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A NEW HYMN.

Tune: *Theodora*, Bristol Tune Book.

We are a blessing, Love is our power,
Service our Motto: use every hour.
This shall uplift us, so that our life
Shall be made pure, through all its strife

In every action look up to God,
We shall then truly reap a reward.
Full of rich blessing, wonderful, true,
Bringing us nearer friends whom we knew.

God is all honour, wisdom and love,
Truth and all knowledge, from Him above;
Ever revealing, as we do pray,
That which is needed by us each day.

Angles are guiding, leading us on,
Thro' paths of duty, temptations won;
Faithful and wisely, working our best,
God will then give us peace and sweet rest.

Onward and upward shall be our cry,
Strong in our knowledge, we cannot die;
Heaven is awaiting, let us press on,
With shouts of triumph, towards our home.

Sorrow and pain then shall pass away,
Life will be joyous, night turns to day,
Love with full freedom shall light the soul,
Drawing it nearer the heavenly goal.

Thos. H. Wright.

The fountain of content must spring up in the mind.

Time strengthens what is true.

A S.N.U. RELIGIOUS SERVICE IN HOLLAND.

The Spiritualists' National Union has been requested to hold a British Spiritualist Church Service at the Hague during the I.S.F. Congress. Mr. E. W. Oaten, the I.S.F. President, will preside.

The order of service will be: hymn, prayer by Mr. A. G. Newton, followed by Lord's prayer, Lesson by the Chairman, psalm XXIII., hymn, address by Mr. E. A. Keeling, subject, "The Temple of the Spirit." Hymn. Clairvoyance by Mr. F. T. Blake. Hymn and Benediction. A collection will be taken in aid of local charities.

A Souvenir Order of Service has been prepared and printed in English to commemorate the event.

TWO SEANCES.

Some of the Lyceumists who attended the Annual B.S.L.U. Conference at Barrow-in-Furness were privileged to attend Physical Seances. The one conducted by Mr. Fullard was reported in the "Two Worlds."

At the other Seance Mr. Roy Brown was the medium. In the presence of over 20 sitters the medium was tied in his chair, after being searched by two male sitters.

Bells were rattled, a small harp was played, a tambourine was floated about the circle and kept time with the singing. After having been thrown to the feet of the sitters away from the medium the tambourine was picked up again, being about three yards distant from the medium. Clairvoyance was given through a singing control, who had been a one-time opera singer. The change of voice was a definite evidence of control. Few people have the chance of such evidences.

Both Mr. Fullard and Mr. Brown gave their services and the help has been greatly appreciated.

A NEW CANADIAN LYCEUM.

A new Lyceum has been opened at Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Most of the members are emigrants from England and glad to meet in the Lyceum.

Mrs. J. Holden (nee Emily Sterzaker) hails from Burnley. Mr. and Miss Stott from Blackpool, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson from Darwen. There are also Mrs. Vernon, Mrs. Snyder, and Miss Holden.

Mrs. Holden writes to tell how all have helped in various ways to make the new Lyceum a success.

Any old or new friends who care to write to our Canadian friends will have the appreciation of the Windsor Lyceumists. Letters may be addressed to, or "care of", Mrs. J. Holden, 272, Lanson Road, Riverside, Ontario, Canada.

Most evils come on horseback and go away on foot.

The first step to virtue is to find it in another.

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?"

OPINIONS OF AN OLD PIONEER.

In reply to the question of Miss E. F. Lawton as to what really is Objective Clairvoyance: I should like to say, after over fifty years' experience of Clairvoyance, Clairaudience, &c., I regard as *Objective Clairvoyance* where the person or objects are seen with the naked eye and as *Subjective* when only mentally perceived, either at night in darkness, or in daylight.

It is difficult to say that physical sight is not involved, and that perception is due only to an inner consciousness.

In the story of the "conversion" of St. Paul he is reported to have been blinded by a bright light accompanied by a voice. There is no reason to doubt the veracity of the narrative, and certainly the physical eye was involved very unpleasantly in this manifestation of *objective* clairvoyance.

When giving a reading to a perfect stranger, I have seen the face of a relative, who had passed over before the birth of the subject interviewed, but she was able to identify the discarnate as her grandmother from description of some peculiarity of which she had been told.

Such cases as this dispose of the telepathic theory so often invoked by the critics of Spiritualism.

The Spiritualist, whose vision has widened with his knowledge, can take heart in looking into the future. Gradually is dawning on the minds of the intelligent there is a faculty of intuitive perception and the objective perception is no longer regarded as the only vital spiritual faculty.

It is only by quiet, gradual methods Truth grows. Declamatory street corner methods can be safely left to other proselytising bodies, who will eventually come to recognise the truth and value of Clairvoyance, objective or subjective.

ARTHUR SAVAGE.

MR. TINKER'S ARTICLE.

The Bureau apologises to Mr. Tinker for not discovering two small but important printing errors in his article printed in last month's issue. It is entirely the fault of the proof reader, and it is a pity that it should have occurred. The errors were in the first and third paragraphs, as follows:

The last sentence in the first paragraph should read:

As a medium I am far more convinced of objective presence of individual spirits by the fact that I can distinguish their different characteristics by their reproduction in *my own*—what? 'I will say "nature"—than by mere clairvoyance.

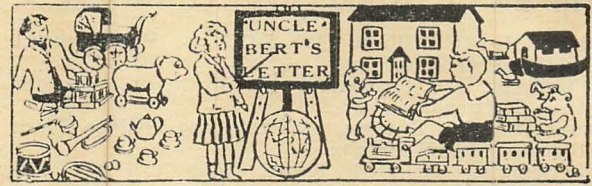
The last sentence in the third paragraph should read:

But I have learned that diversity is the most common factor in the Universe, and that *my way* of

doing things is certainly not the only or the better way.

FURTHER ARTICLES.

We have been disappointed over some promised articles, but hope to receive them in time for the October issue.



MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,

At the time of writing this letter to you I am surrounded by famous men and women of many varying arts. Builders, Inventors, Airmen, Swimmers, Sportsmen and women, Motorists, and other notable beings. These include a wonderful army of the younger generation who carry out their exploits on the sands. Care-free, they have discovered the beautiful land of Pretend, with all its wonders and charms. I love those words so often quoted by you Kiddies' "Let's Pretend," because you get so much real fun and enjoyment out of them. You really live in a new land every half-hour. In your little minds you do such wonderful deeds, while we older ones lose so much fun of life by taking everything so seriously.

For instance, while we are on holidays, you could not expect Auntie Ruth to come up to me on the beach with a mask over her eyes and wooden sword in her hand saying "Your money or your life." Oh! no, she has to play exactly the same game on me, but she has to carry out her demands upon my pocket in quite a different way. Even Cousin Doris does not go along the rocks discovering one of those hidden treasure caves from which she can draw her daily supply of cash.

She too finds a much more serious method of finding a way of reaching the Goose which lays the Golden egg. I cannot go into a shop and address the shopkeeper, by saying, "By my halidums, hodfish and bodikins." No, I have to look in the mirror at the shop entrance to see if my hat is on straight. Then politely go up to the counter and ask if he can kindly oblige me with two half-pennies for a penny, in order to feel I have really more cash than I have.

Alas with all this lack of imagination which you Kiddies enjoy, I have to confess in the words of a well known parody "I'm happy while I'm miking," at the same time we are doing a fair amount of hiking as well.

Devonshire lends itself for this purpose. The following quotation from a guide book gives full expression to its beauty:

"Every mood of nature is reflected here in inspiring perfection. Along the north coast the landscape is mantled in dense woods. They robe the sweeping hills that rise in flowing line above the sea from foot to crest.

Wild headlands thrust jugged snouts into the Channel, and deep combs filled with ferns and greenery gash the bright hued cliffs whose smooth faces drip with brown salt spray."

While this sums up very beautifully the glories of

Devonshire, it misses the glories of the many narrow winding lanes through which we wander in the evenings.

These are lanes banked on either side by an abundance of wild flowers broken at intervals by gateways leading into fields from which viewpoint you get panoramic views of sea and country.

With all this beauty one feels near to God, and all his goodness. For it is here we see the real beauty of creation. It is such scenery as this which makes us appreciate the beauty of those hymns we so often sing, "All things bright and beautiful" or "For all thy Gifts we praise thee Lord."

So it is with a heart full of praise that I write this letter to you.

Now let me try and find a lesson for you from the words "Let's pretend." Here before us are little groups of children busy with their spades and pails, and often we hear them say as we pass; "Let's pretend to build a castle." Such plans set, they work away full of energy, and in face of the incoming tide their castle gets higher and higher.

They have great hopes that their building will stand against the waves as the tide gets nearer and nearer. Alas, such hopes are in vain, for as the water reaches it the first wave may just sweep the bottom of their erection. Then they come one after another until we can only just see the top. Finally the whole is covered. The castle has been swept away into the sea.

What is left? The joy and happiness its erection gave, such will last in memory for many years.

You cannot all be lucky enough to spend your holidays at the seaside and indulge in such pleasant pastimes, so we will leave such surroundings, and take the same illustration just where we are.

I want each one of us to start to-day to build a real Castle within our lives. I will call it "The Castle of Good Intentions."

A little girly in the house where we are staying gave me a very good illustration for this. She had just brought me an early morning cup of tea, for which I told her she was a good little girl.

Her reply, was, "sometimes," what a lot of truth was contained in that simple answer. Although I know she built a Castle of Good Intentions every day, by intending to be ever so good, she realised at times she was not so good as she ought to be.

Is this not so with us all? When we get up in the morning we intend to do everything which is kind, thoughtful and true. But there are incoming waves, someone crosses our path with an unkind word, and at once we are like the cats, we put our backs up against them.

At first the spirit of getting our own back creeps into the main door of our Castle.

Second thoughts, however, leads to its arrest and we take it prisoner and put it in the dungeon. The flag of true self is again flying over our Castle of Good Intention.

Therefore never be disheartened if your first castle of good intentions is swept away by some stronger incoming wave. Remember just as on the seashore the sand still remains to be rebuilt so you have your character to ever build into a strong-hold which will stand the force of all temptations trying to sweep it away.

It is only by this means that we shall grow into strong men and women worthy to take our place in the world with the good and the true.

This month I want you all to take note of my new address, when sending me your letters and replies to last month's puzzle.

Address your letters [in future to UNCLE BERT, "RUBERRONDO," 126, WOODLANDS ROAD, ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

ANSWER TO PUZZLE No. 174.

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| 1. Exeter | 5. Paignton |
| 2. Teignmouth | 6. Torquay. |
| 3. Dawlish | 7. Brixham. |
| 4. Exmouth | 8. Dartmouth |

PUZZLE No. 175.

By taking all the letters contained in the above names see how many Fish, Bird and Fruit you can make up.

