. Marks should submit his suggestion to the Education Committee and not have a special Committee.

Mr. Marks. I suggest you do have a Committee to study it before you cast it out. I am quite willing to allow the Education Committee to be the Committee.

Voting For 41. Against 29.  
The motion was *carried*.

#### ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

42. Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Smith (Sheffield) seconded.  
**That the Education Committee and Mr. Marks form the "Psychological Tests Committee."**  
*Carried.*

43. Mr. Calway moved, Mrs Fruin seconded,  
**That the Education Committee consider revising the Oral Grade and report to next Conference in accordance with the following:-**

(a) **Junior Section, Oral Grade examination in which candidate answers a number of questions set by the Education Committee in his or her own words.**

(b) **Senior Section. The same as for Juniors, only of a Higher Standard, together with a written essay on a subject set by the Education Committee.**

**The Question No. 31. of the Oral Grade Primer "The Seven Principles" and Question 32, "The Origin of these Principles to be retained in both sections.**

Messrs. Mack, Fruin, Parker, and Mrs. Calway spoke on the motion.

Mr. Connor. I am sorry this Motion has been jumped on the Conference instead of writing to the Education Committee.

I want Conference to remember that the age for the Grade I was raised from 10 to 12 years, because the Examiners thought that the 10 to 12's were not capable of written exams.

Whatever Conference decides the Education Committee will carry out. I have been in Oral Grade work 15 to 16 years. I know from experience that the Education Scheme suits the conditions of the B.S.L.U. better than anything we have had.

If the resolution is withdrawn and passed on to the Education Committee we will investigate it.

Mr. Calway and the Conference agreed to this suggestion.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Session re-opened at 1-20 p.m. with the singing of "Triumph of Love."

44. Mr. Connor moved, Miss Elliott seconded.  
**That the Education report be adopted.**

45. Mr. Tweedale moved, Mr. Slimin seconded,  
**That the best thanks of this Conference be extended to Miss Eva Connor for the work she has done for this Union.**

*Agreed.*

Mr. Mack requested that Mrs. Mills be noted in the Education Report as Mr. Knott's assistant.

The adoption of the Education Report was agreed to.

46. The Credential Committee reported a query concerning a credential.

Miss Elliott moved, Mr. Burrows seconded,  
**That Mr. Keeling be given permission to explain his position before Conference.**

*Carried with 5 dissentients.*

Mr. Keeling. I stand outside the barrier of the house to make my statement which is very meagre indeed. I have two Credentials which have been issued to me in perfect order.

I attended last evening's Session as Fraternal Delegate of the Spiritualist National Union, and as

I wanted to be in the Conference as an active member to-day, I ceased as Fraternal Delegate last evening. I attended this morning in my position as Chairman of the Manual Revision Committee, but I was excluded.

I might explain that the idea in not attending altogether as Manual Revision Chairman was because we have done no work and I did not think that there was need for an official Delegate.

The question of expenses has never arisen on either side, but there is no reason why it should cost the Lyceum Union a penny.

I am merely standing on a point of principle. I ask the right of my admission as Chairman of the Manual Revision Committee who was not present at the Conference yesterday.

Miss Elliott. If the claim that Mr. Keeling is making for representation as Chairman of the Manual Revision is allowed what is our position towards the S.N.U.? The responsibility does not lie with the B.S.L.U. towards the S.N.U., but I claim that the responsibility would then rest with Mr. Keeling.

Mr. Keeling. Perfectly true.

Mr. Knott. The position is interpreted by the Management Committee that once a Delegate has chosen how he shall attend this Conference, and a card has been used, he must use the card for the full period of the Conference. The Standing Orders Committee also agree with the decision.

Mr. Keeling. Do not waste the time of Conference on this matter.

Messrs. Nurse, Burrows, Shuttleworth, Connor, Dickinson, Slimin, spoke on the matter,

47. Mr. Marks moved, Mr. Mack seconded,  
**That we proceed to next business.**

*Agreed.*

48. The Area Election Results were declared.

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

The election of Miss Elliott as President of the Union causes a By-election in Area F.

49. Miss Elliott moved, Mr. Connor seconded,  
**That we recommend the re-appointment of the General Secretary for a period of five years at present salary and conditions.**

Mr. Mack suggested the Motion should read,

**That we instruct the Trustees to re-engage the General Secretary at the same terms accorded five years ago.**

The mover and seconder accepted the alteration.

Mr. Slimin moved an amendment, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,

**That the engagement of the General Secretary be extended on present terms and conditions to the 30th June, 1932.**

Mr. Slimin. My reason for bringing this forward is, next year will be our year for alteration of the Constitution.

If we had a new Agreement drawn up from the year of Constitution and kept as a five years agreement, then the two would coincide.

Voting For the Amendment, 62.  
Against the Amendment, 16.

The Amendment became the Substantive Motion and was agreed to.

### COLLEGE REPORT.

50. Mr. Connor. I will be very pleased to answer any questions. I am hoping that Mrs. Paling, the S.N.U. Fraternal Delegate, and the very hard-working and efficient Secretary of their Education Committee will be asked to give a report of the Advanced Scheme and Results. Of the ten who passed the Final, seven passed sufficiently well to win the diploma of G.N.S.C. Three of these seven are Lyceumists who have worked up from the Lyceum Scheme and have passed nine examinations, and have passed the last so well that they have gained 75 out of a possible 100.

One of the three is Mr. Marks, another is Mr. Nellist, and the third is Mr. Guy, Secretary of the Southern Counties L.D.C. I have got the Diplomas and would like to ask our President to honour me and honour the winners of the Diplomas by presenting them.

51. Mr. Knott moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,  
**That the College Report be adopted.**

*Agreed.*

President. I have very great pleasure in presenting these certificates. I think Mr. Marks will be very proud to have been successful in gaining the Graduate Diploma. (Applause).