With Love,

UNCLE BERT.

"Ruberrondo,"
126 Woodlands Road,
Isleworth, Middx.

THE S.N.U. FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Dear Sir,

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

May.—Hanley Church £2 2s.; East London Association, final donation on dissolution, £2 2s. 11d.; S.W. Lancs. and Cheshire Group, Tea-table collection at Leigh, Evans St. 17s.; B.S.L.U., Barrow Conference, Retiring Collection, £1 9s. 2d.; Miss Jessie Mansell £1 1s.; Mr. A. Scott 5s.; Fred J. Maundell, 2s. 6d.; Total £7 19s. 7d.

June.—Southern D.C. Annual Picnic Collection £2 10s. 6d.; Southern D.C. Tea-table collection, E.C. meeting, 18s. 6d.; Bristol affiliated Churches, Mrs. Meurig Morris' successful meeting £3 3s.; Mrs. Leadbetter, Southport, Home Circle, £1 7s. 6d.; Mrs. E. A. Evans, Rochdale, Private Circle held at Southport, £1 5s.; Mrs. H. Cox, on behalf of Mrs. Young, 3s.; Miss Huff, Poulton, special effort for sick friend 16s. 8d.; Miss Jessie T. Manuell, £1 1s.; E.R.O. Bristol 1st Church, Surrey Street, 5s.; Total £11 10s. 2d.

July.—Members, Rippon Hall, North Shields, £1 6s.; A.G.M. Portsmouth, £9 10s.; Collyhurst Lyceum 5s.; Mrs. Mclauchlan, 10s.; Collecting Box, 32b, North Street, Keighley, 18s. 7d.; Mr. and Mrs. George, Wolverhampton, 10s. 6d.; A.L.D. 10s.; Mr. Tom Case, per E. W. Oaten, 10s.; Mr. A. Scott, 7s. 6d.; Miss H. Newman 3s.; Anniversary Collection, Cheltenham Church £10 3s.; Healing Services, Cheltenham Church 11s. 6d.; Treasure Trove, Cheltenham Church 2s.; Edward G. Bygrave, portion X-word puzzle, 3s.; Sowerby Bridge Church, Mr. E. Marklew's Fee, £1 10s. Total £27 0s. 1d.

The Committee tender their grateful thanks to all who have subscribed to the Fund during the months mentioned. We are still able to carry on, and are helping some very necessitous cases at the present time. The industrial depression makes the needs of some of the pensioners very urgent indeed.

With grateful thanks,

Yours sincerely and gratefully,

32b, North Street,
Keighley, Yorks.

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EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

The questions set for Grade I to Grade III are appended. Questions set for the other Grades will be printed in future issues.

TO CANDIDATES.

- (i) Read through the paper, "Instructions to Candidates," sent to you before the examination.
- (ii) 20 marks are allowed for each of the *five* answers. The possible total is 100.
- (iii) DO NOT copy out the questions. Just put the number and letter in the margin of your answer paper.

Time allowed—not more than THREE hours).

GRADE I QUESTIONS.

FIVE QUESTIONS to be attempted.

Answer Question 1, and *either* Part A or Part B of the other four questions—NOT BOTH parts.

1. (i) Write out ALL the Principles of Spiritualism
- (ii) What do you understand by (a) *The proven facts of Communion between departed Human Spirits and Mortals*, and (b) *Personal Responsibility with Compensation and Retribution hereafter for all good or evil deeds done here?*

2. Part A—S.C.R. 93, DEEDS, NOT WORDS.

Worship God by doing good:

Works, not words: kind acts, not creeds!

Explain this, giving two examples of how we may "worship God by doing good."

OR

- Part B—S.C.R. 66, THE ANGEL GUEST.

Explain—*How pure in heart, and sound in head,*

With what divine affection bold,

Should be the man whose thought would hold

An hour's communion with the dead.

3. Part A—G.C.R. 108, THE LYCEUM and Handbook I.

Describe a Lyceum Session showing the purpose of the various items.

OR

- Part B—G.C.R. 148, ORIGIN OF THE LYCEUM.

Give an account of the visions seen by Andrew Jackson Davis, which led to the start of the Lyceum Movement.

4. Part A—S. C. R. 139, CHILDREN IN SPIRIT LIFE, and Handbook I.

Describe the life of children in the Summerland, as you would if asked to do so by a friend who is not a Lyceumist

OR

- Part B—M. R. 208, and M. R. 211. Explain as you would in a Lyceum Session, (a) *A country of true homes is a country of true greatness*; and

(b) *Never mix thou thy pleasure or thy pride with sorrow of the meanest thing that feels.*

5. Part A—Handbook I.
Name FOUR American Pioneers, and tell what work each one did for Spiritualism.

OR

- Part B—Handbook I.

Tell the story of Catherine and Margaret Fox, showing how they helped to establish Modern Spiritualism.

GRADE II. QUESTIONS.

All FIVE QUESTIONS to be attempted.

Answer *either* Part A or Part B—NOT BOTH parts.

1. Part A—S.C.R. 4, YOUR MISSION.

(i) What do you understand by "Your Mission?"

(ii) Explain:

Go and toil in any vineyard,

Do not fear to do or dare;

If you want a field of labour

You can find it anywhere."

OR

- Part B—S.C.R. 78, INVITATION TO THE LYCEUM.

Explain any FOUR of the following:

(a) *The people of the Spirit Spheres are taught upon this plan.*

(b) *The physical it cultivates with exercise and song.*

(c) *The mental with right symbols and high purpose it makes strong.*

(d) *And will by proper training give "the curse" a flat denial!*

(e) *This glorious scheme is not a dream, but of angelic birth.*

(f) *By love, purity, and intellect, it teacheth us to know*

That right and truth, in every soul, need only help to grow.

2. Part A—G.C.R. 136, TEACHINGS OF SPIRITUALISM, and Handbook, page 4.

In what way does Spiritualism prove:

(a) Man's immortality, and

(b) The existence of a Spiritual Universe.

OR

- Part B—Write a summary of G.C.R. 137, THE NATURE OF SPIRITUALISM.

3. Part A—G.C.R. 148, THE ORIGIN OF THE LYCEUM.

Tell the story of the origin of the Lyceum movement.

OR

- Part B—M. R. 318, ARE WE NOT BROTHERS?

Explain:—

"Let love and truth and peace alone

Hold human hearts in thrall,

That heaven at length its work may own,

And men be brothers all."

4. Part A—Handbook, pages 6-7.

Name FOUR HUMAN RIGHTS, and show how each right enforces a duty.

OR

- Part B—Handbook, page 8.

Mediums are no more than agents for friends departed.

Explain this as to a friend who is inquiring into the claims of Spiritualism.

5. Part A—Handbook, page 11.
What do you understand by the PRINCIPLE.
“The Immortality of the Human Soul and its Personal Characteristics?”

OR

Part B—Handbook, pages 14-17.
Give FOUR Reforms which are necessary if we would LIVE the Principle of the “Brotherhood of Man.”

GRADE III QUESTIONS.

All FIVE QUESTIONS to be attempted.

Answer ONE part of questions 2, 3, 4 and 5 (NOT BOTH parts).

1. Write a Connective Reading of about 100 words to follow S.C.R. 51, verse 3.

*Therefore, should you build, my friend,
Nobly, with high scorn refusing
Low aims offered for the using:
Doubtful ways to some good end;
Write above life's archway golden
These strong words of knighthood olden,
“Better stony truths unfeared
Than a lie with smooth veneering;
Richer Honour's empty purse
Than a pilfered universe.”*

2. Part A—S.C.R. 1, THE DIVINE ORDER.
Explain—*One truth is clear, whatever is right*
—saying whether you agree with this or not, and giving reasons for your answer.

OR

Part B—S.C.R. 1.
Explain what is meant by:
*All are but parts of one stupendous whole,
Whose body nature is, and God the Soul.*

3. Part A—M.R. 236, TRUST IN GOD AND DO THE RIGHT.

Explain the following quotations:

- (a) *He who seeks the truth and trembles at the dangers he must brave
Is not fit to be a freeman, he at best is but a slave;*
(b) *The moral hero;*
(c) *Trust no party, sect or faction, Trust no leaders in the fight.*

OR

Part B—Handbook II, page 17.
Compare and contrast the Standard of Truth in CHRISTIANITY and in SPIRITUALISM.

4. Part A—Give a Summary of the teachings of G.C.R. 138, DEATH AND THE AFTER-LIFE.

OR

Part B—Handbook II, page 20.
What are the general principles underlying Mediumship?

5. Part A—Handbook II, pages 25-40.
Trace the history of the LYCEUM BANNER.

OR

Part B—Describe how the Lyceum Manual and Songster came to be published.

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GOLDEN WEDDING.

TINKER—APPLETON.—On Aug. 22nd, 1881, at Lady Lane Chapel, U.M.F.C., Leeds, by the Rev. A. Winfield, James Tinker to Alice Ellen Appleton, 31, Orient Street, Higher Broughton, Salford (late King Street).

MARRIAGE.

BAMFORD—SMITH.—At Dearnley Spiritualist Church, Littleborough, Aug. 1st, A. R. Bamford, Conductor of the Lyceum, to Miss Smith, also a Lyceumist. Attended by many friends, Lyceumists, and Church members. Mr. G. F. Knott, F.N.S.C., D.N.U., officiated.

COLBOURNE—HAWLEY.—At Grange Road, Middlesbrough, Albert H. Colbourne to Freda Hawley, both of Middlesbrough. Mr. E. Nellist, G.N.S.C., officiated.

IN MEMORIAM.

COOK (South Shields).—Sacred to the memory of our late Lyceum Conductor, George Cook, who passed to Higher Service Sept. 8th, 1929.

“Shine thou on, thou starry token of the joys that are to come,
When by love's bright chain unbroken, we shall all be gathered home.”

Still remembered by the Leaders and Lyceumists of Cambridge Street Lyceum.—C. Stoker, Sec.

FROM SECLUSION TO FREEDOM.

The widow of Mr. James Swindlehurst passed away on 10th August, and her remains were interred at Preston Cemetery.

She was a long sufferer, aged 74. Her husband was a great organiser for the S.N.U. in the old days, and gave some splendid lectures and addresses during his tours around the country. He was a keen supporter of Lyceum Education. There will be a happy meeting of the old couple on the other side.

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SEPTEMBER, 1931.

A World Congress of Spiritualists

During September there will be a Triennial Congress of the International Spiritualist Federation, held at the Hague.

The B.S.L.U. has an arrangement with the S.N.U., by which the two Unions elect two representatives—one from the B.S.L.U. and one from the S.N.U. These two representatives have seats on the Grand Committee of the I.S.F. and attend the annual meetings of the Committee to transact the business of the Federation.

For this purpose, and prior to the Triennial Congress, Mr. E. W. Oaten, the President of the I.S.F., Mr. G. F. Berry, and Mr. G. F. Knott, the present British representatives, will be leaving England on 3rd Sept.

The Triennial Congress.

Mr. G. A. Mack, a past-president of the B.S.L.U., and Mr. and Mrs. Wardle, of Heaton & Byker Lyceum, have been accepted as B.S.L.U. delegates to the Congress. Any further applications for B.S.L.U. tickets must be made to G. F. Knott, either before or during the period of the Congress.

An essay on "Lyceum" Education, written on behalf of the B.S.L.U. by Mr. A. T. Connor, the Education Secretary, will be read at the Congress. The overseas delegates will thus have an opportunity of hearing and discussing the British method of education as applied in the Lyceums of Great Britain. The Essay has been printed and copies can be obtained from the B.S.L.U. office. The price is 1½d. per copy, 9d. a doz., 100 for 6s., all post free.

Our adviser, Mr. Alfred Kitson, wrote two essays which were read at previous Congresses; one essay was read by Mr. Kitson and the other by Mr. G. A. Mack.

The B.S.L.U. has also given a display of an Open Lyceum Session and a Souvenir, printed in English and French, was presented to the delegates.

Mr. Connor's essay explains the objects and methods which form the basis of Lyceum Education and we are hoping the reading of the essay may result in somewhat similar methods being adopted in other countries.

Our chief reason for pointing overseas delegates to our methods is that there is a great opportunity of our

Lyceumists being able to run in harness with people in the larger and wider spheres of public life. We feel that the Lyceum training based on the Lyceum Manual as a text book, provides a splendid philosophy and moral basis.

Personal conversations at the Hague, with overseas delegates, may bring to our knowledge some of the books and ideas which influence spiritualists in other lands. The periodicals do not give any great difference in the fundamental principles, apart from those which are commonly known to us all.

The value of meeting the people of other faiths and other lands is that we are able to hear explanations why various tenets are held and peculiar principles and practises maintained. We are thus able to approach truth and revelation from many aspects, and form an unbiassed judgment of our phenomena.

In teaching children we can display simple truths and principles. The abstract studies can wisely be introduced to older people.

In the operation or pursuit of an experience, with the methods and objects of such an event, we shall find much to interest us when we are in association with spirit-people; particularly when we discuss our experiences with the representatives of organised spiritualism in other countries.

The deliberations of the Congress will provide further themes of similarities and differences arising from the papers presented by essayists.

It is a mental strain to enter whole-heartedly into the work of these triennial gatherings, but when the tension is relaxed it is felt to have been worth while.

It is good to realise we can have with us, in spirit, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Mons. Jean Meyer, and Mons. Leon Denis, all of whom displayed such a great interest in the welfare of the I.S.F.

We offer the greetings of the B.S.L.U. to the delegates assembled at the Triennial Congress of the International Spiritualist Federation which is being held at the Hague and hope that success will crown all aspirations of the Congress.

TO HELP THE BANNER.

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Elsewhere in this issue our readers may notice the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Tinker. We wish, on behalf of all Lyceumists, long life and happiness to these very old friends and supporters of our movement.

WORLD DAY FOR ANIMALS.

OCTOBER 4TH.

(The day dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi).

The Object of this observance is threefold:—

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

This World Day was instituted by the World League, against Vivisection and for the Protection of Animals.

We request all lovers of animals who are also members of Lyceums to perform some definite action on October 4th which will further human kindness and consideration for animals.

£2,000 Effort Fund.

Dear Lyceumists,

Once again I find my report is due. My appeal of last month has not met with a very enthusiastic response. However, the receipts are a little better.

The fund benefits by the closing of the West of Scotland Lyceum Workers' Guild. This is much to be regretted, though at the same time, the donation sent per Miss Louie Gray, 17s. 3d., is greatly appreciated, and thanks are expressed to those concerned. I further gratefully acknowledge the following donations, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Coleman, Lewisham, London, 6s.; Mr. Ed. Nellist, Redcar, Yorks, 100 Hymn Leaflets, 4s. 6d.; and 15 Recitation Leaflets of the Musical Recital "The Reality of God," 2s. 6d. Total Receipts, £1 10s. 3d.

Again I appeal for your support; donations, large or small, will be acceptable. "Every little helps." I shall be pleased to supply further orders for the Musical Recital; Hymn Leaflets; 4s. 6d., per 100; Recitation Leaflets, 2d. per copy. Suitable for a Special service, with parts to suit Lyceumists of all ages. Please purchase—the proceeds are for the £2,000 Effort.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

118, Cremorne St., VICTORIA G. REYNOLDS.
Nottingham. Hon. Sec.

B.S.L.U. SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDS.

Lyceum Banner Fund: Mr. W. T. Coleman, Sale of Leaflets to Meersbrook, 4s. 0d.

Patron-Members (penny a week, etc.): Mr. J. Tinker, 2s. 6d., Miss M. L. Stair, 2s. 6d., C. H. Penny Fund 1s. Minister, 11s. 6d.

The following additional Lyceumists have promised to support the Penny Fund: Bury, Mrs. White, Mr. H. White, Mrs. and Miss N. Dean, Mrs. Kaye, Mrs. W. Kaye, Mrs. Hesp, Miss E. Scaife. Whitley Bay: Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Gardener, Mrs. Henderson, Misses Ruth Lowry, Kathleen Stodden, Dorothy Chivers, Doreen Hedderley, Dolly Scott, Lena Weatherburn.

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 now 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.

How it Works.

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.

What we Need.

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.

To Every Lyceumist.

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.

Spiritualists' National Union Conference.

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

The twenty-ninth A.G.M. of the S.N.U. was held at Portsmouth on Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th July, Mr. J. B. McIndoe, Dipl. S.N.U., presiding over a conference of 112 delegates, representatives and subscribing members. We were invited to the platform where we were delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Eshelby (Canada), and Mr. Will Erwood (U.S.A.).

The Conference was welcomed to Portsmouth by the Lord Mayor, who was humourously introduced by Mr. Hannen Swaffer, the Union's Honorary President. Mr. Swaffer pointed out that, according to the present law, his Lordship ought to arrest himself for being present at a Spiritualist meeting—but His Lordship refused to be scared or coerced!

The President's address dealt mainly with platform efficiency and the problem of the ebb and flow of Society membership, and it drew forth a helpful discussion. It was suggested that the remedy lay with our Churches, which were concentrating too much on phenomena while neglecting their explanation and implications—so that when inquirers became sated with phenomena they had to go elsewhere for the mental food we were failing to supply. A quoted example was the "Power" gramophone record, the fame of which did not rest on the spiritual nature of Power's message, but on the fact that it had nearly been spoiled by Mr. Oaten speaking at the wrong time. We grasped the opportunity to point out that the Lyceum and the Education Schemes offered to all inquirers the opportunity of attaining an intelligent grasp not only of the phenomena but of all that Spiritualism stands for.

The Minutes and Reports were adopted, and what little discussion there was lay with the introducers of Council proposals and a few delegates. A Trust Deed is to be set up governing the F.O.B.; the Building Fund Pool is doing fine work; the Exponents' Committee and the Trust Property Committee continue to carry out their routine duties; and the E.C. will arrange for the resumption of the Summer School in 1932. The College and Education Reports were adopted without discussion, and Mr. Oaten presented Mrs. Greenwood with the Diploma of F.N.S.C.

Mr. Stewart is again to be congratulated on his Treasurer's Report. All his well-known ability and zeal is being concentrated on the task of putting the Union's finances on a solid basis—and he is succeeding. May his *fiscus* be like the widow's cruse.

The remaining reports dealt with the Parliamentary Bill and the International Congress, and were adopted. Mr. Oaten categorically denied some statements regarding the late M. Meyer, and there were also some references to a statement in *The International Psychic Gazette* that the S.N.U. Parliamentary Fund moneys were being improperly used.

The Conference condemned the growing tendency of churches and platform workers to cancel engagements at short notice, and agreed to invitations for conferences being accepted two years in advance. It also reversed last year's decision when it authorised the E.C. to take advantage of any opportunity of moving the Union's

headquarters to London. A demand for a postal ballot was opposed by several Councillors as not ensuring a reliable result, but next day the Council successfully advocated a postal ballot as a reliable means of discovering whether the Churches were in favour of an increase of subscriptions! The postal ballot had been adopted on the Saturday as an amendment to the S.N.U. Constitution.

All the above decisions only affect the Lyceums as part of the Organised Movement, but all Lyceumists are directly affected by the decision to reduce the national status of the Lyceum Union by reducing its representation on the S.N.U. E.C. from two to one, thus placing our Union on a level with a S.N.U. District Council. When the motion was brought forward we put up as hard a fight as the rules of procedure allowed. We reminded the delegates that, in 1920, the decision to affiliate under the new S.N.U. constitution was only adopted by our Keighley Conference after negotiation between the two National Executives, in which the B.S.L.U. was guaranteed recognition of its status as a kindred national organisation and offered two representatives on the S.N.U. E.C. The B.S.L.U. regarded this as a solemn bargain between the two Unions, which should not be altered unless by mutual agreement. This was the second attempt by the Council to lower our status, the 1926 attempt having been defeated. It was revived at the October, 1930, meeting of the E.C., but dropped after some discussion, only to be brought up again and adopted at the January, 1931, meeting, to which neither of our two representatives was summoned. The amendment had been adopted without either the Lyceum Union or its representatives on the Council being allowed to offer even an opinion; and in the circumstances we claimed that the proposal was a breach of faith, and appealed to the Council to withdraw the proposal. We offered that, if it was only a matter of economy, our representatives would agree that only one of them would attend at any given E.C. meeting, but we claimed that, as a matter of national status, we were entitled to two representatives on the E.C. Eight District Councils have eight representatives; 304 subscribing members have one; the 14,558 members of S.N.U. Churches have a further three National representatives, and it was not unreasonable that 13,259 Lyceumists should have two Lyceumist representatives.

That was our case, as presented by Miss Elliott, Mr. Connor and Mr. Knott. There was practically no discussion, but a number of remarkably apposite questions drew from the S.N.U. President several statements damaging to our case, and it was amazing to hear the absence of a WRITTEN agreement between the Unions being advanced as a justification of the Council's action. It was also pointed out that the alteration of the scale of representation lay with the S.N.U. A.G.M., which we admit, with the reservation that the proposal should not have been put before the A.G.M. without the previous agreement of the two National Executives. The voting against us was 37—26; and over 40 did not vote—which leaves matters very unsatisfactory.