The Diplomas were presented to Mr. Marks and Mr. Nellist. Mr. Guy was not present.

Mrs. Paling. I do want to add my personal congratulations to the three Lyceumists. When the marked papers came back I read the papers and felt very proud of Mr. Marks and Mr. Nellist. They have done splendidly.

There were six entries for Intermediate from Lyceumists. I'm sorry there were so few. There are somewhere about 200 people who have passed Grade V and are eligible to go forward with the Advanced Grades. I do wish you would try to interest your students who have passed Grade V to go forward. The studies are much more interesting than Grade V.

Four of the six Lyceumists who have passed are, Mr. Le Noury, Miss Edna Holt, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson.

Two Lyceumists passed in the Subsidiary Grade. One is the Treasurer of the S.N.U., and I do admire his courage. He is giving the whole of his life to the figures of the S.N.U. The other is Mr. Barnes, of Bradford.

Mr. Giles and Mr. Partington have won their Degrees.

I hope you will get all your students to take up the Education Scheme. Education helps to benefit both Lyceums and Churches. Once knowledge is attained it is not content to stand still.

52. **S.N.U. A.G.M. REPRESENTATIVES.**

Mr. Knott. We have the right to appoint two Delegates to attend the A.G.M., of the S.N.U.

Mr. Dixon moved, Miss Sellers seconded,

**That the President-elect and Mr. A. T. Connor be the B.S.L.U. delegates.**

*Agreed.*

### I.S.F. DELEGATE.

53. Mr. Slimin moved, Mrs. Calway seconded,  
**That we send two Delegates to the I.S.F., Mr. G. F. Knott and Mr. A. T. Connor.**

Mr. Slimin. I feel we ought not to debar our General Secretary from going to the Hague as Delegate, but we ought to give Mr. Connor the opportunity of reading his Paper at the Congress.

*Agreed.*

### DATE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

54. Mr. Burrows moved, Miss Copeland seconded,  
**That the Date be next Whitsun, May 14th and 15th 1932.**

*Agreed.*

### PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

55. Mr. Knott read the only written invitation from Rochdale, (Regent Hall) Lyceum.

Mr. Burrows moved, Mr. Shuttleworth seconded,

**That we accept the Rochdale (Regent Hall) Lyceum's invitation with thanks.**

*Agreed.*

56. Miss Keeling. I should not like to see the National Spiritualist College Report pass without some mention being made of Mrs. Jessie Greenwood being made a Fellow of the College.

Mr. Connor: I have been very lucky in being able to get some of the Bound Volumes of the LYCEUM BANNER, and reading there what has taken place years ago. I was astounded and delighted to find the work that Mrs. Greenwood had done.

Mrs. Greenwood is one who has worked very hard, and one of whom we can feel proud. It is not a question of the College honouring Mrs. Greenwood, it is a question of Mrs. Greenwood honouring the College by accepting its Degree.

### MANUAL REVISION REPORT.

57. The General Secretary was instructed to notify the Members of the Manual Revision Committee when meetings cannot be held.

Mr. Dixon moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,

**That the Manual Revision Committee Report be adopted.**

*Agreed.*

### U.D.C. REPORT.

58. Mr. Parker moved, Miss Sellers seconded,

**That the U.D.C. Report be adopted.**

*Agreed.*

### AINSWORTH HOME OF REST REPORT.

59. Mr. Knott: The expenses of the Ainsworth Home of Rest Scheme up to May 20th, 1931, have been.—Meetings, £1 4s. 5d., Treatment, £21, Advs. 18s. Postages, £1 9s. 7d. Total, £24 12s.

We have written 60 Homes round the coast, over 30 of which have agreed to accept our patients for convalescent treatment.

When a doctor has recommended convalescent treatment at a Seaside place which was not on our list, and other Homes have been recommended, the acceptance of our patients has never been refused. We have sent patients to Bridlington, Fleetwood, Skegness, Hastings, Blackpool, Brighton and Southport.

I may say that all the Homes we have written to have received our patients.

60. Mr. Marks moved, Mr. Burrows seconded,

**That the Ainsworth Home of Rest Report be adopted**

*Agreed.*

### OVERSEAS REPORT.

61. Mr. Knott moved, Mr. Smith (York) seconded,

**That the Overseas Report be adopted.**

*Agreed.*

### INTERNATIONAL REPORT.

62. Mr. Knott stated that Mr. Oaten, along with the S.N.U., is preparing the arrangements for taking a party to The Hague. A circular stated that the S.N.U. had placed arrangements for visiting The Hague in the hands of the Two Worlds Publishing Co., Ltd. The inclusive charges are £9 per person.

Mr. Fruin: Regarding Delegates attending Congress who will arrive back in London on the Saturday night:—On behalf of the London L.D.C.—if any Delegate would like to stay in London and they will advise our Secretary, we will try to arrange billets for them.

Mr. Mack: On the application for Credentials,—I'd like to know how many Delegates we are allowed? Is it a case of those who apply first are Delegates? What methods have we adopted?

Mr. Knott: The matter is in the air at the moment. We will be entitled to one Delegate for every 15s. 10d. paid in Fees. The probability is that we shall have quite sufficient Credentials for those who are willing to go to The Hague.

63. Miss Elliott moved, Mr. Marks seconded,  
**That in view of the fact that the M.C. have made no definite decision relegating delegates to the I.S.F. Congress, all Lyceumists intending to be present at The Hague should make application to the General Secretary not later than July 1st.**  
*Agreed.*

64. Mr. Marks moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,  
**That the International Spiritualist Federation Report be adopted.**  
*Agreed.*

#### S.N.U. A.G.M. REPORT.

65. Miss Elliott moved, Mr. Smith (York) seconded,  
**That the S.N.U. A.G.M. Report in the September BANNER for 1930 be adopted.**  
*Agreed.*

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

Mr. KNOTT: In view of my membership of the Parliamentary Committee, I would like someone else to move this resolution, as the Member for Rochdale is a personal friend of mine.