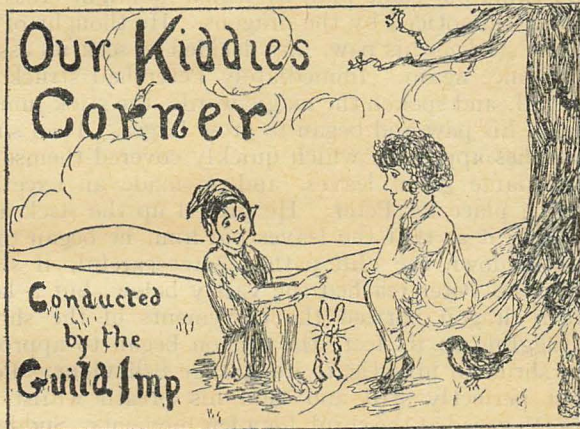
At the Consultative Conference, Mr. Keeling read a paper on Church Organisation and Government, and an interesting, if rather inconclusive, discussion followed. The discussion is being continued in *The Two Worlds*.

On the Sunday evening a Mass Meeting was held in the Guildhall, and members of the E.C. were allocated to various local Churches. It is a symbol of our reduced status that the two Lyceum members of the Council were not allocated, and that our President was not invited to the platform at the Guildhall Meeting.

The S.N.U. Officers for next year are as last year, the President, Vice-President and Treasurer being reappointed without opposition.

EDITH ELLIOTT, A.N.S.C.,
A. T. CONNOR, F.N.S.C.,

Delegates.



DEAR LITTLE IMPs,

August and holidays are over, and we are all at work again, and as busy as ever. Of course we have been very busy on our holidays too, but this is a different kind of busy-ness, isn't it? Lots of other people are working hard, too, especially in the country. Rich September always bring plenty of work for those on the farms. There is corn to cut and thresh, all sorts of field crops to gather in, and apples, pears, and plums to bring in from the orchards.

All that work belongs to the farms, but the hedge-rows and woods are just as busy, tho' they do not need reaping machines to help with their work. The sun is trying to ripen all the berries ready for the birds, and for we inquisitive folks, who think we should share the spoils. Nuts are ripening on the trees, and keeping the squirrels busy. Everywhere Mother Nature is harvesting and preparing lots of seeds for next year's plants. It is a happy, busy time, and the leaves, not to be beaten, show their happiness by donning lovely Autumn colours of red, orange and gold. No wonder people call this "Rich September!" Our story is about some of the furry folk who wanted to be as rich as the month.

A NUTTING COMPETITION.

Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail were two fine brown squirrels. They had a cosy nest deep in a hole in the trunk of the great oak tree that stood right in the middle of Hazelnut Woods. There, with Brown-eyes, and Sharp-ears, their two children, they had a happy time.

Hazelnut Woods was the home of other squirrels too, but Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail had lived there longest, and they always spoke about "our woods" as tho' everything there belonged to them. The other squirrels didn't like that a bit. "Anyone would think that we didn't live here at all," they complained to each other.

"Our nests are just as cosy as theirs, and Brown-eyes and Sharp-ears are no better than other people's children."

Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail pretended not to hear the grumbings of the other squirrels, but in their own nest they talked the matter over. Mrs. Bushytail was very indignant. "Imagine any of those squirrels thinking their poor little darlings can be as clever as our babies!" "Never mind, dear," answered her husband. "Just wait until nutting time. Then they will find out what fine children our two squirrels can be."

All through the Summer-time, Brown-eyes, and Sharp-ears played happily in the woods. Sometimes they would go on to the ground and play about amongst the grass, but most often they stayed up amongst the branches of their own oak tree. Father Bushytail would say "I'll race you to the top of the tree." Then there would be such a scamper up the trunk. Another time Mother Bushytail would offer a prize for the best oak-leaf they could find, and off would go the two little ones, hunting right to the ends of the twigs, and so carefully gathering the leaves. Sometimes when they were a long way from the nest, Father Bushytail would whisper, "When I move a twig, scurry home, and I'll race you." Brown-eyes and Sharp-ears thought it all great fun, but Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail were too clever just to think out jolly games. All this racing and climbing, gathering and listening, were to make them clever and careful little squirrels. Then they just had to learn how to crack nuts, make nests, and keep their own fur and tails spick and span, and their lessons were over.

Of course all the other squirrels taught their little ones the same tricks. They always do! Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail forgot that, and thought that only their two children were clever.

September came, and brought much excitement to the squirrels in Hazelnut Woods. The nuts were ripening, and father squirrels went about pointing out the best ones to the children, whilst the mothers stayed at home and cleaned out the store cupboards.

Every year the squirrels had a competition to see which family could gather in the best store of nuts to last them through the wintry months. This year the competition promised to be better than ever, because every family was quite sure it could beat the Bushytails.

The squirrels agreed to start to collect nuts on the fifteenth day of the month, so that the sun could have a little more time in which to harden the nuts. As they waited, the young squirrels were taught all the rules of the competition:

1. Only good nuts must be gathered.
2. Each squirrel must put its nuts tidily away into the family store-cupboard.
3. There must never be two squirrels on the same branch.
4. Every twentieth nut could be eaten.
5. All nuts had to be gathered by the last day of September.

The competition started, and every squirrel in Hazelnut Woods worked their hardest and quickest. Squirrels seemed to be darting about on every branch. Just occasionally a squirrel could be seen stopping to eat, as it enjoyed every twentieth nut. Each evening excited families would look with pride on their stores, and chatter happily about the day's happenings. One squirrel had been frightened by a man; a tiny squirrel

had slipped from his branch; somebody else had dropped his acorns into a pond. Each family could tell of some excitement that the day had held.

The thirtieth day of September ended the competition. Indeed all the trees were bare of nuts, so that it had to finish, and the squirrels nodded wisely to each other when they heard disappointed people say, "Why, there are no nuts this year!" The squirrels knew all about those nuts. All the store cupboards had to be examined, and this was done by old Grandfather Furryback, who was too old to gather his own nuts, but for whom all the squirrels cared and loved.

Slowly Grandfather Furryback went from nest to nest. One store had too small nuts in it; another was untidy; a third was not full; a fourth had three unsound nuts. About some he only nodded his head, and the eager, following squirrels thought those would win a prize. The Bushytail nest was yet to be visited. Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail led the way with pride. Last night they had left it full of good, large nuts; yes, full to the brim, a royal store.

Alas! for all of their pride! When Grandfather Furryback entered their store, he found Sharp-ears and Brown-eyes lying asleep, but very fat, beside a heap of nut-shells, and a half empty store. Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail had forgotten to teach their babies the most important lesson in squirrel-land: "The nuts we gather in September must last us all the winter through." Their greedy babies had thought the nuts were just gathered for a feast.

That year, Mr. and Mrs. Bushytail moved out of the great oak tree. That nest—the best in the wood, was the prize for the best nut-store, and it was won by Mr. and Mrs. Nimblefeet, who had never won a prize before. They had such a fine store that they could share it with the Bushytails, so that they were not hungry in the cold days, but just a lot wiser, and not nearly so proud as before.

Lots of love, Imps.

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CHANGE OF SECRETARIES, &c.

- UNCLE BERT, "Ruberrondo," 126, Woodlands Road, Isleworth, Middlesex.
- Batley, Hanover Street, 1-45 p.m.—Miss K. Hirst, 8, Lower Henry Street, Batley Carr, Batley, Yorks.
- Batley Carr, Carr Street.—Mrs. Nowell, 96, High St., Heckmondwike, Yorks.
- Heckmondwike.—Mr. Martin, 209, Norristhorpe Lane, Liversedge.
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- Huddersfield, Ramsden Street.—Mr. L. Saxon, 10, Pollard Street, Fartown, Huddersfield.
- Ogmore Vale, Ambulance Hall.—2-0 p.m.—Mr. C. Matthews, 4, Dan-y-Bryn Terrace, Nantymoel, S. Wales.

The Magic Stones: Or Peter in Fairyland.

BY UNCLE FRED.

Peter had not proceeded very far when he found himself at the end of the barren tableland, and gazing down upon a rocky valley between two plateaux. A narrow pathway down the cliff side led into the valley below, and Peter could see it winding across to the hills on the other side. Peter scanned the valley carefully, and soon saw several great dragons moving about, or resting by some of the large rocks with which it abounded. Peter hesitated to commence the journey down the cliff path, and sat down to watch the dragons and think out some plan by which he might cross the valley, unnoticed by the dragons. He thought of the magic stick in his paw, and decided to seek its assistance once again. Immediately Peter had struck the ground, and spoken the magic words, the stick jumped out of his paw and began to grow larger. Then small branches appeared, which quickly covered themselves with large green leaves, and so made an excellent hiding place for Peter. He picked up the stick and, holding it so that the leaves hid him, he began to go slowly down the cliff path. After careful, if slow, progress, Peter reached the valley below, but a large green dragon noticed the movements of the shrub. Struggling to its feet, the dragon began to approach the shrub to investigate its strange behaviour. Peter kept perfectly still and held his breath whilst the dragon gazed at the shrub for a few moments. Suddenly it turned around and moved away in the opposite direction, much to our hero's relief.

Peter's difficulties were by no means at an end. He had only proceeded a little further when he saw two more dragons approaching. Peter again kept perfectly still by the side of the pathway, and, as the dragons drew nearer, he could hear them talking together. The dragon nearest to Peter said: "There is no sign of that villain, Peter, yet." "No, brother!" replied the other. "No doubt our friends, the black dwarfs, have secured him, and he is now lying, a prisoner, in the dungeons of their castle." "Ha! Ha!" laughed the first one. "I hope you are right. Still, he could never have passed through this valley whilst you and I are on the watch."

By this time the dragons had passed Peter, and he chuckled and smiled as he thought how astonished they would have been to learn that he had overheard them.

The journey across the valley proved to be a slow and tedious one for Peter. Several times he was compelled to stand quite still and motionless when dragons wandered near to him. Eventually, he reached the other side of the valley and commenced his uphill climb to the plateau above.

Peter had not proceeded very far up the winding path when he was startled by hearing heavy footsteps behind him. Looking round, he saw, to his dismay, that a dragon was following him up the cliff. He quickly realised that he could not get out of the way of this monster, for its huge body filled the narrow path. He decided to leave his hiding place and dash up the path. As he stepped from the bush, the magic stick again resumed its normal size and shape. Peter grabbed up the stick and started to run as fast as his legs could carry him. The dragon, however, noticed Peter, and with one loud roar started in pursuit of him.

In spite of the speed with which Peter ran, he saw, to his horror, that the dragon was slowly, but surely, overtaking him.

Realising that escape was impossible, Peter again used the magic stick. As soon as he had repeated "Oh, stick! do your duty," a huge boulder filled the pathway between himself and the dragon. Giving the boulder a big push, Peter started it rolling down on his pursuer. When the dragon saw the boulder coming towards him, it gave a roar of terror and fear. Then, seeing that it was impossible to secure its safety, it hurled itself over the edge of the path, tumbling headlong into the valley, and being killed instantly on the rocks below.

The boulder continued on its rapid flight down the mountain path, until it toppled over the edge and fell with a mighty crash into the valley below. The dragons, who had been attracted by the noise, were scared, and scattered in all directions.

Peter, now free from his enemies, continued to climb the cliff pathway, and at last was able to rest awhile on the plateau above. As soon as he felt refreshed, Peter resumed his travels, and quickly left the valley of dragons. Far away in the distance, he could see the Dead Man's Caves, and, as he wished to reach them before nightfall, he hastened on his way.

After a tiring and tedious journey Peter at last reached the caves, just as the shadows of evening were gathering around him. There were several entrances, and, for a time, he stood looking at them, and wondering which to explore first. Finally, he chose one which was a little to the right of where he stood; so grasping the magic stick more firmly in his paw, he approached the entrance. By this time the light was waning so he decided not to wait any longer, and he plunged boldly into the cave, only to come out again more quickly than he had entered. He was trembling all over, for he had not proceeded more than a dozen yards into the cave, when out of the blackness had loomed two luminous green eyes apparently belonging to some monster lurking there.

CHAPTER VI.

Peter stood on the outskirts of the cave for some minutes, wondering what to do. He had been so scared by those fearful eyes that he shuddered as he thought of them. Peter, however, realised that this fresh danger must be met and overcome, if he were ever to recover the magic stones for the Fairy Queen. He at once decided to examine the entrances to the other caverns, and finally set out to again try his fortunes, by entering a cavern on the far side of the mountain.

Peter summoned up his courage, and boldly approached the cavern, and entering it proceeded into the darkness, for some distance without any mishaps. Suddenly his progress was barred by what appeared to be a rocky wall, and being unable to find any opening he struck his stick on the wall and repeated the magic words.

Immediately the words were uttered, there appeared a tiny bright light at the end of the stick, which enabled Peter to see that he was in a large underground cavern. In a corner, he observed a tiny outlet, just large enough for him to crawl through. He did this, and after going along a funnel shaped passage for some yards, he came into an enormous cavern in which stood large pieces of rock. His tiny light could not penetrate far into the gloom of this great cavern, and so Peter moved very

warily. As he went, he looked about him for signs of the chest in which the magic stones lay concealed.

He then remembered the letter containing directions, which he was to open in the Gloomy Caves. He decided to do this at once so that he might know how to act. Seating himself on a piece of rock, Peter took the letter from his haversack, and on opening it read the following message—"He who has now reached the portals of the Gloomy Caves, should search for the tunnel that lies within one of them. He should pass through this tunnel, and enter the large Cavern named Grimm. In this cavern he must closely scan the walls, until he finds a large cross cut in the rock. He will then turn round, and walk twenty paces towards the centre of the cave. This will bring him to a rock, on which also appears the sign of the cross. He must search this rock carefully, until he finds a small brass knob which he must press. The rock will swing aside, and reveal a stairway down which he must go, following the path at the foot of the steps, until he reaches the cave, in which stands the chest containing the magic stones. A key, enclosed with these instructions, must be inserted in the lock of the chest, and at the same time the words "Karma! lamady! Open!" be repeated.

To be continued.

SILVER PAPER.

AINSWORTH HOME OF REST SCHEME.

The General Secretary has ceased to collect Silver Paper. The final list of those who have sent silver paper is printed below. We thank all Lyceumists and friends who have assisted the Home of Rest by sending parcels of Silver Paper. We have just sent over 80lbs. of paper to the smelters and expect to receive its cash value in due course.

Parcels of paper have been sent by:— Eva, Dixie, Bessie, Jack, Joan, Willie and Peggy Brunton; Cornsay and District Lyceum. Mr. Kitson, Dewsbury; Beaconsfield St. Lyceum, Nottingham; Fleetwood Lyceum, per Mrs. Vollans; Heaton Norris Lyceum, per Miss Downs; Miss M. Hart, Manchester No. 1 Lyceum; Darlington, Psycho, per Miss E. F. Chapman; Alice and Ernest Hudson, Rochdale, Regent Hall; Miss E. Snape, Hollinwood; Violet, Theria, Rose and Jessie Hollinshead, Walsall; Mr. V. R. Phillips, Dewsbury; Miss H. Horton, Middleton (Old Hall St.); Mr. T. Kenney, Leicester, Liberty; Miss A. Myers, Florence Morris, Harold Kaye, and Mrs. Carr, Bury; Miss S. Butterfield, Horwich; Mrs. M. G. H. McKenzie, Rosyth; Mr. N. Cartwright, Hyde; Mr. W. Doswell; Mr. G. Paling, Beeston Lyceum; Southampton Lyceum, per Mr. Long; Storchley, per Mrs. Shakespeare; Miss I. Graham, Gateshead; Leonard Hawkins, Walsall; Quarby, per Mr. Baxter; Manchester, Maskell St. (sent in September) per Mr. Dixon; Miss Nellie Fish; Accrington, Pearl St. Lyceum; Mrs. Birtwell, Heywood; Miss A. Pennington, Clapham; J. R. Frost, Manchester, Maskell St. (2 packets); Gladys Stones and Mrs. Exley, Leeds, Easy Road; Mrs. Trumble Manor Park; Mr. W. Rainbow, Woolwich and Plumstead; Mrs. George, Liverpool; Rochdale, Baron St. Lyceum; Miss Goldstraw, Salford; Mrs. F. Gershon, Cheetham Hill; Mrs. A. Leadbetter; Mrs. Wild and Miss Bamford, Dearnley; Mrs. H. Rushton, Macclesfield; Mr. A. Sedgwick; Oldham, Central Lyceum; Blackpool Lyceum; Mrs. Carr, Bury; Mr. J. A. Buckton; Mr. G. Paling; Great Harwood, per Wm. Doswell; Miss E. Darlow, Leicester, Silver St.; Mrs. Gershon, Cheetham Hill; Miss M. A. Williams, Bowes Park; Mrs. Rushton; Miss E. Elliott; Barrow, Dalkeith St. Lyceum; Mr. N. Cartwright; Mrs. Howarth (Earby Onward); Mr. E. W. Long, Southampton; Mrs. Exley, Hunslet; Mrs. Tildesley, Horwich; Mr. A. Morris, Runcorn; Roy Stevenson, St Annes'; Miss I. Graham; Moston Lyceum; Miss C. O. Taylor; Miss N. Dean; Bessie Whitworth.

We have just learned that Mr. John Venables, J.P., has passed to the higher life. We shall give a report in our next issue.

A Model Lyceum Session.

LEEDS LYCEUM DISTRICT COUNCIL SILVER BELL PROGRESS SCHEME.

Lyceum Officers should be in their places when the Lyceum Conductor calls the Lyceum to order, prompt on the time arranged for starting the session.

The members should be divided into groups, or classes, each to contain not more than twelve scholars. Each class should be represented by a Banner, or ornamental card, with the name of the Group, or its representation. Members should wear small badges of the colour of the group to which they belong (for scale of groups, colour of their respective badges and their meanings, see diagram on page 26 of the Officers' edition of the Lyceum Manual).

The Leaders or Teachers sit at the heads of their respective classes, each wearing a badge of the same colour as that of his or her class. (For list of Officers' Badges and how to make them, see page 27 of the Officers' edition of the Lyceum Manual).

PROGRAMME.

(1) Distribution of Badges, etc.

At the appointed time for starting, the conductor gives one stroke of the Bell, signifying that the session has commenced, he instructs the Guards to distribute the Flags, Badges, and Lyceum Manuals.

(2) Opening Hymn.

Three strokes of the Bell calls all to stand up while singing. (The Musical Conductor will help the scholars to sing feelingly, such words as "Soft," "Low," to be sung softly and not with the full tone of voice. Also to observe that "Hark" means we are called upon to listen and should be followed by a pause in the singing. By this means the scholars will learn to sing effectively as required by the passages in the hymns).

(3) Prayer.

By the Conductor or some Volunteer, during which all are requested to stand still, with eyes closed. At the conclusion, Four Strokes of the Bell gives the signal for all to be seated.

(4) Calling the Roll.

The Guardian shall call the roll of Officers and Lyceumists and mark their attendance in the book and on the Star Cards, if such cards are in use.

(5) Silver Chain Recitations.

The Conductor should choose these before the session is held, so that he can look up the meaning of difficult words or phrases in order to be able to answer the questions concerning them. "Helps to the study of the Lyceum Manual" will be found of ready service.

(6) Musical Reading.

Remarks regarding singing effectively, and the Conductor acquainting himself with the meaning of difficult words and phrases contained in the verses and connective readings are equally applicable here.

(7) Golden Chain Recitations.

These also call for care to be exercised in their rendering, so that the important points, or truths they contain in them, may stand out clear before the members of the Lyceum, "Like Jewels on a Black Velvet Cushion."

(8) Recitations, Singing, etc.

These give individual members the opportunity of

expressing their talents in Elocution and Singing effect, through the items they select. Budding talent should be wisely encouraged to unfold itself in the Lyceum.

(9) Marching and Callisthenics.

These should be taken when half the time allotted for the Session is over, so as to throw off any tendency to listlessness that may be shown by the children. To this end they should be encouraged to carry themselves with head erect, shoulders well set, and march with a light step and graceful deportment. Avoid stamping or sliding of feet. The Callisthenics should be gone through with precision of movement, and all tendencies to perform them in a half-hearted or slipshod way should be corrected. By these means the scholars will be refreshed in mind and invigorated in body, to study lessons when arranged in groups.

Those who are students of the Education Scheme, should devote themselves to the study of their Grade Syllabus of Work. For the others, the teachers are recommended to select their lessons from "Outlines of Spiritualism for the Young," which contains a wide range of subjects, simply told, so that the children can understand them.

Adults will find it a mine of information. The book was written for use in Lyceums, and was donated to the Lyceum Union.

(10) CLOSING EXERCISE.

ADJUDICATION.

Total marks awarded 100. Each section is awarded a maximum of 10 marks for efficiency.

Opening Arrangement—5 marks. Punctuality—5 marks. Distribution of Manuals, Badges, Flags, etc. (if any).

(Anyone entering Lyceum after stroke of Bell, ALL Marks lost. No marks to be deducted for not having Regalia).

Singing. Opening and Closing Hymn, Musical Reading, Solos, &c.

(In rendering of Solos due allowance to be made for children).

Reading. Silver Chain; Golden Chain; Musical Reading; Conductor's parts.

(Notice to be taken of commas, full stops, expression of words, etc.)

Pearls, Recitations, Individual Efforts.

(Pearls should NOT be read. Value of Pearls to be considered. Recitations should be in keeping with Lyceum Teachings).