I do think we ought to recognise the work Mr. W. T. Kelly is doing, along with other people, for the religious freedom of Spiritualists.

Mr. Kelly has got the Bill through the First Reading, and it is up to the Church Members to get their Members of Parliament to sit in the House, and get them to say "Aye" when Mr. Kelly again moves the Bill.

It is down on the Orders of the Day every time Mr. Kelly is in the House.

The longer it is delayed the more advertisement we are getting. There are some very good meetings in London being visited by M.P.s. They are not being converted to our Movement, but are becoming convinced we are serious-minded.

Mr. Kelly nurses this Bill and I think it is the least we can do to send him our hearty thanks for the work he is doing on our behalf.

Incidentally, by passing this resolution you are supporting my work. I have been a member of the S.N.U. Parliamentary Committee and I would like the Conference to support the action I have taken. It has been an education to me. I know the procedure of the House better and I have gained in knowledge by it. Nothing can give me greater pleasure than being able to convey to Mr. Kelly our appreciation of the work he has done.

Mr. Slimin moved, Mr. Lishman seconded,

**That this Conference records its appreciation of the efforts put forward by Mr. W. T. Kelly, M.P., in the House of Commons, to produce religious freedom for the Spiritualists of Great Britain.**

Mrs. Greenwood: Mr. Kelly has done some good and fine work for us. I know that many of the M.P.s who are not directly interested have given their consent to help.

What I would have liked to have seen was our own Representative on the Committee, along with other well-known Spiritualists. I feel the Lyceum Union or the S.N.U. might have had people representing them directly, and they would perhaps have given our opinion better, and raised more faith in the movement.

I admire Mr. Kelly and it is very good of him to take up our cudgels whilst our own people are largely quiet.

Mr. Connor: I cannot see why the President and Secretary of the London L.D.C. cannot be on the Committee, seeing we have 1,200 Lyceumists in London.

Mr. Connor moved, Mr. Smith (York) seconded,

**That this Conference suggest to the Spiritualists' National Union, Ltd., that the President and Secretary of the London Lyceum District Council should be co-opted on the London Committee that is conducting the Parliamentary Bill negotiations.**  
*Agreed.*

68. Mr. Taylor: May I ask our Representatives to the E.C. why the resolution to reduce our representation is being put forward?

Mr. Knott: The chief point is economy. Secondly, there is a proposal that the District Councils have only one representative, and the S.N.U. E.C. propose the B.S.L.U. should only have one also. The terms of the S.N.U.—B.S.L.U. Agreement would be violated if this was adopted.

Mrs. George moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,

**That our Delegates oppose the Resolution at the S.N.U. Extraordinary Meeting in July to only have one B.S.L.U. Representative on the S.N.U. E.C., and that our delegates are supplied with all the necessary official information.**  
*Agreed.*

Mr. Marks moved, Mr. Springate seconded,

69. **That the S.N.U. E.C. Report be adopted.**  
*Agreed.*

#### AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWS.

1. From the Management Committee.

70. Mr. Burrows moved, Mr. Marks seconded,

**That Bye-Law 5, Sections 1 and 2, be amended to read,—**

**Sec. 1. Lyceums applying for membership shall pay a fee of 10s. for the first 50, or part of 50 names on their register, and 5s. for each 25, or part of 25 names after, which fee in the event of their application being declined, shall be returned, less the difference for any goods supplied at membership prices.**

**Sec. 2. Members' Subscriptions shall be based upon the annual return made to the General Secretary, and shall be 10s. for the first 50, or part of 50, names on their register, and 5s. for each 25, or part of 25, names so returned.**

**They shall be due on the 1st day of January each year.**

Mr. Robson moved an amendment, Mrs. George seconded,

**"That we revert to the wording of the Bye-law that was passed at the Annual Conference at Dewsbury, that the payment be 10s. for the first 50, or part thereof, and 2s. for every 10, or part of 10 members, etc."**

Mr. Dixon: As one who is concerned with the accounts of the Union, when I saw this motion I went very carefully into the position of subscriptions.

In 1925 we drew £217.

In 1926 ,, ,, £204.

In 1927 ,, ,, £198.

In 1928 ,, ,, £186.

In 1929 ,, ,, £198.

Taking things into consideration we find that fund, when the position was as Mr. Robson stated, 2s. for every 10 over 50, less being paid in. The actual amount less was £12.

From that basis it means that we have to increase our revenue from other sources. Other funds must find support for the affairs of the Union.

To-day you have decided to send two Delegates to Holland. This is going to cost us £25. This is an item which does not appear in these previous Balance Sheets. I should think we are going to lose at least £40 or £50 in revenue. If we take the M.C. resolution I find on this year's figures it means £5 reduction. Don't let Conference forget that particular point.

It is not the time to reduce the Fees although I feel sympathetic towards it. I do not feel, in the interests of the Union, it is wise to make the changes put forward.

Mr. Connor: I for one would have been glad to subscribe to the Funds last year, but did not know that it was asked for. I thought the Patron's 2s. 6d. was only for a certain particular time. Quite a lot of us would not have minded giving 2s. 6d. per year if we had known it was expected. Might I suggest that we make an appeal and tell everybody that the Union will only be too pleased to accept 2s. 6d.

Mr. Knott: One of the ideas was the Patron Fund should be 2s. 6d. each year. I mentioned that at some time

during the Conference I was going to put forward a proposal. The opportunity is ripe now.

You have learned that £200 in Fees gives you your sole guarantee. You have got to get another £600 to carry this Union on.

The position in the Lyceum Movement is this: that any single Lyceumist can come into a Lyceum and not pay a penny-piece and can leave at the end of the year without it costing him anything. This is the position. I know other organisations who have individual members who pay individual contributions.