Marching.

(Carriage of body, feet, etc., to be considered).

Callisthenics.

(Attention of Lyceums is drawn to the SHIELD MOVEMENT).

Harmony of whole Session.

(All lessons should point to one aim and teaching).

Groups. Each Lyceum should have two or more Groups. Subjects should be in accordance with Spiritualist Teachings.

(Groups should consist of NOT more than 12 members. Marks to be awarded on value of Groups. Marks to be deducted if Lyceum has not its Quota of Groups according to numerical strength).

General Behaviour.

(Attention of Lyceums is drawn to sitting with legs crossed; Talking; leaving Lyceum without consent of Conductor, etc).

Efficiency of Officers.

(Including Conductor, Librarians, Guards, Musical Conductor, Leaders, etc).

All Lyceums Affiliated to the B.S.L.U. and District Council will be adjudicated by Mr. H. Baines (Bradford). 1 week's notice will be sent prior to adjudication. The scheme will be run for a period of 3 years and the Lyceum making most progress in this period allotted will receive a reward or Prize of 12 Lyceum Manuals. The Silver Bell will be awarded to the Lyceum making most marks each year. All Lyceums will pay a fee 1¼d. per Lyceumist on returns sent to the B.S.L.U.

Mr. WAINWRIGHT, President and Chairman.

Mr. HARDING, Secretary.

Mr. CRANN

Mr. HURST

Mr. DAISLEY

} Committee.

District Council Reports

LEEDS DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference will be held at 3-30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19th, at Wakefield, opposite Empire, Kirkgate.

Agenda:—Opening Exercise, Invocation, Welcome, President's Address, Minutes, Correspondence; Reports: D.Vs., Treasurer, Fraternal Delegate to L.D.C., Field Day Secretary, Financial Statement, Auditors, Silver Bell Progress Scheme, Field Day Business, Invitation for 1932 Demonstration.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

From Batley Carr:—"That the previous Minutes relative to invitations, that the inviting Lyceum pay cost of one Band, be rescinded." "A. All Lyceums affiliated to Leeds Lyceum District Council pay an equal amount to be fixed by the Council."

From Dewsbury:—"That the Field Day Demonstration be re-organised."

From Dewsbury:—"That the salary of the General Secretary of the B.S.L.U. be reduced £50 per year."

Roll Call, Associates, Open Council, Date and Place of next Conference (Invitation), Vote of Thanks to Local Friends.

BUSINESS IS VERY IMPORTANT. Please see your Lyceum is represented. Each Lyceum is entitled to two Delegates. All Associates welcomed. Tea provided.

Corrections to August Report. Field Day Demonstration, Mr. Daisley was the Marshall. The name of one of the Assistants was printed as "Dalker" and should be "Mr. Walker, of Wakefield."—A. W. Harding, Sec.

NORTH-EAST CHESHIRE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on 1st Aug. at Macclesfield. The President, Mr. W. Dransfield, was in the chair. Invocation by Mrs. Ennion. The President, in his address, touched the general work done this year.

The Minutes of last meeting and Executive were read and adopted. Congleton were duly accepted as members to the Council, and general pleasure was expressed.

The D.V.'s report of the visit to Macclesfield Lyceum was received with thanks.

The U.D.C. Delegate then fully explained items left over from last meeting owing to Mrs. Ennion being away through illness. Area Representation, Poll Tax, and adoption of Salute. The Delegate was duly instructed how to deal with these matters at the next U.D.C. meeting.

The B.S.L.U. Conference Report, by Mrs. Springate, which was accepted with thanks, was a long item, and it was noted that next year is Constitution year. We are to put this matter on the next agenda.

Annual Outing Report by Secretary. It was generally agreed that it was very successful and thanks were given to the Sub-Committee for the work; also to Macclesfield for the arrange-

ments they made and pleasure at the financial support it had given to our funds.

Mass Sessions. We noted with pleasure those held at Macclesfield and Heaton Norris. The next is at Ashton on Aug. 30th.

United Districts Council visit to our District on the 17th and 18th October. We were able to make all arrangements, and the billet officer is Mrs. Rushton, "Rose Cottage," Upton, Macclesfield. The venue is Cumberland Street Church, Macclesfield.

Credential Report. Officers 6, Lyceums 6, Associates 12.

Lyceums please note November Meeting nominations for Officers will be due.

We are trusting that the efforts put forth this year will bring in numbers to our cause. Lyceumists must be fully alive and remember "The Workers Win," so "Rouse, ye Comrades." Let us get into our districts for the love of our cause, ever remembering our duty and our mission.

Replies from M.Ps. *re* Bill in Parliament were noted. Do not let them rest in tranquility, but write again, for it is only by this means they are going to realise that we mean to have that freedom we so much express in our *Manual*.

R. A. L. MARKHAM, Sec.

NORTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The above Council will hold the third Quarter's Meeting at 3-30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19th, 1931, in the Church and Lyceum at Pearl Street, Accrington.

Tea will be provided by our friends at Pearl Street at a nominal charge.

Will Secretaries please notify Associates of the meeting?

Agenda:—Minutes, Correspondence; Reports: Secretary, Treasurer, B.S.L.U. Conference Delegates, D.V., Miscellaneous, President's Address, Elect Delegates to U.D.C. Meeting at Macclesfield. Constitution Business. Notices of Motion: "Motion from St. Peter Street *re* the date of third quarterly meeting being changed from the third Saturday in September to the last Saturday in August." Open Council.

J.S., Sec.

TEES-SIDE DISTRICT.

The Quarterly Conference of this Council was held at the Middlesbrough (Wilson St.) Lyceum on Sunday 9th August, 1931. In addition to the usual routine business the following items were dealt with:

The Tyneside and Tees-side Joint Boundaries Committee Report was accepted. The Boundary runs across the County of Durham through the north of Durham City to the Sea-coast.

The endorsement of Horden Lyceum's re-entry application was confirmed.

Billingham Lyceum's application was endorsed.

The President, Treasurer, Secretary and Mr. J. Miller were appointed to the Finance Committee to consider the financial position of the Council and make recommendations to the E.C.

In the Afternoon the Council President conducted the Lyceum Session. Greetings were given by the following Lyceums: Gurney Valley; Darlington (Psycho); Middlesbrough (Grange Road); Shildon; West Hartlepool (Star of Progress); Darlington (Ever-welcome); Stockton (Brunswick St); Horden; and Grangetown. Mr. J. Slimin representing the Northern District Council (S.N.U.) presented the greetings, also of Sunderland (Derwent St.) Lyceum, Tyneside Lyceums and the B.S.L.U. (M.C.). Mr. S. Shipman of Middlesbrough (Grange Road) gave a paper entitled "The Failure of Organized Religion."

The Evening Services were sustained by members of the Council, the Speakers and Demonstrators being Mr. J. Slimin, Mr. T. Jones, Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Foster.

A MASSED SESSION.

The concluding event of the Council's Twenty-first Birthday Celebrations was held at the Shildon Lyceum on Sunday, 26th July, 1931. Mrs. Graham, the Lyceum Conductor, had charge of the Afternoon Session. The opening Hymn "Shoulder to Shoulder" was followed with an Invocation by the Conductor, The Lyceum Secretary (Mr. J. Sunter) welcomed the Lyceumists to Shildon. Mr. C. H. Roeder (Middlesbrough) led the Silver Chain Recitation "How to Live." The M.R. "Seeds of Promise" connective readings were entrusted to Mr. T. Jones, Mr. Kendal and Miss Taylor. The Council Secretary led the G.C.R., "The Ten Laws of Right," and dealt with the few questions asked. There were a good many Pearls. Recitations

were given by E. Donald, J. Alderson, A. Kyle, W. Kyle and Nancy Saunders, of Shildon, also by Irene Scorer, and Florence Francis, of Gurney Valley. The Marching, under the direction of Mr. W. Smith, included the Maze, Semi-circle, Reverse, Square, Cross and Chain was confined to children only. The first Series of Callisthenics were performed. Greetings were given by representatives from Gurney Valley, Darlington (Ever-welcome); Middlesbrough (Grange Road); Grangetown; and West Hartlepool (Star of Progress) Lyceums. Gurney Valley were present "en masse" and Darlington "Ever-welcome" had closed for the day to enable their adults to be present. The Council President (Mrs. E. M. Ainsworth) and Secretary (Mr. E. Nellist) addressed the Lyceum. Miss Lindsay recited an appeal to the gathering, after which the Session closed with the singing of "Sweet Golden Age," and the benediction pronounced by the Conductor.

The Evening Services were conducted by the Council under the Chairmanship of its President (Mrs. E. M. Ainsworth). A hood attendance of people listened with interest to the addresses of Mr. C. H. Roeder (Hon. Life Member) and Mr. E. Nellist, G.N.S.C. (Secretary), whilst the Clairvoyance was entrusted to Mrs. C. Lofthouse (District Visitor) and Mrs. Whitfield (Darlington "Ever-welcome").

E. NELLIST, G.N.S.C., Sec.

District Visitors' Reports.

SOUTH-EAST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT.

Bacup, July 5th. The whole of teachings, marching and callisthenics are carried out in strict conformity with the B.S.L.U. Constitution. The conduct was good.

Todmorden, Roomfield Buildings, July 17th. 21 present. Reading and singing good. Marching very good. Callisthenics, 1st series, B.S.L.U.; 2nd series, Sandow Series, were a credit to the Lyceum. The old Musical Conductor, Mr. Dawson, is still a valuable asset. This Lyceum has improved since my last visit. I hope they will continue to add to their numbers.

Rochdale, Baillie Street, July 26th. Morning. Singing good. Readings well explained, responses galore, both from child and adult. The marching was perfection itself, good, clean, brisk and smart; not a blemish. First series of callisthenics were ably performed. Their young Musical Conductor is worthy of comment. I felt handsomely rewarded for my visit.

Rochdale, Regent Hall, July 26th. Afternoon. 42 present. Mrs. Nurse gave the invocation. Singing and readings were ably rendered. Mr. E. Hudson is a competent Marching Leader. Marching and callisthenics were very good. I feel sure Regent Hall highly acknowledge the services of their young Musical Conductor. The standard and conduct was good.

HERBERT SHAW, D.V.

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.

DUNEDIN, N.Z.—The Annual Presentation of Prizes took place on May 31st, it being the 8th Anniversary. A large number of visitors attended. Open Session was held and pearls given by all scholars. Recitations by Eric Downes, Hilda and Kathleen Paul, Frances Anthony, Joan Hargreaves, Colin Bachop, Margaret and Edith Robinson, Dulcie Prattley, Nancy Rainbow, Jean McConnell and Kitty Dobbin. Songs by Mavis Dobbin and Irene Bachop. Pianoforte solo by Mr. Hargreaves. The Conductor welcomed all present and after reading the yearly report, Mrs. W. Rose, who had kindly consented to present prizes, gave a happy little talk to the children. The prize winners are:—Fountain Group: Kathleen Paul, Winifred Paul, Andrew Paul, Audrey Robinson. Ocean, Shore and Beacon Group: 1st, Joan Hargreaves; 2nd, Roland Paul; 3rd, Garnet Asher; 4th, Irene Bachop; 5th, Nancy Rainbow. Lake and Sea Group: 1st, Frances Anthony; 2nd, Hilda Paul; 3rd, Colin Bachop; 4th, Eric Downes. Banner and Star Group: 1st, Jean McConnell; 2nd, Edith Robinson; 3rd, Margaret Robinson; 4th, Dulcie Prattley; 5th, Mavis Dobbin; 6th, Kitty Dobbin. Excelsior Group: Jim Robinson. Liberty Group: Mr. Hargreaves, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Asher, Mrs.

Paul, Mr. Gore. Essays, 12-13 years: 1st, Margaret Robinson; 2nd, Dulcie Prattley; 8-10 years: 1st, Irene Bachop; 2nd, Joan Hargreaves.

The Conductor was presented with a lovely box of stationery and stamps by the adult members, and it was greatly appreciated. We welcomed Mrs. McConnell after her illness. It was a great effort for her to be present, but it would not have seemed like an anniversary without her, as she has never been absent from one. Mr. Gore, our eldest member (78), proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Ridd, Church President, also National President, who also spoke appreciatively of the work done in the Lyceum. The closing hymn, 306, was heartily sung and a happy afternoon ended. We are starting a new year, and we hope a successful one. Greetings to all Lyceumists and to the Editor of the BANNER.—Miss R. Burgess, Con.-Sec.

LONDON, North London.—Despite the deluge in the morning and early afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 16th, a large congregation gathered at the Lyceum Session to greet our youngest member, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Drinkwater, who received her name, Doreen Evelyn, and spirit name "Rosemary," from our President, Mr. Pulham, assisted by Mrs. Pulham. It was altogether a beautiful and touching ceremony, and those who are closely in touch with our little friend were deeply conscious of the unseen presence of those who love her very dearly, which imparted a spirit of reverence beyond words to describe, and it seemed a particularly happy omen that immediately the Session commenced the storm outside gave way to calm, and fine weather prevailed for the rest of the day.

We hope to see Doreen with us many years, and meantime, as she cannot utter her little prayers, we will offer this simple invocation in her name:

"God make my life a little light
Within the world to glow;
A little flame that burneth bright
Wherever I may go."

—W.W.D.

LONDON, Plaistow.—On Aug. 12th we had the pleasure of witnessing our first naming ceremony in our new Church. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles was given the name of Alan Charles, and the spirit name "Light Ray." Miss Margaret Barber conducted the ceremony. The infant Lyceumist was presented with a *Manual*. The ceremony was very interesting, as both parents, before marriage, were officers of the Lyceum, and the child's grandfather is at present the Conductor of the Lyceum.—E. J. Raven, Sec.

MANCHESTER, Newton Heath.—On July 26th Liberty Group. Mr. Woodcock was our speaker and gave us a splendid address on "Reincarnation," which gave rise to much discussion.

Aug. 2nd, Miss Watson named the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Salt in a pleasing manner, using lilies and red roses. Earthly name, Ramon Harry Salt; spiritual name, "Victor."

Aug. 16th, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Marks, President of the Manchester and Salford L.D.C., was named by Miss E. Elliott, President, B.S.L.U. Earthly names, Trevor Ernest; spiritual name, "Magic Flute." She used lilies, cream roses, and carnations in a delightful manner, to a packed session.

Aug. 23rd, the infant daughter of Mrs. Wellans was named by Miss Watson in a very suitable manner, asking that sympathy be given to those who had the care of the little flower until the mother was restored to health again. Earthly names, Sadie Gertrude Mary Wellans; spiritual name, "Marguerite." Lilies and carnations were the flowers used.—Miss F. Shaw, Sec.

WELLINGTON, Kent Terrace, N.Z.—A very delightful and impromptu Open Session was held on 17th June. We had several visitors present and an excellent attendance of Lyceumists. Mr. H. Barton was Musical Conductor. After the marching and callisthenics the following Lyceumists contributed to the programme:—Recitations by Franky Eyles, Ken Mander, Ethel Parkins, Shirley Turple, Cora Eyles, Eileen Swede. We heard a very sweet song by Ken Mander. Best wishes to all Lyceums from the Wellington Lyceum.—S. Harris, Sec.

LINCOLN, Progressive, Coultham St.—Our Lyceumists went to Skegness on July 2nd for their Annual Outing. We all spent a very enjoyable day by the sea in glorious sunshine and returned home very happy.—N. Willey, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham, High Road.—We have enrolled three new Lyceumists this month. Now that holidays are over we expect to be a live Lyceum.—Gwen Morement, Session Sec.

LYCEUM REPORTS.

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

RULE 2.—Record only the events occurring after August 26th.

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

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

RULE 4.—All Reports must reach this Office not later than September 23rd to ensure insertion in the October issue.

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

ACCRINGTON, Argyle Street.—Open Session, Aug. 8th. Recitations by P. Glover, E. Spencer, F. Bartlett, E. Bartlett, Solos by Miss Scholes, F. Moreton, Mrs. Higson, Miss White, Miss West. The Session was greatly enjoyed by all.—F. Holgate, Sec.

ACCRINGTON, Pearl Street.—Open Session, Aug. 2nd. Recitations were well rendered by Madge Shuttleworth, Nellie and Frances Laycock. Solos and duets by Walter and Mrs. Swift, Alec Taylor, Mr. Fazackerley, Mrs. Houliker and Hilda Swift. We also had a lady visitor from America, who spoke a few words on the Lyceum. We had a very enjoyable morning.—Hilda Swift, Sec.

BACUP.—Open Session, Aug. 2nd. Pearls by M. Patchett, Mrs. Carter. Recitations by M. Halsall, A. Wright, I. Patchett, D. Halsall. Pianoforte solo by J. Patchett, D. Halsall. Solos by Mrs. Wright, M. Patchett. Duet by Mary M. Kenna and Joan Patchett; L. Jones and H. Salt. Educational Certificates were presented by our Lady Conductor, Mrs. Carter, to Doris Clayburn, Molly Patchett, L. Jones, K. Aymos.—A. Halsall, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD.—Aug. 2nd, Open Session, conducted by Mr. Taylor. Recitations by Gwennie, Muriel, Gertie and Annie Watson, Mrs. Harper, Lilian Harding, Noel and Rodney Jones, a Visitor from South Manchester, Vera and Leslie Hamilton, Wm. Barry. Solos by a Visitor from South Manchester, Mr. Groves, Clifford Jones, Mrs. Harding. Pianoforte solo by Eileen Edwards. Pearls by Miss E. Thompson, Albert Thompson, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Harper, Wm. A. Kneale, and a visitor from South Manchester. The Lyceum welcomed visitors from South Manchester, who tendered their greetings. We returned our greetings from Birkenhead.—Wm. Kneale, Sec.

BLACKBURN, St. Peter Street.—On July 26th we held our monthly Open Session. Recitations by C. Railton, E. Fish, F. Holding. Solo by C. Railton. We had a very good Session, ably conducted by our Conductor, Mr. J. N. Railton—Tom. Wood, Sec.

BLACKPOOL.—The Sunday morning Session was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Conductor, Mrs. E. H. Rothwell.

At the afternoon service our speaker, Mr. Shuttleworth, presented our winning candidates with their Education Scheme Certificates. We are proud of them and hope they will take Mr. Shuttleworth's advice and carry on. Pearls were given and many seeds were sown during both Sessions. We received numerous greetings which ended a happy Session.

At the evening service we were favoured with "Kind words and Sweet Smiles" from three of our young Lyceumists, Margery and Mabel Cartmell and Lily Baker. It was sweetly rendered and their effort was appreciated. Mr. Shuttleworth's address concluded a happy Lyceum Day.—J. Bamber, Sec.

Correction.—The spirit name of James Carter, the baby named by Mrs. Nurse last month, should have read "Victor."

BOLTON, Bradford Street.—On Aug. 9th we held our Open Session in the afternoon and evening. At both Sessions recitations and solos were well rendered by various Lyceumists and friends present. A pleasing feature at both Sessions was selections played by a "Musical Trio" from Mawdsley Street,

who kindly gave their services. Another pleasing ceremony was the presentation of Education Certificates to three of our Lyceumists, Mrs. Shackles, Master G. Shackles and Mr. J. Walker.

At 8 p.m. we held an after-circle, which was well attended. Altogether it was a red-letter day. All three services were ably conducted by Mrs. Shackles, Assistant Conductor. Greetings to all.—J. Walker, Sec.

CLECKHEATON.—Open Session, Aug. 2nd, Anniversary Day. Speaker, Mr. Harding, of Wakefield. The afternoon Session was conducted by Mr. Harding and Miss M. Wilkinson. An interesting study was spent on Silver Chain No. 78 and Golden Chain No. 108. Mr. Harding said he had brought a basket with him in which to collect pearls, and he gathered 24. Recitations by Irene Wilson and Joyce Sharp.

In the evening Mr. Harding gave an interesting address on Lyceumism. The Anniversary hymns were sung in the afternoon and evening. On both occasions a good congregation attended. A good day was spent by everyone.

On Saturday, Aug. 1st, the Lyceum held a Picnic. The day was quite favourable and games were played, together with other entertainments. A very enjoyable and pleasant day was spent and I wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make it a success.—Miss M. B. Robinson.

DEWSBURY.—Open Session, July 26th. Conductor, Gerald Hey. Pearls by Cyril Hey, Vera Croft, Mr. H. Gregory, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. Ledgard, Jack Day, Phyllis Dunn. Recitations by Dorothy Dunn, Jack Day, Mrs. Hartley, Ettie Day, Arthur Greenwood, Cyril Hey, Cissie Greenwood, Joan Scott Duets by Louie Gregory and Mr. H. Gregory; Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. Clegg; Annie Johnson and Florence Phillips; Mr. W. Hey and Cyril Hey. Solo by Clarissa Phillips. Quartette by Laura Shaw, Elsie Roebuck, Lily Whightman and a visitor. The speaker for the day, Mrs. Hanson, of Armley, spoke to the Lyceumists.

During the holiday week our Lyceumists formed a hiking party of nearly 40 people and went to Horbury, Liversedge, Paradise Farm, Batley Park. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a glorious time.—V. R. Phillips, Sec.

DONCASTER, Catherine Street.—Open Session, Aug. 2nd. Conductor, Master A. Crossland. Invocation by Mrs. Holloway. Pearls and recitations by M. Holloway, S. Middleton, D. Mottram, L. Middleton, V. Soan, F. Soan and M. Alvis. A very nice Session.