I suggest that any interested Lyceumists in this country, if working, would be able to give 1d. per week. If this is done you can wipe away your contributions. If Lyceum Secretaries will undertake the collection of this money, keep back 25% for postages, etc., and send us the balance we shall have no need of contributions. I do think the time has come when the individual Lyceumist ought to be able to say I am a financial supporter of the B.S.L.U.

We want money, and if a person is a Lyceumist I think they ought to be willing to pay for it. I don't want a penny-piece from a child unable to earn it, but I do want an individual who has an income to spare 1d. a week from that income, and give it to this Union. We should then be able to cover all liabilities.

I am suggesting that every Lyceumist willing to do this pays 1d. per week, and give it to the Lyceum Secretary, who keeps 3d. out of every 1s. for expenses, and sends the remainder to the Union.

Mr. Shuttleworth. I think the General Secretary has supplied the perfect answer to the two amendments. He has asked you to get your own Lyceumists to realise their responsibility. Mr. Knott has made a direct appeal to the Lyceumists.

Instead of moving your amendments will you go back to your Lyceums and see how far you succeed in collecting 1d. per week.

Mr. Mack: If everyone in the Conference will adopt what Mr. Knott appeals for, it will be £19 to start with.

Mr. Shuttleworth moved,

**That we ask for the motions to be withdrawn.**

Mr. Burrows: I have listened with delight to all that has been said, and I am not disagreeing with what Mr. Robson has placed before us, because I had realised how hard it is for Lyceums to pay.

Whilst Mr. Knott has placed before you something which (if it is carried out) means a lot, at the present moment the M.C. cannot withdraw their motion. I will promise Mr. Robson this, if for the time being he will support our amendment, and the time comes when we are in a position to do so, I will endeavour to move what he is trying to do now.

I want to see Wadsworth paid. We have no right to have the man waiting so long for his money.

Mr. Robson stated he carried a mandate from Tyneside L.D.C. and could not withdraw his amendment.

Voting.	Amendment.	For, 2.
		Ag., Overwhelming.
	Motion	For 62
		Ag., 14.

*The Motion was carried.*

*The Substantive Motion was agreed to.*

#### From Sheffield Lyceum District Council.

72. Mr. Heath moved, Mr. Armitage seconded, that Bye-Law 4, Section 1, be amended to read:—

Applications for Membership must be made on the official form provided for the purpose, and be accompanied by the proper fee. They must be endorsed by the Local District Council and signed by the President and Secretary, or, where no District Council exists, by the Official District Visitor or Electoral Area Representative. Each Lyceum accepted shall be given a copy of the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and provided with a Certificate of Membership, signed by the President and General Secretary, bearing date of acceptance. A retaining fee of 3s. 6d. shall be charged for each Certificate issued: the fee to be refunded on cancellation of membership and

the return of the Certificate to the General Secretary.

They shall be allocated to an electoral Area by the Management Committee at the time of acceptance and be notified accordingly.

Messrs. Burrows, Smith (Sheffield), Connor, Robson, also spoke.

Voting.	For., Overwhelming.
	Ag., 2.

#### NEW BYE-LAW.

Mr. Armitage moved, Mr. Robson seconded,

**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 to 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."

Mr. Burrows: I am going to take the stand of asking our Sheffield people to withdraw this motion. I am thoroughly in agreement with the "Pooling System." I only oppose it on the grounds that in Conference it is impracticable.

Messrs. Slimin, Smith (Sheffield), Dixon, Marks, Armitage, Mrs. Greenwood and Miss Elliott also spoke.

Voting.	For, 29.
	Against, 49.

*The Motion was defeated.*

#### GENERAL MOTION.

Mr. Smith (Sheffield) moved, Mr. Taylor seconded,

74. **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.**

The Motion was carried with four dissentients.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

From North-East Lancashire Lyceum District Council.

1. **That before any revision of the Constitution takes place, we move that a Committee of Enquiry be set up, to enquire into the whole activities of the B.S.L.U., its needs and its scope.**

Any information required by this Committee shall be furnished them by the Officers and M.C.

The Committee shall prepare a Report for presentation to next Conference, to guide and assist in the setting up of a Constitution to meet the needs of the times and the requirements of the B.S.L.U.

2. **That we move the Deletion of the Three Years' proviso in the last para. Article X., page 6, Nominations.**

That we alternatively revert to the original wording of the last para., Article X., Nominations, on page 6 of the 1922 Constitution.

From Manchester and Salford Lyceum District Council.

**That Sub-Section A of the B.S.L.U. Constitution be deleted.**

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

76. Mr. Knott: I consider it a privilege to move this vote of thanks. Right from the very beginning we laid down the conditions of "pay all and take all." We

have taken all, but they have loaned the Hall rent free. The Caretaker has refused a gratuity.

The Church and Lyceum have provided us with the school, dispensed with services, paid for advertising, found the local Billet Secretary money for postage. Then they consider it a privilege to entertain us, and we feel we can only thank them for their very cordial and happy welcome.

Mr. Burrows: We can all endorse what Mr. Knott has said.

President: I'd like to add my quota of appreciation for all that has been done for us.

The resolution was agreed to.

Miss Lawton: I am very gratified to hear such praises. The bulk of the work has been spread out over quite a large number of Church members. They are certainly former Lyceumists, but at the present time they are chiefly working for the Church. I have not made a single suggestion that has not been very considerably thought out. (Applause).

President: Mrs. Nurse, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Ellis retire from the Management Committee. We appreciate their services and I personally appreciate their support. I hope they will be able to carry on their activities.

The Conference closed at 4-30 p.m. with the singing of "Sweet Golden Age," and Mrs. Reynolds pronounced the benediction.

G. F. KNOTT,  
Editor.

## District Council Reports.

### BOLTON DISTRICT.

#### AN OPEN-AIR DEMONSTRATION.

On Saturday, June 6th, we held a Demonstration of the Lyceum System of Education at Horwich. Owing to the bad state of the weather our President, Mr. Charnley, decided we should stay in the Horwich school. We commenced by singing "Children's Day Welcome," after which Mr. Cliff, A.N.S.C., (D.V.), gave the invocation. We were then addressed very encouragingly by Mr. G. F. Knott, D.N.U., F.N.S.C., General Secretary, and Mr. Mack, A.N.S.C., of Runcorn. We danced to the music of Horwich Old Prize Band and then had tea.

The weather was considerably better after tea, so we marched in processional order through the main streets of Horwich, marshalled by Mr. Ed. Walsh, assisted by Mr. S. Fernihough. Over 200 Lyceumists and friends walked in the procession and it did certainly look magnificent to see so many children and adults, with the beautiful Banners, gracefully making their way through the streets of Horwich. Marching and callisthenics were ably conducted by Mrs. Wadson, assisted by Miss Holmes and Mr. F. Jones, Adjudicator.

Races having been arranged, suitable grounds were fortunately found, and competitors were not disappointed.

The time for disbanding came only too soon and thus ended a day that will linger in our memories and create an incentive for the next Demonstration. Our heartfelt thanks are due to those friends of Horwich Church who worked so unsparingly on behalf of the Council.

T. LILES, Sec.

### LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Annual Field Day and Demonstration will be held in Leeds on Saturday, July 11th, 1931. Place of Assembly, Victoria Square, near Town Hall, at 2-45 p.m. Field Marshal, Mr. Daisley, of Leeds Psycho Lyceum.

Each Lyceum will wear their own distinctive colour, sash or badge.

The procession will proceed via Calverley Street, Great George Street, Kelsall Street, Menion Street, New Briggate, New York Road, York Road, Pontefract Lane, East Park Road, Pontefract Lane, to Field, Green Farm, Osmondthorpe, Easy Road.

Lyceums and Lyceumists from any other District are cordially invited. Tea, Children 7d. Adults, 1s. Leeds Model, and Wakefield Old Band, will lead the procession. Marching and callisthenics in four sections.

Ice cream, Mineral Waters, etc., can be obtained in the Field. Dancing from 6-45 p.m. to 8-0 p.m.

MISS TOWERS, Field Day Secretary.

### NORTH EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

The 49th Anniversary of Macclesfield Lyceum was held in the form of a Mass Session, under the auspices of the Council on 7th June. Opening Hymn 361, "Hallelujah we sing," and the invocation by the Vice-President, Mrs. Edwards. The President, Mr. Dransfield, addressed the Session and introduced the Officers who were all present. S.C. No. 9, with questions and answers was very good. M.R., "Have faith in one Another." The readings were taken by Mrs. Challinor, of Macclesfield, Mrs. Depledge, of Heaton Norris, and Miss Reece, of Stockport Central. Each in turn gave their expression of the reading and how it was so fitting with the S.C.R. The remarks appealed to adult and child. Marching and callisthenics were very good considering the size of the room and the 130 taking part. Pearls were many, but we could not allow time for further individual efforts. The juniors of Macclesfield Lyceum rendered "Anniversary Greetings" very nicely. Greetings from Ashton, Heaton Norris, and Stockport, with Congleton, who were visiting. These were responded to by the President of the Council, and Mrs. Challinor, of Macclesfield, with a special invitation to Congleton to join the Council and have such another day in their own Lyceum.

The evening service was of a Musical and Propaganda nature, with Councillor Potts in the chair. He welcomed the Council Officers on behalf of Macclesfield, and addressed the meeting on how the Lyceum teachings help to shape and mould our lives for progress and hereafter.

Then the President of the Council, Mr. Dransfield, addressed the meeting on Childmind, and training, and the aims of Spiritualism. He thanked the Chairman for the welcome and introduced the Officers of the Council to the meeting. Mr. Markham then told of the work of the Council and each Lyceumist being Lyceum conscious and able to celebrate, as to-day, an anniversary. We must see that next year we ourselves have progressed, as well as our Lyceum.

Mr. H. Ennion, the D.V., took the Seven Principles of the Lyceum, dealing briefly, but very pointedly, with each, sowing seeds and thoughts that should make for better Lyceumists.

The addresses were intermingled with musical items by Mrs. Henshaw, Miss Hulley, the Senior Girls of the Lyceum, Organ Recital, and a Recital "The Highwayman" by Mrs. Wellings. Space will not permit further detail, but it was all excellently rendered.

Closing hymn, "Praise for the Glorious Day" was a very fitting finish, for it truly had been glorious in all respects, and we trust that the 200 present will long remember and endeavour to try to progress in a true Lyceum spirit, so that the next Anniversary will show an increase in our Lyceums, and our own lives.

An appeal was made for each to write to their respective M.P.s to support our religious freedom.

Annual Outing, July 11th, Macclesfield. Mass Session, 18th July, Heaton Norris.

R. A. L. MARKHAM, Sec.

### SOUTHERN COUNTIES DISTRICT.

The District Council Meeting was held in Ryde, Belvedere Hall, on Sunday, May 31st. Representatives were present from Reading, Eastleigh, Southampton, Portsmouth, and Ryde.

After the invocation, which was offered by the President, Mr. A. Lawrence, Mr. Perkiss, on behalf of the Church and Lyceum extended a sincere welcome to the Council and Delegates and hoped that a prosperous day would be spent. As it was also the Anniversary of Ryde Lyceum that it would be a happy one in their history. Mr. Lawrence replied.

Arising from Minutes it was noted concerning details of £2,000 Effort Fund had been circulated to Eastleigh. Thanks for same were recorded. A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Cornell, who in November last was undergoing convalescence in Ventnor Consumptive Hospital.

Arising from Correspondence it was agreed that steps be taken to arrange for a Council Officer to visit Devonport and whilst supporting their Church services endeavour to forge a further link with the Lyceum.