On Aug. 17th we had our Lyceum Trip, taking the children by motor coach to Scarborough. We had a very jolly time, giving the children a good time, and we had races on the sands for both young and old Lyceumists. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Holloway, Senr., for the good time. We had a perfect day without any mishap.—Mrs. Webb, Sec.

EARBY, Greenend Avenue.—Open Session, Aug. 2nd. Recitations by E. Greenhalgh, O. Hodgson, K. Hodgkinson, O. Wilkins, H. Hetherington, R. Hancock, D. Seddon, R. Hodgkinson, J. Hancock, S. Hetherington, F. Clarke, A. Wilkinson, T. Hancock, G. Morby and W. Hancock. Three stories were told by F. Clarke, D. Seddon and K. Hodgkinson. A very pleasant afternoon was spent.—Mrs. D. Dawson, Sec.

EARBY, Onward.—On Saturday, Aug. 1st, our scholars had their Annual Treat. They went to Morecambe by char-a-banc. A most enjoyable day was spent. Thanks are due to our Morecambe friends for the loan of their Church, "The Temple of Light," to cater for the children's teas.—Mrs. J. W. Clark, Sec.

FLEETWOOD.—On Saturday, Aug. 1st, our Lyceum took part in the Annual Hospital Parade with a tableau entitled, "The Seasons." It was staged on a decorated lorry and had four divisions representing Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The children were dressed appropriately. Girls represented the Flowers and boys displayed the Sports. We were again in the prize list, gaining the 2nd prize, a beautiful oxidised silver vase.

Our Sessions are still well attended and in place of the usual Open Session our Conductor presented the Certificates earned by 20 successful Lyceumists at the last Educational examination. He emphasised the good that the Education Scheme was doing, and urged all to learn as much as they could. We congratulate all other Lyceumists who took the examinations and wish them all greater success next year.

GREAT HARWOOD.—Open Session, Aug. 2nd. S.C. by May Pickvance. G.C.R. by Florence Pickvance, Mrs. Haworth, Mrs. Owen. M.R. by Florence Owen, Rosa Bagshaw,

Eileen Shaw. Recitations by May Pickvance, Joan Bullen, Edna Parkinson and Mrs. Howarth. Duet by May Pickvance and Rosa Bagshaw. Trio by Sheila Parkinson, Edna Parkinson and Greta Johnson. All our students have been successful in the Education Scheme. We have also won the Silver Bell, which is the trophy of "The Accrington and District Joint Lyceums," for the third year in succession.—William Doswell, Sec.

HOLLINWOOD, Byron Street.—July 26th, Open Session, which was well attended. May Preston recited, Doris Naden gave a pianoforte solo, and the younger children sang "Open the Door for the Children." Mrs. Rothwell named the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, Brenda, spirit name "Faith." Several Lyceums were represented and the Session was enjoyed by all. At 6-30 the Lyceumists rendered the Service of Song, entitled "Netty."—M. Howarth, Sec.

HORWICH, Chorley New Road.—Open Session, Aug. 2nd; there was a good attendance. We had visitors from various Lyceums. Pearls, recitations and solos were ably rendered. During the Session Mr. W. Cliff, of Bolton, presented Certificates to the eleven successful students, who passed the B.S.L.U. examinations.

In the evening the Lyceum rendered a service of song, entitled "Grace Darling," the reader being Mrs. Wadeson.—Mr. J. Sherrington, Sec.

HUDDERSFIELD, St. Peter Street.—A well-attended Lyceum Demonstration was held at the Market Cross on Aug. 16th. The scholars gave a fine display of marching, physical exercises, musical readings, golden and silver chain recitations from the *Lyceum Manual*, under the leadership of Mr. J. Midgley. Mr. Ben Carter, Halifax, gave a stirring address on the Lyceum Movement and the truths of Modern Spiritualism. Mrs. Whitley, Bradford, gave inspiring invocations, and literature was distributed. Mr. J. Sleight, Moldgreen, presided over the assembly.

LEICESTER, Liberty.—Open Session, Aug. 9th. A good attendance of Lyceumists and friends. Recitations by Jacky Whitbread, Alice Gamble, Horace Jayes, Cyril Clements, Elsie Clements. Solos by Mrs. Hubbard, Lily Jayes. Duet by Miss P. Ashley and Mrs. Hubbard. Trios by Irene Ashby, Elsie Clements, Ethel Gamble; Doris Garratt, Elsie Garratt, Ethel Gamble.—Thomas Kenney, Sec.

LONDON, Hackney.—On July 30th a merry party set out from Hackney Station to go to Westcliff. We boarded a saloon coach, which was very comfortable, and the children were delighted at being free to move about. When we reached Westcliff the weather was delightful and very bracing. We walked along to the swimming and bathing baths and several Lyceumists went swimming while others went on the Cycle Track. We had a delightful hot dinner and desserts, which everyone enjoyed. We were praised by being told we were the best behaved party they had catered for during the season. After dinner everyone went on a big boat and had a lovely trip on the ocean, singing and laughing all the while. We came back and went swimming and paddling. After a very nice tea we had time for more fun, so several Lyceumists entered into various games. We sang all the way home. A glorious day's outing, thanks to the loyal support of many adult Lyceumists and friends.—M. Wemborn, Sec.

LONDON, Stratford, Idmiston Road.—Miss L. Golbourne conducted the Open Session on Aug. 2nd. The speaker was Mr. A. McFie, an old Lyceumist. A good programme was carried out, the singing, reading, marching and callisthenics being good, and enjoyed by a number of visitors. Many individual efforts were given. Attendances are on the up-grade and a steady improvement all round is anticipated for the winter season. A kindergarten is in course of formation. Visitors to London will receive a warm welcome.—R. H. Bates, Sec.

LONDON, Tottenham and Edmonton.—The Sessions have been attended well, and interest shown in marching and callisthenics. Always plenty of individual efforts. A hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Markham, A.N.S.C., Sec.

MIDDLESBROUGH, Grange Road.—On Sunday, Aug. 2nd, we welcomed into our Lyceum the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ingham. His name, Peter William, was entered in our Cradle Roll. Mr. Nellist, G.N.S.C., officiated.

Our Annual Outing on Aug. 12th to Swainby was a huge success. A great day was enjoyed by all.—M. Harrison, Sec.

MIDDLETON, Oldhall Street.—The Open Session on July 19th was a great success. Five Lyceums were represented.

Marching and callisthenics were creditably performed. Solos and recitations were ably rendered.—S. Moorcroft, Sec.

NELSON, Vernon Street.—Aug. 2nd, Open Session. Recitations by Margery Atherton and Richard Gallagher. Songs by Frances Hartley, Mary E. Jackson, Libby Woods and Margaret Hopkinson, with Kate Smoothy at the piano.

Happy congratulations were given to our Assistant Conductor, Miss E. Boothman, in her new sphere of life. She is now Mrs. A. Dickinson. May the future find happiness for both.—Miss B. Robinson, Assist. Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.—July 26th, Lyceum Sunday. On this day the Lyceum takes charge of the services and endeavours to show the Church congregation the work of the Lyceum and its progress, thus bringing together in closer harmony the Church and Lyceum.

The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers. Miss Alice Hesp was the speaker for the day. She is a staunch Lyceumist. At both morning and evening services she did her utmost to go a step further for Lyceumists. In the morning the Lyceumists took the lead, Mrs. Chambers giving the Invocation. Silver Chain by Vera Rose and Musical Reading by Bernard Moule, Winnie Ventham and Phyllis Lucas.

In the afternoon there was a pleasing number present. Visitors from Cowes, Ryde, Eastleigh, Southampton and Bradford. Miss Hesp was presented with a bouquet of carnations and sweet peas by Sylvia Durman, who gave a welcome to her. Solos by R. Sandford, M. Hodge. Violin solo by G. Chambers. Recitation by J. Hutchins, Iris and Joan Grice, P. Lucas, J. Petérs, D. Blackshaw, C. Chase, B. and J. Moule. Greetings were exchanged. Voted enjoyable by all.

Evening the invocation was given by Miss C. Jones. Silver Chain by M. Hayward and solo by Vera Chambers. The Principles were recited by the Lyceumists. The services were harmonious. We thank all who helped to make it a success.—C. Stuart-Jones.

PRESTON, Moor Lane.—We held our Open Session on Aug. 2nd, conducted by Mr. A. Tallon. The Lyceumists sang heartily together and performed the marching and callisthenics well. Mavis Holt, Connie Tallon, Olive and Mary Stocks, and Mr. H. Waring rendered recitations. Several pearls were contributed.—Helen Kilner, Sec.

RYDE, Belvedere Street.—Aug. 2nd, Open Session and Dedication Service, when the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell was named by Miss Perkis. The baby was given the earthly name of Pamela Lilian, and the spirit name of "Joy." The children sang "Joy Bells" and "Heart Flowers." A very beautiful little ceremony was enjoyed by all.—E. Oak, Sec.

SCUNTHORPE.—Children's Outing, Aug. 8th. The rain poured down all day, so we had to have tea and games in our hall. 21 children had a good tea. All received a bag of sweets and a gift ball or beads. After tea we had a long motor ride, which all appreciated.

On Aug. 11th we had races in the park for other gifts of toys, etc. Best thanks to all who gave help to make our effort such a success.—Ivy Sprakes, Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Attercliffe.—The Lyceum took the Church Service on Aug. 16th and this took the form of a Flower Service. There was a large number of flowers, some of them being dedicated to the Spirit World. The others were sent to the sick and aged members of the Church and Lyceum.—James Le Noury, A.N.S.C., Sec.

SHEFFIELD, Gifford Road.—Aug. 2nd we held our Open Sessions. Recitations, solos, duets, and a pianoforte recital were well rendered by many Lyceumists.—Muriel Clive, Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On July 25th, despite the uncertainty of the weather, we went for our Summer Outing to Ryde, I.O.W. Considering the "Summer" we have had, we were fairly fortunate. Except for a heavy shower whilst on the boat, just after leaving Southampton, we did not have much rain until near tea-time. The rain then continued until we embarked for home. A fine evening's pleasure was increased by the Choir rendering many songs from the Manual. These were greatly enjoyed by our fellow passengers; 70 Lyceumists and friends reached home safely after having had an enjoyable day.—E. W. Long, Sec.

WHITLEY BAY.—During the Session, Aug. 2nd, Certificates for the recent examinations were handed to Ruby Lowry, Peggy Taylor, Hilda Henderson, Edna Higgins, Dorothy McNeil, George Kenyon, Alan McNeil, and Doreen Hedderley, who passed with honours. Congratulations to all.—Maud Gardener, Sec.