The Funds showed a balance of £4. 17s. 1d.

Mrs. Taylor, D.V., gave a detailed account of her visits to Eastleigh and Portsmouth, Southampton and Ryde; all showing enthusiastic progression. Arising from her report it was agreed that the Secretary take steps to arrange for commencement of a Lyceum in Winchester.

The Church D. C. report followed and detailed the opinion that the Churches did not seem to give support to the Lyceum activities and as a stimulation to Churches D. C. activities it was

agreed that this Council's greetings be sent by our Church D.C. representative to the Churches District Council.

OPEN COUNCIL.—A generous donation of 30/- was handed in by Eastleigh Secretary, who has made every effort to help funds of the D.C. Mrs. Reeves, Ryde Conductor, expressed her thanks for the help the Council had afforded her.

It was proposed that a competitive scheme be introduced for Lyceums in the Area and a sub-committee of three was elected to deal with the suggested schemes submitted by individual Lyceums, and to draft a scheme therefrom to be submitted to next Council meeting.

Reading gave an invitation for next Council meeting and Eastleigh provisionally offered to invite Council for their A.G.M. 1932.

The Council conducted the evening meeting, the President dealing upon some of the insidious teachings that were creeping into Spiritualist Churches and made an appeal that we keep Spiritualism clean and pure. Mr. Guy followed with clairvoyance. It is worthy of note that the youngest Lyceum, Ryde rose to the occasion as they did and made manifest such organisation that everyone had to express their appreciation and delight at the day's conduct.

H. C. GUY, G.N.S.C.

## Special Reports.

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

LONDON, Rochester Square. April 19th was our Second Anniversary. We spent a glorious time. We conducted all three services. The afternoon and evening services were well attended. There were about 130 members and visitors in the afternoon and 170 in the evening.

Mr. Fruin, President L.L.D.C., conducted the afternoon Session, and was, with other members of the Council, at the evening service.

In the afternoon all visitors were presented with a buttonhole of primroses. Special buttonholes were presented to the President and Vice-President of the Council, and bouquets were given to Mrs. Fruin, Mrs. Behag, the President of our Church, and Mrs. Ellis, one of the founders of the Church. Prizes were presented by Mrs. Behag, also a rose-bowl was presented to Mrs. Irving, our late Conductor, from the Officers, by Mrs. Tourel, our Lyceum founder. Altogether this was a very enjoyable and remarkable Session. One, I'm sure, we are not likely to forget for many a day. Numerous Lyceums were represented, and one Lyceum brought all their members.

On two occasions recently we have held our Session in the garden. It is delightful to be able to enjoy the Session in the Open Air and hear the birds singing overhead.

Most of our members sat for the Education Examinations this year and we are anticipating good results. We also took part in the Sports Rally at Charlton Park on June 13th.—D. M. Jorson, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford. April 5th. The Lyceum took all services. The Lyceum Secretary gave the address at the morning service, and Open Session at 3 p.m. was conducted by Mrs. West. With great dignity and beauty Miss L. Golbourne performed a spirit naming ceremony, and the following Lyceumists received their spirit names. Audrey West, "Morning Star," Betty Capper, "Rose," Joyce Capper, "Pearl," Doris Fozzard, "Peace," Edna Fozzard, "Iris," Kenneth West, "Beacon," Rolph Huckle, "Eagle," Mr. G. West gave an excellent address on "Love as Sunshine."

A good company sat down to the tea which followed.

The evening service was taken by Lyceum Officers, and a large congregation enjoyed a Musical Service, with address by Mr. A. T. Connor; Clairvoyance by Mrs. V. West and Miss L. Golbourne. Solos by Miss M. Summers and duet by Mr. and Mrs. Fozzard.

Open Session, June 7th. A good attendance was present to welcome our President, Mr. E. Phillips. Mrs. West conducted. Invocation by Mr. Connor. The Seven Principles were recited. S.C. No. 9. was read by Mr. Bates and explanations followed by Lyceumists. M.R. 116, was taken by Miss Fulcher, Violet Walters and Miss Golbourne. Pearls were original and good. Efforts by Kenneth and Audrey West, Florence Stoffer, Betty Houghton, June Bates, Joyce Capper. Mr. Connor gave his impressions of the B.S.L.U. Conference, and Mr. Phillips wound up a bright Session with an interesting talk.

Outing to Rye House, July 25th.—R. H. Bates, Sec.

NEWCASTLE, Rye Hill.—On June 21st, a Naming Service was held in the Church, when the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone was given the earthly name of "Irene," spirit name, "Pansy." The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Slimin, of Sunderland.—A. Richardson, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.—Lyceum week-end for Church, June 6th, and 7th. Saturday Evening, Mr. A. E. Reynolds spoke on Our Responsibility. Mr. T. Anton was in the Chair. Mr. C. Palmer gave clairvoyance. Miss M. Markley provided music.

Sunday afternoon. Open Session conducted by Miss D. Murdon, Efforts by Masters Christie, Anton, Pearson, Young, Farrar, Teanby, Davis, Howard, Lunn, and Misses Christie, Smith, Pearson, K. Burton and N. Burton, Young, Howard, Reynolds, Lunn, Bains, Harris, Ellender, Few, Letherland, Music by Miss B. Few.

Sunday evening. Mr. T. Anton spoke on The Anatomy of Man. Mr. A. E. Reynolds was in the Chair. Mr. C. Palmer gave clairvoyance. Support was given by Mr. E. W. Kind, Mr. S. Anton, Mr. Murdon, Mr. Christie, Miss Murdon, Mr. Ball. Music by Miss M. Markley.—A. E. Reynolds, Sec.

## LYCEUM REPORTS.

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ACCRINGTON, Argyle St.—On June 14th, we held our Open Session conducted by Mr. Taylor. Recitations were well rendered by Mr. Mussey, Mrs. Taylor, A. Broadley, E. Bartlett, Miss Tabiner. The Session was greatly enjoyed by all.—F. Holgate, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl St.—Open Session, June 7th. Recitations by Nellie Laycock. Solos by Nellie and Frances Laycock, and Madge Shuttleworth. Duets by Miss H. Swift and Alec Taylor, Jean and Bessie Hilton, Mr. Swift and Mr. Fazackerley. We had an enjoyable Session.—Hilda Swift, Sec.

BACUP.—Open Session, June 7th. Pearls by Mr. Taylor, N. Taylor, D. Clayburn, Mrs. Carter, Mr. L. Lord. Recitations by Molly and D. Halsall, A. Wright, G. Ormerod, Piano-forte solos by D. Halsall, and J. Patchett. Solos by Mrs. Wright, M. Patchett, M. McKenna, and a group of Lyceum scholars rendered a hymn. The speakers were Mr. Casson and Mrs. Rawlinson from Burnley.—A. Halsall, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—June 7th. Open Session. Conductor, Mr. Taylor. Solos by Gwennie Watson, Lilian Harding, Florence Watson, Jimmy Woodley, Eileen Edwards, Mrs. Harding. Recitations by, Gertie Watson, Rodney Jones, Vera Hamilton, Noel Jones, Muriel Watson, Wm. Barry, Francis Harper, Leslie Hamilton, Mrs. Harper. Piano solo by Mr. Whiteley. Six Pearls. Callisthenics were done splendidly.—Wm Kneale, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter St.—On May 31st, we held our Open Session. The following items were rendered. Recitations by A. Fish, B. Hinchcliffe, I. and J. Entwistle, Solos, C. Railton, D. Parker. Mr. C. T. Batley of Fleetwood, was our speaker. He named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Simms, earthly name, Kenneth, spirit name, Valiant. The Session was greatly appreciated by all.—Mr. T. Wood, Sec.

BOLTON, Bradford St.—June 7th. Election of Officers. Conductor, Miss A. Cliff; Assistant Mrs. Shackles; Secretary, Mr. J. Walker, Assistant, G. Shackles; Marching and Callisthenics Conductor, Mr. Johnson, Assistant, Mr. Cliff; Musical Director, Mr. T. Liles, Assistants, Mr. Booth, Mr. Riding;

Guardian, Mr. Birchall; Guards, F. Walker, M. Shackles, I. Jackson, C. Higham; Treasurer, Mr. Riding; Auditors, Mr. Brown, Mr. Liles; Representatives to Church, Mr. R. Johnson, Mrs. Shackles; Representatives to B.L.D.C., Mr. R. Johnson, Mr. J. Walker; Classes.—Children, Mrs. Shackles; Girls, Mr. Johnson; Boys, Mr. Magnall; Liberty Group, Mr. Cliff. Librarian, Mr. W. Johnson, Assistant, Miss E. Speight. A vote of thanks to all retiring Officers was given by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Johnson.—J. Walker, Sec.

BRISTOL, Providence Hall.—June 23rd. Lyceum Outing via Brockley Combe Woods to Weston-super-Mare. Magnificent day, and the tide soon came in to greet us. Later, nearly seventy Lyceumists, parents, and friends, sat down to a good tea.

CHESTERFIELD.—June 7th, Open Session. The following Lyceumists obliged with items—Jimmy and Vera Rippon, Dennis Lee, Shirley Widdowson, Kathleen and Eveline Clements, Glyn Cowell, Irene and Harold Hobster, Ivy Hall, Harold Beckett, Jessie Orwin, Sidney Hobster, Ethel Gore, Mr. Brown.—Frances Hobster, Minute Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, June 7th. Conductor, Mr. T. Brooke. Invocation by Mrs. Woodcock. Pearls by Herbert Horsley (2), Mrs. Hutton, Gladys Hutton, Mr. T. Brooke, and Mrs. Holmes. Recitations by Herbert Horsley and Joyce Sharp. Solos by Herbert Horsley and Henry Taylor. Duets by Eva Rowley, Irene Wilson, Herbert Horsley, Jack Wilson. We had a good attendance and an enjoyable afternoon.—M. B. Robinson, Sec.

DARWEN.—On June 7th, we held our Annual Flower Service Day. The attendances were good.

At the evening Open Session we were crowded out; there being about 120 present. The platform was beautifully decorated with offerings of flowers from Lyceumists. Songs, etc., were rendered by the kiddies. A real happy day was spent. Greetings to all.—G. M. Walker, Sec.

DEWSBURY.—We held our Whitsuntide Treat and Annual Parade on May 25th, headed by the Darton Subscription Band. There were over 200 in the procession. Tea was served in the Church and was enjoyed by scholars and friends. Mr. J. Whittles was our Musical Conductor for singing. Mrs. G. Oakes, and Miss A. Bentley were in charge of a stall. Route collectors were Mrs. W. Dunn, Mrs. G. Oakes, Miss P. Key, Mr. G. Hey. Banner carriers and string bearers, Miss M. Hirst, Miss F. Senior, Mr. E. Whitworth, Mr. J. H. Collier, Mr. A. Taylor, Mr. V. Hartley, Mr. J. Roebuck, Mr. S. Warren, Mr. J. Lidbetter, Mr. J. White. Leaders in charge of children were, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss W. Hartley, Miss M. Johnson, Mrs. Pratt. The Secretary wishes to thank Mr. C. Phillips, Mrs. Hartley, Mr. G. Oakes, Mr. S. Senior, Mr. Q. Holdsworth. We were pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. A. Kitson and also old and young Lyceumists and Church Members in the procession.

On May 31st. Open Session. Conductor, Mr. J. H. Collier. Pearls by Margaret Greenwood, Mr. C. Phillips, Clarissa Phillips, Phyllis Dunn, Vera Croft, Louie Gregory, Cyril Hey, Ettie Day, Miss A. Bentley, Mr. H. Gregory, Lily Whitman. Recitations by Ettie and Jack Day, Margaret Greenwood, Cyril Hey, William Johnson. Solo by Mr. H. Whitworth. Duets by Clarissa Phillips and Elsie Roebuck; Miss A. Shaw and Louie Gregory. Field Day Marching was gone through and conducted by the Assistant Field Marshal, Mr. C. Phillips. We had a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon Session.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

DINNINGTON.—May 24th Anniversary Services. Singing and recitations delivered by children. Speaker, Mrs. Oxley.

May 31st. The services were continued. Speaker, Mr. Webb. We paraded the village before the afternoon session.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—Open Session, June 7th. The following Lyceumists took part.—O. Wilkins, K. Hodkinson, O. Hodgson, T. R. and J. Hancock, F. Clark, D. Seddon, G. Mauby, L. Hetherington, E. Hancock, N. Seddon, A. Wilkinson, N. Hodkinson, E. Fox, and Donald Seddon. Solo by T. Hancock, Duet by Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Millican. Pianoforte solo by Mr. J. Dawson.—Mrs. E. Dawson, Sec.

EARBY, Onward.—June 7th Lyceum Day. Our Liberty Group rendered the Musical Recital entitled "The Reality of God." Well appreciated by all. The speakers for the day were Miss Williams and Miss Graham, of Brierfield.—Mrs. J. W. Clark, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—June 7th. Open Session. The following Lyceumists helped to make the afternoon a happy one. Recitations by Kathleen and Mona Hague, Minnie Wright, Ruth Harris, and Tom Wright. Pianoforte solos by Edith Richardson, and Doris Parkinson. Quite a number of pearls were given by the children.—L. Vollans, Sec.

GREAT HARWOOD.—We had for our Open Session on June 14th the Massed Session of the Accrington and District Joint Lyceums. Recitations and songs were given by various Lyceumists, in addition to the reading, marching, and callisthenics, which were done very well.

The President of the Joint Lyceums gave praise to the efficient way the Session had been gone through. There were about 70 Lyceumists took part, and everybody had a good time.—W. Doswell, Sec.

HOLLINWOOD, Byron St.—On Sunday, June 7th the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor was named Doreen; spirit name "Sunflower," by Mrs Parry of Ashton. Lyceumists sang and the children gave Doreen flowers, the Conductor giving a Lyceum Badge.

HORWICH, Chorley New Road.—On May 31st we held our Anniversary Services, the speaker being Mr. Roy Morgan, of Manchester. In the afternoon we had a splendid Session. The children sweetly rendered the anthem "Onward, Sailing Onward." Our best thanks are due to everyone who helped to make the day such a success.—J. Sherrington, Sec.

HUCKNALL.—The 5th Lyceum Anniversary in connection with our new Church in Derbyshire Lane was celebrated on June 7th. The speaker was Mr. Barrett, of Nottingham. The chair was taken by our Assistant Conductor, Miss C. Leverton. An augmented choir assisted the children and also sang, "The King's Soldiers." The singing was under the baton of Mr. J. Goodwin, whilst Miss E. Pegg was at the organ.

We had a real spiritual and financial success. We were glad to welcome our visitors from other spiritual Churches.

HYDE, George St.—We held our usual Procession on Whit-Friday. A good number of Lyceumists and friends turned out with us. Included in our String Band were two of our young Lyceumists with violins, namely, Kathleen Armitage and Irene Lever. Highest praise is given to them. They both performed splendidly. Another Lyceumist, Mr. S. Armitage, has the distinction of conducting the United Singing with great success.

On June 7th Mr. Wright named the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steward. Earthly name, Jean, spirit name, Daisy.—Mr. N. Cartwright, Sec.

LANCASTER, Alliance.—Open Session, June 7th. Recitations, solos, etc. by Marjorie Hooper (2), Dorothy Pickup (3), Ada Griffin and Edith Crossley. Miss Hodgson, Lily Atkinson, Thos. Cole, Pearl by Lily Atkinson. Fraternal greetings to all.—A. F. Rushworth, Sec.

LANCASTER, Gt. John St.—On May 31st, we held our Flower Service which was well attended. The Service of Song entitled "The Ministers" was rendered.—M. Sarratt, Sec.

LEICESTER, Rupert St.—June 7th Open Session. Recitations by Miss L. Jayes, Master H. Jayes, Mrs. Dehoue. Solo by Miss Mary Coysh. Organ solo by Willie Coysh. Pianoforte solo by Mrs. J. Wicks. An enjoyable Session.—Mr. J. Wicks, Sec.

LEICESTER, Liberty Progressive.—Open Session June 7th. A good attendance of friends and Lyceumists. Solos by Lily Jays, Mrs. Hubbard, Duets by Miss Ashby and Mr. T. Kenney; Doris Garratt and Elsie Garratt. Trios by Elsie Clements, Ethel Gamble and Irene Ashby; Lavinia Garratt, Doris Jays, Eva Newton. Recitations by Jacky Whitbread, Sylvia Garratt, Joan Whitbread, Elsie Garratt, Elsie Clements, Alice Gamble. The Services were conducted by three children from the Lyceum selected by the Conductor. It was very pleasing to see.—T. Kenney, Sec.

LONDON, Brixton.—On Saturday, June 13th we entered 23 competitors for the L.L.D.C. Sports. We are delighted at having obtained second place, and winning two cups. Several Lyceumists carried off medals and certificates. We are unanimous in the belief that our success is entirely due to the splendid efforts of Mr. Brannan, who gave so much of his time to train us.—F. B. Cross, Sec.

LONDON, Hackney.—On 24th May our Session was a Memorial Service for our fellow Lyceumist, Esther Sandys, who passed into the Higher Life on May 20th. We very much regret her